



General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **308**

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(As Amended)

***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 46a-13k of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
5 *2022*):

6 (a) (1) There is established, within the Office of Governmental
7 Accountability established under section 1-300, an Office of the Child
8 Advocate. The Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly,
9 shall appoint a person with knowledge of the child welfare system and
10 the legal system to fill the Office of the Child Advocate. Such person
11 shall be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties of the
12 office as set forth in section 46a-13l, as amended by this act. Upon any
13 vacancy in the position of Child Advocate, the advisory committee

14 established pursuant to section 46a-13r shall meet to consider and
15 interview successor candidates and shall submit to the Governor a list
16 of not fewer than three and not more than five of the most outstanding
17 candidates, not later than sixty days after the occurrence of said vacancy,
18 except that upon any vacancy in said position occurring after January 1,
19 2012, but before June 15, 2012, the advisory committee shall submit such
20 list to the Governor on or before July 31, 2012. Such list shall rank the
21 candidates in the order of committee preference. Not later than eight
22 weeks after receiving the list of candidates from the advisory committee,
23 the Governor shall designate a candidate for Child Advocate from
24 among the choices on such list. If at any time any of the candidates
25 withdraw from consideration prior to confirmation by the General
26 Assembly, the designation shall be made from the remaining candidates
27 on the list submitted to the Governor. If, not later than eight weeks after
28 receiving the list, the Governor fails to designate a candidate from the
29 list, the candidate ranked first shall receive the designation and be
30 referred to the General Assembly for confirmation. If the General
31 Assembly is not in session, the designated candidate shall serve as
32 acting Child Advocate and be entitled to the compensation, privileges
33 and powers of the Child Advocate until the General Assembly meets to
34 take action on said appointment. The person appointed Child Advocate
35 shall serve for a term of four years and may be reappointed [or shall
36 continue to hold office until such person's successor is appointed and
37 qualified] in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of this
38 subsection. Upon any vacancy in the position of Child Advocate and
39 until such time as a candidate has been confirmed by the General
40 Assembly or, if the General Assembly is not in session, has been
41 designated by the Governor, the Associate Child Advocate shall serve
42 as the acting Child Advocate and be entitled to the compensation,
43 privileges and powers of the Child Advocate.

44 (2) Not later than one hundred twenty days before the conclusion of
45 the Child Advocate's four-year term, such person may submit a request
46 for reappointment to the advisory committee. The advisory committee
47 shall meet to consider such request for reappointment and may, not later

48 than sixty days after receipt of such request for reappointment, submit
 49 to the Governor a recommendation that such person be reappointed.
 50 Not later than sixty days after receiving such recommendation for
 51 reappointment from the advisory committee, the Governor may
 52 reappoint such person as the Child Advocate or reject such
 53 recommendation for reappointment. If the Governor reappoints the
 54 Child Advocate, then such person shall be referred to the General
 55 Assembly for confirmation and shall continue to hold office until such
 56 person is confirmed. If the Governor rejects the recommendation for
 57 reappointment as the Child Advocate, the Governor shall send written
 58 notice to the advisory committee. If, not later than sixty days after
 59 receiving such recommendation for reappointment, the Governor fails
 60 to reappoint such person as the Child Advocate or reject such
 61 recommendation for reappointment, such person shall be referred to the
 62 General Assembly for confirmation. If the Governor rejects the
 63 recommendation for reappointment or the General Assembly fails to
 64 confirm such person as the Child Advocate, upon expiration of the
 65 Child Advocate's term there shall be a vacancy in the position of Child
 66 Advocate, in accordance with subdivision (1) of this subsection, and the
 67 Associate Child Advocate shall serve as acting Child Advocate. If the
 68 General Assembly is not in session, such Associate Child Advocate shall
 69 serve as acting Child Advocate and be entitled to the compensation,
 70 privileges and powers of the Child Advocate until the General
 71 Assembly meets to take action on such appointment in accordance with
 72 the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	July 1, 2022	46a-13k(a)
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