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**Proposed Bill No. 306**

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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
SEN. FASANO, 34th Dist.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OMBUDSMAN.***

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to designate an independent
- 2 ombudsman to receive and review complaints and grievances from
- 3 children under the care and custody of the Department of Children
- 4 and Families. The ombudsman shall maintain a record of complaints
- 5 including the a description of any investigation, findings,
- 6 recommendations and agency responses that shall be made available
- 7 to the Child Advocate and, when appropriate, the Connecticut Juvenile
- 8 Training School advisory group.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish an independent Department of Children and Families ombudsman to give children in the care and custody of the department an avenue to have any complaints or grievances heard, reviewed and addressed.