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This bill specifies that if a party to a motion to modify a parenting plan has a duly appointed legal guardian at the time the plan is created, the plan must incorporate the specified authority of the guardian and be adopted by the court in an expressed written order in the dissolution decree.

If a parent requires a duly appointed legal guardian after the parenting plan is created and adopted by the court, the specified authority of the guardian must automatically be incorporated into the plan as if it were originally incorporated into the plan when it was created and adopted by the court.

A guardian who is awarded third-party joint custody of a child for oversight supervision of the safety, health, care, support, education, and welfare of that child must not be held financially responsible for the health, care, support, education and welfare, or treatment of the child.

The bill specifies that a duly appointed legal guardian of a parent of a child has authority to file and respond to specified motions without having to be represented by legal counsel, being guilty of the unauthorized practice of law, and having to file a motion to intervene or a motion to substitute. The guardian has the right to appear before the court for and on behalf of the parent in filing or responding to any such motion.

A duly appointed legal guardian of a parent of the child must be authorized and appointed by the court to supervise any visitations between the parent whom he or she is guardian of, and visitations between the child and the parent having a guardian must be authorized without the presence of the other parent provided that the guardian is present during the visit and supervises the visitation.

A duly appointed legal guardian must have the right and authority to intervene on behalf of the parent whom he or she is guardian of if the child is placed in a short-term or long-term facility for medical, psychiatric, psychological, or behavioral care, observation, or treatment and must have the right and authority to receive protected health information about the child upon providing the facility with the letters of guardianship. The facility is prohibited from restricting or preventing the guardian from exercising his or her rights or authority without first obtaining leave of court.

A parent having custody of a child or children who wishes to file a motion to amend the parenting plan, a dissolution decree, parental rights or custody, child support, or visitation plan must provide service of process upon the duly appointed legal guardian of a parent of the child as provided in the Missouri rules of civil procedure, and service of process must not be deemed served unless it has been served directly upon the guardian.