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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the compensation of a guardian ad litem in a contempt action.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cynthia S. Creem	*First Middlesex and Norfolk*

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 744) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation relative to the appointment of GAL to institute contempt proceedings. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *694* OF 2013-2014.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to the compensation of a guardian ad litem in a contempt action.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 215 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking section 56B and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 56B. Any judge of the probate and family court may appoint a guardian ad litem to institute contempt proceedings under the provisions of section thirty-four A against any party for failure to obey judgments of the probate and family court involving care, custody or maintenance of minor children, and said guardian ad litem may personally serve throughout the commonwealth any summons or capias incidental to the enforcement of this section. The compensation of such guardian ad litem together with any expenses shall be determined by the court and be paid by the defendant or by the commonwealth as the court may order, upon

10 certification by the judge to the state treasurer. The state police, local police and probation

11 officers shall assist the guardian ad litem so appointed, upon his request.