

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the enforcement of a child support order does not permit without proper authorization a domestic relations office or certain friends of the court to obtain certain records on a person from the national directory of new hires or the state case registry. S.B. 391 authorizes the domestic relations office to obtain information from the national directory of new hires, and the office and the friend of the court to obtain information from the state case registry.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 391 authorizes a domestic relations office and certain friends of the court to obtain information from the national directory of new hires and the state case registry.

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 203.004(a), Family Code, to authorize a domestic relations office to provide an informal forum for negotiating a repayment schedule for delinquent child support as a measure to prevent suit for nonpayment of child support. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 203.007, Family Code, to authorize a domestic relations office to obtain, to the extent authorized by federal law, certain information on a person mentioned in Subsection (a) from records in the national directory of new hires and the state case registry. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 233.001, Family Code, to require the state case registry to provide information to a domestic relations office or friend of the court regarding certain cases. Deletes the requirement that a domestic relations office or friend of the court obtain permission from a parent or attorney to obtain records from the state case registry. Requires the state case registry to provide information to a domestic relations office or friend of the court citing authority under Subsection (a). Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 233.003, Family Code, to delete the prohibition that the Title IV-D agency may not require an application for services as a condition for releasing information under Section 233.001 to a custodial parent or to the person designated by the parent.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.