



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5877**

LCO No. 1996



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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

REP. GONZALEZ, 3rd Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN A CHILD CUSTODY OR VISITATION CASE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That section 46b-54 of the general statutes be amended to provide
- 2 that the court shall not appoint a guardian ad litem in a child custody
- 3 or visitation case unless the Department of Children and Families has
- 4 confirmed through a formal investigatory process that the child has
- 5 been abused or neglected.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To limit the use of guardians ad litem in child custody or visitation cases to those cases in which the Department of Children and Families has confirmed, through a formal investigatory process, that the child has been abused or neglected.