

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.

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

20 (2) In the event of a vacancy in one of the at-large member positions on
21 the Council, the remaining members shall endeavor to fill the vacancy with an

1 individual representing a perspective or geographic area not currently
2 represented on the Council.

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4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.