

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2583
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, if a parent who pays child support is a successful businessperson, grossing more than \$12,322.99 per month as an employee or \$13,257.56 per month as a self-employed person, then that person's child support obligation calculations are capped at \$9,200 in net income, as set by the Office of the Attorney General's tax charts. C.S.H.B. 2583 seeks to set at \$15,000 the amount of an obligor's monthly net resource maximum that triggers the applicability of certain child support guidelines.

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

C.S.H.B. 2583 amends the Family Code to change the monthly net resource maximum for an obligor that triggers the applicability of certain child support guidelines from a maximum amount as determined by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and published in the Texas Register to a maximum amount of \$15,000. The bill repeals provisions requiring the OAG to compute and publish the adjusted maximum amount every six years to reflect inflation. The bill applies only to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship that is filed on or after the bill's effective date.

C.S.H.B. 2583 repeals Section 154.125(a-1), Family Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2023.

COMPARISON OF INTRODUCED AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 2583 may differ from the introduced in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

Whereas the introduced set at \$30,000 the maximum amount of an obligor's monthly net resources that triggers the applicability of certain child support guidelines, the substitute sets that maximum amount at \$15,000.