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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 554 |
| By: Thompson, Senfronia |
| Juvenile Justice & Family Issues |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  It has been noted that recently enacted legislation inadvertently used the wrong term to refer to parties appealing a certain temporary order in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship. H.B. 554 seeks to clarify this issue by correcting that error and ratifying certain orders. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 554 amends the Family Code, for purposes of temporary orders issued during the pendency of an appeal in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship enjoining a party from molesting or disturbing the peace of the child or another party, to clarify that such an order may be rendered without the issuance of a bond between the applicable parties by removing the specification that such an order may be rendered without the issuance of a bond between the spouses. The bill applies to a temporary order rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction on or after September 1, 2017, but before the bill's effective date and establishes that the legislature ratifies such an order. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2019. |