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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Judiciary (Diaz de la Portilla) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 242 - 257

and insert:

shall be \$0.

(b) Presumptive alimony duration range.—The low end of the presumptive alimony duration range shall be calculated by using the following formula:

0.25 x the years of marriage



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The high end of the presumptive alimony duration range shall be calculated by using the following formula:

0.75 x the years of marriage

(c) Exceptions to alimony guidelines.-

1. If a court establishes the duration of the alimony award at 50 percent or less of the length of the marriage, the court shall use the actual years of the marriage, up to a maximum of 25 years, to calculate the high end of the presumptive alimony amount range.

2. A court may award alimony in an amount that equalizes the income of the parties until the obligor retires upon reaching the age for eligibility for full retirement benefits under s. 216 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s. 416, or upon reaching the customary retirement age for his or her occupation if:

a. The duration of the marriage was at least 20 years;

b. Pursuant to the mutual agreement or consent of the parties to the marriage, one spouse substantially refrained from economic, educational, or employment opportunities primarily for the purpose of contributing to the marriage through homemaking or child care activities; and

c. The spouse seeking alimony even with additional education faces dramatically reduced opportunities to advance in a career.

This subparagraph should not be applied in a manner that



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40 discourages a spouse from seeking additional education or  
41 employment opportunities.

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43 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

44 And the title is amended as follows:

45       Delete line 17

46 and insert:

47       circumstances; specifying exceptions to the guidelines  
48       for the amount and duration of alimony awards;  
49       providing for awards of nominal alimony