- 161 (b) allow the coordinator to make recommendations to allow { and decisions } necessary
- as little disruption in the children's home and routine as possible, yet carry out specific court
- 163 <u>orders regarding parent-time; and</u>
- 8. Page 6, Lines 168 through 170:
 - 168 continue the coordinator.
 - 169 { (6) If one parent requests additional time and the other parent declines, the court shall
 - 170 determine the matter.
- 9. Page 6, Lines 177 through 179:
 - 177 (3) The parent coordinator shall communicate

 {-decisions-} recommendations in a timely manner in person
 - or by fax, e-mail, or telephone. In the event provided orally, a written version

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 - shall follow in a timely manner.
- 10. Page 7, Lines 181 through 182:
 - and standards for decision-making. In addition, each party shall be given a copy of the court's
 - 182 <u>order</u> { to <u>appointing</u> the coordinator.

Respectfully,

Douglas C. Aagard Committee Chair

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- 111 (2) The court shall consider the financial situation and the merits of the claims of both parties in determining
- payment for the custody evaluator's services, and make a final determination on the record of
- 113 the { mounts | percentage of the evaluator's fee | each party is responsible for paying.
- 4. Page 5, Lines 121 through 123:
 - 121 (1) "Parent coordinator" means a person appointed by the court to minimize trauma to
 - the children of divorce by resolving custody {--} and parent-time related disputes between the parents within the
 - scope of the court's order.
- 5. Page 5, Lines 135 through 148:
 - 135 (2) Parent coordinators shall have:
 - 136 <u>(a)</u> { formal } training { or advanced knowledge } in child development, child and adult
 - psychopathology, interviewing techniques, and family systems;
 - * * * Some lines not shown * * *
 - 144 (e) a minimum of {40} three hours of initial training which includes training in parent
 - coordination, family dynamics in separation and divorce, domestic violence, child abuse, and
 - 146 court specific parenting procedures; and
 - 147 <u>(f)</u> {<u>an additional 20</u>} <u>three</u> <u>hours</u> <u>annually</u> <u>of specialized training</u> <u>which includes maintenance of</u>
- 6. *Page 6, Lines 156 through 157:*
 - 156 (3) A parent coordinator { may } should decline appointment if the case is beyond the parent
 - 157 coordinator's skill or expertise.
- 7. Page 6, Lines 161 through 163:









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Mr. Speaker:

The Judiciary Committee recommends **H.B. 169**, CUSTODY EVALUATION AND PARENT COORDINATION, by Representative T. Cosgrove, be replaced and reports a favorable recommendation on **1st Sub. H.B. 169**, CUSTODY EVALUATION AND PARENT COORDINATION with the following amendments:

- 1. Page 3, Lines 73 through 84: 73 (2) Licensed professionals in Subsection (1) shall have: * * * Some lines not shown * * * involved in custody decisions; and 80 81 (b) { initial training totaling a minimum of 12 hours, and eight hours annually of **82** continuing education, specific to custody evaluation; and 83 $\frac{\text{(c)}}{\text{}}$ at least $\left\{\frac{24}{24}\right\}$ three hours {-of initial-} **annual** training {and 16 hours annually of continuing education, 84 on-} <u>in</u> <u>domestic violence</u> <u>issues</u> . Page 4, Lines 99 through 106: A custody evaluator who accepts a case shall: 99 100 (1) { accept cases referred by the court without regard to the financial situation of the **101** parties; **102** (2) review with each party the custody evaluator's policies and procedures, including 103 fees, for conducting an evaluation; 104 (2) provide the court with { copies of all written documentation $\{-(3)-\}$ and reports } a copy of the written custody evaluation or report, if one is prepared; and 105 {-(4)-} (3) note in the final report provided to the court, any missing or incomplete 106 information.
- 3. Page
- 4, Lines 111 through 113:





