

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 700
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, strike “EMERGENCY BILL”; in lines 2 and 3, strike “- Immunity from Civil Liability”; and strike beginning with the first “in” in line 5 down through “measure” in line 12 and substitute “in certain actions as a child advocate attorney or a best interest attorney; requiring a lawyer appointed under this Act to exercise ordinary care and diligence in the representation of a minor child”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with “OR” in line 24 down through “CHILD,” in line 25; in line 26, after “LAWYER” insert “WHO SHALL SERVE AS A CHILD ADVOCATE ATTORNEY”; in the same line, before “who” insert “AND”; and in line 27, strike “and” and substitute “OR”.

On page 2, strike beginning with “SPECIFY” in line 1 down through “CHILDREN” in line 3 and substitute “APPOINT A LAWYER WHO SHALL SERVE AS A BEST INTEREST ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE MINOR CHILD AND WHO MAY NOT REPRESENT ANY PARTY TO THE ACTION”; in line 4, strike the brackets; strike beginning with “FOR” in line 4 down through “LAWYER” in line 5; strike in their entirety lines 6 through 13, inclusive, and substitute:

“(B) A LAWYER APPOINTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL EXERCISE ORDINARY CARE AND DILIGENCE IN THE REPRESENTATION OF A MINOR CHILD.”;

and strike beginning with “is” in line 14 down through “enacted” in line 18 and substitute “shall take effect June 1, 2006”.