

HB 218 -- CHILD'S RIGHT TO COUNSEL

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This bill specifies that if a child waives his or her right to counsel, such waiver shall be made in open court and be recorded and in writing. In determining whether a child has knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waived his or her right to counsel, the court shall look to the totality of the circumstances, as specified in the bill. If a child waives his or her right to counsel, the waiver shall only apply to that particular proceeding. The bill also specifies certain proceedings in which a child's right to counsel cannot be waived.

This bill is the same as HB 1422 (2020) and HB 42 (2019).