

## Office of Governmental Accountability

### OGA17000

#### Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	27	28	28	28	28	36	36

#### Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	-	1,102	400,000	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	3,302	3,904	25,098	25,098	25,098	25,098	25,098
<b>Other Current Expenses</b>							
Child Fatality Review Panel	145,908	119,581	133,461	139,183	139,183	139,183	139,183
Contracting Standards Board	525,948	682,975	737,052	766,902	766,902	858,234	859,334
Judicial Review Council	143,028	131,396	153,663	191,511	191,511	191,511	191,511
Judicial Selection Commission	106,316	89,077	113,989	117,678	117,678	117,678	117,678
Office of the Child Advocate	834,059	766,525	824,852	858,793	858,793	1,032,892	1,032,892
Office of the Victim Advocate	491,777	466,650	497,908	519,674	519,674	519,674	519,674
Board of Firearms Permit Examiners	130,170	123,843	143,138	148,193	148,193	148,193	148,193
Office of the Correction Ombuds	-	-	-	400,058	400,058	790,799	763,692
Office of the Educational Ombudsperson	-	-	-	-	-	180,000	180,000
<b>Agency Total - General Fund</b>	<b>2,380,508</b>	<b>2,385,053</b>	<b>3,029,161</b>	<b>3,167,090</b>	<b>3,167,090</b>	<b>4,003,262</b>	<b>3,977,255</b>

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

## *Policy Revisions*

### Create Separate Account for Office of the Correctional Ombudsman

Personal Services	(400,058)	(400,058)	(400,058)	(400,058)	-	-
Office of the Correction Ombuds	400,058	400,058	400,058	400,058	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Governor

Transfer \$400,058 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the newly created Office of the Corrections Ombudsman account within the Office of Government Accountability.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

### Provide funding to Establish the Office of the Educational Ombudsperson

Office of the Educational Ombudsperson	-	-	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>180,000</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

### Background

Section 27 of PA 25-93, *An Act Increasing Resources for Students, Schools and Special Education*, created within the Office of Governmental Accountability the Office of the Educational Ombudsperson. This section requires the Educational Ombudsperson to review and resolve complaints, compile, and analyze data and complete an annual report on the implementation and efficacy of these provisions.

### Legislative

Provide \$180,000 and two positions in FY 26 and FY 27 to establish the Office of the Educational Ombudsperson. This funding will support one educational ombudsperson, and one administrative assistant.

### Provide Funding for Enhanced Oversight

Office of the Correction Ombuds	-	-	169,012	164,012	169,012	164,012
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>169,012</b>	<b>164,012</b>	<b>169,012</b>	<b>164,012</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

### Background

Section 203 of the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget (PA 25-168) requires the Office of the Correction Ombudsman within the Office of Governmental Accountability to provide additional oversight to the delivery of healthcare within the Department of Corrections.

### Legislative

Provide funding of \$169,012 and two positions in FY 26, and \$164,012 and FY 27 to support enhanced oversight. This includes funding for one assistant correction ombudsman, and one special investigator, along with equipment costs.

### Provide Funding for One Advanced Nurse Practitioner

Office of the Correction Ombuds	-	-	116,483	116,483	116,483	116,483
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>116,483</b>	<b>116,483</b>	<b>116,483</b>	<b>116,483</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

### Legislative

Provide funding of \$116,483, and one position in FY 26 and FY 27 to support one advanced nurse practitioner.

### Provide Funding for One Assistant Child Advocate

Office of the Child Advocate	-	-	91,254	91,254	91,254	91,254
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>91,254</b>	<b>91,254</b>	<b>91,254</b>	<b>91,254</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

### Background

The Office of the Child Advocate is required to periodically review the facilities and procedures of residences where a juvenile has been placed by the state. There are currently 20 Department of Corrections facilities and up to 450 youth under the age of 22 incarcerated any given day.

### Legislative

Provide funding of \$91,254 and one position in FY 26 and FY 27 to support one assistant child advocate. This position will allow the Office of the Child Advocate to expand the number of and consistency of facility reviews.

