

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE
Room 25, House Office Building
February 17, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Paul Ray, Chair
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove
Rep. Bradley M. Daw
Rep. Daniel McCay
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove
Rep. Dean Sanpei
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Evan J. Vickers, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst
Ms. RuthAnne Frost, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Linda Black, House Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

H.B. 357 Guardian Ad Litem Amendments (*Rep. L. Christensen*)

Rep. Christensen presented the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 1, Line 10:

10 { ~~78A~~ **78B**, Chapter 7, ~~Justice Court~~ **Protective Orders**, and Title
78B, Chapter 15, Utah Uniform Parentage Act,

2. Page 9, Lines 268 through 269:

268 attorney guardian ad litem.

(18) Any savings that result from assigning a private attorney guardian ad litem in a district court case, instead of a guardian ad litem from the Office of Guardian ad Litem, shall be applied to the Office of Guardian ad Litem to reduce caseloads and improve current practices.

269 Section 5. Section **78B-3-102** is amended to read:

3. Page 14, Lines 409 through 410:

409 (4) The court may appoint [an] a private attorney guardian ad litem { ~~as provided~~
~~in~~ } **under**

410 ~~Section 78A-2-228~~ { }, **for district court cases, or the Office of Guardian ad Litem for juvenile court cases under Section 78A-6-902,** for the child who is the subject of the petition.

The motion passed unanimously.

Spoke to the bill: Mr. Rick Smith, Director, Office of Guardian ad Litem

Spoke in favor of the bill: Ms. Laura Bunker, United Families of Utah
Ms. Gayle Ruzika, Utah Eagle Forum
Mr. Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute

MOTION: Rep. Menlove moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed, with Rep. Chavez-Houck and Rep. Cosgrove voting in opposition. Rep. Daw was absent for the vote.

1st Sub. H.B. 308 Parental Rights of Biological Fathers *(Rep. C. Watkins)*

Rep. Watkins presented the bill to the committee.

Rep. Watkins moved to replace H.B. 308 with 1st Substitute H.B. 308. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Cosgrove and Rep. Daw absent for the vote.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Ms. Heidi Strickland
Mr. Dan Deuel, American Parental Action League and Weber 9-12 Project

Spoke in opposition to the bill: Mr. Fred Riley
Mr Kevin Broadbent, President-elect, Utah Adoption Council

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to table the bill.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Cosgrove moved to hold the bill. The motion passed, with Rep. Daw, Rep. Menlove, and Rep. Sanpei voting in opposition.

H.B. 272 Pilot Program for Coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorders *(Rep. R. Menlove)*

Rep. Menlove presented the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Menlove moved to replace H.B. 272 with 3rd Substitute H.B. 272. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. McCay and Rep. Watkins absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Menlove moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 11, Lines 319 through 320:*

319 (i) diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder by a physician or qualified mental health
320 professional, and the development of a treatment plan; **and**

2. *Page 11, Line 327:*

327 (d) a \$250 annual deductible that is separate from the annual medical
deductible; **and** —

The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. McCay and Rep. Watkins absent for the vote.

Spoke to the bill: Mr. Travis Wood, Utah Health Plan
 Mr. Chet Loftis, Public Employees Health Plan
 Mr. Paul Smith, Department of Human Services

Spoke in favor
of the bill: Ms. Joyce Dolcourt, People with Disabilities
 Ms. Laura Anderson, Autism Council of Utah
 Ms. Amy Peters
 Ms. Tammy Pyfer, Utah State University
 Ms. Cheryl Bell
 Ms. Kristen Chapman, Grassroots Advocacy Partnership

MOTION: Rep. Sanpei moved to pass the bill out favorably as substituted and amended. The motion passed, with Rep. McCay voting in opposition.

MOTION: Rep. Cosgrove moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Rep. Paul Ray, Chair