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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Public Safety Subcommittee

Re: HB 2600 Relating to court appointed special advocates

Representative Stark: "HB 2600 transfers the CASA Volunteer Programs from the Housing and Community Services Department to the Department of Administrative Services. The measure includes a reduction to the Housing Department's budget in the amount of \$2,501,299 General Fund and \$2,231,252 Other Funds expenditure limitation for the program, and a corresponding increase to the DAS budget.

The General Fund amount that is transferred includes \$270,047 dedicated to administering the program and one full-time position. The Other Funds expenditure limitation represents the amount of special payments that are to be distributed to counties local CASA programs.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 2600 be amended by the –6 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended."