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Mr. Speaker:

The Judiciary Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 4, DIVORCE MEDIATION PROGRAM**, by Representative B. Ferry, with the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Line 27 through Page 2, Line 34:*

27 (2) If, after the filing of an answer to a complaint of divorce, there are any remaining
28 contested issues, the parties shall participate in good faith in at least one session of
mediation. **This requirement does not preclude the entry of pre-trial orders before**
mediation takes place.

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33 (5) The director of dispute resolution programs for the courts **, the court,** or the
mediator may
34 excuse either party from the requirement to mediate for good cause.

Respectfully,

James A. Ferrin
Committee Chair

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