

Amendment to SB 489

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

2

3 3 Duties.

4 I. The committee shall:

5 (a) Define parental alienation and identify its characteristics.

6 (b) Examine the causes, costs, and effects of parental alienation, including but not  
7 limited to the effects on minor children, the effects on adult children, and the secondary effects of  
8 parental alienation.

9 (c) Examine the relationship between parental alienation and domestic abuse, violent  
10 crime, substance abuse, and mental illness.

11 (d) Examine the role of the courts, including guardians ad litem, in cases involving  
12 parental alienation.

13 (e) Study the treatment of parental alienation, both for the perpetrators and the  
14 victims.

15 (f) Examine what, if any, preventative measures should be implemented.

16 (g) Study any other related matters it deems appropriate.

17 II. The committee may seek information from doctors, psychologists, sociologists, judges,  
18 victims, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and any other body or individual with  
19 relevant information.