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An act relating to membership on the Building Bright Futures Council

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

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

§ 4602. BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES COUNCIL

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

- (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.

(2) In the event of a vacancy in one of the at-large member positions on the Council, the remaining members shall endeavor to fill the vacancy with an individual representing a perspective or geographic area not currently represented on the Council.

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## Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.