

2SHB 1219 - H AMD 279

By Representative Abbarno

NOT ADOPTED 03/02/2021

1 On page 10, line 29, after "child" insert "age 12 or older"

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3 On page 10, beginning on line 30, after "proceeding" strike all
4 material through "hearing" on page 11, line 9 and insert ".
5 Appointment must be made at the same time that counsel is appointed
6 for the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian. If no
7 appointment of counsel is made for the child's parent, guardian, or
8 legal custodian, then appointment must be made at or before the
9 commencement of the shelter care hearing"

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11 On page 13, line 32, after "of" strike "eight" and insert "12"

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EFFECT: Strikes provisions for phased-in appointment of counsel for all children and instead provides for mandatory appointment of counsel for children age 12 or older. Specifies that appointment of an attorney for a child pursuant to this new requirement must be made at the same time that counsel is appointed for the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian, and otherwise at the commencement of the shelter care hearing. Requests the Children's Representation Workgroup to review research and best practices regarding representation of legal interests of children under the age of 12, instead of children under the age of 8.

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