



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5383**

February Session, 2024



**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.*