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H.B. No. 4240

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.