

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2738

Relating to court appointed special advocates

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Lieber

HB 2738 requires the Department of Administrative Services to contract with a nongovernmental statewide coordinating entity to oversee the Court Appointed Special Advocate Volunteer Program and services. DAS must disburse moneys in the CASA Fund to the statewide coordinating entity. No moneys may be distributed to a CASA Volunteer Program unless the program has submitted an annual diversity, equity, inclusion and accountability plan.

The amendment recommended by the Subcommittee removes the General Fund appropriations. Additional General Fund support is being considered for inclusion in the budget reconciliation bill that would bring total support to the levels originally included in HB 2738.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 2738 be amended by the -A3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.