

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House Comm: RCS 4/16/2008

The Committee on Judiciary (Joyner) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete line(s) 19-22

and insert:

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The Florida Bar. Prior to certifying a guardian ad litem to be appointed under this chapter, the Guardian Ad Litem Program or the not-for-profit legal aid organization, as appropriate, must conduct a security background investigation as provided in s. 39.821. Upon development and approval by The Florida Bar of a uniform, objective, and statewide training program for guardians ad litem serving in nondependency cases, which shall be available without charge to not-for-profit legal aid organizations, such organizations shall use the program in providing training before certifying a guardian ad litem under this section. Until The Florida Bar approves the program, the not-for-profit legal aid



organization shall provide training developed by a curriculum committee established by such organization which includes, but need not be limited to, a family law judge, a mental health professional who specializes in the treatment of children, and two members of The Florida Bar who are active guardians ad litem.

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======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== And the title is amended as follows:

On line(s) 6, after the semicolon,

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> requiring not-for-profit legal aid organizations to provide training developed by The Florida Bar for a person before being certified as a guardian ad litem; providing for interim training developed by a curriculum committee;