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Introduced by Representatives Willhoit of St. Johnsbury and Eastman of
Orwell

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; foster parents

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow certain
foster parents the right to intervene as parties to a CHINS proceeding.

An act relating to foster parents' right to intervene in CHINS proceedings

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 5126 is added to read:

§ 5126. FOSTER PARENT RIGHT TO INTERVENE

(a) A foster parent or parents who have had continuous care of a child
through the Department for Children and Families for at least three consecutive
months shall be permitted as a matter of right to intervene as an interested
party in any proceeding under chapter 53 of this title involving the custody of
the child.

(b) Notwithstanding sections 5308–5312 of this title, the court shall serve
any foster parent who is a party to the proceeding with timely notice of the
proceeding.

- 1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2 This act shall take effect on passage.