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Sponsor(s): Senators McCaslin and Winsley

Brief Description: Requiring a family court arbitrator in certain dissolution, separation, or invalidity actions.

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Provides that, in any proceeding for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or a declaration of invalidity, where there are no children of the marriage dependent on either spouse, the court shall not enter any order pertaining to temporary or permanent maintenance or division of property until the court has received the report under this act.

Requires that, within ten days of filing a motion for payment of spousal maintenance or division of property and liabilities under this act, the court shall appoint a family court arbitrator who shall meet with the parties or their representatives, either jointly or separately, to review pertinent documents relating to the financial resources and liabilities of the parties, including community and separate property.

Requires that within thirty days from the date of filing the petition, the family court arbitrator shall submit a report to the court recommending temporary division of property or liabilities and temporary maintenance, if appropriate.