

1-1 By: Dutton (Senate Sponsor - Creighton) H.B. No. 2048  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2017;  
1-3 May 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 12, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 12, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Huffman	X		
1-9	Hughes	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Estes	X		
1-13	Lucio	X		
1-14	Nelson	X		
1-15	Schwertner	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to certain procedures for cases and orders relating to the  
1-20 Title IV-D agency.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 201.104(e), Family Code, is amended to  
1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (e) Notwithstanding Subsection (d) and subject to Section  
1-25 201.1042(g), an associate judge may hear and render an order on any  
1-26 matter necessary to be decided in connection with a Title IV-D  
1-27 service, including:

1-28 (1) a suit to modify or clarify an existing child  
1-29 support order;

1-30 (2) a motion to enforce a child support order or revoke  
1-31 a respondent's community supervision and suspension of commitment;

1-32 (3) a respondent's compliance with the conditions  
1-33 provided in the associate judge's report for suspension of the  
1-34 respondent's commitment; ~~or~~

1-35 (4) a motion for postjudgment relief, including a  
1-36 motion for a new trial or to vacate, correct, or reform a judgment,  
1-37 if neither party has requested a de novo hearing before the  
1-38 referring court;

1-39 (5) a suit affecting the parent-child relationship;  
1-40 and

1-41 (6) a suit for modification under Chapter 156.

1-42 SECTION 2. Section 231.118, Family Code, is amended by  
1-43 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-44 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), a return of the process  
1-45 made under this section in a suit may not include the address served  
1-46 if:

1-47 (1) a pleading filed in the suit requests a finding  
1-48 under Section 105.006(c); or

1-49 (2) the court has previously made a finding and  
1-50 ordered nondisclosure under Section 105.006(c) relating to the  
1-51 parties and the order has not been superseded.

1-52 SECTION 3. Section 233.024(a), Family Code, is amended to  
1-53 read as follows:

1-54 (a) On the filing of an agreed child support review order  
1-55 signed by all parties, together with waiver of service, the court  
1-56 shall sign the order not later than the third day after the filing  
1-57 of the order. On expiration of the third day after the filing of the  
1-58 order, the order is considered confirmed by the court by operation  
1-59 of law, regardless of whether the court has signed the order. The  
1-60 court may sign the order before filing the order, but the signed  
1-61 order shall immediately be filed.

2-1 SECTION 4. (a) The change in law made by this Act to Section  
2-2 201.104, Family Code, applies only to a Title IV-D case referred to  
2-3 an associate judge under Subchapter B, Chapter 201, Family Code, on  
2-4 or after the effective date of this Act. A Title IV-D case referred  
2-5 to an associate judge before the effective date of this Act is  
2-6 governed by the law in effect on the date the case was referred, and  
2-7 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-8 (b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 231.118,  
2-9 Family Code, applies to a suit affecting the parent-child  
2-10 relationship filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
2-11 suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed before the  
2-12 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
2-13 date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect  
2-14 for that purpose.

2-15 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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