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H.B. No. 1734

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the transfer of court files in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship in which continuing, exclusive jurisdiction is transferred.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 155.207(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Not later than the 10th working day after the date an order of transfer is signed, the clerk of the court transferring a proceeding shall send, using the electronic filing system established under Section 72.031, Government Code, to the proper court to which transfer is being made:

(1) a transfer certificate and index of transferred documents;

(2) a copy of each final order;

(3) a copy of the order of transfer signed by the transferring court;

(4) a copy of the pleadings in the pending proceeding and any other document specifically requested by a party ~~[original papers filed in the transferring court]~~;

(5) a copy of the transfer certificate and index of transferred documents from each previous transfer; and

(6) a bill of any costs that have accrued in the transferring court.

1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
2 155.207(a), Family Code, applies only to a suit affecting the
3 parent-child relationship in which an order transferring
4 continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to another court is rendered on
5 or after the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the
6 parent-child relationship in which an order transferring
7 continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to another court is rendered
8 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
9 effect on the date the order was rendered, and the former law is
10 continued in effect for that purpose.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.