

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 1966
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2017; March 27, 2017, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 11, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 11, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Huffman	X		
1-9	Hughes	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Estes	X		
1-13	Lucio	X		
1-14	Nelson	X		
1-15	Schwertner	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to certain procedures for cases and orders relating to the
1-20 Title IV-D agency.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 201.104(e), Family Code, is amended to
1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (e) Notwithstanding Subsection (d) and subject to Section
1-25 201.1042(g), an associate judge may hear and render an order on any
1-26 matter necessary to be decided in connection with a Title IV-D
1-27 service, including:

1-28 (1) a suit to modify or clarify an existing child
1-29 support order;

1-30 (2) a motion to enforce a child support order or revoke
1-31 a respondent's community supervision and suspension of commitment;

1-32 (3) a respondent's compliance with the conditions
1-33 provided in the associate judge's report for suspension of the
1-34 respondent's commitment; ~~or~~

1-35 (4) a motion for postjudgment relief, including a
1-36 motion for a new trial or to vacate, correct, or reform a judgment,
1-37 if neither party has requested a de novo hearing before the
1-38 referring court;

1-39 (5) a suit affecting the parent-child relationship;
1-40 and

1-41 (6) a suit for modification under Chapter 156.

1-42 SECTION 2. Section 231.118, Family Code, is amended by
1-43 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-44 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), a return of the process
1-45 made under this section in a suit is not required to include the
1-46 address served if:

1-47 (1) a pleading filed in the suit requests a finding
1-48 under Section 105.006(c); or

1-49 (2) the court has previously made a finding and
1-50 ordered nondisclosure under Section 105.006(c) relating to the
1-51 parties and the order has not been superseded.

1-52 SECTION 3. Section 233.024(a), Family Code, is amended to
1-53 read as follows:

1-54 (a) On the filing of an agreed child support review order
1-55 signed by all parties, together with waiver of service, the court
1-56 shall sign the order not later than the third day after the filing
1-57 of the order. On expiration of the third day after the filing of the
1-58 order, the order is considered confirmed by the court by operation
1-59 of law, regardless of whether the court has signed the order. The
1-60 court may sign the order before filing the order, but the signed
1-61 order shall immediately be filed.

2-1 SECTION 4. (a) The change in law made by this Act to
2-2 Section [201.104](#), Family Code, applies only to a Title IV-D case
2-3 referred to an associate judge under Subchapter B, Chapter [201](#),
2-4 Family Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A Title
2-5 IV-D case referred to an associate judge before the effective date
2-6 of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the case was
2-7 referred, and the former law is continued in effect for that
2-8 purpose.

2-9 (b) The change in law made by this Act to Section [231.118](#),
2-10 Family Code, applies to a suit affecting the parent-child
2-11 relationship filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A
2-12 suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed before the
2-13 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
2-14 date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect
2-15 for that purpose.

2-16 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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