

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 37, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the office of the child advocate.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 37, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 37.719, to read as follows:

37.719. 1. **The office shall have the authority to and may conduct an independent**
2 **review of any entity within a county that has experienced three or more review requests**
3 **in a calendar year including, but not limited to, children's division, the juvenile office, or**
4 **guardian ad litem. The office shall establish and implement procedures for reviewing any**
5 **such entity.**

6 2. **The office shall have the authority to make the necessary inquiries and review**
7 **relevant information and records as the office deems necessary in order to conduct such**
8 **reviews.**

9 3. **The office may make recommendations on changes to any entity's policies and**
10 **procedures based on the results of the review in order to improve the delivery of services**
11 **or the function of the entity. Upon completing a review under the provisions of this section,**
12 **the office shall submit any findings and recommendations to the children's division and**
13 **the office of state courts administrator.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.