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(As Reported by S. Health, Human Services & Aging)

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**BILL SUMMARY**

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

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

**Current law**

Current 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 bill**

Under the bill, a court that requires parents to attend classes or counseling as provided under current law may require that the children attend the classes or counseling with their parents.

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\* *This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Health, Human Services and Aging Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.*

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE	JOURNAL ENTRY
Introduced	01-11-00	p. 1494
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