### Provide Funding for One Childrens Services Consultant

Office of the Child Advocate	-	-	82,845	82,845	82,845	82,845
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>82,845</b>	<b>82,845</b>	<b>82,845</b>	<b>82,845</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

### Background

In March of 2022, The Department of Children and Families exited the Juan F. consent decree, that previously provided external oversight of child welfare services.

### Legislative

Provide funding of \$82,845 and one position in FY 26 and FY 27 to support one children's services consultant. The addition of this position will expand the existing capacity of child welfare review work.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

### Provide Funding to Support Board Meeting, Expenses, Training and Supplies

Contracting Standards Board	-	-	79,825	80,925	79,825	80,925
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>79,825</b>	<b>80,925</b>	<b>79,825</b>	<b>80,925</b>

#### Background

The State Contracting Standards Board has fourteen meeting scheduled for 2025.

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$79,825 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support Board expenses, supplies, and training. This includes \$45,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support Board expenses, \$17,500 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support hiring of an intern from UCONN, \$7,000 in Staff training in FY 26 and FY 27, \$4,000 in FY 26 and \$5,100 in FY 27 for membership dues. This also includes \$2,200 of office supplies, \$1,550 to support a printer and copier lease, \$1,500 to support the learning management system, \$1,000 in non-controllable property, and \$75 for phone service.

### Provide Funding for One Administrative Assistant

Office of the Correction Ombuds	-	-	63,777	63,777	63,777	63,777
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>63,777</b>	<b>63,777</b>	<b>63,777</b>	<b>63,777</b>
<b>Positions - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

#### Legislative

Provide \$63,777 and one position in FY 26 and FY 27 to support one administrative assistant.

### Provide Funding to Support Staff

Office of the Correction Ombuds	-	-	31,969	16,362	31,969	16,362
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>31,969</b>	<b>16,362</b>	<b>31,969</b>	<b>16,362</b>

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$31,969 in FY 26 and \$16,362 in FY 27 to support staff. This includes \$15,607 in FY 26 for office supplies, \$8,362 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support one fleet vehicle and fuel, \$5,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support software licenses, \$2,500 to attend conferences and \$500, in FY 26 and FY 27 for organizational costs.

### Support Existing Staff Operations

Contracting Standards Board	-	-	11,507	11,507	11,507	11,507
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>11,507</b>	<b>11,507</b>	<b>11,507</b>	<b>11,507</b>

#### Legislative

Provide \$11,507 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support existing staff operations.

### Provide Funding to Facilitate Inmate Communications

Office of the Correction Ombuds	-	-	9,500	3,000	9,500	3,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	-	-	<b>9,500</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>3,000</b>

#### Background

CGS Sec. 18-81qq allows the Correction Ombudsman to develop a method of confidential communications with inmates.

#### Legislative

Provide funding of \$9,500 in FY 26 and \$3,000 in FY 27 to facilitate inmate communications. This includes \$6,500 in FY 26 for the installation of 13 drop boxes inside corrections facilities to leave complaints, and \$3,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to support a public awareness and inmate communications campaign.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

## Current Services

### Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	58	58	58	58	-	-
Child Fatality Review Panel	5,722	5,722	5,722	5,722	-	-
Contracting Standards Board	29,850	29,850	29,850	29,850	-	-
Judicial Review Council	2,848	2,848	2,848	2,848	-	-
Judicial Selection Commission	3,689	3,689	3,689	3,689	-	-
Office of the Child Advocate	33,941	33,941	33,941	33,941	-	-
Office of the Victim Advocate	21,766	21,766	21,766	21,766	-	-
Board of Firearms Permit Examiners	5,055	5,055	5,055	5,055	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>102,929</b>	<b>102,929</b>	<b>102,929</b>	<b>102,929</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

#### Governor

Provide funding of \$102,929 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

### Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Judicial Review Council	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	-	-
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Governor

Increase funding by \$35,000 in FY 26 and in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

#### Legislative

Same as Governor

## Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	3,029,161	3,029,161	3,029,161	3,029,161	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	836,172	810,165	836,172	810,165
Current Services	137,929	137,929	137,929	137,929	-	-
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>3,167,090</b>	<b>3,167,090</b>	<b>4,003,262</b>	<b>3,977,255</b>	<b>836,172</b>	<b>810,165</b>

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	28	28	28	28	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	8	8	8	8
<b>Total Recommended - GF</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>