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House Bill No. 5580

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. CARUSO of the 126th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHILD POVERTY COUNCIL.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 4-67x of the 2006 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) There shall be a Child Poverty Council consisting of the
5 following members or their designees: The Secretary of the Office of
6 Policy and Management, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the
7 speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the
8 Senate and the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the
9 Commissioners of Children and Families, Social Services, Correction,
10 Mental Retardation, Mental Health and Addiction Services,
11 Transportation, Public Health, Education, Economic and Community
12 Development and Health Care Access, the Labor Commissioner, the
13 Chairman of the Board of Governors for Higher Education, the Child

14 Advocate, the chairperson of the State Prevention Council, the
 15 chairperson of the Children's Trust Fund and the executive directors of
 16 the Commission on Children and the Commission on Human Rights
 17 and Opportunities. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and
 18 Management, or the secretary's designee, shall be the chairperson of
 19 the council. If, at any time, any member or member's designee is
 20 unavailable to serve on the council, such member may have an
 21 alternate serve on the member's behalf, except that the chairperson of
 22 the council shall not be an alternate. The council shall develop a ten-
 23 year plan, to begin June 8, 2004, to reduce the number of children
 24 living in poverty in the state by fifty per cent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4-67x(a)

GAE *Joint Favorable*

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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill permits members of the Child Poverty Council, or their designees, to have alternates serve on the council, which results in no fiscal impact to these agencies.

The Out Years

There is no out year fiscal impact.

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHILD
POVERTY COUNCIL.***

SUMMARY:

This bill allows members of the Child Poverty Council, or their designees, to have alternates serve on their behalf if at any time they are unable to serve. It prohibits the council's chairperson from serving as an alternate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Child Poverty Council

PA 04-238 established the Child Poverty Council composed of legislative leaders, the Office of Policy and Management secretary, executive agency heads, and other state officials to develop a 10-year plan to reduce by 50% the number of children living in poverty in Connecticut. The council submitted the initial plan to various legislative committees in January 2005 and must report annually on its implementation. It terminates on June 30, 2015.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/14/2006)