

## Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1443

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Deeds

**3. Committee:** Rules

**4. Title:** Office of the Children's Ombudsman; recommendations for establishment of Parents Advocacy.

**5. Summary:** Directs the Office of the Children's Ombudsman to convene a work group to study and make recommendations for the establishment of the Parents Advocacy Commission. The bill directs the work group to report such recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and the House Committee for Courts of Justice by November 1, 2023.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes – Item 55

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill directs the Office of the Children's Ombudsman (the Office) to convene a work group to study the establishment of a Parents Advocacy Commission and report on the work group's findings by November 1, 2023. The Office has indicated that additional resources, such as funding for a wage position or a contractor, would be required as current staff cannot absorb the requirements of the bill.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Office of the Children's Ombudsman

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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