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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services  
(Harrell) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 532 and 533

insert:

Section 8. Section 39.820, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
read:

39.820 Definitions.—As used in this chapter part, the term:

(1) "Guardian ad litem" as referred to in any civil or  
criminal proceeding includes the following: The Statewide  
Guardian Ad Litem Office, which includes circuit a-certified



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11 guardian ad litem programs; ~~program~~, a duly certified volunteer,  
12 a staff member, a staff attorney, contract attorney, or  
13 ~~certified~~ pro bono attorney working on behalf of a guardian ad  
14 litem ~~or the program; staff members of a program office~~; a  
15 court-appointed attorney; or a responsible adult who is  
16 appointed by the court to represent the best interests of a  
17 child in a proceeding as provided for by law, including, but not  
18 limited to, this chapter, who is a party to any judicial  
19 proceeding as a representative of the child, and who serves  
20 until discharged by the court.

21 (2) "Guardian advocate" means a person appointed by the  
22 court to act on behalf of a drug dependent newborn pursuant to  
23 the provisions of this part.

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25 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

26 And the title is amended as follows:

27 Delete line 50

28 and insert:

29 certain purposes; amending s. 39.820, F.S.; revising  
30 the definition of the term "guardian ad litem";  
31 amending s. 394.67, F.S.; defining