

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 419 Session of
1989

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF AND ANDREZESKI, FEBRUARY 6, 1989

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 6, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 2, 1980 (P.L.63, No.26), entitled "An
2 act consolidating, revising and amending the divorce and
3 annulment laws of the Commonwealth and making certain
4 repeals," providing for mandatory counseling in certain
5 cases.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 202 of the act of April 2, 1980 (P.L.63,
9 No.26), known as the Divorce Code, is amended by adding a
10 subsection to read:

11 Section 202. Counseling.

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13 (g) The court shall not grant a decree in divorce when the
14 parties have at least one child between the ages of 6 and 16
15 inclusive, unless they can prove to the court that all of the
16 children between those ages have attended at least three
17 counseling sessions by qualified professionals who provide such
18 services between the time of separation and the granting of the
19 decree.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.