

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred Senate  
3 Bill No. 175 entitled “An act relating to confidential information concerning  
4 the initial arrest and charge of a child” respectfully reports that it has  
5 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out  
6 Sec. 1, 1 V.S.A. § 317, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1  
7 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 1. 1 V.S.A. § 317 is amended to read:

9 § 317. DEFINITIONS; PUBLIC AGENCY; PUBLIC RECORDS AND  
10 DOCUMENTS; EXEMPTIONS

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12 (c) The following public records are exempt from public inspection and  
13 copying:

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15 (5)(A) Records dealing with the detection and investigation of crime,  
16 but only to the extent that the production of such records:

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18 (B)(i) Notwithstanding subdivision (A) of this subdivision (5),  
19 records relating to management and direction of a law enforcement agency;  
20 records reflecting the initial arrest of a person, including any ticket, citation, or

1 complaint issued for a traffic violation, as that term is defined in 23 V.S.A.  
2 § 2302; and records reflecting the charge of a person shall be public.

3 (ii) A public agency shall not release any information within a  
4 record reflecting the initial arrest or charge of a person who is younger than the  
5 age identified in 33 V.S.A. § 5201(d) that would reveal the identity of the  
6 person. However, a public agency may disclose information that would reveal  
7 the identity of the person in order to protect the health and safety of any  
8 person.

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12 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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14 Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
15 FOR THE COMMITTEE