



Senate

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General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 898
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 27, 2005

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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] thirteen 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 an attorney, appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; a social
13 work professional, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; a
14 representative of a community service group appointed by the speaker
15 of the House of Representatives; [a medical examiner] a psychologist,

16 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; and
 17 an injury prevention representative, appointed by the minority leader
 18 of the House of Representatives. [; and the Chief State's Attorney, or a
 19 designee.] A majority of the panel may select not more than [two] three
 20 additional temporary members with particular expertise or interest to
 21 serve on the [review of a specific fatality] panel. Such temporary
 22 members shall have the same duties and powers as the permanent
 23 members of the panel. The chairperson shall be elected from among
 24 the panel's permanent members. The panel shall, to the greatest extent
 25 possible, reflect the ethnic, cultural and geographic diversity of the
 26 state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	46a-131(b)

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

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

House "A" increases the membership of the child fatality review panel to 13 members.

OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 898 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE CHILD FATALITY REVIEW PANEL**SUMMARY:**

By adding the chief medical examiner; an attorney; a psychologist; and the commissioners of the departments of Children and Families, Public Health, and Public Safety, or their designees, this bill increases, from seven to 13, 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. The Senate majority leader appoints the attorney; the House majority leader appoints the psychologist.

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

*House Amendment "A" adds the attorney and psychologist appointees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

The House referred the bill (File 561) to the Government Administration and Election and Legislative Management Committees on May 10 and May 17, respectively. The committees reported the bill favorably on May 11 and May 23, respectively.

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 Report

Yea 40 Nay 0

Government Administration & Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 18 Nay 0

Legislative Management Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 25 Nay 0