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H.B. No. 545

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the enforcement of an order to pay child support by
3 contempt.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 157.162, Family Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) The court may not find a respondent in contempt of court
8 for failure to pay child support if the respondent appears at the
9 hearing with a copy of the payment record or other evidence
10 satisfactory to the court showing that the respondent is current in
11 the payment of child support as ordered by the court.

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
13 hearing to enforce an order in a suit affecting the parent-child
14 relationship that commences on or after the effective date of this
15 Act. A hearing that commences before the effective date of this Act
16 is governed by the law in effect on the date the hearing commenced,
17 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.