

CHAPTER 239

COURTS

SENATE BILL 93-27

BY SENATORS Wham, Owens, Bishop, Mendez, and Traylor;
also REPRESENTATIVES Kreutz, Fleming, Knox, Lawrence, Lyle, and Rupert.

AN ACT**CONCERNING COURT PROCEDURES IN DOMESTIC MATTERS.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Article 1 of title 13, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1987 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

13-1-135. Family courts - implementation report. (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1995, THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR SHALL REVIEW THE CURRENT STRUCTURE OF THE COURTS AND SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NEED TO IMPLEMENT A FAMILY COURT SYSTEM. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "FAMILY COURT" MEANS ONE COURT WHICH HAS JURISDICTION OVER ALL DOMESTIC MATTERS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, MARITAL MAINTENANCE, CHILD CUSTODY, CHILD SUPPORT, VISITATION, ADOPTION, PATERNITY, ABUSE, DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT, DELINQUENCY, TRUANCY, AND OTHER CASES REGARDING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

(2) IN REVIEWING THE CURRENT STRUCTURE OF THE COURTS AND THE NEED TO IMPLEMENT A FAMILY COURT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR IS URGED TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- (a) THE ONE JUDGE-ONE FAMILY CONCEPT FOR FAMILIES INVOLVED IN DOMESTIC MATTERS;
- (b) THE USE OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION IN DOMESTIC MATTERS; AND
- (c) THE OBLIGATION OF PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN ACTIONS CONCERNING

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN TO INFORM THE COURT OF OTHER ACTIONS INVOLVING THAT FAMILY AND CHILD.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 6, 1993