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AMENDMENT MEMO

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Senate Bill 92 creates a training requirement for proposed guardians. Specifically, the bill requires that a proposed guardian receive training on specified topics before the final hearing for a permanent guardianship of a person or a person's estate. Under the bill, a proposed guardian must submit a sworn and notarized statement to the court that the proposed guardian has completed the training requirements. The following types of guardians are exempt from the bill's training requirement:

- A guardian who is an entity regulated by the Department of Health Services (DHS).
- A volunteer guardian who has completed the training requirements with regard to a prior ward.
- A proposed guardian of a minor's person or estate.

The bill also requires DHS to award a grant to an organization that meets certain criteria, such as having expertise in state guardianship law, to develop, administer, and conduct the training. An organization awarded the grant must develop plain language, web-based, online training modules that can be accessed for free, with printed versions available for free upon request. The grantee must develop the training content and implement the program within one year after the bill's effective date.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 clarifies the types of guardians of a minor's person to whom the training requirements do not apply.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Jacque offered Senate Amendment 1 on March 15, 2021. On March 16, 2021, the Senate adopted the amendment and passed the bill, as amended, on voice votes.

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