

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31

A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to court-appointed counsel;  
amending s. 39.013, F.S.; making state payment  
of court-appointed counsel representing  
indigent parents at shelter hearings permissive  
rather than mandatory; providing an effective  
date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 39.013, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

39.013 Procedures and jurisdiction; right to  
counsel.--

(11) Court-appointed counsel representing indigent  
parents at shelter hearings may ~~shall~~ be paid from state funds  
appropriated by general law.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
law.

\*\*\*\*\*

HOUSE SUMMARY

Makes state payment of court-appointed counsel  
representing indigent parents at shelter hearings  
permissive rather than mandatory.