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Bill Analysis

SB 949 authorizes the Office of Client Advocacy within 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 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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