



General Assembly

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Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 396

File No. 80

Cal. No. 82

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHILD FATALITY REVIEW PANEL."

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- 1 In line 39, bracket "or designate a person to serve"
 - 2 In line 40, after "section" insert ", except that if the Child Advocate
3 cannot attend a meeting of such panel, the Child Advocate may
4 designate a representative of the Office of the Child Advocate to attend
5 such meeting on the Child Advocate's behalf"
 - 6 In line 66, bracket "three" and after the closing bracket insert "five"
 - 7 In line 69, bracket "chairperson" and after the closing bracket insert
8 "chairpersons", and before "elected" strike the opening bracket and
9 insert "(1) one person" in lieu thereof
 - 10 In line 70, after "members" strike the closing bracket and insert ",
11 who shall not be a state officer or employee, and (2)"
 - 12 In line 82, after "thereafter," insert "the Child Advocate, in
13 consultation with" and after "panel" insert ","

14 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
15 internal references accordingly:

16 "Sec. 501. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 46a-13m of the general
17 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
18 (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

19 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes
20 concerning the confidentiality of records and information, the Child
21 Advocate shall have access to, including the right to inspect and copy,
22 any records necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the Child
23 Advocate as provided in [subsection (a) of] section 46a-13l, as
24 amended by this act. If the Child Advocate is denied access to any
25 records necessary to carry out said responsibilities, [he] the Child
26 Advocate may issue a subpoena for the production of such records as
27 provided in subsection (c) of this section.

28 (b) In the performance of [his] the Child Advocate's responsibilities
29 under [subsection (a) of] section 46a-13l, as amended by this act, the
30 Child Advocate may communicate privately with any child or person
31 who has received, is receiving or should have received services from
32 the state. Such communications shall be confidential and not be subject
33 to disclosure except as provided in subsection (a) of section 46a-13n."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	46a-13m(a) and (b)