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H.B. No. 3876

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to certain enforcement actions alleging the failure to pay
3 child support.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 157.162, Family Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

7 (e) Not with standing subsection (d), the court may award a
8 petitioner their costs of court and reasonable and necessary
9 attorney's fees in a proceeding described by that subsection.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.