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H 1781. DIVORCE EFFECTS PROGRAM/PARENTING PLAN. Filed 4/18/07. *REQUIRING THE PARENTS OF MINOR CHILDREN OR THE CUSTODIANS OF MINOR CHILDREN TO COMPLETE A DIVORCE EFFECTS PROGRAM AND TO ENTER INTO A PARENTING AGREEMENT BEFORE ENTRY OF A JUDGMENT OF DIVORCE.*

Adds new GS 50-25 to require parents of minor children seeking to divorce to complete a divorce effects program, unless they are exempt as a domestic violence victim. Lists information that must be included in the program. Requires parents in program to complete a parenting plan with format specified in bill. If parties fail to follow the plan, or fail to use the alternative dispute procedures mandated by the statute to be included in the plan, or to do certain other specified acts, the aggrieved party may seek relief in court, and the court may assess costs against the party in violation. Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide a form for the parenting plan and to adopt rules to implement the plan requirement. Applies to divorce actions instituted after the bill becomes law.

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