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7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Public safety; criminal justice training council; children of arrested

10 parents

11 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require that law enforcement

12 officers are trained in the proper procedures and practices for discovering and

13 dealing with minor children when their parents are arrested.

14 An act relating to training law enforcement personnel regarding protection
15 of minor children of arrested parents

16 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

17 Sec. 1. CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COUNCIL; LAW

18 ENFORCEMENT TRAINING; MINIMUM STANDARDS; MINOR

19 CHILDREN OF ARRESTED PARENTS

1 (a) The criminal justice training council shall include in the minimum basic
2 training curriculum and minimum courses of study for law enforcement
3 officers a program that trains the enforcement officers to identify minor
4 children of parents who are arrested and to take appropriate actions to ensure
5 the safety and well-being of those children. The council shall consult with
6 appropriate and experienced professionals, such as educators, social workers,
7 and child psychologists, to develop this training program. A description of the
8 training program shall be provided to the house committee on human services
9 and to the senate committee on health and welfare on or before March 15,
10 2010.

11 (b) The training required by subsection (a) of this section shall be included
12 in basic and advanced training programs required for law enforcement officers
13 no later than July 1, 2010.