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Senator Pearson moves that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

First: By adding a new section to be Sec. 8a to read as follows:

Sec. 8a. VERMONT STATE ARCHIVES AND RECORDS

ADMINISTRATION; REPORT ON RECORDS OF CHILDREN

PLACED IN FOSTER HOMES OR RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE

FACILITIES

On or before January 15, 2023, the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, in consultation with the Department for Children and Families and other interested parties, shall submit to the Senate Committees on Government Operations and on Health and Welfare and the House Committees on Government Operations and on Human Services a written report containing:

(1) a historical overview of the laws governing records related to children who were placed by a child-placing agency in foster homes or residential child care facilities and who are not adopted;

(2) a narrative explanation of:

(A) the records that may exist concerning these children; and

(B) who acts as the custodians of the records; and

1           (3) a recommendation for legislation to ensure that these children have  
2           access to records concerning their background, medical history, and other  
3           pertinent information relating to their time under the care and supervision of an  
4           agency.

5           Second: In Sec. 9, effective dates, by striking out subsection (a) in its  
6           entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

7           (a) This section and Secs. 1, 8, and 8a shall take effect on passage.