

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

One of the difficult problems facing non-custodial parents is the denial of court-ordered possession or access to their children. It is not uncommon for the custodial parent to deny visitation rights as a powerful weapon against the non-custodial parent. This bill will authorize additional periods of possession or access to a child in order to compensate for the denial of court-ordered possession or access.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 2227 authorizes additional periods of possession or access to a child in order to compensate for the denial of court-ordered possession or access.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 157.168, Family Code, to provide that the additional periods of possession of or access to a child must be of the same type and duration of the possession or access that was denied; may include weekend, holiday, and summer possession or access; and must occur on or before the first anniversary of the date the court finds that court-ordered possession or access has been denied. Provides that the person denied possession or access is entitled to decide the time of the additional possession or access, subject to the provisions of Subsection (a)(1).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.