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2	An act relating to access to records by individuals who were in foster care
3	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
4	Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 4921 is amended to read:
5	§ 4921. DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT
6	* * *
7	(d) Upon request, Department records created under this subchapter shall
8	be disclosed to:
9	* * *
10	(5) other State agencies conducting related inquiries or proceedings; and
11	(6) the Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate for the purpose
12	of carrying out the provisions in chapter 32 of this title; and
13	(7) an individual who:
14	(A) is the subject of the records sought by the request;
15	(B) is 18 years of age or older; and
16	(C) as a minor was in foster care.
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18	Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 5117 is amended to read:
19	§ 5117. RECORDS OF JUVENILE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS
20	* * *

1	(b)(1) Notwithstanding the foregoing subsection (a) of this section,
2	inspection of such the records and files by or dissemination of such the records
3	and files to the following is not prohibited:
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5	(E) the child individual who is the subject of the proceeding, the
6	child's individual's parents, guardian, and custodian may inspect such the
7	records and files upon approval of the a Family Court judge;
8	* * *
9	Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE
10	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.