

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6629

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Human Services & Corrections, February 7, 2002

Title: An act relating to a family law handbook.

Brief Description: Requiring the administrator for the courts to create a family law handbook.

Sponsors: Senators Sheahan, T. Sheldon, Jacobsen, Oke, Hargrove, Swecker, Rasmussen, Honeyford, Shin and Winsley.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 1/31/02, 2/7/02 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6629 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Costa, Vice Chair; Carlson, Kastama, Long and Stevens.

Staff: Tony Rugel (786-7754)

Background: Studies have shown that strong marital relationships result in stronger families, children, and ultimately, stronger communities and place less of a fiscal burden on the state. Providing people with information on laws relating to marriage and dissolution can help facilitate strong marital relationships.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The Administrator for the Courts must create a handbook explaining the laws pertaining to marriage, child support, dissolution, domestic violence, etc. The handbook is given by the county auditor to people filing a marriage license.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The substitute replaces language to make it consistent with the rest of the code

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 25, 2002.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The handbook will give people information to help them build a strong marital relationship.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Larry Kvamme, independent volunteer (pro)