

Amend CSHB 2588 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 157.167, Family Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (d), for [For] good cause shown, the court may waive the requirement that the respondent pay attorney's fees and costs if the court states the reasons supporting that finding.

(d) If the court finds that the respondent is in contempt of court for failure or refusal to pay child support and that the respondent owes \$20,000 or more in child support arrearages, the court may not waive the requirement that the respondent pay attorney's fees and costs unless the court also finds that the respondent:

- (1) is involuntarily unemployed or is disabled; and
- (2) lacks the financial resources to pay the attorney's fees and costs.