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H.B. No. 2928

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain requirements in connection with the expenditure
3 of child support payments.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 154, Family Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 154.0041 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 154.0041. ACCOUNTING OF CHILD SUPPORT EXPENDITURES.

8 (a) On the request of a party to a child support order and for good
9 cause shown, the court may order a sworn accounting of the
10 expenditure of child support payments if the total child support
11 obligation exceeds \$500 per month. The accounting required by the
12 court order may not include a duty to account for money deposited in
13 an account before the 12 months preceding the date of the order.

14 (b) If, after a hearing, the court finds that child support
15 payments are not being used for the benefit of the child, the court
16 may order the obligee to open a child support account with a
17 financial institution solely for the receipt and use of child
18 support payments.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.