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PART B:

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1. AGE LIMITS
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2. DESIGNATED SERVICES
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The Act is appropriately comprehensive.

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3. ROLE AND FUNCTIONS
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4. POWERS
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5. INFORMATION PROTECTION
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I'm concerned that the activities of the Advocate are not transparent.

Also, if the Advocate is deemed to act inappropriately, there does not appear to be any recourse of appeal.

Further, if the parents of a child wish an approach different from that proposed by the advocate, there does not appear to be any measures provided for parents to make an independent submission.

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6. INVESTIGATIONS
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7. REPORTING

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8. OTHER

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While the Act provides for vulnerable children who might otherwise not have representation in critical matters, it does not provide for the rights of parents. This could have serious consequences for the integrity of families. I believe the Act has the potential significantly unbalance and degrade the rights of parents and families.

I do not disagree with the Act provided there are balancing safe guards protecting the integrity of the family, even when the family may be dysfunctional in some respects.

PART C: HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS REVIEW?

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