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H.B. No. 1227

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain procedures regarding court-ordered financial support for a child in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 154.001, Family Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) The court may order either or both parents to make periodic payments for the support of a child in a proceeding in which the Department of Family and Protective [~~and Regulatory~~] Services is named temporary managing conservator. In a proceeding in which the Department of Family and Protective [~~and Regulatory~~] Services is named permanent managing conservator of a child whose parents' rights have not been terminated, the court shall order each parent that is financially able to make periodic payments for the support of the child.

(b-1) In a proceeding described by Subsection (b) in which the court renders an order modifying an existing order for the support of the child to require that the payments be made to the Department of Family and Protective Services, the court shall provide notice of the order to the office of the attorney general not later than the 10th day after the date the order is rendered.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

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1 to a proceeding that is pending in a trial court on or filed on or
2 after the effective date of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.