

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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1. Rather than change the premarital counseling requirement for covenant marriages in the bill, I required persons entering into a covenant marriage to comply with both requirements: the one that applies to all persons applying for a marriage license; and the one that applies to covenant marriages. Chances are the covenant marriage premarital counseling would include most of the same issues that are required for the premarital counseling for all couples anyway. The covenant marriage premarital counseling would include the additional issues related to covenant marriage specifically, such as the grounds for divorce if there is a minor child.

2. "Marriage issues" in s. 765.09 (3m) might be a bit vague. Do you want to be any more specific? The specifics could be the same as for the covenant marriage counseling: the nature, purposes and responsibilities of marriage.

3. Because this amendment substantially expands the scope of 1999 Assembly Bill 83, it may be considered nongermane under assembly rule 54 (3) (f).

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