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Bill Analysis

SB 949 authorizes a designated representative of the State Department of Health to inspect juvenile court records. The measure gives the Office authority over vulnerable adult investigations that relate to a plaintiff in *Homeward Bound, Inc., et al. v. The Hissom Memorial Center*, residents of the Robert M. Greer Center or successor facility, or adults receiving services from a community services provider, community services worker, Medicaid personal care services provider, or Medicaid personal care assistant. The measure authorizes the State Commissioner of Health to issue subpoenas for the testimony of individuals or for the production of records in connection with an investigation conducted by the Office of Client Advocacy. The measure provides that the Advocate General shall perform the duties imposed on the Office of Client Advocacy under the Protective Services for Vulnerable Adults Act when the Office is the appropriate state entity. The measure authorizes the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to access investigate reports if the allegation concerns a vulnerable adult who is a resident of a long-term care facility. The Office of Client Advocacy is directed to establish a system for investigating allegations of misconduct against vulnerable adults not rising to the level of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. The measure updates statutory language relating to the Office of Client Advocacy and directs the Office to report investigative findings relating to community service workers to the Department of Human Services.

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