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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Noyes of Wolcott, Brumsted of Shelburne,
Austin of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Christie of
Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of
Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Kornheiser of Brattleboro,
Nicoll of Ludlow, Pajala of Londonderry, Small of Winooski,
Stebbins of Burlington, and Wood of Waterbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; child welfare; Office of the Child Advocate

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish an
Office of the Child Advocate, independent from State government, to provide
transparent and impartial oversight of Vermont's justice-involved youth and
child welfare systems. The Office of the Child Advocate shall: (1) collect and
analyze data regarding the well-being of children in Vermont; (2) identify
systemic shortcomings in Vermont's justice-involved youth and child welfare
systems; and (3) make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding
any necessary reforms to better serve Vermont children and youths.

An act relating to the Office of the Child Advocate

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

2 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)