

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB105
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Research Analysis

SB105 allows for individuals to contract a covenant marriage. Parties wishing to enter a covenant marriage must obtain counseling emphasizing the nature and purpose of marriages and declare their intent to do so on the marriage licenses application. The courts may grant a divorce for a covenant marriage for any reasons currently authorized by law, provided spouses seeking a divorce on the grounds of incompatibility must complete at least 6 hours of marital counseling and wait one year before a final divorce decree can be granted. The court may waive the 1 year waiting period requirement, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the parties after reviewing the recommendations of the counselor.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute for SB105 has no fiscal impact on state revenues.

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Other Considerations

None.