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H.B. No. 1128

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the requirement that the parties in a suit affecting the  
3 parent-child relationship attend parenting classes.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 105.009(a), Family Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (a) In a suit affecting the parent-child relationship,  
8 ~~[including an action to modify an order in a suit affecting the~~  
9 ~~parent-child relationship providing for possession of or access to~~  
10 ~~a child,]~~ the court shall ~~[may]~~ order the parties to the suit to  
11 attend a parent education and family stabilization course. In an  
12 action to modify an order in a suit affecting the parent-child  
13 relationship providing for possession of or access to a child, the  
14 court may order the parties to the suit to attend a parent education  
15 and family stabilization course if the court determines that the  
16 order is in the best interest of the child.

17 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
18 to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship or an action to  
19 modify an order in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship  
20 filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting  
21 the parent-child relationship or an action to modify an order in a  
22 suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed before the  
23 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
24 date the suit or action to modify was filed, and the former law is

1 continued in effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.