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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
3/26/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Hill)  
 2 recommended the following **amendment**:

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 4 Senate Amendment (with title amendment)  
 5 Delete everything after the enacting clause  
 6 and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 61.402, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 8 read:

9 61.402 Qualifications of guardians ad litem.--A guardian ad  
 10 litem must be ~~either a person ~~citizen~~~~ certified by the Guardian  
 11 Ad Litem Program to act in family law cases, a person certified  
 12 by a not-for-profit legal aid organization as defined in s.  
 13 68.096 if there are no allegations of child abuse, neglect, or  
 14 abandonment, or an attorney who is a member in good standing of  
 15 The Florida Bar. Prior to certifying a guardian ad litem to be  
 16 appointed under this chapter, the Guardian Ad Litem Program or



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17 | the legal aid organization, as appropriate, must conduct a  
18 | security background investigation as provided in s. 39.821.

19 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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22 | And the title is amended as follows:

23 |       Delete everything before the enacting clause  
24 | and insert:

25 |                               A bill to be entitled  
26 |       An act relating to guardians ad litem; amending s. 61.402,  
27 |       F.S.; authorizing a person affiliated with a not-for-  
28 |       profit legal aid organization to serve as a guardian ad  
29 |       litem under certain circumstances; requiring that such  
30 |       person undergo a security background investigation;  
31 |       providing an effective date.