

## Session 114 - (2001-2002)

**H 4584 General Bill, By Easterday, Sinclair, Wilkins, Harrison, Govan, G.M. Smith, Altman, Kelley, Limehouse, McGee, Scarborough and J.E. Smith**

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**Summary:** Private Guardian Ad Litem Reform Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SPECIAL VISITATION PROVISIONS, BY ADDING SECTIONS 20-7-1545, 20-7-1547, 20-7-1549, 20-7-1551, 20-7-1553, AND 20-7-1555 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PRIVATE GUARDIAN AD LITEM REFORM ACT" TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN A PRIVATE ACTION BEFORE THE FAMILY COURT, TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEYS AND NONATTORNEYS AND TO ESTABLISH CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AS A PREREQUISITE TO APPOINTMENT AS A GUARDIAN AD LITEM, TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY FOR A GUARDIAN AD LITEM, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM, TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO ESTABLISH THE METHOD AND RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR A GUARDIAN AD LITEM, AND TO REQUIRE A GUARDIAN AD LITEM TO DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST; TO REDESIGNATE SECTION 20-7-1555 AS SECTION 20-7-1525 AND SECTION 20-7-1557 AS SECTION 20-7-1535; TO RENAME SUBARTICLE 1, ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 7, TITLE 20 AS "SPECIAL CUSTODY AND VISITATION PROVISIONS; AND TO RENAME SUBARTICLE 2, ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 7, TITLE 20 AS "PRIVATE GUARDIANS AD LITEM".

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