

Executive

As Passed by the House

In Senate Finance

LRSCD2 Legal Rights Service Transition to Nonprofit Entity

R.C. 5123.60, 5123.601, 3721.16, 5111.709, 5119.221, 5122.01, 5122.27, 5122.271, 5122.31, 5122.32, 5123.35, 5123.61, 5123.64, 5123.86, 5123.99, Section 319.20, Repealed: R.C. 5123.602 - 5123.605

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Requires, not later than December 31, 2011, establishment of a nonprofit protection and advocacy system and client assistance program for people with disabilities, and permits the Ohio Legal Rights Service (OLRS) to subcontract with the nonprofit entity to perform any functions that OLRs is permitted or required to perform.

Same as the Executive.

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Requires, not later than September 30, 2012, the Governor to designate the nonprofit entity as Ohio's protection and advocacy system and client assistance program for people with disabilities.

Same as the Executive.

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Defines the nonprofit protection and advocacy system as a legal rights service.

Provides that the nonprofit entity is to be known as the Ohio Protection and Advocacy System.

Same as the House.

Provides that any function of OLRs commenced prior to October 1, 2012, must be completed by the nonprofit entity.

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Abolishes on October 1, 2012, OLRs, the Legal Rights Service Commission, and the Ombudsperson Section of OLRs.

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Eliminates all related statutory provisions, except for extending the following to the nonprofit entity: (1) the same access to records, (2) the same confidential status of records

Same as the Executive but removes references to the advocacy system in certain notification processes.

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| that are received, (3) the same subpoena powers and (4) the same notification requirements. | | |
| No provision. | Removes the authority for the advocacy system to petition courts of common pleas to determine whether application by a parent or guardian for voluntary admission or continued hospitalization of a minor or person with a mental illness is in that person's best interest, while maintaining authority for other parties to petition the court to make the determination. | Same as the House. |
| No provision. | Removes the authority for the advocacy system to petition courts of common pleas to determine whether application by a parent or guardian for voluntary admission or admission for short-term care of a minor or person with a mental retardation is in that person's best interest (under current law, only OLRS is specified as having authority to make such a petition). | Same as the House. |
| No provision. | Removes authority in existing law for the advocacy system to file complaints with ODODD alleging statute or rule violations related to residential facilities. | Same as the House. |
| No provision. | Removes authority for the advocacy system to request ODODD petition a court to appoint a receiver to take possession of and operate a residential facility as well as the requirement that a court order ODODD to notify the advocacy system that such a petition has been filed. | Same as the House. |
| Specifies that OLRS employees are not considered public employees for the purposes of participating in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. | No provision. | No provision. |
| No provision. | Removes a provision in existing law that specifies the administrator of the advocacy system as a voting member of the Medicaid Buy-In Advisory Council. | Same as the House. |
| Allows GRF appropriation items 054321, Support Services, and 054401, Ombudsman, to be used to support the costs of transitioning OLRS into a nonprofit entity. | Same as the Executive. | Same as the Executive. |

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LRSCD4 Requirements for Class Action Lawsuits

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| No provision. | No provision. | R.C. 5123.60, 5123.602 Establishes the following requirements for class action lawsuits brought by the existing advocacy system and the nonprofit entity to be designated by the Governor on October 1, 2012: |
| No provision. | No provision. | (1) Requires the class represented in any class action lawsuit brought by the advocacy system to include only persons who are mentally ill, mentally retarded, or developmentally disabled; |
| No provision. | No provision. | (2) Requires that the compensation that may be awarded in a class action lawsuit pursued by the advocacy system for the work of the advocacy system's attorneys or attorneys employed by another agency or political subdivision of the state be limited to the actual hourly rate of pay for that legal work. |
| <p>Fiscal effect: Potential loss of revenue if awarded compensation is less than what is currently awarded.</p> | | |