

THE CHILDREN'S OMBUDSMAN ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 204 of 1994

***** 722.923.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 13, 2024 *****

722.923.amended Office of the child advocate; establishment; appointment; removal.

Sec. 3. (1) As a means of effecting changes in policy, procedure, and legislation, educating the public, investigating and reviewing actions of the department, child placing agencies, child caring institutions, or residential facilities, monitoring and ensuring compliance with relevant statutes, rules, and policies pertaining to children's protective services and the placement, supervision, treatment, and improving delivery of care of children in foster care and adoptive homes, and providing juvenile justice services, the office of the child advocate is established as an autonomous entity in the department of technology, management, and budget.

(2) The governor shall appoint an individual as the child advocate with the advice and consent of the senate. The individual must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties and exercise the powers of the child advocate and the office of the child advocate as provided in this act.

(3) The governor may remove the child advocate from office for cause that includes, but is not limited to, incompetency to properly exercise duties, official misconduct, habitual or willful neglect of duty, or other misfeasance or malfeasance in connection with the operation of the office of the child advocate. The governor must report the reason for the removal to the legislature.

(4) The child advocate serves at the pleasure of the governor.

History: 1994, Act 204, Eff. Jan. 1, 1995;—Am. 2004, Act 560, Imd. Eff. Jan. 3, 2005;—Am. 2023, Act 303, Eff. Feb. 13, 2024.