

Side by Side: Office of the Child Advocate vs. SB 307

Subject	HB	SB 307
Definitions: Negligible difference	Includes definition of “child in custody” and “department.”	Includes definition of “ombud.”
Administering Body:	DoJ; six year term, to begin 7/1/25.	AoC; six year term. Gov. or Supreme Court may remove. To begin 7/1/25
Requirements for Position:	5 years of professional experience in child protective or juvenile justice services; attorney, psychologist, social worker, therapist.	No requirements set forth.
Selection Committee:	-1 Pro Tempore, 1 Minority Floor Leader Senate, 1 Speaker of the House, 1 Minority Floor Leader House, 1 Governor (w/ICWA, IFPA, and lived experience), 1 AG, 2 Chief of Supreme Court.	-1 Pro Tempore, 1 Minority Floor Leader Senate, 1 Speaker of the House, 1 Minority Floor Leader House, 4 Governor -no more than 2 from the same political party, 1 ICWA and IFPA, child protective services.
Substantive Duties: Negligible differences	Pgs. 6-10	Pg. 8-10
Training and Certification: Same	Same	Same
Conflict of Interest: Same	Same	Same
Incidents, Fatalities and Near Fatalities	Same	Same
Law Enforcement Reports	Same	Same
Confidential Information	Pgs. 15-16	Pgs. 15-18. More comprehensive.
Other Remedies	Not precluded; Pg. 16	Silent
Action	Allows for action by the attorney general	Silent.
Section 32A-2-32 Confidentiality of Records: Negligible Differences	Pgs. 17-20	Pgs. 18-21
Appropriation	None—Would be subsumed in AG’s budget.	\$1 million; no LFC or DFA line item.