

1.1 Kotyza-Witthuhn and West from the Committee on Children and Families Finance and
1.2 Policy to which was referred:

1.3 H. F. No. 3901, A bill for an act relating to children; adding investigative powers to the
1.4 Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsperson; modifying regulations on foster placements;
1.5 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.876, subdivision 3; 260C.82, subdivisions
1.6 1, 2, 4, 5, 7.

1.7 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.8 Page 1, after line 5, insert:

1.9 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.876, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.10 Subd. 2. **Confidential data.** Data contained within an active investigative file maintained
1.11 by the ombudsperson are classified as:

1.12 (1) confidential data, pursuant to section 13.02, subdivision 3, for data on individuals;
1.13 and

1.14 (2) protected nonpublic data, pursuant to section 13.02, subdivision 13, for data not on
1.15 individuals."

1.16 Page 3, line 28, delete the new language and reinstate the stricken language

1.17 Page 3, after line 33, insert:

1.18 "(b) If the ombudsperson considers a complaint to be valid, the ombudsperson may
1.19 recommend that the guardian ad litem consider the matter further or take any other action
1.20 in the foster youth's best interest."

1.21 Page 4, line 1, strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"

1.22 Page 4, line 12, after "(a)" insert "Notwithstanding the classification of data under chapter
1.23 13 or any other law to the contrary,"

1.24 Renumber the sections in sequence

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- Correct the title numbers accordingly
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- With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee
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- on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

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This Committee action taken March 17, 2026

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