

Subject Modifying provisions related to establishing the Statewide Office of Appellate Counsel and Training

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Overview

In 2023, the legislature established the Office of Appellate Counsel and Training to address the requirement that parents of children in certain family law matters receive counsel. This bill makes technical changes to the establishment and operation of the new office.

Summary

Section	Description
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| 1 | Statewide Office of Appellate Counsel and Training; establishment.
Clarifies that the Statewide Office of Appellate Counsel and Training is an agency in the executive branch. |
| 2 | State Board of Appellate Counsel and Training; structure; membership.
Requires the governor to designate the initial chair of the board. |
| 3 | Head appellate counsel for parents; assistant attorneys; other employees.
Replaces the requirement that assistant appellate counsel be paid on a schedule comparable to county attorneys and treats those employees like employees in other agencies. Specifies that attorneys who are not identified as being in a management position are in the classified service and treats those employees like employees in other agencies. |