

1 AN ACT in relation to family 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 404.1 as follows:

6 (750 ILCS 5/404.1) (from Ch. 40, par. 404.1)

7 Sec. 404.1. (a) In an action for dissolution of marriage
8 involving minor children, or in a post-judgment proceeding
9 involving minor children, the court may on its own motion
10 order the parties, excluding the minor children, to attend an
11 educational program concerning the effects of dissolution of
12 marriage on the children, if the court finds that it would be
13 in the best interests of the minor children. The program may
14 be divided into sessions, which in the aggregate shall not
15 exceed 4 hours in duration. The program shall be educational
16 in nature and not designed for individual therapy.

17 (b) The facts adduced at any educational session
18 resulting from a referral under this Section shall not be
19 considered in the adjudication of a pending or subsequent
20 action, nor shall any report resulting from the such
21 educational session become part of the record of the case
22 unless the parties have stipulated in writing to the
23 contrary.

24 (c) The fees or costs of educational sessions under this
25 Section shall be borne by the parties and may be assessed by
26 the court as it deems equitable.

27 (Source: P.A. 86-288.)