

-BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

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 unclear whether or not foster care payments should be considered.

As proposed, S.B. 1820 provides that payments made for foster care of a child are excluded from the current list of resources that a court uses to determine child support liability.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 154.062(c), Family Code, to provide that resources do not include payments for foster care of a child. 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.