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Effective date: *

ACT SUMMARY

- Permits a court hearing a divorce, legal separation, annulment, or custody proceeding to order children to attend parenting classes and counseling their parents are required to attend.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Background

Continuing law provides that in any divorce, legal separation, or annulment proceeding and in any proceeding for the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of a child, the court may require that the parents attend classes on parenting or related issues or obtain counseling before the court issues an order allocating parental rights and responsibilities for care of the minor children of the marriage. Unless the parents are both indigent, the court must impose the costs of the classes and counseling on, and may allocate the costs between, the parents.

The act

Under the act, a court that requires parents to attend classes or counseling may require that the children attend the classes or counseling with their parents.

* *The Legislative Service Commission had not received formal notification of the effective date at the time this analysis was prepared.*

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE	JOURNAL ENTRY
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Reported, S. Health, Human Services & Aging	05-23-00	p. 1776
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