By:  Raymond, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 4240

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2021; May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 22, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 2; May 22, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes          X

Birdwell        X

Campbell        X

Hall                X

Lucio           X

Nelson          X

Powell          X

Schwertner          X

Zaffirini       X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to local regulation to enforce child custody orders; authorizing a civil penalty.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 157, Family Code, is amended by adding Subchapter J to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER J. LOCAL REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 157.451.  CIVIL PENALTY FOR INTERFERENCE WITH CHILD CUSTODY ORDER. A municipality or county in this state may adopt an ordinance or order that imposes a civil penalty of not more than $500 for engaging in conduct described by Section 25.03, Penal Code.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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