

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 505

BY REPRESENTATIVE COUSSAN

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:306(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (1) and (3), (C),  
3 (D)(introductory paragraph) and (E) and to redesignate R.S. 9:306, relative to  
4 parenting education programs; to provide for a motion to require attendance at a  
5 parenting education program in divorce and custody proceedings; to provide for the  
6 duration, cost, and qualifications of a parenting program; and to provide for related  
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 9:306(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (1) and (3), (C),  
10 (D)(introductory paragraph) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §306. ~~Seminar for divorcing parents~~ Custody and visitation proceeding; parenting  
12 education programs

13 A. ~~Upon an affirmative showing that the facts and circumstances of the~~  
14 ~~particular case before the court warrant such an order, a court exercising jurisdiction~~  
15 ~~over family matters may~~ Upon the motion of any party, or on its own motion, the  
16 court may for good cause shown or upon agreement of the parties require the parties  
17 in a custody or visitation proceeding to attend and complete a court-approved  
18 seminar program designed to educate and inform the parties of the needs of the  
19 children. The court may render judgment for the costs of the program, or any part  
20 thereof, against any party or parties as it may consider equitable. The instructor shall  
21 not be called as a witness in the custody or visitation proceeding without prior court  
22 approval.



1           Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute shall redesignate R.S. 9:306 as R.S.  
2           9:331.2.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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