

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1820
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

A court calculates a person's net resources for the purpose of determining child support liability.

Current law does not specifically exclude payments made for foster care of a child in the calculation of these net resources and some judges are uncertain whether foster care payments should be considered.

S.B. 1820 amends current law relating to the calculation of a person's net resources for purposes of determining child support liability.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 154.062(c), Family Code, to provide that resources do not include benefits paid in accordance with the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; or payments for foster care of a child, rather than aid for families with dependent children. Makes a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 2. Provides that change in law made by this Act to Section 154.062(c), Family Code, applies only to a proceeding to establish or modify a child support obligation that is pending in a trial court on or filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2009.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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