

## **IC 31-12-4**

### **Chapter 4. Domestic Relations Counseling Bureau Fee**

#### **IC 31-12-4-1**

##### **Fees; domestic relations counseling services**

Sec. 1. (a) Upon order of a judge or group of judges described in IC 31-12-1, IC 31-12-1.5, or IC 31-12-2, and in accordance with this chapter, a court that provides domestic relations counseling services may charge a fee for these services.

(b) In addition to any other domestic relations counseling services ordered by the court, a domestic relations counseling bureau may provide the following domestic relations counseling services:

- (1) Screening.
- (2) Investigation.
- (3) Reporting.
- (4) Evaluation.
- (5) Counseling.
- (6) Mediation.

*As added by P.L.80-2006, SEC.3.*

#### **IC 31-12-4-2**

##### **Domestic relations counseling bureau fund**

Sec. 2. (a) If a judge or group of judges issues an order under section 1 of this chapter to charge a domestic relations counseling fee, the judge must also adopt by court rule a schedule of fees. The schedule of fees is not effective until approved by the county fiscal body in accordance with this chapter.

(b) Upon request of a judge or group of judges that issued an order under section 1 of this chapter, the county fiscal body may adopt an ordinance to create a county domestic relations counseling bureau fund to fund the services of a domestic relations court and a domestic relations counseling bureau.

(c) If the county fiscal body creates a domestic relations counseling bureau fund, any fees collected by the domestic relations counseling bureau shall be deposited in the fund.

(d) The fund shall be administered by the judge or group of judges who are signatories to the order described in section 1 of this chapter.

(e) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from the money in the fund.

(f) Any money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the county general fund.

(g) The county fiscal body may appropriate money from the domestic relations counseling bureau fund to support the domestic relations counseling bureau. However, a county fiscal body may not transfer funds that have been previously appropriated to the budget of the domestic relations counseling bureau as a consequence of an appropriation from the domestic relations counseling bureau fund.

*As added by P.L.80-2006, SEC.3.*

#### **IC 31-12-4-3**

**Gifts and donations**

Sec. 3. With the prior approval of the judge or group of judges described in IC 31-12-1, IC 31-12-1.5, or IC 31-12-2, a domestic relations counseling bureau may receive gifts and donations from a private source to supplement the budget of the domestic relations counseling bureau.

*As added by P.L.80-2006, SEC.3.*