

HB 1251-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Gives a child the right to be represented by counsel at all stages of a proceeding in which the child is alleged to be dependent.

Requires the court to appoint an attorney for a child in a dependency proceeding six months after granting a petition to terminate the parent and child relationship and when there is no remaining parent with parental rights.

Provides a schedule for phase in of court appointment of an attorney for every child over the age of two in a dependency proceeding.