

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2379
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Juvenile Justice & Family Issues
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, courts may issue an order suspending the license of an individual who is delinquent on his or her child support if the parent has failed, after receiving appropriate notice, to comply with a subpoena.

The Federal Office of Child Support Preliminary Statistics for 2004 reported over \$107 billion in accumulated unpaid child support with over \$8 billion being owed to Texas children.

C.S.H.B.2379 allows a court to issue notice for suspension of a license for failure to pay child support by certified mail to the individual's last known mailing address.

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.

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SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Chantal Thomas Act."

SECTION 2. Amends Section 232.006 of the Family Code by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to clarify that if the individual has been ordered under Chapter 105 to provide the court and the state case registry with the individual's current mailing address, notice under this section must be served by mailing a copy of the petition, by certified mail, to the last mailing address of the individual on file with the court and the state case registry.

SECTION 3. Prospective Clause.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2007

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B.2379 modifies the original H.B.2379 by providing that notice must be served by mailing a copy of the petition, by certified mail, instead of by first-class mail.