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H.B. No. 4240

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to local regulation to enforce child custody orders;
3 authorizing a civil penalty.

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

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

7 SUBCHAPTER J. LOCAL REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT

8 Sec. 157.451. CIVIL PENALTY FOR INTERFERENCE WITH CHILD
9 CUSTODY ORDER. A municipality or county in this state may adopt an
10 ordinance or order that imposes a civil penalty of not more than
11 \$500 for engaging in conduct described by Section 25.03, Penal
12 Code.

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