

Bill History
Session Year 2026
Substitute for Raised H.B. No. 5271

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Introducer(s):

Committee on Children

Title: AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE TO HIRE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES.

Statement of Purpose: To require the Office of the Child Advocate to hire one or more full-time employees to assist in the oversight of children in the care of the Department of Children and Families.

Bill History:

02-19-2026 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Committee on Children

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03-03-2026 JOINT FAVORABLE SUBSTITUTE CHANGE OF REFERENCE Appropriations Committee

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03-04-2026 FAVORABLE CHANGE OF REFERENCE, HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON Appropriations Committee

03-05-2026 FAVORABLE CHANGE OF REFERENCE, SENATE TO COMMITTEE ON Appropriations Committee

Co-sponsor(s):

Sen. Saud Anwar, 3rd Dist.