

S.B. 29

UTAH MARRIAGE COMMISSION AMENDMENTS

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 3

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Senator **Luz Escamilla** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 5, Lines 134 through 146:*

134 (4) (a) The premarital education or counseling shall include, as a minimum, the

135 following topics:

136 (i) commitment in marriage;

137 (ii) the importance of providing a safe and nurturing environment for children;

138 (iii) effective communication and problem-solving skills, including avoiding violence

139 and abuse in the relationship; and

140 (iv) effective financial management.

141 (b) At least six hours of premarital education or three hours of counseling are required

142 to fulfill the requirements of this section.

143 {(c) Religious organizations offering formal premarital education or counseling;

144 including religious principles related to marriage, are exempt from the content requirements in

145 Subsection (4)(a), but shall adhere to the length-of-time requirement.}

146 {(d)} (c) Providers are encouraged to make use of research-based relationship inventories.