

By: Cook

H.B. No. 1842

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the public policy of this state with regard to child support.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 154, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 154.0001 to read as follows:

Sec. 154.0001. PUBLIC POLICY. It is the public policy of this state to:

(1) ensure that a child's parents share in the obligation to support the child after the parents have separated or dissolved their marriage;

(2) ensure that a child's parents provide support for the child in accordance with guidelines and procedures established by law where appropriate; and

(3) establish child support guidelines to guide courts in rendering an order for the payment of child support by a parent.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.