

1 **SHB 2640 - H AMDS 201 ADOPTED 2-13-96**

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3 On page 6, line 23, after "counsel" insert ", and to be held  
4 without a guardian ad litem for the child under RCW 4.08.050"

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7 On page 9, after line 21, insert the following:

8 "**Sec. 8.** RCW 4.08.050 and 1992 c 111 s 9 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 Except as provided under RCW 26.50.020 and RCW 28A.225.035,  
11 when an infant is a party he or she shall appear by guardian, or if  
12 he or she has no guardian, or in the opinion of the court the  
13 guardian is an improper person, the court shall appoint one to act.  
14 Said guardian shall be appointed as follows:

15 (1) When the infant is plaintiff, upon the application of the  
16 infant, if he or she be of the age of fourteen years, or if under  
17 that age, upon the application of a relative or friend of the  
18 infant.

19 (2) When the infant is defendant, upon the application of the  
20 infant, if he or she be of the age of fourteen years, and applies  
21 within thirty days after the service of the summons; if he or she  
22 be under the age of fourteen, or neglects to apply, then upon the  
23 application of any other party to the action, or of a relative or  
24 friend of the infant."

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26 Renumber remaining sections, correct internal references, and  
27 correct the title accordingly.

**EFFECT:** Makes the appointment of a guardian ad litem  
discretionary for the first truancy petition hearing.