

	CHAMBER ACTION
	Senate . House
	Comm: RCS . 3/26/2008 .
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1	The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Rich)
2	recommended the following amendment :
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4	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
5	Delete line(s) 39-64
6	and insert:
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8	Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 916.301, Florida
9	Statutes, is amended to read:
10	916.301 Appointment of experts
11	(2) If a defendant's suspected mental condition is
12	retardation or autism, the court shall appoint the following:
13	(a) At least one, or at the request of any party, two
14	experts to evaluate whether the defendant meets the definition of
15	retardation or autism and, if so, whether the defendant is
16	competent to proceed; and.

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 (b) A psychologist selected by the agency who is licensed or authorized by law to practice in this state, with experience in evaluating persons suspected of having retardation or autism, and a social service professional, with experience in working with persons with retardation or autism. 1. The psychologist shall evaluate whether the defendant meets the definition of retardation or autism and, if so, whether the defendant is incompetent to proceed due to retardation or autism. 2. The social service professional shall provide a social and developmental history of the defendant. 2. The social service professional shall provide a social and the title is amended as follows: Delete line(s) 5-8 and insert: "retardation"; amending s. 916.301, F.S.; revising requirements regarding the appointment of experts if a defendant's suspected mental condition is retardation or autism; 		
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