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For HB 120

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custody agreements should already have this language written into it. What are the penalties for NOT doing this that are absent from the bill? Will it be the same as the diet-coke felony for 25.03 Custody Interference where one parent does not surrender the child for the other parents court ordered parenting time? The one that is VERY rarely enforced? this interactive graph from 2018 shows the arrest and conviction rates for this state jail felony:

[https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dewayne.ward/viz/2018ArrestandConvictionfor25\\_03CustodyInterference/Sheet1](https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dewayne.ward/viz/2018ArrestandConvictionfor25_03CustodyInterference/Sheet1) . This link is to the Texas Penal Code, which if this law passes would come into play when the parent does not release the child:  
[https://texas.public.law/statutes/tex.\\_penal\\_code\\_section\\_25.03](https://texas.public.law/statutes/tex._penal_code_section_25.03) . here is a short video for tarrant county that lists (VERY difficult to get information from police departments on this topic and only have Fort Worth) as a primer: <https://youtu.be/WYkDRVwA3Jg>