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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 74
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing parenting plans and providing an effective
2 date.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 598.7B PARENTING PLANS.

2 1. Beginning October 1, 2005, the parties to a petition
3 for dissolution of marriage, annulment, or separate
4 maintenance that involves minor children or to an application
5 for a motion to modify an order involving custody or
6 visitation shall submit a proposed parenting plan, either
7 individually or jointly, within thirty days after the service
8 of process of the petition for dissolution of marriage,
9 annulment, or separate maintenance, or the application for a
10 motion to modify an order involving custody or visitation.
11 The proposed parenting plan shall specify the arrangements
12 that the party believes to be in the best interest of any
13 minor child and shall specify other details as required by
14 rules prescribed by the supreme court.

15 2. The supreme court shall prescribe rules no later than
16 September 1, 2005, establishing guidelines for a parenting
17 plan form which may be used by the parties in any dissolution
18 of marriage, annulment, legal separation, or modification
19 proceeding involving the issues of custody and visitation.
20 Beginning September 1, 2005, the clerk of the district court
21 shall furnish parenting plan forms to the parties in a
22 dissolution of marriage, annulment, or separate maintenance
23 action or modification proceeding involving custody or
24 visitation, without cost to the parties.

25 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provision of the section of
26 this Act enacting section 598.7B that directs the supreme
27 court to prescribe rules regarding the guidelines for
28 parenting plans, being deemed of immediate importance, takes
29 effect upon enactment.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill requires the parties to a petition for
32 dissolution of marriage, annulment, or separate maintenance
33 that involves minor children, or to an application for a
34 motion to modify an order involving custody or visitation,
35 beginning October 1, 2005, to submit a proposed parenting plan

1 within 30 days after service of process of the petition or
2 application. The bill directs the supreme court to prescribe
3 rules for guidelines for the parenting plan form and directs
4 the clerks of the district court to furnish parenting plan
5 forms to specified parties beginning September 1, 2005. The
6 supreme court directive takes effect upon enactment.

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