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Hi Rep. Noyes,

Here's some comments on H.215. I think my biggest concern that isn't really well reflected in my comments is the scope of the role. Unless this is envisioned to be a large office with a number of attorneys, investigators, and support staff, the scope of the CA's responsibilities is way too big.

I also think there needs to be more clarity about confidentiality. In juvenile court, the confidentiality rules are super strict - almost draconian (and with good reason). The communication provisions of this bill contradict the confidentiality provisions of Title 33, Chapter 51 (specifically 5110 and 5117), and the confidentiality provision in this bill is very very limited and would provide a huge loophole in the otherwise-strict confidentiality of juvenile proceedings.

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Good Afternoon,

Attached is a copy of the office of the child advocate as introduced last year. This is a starting point. It would be great to have your input and question that you believe that we will need to address when we take up this legislation.

I have attached it as a word doc so please feel free to either track changes or just type away in another color.

Thank you for your help.

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