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Introduced by Representatives Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Christie of Hartford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dame of Essex, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Graham of Williamstown, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lewis of Berlin, Martel of Waterford, Morrissey of Bennington, Parent of St. Albans Town, Purvis of Colchester, Quimby of Concord, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Sheldon of Middlebury, Tate of Mendon, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, and Wright of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; foster parents; right of appeal

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow certain foster parents the right to intervene as parties to a CHINS proceeding.

1 An act relating to foster parents' right to intervene in CHINS proceedings

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

3 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 5125 is added to read:

4 § 5125. FOSTER PARENT RIGHT TO INTERVENE

5 (a) A foster parent or parents that have had continuous care of a child
6 through the Department for Children and Families for more than three
7 consecutive months shall be permitted as a matter of right to intervene as an
8 interested party in any proceeding under chapter 53 of this title involving the
9 custody of the child.

10 (b) Notwithstanding sections 5308–5312 of this title, the court shall serve
11 any foster parent that is a party to the proceeding with timely notice of the
12 proceeding.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.