



**SENATE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE BILL 504**

February 12, 2014 – Offered by Senator HARRIS.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 3, line 7: after “excuse.” insert “If the court finds that a parent’s
3 conduct in failing to appear in person as ordered was egregious and without clear and
4 justifiable excuse, the court may not hold a dispositional hearing on the contested
5 adoption or involuntary termination of parental rights until at least 10 days have
6 elapsed since the date of that finding. At the conclusion of the dispositional hearing,
7 the court may discharge counsel based on the presumption described in this
8 subdivision and grant a default judgment approving the contested adoption or
9 involuntary termination of parental rights. If a default judgment is granted, the
10 parent may move the court to vacate or reconsider the default judgment as provided
11 in s. 806.07 or appeal the default judgment under s. 808.03 (1).”.

12 **2.** Page 3, line 8: delete lines 8 to 12 and substitute:

13 **“SECTION 5m.** 48.424 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

