H.B. No. 969

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 K to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER K. LOCAL REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 157.551.  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, 2023.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 969 was passed by the House on May 9, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 139, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 969 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 29, Nays 2.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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                  Governor