

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 970

BY REPRESENTATIVE MENA

CHILDREN/CUSTODY: Establishes a procedure for resolving competing custody orders

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 9:358, relative to child custody; to provide relative to competing custody
3 orders; to establish a procedure for competing custody orders; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 9:358 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §358. Competing custody order; procedure

8 A. Any judge who oversees child custody proceedings has a duty to ensure
9 there are no competing custody orders prior to issuing a custody order.

10 B. If a competing custody order is issued, the earliest order shall supercede
11 any subsequent competing custody order.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes a procedure for competing custody orders.

Proposed law provides that a judge who oversees child custody proceedings has a duty to ensure there are no competing custody orders prior to issuing a custody order.

Proposed law provides that if a competing custody order is issued, the earliest order shall supercede any subsequent competing custody order.

(Adds R.S. 9:358)