

**One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB435**

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**Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 16, 2023**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB435 will create the parental advisers program. A judge has the discretion to appoint a parental adviser in any proceeding brought pursuant to section 43-247 when certain criteria are met. The parental adviser will offer guidance on how the juvenile court proceedings will move forward, possible outcomes of proceedings, possible disposition options for the juvenile, options available to the parent, guardian or custodian, and other matters that will aid the parent, guardian or custodian in navigating the juvenile justice system.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Suzanne Geist**