

Amendment No. 3 (for drafter's use only)

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The Committee on Child & Family Security offered the following:

**Amendment to Amendment (860251) (with title amendment)**

On page 4, line 23

insert:

Section 1. Section 61.406, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

61.406 Guardian ad litem; award of reasonable fees and costs authorized.--In any action for dissolution of marriage, paternity, modification, parental responsibility, custody, or visitation, if the court appoints a guardian ad litem, it may, from time to time, after considering the financial resources of the parties, award to the guardian ad litem and apportion between the parties a reasonable fee for his or her services and reimbursement for the reasonable costs expended in connection with his or her services as a guardian ad litem. The guardian ad litem may apply to the court for an award of reasonable fees and costs without the necessity of being represented by an attorney. An application for fees or costs by a guardian ad litem shall not require corroborating expert

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1 testimony to support an award of fees or costs to the guardian  
2 ad litem. In all cases, the court may order that the amount be  
3 paid directly to the guardian ad litem, who may enforce the  
4 order in that guardian ad litem's name.

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And the title is amended as follows:

On page 5, line 7 of the amendment

after the semicolon insert:

creating s. 61.406, F.S.; providing for  
reasonable fees to the guardian ad litem in  
certain situations;