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WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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**REVIEW OF SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE AWARDS  
IN DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS**

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STUDY ASSIGNMENT: The Special Committee is directed to study: (a) the purpose and goals of awarding maintenance; (b) making application of the maintenance considerations given in s. 767.56, Stats., more uniform and predictable; (c) whether the statutes should provide guidance to the courts relating to amount and duration of a maintenance award; (d) whether cohabitation should be considered when revising maintenance orders under s. 767.59, Stats.; and (e) whether marital fault should be considered when determining a maintenance award.

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