



1 3. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, PURSUANT TO A PUBLICLY-INCLUSIVE SCREENING  
2 AND INTERVIEW PROCESS, SHALL APPOINT THE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ADVOCATE.  
3 THE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ADVOCATE SHALL NOT BE PAID A SALARY OR STIPEND.  
4 THE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ADVOCATE SHALL BE APPOINTED WITHOUT REGARD TO  
5 POLITICAL AFFILIATION AND SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF FITNESS TO PERFORM THE  
6 DUTIES OF THE OFFICE, AND SHALL SERVE A FOUR YEAR TERM. THE INDEPENDENT  
7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE MAY BE REMOVED ONLY FOR CAUSE. IN THE EVENT OF A VACAN-  
8 CY, THE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED TO FILL THE VACANCY SHALL BE APPOINTED  
9 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, AND SERVE ONLY FOR THE UNEXPIRED PORTION OF  
10 THE TERM. THE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ADVOCATE MAY EMPLOY AND AT THEIR PLEAS-  
11 URE REMOVE SUCH PERSONNEL AS THEY DEEM NECESSARY FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF  
12 THE OFFICE, AND MAY FIX THEIR COMPENSATION WITH AMOUNTS AVAILABLE THERE-  
13 FOR.

14 4. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE SHALL BE DISSOLVED AFTER THE APPOINTMENT OF  
15 THE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ADVOCATE. IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY, A NEW  
16 SPECIAL COMMITTEE SHALL BE APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS  
17 SECTION.

18 S 57. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. 1. THE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ADVOCATE  
19 SHALL MONITOR THE DELIVERY SYSTEM REFORM INCENTIVE PAYMENT (DSRIP)  
20 PROGRAM AND PROVIDE THE LEGISLATURE AND THE PUBLIC WITH INFORMATION  
21 REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DSRIP PROGRAM INCLUDING THE DISTRIB-  
22 UTION OF FUNDS SUCH AS DSRIP PLANNING GRANTS, DSRIP PROVIDER INCENTIVE  
23 PAYMENTS, AND DSRIP ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. THE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ADVO-  
24 CATE SHALL ALSO ISSUE REGULAR REPORTS TO ENHANCE OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC  
25 UNDERSTANDING OF THE DSRIP PROGRAM INCLUDING MATTERS RELATED TO EXPENDI-  
26 TURES OR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

27 2. THE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ADVOCATE SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO SECURE SUCH  
28 INFORMATION, DATA, ESTIMATES AND STATISTICS FROM ALL AGENCIES AND PUBLIC  
29 ENTITIES INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR  
30 THE DSRIP PROGRAM. SUCH AGENCIES AND ENTITIES SHALL PROVIDE SUCH INFOR-  
31 MATION, TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS AVAILABLE, IN A TIMELY FASHION.

32 3. THE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ADVOCATE SHALL MAKE ALL INFORMATION, DATA,  
33 ESTIMATES, AND STATISTICS OBTAINED UNDER THIS SECTION, AND ALL REPORTS  
34 PREPARED BY THE OFFICE, AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

35 S 2. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), or so much  
36 thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the office of the  
37 independent public advocate out of any moneys in the state treasury in  
38 the general fund to the credit of the state purposes account, not other-  
39 wise appropriated, and made immediately available, for the purpose of  
40 carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be payable on  
41 the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or  
42 approved by the comptroller in the manner prescribed by law.

43 S 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
44 have become a law.