



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 561

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 898

Senate, April 28, 2005

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. MCDONALD of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE CHILD FATALITY REVIEW PANEL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 46a-13l of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (b) There is established a child fatality review panel composed of
5 [seven] eleven permanent members as follows: [A] The Child
6 Advocate, or a designee; the Commissioners of Children and Families,
7 Public Health and Public Safety, or their designees; the Chief Medical
8 Examiner, or a designee; the Chief State's Attorney, or a designee; a
9 pediatrician, appointed by the Governor; a representative of law
10 enforcement, appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
11 [the Child Advocate, or a designee; a public child welfare practitioner]
12 a social work professional, appointed by the minority leader of the
13 Senate; a representative of a community service group appointed by

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill increases the membership of the child fatality review panel from 7 members to 11. Currently the members aren't reimbursed for necessary expenses, hence there will be no fiscal impact to increasing the membership of the panel.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

By adding the chief medical examiner, commissioners of the departments of Children and Families, Public Health, and Public Safety, or their designees, this bill increases, from seven to 11, the number of permanent Child Fatality Review Board members. It substitutes a social work professional (appointed by the Senate minority leader) and an injury prevention representative (appointed by the House minority leader) for the current public child welfare practitioner and medical examiner slots, respectively.

It also increases, from two to three, the number of temporary experts or interested parties the panel can select to review a specific death.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 12 Nay 0

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 17 Nay 0

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 40 Nay 0