

1 S.119

2 Introduced by Senator Illuzzi

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Crimes and criminal procedure; inquests as to criminal matters

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to clarify that inquests may be used

7 to assist a prosecutor in determining whether to file a delinquency petition.

8 An act relating to the use of inquest proceedings in investigations of
9 suspected juvenile delinquency

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

11 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 5131 is amended to read:

12 § 5131. APPLICATION FOR INQUEST

13 Upon the written application of the state's attorney, a judge of the superior
14 court may institute and conduct an inquest upon any criminal matter or
15 delinquent act under investigation by the state's attorney.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on passage.