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H.B. No. 1734

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the transfer of court files in a suit affecting the
3 parent-child relationship in which continuing, exclusive
4 jurisdiction is transferred.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 155.207(a), Family Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) Not later than the 10th working day after the date an
9 order of transfer is signed, the clerk of the court transferring a
10 proceeding shall send, using the electronic filing system
11 established under Section 72.031, Government Code, to the proper
12 court to which transfer is being made:

13 (1) a transfer certificate and index of transferred
14 documents;

15 (2) a copy of each final order;

16 (3) a copy of the order of transfer signed by the
17 transferring court;

18 (4) a copy of the pleadings in the pending proceeding
19 and any other document specifically requested by a party [~~original~~
20 ~~papers filed in the transferring court~~];

21 (5) a copy of the transfer certificate and index of
22 transferred documents from each previous transfer; and

23 (6) a bill of any costs that have accrued in the
24 transferring court.

1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
2 155.207(a), Family Code, applies only to a suit affecting the
3 parent-child relationship in which an order transferring
4 continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to another court is rendered on
5 or after the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the
6 parent-child relationship in which an order transferring
7 continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to another court is rendered
8 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
9 effect on the date the order was rendered, and the former law is
10 continued in effect for that purpose.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.