

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Although Texas has adopted the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act relating to interstate child custody jurisdiction issues, some states have not yet adopted these laws. As a result, there is often conflict as to which state has jurisdiction over an interstate child custody case. H.B. 2299 requires a Texas court to inform a court in another state of simultaneous child custody proceedings and request the court in another state to hold the proceeding in that court in abeyance until the Texas court determines whether it has jurisdiction over the proceeding.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 152.110, Family Code, to require the court of this state, if proceedings involving the same parties are pending simultaneously in a court of this state and a court of another state, to inform the other court of the simultaneous proceedings. Requires the court of this state to request that the other court hold the proceeding in that court in abeyance until the court in this state conducts a hearing to determine whether the court has jurisdiction over the proceeding.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.