

H.B. 23

OFFICE OF CHILD WELFARE PARENTAL DEFENSE AMENDMENTS

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 2

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Representative **Wayne A. Harper** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Lines 19 through 20:*

19 ▶ provides that the Office of Child Welfare Parental Defense may enter into a contract
20 for the provision of assistance, advice, and training to parental defense attorneys;

▶ provides that the Office of Child Welfare Parental Defense may enter into contracts with parental defense attorneys to provide services to indigent parents who are the subject of a petition alleging abuse, neglect, or dependency;

▶ provides that payment for an attorney described in the preceding paragraph shall be made from the Child Welfare Parental Defense Fund;

2. *Page 2, Line 38:*

38 63A-11-105, as enacted by Chapter 356, Laws of Utah 2004

= 63A-11-201, as enacted by Chapter 356, Laws of Utah 2004

3. *Page 4, Lines 91 through 92:*

91 (3) The office may develop and enter into contracts with attorneys authorized to
92 practice law in the state, as independent contractors, to serve as parental defense attorneys.

Section 4. Section 63A-11-201 is amended to read:

63A-11-201. Child welfare parental defense contracts -- Qualifications.

(1) The office ~~{shall}~~ may enter into contracts with qualified parental defense attorneys to provide services for an indigent parent or parents who are the subject of a petition alleging abuse, neglect, or dependency, and will require a parental defense attorney pursuant to Section 78-3a-913.

(2) Payment for the representation, costs, and expenses of ~~{legal defense counsel}~~ a contracted parental defense attorney shall be made from the Child Welfare Parental Defense Fund as provided in Section 63A-11-203.

(3) The parental defense attorney shall maintain the minimum qualifications as provided by this chapter.

Renumber remaining sections accordingly.