HOUSE FILE 2219
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 705)
(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 242)

(As Amended and Passed by the House February 24, 2020)
ALL New Language by the House

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the responsibilities of a guardian ad litem for a minor child.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 232.2, subsection 22, paragraph b, Code 2020, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (8) Filing a report with the court prior to any dispositional hearing, permanency hearing, or review hearing which shall include all of the following:

(a) The nature and number of contacts the guardian ad litem has had with the child and with other persons involved with the child's case since the last hearing.

(b) Information about the child's education, health, and well-being.

(c) The guardian ad litem's position on issues to be addressed in the hearing, including but not limited to legal custody, placement, visitation, and the case plan; and the child's wishes and requests.

(d) Whether there is a conflict between the child's wishes and the guardian ad litem's position.

(e) Any other information related to the best interest of the child.