

CHAPTER 692

H.B. No. 2185

AN ACT

relating to findings in child support orders.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 14.057(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Without regard to Rules 296 through 299, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, in any suit affecting the parent-child relationship or reciprocal child support action in which child support

is contested and the amount of the *support* [~~order~~] is set *or modified* by the court, on written request made or filed with the court not later than 10 days after the date of the hearing or an oral request made in open court during the hearing, the court shall state the following in the child support order:

“(1) the amount of net resources available to the obligor per month is \$_____;

“(2) the amount of net resources available to the obligee per month is \$_____;

“(3) the amount of child support payments per month that is computed if Section 14.055, Family Code, is applied is \$_____;

“(4) the percentage applied to the obligor’s net resources for child support by the actual order rendered by the court is _____%; and, if applicable,

“(5) the specific reasons that the amount of support per month ordered by the court varies from the amount computed by applying the percentage guidelines pursuant to Section 14.055, Family Code, are:_____.”

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993, and applies to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship or a reciprocal child support action without regard to whether the suit or action was filed before, on, or after that date.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 23, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 29, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.