

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 876  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

H.B.876 seeks to protect the personal and private identification information of children involved in suits affecting the parent-child relationship. H.B.876 additionally keeps the minor's information out of any documents that may be made public record, since they are non-parties to the suit and do not need to have their identification information included, and thus potentially misappropriated.

### **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**

Amends Chapter 108 of the Family Code, by adding Section 108.111, which states that information specifically identifying a child in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship, including the child's social security number, driver's license number, or number of a personal identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety may not be included in an order, petition, motion, report or other document required in this title.

Further, it is the responsibility of a court, the Title IV-D agency, or any other person that maintains a document that contains this identifying information, shall ensure that this information is excluded from disclosure. However, this section does not apply to the information disclosed between parties in the suit, disclosure to the court, the Title IV-D agency, or another person entitled to receive this information.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.