
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2023 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 137
by Senator Barrow

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, delete "Child Advocacy" and insert "the State Child Ombudsman"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 4, delete "Child Advocacy" and insert "the State Child Ombudsman"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, line 5, delete "advocate" and insert "ombudsman"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 4

8 On page 1, line 7, after "Law;" insert "to provide for legislative review;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 5

10 On page 2, line 2, delete "**Child Advocacy**" and insert "**the State Child Ombudsman**"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 6

12 On page 2, line 12, delete "**advocate**" and insert "**ombudsman**"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 7

14 On page 2, line 26, delete "**Child Advocacy**" and insert "**the State Child Ombudsman**"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 8

16 On page 2, line 27, delete "**Child Advocacy**" and insert "**the State Child Ombudsman**"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 9

18 On page 2, line 27, after "**created,**" insert "**subject to the appropriation of funds by the**
19 **legislature,**"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 10

21 On page 2, line 29, after "**children**" insert "**and delivery of services to children**"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 11

23 On page 3, line 3, after "**awareness,**" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 4 and
24 insert "**and training.**"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 12

26 On page 3, line 5, delete "**Child Advocacy**" and insert "**the State Child Ombudsman**"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 13

28 On page 3, line 6, delete "**advocate. The state child advocate**" and insert "**ombudsman.**
29 **The state child ombudsman**"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 14

2 On page 3, line 9, delete "**advocate**" and insert "**ombudsman**"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 15

4 On page 3, line 11, delete "**advocate**" and insert "**ombudsman**"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 16

6 On page 3, line 15, delete "**Child Advocacy and the state child advocate**" and insert "**the**
7 **State Child Ombudsman and the state child ombudsman**"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 17

9 On page 3, line 17, delete "**advocate**" and insert "**ombudsman**"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 18

11 On page 3, line 18, delete "**Child Advocacy**" and insert "**the State Child Ombudsman**"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 19

13 On page 3, line 19, delete "**advocate**" and insert "**ombudsman**"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 20

15 On page 3, line 20, delete "**advocate**" and insert "**ombudsman**"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 21

17 On page 3, line 21, delete "**Child Advocacy**" and insert "**the State Child Ombudsman**"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 22

19 On page 4, line 3, delete "**investigate**" and insert "**coordinate**"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 23

21 On page 4, line 4, delete "**Child Advocacy**" and insert "**the State Child Ombudsman**"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 24

23 On page 4, line 7, delete "**Provide support to**" and insert "**Act as a liaison for**"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 25

25 On page 4, line 11, delete "**juvenile**" and insert "**child**"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 26

27 On page 4, line 16, after "**(7)**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**Conduct**"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 27

29 On page 4, line 17, after "**education,**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**undertake**
30 **legislative advocacy, and make**"

31 AMENDMENT NO. 28

1 On page 4, line 20, after "**review**" delete the remainder of the line and on line 21 delete
2 "**care or permanent care facility**"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 29

4 On page 4, line 26, delete "**Child Advocacy**" and insert "**the State Child Ombudsman**"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 30

6 On page 5, line 1, delete "**or correctional confinement**"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 31

8 On page 5, line 3, delete "**Child Advocacy**" and insert "**the State Child Ombudsman**"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 32

10 On page 5, delete lines 6 through 10 and insert the following:

11 **"F.(1) A state agency contacted by the Office of the State Child**
12 **Ombudsman, pursuant to the duties and responsibilities provided for in**
13 **this Section, shall submit a written acknowledgment and, if appropriate,**
14 **an anticipated plan of action and regular status updates to the state child**
15 **ombudsman."**

16 AMENDMENT NO. 33

17 On page 5, delete lines 12 and 13 and insert "**children shall provide monthly notice to the**
18 **state child ombudsman of the death of a child in its custody or care."**

19 AMENDMENT NO. 34

20 On page 5, line 15, delete "**advocate**" and insert "**ombudsman**"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 35

22 On page 5, line 18, delete "**advocate**" and insert "**ombudsman**"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 36

24 On page 5, at the beginning of line 19, insert "**business**"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 37

26 On page 5, line 21, delete "**advocate**" and insert "**ombudsman**"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 38

28 On page 5, line 24, delete "**advocate**" and insert "**ombudsman**"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 39

30 On page 5, delete line 28, and insert "**H. The state child ombudsman may apply for and**
31 **accept grants, donations, and**"

32 AMENDMENT NO. 40

33 On page 6, line 2, delete "**Child Advocacy**" and insert "**the State Child Ombudsman**"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 41

2 On page 6, line 5, delete "Child Advocacy" and insert "the State Child Ombudsman"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 42

4 On page 6, line 7, delete "advocate" and insert "ombudsman"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 43

6 On page 6, line 11, delete "advocate" and insert "ombudsman"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 44

8 On page 6, line 12, after "interest" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 13
9 through 17 and insert the following:

10 "and the disclosure does not violate existing state or federal
11 confidentiality laws. The state child ombudsman may disclose the"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 45

13 On page 6, at the end of line 21, delete "who" and delete line 22 and insert "solely on the
14 basis that the employee in good faith made a complaint to the state child ombudsman
15 or cooperated with"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 46

17 On page 6, line 23, delete "Child Advocacy" and insert "the State Child Ombudsman"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 47

19 On page 6, after line 23, insert the following:

20 "K. The standing committee of each house of the legislature
21 having responsibility for oversight shall perform a biennial review and
22 evaluation of the Office of the State Child Ombudsman, the position of
23 state child ombudsman, and the provisions of this Section."