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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the factors considered in the awarding of
2 support payments to a party to a judgment of annulment,
3 dissolution, or separate maintenance.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 598.21, subsection 3, paragraph f, Code
2 Supplement 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3 f. The feasibility of the party seeking maintenance
4 becoming self-supporting at a standard of living reasonably
5 ~~comparable to that enjoyed during the marriage, and the length~~
6 ~~of time necessary to achieve this goal~~ that is equitable under
7 the circumstances of the case.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill amends one of the factors to be considered by the
10 court in awarding support payments to either party to judgment
11 of annulment, dissolution, or separate maintenance. The
12 factor relating to self-support of the party currently takes
13 into consideration the standard of living comparable to that
14 enjoyed during the marriage and also takes into account the
15 period of time necessary to achieve the goal. The new
16 language would only allow consideration of a standard of
17 living which is equitable given the circumstances of the
18 individual case.

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