

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Newell Rep. Singer	Bill Status: Signed into Law
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SHORT TITLE: CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN ADVISORY WORK GROUP

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Workload increase.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

** This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.*

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates a new advisory work group to examine the operations of the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman Program and make recommendations concerning increased autonomy, accountability, and effective utilization of the program. The work group is to consist of no more than 15 members, with members appointed by legislative leadership, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Governor. The bill specifies the specific groups and stakeholders to be appointed by the Governor and states that the acting child protection ombudsman is to be appointed as a nonvoting member. The workgroup must convene by August 1, 2014, and submit its written plan by December 1, 2014. All workgroup members serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in various state departments and agencies to participate in the work group, if staff from these agencies are appointed by the Governor. This minimal workload increase will likely affect the Governor's Office, Department of Human Services, Judicial Department, Office of the Child's Representative, and Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman. Legislative service agencies may also have workload to consult with the work group. The fiscal note assumes any state personnel appointed to the work group will serve within the scope of their existing duties. Because there is no reimbursement for expenses or compensation for members, no additional appropriations are required.

Local Government Impact

Similar to the state impact discussed above, the bill increases workload in local government agencies that serve on the task force. County departments of social/human services, county attorneys, county commissioners, and local law enforcement agencies could be involved with the work group if appointed by the Governor.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor took effect on May 29, 2014.

State and Local Government Contacts

Governor
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Human Services
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Judicial