

598B.206 Simultaneous proceedings.

1. Except as otherwise provided in [section 598B.204](#), a court of this state shall not exercise its jurisdiction under [this article](#) if, at the time of the commencement of the proceeding, a proceeding concerning the custody of the child has been commenced in a court of another state having jurisdiction substantially in conformity with [this chapter](#), unless the proceeding has been terminated or is stayed by the court of the other state because a court of this state is a more convenient forum under [section 598B.207](#).

2. Except as otherwise provided in [section 598B.204](#), a court of this state, before hearing a child-custody proceeding, shall examine the court documents and other information supplied by the parties pursuant to [section 598B.209](#). If the court determines that a child-custody proceeding has been commenced in a court in another state having jurisdiction substantially in accordance with [this chapter](#), the court of this state shall stay its proceeding and communicate with the court of the other state. If the court of the state having jurisdiction substantially in accordance with [this chapter](#) does not determine that the court of this state is a more appropriate forum, the court of this state shall dismiss the proceeding.

3. In a proceeding to modify a child-custody determination, a court of this state shall determine whether a proceeding to enforce the determination has been commenced in another state. If a proceeding to enforce a child-custody determination has been commenced in another state, the court may do any of the following:

- a. Stay the proceeding for modification pending the entry of an order of a court of the other state enforcing, staying, denying, or dismissing the proceeding for enforcement.
- b. Enjoin the parties from continuing with the proceeding for enforcement.
- c. Proceed with the modification under conditions it considers appropriate.

[99 Acts, ch 103, §18](#)