



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 396

LCO No. 2659



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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
SEN. FASANO, 34th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD FATALITY REVIEW PROCEDURES.

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

1 (a) That the general statutes be amended to (1) transfer authority for
2 conducting child fatality reviews upon the death of a child that has
3 had any past or present involvement with the Department of Children
4 and Families to the Office of the Child Advocate, (2) require the Office
5 of the Child Advocate to include in any review an assessment of all
6 internal Department of Children and Families processes with all staff
7 members that participated in any way in the child's case, and (3)
8 require the Office of the Child Advocate to submit an annual report on
9 preventable child deaths and, within four weeks of submitting such
10 report, hold a public hearing in coordination with the Department of
11 Children and Families and the joint standing committee of the General
12 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children.

13 (b) That sufficient funds be appropriated to the Office of the Child
14 Advocate, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
15 2018, for the hiring of staff to conduct such reviews.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for an independent review of fatalities involving children with Department of Children and Families involvement, promote a more transparent review process and ensure a public discussion of findings and recommendations.