

Amendments to House Bill No. 504
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Requested by Representative Kimberly Dudik

For the House Judiciary Committee

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1. Page 2, line 3.

Following: "(5)"

Insert: "(a)"

Following: "contract"

Insert: "biennially"

2. Page 2, line 7.

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Insert: "(b) The office of state public defender shall ensure that the entity contracted with has standards, policies, and procedures in place to:

- (i) provide best practices training regarding attorney representation of children in child abuse and neglect cases;
- (ii) provide training about child development, child abuse, and ethical obligations of attorneys related to child representation in child abuse and neglect cases, child abuse and neglect law, and additional issues related to child abuse and neglect;
- (iii) ensure that the due process rights of children are maintained; and

(iv) protect the fundamental fairness of the legal process for children in child abuse and neglect cases.

(c) The entity contracted with shall report annually to the law and justice interim committee regarding the number of children represented, the standards, policies, and procedures that the entity has in place to meet the requirements described in subsection (5)(b), and any other information that the committee requires."

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