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# State of New Hampshire



Cassandra Sanchez  
Child Advocate

*Office of the Child Advocate*

June 1, 2026

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

## **REQUESTED ACTION**

In accordance with the provisions of RSA 94:3 (Yearly Service Increases), I respectfully request approval of an annual salary step increase for Cassandra Sanchez, Director of the Office of Child Advocate, from Grade HH, Step 6 (Salary \$128,912.00) to Grade HH, Step 7 (Salary \$135,272.00) effective **retroactive** April 8, 2026, upon Governor and Council approval. The funding source is 100% general funds.

## **EXPLANATION**

The **retroactive** nature of this request is due to the workload in the office and a need to prioritize child safety concerns. The funds for this increment increase were allocated through the FY26/27 budget; therefore, this request is being submitted prior to the closing of FY26.

Cassandra Sanchez was appointed Director of the Office of Child Advocate effective as of April 8, 2022. She is entitled to a yearly service increase as described in RSA 94:3. The Director of the Office of Child Advocate is responsible for lifting up children by promoting equitable and effective reforms that meet the best interests of all New Hampshire children and strengthening public confidence and accountability in the State's systems that support children and families. Ms. Sanchez is a valuable employee who demonstrates dedication and commitment to the State and this Office. I am pleased to have this opportunity to recommend her for a salary step increase. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, at [jason.m.taylor@childadvocate.nh.gov](mailto:jason.m.taylor@childadvocate.nh.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

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