

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 629
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 17, 2024; February 3, 2025,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
 1-4 April 30, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 1; April 30, 2025,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Hughes	X			
1-9 Johnson	X			
1-10 Creighton	X			
1-11 Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-12 Middleton		X		
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1-14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 629 By: Hughes

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the accrual of interest on overdue child support.
 1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-19 SECTION 1. Section 157.265, Family Code, is amended to read
 1-20 as follows:
 1-21 Sec. 157.265. ACCRUAL OF INTEREST ON CHILD SUPPORT. (a)
 1-22 Interest accrues on the portion of delinquent child support that is
 1-23 greater than the amount of the monthly periodic support obligation
 1-24 at the rate of three [~~six~~] percent simple interest per year from the
 1-25 date the support is delinquent until the date the support is paid or
 1-26 the arrearages are confirmed and reduced to money judgment.
 1-27 (b) Interest accrues on child support arrearages that have
 1-28 been confirmed and reduced to money judgment as provided in this
 1-29 subchapter at the rate of three [~~six~~] percent simple interest per
 1-30 year from the date the order is rendered until the date the judgment
 1-31 is paid.
 1-32 (c) Interest accrues on a money judgment for retroactive or
 1-33 lump-sum child support at the annual rate of three [~~six~~] percent
 1-34 simple interest from the date the order is rendered until the
 1-35 judgment is paid.
 1-36 (d) Subsection (a) applies to a child support payment that
 1-37 becomes due on or after January 1, 2026 [~~2002~~].
 1-38 (e) Child support arrearages in existence on January 1, 2026
 1-39 [~~2002~~], that were not confirmed and reduced to a money judgment on
 1-40 or before that date accrue interest as follows:
 1-41 (1) before January 1, 2026 [~~2002~~], the arrearages are
 1-42 subject to the interest rate that applied to the arrearages before
 1-43 that date; and
 1-44 (2) on and after January 1, 2026 [~~2002~~], the
 1-45 cumulative total of arrearages and interest accumulated on those
 1-46 arrearages described by Subdivision (1) is subject to Subsection
 1-47 (a).
 1-48 (f) Subsections (b) and (c) apply to a money judgment for
 1-49 child support rendered on or after January 1, 2026 [~~2002~~]. A money
 1-50 judgment for child support rendered before that date is governed by
 1-51 the law in effect on the date the judgment was rendered, and the
 1-52 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.
 1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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