

**SB 5547 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Creates an office of the ombudsman for persons with developmental disabilities within the office of the governor for the purpose of promoting public awareness and understanding of developmental disabilities, identifying system issues and responses for the governor and the legislature to act upon, monitoring and ensuring compliance with administrative acts, relevant statutes, rules, and policies pertaining to services for persons with developmental disabilities, and to ensure that services and supports are of good quality and improve a person's quality of life.

Declares that the ombudsman shall be an independent function within state government and shall exercise his or her powers and duties without interference from either public or private agencies or organizations.