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HOUSE BILL NO. 1990

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice

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(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Herring)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 16.1-268 of the Code of Virginia, relating to juvenile and domestic relations district courts; appointment of counsel or guardian ad litem; appeals.

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 16.1-268 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 16.1-268. Order of appointment.**

The order of appointment of counsel or a guardian ad litem or both pursuant to § 16.1-266 shall be filed with and become a part of the record of such proceeding. ~~The~~ Any attorney so appointed shall represent the child or parent, guardian, or other adult at any such hearing and at all other stages of the proceeding unless relieved or replaced in the manner provided by law. Any attorney appointed to represent the child or parent, guardian, or other adult pursuant to this section may continue to represent such child or parent, guardian, or other adult upon appeal to the circuit court unless relieved or replaced in the manner provided by law.

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