

HB 717 -- GUARDIAN AD LITEMS

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Currently, in every case involving an abused or neglected child which results in a judicial proceeding, the judge must appoint a guardian ad litem to appear and represent the child or specified parents. This bill specifies that the judge must petition the public administrator to appoint a guardian ad litem.

Currently, in all proceedings for child custody or for dissolution of marriage or legal separation where custody, visitation, or support of a child is a contested issue and in which child abuse or neglect is alleged, the court must appoint a guardian ad litem. The bill requires the court to petition the public administrator to appoint a guardian ad litem.