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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 25-323.01 AND 25-323.02, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING LAWS 2002, CHAPTER 332, SECTION 10, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2006, CHAPTER 364, SECTION 2; RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 25-323.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

25-323.01. Child support committee; membership; duties; report

A. The child support committee is established consisting of the following members:

1. The director of the department of economic security or the director's designee.

2. The assistant director of the division of child support enforcement of the department of economic security.

3. A division or section chief from the office of the attorney general who has knowledge of or experience in child support enforcement and related issues and who is appointed by the attorney general.

4. The director of the administrative office of the supreme court OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE.

5. Two presiding judges from the domestic relations division of the superior court who are appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court. One judge shall be from an urban county and one judge shall be from a rural county.

6. A title IV-D court commissioner who is appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.

7. A clerk of the superior court who is appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.

8. One county attorney who is appointed by the director of the department of economic security and who is from a county that is currently contracting with the state to provide child support enforcement services.

9. An executive assistant from the office of the governor who is appointed by the governor.

10. One person who is knowledgeable in child support issues and who is a noncustodial parent and one person who is knowledgeable in child support issues and who is a custodial parent. The president of the senate shall appoint these members.

11. One person who is knowledgeable in child support issues and who is a noncustodial parent and one person who is knowledgeable in child support issues and who is a custodial parent. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint these members.

12. One parent who is knowledgeable in child support issues, who has joint custody and who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

13. One person from the executive committee of the family law section of the state bar of Arizona who is appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.

14. One person from the business community who is appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

15. Two members of the senate from different political parties. The president of the senate shall appoint the members and designate one of the members as the cochairperson.

16. Two members of the house of representatives from different political parties. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the members and designate one of the members as the cochairperson.

B. The committee shall prepare an annual written report on its work, findings and recommendations regarding child support guidelines, enforcement and related issues. The committee shall submit this report to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the chief justice of the supreme court on or before December 31 of each year and shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state and the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

C. Nonlegislative members of the committee are not eligible to receive compensation but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to title 38, chapter 4, article 2.

Sec. 2. Section 25-323.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

25-323.02. <u>Domestic relations committee; membership; duties; pilot programs; report</u>

A. The domestic relations committee is established consisting of the following members:

1. Two noncustodial parents who are knowledgeable in domestic relations issues and who are not judges or commissioners. The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each appoint one of these members.

2. Two custodial parents who are knowledgeable in domestic relations issues and who are not judges or commissioners. The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each appoint one of these members.

3. Two parents who have joint custody, who are knowledgeable in domestic relations issues and who are not judges or commissioners. The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each appoint one of these members.

4. Two parents who are knowledgeable in domestic relations issues, who are not judges or commissioners and who are appointed by the governor.

5. Two active or retired judges or commissioners, or both, from the domestic relations department of the superior court who are appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court. One of these members shall be from an urban county and one member shall be from a rural county.

6. One domestic relations attorney who is appointed by the governor.

7. One clerk of the superior court who is appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.

8. A professional domestic relations mediator who is appointed by the president of the senate.

9. A psychologist who is experienced in performing child custody evaluations and who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

10. A domestic relations educator who is experienced in matters relating to parenting or divorce classes and who is appointed by the governor.

11. A representative of a statewide domestic violence coalition who is appointed by the president of the senate.

12. A representative of a conciliation court who is appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.

13. A marriage and family therapist who is knowledgeable in domestic relations issues and who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

14. A representative from a faith-based organization who is knowledgeable in domestic relations issues and who is appointed by the governor.

15. An administrative officer of the supreme court who is appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court OR THE OFFICER'S DESIGNEE.

16. A member of a law enforcement agency in this state who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

17. A member of an agency that advocates for children who is appointed by the president of the senate.

18. One member of the family law section of the state bar of Arizona who is appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.

19. Four members of the senate, not more than two of whom are members of the same political party. The president of the senate shall appoint these members and shall designate one of them as the cochairperson.

20. Four members of the house of representatives, not more than two of whom are members of the same political party. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint these members and designate one of them as the cochairperson.

B. The committee shall prepare a statewide plan for an integrated family court with comprehensive subject matter jurisdiction over all matters involving the family and submit this plan to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the chief justice of the supreme court on or before December 31, 2002. Based on this plan or on other formal recommendations from the committee, beginning July 1, 2006, the supreme court shall implement a two year integrated family court pilot program in one county with a population of less than five hundred thousand persons. The supreme court shall submit quarterly reports on the pilot program to the committee. The committee shall include information from these reports in its annual report prepared pursuant to subsection C of this section.

C. The committee shall prepare an annual written report regarding recommended changes to the domestic relations statutes, rules and procedures

and other related issues designed to lead to a reform of the state's domestic relations statutes. The committee shall submit this report to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the chief justice of the supreme court on or before December 31 of each year and shall provide a copy of the report to the secretary of state and the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

D. The committee shall develop minimum training standards on domestic violence and child abuse issues for persons conducting an investigation or preparing a report concerning child custodial arrangements pursuant to section 25-406. The committee shall approve the standards on or before December 31, 2004. The committee may modify the standards on or before December 31 of each year.

E. Nonlegislative members of the committee are not eligible to receive compensation but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to title 38, chapter 4, article 2.

Sec. 3. Laws 2002, chapter 332, section 10, as amended by Laws 2006, chapter 364, section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 10. Delayed repeals

A. Section 25-323.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed from and after December 31, ~~2007~~ 2017.

B. Section 25-323.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed from and after December 31, ~~2010~~ 2017.

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