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2 Introduced by Representatives Grad of Moretown, Austin of Colchester,
3 Colburn of Burlington, Jessup of Middlesex, Pugh of South
4 Burlington, and Rachelson of Burlington

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Crimes; sexual exploitation of person in custody of law enforcement
8 officer

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create the
10 crime of sexual exploitation of a person in the custody of a law enforcement
11 officer.

12 An act relating to sexual exploitation of a person in law enforcement officer
13 custody

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

15 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 3251 is amended to read:

16 § 3251. DEFINITIONS

17 As used in this chapter:

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19 (9) “Law enforcement officer” means a person certified as a law
20 enforcement officer under the provisions of 20 V.S.A. chapter 151.

1 Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 3259 is added to read:

2 § 3259. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A PERSON IN THE CUSTODY OF
3 A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

4 (a) No law enforcement officer shall engage in a sexual act with a person
5 whom the officer is detaining, arresting, or otherwise holding in custody or
6 who the officer knows is being detained, arrested, or otherwise held in custody
7 by another officer.

8 (b) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be imprisoned
9 for not more than five years or fined not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

10 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on passage.