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S.B. No. 1966

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) a respondent's compliance with the conditions provided in the associate judge's report for suspension of the respondent's commitment; ~~[or]~~

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

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

(6) a suit for modification under Chapter 156.

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

3 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), a return of the process
4 made under this section in a suit is not required to include the
5 address served if:

6 (1) a pleading filed in the suit requests a finding
7 under Section 105.006(c); or

8 (2) the court has previously made a finding and
9 ordered nondisclosure under Section 105.006(c) relating to the
10 parties and the order has not been superseded.

11 SECTION 3. Section 233.024(a), Family Code, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (a) On the filing of an agreed child support review order
14 signed by all parties, together with waiver of service, the court
15 shall sign the order not later than the third day after the filing
16 of the order. On expiration of the third day after the filing of the
17 order, the order is considered confirmed by the court by operation
18 of law, regardless of whether the court has signed the order. The
19 court may sign the order before filing the order, but the signed
20 order shall immediately be filed.

21 SECTION 4. (a) The change in law made by this Act to
22 Section 201.104, Family Code, applies only to a Title IV-D case
23 referred to an associate judge under Subchapter B, Chapter 201,
24 Family Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A Title
25 IV-D case referred to an associate judge before the effective date
26 of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the case was
27 referred, and the former law is continued in effect for that

1 purpose.

2 (b) The change in law made by this Act to Section [231.118](#),
3 Family Code, applies to a suit affecting the parent-child
4 relationship filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A
5 suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed before the
6 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
7 date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect
8 for that purpose.

9 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.