

(a) In an action in which custody, visitation rights, or the amount of support of a minor child is contested, the court may:

(1) (i) appoint a lawyer who shall serve as a child advocate attorney to represent the minor child and who may not represent any party to the action; or

(ii) appoint a lawyer who shall serve as a best interest attorney to represent the minor child and who may not represent any party to the action; and

(2) impose COUNSEL FEES against [either or both parents counsel fees] ONE OR MORE PARTIES TO THE ACTION.

(b) A lawyer appointed under this section shall exercise ordinary care and diligence in the representation of a minor child.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2008.

CHAPTER 489

(House Bill 199)

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools - ~~Bullying and Cyber-Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation~~ - Policy and Disciplinary Standards

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to ~~establish~~ develop a certain model policy prohibiting ~~bullying and cyber-bullying~~ bullying, harassment, and intimidation in schools; requiring that the model policy include certain information; requiring the State Board to develop a certain student awareness campaign; requiring the State Board to develop a certain set of model standards for investigating certain complaints and disciplining certain individuals; requiring certain model standards to include certain requirements; requiring certain county boards of education to establish certain local standards concerning bullying based on certain State model standards policies prohibiting bullying, harassment, and intimidation in schools based on the model policy; requiring certain county boards to publicize certain policies in certain publications and certain locations; requiring certain county boards to develop