

**§4010-D. Child welfare advisory panel; annual report**

**1. Annual report.** The child welfare advisory panel shall submit a report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the activities of and reports produced by the child welfare advisory panel formed pursuant to the federal Children's Justice Act, 42 United States Code, Section 5106a to make policy and training recommendations for system improvements in the investigative, administrative and judicial handling of child abuse, neglect and exploitation cases and child maltreatment-related fatalities.

[PL 2023, c. 261, §2 (NEW).]

**2. Child welfare advisory panel quarterly report.** The child welfare advisory panel shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters at least every 3 months. The advisory panel may submit a combined report with the child death and serious injury review panel established in section 4004, subsection 1, paragraph E or any judicial branch task force or panel with a focus on the child welfare system or child protective proceedings. Any presentation of the report to the committee must be presented by the citizen members of the panels to the extent possible. Each quarterly report must contain, at a minimum, the following:

A. A summary of generalized and anonymized observations in the prior 3-month period regarding efforts by the Office of Child and Family Services to improve the child welfare system; [PL 2023, c. 261, §2 (NEW).]

B. A summary of the collaboration between the child welfare advisory panel and the child death and serious injury review panel as well as any judicial branch task force or panel with a focus on the child welfare system or child protective proceedings; and [PL 2023, c. 261, §2 (NEW).]

C. Any recommendations on how to further protect the State's children through department policy and rulemaking and through legislation. [PL 2023, c. 261, §2 (NEW).]

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**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2019, c. 28, §1 (NEW). PL 2023, c. 261, §2 (RPR).

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