

Message from DCF

Hi Martin,

I hope you're weathering the end of the session well enough! I wanted to drop a quick email to let you know DCF's stances on a couple of bills that were amended through the Senate's process.

We're in favor of the changes contained within the Senate's version of both H.745 (Vermont Parentage Act), and H.878 (Misc Judiciary). SJ essentially took many of the provisions related to DCF-OCS out of 878 and moved them to 745, which didn't change our position on the bill. We asked that a provision be added to 878 to strike language in statute regarding termination of parental rights for non-payment of child support. This is truly a technical change to align statute with current DCF practice – we don't consider child support payment status during TPR proceedings.

Thank you, and please let me know if there's anything you need from DCF as we near the end of the session!

Nellie