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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 6183**

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill transfers, from the governor to the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) advisory committee, the authority to appoint the child advocate. As under existing law, the appointed nominee is then subject to approval by the General Assembly.

In current law, following a vacancy in the Child Advocate position, OCA's advisory committee gives the governor a list of three to five candidates from which to choose.

Under existing law, if the General Assembly is not in session, the designated candidate serves as acting child advocate until the General Assembly meets to vote on the appointment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***OCA Advisory Committee***

By law, OCA's advisory committee consists of seven members appointed by the governor, Senate president pro tempore, House speaker, and House and Senate majority and minority leaders. Each committee member serves a five-year term, at which point, they can be reappointed. Responsibilities of the advisory committee currently include providing an annual evaluation of OCA's effectiveness.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 1 (03/06/2025)