
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 1008

***AN ACT CONCERNING LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR CHILDREN
IN CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.***

SUMMARY

In child abuse or neglect cases in Superior Court, existing law requires the chief public defender's office to assign counsel to represent the child and act solely as the child's attorney. If there is an immediate need for the appointment during a court proceeding, the court must appoint such counsel.

This bill requires the child's appointed or assigned counsel, whichever the case may be, to continue representing the child for the duration of the court proceedings.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Change of Reference - APP
Yea 19 Nay 0 (02/24/2023)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 52 Nay 0 (04/20/2023)