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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Stevens and Rasmussen)

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

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Authorizes the court 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.