

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, I would simply move the committee amendments at this time.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Ashford, a couple of questions, if I may, just I think mainly for legislative intent. On page 10 of the bill, Section 13, it says what the parenting plan shall contain. And it includes in that that it shall contain provisions for a remediation process. And, of course, remediation process you've earlier defined in here to be the method established in the parenting plan which provides each parent a means to resolve future circumstantial changes or conflicts. Okay, so the plan has to have a remediation process. And I'm curious as to the role of the court in this future remediation. If, for example, we have a parenting plan and the parenting plan says that the remediation plan will provide for an arbitrator, and the arbitrator will decide on changes in the future, first of all, can our remediation plan do that? It seems to be authorized by this provision.

SENATOR ASHFORD: You know, I don't know, Senator Beutler, about arbitration. You raise a good question. I don't know whether our court has decided the arbitration issue.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is it your intent that all future substantive changes to the parenting plan would also be approved by the court, as would currently be the situation, or is this intended to provide a mechanism by which...that would be binding by virtue of the original decree and provide for mandated arbitration or whatever.

SENATOR ASHFORD: The answer to that question is, and that's a good question, and the answer, my intent would be that the...that that portion of the parenting plan would not preclude court acceptance of a subsequent change in the parenting plan, and that it would not be my intent that that parenting plan would provide for binding arbitration that would take the court out of the process. That is not my intent.