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Committee Bill No. 5815

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING DIVORCE MEDIATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 46b-53a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) A program of mediation services for persons filing for
4 dissolution of marriage may be established in such judicial districts of
5 the Superior Court as the Chief Court Administrator may designate.
6 Mediation services shall address property, financial, child custody and
7 visitation issues.

8 (b) All oral or written communications made by either party to the
9 mediator or made between the parties in the presence of the mediator,
10 while participating in the mediation program conducted pursuant to
11 subsection (a) of this section, are privileged and inadmissible as
12 evidence in any court proceedings unless the parties otherwise agree.

13 (c) A person who files a complaint for dissolution of marriage and is
14 the parent of a minor child shall, with his or her spouse, participate in
15 a mediation program established pursuant to subsection (a) of this

16 section. Failure to participate in the mediation program shall preclude
17 further action on the complaint until the expiration of six months from
18 the return day of the complaint. The court may waive the requirements
19 of this subsection upon motion of either party and for good cause
20 shown.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	46b-53a

Statement of Purpose:

To require parents of minor children who file for dissolution of marriage to participate in mediation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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