§ 50-97. Reports.

(a) The parenting coordinator may file a report with the court regarding any of the following:

(1) The parenting coordinator's belief that the existing custody order is not in the best interests of the child.

(2) The parenting coordinator's determination that the parenting coordinator is not qualified to address or resolve certain issues in the case.

(3) A party's noncompliance with a decision of the parenting coordinator or the terms of the custody order.

(4) The parenting coordinator's fees as set forth in G.S. 50-95.

(5) The parenting coordinator's request that the parenting coordinator's appointment be modified or terminated.

(b) Upon the filing of a verified report by the parenting coordinator alleging that a party is not complying with a decision of the parenting coordinator, not complying with the terms of the custody order, or not paying the parenting coordinator's fees, the court may issue an order directing a party to appear at a specified reasonable time and show cause why the party shall not be held in contempt. Nothing in this section prevents a party from filing the party's own motion regarding noncompliance with a parenting coordinator's decision or noncompliance with the terms of the custody order.

(c) An expedited hearing shall be granted and shall occur within four weeks of the filing of the report unless the parenting coordinator requests a longer length of time or the court has already issued an order directing a party to show cause why the party shall not be held in contempt.

(d) The court, after a hearing on the parenting coordinator's report, shall be authorized to issue temporary custody orders as may be required for a child's best interests. (2005-228, s. 1; 2019-172, s. 2.)