

SB 237 -- GUARDIANS AD LITEM

SPONSOR: Schaefer (Barnes)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill requires the Missouri Supreme Court standards from September 17, 1996, regarding representation of children by guardians ad litem to be updated.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is needed so that the court will not have to adopt the rules and standards as they existed in 1996 without any of the modifications that have occurred to the standards over the years.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kelly (24) for Senator Schaefer; Honorable Patricia Breckenridge, Missouri Supreme Court; Missouri Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and Partnership for Children.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.