

## CHAPTER 11

AN ACT concerning the Office of the Child Advocate and amending P.L.2005, c.155.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 67 of P.L.2005 , c.155 (C.52:27EE-67) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:27EE-67 Office of the Child Advocate; qualifications; appointment; term.

67. Office of the Child Advocate; qualifications; appointment; term.

a. The administrator and chief executive officer of the office shall be the Child Advocate, who shall be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties of the office.

b. The child advocate shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve for a term of five years and until the appointment and qualification of his successor. The Governor shall have the power to remove the child advocate for cause. The child advocate shall devote his or her entire professional time to the duties of this position and receive such salary as shall be provided by law. A vacancy occurring in the position of child advocate shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, except that if the child advocate dies, resigns, becomes ineligible to serve for any reason or is removed from office, the Governor shall appoint an acting child advocate who shall serve until the appointment and qualification of the child advocate's successor.

c. The child advocate shall appoint a First Assistant Child Advocate to assist in the performance of the duties of the office. If the child advocate is not an attorney admitted to practice law in the State, the first assistant child advocate shall be an attorney admitted to practice law in the State.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved April 11, 2006.