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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	_____	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
OTHER		

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Appropriations Committee
2 Representative Trabulsy offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 504-638 and insert:

Section 6. Subsection (11) of section 39.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.013 Procedures and jurisdiction; right to counsel; guardian ad litem.—

(11) The court shall appoint a guardian ad litem at the earliest possible time to represent a child throughout the proceedings, including any appeals. The guardian ad litem may represent the child in proceedings outside of the dependency case to secure the services and benefits that provide for the care, safety, and protection of the child ~~encourage the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office to provide greater~~

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17 ~~representation to those children who are within 1 year of~~
18 ~~transferring out of foster care.~~

19 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
20 39.01305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21 39.01305 Appointment of an attorney for a dependent child
22 with certain special needs.-

23 (1)

24 (b) The Legislature recognizes the existence of
25 organizations that provide attorney representation to children
26 in certain jurisdictions throughout the state. Further, the
27 Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office Program provides best
28 interest representation for dependent children in every
29 jurisdiction in accordance with state and federal law. The
30 Legislature, therefore, does not intend that funding provided
31 for representation under this section supplant proven and
32 existing organizations representing children. Instead, the
33 Legislature intends that funding provided for representation
34 under this section be an additional resource for the
35 representation of more children in these jurisdictions, to the
36 extent necessary to meet the requirements of this chapter, with
37 the cooperation of existing local organizations or through the
38 expansion of those organizations. The Legislature encourages the
39 expansion of pro bono representation for children. This section
40 is not intended to limit the ability of a pro bono attorney to
41 appear on behalf of a child.

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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

Remove lines 19-33 and insert:
secure certain services and benefits; amending s.
39.01305, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made
by the act;