

**UPDATED SUMMARY
SENATE BILL 16-013**

Second Regular Session - Seventieth Colorado General Assembly

This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.

The bill addresses several items in the statutes relating to the office of the child protection ombudsman (office), including:

- ! ~~Clarifying that the child protection ombudsman board's (board) duties are advisory only;~~
- ! *Adding to the board the responsibility to evaluate the ombudsman's performance; developing a public complaint process related to the ombudsman; and to oversee and advise the office on its strategic direction and mission, and to help promote the use, engagement, and access to the office;*
- ! Shifting the responsibility for accountability in policies and procedures from the board to the office;
- ! *Adding to the office the responsibility to regularly review the memorandum of understanding between the office and the judicial department and renegotiate such memorandum at any time the parties mutually deem appropriate;*
- ! ~~Clarifying that the ombudsman cannot be subpoenaed by independent parties to testify in personal custody proceedings; and~~
- ! Removing the statutory requirement for an audit of the office by the office of the state auditor but leaving it at the discretion of the legislative audit committee to request such an audit at a future date.