

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Healthy Families
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Baxley offered the following:

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 5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
 7 Section 1. Section 741.0307, Florida Statutes, is created to
 8 read:

9 741.0307 Marriage Education Committee; Florida Marriage
 10 Handbook.—

11 (1) There is created the Marriage Education Committee,
 12 which shall consist of six marriage education and family
 13 advocates, two of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, two
 14 of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, and
 15 two of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 16 Representatives. The committee shall be appointed by September
 17 1, 2013, and the appointees shall serve a 1-year term each or
 18 until such time as the Florida Marriage Handbook has been
 19 created, whichever is earlier. The committee shall submit the
 20 completed Florida Marriage Handbook to the Governor, President

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21 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

22 The committee shall terminate with the submission of the
23 Handbook. The committee shall subsequently be reconstituted once
24 every 10 years from the effective date of this section to review
25 and update the contents of the Florida Marriage Handbook. The
26 Governor, President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
27 shall each appoint two members to the reconstituted committee.
28 Any vacancy on the committee shall be filled for the unexpired
29 portion of the term in the same manner as the original
30 appointment. The committee is established within the Department
31 of Children and Families for administrative purposes only.

32 (2) The Marriage Education Committee shall create the
33 Florida Marriage Handbook. The handbook shall provide resources,
34 information, and skills to help a couple have a healthy and
35 successful marriage. The handbook may include, but is not
36 limited to:

37 (a) Resources dealing with conflict resolution,
38 communication skills, family expectations, financial
39 responsibilities and management, domestic violence resources,
40 and parenting responsibilities.

41 (b) Current information from marriage education and family
42 advocates to assist a couple in forming and maintaining a long-
43 term marital relationship.

44 (c) Information regarding premarital education, marriage
45 enrichment education, and resources that are available to help
46 restore a marriage that is potentially moving toward
47 dissolution.

48 (d) Contact information and website links to additional

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49 resources and local professional and community services to
50 further assist a couple.

51 (3) The Marriage Education Committee shall raise funds
52 from private sources for the design and layout of the handbook
53 and, if possible, to subsidize all or part of the printing and
54 distribution costs.

55 (4) The handbook shall be available from the clerk of the
56 circuit court upon application for a marriage license. The clerk
57 of the circuit court may also make the information in the
58 handbook available through electronic media and is encouraged to
59 provide a list of course providers and sites where marriage and
60 relationship skill-building classes are available.

61 (5) The Marriage Education Committee shall review the
62 Florida Marriage Handbook and provide a report to the Governor,
63 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
64 Representatives every 10 years, or as soon thereafter as
65 practicable, explaining changes made to the handbook and
66 recommending further updates.

67 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 741.01, Florida
68 Statutes, is amended to read:

69 741.01 County court judge or clerk of the circuit court to
70 issue marriage license; fee.-

71 (1)(a) Every marriage license shall be issued by a county
72 court judge or clerk of the circuit court under his or her hand
73 and seal. The county court judge or clerk of the circuit court
74 shall issue such license, upon application for the license, if
75 there appears to be no impediment to the marriage. An
76 application for a marriage license must allow both parties to

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77 the marriage to state under oath in writing if they are the
78 parents of a child born in this state and to identify any such
79 child they have in common by name, date of birth, place of
80 birth, and, if available, birth certificate number. The name of
81 any child recorded by both parties must be transmitted to the
82 Department of Health along with the original marriage license
83 and endorsements. The county court judge or clerk of the circuit
84 court shall collect and receive a fee of \$2 for receiving the
85 application for the issuance of a marriage license.

86 (b) A marriage license application shall offer the
87 applicants the opportunity to obtain an electronic copy of the
88 Florida Marriage Handbook and shall have a space for one or both
89 applicants to provide an e-mail address to receive the handbook.
90 Upon receipt of the request, the clerk shall send an electronic
91 copy of the handbook to the applicant within 14 days of the
92 receipt of the request.

93 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.
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97 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

98 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
99 An act relating to the Florida Marriage Handbook; creating s.
100 741.0307, F.S.; creating the Marriage Education Committee;
101 providing for membership and terms of members; providing for
102 administration within the Department of Children and Families;
103 providing for creation of the Florida Marriage Handbook;
104 providing topics that may be covered in the handbook; requiring

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105 the committee to obtain private funds for certain expenses;
106 providing for distribution of the handbook and encouraging
107 clerks of court to provide a list of course providers and sites
108 where marriage and relationship skill-building classes are
109 available; providing for review and revision of the handbook;
110 amending s. 741.01, F.S.; requiring marriage license
111 applications to provide applicants with an opportunity to
112 receive an electronic copy of the handbook; providing an
113 effective date.