

**Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: SB125-ER

Patron: Favola

Bill Title: Children's Ombudsman, Office of the; powers and duties, report.

Bill Summary: Makes administrative changes to the Office of the Children’s Ombudsman. The bill expands the Office’s access to certain records and reports and allows the Office to report certain complaints to the Office of the Inspector General. Under the bill, the Office is required to report findings and recommendations related to failures by state agencies to protect children to the Governor or General Assembly upon request. Under current law, such reports are made to the General Assembly. The bill makes certain changes to the Office’s reporting and recommendation requirements. Finally, the bill adds and amends several definitions related to the Office.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: This legislation does not generate a fiscal impact.

Fiscal Summary: The bill primarily expands authority and access of the Office of the Children’s Ombudsman and relates to oversight, information sharing, and reporting functions. These changes do not generate a fiscal impact for the Office of the Children’s Ombudsman or the Department of Social Services.

Other: None.