

1-1 By: Lucio III (Senate Sponsor - Rodriguez) H.B. No. 847
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 22, 2013;
1-3 April 22, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 16, 2013, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 16, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	West	X		
1-9	Rodriguez	X		
1-10	Campbell	X		
1-11	Carona	X		
1-12	Garcia	X		
1-13	Hancock	X		
1-14	Paxton	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the enforcement of an order to pay child support by
1-18 contempt and the awarding of costs and fees in certain proceedings.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 157.162(b), Family Code, is amended to
1-21 read as follows:

1-22 (b) A finding that the respondent is not in contempt does
1-23 not preclude the court from awarding the petitioner court costs and
1-24 reasonable attorney's fees or ordering any other enforcement
1-25 remedy, including rendering a money judgment, posting a bond or
1-26 other security, or withholding income.

1-27 SECTION 2. Sections 157.162(d) and (e), Family Code, are
1-28 repealed.

1-29 SECTION 3. The repeal by this Act of Sections 157.162(d) and
1-30 (e), Family Code, applies to a hearing to enforce an order in a suit
1-31 affecting the parent-child relationship that commences on or after
1-32 the effective date of this Act. A hearing that commences before the
1-33 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
1-34 date the hearing commenced, and the former law is continued in
1-35 effect for that purpose.

1-36 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-37 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-38 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-39 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-40 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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