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H.B. No. 1183

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to distribution of certain child support payments by the state disbursement unit.

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

SECTION 1. Section 234.008, Family Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (c) or (d), not later than the second business day after the date the state disbursement unit receives a child support payment, the state disbursement unit shall distribute the payment to the Title IV-D agency or the obligee.

(d) In a case in which a court appoints a guardian ad litem for the purpose of receiving, disbursing, and monitoring child support payments, the state disbursement unit shall, after making any deduction required by Subsection (c), distribute the payment to the guardian ad litem by the date required by Subsection (a). The guardian ad litem shall deduct any amount of the guardian ad litem's authorized fee from the payment, and promptly disburse the remainder of the amount to the Title IV-D agency or obligee.

SECTION 2. Section 234.008, Family Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a payment distributed by the state disbursement unit on or after the effective date of this Act. A payment distributed before that date is governed by the law in effect on the

1 date the payment is distributed, and the former law is continued in
2 effect for that purpose.

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