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H.679

SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representative McCullough of Williston

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; adult protective services; investigations; due
process; confidentiality; immunity

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to improve
safeguards for alleged perpetrators of the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of
vulnerable adults. It would:

(1) require the alleged perpetrator of abuse, neglect, or exploitation to be
notified of the nature of the allegations against him or her at the beginning of
an adult protective services investigation, as well as of all evidence supporting
the allegations prior to a finding that a report is substantiated or
unsubstantiated;

(2) define the specific process for all investigations into allegations of
abuse, neglect, and exploitation;

(3) require the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent
Living to develop, by rule, separate forms for the reporting of abuse, neglect,
and exploitation by mandatory reporters and by other reporters;

