

1 H.559

2 Introduced by Representative Frank of Underhill

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; Building Bright Futures Council; membership

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to increase the  
7 number of at-large members on the Building Bright Futures Council from 12 to  
8 14 and to authorize all secretaries and commissioners on the Council to send  
9 voting designees.

10 An act relating to membership on the Building Bright Futures Council

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

12 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 4602 is amended to read:

13 § 4602. BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES COUNCIL

14 ~~(a) The Building Bright Futures Program shall be governed by a statewide~~  
15 ~~council comprising no more than ~~23~~ 25 members. The Building Bright Futures~~  
16 ~~Council's membership shall be as follows:~~

17 ~~(1) ~~the~~ The Secretary of Human Services or designee;~~

18 ~~(2) ~~the~~ The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or~~  
19 ~~designee;~~

20 ~~(3) ~~the~~ The Secretary of Education; or designee.~~

- 1 ~~(4) the The Commissioner for Children and Families; or designee.~~
- 2 ~~(5) the The Commissioner of Health; or designee.~~
- 3 ~~(6) the The Commissioner of Mental Health; or designee.~~
- 4 ~~(7) two Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the~~  
5 ~~Speaker of the House;.~~
- 6 ~~(8) at At least one but no more than two members of the Senate,~~  
7 ~~appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees;.~~
- 8 ~~(9) the The Head Start Collaboration Office Director; and.~~
- 9 ~~(10) 12 Fourteen at-large members, appointed by the Governor based on~~  
10 ~~their commitment to early childhood well-being and representing a range of~~  
11 ~~perspectives and geographic diversity. The Governor shall consider the~~  
12 ~~recommendations of the Council's nominating committee. One of the at-large~~  
13 ~~members shall be a representative of a local Head Start program and one shall~~  
14 ~~be a member of a school board, to be recommended by the Vermont School~~  
15 ~~Boards Association.~~

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- (1) ~~the~~ The Secretary of Human Services or designee;*
- (2) ~~the~~ The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or designee;*

- (3) ~~the~~ The Secretary of Education; or designee.
- (4) ~~the~~ The Commissioner for Children and Families; or designee.
- (5) ~~the~~ The Commissioner of Health; or designee.
- (6) ~~the~~ The Commissioner of Mental Health; or designee.
- (7) ~~two members~~ One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;.
- (8) ~~at least one but no more than two members~~ One member of the Senate, appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees;.
- (9) ~~the~~ The Head Start Collaboration Office Director; and.
- (10) ~~12~~ Fourteen at-large members, appointed by the Governor based on their commitment to early childhood well-being and representing a range of perspectives and geographic diversity. The Governor shall consider the recommendations of the Council's nominating committee. One of the at-large members shall be a representative of a local Head Start program and one shall be a member of a school board, to be recommended by the Vermont School Boards Association.

(b)(1) An individual designated to participate on the Council on behalf of a secretary or commissioner listed in subsection (a) of this section shall count toward a quorum of the Council and shall be permitted to vote on Council business.

