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By Mrs. Murray of Cohasset, petition of Mary Jeanette Murray for legislation to require counselling services in certain divorce actions. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One.

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AN ACT REQUIRING COUNSELLING SERVICES IN CERTAIN DIVORCE ACTIONS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Chapter 208 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 18 the following section: —
- 3 Section 19A. In actions where the parties have minor children
- 4 the court shall provide and require counselling during the
- 5 pendency of the action and prior to the entry of judgment. Said
- 6 parties and minor children shall attend such counselling as a
- 7 family unit.

