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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Bernard) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 61.122, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

61.122 Parenting plan recommendation; presumption of psychologist's good faith; prerequisite to parent's filing suit; award of fees, costs, reimbursement.—

(2) An administrative complaint against a court-appointed



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psychologist which relates to a parenting plan recommendation conducted by the psychologist may not be filed anonymously. The individual who files an administrative complaint must include in the complaint his or her name, address, and telephone number. Such an administrative complaint may not be filed until the complainant has moved to disqualify the selection of the psychologist pursuant to subsection (3).

(3) A parent who desires to disqualify the selection of the ~~file a legal action against a~~ court-appointed psychologist or file an administrative complaint against the court-appointed psychologist who has acted in good faith in developing a parenting plan recommendation must petition the judge who is presiding ~~presided~~ over the dissolution of marriage, case of domestic violence, or paternity matter involving the relationship of a child and a parent, including time-sharing of children, to appoint an alternative ~~another~~ psychologist. Upon the parent's showing of good cause, the court shall appoint another psychologist. The court shall determine who is responsible for all court costs and attorney ~~attorney's~~ fees associated with making such an appointment.

(4) In any supplemental ~~If a legal action, whether it be a civil action, a criminal action, or an administrative proceeding, is~~ filed against a court-appointed psychologist based upon his or her participation in a dissolution of marriage, case of domestic violence, or paternity matter involving the relationship of a child and a parent, including time-sharing of children, the claimant is responsible for all reasonable costs and reasonable attorney ~~attorney's~~ fees associated with the action for both parties if the psychologist



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is held not liable. If the psychologist is held liable in civil court, the psychologist must pay all reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees for the claimant.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to court-appointed psychologists;
amending s. 61.122, F.S.; requiring a party to seek
disqualification of a court-appointed psychologist
before filing an administrative complaint against the
psychologist; providing for disqualification motions;
revising provisions for award of costs and attorney
fees in supplemental actions against court-appointed
psychologists; providing an effective date.