

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1559  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 21, 2025; March 6, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
1-4 April 7, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| 1-7  | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8  | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-9  | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-10 |     |     | X      |     |
| 1-11 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-12 | X   |     |        |     |

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the transfer of a protective order.

1-16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-17 SECTION 1. Sections 85.064(a) and (b), Family Code, are  
1-18 amended to read as follows:

1-19 (a) If a protective order was rendered before the filing of  
1-20 a suit for dissolution of marriage or suit affecting the  
1-21 parent-child relationship or while the suit is pending as provided  
1-22 by Section 85.062, the court that rendered the order shall ~~[may]~~, on  
1-23 the motion of a party or on the court's own motion, transfer the  
1-24 protective order to the court having jurisdiction of the suit ~~[if~~  
1-25 ~~the court makes the finding prescribed by Subsection (c)]~~.

1-26 (b) If a protective order that affects a party's right to  
1-27 possession of or access to a child is rendered after the date a  
1-28 final order was rendered in a suit affecting the parent-child  
1-29 relationship, on the motion of a party or on the court's own motion,  
1-30 the court shall ~~[may]~~ transfer the protective order to the court of  
1-31 continuing, exclusive jurisdiction ~~[if the court makes the finding~~  
1-32 ~~prescribed by Subsection (c)]~~.

1-33 SECTION 2. Section 85.064(c), Family Code, is repealed.

1-34 SECTION 3. Section 85.064, Family Code, as amended by this  
1-35 Act, applies only to a motion to transfer a protective order that is  
1-36 made on or after the effective date of this Act. A motion made  
1-37 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in  
1-38 effect on the date the motion was made, and the former law is  
1-39 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-40 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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