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Section

- 1 , 3** **Guardian ad litem (GAL).** Allow the court to appoint a guardian ad litem within the district in cases where the guardian ad litem’s program manager filed the delinquency or CHIPS petition.
- 2 ,4** **Guardian ad litem fees.** Clarify that language refers to “guardian ad litem” and not “guardians,” which is another defined term in statute.
- 5** **Structure; membership.** Provides that the members of the board, rather than the Supreme Court, shall elect a chair for the GAL board.
- 6** **Duties and responsibilities.** Adds language to clarify that a guardian ad litem maybe a “volunteer or employee.”
- 7** **Permissive appointment of GAL.** Strikes an obsolete reference to a panel no longer used since the creation of the GAL board.
- 8** **Fees.** Strikes statutory language referencing items decided at the board or program level.