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sSB-308

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Governmental Accountability, Off.	GF - Cost	16,834	16,834

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill makes changes to statutes related to the Office of the Child Advocate. The bill establishes a reappointment process and sets a minimum salary for the Child Advocate which results in a cost of \$16,834 to adjust the current salary.

The \$16,834 increase is based on an adjustment of the Child Advocate's current salary to meet the minimum salary established in the bill. The bill specifies that the Child Advocate cannot receive a salary less than that of a family support magistrate. State statute 46b-231 sets the minimum salary for a family support magistrate at \$143,060. The current salary of the Child Advocate (\$126,226) will need to be increased by \$16,834 to meet this requirement.

The bill also increases the age limit for which the Child Advocate must report confinement conditions, requires the Child Advocate to present biannually to an advisory committee, extends whistleblower protections in existing law, and places a 14-day limit for which requested records shall be provided to the Child Advocate. These

components of the bill are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

Sources: Core-CT Financial Accounting System