



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5383

House of Representatives, April 18, 2024

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. STAFSTROM of the 129th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING A REVIEW OF STATE AGENCY PRACTICES
AND PROCEDURES IN CERTAIN GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2025, the
2 Office of the Child Advocate shall review state agency practices and
3 procedures for ensuring the care and protection of minors in Probate
4 Court guardianship proceedings, and submit a report, in accordance
5 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
6 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
7 matters relating to children and the judiciary concerning the adequacy
8 of such practices and procedures. Such report shall include, but not be
9 limited to, an analysis of the (1) statutory requirements applicable to
10 such proceedings, (2) applicable court rules and policies and quality
11 assurance measures, (3) practices, procedures and quality assurance
12 framework applicable to the work of the Department of Children and
13 Families in Probate Court matters, (4) training and contractual
14 expectations for counsel assigned to minors and guardians ad litem in

15 Probate Court guardianship matters, and (5) practices and procedures
16 for providing guardianship subsidies to eligible recipients by the
17 Department of Social Services and the quality assurance framework
18 applicable to the administration of such benefits.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

This bill requires that the Office of the Child Advocate review and submit a report on the care and protection of minors during probate court proceedings and results in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/12/2024)

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 35 Nay 0 (04/05/2024)