

**SUBJECT:** Modification of child support orders for more than one child

**COMMITTEE:** Juvenile Justice and Family Issues — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 5 ayes — Eiland, Farias, Farrar, Gonzalez Toureilles, Hernandez  
0 nays  
4 absent — Dutton, Bolton, Strama, Vaught

**WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Roy Getting, Texas Fathers Alliance; Dean Metusalem; Drew Montz, Texas Parents Alliance; Eddie Rueffer, Texas Parents Alliance; Chris Mire; Sudhir Joshi)  
Against — None  
On — Sally Emerson, Doug Woodburn, Texas Family Law Foundation

**BACKGROUND:** Under Family Code, sec. 154.127(a), a child support order for more than one child must provide that, on the termination of support for a child, the level of support for the remaining child or children is in accordance with the child support guidelines.

**DIGEST:** HB 778 would amend Family Code, sec. 154.127 to stipulate that a child support order was in compliance with requirements under sec. 154.127(a) if the order contained a provision that specified:

- the events, including a child reaching the age of 18 years or otherwise having the disabilities of minority removed, that had the effect of terminating the obligor's obligation to pay child support for that child; and
- the reduced total amount that the obligor was required to pay each month after a child reaching age 18 or otherwise having the disabilities of minority removed.

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The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2007.