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Mr. Speaker:

The Judiciary Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 555**, CHANGES TO FAMILY LAW ACTIONS, by Representative T. J. Miller, with the following amendments:

## Amendment 1

1 *Line 53 through 62:*

53 including expert witness fees; and

54 (b) enter specific findings as to the ability of the parties to pay the costs described in

55 Subsection (2)(a).

56 ~~[(2)]~~(3) **Except as provided in Subsection (4),** ~~{In}~~ **in** an action to enforce an order of custody, parent-time, child support, alimony, or

57 division of property in a domestic case, the court [~~may award costs and attorney fees~~ ]

58 shall award reasonable attorney fees and costs upon determining that the party [

59 ~~substantially~~ **substantially** prevailed upon the claim or defense.

60 ~~[(3)]~~(4) (a) The court, in the court's discretion, may award no fees or limited fees against

61 a party if the court finds the party is indigent or enters in the record the reason for not

62 awarding fees.

Respectfully,

Karianne Lisonbee  
Chair

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