

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, state law does not require written notification to each party (or the party's attorney of record) in a child support case by the office of the attorney general of the name, address, telephone number, and facsimile number of the assistant attorney general, who is the attorney of record in the case, or of changes in any of this information. H.B. 955 requires the office of the attorney general to provide this information to the parties in a child support case and their attorneys in a timely manner.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 955 requires the office of the attorney general to provide written notification of necessary information about the assistant attorney general, who is the attorney of record in the case, or of changes in this information, to the parties in a child support case and their attorneys in a timely manner.

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 Chapter 402B, Government Code, by adding Section 402.029, as follows:

Sec. 402.029. NOTICE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD. Applies this section to any child support case in which the office of the attorney general (OAG) provides services. Requires OAG to provide each party or the party's attorney of record with written notice of the name, address, telephone number, and facsimile number of the assistant attorney general who is the attorney of record in the case and written notice of any change in the information not later than the seventh day after the date of the change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.