

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Historically, the Dallas County Child Support Office (office) was responsible for receiving and distributing child support payments ordered by the family district courts. In recent years, the office has taken on the role of monitoring and assisting custodial parents in the process of obtaining their child support and reporting this information to the district court and commissioners court. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 now requires each state to operate a state disbursement unit to receive and disburse child support payments. H.B. 2638 authorizes the Dallas County Child Support Office to collect specified fees for monitoring spousal maintenance or child support payments in Dallas County.

### **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 152.0633(g), Human Resources Code, to provide that the Department of Human Services (department) has the duties assigned by the administrator or the local administrative judge and prescribed by this section and Section 152.0634, including the duty to collect, receive, disburse, and monitor support payments that are required by court order to be made to the department.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 152.0634(b), Human Resources Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 152.0635(a), Human Resources Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 4. Provides that the change in law made by Sections 152.0633, 152.0634, and 152.0635, Human Resources Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to a fee due on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 2001.