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H.B. No. 2581

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the allocation of child care expenses for a child
subject to a child support order.

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

SECTION 1. Section 154.008, Family Code, is amended to read
as follows:

Sec. 154.008. PROVISION FOR MEDICAL SUPPORT, ~~[AND]~~ DENTAL
SUPPORT, AND CHILD CARE SUPPORT. (a) The court shall order medical
support and dental support for the child as provided by Subchapters
B and D.

(b) If a party incurs child care expenses in order to seek or
maintain gainful employment, or receive higher education or
vocational training in anticipation of gainful employment, the
court shall determine and allocate between the parties, according
to the parties' circumstances, reasonable child care expenses.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act constitutes a
material and substantial change of circumstances under Section
156.401, Family Code, sufficient to warrant modification of a court
order or a portion of a decree that provides for the support of a
child rendered before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
to a proceeding to establish or modify a child support obligation
that is pending in a trial court on or filed on or after the
effective date of this Act.

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1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.