

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1423

Page 1, line 2, replace "a waiting period for divorce and to mandatory counseling" with "a mandatory education program for parties to a divorce proceeding involving parental rights and responsibilities; and to provide for a legislative management study"

Page 1, line 6, replace "**- Waiting period - Mandatory counseling**" with "**involving parental rights and responsibilities - Education program required - Exception**"

Page 1, line 9, after "abuse" insert "or other showing of good cause"

Page 1, line 9, remove "may not issue a final order for at least six months from"

Page 1, line 10, replace "the date of the filing of the petition" with "shall order the parties to the action to participate in an education program regarding the impact of divorce on children"

Page 1, line 11, remove "Within the six-month waiting period, the adult parties to the action shall participate"

Page 1, remove lines 12 through 16

Page 1, line 17, remove "3."

Page 1, line 17, after "court" remove "may not require both parents to attend the same counseling sessions at the"

Page 1, line 18, replace "same time. Each party shall arrange for participation in the counseling sessions" with "shall prepare a list of appropriate education program providers"

Page 1, line 18, after the underscored period insert "The education program may be an online or a classroom program."

Page 1, line 19, replace "counseling session" with "education program"

Page 1, line 20, remove "counseling"

Page 1, line 20, after "costs" insert "of the education program"

Page 1, line 20, after the underscored period insert "The court shall adopt rules to define the standards for the education program."

Page 1, line 21, replace "4." with "3."

Page 1, line 22, replace "counseling" with "education program. The court may impose sanctions for the failure of a party to the proceedings to comply with the requirements of this section"

Page 1, after line 22 insert:

"SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE LAWS. During the 2013-14 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the state's laws regarding marriage and divorce. The study must include a review of options for strengthening the institution of marriage and reducing the incidents of divorce in the state, including premarital education, marriage

counseling, parenting education, and the implementation of predivorce requirements, such as divorce-effects education and waiting periods. The study must include a review of the minimum standards established by the court for the divorce education programs and the efficacy of the programs in the state. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement those recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly