

HCS HB 1404 -- GUARDIANS AD LITEM

SPONSOR: Byrd (Bishop)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 17 to 0.

Currently, the court in a child custody or dissolution proceeding may award the guardian ad litem's fees as a judgment by any party to the proceedings or by public funds. This substitute allows the court to issue a direct payment order to the parties for the guardian ad litem's fees.

FISCAL NOTE: Not available at time of printing.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill provides an alternative method for guardians ad litem to collect fees.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Bishop.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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