By:  Cook, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Middleton) H.B. No. 969

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2023; May 11, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes          X

Paxton          X

Bettencourt     X

Birdwell                  X

LaMantia        X

Menéndez        X

Middleton       X

Parker          X

Perry           X

Schwertner      X

Zaffirini                 X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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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