**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

H.B. 1695 amends current law relating to the enforcement of an order to pay child support by contempt.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

**SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 157.162, Family Code, by adding Subsection (d), as follows:

(d) Prohibits the court from finding a respondent in contempt of court for failure to pay child support if the respondent appears at the hearing with:

(1) a copy of the payment record or other evidence satisfactory to the court showing that the respondent is current in the payment of child support as ordered by the court; and

(2) evidence satisfactory to the court showing that the respondent's failure to make timely payments was due to an error made by a third party or other circumstances outside the respondent's control.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2023.