

Bill No. CS for CS for SB 1144

Amendment No.     

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11	Senator Diaz-Balart moved the following amendment:		
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13	<b>Senate Amendment</b>		
14	On page 5, line 17, through page 6, line 2, delete		
15	those lines		
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17	and insert:		
18	<u>(3) STANDARDS.--The Supreme Court is requested, by</u>		
19	<u>October 1, 2000, to adopt rules of juvenile procedure which</u>		
20	<u>include the duties, responsibilities, and conduct of an</u>		
21	<u>attorney ad litem, in consideration of the Standards of</u>		
22	<u>Practice for Lawyers Who Represent Children in Abuse and</u>		
23	<u>Neglect Cases of the American Bar Association and the National</u>		
24	<u>Association for Counsel of Children Revised Version of the</u>		
25	<u>American Bar Association Standards. The rules shall assure</u>		
26	<u>that the attorney ad litem represents the child's wishes. The</u>		
27	<u>Office of the State Courts Administrator, in consultation with</u>		
28	<u>the Dependency Court Improvement Committee of the Supreme</u>		
29	<u>Court, shall develop implementation guidelines for the</u>		
30	<u>attorney ad litem pilot program.</u>		
31	<u>(4) FUNDING.--The sums of \$1,040,111 in recurring</u>		

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1 funds and \$48,674 in nonrecurring funds are appropriated from  
2 the General Revenue Fund and two full-time-equivalent  
3 positions are authorized for Court Operations - Circuit Courts  
4 in the State Court System to operate the attorney ad litem  
5 pilot program in Broward County and provide adequate guardian  
6 ad litem representation that is in the best interests of all  
7 children involved in the pilot program. The sum of \$696,798 in  
8 recurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund  
9 and 14 full-time equivalent positions are authorized for the  
10 circuit court budget to ensure best interests representation  
11 by the Guardian ad Litem Program as part of the pilot program.  
12 The sum of \$75,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from  
13 the General Revenue Fund to the Supreme Court for the Office  
14 of the State Courts Administrator for the purpose of  
15 evaluating the pilot program.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect on October 1,  
17 2000.

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