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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2671 |
| By: Cook |
| Juvenile Justice & Family Issues |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** In some counties, courts will not schedule a temporary order hearing until mediation has taken place. This can postpone a hearing for several months. H.B. 2671 seeks to prohibit a court from postponing a hearing later than the 30th day after the date for a hearing is set with respect to certain motions for a temporary order. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY** It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS** H.B. 2671 amends the Family Code to prohibit the court, as applicable, from postponing a hearing to a date later than the 30th day after the set hearing date under the following conditions:* for a suit for dissolution of a marriage, if the court on its own motion refers to mediation such a suit in which a motion for a temporary order is pending; and
* for a suit affecting the parent-child relationship involving certain temporary orders for the safety and welfare of a child, if the court on its own motion refers a pending suit for mediation in which an initial hearing rendition of such a temporary order has not yet occurred.

The bill applies to a suit that is pending in a trial court on the bill's effective date or that is filed on or after that date. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE** September 1, 2023. |