

1 S.275

2 Introduced by Senator Sears

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; retention of jurisdiction over youthful offenders

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to extend the
7 jurisdiction of the Court over youthful offenders from 22 years of age to
8 23 years of age consistent with 33 V.S.A. § 5204a.

9 An act relating to the Court's jurisdiction over youthful offenders

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

11 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 5104 is amended to read:

12 § 5104. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION OVER YOUTHFUL
13 OFFENDERS

14 (a) The Family Division of the Superior Court may retain jurisdiction over
15 a youthful offender up to ~~the age of 22~~ 23 years of age.

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17 Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 5286 is amended to read:

18 § 5286. REVIEW PRIOR TO ~~THE AGE OF 18~~ YEARS OF AGE

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1 (d) If the Court finds that it is in the best interest of the youth and
2 consistent with community safety to continue the case past ~~the age of 18 years~~
3 of age, it shall make an order continuing the Court's jurisdiction up to ~~the age~~
4 of ~~22~~ 23 years of age. The order shall specify whether the youth will be
5 supervised by the Department or the Department of Corrections. Irrespective
6 of which department is specified in the order, the Department and the
7 Department of Corrections shall ~~jointly~~ develop jointly a case plan for the
8 youth and coordinate services and share information to ensure compliance with
9 and completion of the juvenile disposition.

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11 Sec. 3. 33 V.S.A. § 4904 is amended to read:

12 § 4904. FOSTER CARE; TRANSITIONAL YOUTH SERVICES

13 (a) As used in this section, "youth" means a person between 18 and ~~22~~ 23
14 years of age who either:

15 (1) attained his or her 18th birthday while in the custody of the
16 Commissioner for Children and Families; or

17 (2) while he or she was between 10 and 18 years of age, spent at least
18 five of those years in the custody of the Commissioner for Children
19 and Families.

20 (b)(1) The Department shall provide foster care services as described in
21 subsection (c) of this section to:

