

1.1 **Senator Mathews from the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices Policy, to**
1.2 **which was re-referred**

1.3 **S.F. No. 4209:** A bill for an act relating to children and families; establishing the Office
1.4 of the Foster Youth Ombudsman and Board of the Foster Youth Ombudsman;
1.5 appropriating money for the Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsman and Board of the
1.6 Foster Youth Ombudsman; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters
1.7 13; 260C.

1.8 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.9 Page 1, line 16, delete "and"

1.10 Page 1, line 17, delete the period and insert "; and"

1.11 Page 1, after line 17, insert:

1.12 "(5) data on individuals who are juveniles that are contained within an inactive
1.13 investigative file maintained by the ombudsman."

1.14 Page 1, line 18, delete "The written summary of the investigation maintained by" and
1.15 insert "Data contained within an active investigative file maintained by the ombudsman
1.16 are"

1.17 Page 1, line 19, delete everything before "classified"

1.18 Page 5, line 14, after "courts" insert "may"

1.19 Page 5, after line 18, insert:

1.20 "Sec. 5. [260C.83] RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS TO GOVERNOR.

1.21 Subdivision 1. Specific reports. The ombudsman may send conclusions and suggestions
1.22 concerning any matter reviewed to the governor. Before finalizing a conclusion or
1.23 recommendation that expressly or implicitly criticizes an agency, facility, program, or any
1.24 person, the ombudsman shall consult with the governor and the agency, facility, program,
1.25 or person concerning the conclusion or recommendation. When sending a conclusion or
1.26 recommendation to the governor that is adverse to an agency, facility, program, or any
1.27 person, the ombudsman shall include any statement of reasonable length made by that
1.28 agency, facility, program, or person in defense or mitigation of the office's conclusion or
1.29 recommendation.

1.30 Subd. 2. General reports. In addition to whatever conclusions or recommendations the
1.31 ombudsman may make to the governor on an ad hoc basis, the ombudsman shall, at the end
1.32 of each biennium, report to the governor concerning the exercise of the ombudsman's
1.33 functions during the preceding biennium."

2.1 Renumber the sections in sequence

2.2 Amend the title numbers accordingly

2.3 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy and Elections. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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2.6 (Andrew Mathews
Committee Chair)

2.7 March 31, 2022.....
2.8 (Date of Committee recommendation)