

**Bill No.:** SF0120 **Effective:** 7/1/2020 12:00:00 AM

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**Enrolled Act No.:** SEA No. 0041

**Chapter No.:** 122

**Prime Sponsor:** Kost

**Catch Title:** Office of guardian ad litem-2.

**Subject:** Establishing a separate and independent Office of Guardian ad Litem.

**Summary/Major Elements:**

- The Guardian ad Litem Program provides legal representation as guardians ad litem in child-protection cases, delinquency cases, children-in-need-of-supervision cases and termination-of-parental-rights cases, among others. The Program is currently administered through the Office of the State Public Defender.
- The act establishes the Office of Guardian ad Litem as a separate state agency. The Governor is required to appoint a director of the Office, which will assume the duties of the Guardian ad Litem Program on July 1, 2020.
- The act transfers all unexpired contracts, agreements, positions and unobligated funds of the Guardian ad Litem Program to the newly created Office.
- The act provides that the Program's rules remain in place until the Office of Guardian ad Litem promulgates rules for the Office.

**Comments:**

- The act creates the Office of Guardian ad Litem by moving the Guardian ad Litem Program from the Office of the State Public Defender.

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