

LFC Requester:

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION
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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 2025.03.04 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 005 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: House Judiciary Committee **Agency Name and Code** OFRA 68000
Short Title: Office of Child Advocate Act **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

HB 5 would create a new section in the Children's Code, creating an Office of Child Advocate. The new Office will be administratively attached to the State Department of Justice, with autonomy over the Office's budget and decisionmaking.

The proposed amendment would delete from **Section 4** of the original bill the information about the term length of six years and initial appointment limit of July 1 to December 31, 2025.

It would also insert the deadline of July 1, 2025 for the committee to meet to nominate persons to fill the position of State Child Advocate.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

It is unclear whether there is intended to be a term limit to the new position of State Child Advocate.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS