

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 629
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 17, 2024; February 3, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
1-4 April 30, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 1; April 30, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Hughes	X			
1-10	Johnson	X			
1-11	Creighton	X			
1-12	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-13	Middleton		X		

1-14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 629 By: Hughes

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the accrual of interest on overdue child support.
1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-19 SECTION 1. Section 157.265, Family Code, is amended to read
1-20 as follows:
1-21 Sec. 157.265. ACCRUAL OF INTEREST ON CHILD SUPPORT. (a)
1-22 Interest accrues on the portion of delinquent child support that is
1-23 greater than the amount of the monthly periodic support obligation
1-24 at the rate of three ~~six~~ percent simple interest per year from the
1-25 date the support is delinquent until the date the support is paid or
1-26 the arrearages are confirmed and reduced to money judgment.
1-27 (b) Interest accrues on child support arrearages that have
1-28 been confirmed and reduced to money judgment as provided in this
1-29 subchapter at the rate of three ~~six~~ percent simple interest per
1-30 year from the date the order is rendered until the date the judgment
1-31 is paid.
1-32 (c) Interest accrues on a money judgment for retroactive or
1-33 lump-sum child support at the annual rate of three ~~six~~ percent
1-34 simple interest from the date the order is rendered until the
1-35 judgment is paid.
1-36 (d) Subsection (a) applies to a child support payment that
1-37 becomes due on or after January 1, 2026 ~~2002~~.
1-38 (e) Child support arrearages in existence on January 1, 2026
1-39 ~~2002~~, that were not confirmed and reduced to a money judgment on
1-40 or before that date accrue interest as follows:
1-41 (1) before January 1, 2026 ~~2002~~, the arrearages are
1-42 subject to the interest rate that applied to the arrearages before
1-43 that date; and
1-44 (2) on and after January 1, 2026 ~~2002~~, the
1-45 cumulative total of arrearages and interest accumulated on those
1-46 arrearages described by Subdivision (1) is subject to Subsection
1-47 (a).
1-48 (f) Subsections (b) and (c) apply to a money judgment for
1-49 child support rendered on or after January 1, 2026 ~~2002~~. A money
1-50 judgment for child support rendered before that date is governed by
1-51 the law in effect on the date the judgment was rendered, and the
1-52 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.
1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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