



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1008

LCO No. 3481



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

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

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of section 46b-129a of
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

4 (2) (A) A child shall be represented by counsel knowledgeable about
5 representing such children who shall be assigned to represent the child
6 by the office of Chief Public Defender, or appointed by the court if
7 there is an immediate need for the appointment of counsel during a
8 court proceeding. Such assignment or appointment shall continue for
9 the duration of any such proceeding under section 46b-129. If the
10 child's parent or guardian has been accused by a competent witness of
11 abusing the child, or of causing the child to be neglected or uncared
12 for, upon the assignment or appointment of counsel, such counsel shall
13 be granted immediate access to (i) records relating to the child,
14 including, but not limited to, Department of Social Services records
15 and medical, mental health and substance abuse treatment, law
16 enforcement and educational records, without the necessity of securing

