BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1106
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1
    On page 1, in line 13, after "rules;" insert "defining certain terms;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2
    On page 1, in line 18, after "(a)" insert:

    "(1)   In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

    (2)   "Child witness" means a witness who is a minor when the witness testifies in a criminal proceeding.

    (3)   "Facility dog" means a dog that has:

    (i)   graduated from a program of an assistance dog organization that trains dogs for the purpose of reducing stress in a child witness;

    (ii)   received 2 years of training;

    (iii)   passed the same public access test as a service dog; and

    (iv)   been teamed with a facility dog handler.

    (4)   "Facility dog handler" means a person who has received training on:

    (i)   offering the person's animal for assistance purposes from an organization accredited by Assistance Dogs International or an equivalent organization; and

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<u>(ii)</u>   <u>court protocol and policies, including the expected role of an animal assistance team and how not to interfere with evidence collection or the effective administration of justice.</u>

<u>(5)</u>   <u>"Therapy dog" means a dog that has:</u>

<u>(i)</u>   <u>received training to provide affection and comfort to children who need emotional support; and</u>

<u>(ii)</u>   <u>been teamed with a therapy dog handler.</u>

<u>(6)</u>   <u>"Therapy dog handler" means a person who has received training on:</u>

<u>(i)</u>   <u>offering the person's animal for assistance purposes from an organization that insures, registers, or certifies therapy dogs and their handlers; and</u>

<u>(ii)</u>   <u>court protocol and policies, including the expected role of an animal assistance team and how not to interfere with evidence collection or the effective administration of justice.</u>

<u>(b)</u>";

and in lines 20 and 23, strike "(b)" and "(c)", respectively, and substitute "<u>(c)</u>" and "<u>(d)</u>", respectively.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 6, inclusive; in lines 7 and 9, strike "(4)" and "(5)", respectively, and substitute "<u>(2)</u>" and "<u>(3)</u>", respectively; in lines 10 and 13, strike "(d)" and "(e)", respectively, and substitute "<u>(e)</u>" and "<u>(f)</u>", respectively; in line 8, after "therapy" insert "<u>dog and therapy dog handler</u>"; and in the same line, after "dog" insert "<u>and facility dog handler</u>".