

SB0257



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/17/2021, by Sen. Michael E. Hastings

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

750 ILCS 5/607.6

Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Deletes language providing that: all counseling sessions shall be confidential; and communications in counseling shall not be used in any manner in litigation nor relied upon by any expert appointed by the court or retained by any party. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of
5 Marriage Act is amended by changing Section 607.6 as follows:

6 (750 ILCS 5/607.6)

7 Sec. 607.6. Court-ordered counseling. ~~Counseling.~~

8 (a) The court may order individual counseling for the
9 child, family counseling for one or more of the parties and the
10 child, or parental education for one or more of the parties, if
11 it finds one or more of the following:

12 (1) both parents or all parties agree to the order;

13 (2) the child's physical health is endangered or that
14 the child's emotional development is impaired;

15 (3) abuse of allocated parenting time under Section
16 607.5 has occurred; or

17 (4) one or both of the parties have violated the
18 allocation judgment with regard to conduct affecting or in
19 the presence of the child.

20 (b) The court may apportion the costs of counseling
21 between the parties as appropriate.

22 (c) The remedies provided in this Section are in addition
23 to, and do not diminish or abridge in any way, the court's

1 power to exercise its authority through contempt or other
2 proceedings.

3 (d) (Blank). ~~All counseling sessions shall be~~
4 ~~confidential. The communications in counseling shall not be~~
5 ~~used in any manner in litigation nor relied upon by any expert~~
6 ~~appointed by the court or retained by any party.~~

7 (Source: P.A. 99-763, eff. 1-1-17.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.