

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

It is not uncommon for a custodial parent to make certain arrangements to attend a hearing regarding child support, only to learn that the noncustodial parent has not been served a citation requiring appearance, causing an undue and unnecessary burden on the custodial parent. H.B. 2275 requires the Office of the Attorney General to update its child support automated system in a timely manner to reflect the most accurate and current information regarding service of citations; requires a Title IV-D agency to ensure that certain related information is accessible to the public; and requires a Title IV-D agency to study certain current and proposed functions of that agency.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 231B, Family Code, by adding Section 231.1165, as follows:

Sec. 231.1165. INFORMATION ON SERVICE OF CITATION. Requires the Title IV-D agency to update the agency's child support automated system to inform the parties in a suit of the service of citation in the suit not later than the first business day after the date the agency receives notice that citation has been served. Requires the information required by this section to be available by telephone and on the Internet.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 231B, Family Code, by adding Section 231.121, as follows:

Sec. 231.121. AVAILABILITY OF BROCHURES. Requires the Title IV-D agency to ensure that all Title IV-D brochures published by the agency are available to the public at courthouses where family law cases are heard in the state.

SECTION 3. Requires the Title IV-D agency to perform a study of the agency's current telephone interactive voice response system to determine the feasibility of establishing a system to allow placement of an automated outbound telephone call to provide notice to the parties in a suit of significant actions in the suit, including the completion of service of process.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2001.