



2023 State Legislative Wrap-Up: Committee on Children and the Law

We've come to the end of 2023, with several actions taken by the Legislature and Governor that may be of interest to your committee. Any memoranda and letters drafted by the committee in support or opposition to legislation was shared by the Government Relations team, and the team looks forward to working with the committee as we move into the 2024 Legislative Session.

Committee Legislative Engagement in the 2023 Session

Signed by the Governor:

- A6544(Hevesi)/S7444(Brisport): Relates to the sealing and expungement of records in persons in need of supervision (PINS) cases in family court. The CCL supported this legislation with a letter to the Governor.

Vetoed by the Governor:

- S6720(Brisport)/A5394(Joyner): Establishes procedures regarding orders of post-termination visitation and/or contact between a child and such child's parent. Supported by a 2022 Children and Family Law Report and by a Memo in Support from NYSBA.

Not Passed by the Legislature:

- S1099(Bailey)/A1963(Joyner): Relates to procedures required for the custodial interrogation of children. The CCL supported this legislation with a Memo in Support (#1).
- S2120(Bailey)/A1320(Joyner): Relates to the discovery provisions applicable to juvenile delinquency proceedings in family court; repealer. The Committee on Children and the Law supported this legislation with a Memo in Support (#2).

Other Legislation of Interest

- A3346A(Hevesi)/S3170A(Skoufis): Establishes "Kyra's Law"; to protect children by ensuring courts assess any risk to their safety in child custody and visitation proceedings. Introduced in both houses but passed by neither.
- A1156(Vanel)/S2303(Myrie): Precludes inadmissible statements made by defendants because of false information and requires data collection of recorded interrogations. This legislation was supported by NYSBA with a Memo in Support.

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