

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 778
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Juvenile Justice & Family Issues
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current Texas law does not include a provision in a child support order that would allow for termination of support for a child who reaches the age of 18 or the reduced total amount that the obligor still has to pay under the order.

H.B.778 provides that a child support order for more than one child shall contain a provision that allows for the termination of support for a child who reaches the age of 18 or otherwise has the disabilities of minority removed. Additionally, H.B.778 provides the reduced total amount that the obligor would then be required to pay each month after the occurrence of such an event.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

Section 1. Amends Section 154.127 of the Family Code by providing that a child support order for more than one child shall contain a provision that allows for the termination of support for a child who reaches the age of 18 or otherwise has the disabilities of minority removed and the reduced total amount that the obligor would then be required to pay each month after the occurrence of such an event.

Section 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2007.