

**Comment from DCF**

Hi Martin,

We're in favor of the changes contained within the Senate's version of both H.745 (Vermont Parentage Act), and H.878 (Misc Judiciary). SJ essentially took many of the provisions related to DCF-OCS out of 878 and moved them to 745, which didn't change our position on the bill. We asked that a provision be added to 878 to strike language in statute regarding termination of parental rights for non-payment of child support. This is truly a technical change to align statute with current DCF practice – we don't consider child support payment status during TPR proceedings.

Nellie