

**260C.81 ORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE FOSTER YOUTH OMBUDSPERSON.**

The foster youth ombudsperson may select, appoint, and compensate out of available funds assistants and employees to perform the ombudsperson's responsibilities, including intake, investigation, administrative support, legal advocacy, and other support necessary to assist foster youth. The foster youth ombudsperson and full-time staff are members of the Minnesota State Retirement Association. The foster youth ombudsperson may delegate to staff members any of the ombudsperson's authority or duties except the duty of formally making recommendations to an agency or reports to the Office of the Governor or to the legislature. The Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsperson shall provide outreach, resources, and assistance to youth in foster care by directly engaging with youth in residential treatment facilities, group homes, and family foster homes. The Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsperson shall receive administrative support from the commissioner of administration under section 16B.371.

**History:** 2022 c 63 s 3