

COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 124 of 2024

722.2007 Appointment of CASA volunteer by the court; memorandum of understanding.

Sec. 7.

(1) A court may appoint a CASA volunteer in a proceeding brought under section 2 or 19b of chapter XIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2 and 712A.19b, when, in the court's opinion, a child who may be affected by the proceeding requires services that a CASA volunteer can provide and the court finds that appointing a CASA volunteer is in the best interests of the child.

(2) A CASA volunteer must be appointed according to a court order. The court order must specify the CASA volunteer as a friend of the court acting on the court's authority. The CASA volunteer acting as a friend of the court shall offer as evidence a written report with recommendations consistent with the best interests of the child, subject to all pertinent objections.

(3) A memorandum of understanding between a court and a CASA program is required in a county in which a CASA program is established. The memorandum of understanding must set forth the roles and responsibilities of the CASA volunteer.

(4) The CASA volunteer's appointment ends when 1 of the following occurs:

- (a) When the court's jurisdiction over the CASA child ends.
- (b) Upon discharge by the court on its own or another party's motion.
- (c) With the approval of the court, at the request of the program director.

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