

## Session 114 - (2001-2002)

### **H 3604 General Bill, By Campsen and Altman**

**Summary:** Guardian Ad Litem Parental Choice Act, Minors, Child custody, Courts, Family, Domestic Relations, Divorce

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 20-7-112 SO AS TO ENACT THE "GUARDIAN AD LITEM PARENTAL CHOICE ACT" WHICH PROVIDES THAT IN A FAMILY COURT PROCEEDING IN WHICH CUSTODY OR VISITATION ARE IN ISSUE THE PARTIES TO THE ACTION MAY RECOMMEND AN AGREED-UPON GUARDIAN AD LITEM WHICH THE COURT MUST APPOINT UNLESS THERE ARE FINDINGS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT FIT OR COMPETENT TO SERVE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDING THROUGH COUNSEL TO A PARTY OR MAY RETAIN COUNSEL, AND TO REQUIRE THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM TO DISCLOSE THE TERMS OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES TO BE RENDERED AND FOR LEGAL COUNSEL IF RETAINED OR APPOINTED BY THE COURT.

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