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H.B. No. 670

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the enforcement of unpaid child support.

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

SECTION 1. Section 157.005(b), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The court retains jurisdiction to confirm the total amount of child support arrearages and render judgment for past-due child support if a motion for enforcement requesting a money judgment is filed not later than the 20th [~~10th~~] anniversary after the date:

(1) the child becomes an adult; or

(2) on which the child support obligation terminates under the child support order or by operation of law.

SECTION 2. Section 232.006, Family Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (b), notice [~~Notice~~] under this section may be served as in civil cases generally.

(b-1) 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.

1 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to
2 child support arrearages regardless of the date:

3 (1) the child support became due; or

4 (2) the child support obligation terminated.

5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.