

Senate Human Services Committee
Senate Bill 1418 – March 13, 2023
Testimony of Denise Harvey, P&A Director of Program Services

Chair Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am Denise Harvey, Director of Program Services for Protection & Advocacy (P&A). P&A protects the human, civil and legal rights of people with disabilities. The agency's programs and services seek to make positive changes for people with disabilities where we live, learn, work and play.

Protection & Advocacy supports the proposed bill that includes the addition of two new voting positions, for a brain injury survivor and a family member of a brain injury survivor, and in addition a representative from adults and aging services and a representative from a brain injury advisory organization to serve on the Brain Injury Advisory Council. As an advocacy organization, P&A highly values the input and expertise offered by individuals with disabilities. Brain Injury survivors are able to share their stories of how brain injury has impacted their lives, can provide valuable input regarding services, and truly have the best understanding of brain injury that is needed to address issues. P&A also appreciates the knowledge and experience that a representative from adults and aging services and a brain injury advisory organization would bring to the council.

I am glad to answer any questions.

Denise Harvey, Director of Program Services
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