

1 H.842

2 Introduced by Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro and Willhoit of

3 St. Johnsbury

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Human services; runaway children; parental notification

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require
8 designated shelters to contact the parent, guardian, or custodian of a runaway
9 child who arrives at a shelter, regardless of whether the child arrives on his or
10 her own accord or is otherwise delivered to the shelter.

11 An act relating to notifying parents, guardians, or custodians of the location
12 of a runaway child

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

14 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 5303 is amended to read:

15 § 5303. PROCEDURE FOR RUNAWAY CHILDREN

16 (a) If an officer takes a child into custody pursuant to subdivision 5301(3)
17 of this title, the officer shall deliver the child to:

18 (1) the child's custodial parent, foster parent, guardian, custodian, or
19 noncustodial parent lawfully exercising parent-child contact; or

