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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Bluemle of Burlington, Stone of Burlington,
Garofano of Essex, Graning of Jericho, and Mrowicki of Putney

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; Department for Children and Families; residential
programs; seclusion and restraint

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to reduce the use
of seclusion and restraint on children and youth who are in the custody of the
Department for Children and Families and participating in a residential
program. This bill proposes to improve seclusion and restraint data collection
by defining seclusion and restraint in 33 V.S.A. § 3206 and requiring more
consistent reporting by residential programs serving children and youth in the
custody of the Department. It proposes to require that ongoing modifications
to the Department's IT system include processes for collecting and integrating
data pertaining to seclusion and restraint. Lastly, this bill proposes to require
enhanced professional development on alternatives to seclusion and restraint
for the staff of residential programs serving children and youth in the custody
of the Department.

