

1-1 By: Strama, Villarreal (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) H.B. No. 670  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2007;  
1-3 May 15, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 19, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 19, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 670 By: Wentworth

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the enforcement of unpaid child support.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 157.005(b), Family Code, is amended to  
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 (b) The court retains jurisdiction to confirm the total  
1-15 amount of child support arrearages and render judgment for past-due  
1-16 child support if a motion for enforcement requesting a money  
1-17 judgment is filed not later than the 20th [~~10th~~] anniversary after  
1-18 the date:

1-19 (1) the child becomes an adult; or

1-20 (2) on which the child support obligation terminates  
1-21 under the child support order or by operation of law.

1-22 SECTION 2. Section 232.006, Family Code, is amended by  
1-23 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as  
1-24 follows:

1-25 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), notice [~~Notice~~]  
1-26 under this section may be served as in civil cases generally.

1-27 (b-1) If the individual has been ordered under Chapter 105  
1-28 to provide the court and the state case registry with the  
1-29 individual's current mailing address, notice under this section may  
1-30 be served by mailing a copy of the petition, by first-class mail, to  
1-31 the last mailing address of the individual on file with the court  
1-32 and the state case registry.

1-33 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to  
1-34 child support arrearages regardless of the date:

1-35 (1) the child support became due; or

1-36 (2) the child support obligation terminated.

1-37 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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