

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42 .

2 BY HARRISON, FALLON, MAIN, BODDICKER, and McCOY
3 A Concurrent Resolution to request the establishment
4 of a legislative interim committee to study child
5 visitation and custody issues.

6 WHEREAS, child visitation and custody arrangements
7 are often established through an adversarial process
8 which may detrimentally affect the possibility of a
9 continuing relationship between a child and both
10 parents; and

11 WHEREAS, traditional custody and visitation
12 enforcement actions, such as contempt of court
13 proceedings, promote an adversarial climate between
14 the parties involved and are not always effective in
15 resolving custody and visitation disputes; and

16 WHEREAS, the public is interested in improving the
17 enforcement of custody and visitation arrangements;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, mediation and nonadversarial types of
20 proceedings are preferable and, based upon preliminary
21 studies, are more successful than adversarial
22 proceedings in resolving visitation and custody
23 disputes; NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
25 SENATE CONCURRING, That the legislative council is
26 requested to establish a legislative study committee
27 for the 1995 interim to examine issues related to
28 child custody and visitation, including but not
29 limited to the causes and extent of the problems
30 associated with enforcement of child custody and

1 visitation orders; the most effective, nonadversarial
2 alternatives for resolution of disputes which arise in
3 the enforcement of child custody and visitation
4 orders; and the role of government and any attendant
5 costs of governmental involvement in the enforcement
6 process. The committee's membership shall include
7 legislators. The committee shall seek input from
8 representatives of child advocacy organizations,
9 custodial and noncustodial parents, providers of
10 services to children and families, the office of the
11 attorney general, the judicial department, and other
12 interested parties. The committee shall submit a
13 report of its findings and recommendations to the
14 general assembly by December 15, 1995.

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