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H.B. No. 887

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the award of attorney's fees and expenses in a suit  
3 affecting the parent-child relationship.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 106.002, Family Code, is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 Sec. 106.002. ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES. (a) In a suit  
8 under this title, the court may render judgment for [~~order~~]  
9 reasonable attorney's fees and expenses [~~as costs~~] and order the  
10 judgment and postjudgment interest [~~fees~~] to be paid directly to an  
11 attorney.

12 (b) A judgment for [~~An award of~~] attorney's fees and  
13 expenses may be enforced in the attorney's name by any means  
14 available for the enforcement of a judgment for debt.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and  
16 applies to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship pending  
17 in a trial court on that date or filed on or after that date.