

1-1 By: Dutton (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 887
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 7, 2003;
1-3 April 9, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 8, 2003, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 8, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the award of attorney's fees and expenses in a suit
1-9 affecting the parent-child relationship.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 106.002, Family Code, is amended to read
1-12 as follows:

1-13 Sec. 106.002. ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES. (a) In a suit
1-14 under this title, the court may render judgment for [~~order~~]
1-15 reasonable attorney's fees and expenses [~~as costs~~] and order the
1-16 judgment and postjudgment interest [~~fees~~] to be paid directly to an
1-17 attorney.

1-18 (b) A judgment for [~~An award of~~] attorney's fees and
1-19 expenses may be enforced in the attorney's name by any means
1-20 available for the enforcement of a judgment for debt.

1-21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
1-22 applies to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship pending
1-23 in a trial court on that date or filed on or after that date.

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