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H.B. No. 1238

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

13 (d) The signature of an obligee on a final order in a suit
14 affecting the parent-child relationship, or another order under
15 this title, that designates an individual or entity for the purpose
16 of receiving, disbursing, and monitoring child support payments
17 constitutes written consent by the obligee to the distribution of
18 the child support payments by the state disbursement unit to the
19 designated individual or entity. The state disbursement unit shall
20 distribute each child support payment to the designated individual
21 or entity by the date required by Subsection (a). The designated
22 individual or entity shall deduct any amount of the individual's or
23 entity's authorized fee from the payment and promptly disburse the
24 remainder of the amount to the Title IV-D agency or obligee.

1 SECTION 2. Section 234.008, Family Code, as amended by this
2 Act, applies to a payment distributed by the state disbursement
3 unit on or after the effective date of this Act. A payment
4 distributed before that date is governed by the law in effect on the
5 date the payment is distributed, and the former law is continued in
6 effect for that purpose.

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