

OCA Boards

Connecticut:

Summary: The Connecticut committee has seven members who nominate a list of candidates for the governor to choose from.

<https://portal.ct.gov/OCA/OCA-Statutes/Our-Statutes/OCA-Statutes>

The advisory committee shall consist of seven members as follows: (1) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate; (2) one appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; (3) one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; (4) one appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; (5) one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; (6) one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and (7) one appointed by the Governor.

Said committee shall prepare and submit to the Governor a list of candidates for appointment of the Child Advocate.

Massachusetts

Summary: the Child Advocate will be selected from three nominees via a vote of the attorney general, state auditor, and governor. The nominees come from a committee of fourteen people which is in bold below. Once selected, the Child Advocate will be the chair of a 25 member child advocate advisory council which is bolded in the second section.

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleII/Chapter18C/Section3>

The office of the child advocate shall be under the direction of the child advocate. The child advocate shall be the administrative head of the office and shall devote full-time to the duties of the office. The child advocate shall be appointed by a majority vote of the attorney general, the state auditor and the governor from a list of 3 nominees submitted by a nominating committee to recommend a child advocate. The nominating committee shall consist of: **the secretary of health and human services; the commissioner of children and families; the commissioner of youth services; the commissioner of mental health; the executive director of the child abuse prevention board; a pediatrician experienced in treating victims of child abuse who shall be designated by the Massachusetts chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; a child psychiatrist who shall be designated by the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society, Inc.; a child psychologist who shall be designated by The Massachusetts Psychological Association, Inc.; a representative from the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, Inc.; a representative of an organization that advocates on behalf of children at risk of abuse who shall be designated by the Children's League of Massachusetts, Inc.; an attorney experienced in care and protection cases who shall be designated by the Massachusetts Bar Association; a social worker who shall be designated by the Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc.; a person with experience in the juvenile**

justice system who shall be designated by the chief justice of the juvenile court department and a representative of organized labor who shall be designated by the president of a collective bargaining unit that represents social workers. The work of the nominating committee shall be coordinated by the executive office of health and human services.

There shall be a 25–member child advocate advisory council. The advisory council shall consist of the **child advocate, who shall serve as chair, the secretary of health and human services, the secretary of public safety and security, the secretary of education, the commissioner of the department of criminal justice information services, the undersecretary of criminal justice from the executive office of public safety and security, the commissioner of early education and care, the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, the commissioner of mental health, the commissioner of developmental services, the commissioner of public health, the commissioner of children and families, the commissioner for the deaf and hard of hearing, the commissioner for the blind, the commissioner of transitional assistance, the commissioner of youth services, the deputy commissioner of the child support enforcement division within the department of revenue, the president of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association, the commissioner of probation, the chief counsel of the committee for public counsel services, the chief justice of the superior court department, the chief justice of the juvenile court department, the chief justice of the probate and family court department, the executive director of the child abuse prevention board, and 3 persons appointed by the governor.**

New Hampshire:

Summary: The New Hampshire committee has 18 members which recommend at least 3 nominees for the Governor to choose from.

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/I/21-V/21-V-mrg.htm>

I. There shall be an oversight commission on children's services, which shall consist of the following members:

- (a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the senate president.**
- (b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.**
- (c) Four members representing the executive branch, appointed by the governor.**
- (d) Two members representing the judicial branch, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.**
- (e) Two representatives of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, one of whom serves as chief of police for a city and one of whom serves as chief of police for a town.**
- (f) Two members of child advocacy organizations, appointed by the senate president.**

(g) Two members of child advocacy organizations, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(h) An individual who was formerly a recipient of child protection, juvenile justice, or voluntary services through the division, appointed by the governor.

(i) An individual who has served or is serving as a foster parent, appointed by the governor.

II. Legislative members of the commission shall serve a term coterminous with their term in office. Members appointed under subparagraphs (c)-(i) shall serve 3-year terms. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

III. The oversight commission shall:

(a) Recommend at least 3 qualified candidates to the governor, in rank order, for appointment to the position of child advocate; except that in the case of reappointment, a single recommendation shall be sufficient.

Rhode Island:

Summary: The Rhode Island Statute provides that the Child Advocate needs to be a member of the bar. A list of 3 nominees is generated from a committee of 10 people who are bolded below.
<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE42/42-73/42-73-2.HTM>

The governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint a member of the bar of this state who has been admitted to practice law for at least three (3) years to fill the office of the child advocate, who shall be a person qualified by training and experience to perform the duties of the office as set forth in § 42-73-7.

The appointment shall be made from a list of at least three (3) persons prepared and submitted by a committee consisting of two (2) attorneys appointed by the Rhode Island Bar Association; two (2) judges of the family court appointed by the chief judge; one medical doctor appointed by the Rhode Island Medical Society; one psychologist appointed by the Rhode Island Psychological Association; one social worker appointed by the Rhode Island Alliance of Social Service Employees; one person appointed as a representative of private children's agencies by the governor; one person representing the general public appointed by the governor; and one person appointed by the director of the department of human services.

Six (6) members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. No one shall be eligible for appointment unless he or she is a resident of this state.

Georgia:

Summary: Seven member board, each member is selected by one of the follow:

<https://oca.georgia.gov/about-us/advisory-board>

The Office of the Child Advocate's Advisory Board consists of seven members. Each member is selected by the following:

- Governor: non-profit children's agency representative; social worker representative
- Lt. Governor: for-profit children's agency representative; psychologist
- Speaker of the House: attorney; pediatrician
- Chief Justice of Supreme Court: juvenile court judge