

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

H.B. 2421  
By: Uresti (Madla)  
Jurisprudence  
5/12/1999  
Engrossed

### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law provides for the accrual of interest on unpaid child support. Under certain conditions, interest may accrue while the obligor is making timely child-support payments under an employer child-support withholding order. This bill would provide for the accrual of interest on child support payments that are not received before the date an amount equal to the child support payable for one month becomes due.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 2421 provides for the accrual of interest on child support payments that are not received before the date an amount equal to the child support payable for one month becomes due.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 157.266, Family Code, to provide that a child support payment is delinquent for the purpose of accrual of interest if the payment is not received before the date an amount equal to the support for a 15-day period becomes past due, rather than the 31st day after the payment date stated in an order. Deletes existing Subsection (b), regarding a child support payment that is required by an order in which a payment date is not stated.

SECTION 2. Effective date: January 1, 2001.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.