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BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 428

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, strike beginning with "an" in line 7 down through "program" in line 9 and substitute "certain unrepresented parties to certain legal services organizations for assignment of counsel; requiring the court to appoint counsel for a party under certain circumstances"; and in line 11, strike "its designee" and substitute "to appointed counsel".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike beginning with the colon in line 16 down through "(1)" in line 17; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 19 down through "CONCEPTION" in line 26.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, in line 8, after "(1)" insert "(I)"; strike beginning with "PARTY" in line 8 down through "PROGRAM." in line 10 and substitute "PETITIONER TO THE SEXUAL ASSAULT LEGAL INSTITUTE FOR ASSIGNMENT OF COUNSEL.

(II) THE COURT SHALL REFER AN UNREPRESENTED RESPONDENT TO ANOTHER QUALIFIED GRANTEE OF THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF COUNSEL.

(III) IF COUNSEL FROM A DESIGNATED LEGAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE COURT SHALL APPOINT COUNSEL FOR THE PARTY.";

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and in lines 12 and 13, strike "OR ITS DESIGNEE" and substitute "OR TO APPOINTED COUNSEL".