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Introduced by Representatives Till of Jericho, Berry of Manchester, Buxton of Tunbridge, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Lenex of Shelburne, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, O’Sullivan of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Pearson of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Ryerson of Randolph, Sharpe of Bristol, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, Woodward of Johnson, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Zagar of Barnard

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Appropriation; parent-child centers; parenting class

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to fund parenting classes offered by parent-child centers and held in the offices of health care professionals providing obstetric care.

1 An act relating to parent-child center parenting class pilot programs

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

3 Sec. 1. PARENTING CLASSES; APPROPRIATION

4 The sum of \$300,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
5 Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2017 to provide grants to each
6 parent-child center in the State for the creation of pilot programs offering
7 parenting classes. The classes shall be conducted in the offices of health care
8 professionals providing obstetric care and shall use the parent-child centers'
9 own curriculum. The grant of any parent-child center choosing not to operate
10 a pilot program under this section shall be divided among participating
11 parent-child centers. The purpose of the pilot programs shall be to interrupt
12 the widespread, multigenerational problem of adverse childhood experiences
13 and their subsequent severe related health problems.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.