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Sponsor(s): Senators Hargrove, Stevens and Rasmussen

Brief Description: Authorizing appointment of expert evaluators in proceedings involving child dependency or termination of parental rights.

**SB 6589 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Authorizes the fact-finder to order expert evaluations of parties. Expert evaluations shall be performed by appointed evaluators who are mutually agreed upon by the court, the state, and parents' counsel, and, if the child is to be evaluated, by counsel for the child. If no agreement can be reached, the court shall select the expert evaluator.