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S.F. No. 532 – Modifying notice in certain family court proceedings

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Under current law the court is required to provide the parties to a dissolution, custody, or parenting time proceeding with an information sheet at the first hearing. **S.F. 532** requires the court to mail the information sheet to the parties before the first hearing, along with initial court notices. The information sheet must be provided to all parties, regardless of whether they are represented by counsel.

This bill also requires that the notice provide the following: a statement that the parties have the option to choose mediation instead of the court process; an explanation of mediation and early neutral evaluation; and a statement that early neutral evaluation is not required.