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Short Title: Guardian Ad Litem Clarification.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A  
GUARDIAN AD LITEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-289.29 is amended by adding the following new subsections:

"(c) In proceedings under this Article, the appointment of a guardian ad litem shall not be required except, as provided above, in cases in which an answer is filed denying material allegations, or as required under G.S. 7A-289.23; but the court may, in its discretion, appoint a guardian ad litem for a child, either before or after determining the existence of grounds for termination of parental rights, in order to assist the court in determining the best interests of the child.

(d) If a guardian ad litem has previously been appointed for the child under G.S. 7A-586, and the appointment of a guardian ad litem could also be made under this section, the guardian ad litem appointed under G.S. 7A-586, and any attorney appointed to assist that guardian, shall also represent the child in all proceedings under this Article and shall have the duties and payment of a guardian ad litem appointed under this section, unless the court determines that the best interests of the child require otherwise."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.