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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the pilot program for attorneys ad litem for dependent children; amending s. 39.4086, F.S.; providing that the program be funded according to specific appropriation; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 39.4086, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.4086 Pilot program for attorneys ad litem for dependent children.--

(4) FUNDING.--The Office of the State Courts Administrator shall conduct the pilot program subject to the specific appropriation of funds.~~The sums of \$1,040,111 in recurring funds and \$48,674 in nonrecurring funds are appropriated from the General Revenue Fund and two full-time equivalent positions are authorized for Court Operations--Circuit Courts in the State Court System to operate the attorney ad litem pilot program in the Ninth Judicial Circuit and provide adequate guardian ad litem representation that is in the best interests of all children involved in the pilot program. The sum of \$696,798 in recurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund, and 14 full-time equivalent positions are authorized, for the circuit court budget to ensure best interests representation by the Guardian Ad Litem Program as part of the pilot program. The sum of \$75,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Supreme Court for the Office~~

1 ~~of the State Courts Administrator for the purpose of~~  
2 ~~evaluating the pilot program.~~

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
4 law.

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7 SENATE SUMMARY

8 Revises funding for the pilot program for attorneys ad  
9 litem for dependent children.

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