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Senate Bill 255

Sponsor: Senator Gilbert J. DiNello

Committee: Judiciary

Date Completed: 11-1-89

SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 255 as introduced 3-16-89:

The bill would amend Public Act 42 of 1949, which empowers the Circuit Court to award property owned by one spouse in a divorce proceeding to the other spouse, to permit the Court to order a party in a divorce to compensate his or her spouse for the party's acquisition of an advanced degree during the marriage. If a degree had not been awarded, the Court could order compensation for education toward a degree. It would have to appear from the evidence that the spouse contributed to the acquisition of the degree or to the education toward acquiring the degree, and the order would have to be "otherwise equitable under the circumstances".

Proposed MCL 552.401a

Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Fiscal Analyst: F. Sanchez

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