

Subject Permitting emancipated minors to harassment restraining orders

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Overview

Under current law, a petition for a harassment restraining order to protect a minor must be brought by the minor's parent, guardian, or conservator. This bill permits some emancipated minors to petition for a harassment restraining order on their own behalf and permits reputable adults age 25 or older to petition on behalf of other minors when it is in the best interests of the minor.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Restraining order; court jurisdiction.
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	Permits an emancipated minor to seek a restraining order on that person's own behalf if the court determines that the minor has sufficient maturity and judgment that it is in the best interests of the child. Permits a reputable adult age 25 or older to seek an order on behalf of emancipated minors who are not permitted to seek an order on their own behalf when it is in the best interests of the child. Makes the change in law effective the day following final enactment.
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