

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 778
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law does not include a provision in a child support order that would allow for termination of support for a child who reaches the age of 18 or the reduced total amount that the obligor still has to pay under the order.

H.B. 778 requires a child support order for more than one child to contain a provision that allows for the termination of support for a child who reaches the age of 18 or otherwise has the disabilities of minority removed. Additionally, the bill provides the reduced total amount that the obligor would then be required to pay each month after the occurrence of such an event.

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 Section 154.127, Family Code, as follows:

Sec. 154.127. PARTIAL TERMINATION OF SUPPORT OBLIGATION. (a) Creates this subsection from existing text.

(b) Provides that a child support order is in compliance with the requirement imposed by Subsection (a) if the order contains a provision that specifies the events, including a child reaching the age of 18 years or otherwise having the disabilities of minority removed, that have the effect of terminating the obligor's obligation to pay child support for that child, and the reduced total amount that the obligor is required to pay each month after the occurrence of an event described Subdivision (1).

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.