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25-351. Domestic relations education; plan; administration

A. The superior court in each county shall adopt and implement an educational program for the purpose of educating persons about the impact of divorce on adults and children.

B. The supreme court shall adopt minimum standards for educational programs. The presiding judge of the superior court in each county shall submit an educational program plan to the supreme court for approval. The plan shall be consistent with the minimum standards that are adopted by the supreme court, including the length and nature of the program, the qualifications of program providers and the means by which the program will be evaluated and maintained. Beginning January 1, 2013, these standards shall require that educational programs at a minimum include instruction related to all of the following:

1. The emotional, psychological, financial, physical and other short-term and long-term effects of divorce on adults and children.

- 2. Options available as alternatives to divorce.
- 3. Resources available to improve or strengthen marriage.
- 4. The legal process of divorce and options available for mediation.
- 5. Resources available after divorce.

C. Each program shall also include information regarding the notification requirements of section 25-403.05, subsection B.

D. The presiding judge of the superior court or a judge who is designated by the presiding judge shall administer the program in each county and may provide or contract with political subdivisions in this state or private entities to provide the program to participants who are required to attend.