

Amendment to HB 200

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Parental Rights and Responsibilities; Parenting Plans; Contents; Establishing Right to Choice
4 of Counselor. Amend RSA 461-A:4, III to read as follows:

5 **III. *If the parenting plan directs a child of the parties to participate in counseling,***
6 ***the parents shall have the right to choose the counselor. In cases where the parties are***
7 ***unable to agree on a counselor or in the event that a finding of abuse has been made, the***
8 ***court shall choose a participating provider in the parties' health insurance carrier***
9 ***network.***

10 2 New Section; Judicial Branch Family Division; Counseling. Amend RSA 490-D by inserting
11 after section 15 the following new section:

12 490-D:16 Counseling. In the event that a court proceeding under this chapter requires a child to
13 be evaluated by a mental health practitioner, the parents of the child shall have the right to choose
14 the practitioner. In cases where the parties are unable to agree on a practitioner or in the event that
15 a finding of abuse has been made, the court shall choose a participating provider in the parties'
16 health insurance carrier networks.

17 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.