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Open Government Impact Statement

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Measure: HB 2465

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SUMMARY

Establishes Foster Parent Ombudsman in Department of Human Services and prescribes duties. Establishes Foster Parent Ombudsman Advisory Committee to monitor ombudsman, advise Governor and Legislative Assembly on ombudsman and nominate individuals to serve as ombudsman if vacancy occurs.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure prohibits public disclosure of records obtained by the office of the Foster Parent Ombudsman from the Department of Human Services that are confidential, privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure unless otherwise permitted by state or federal law. The measure also prohibits the disclosure of the identity of any foster parent, an individual acting on behalf of the foster parent and an individual providing information on behalf of the foster parent.

If public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could receive additional information regarding foster parents, foster children and those acting or providing information on behalf of foster parents.