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2 Introduced by Representative Lippert of Hinesburg

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Juvenile justice system; Juvenile Justice Study Committee

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to extend the

7 Juvenile Justice Study Committee for one year.

8 An act relating to extending the Juvenile Justice Study Committee for one
9 year

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

11 Sec. 1. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 159, Sec. 8 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 8. ~~REPORT~~ JUVENILE JUSTICE STUDY COMMITTEE

13 (a)(1) A ~~committee~~ Juvenile Justice Study Committee is established to
14 study the effectiveness of the juvenile justice system in reducing crime and
15 recidivism. The ~~committee~~ Committee shall study changes to the juvenile
16 justice system that could result in reducing recidivism, including the extension
17 of jurisdiction beyond the age of 18 for the purposes of juvenile probation and
18 the automatic expungement of criminal convictions for nonviolent offenses
19 committed by children under 18.

1 (2) If funding is available, the study shall include consideration of:

2 (A) the number of 16- and 17-year-olds adjudicated delinquent in the
3 ~~family division~~ Family Division during fiscal year 2009 who have been
4 subsequently convicted of an adult offense within three years of the date of
5 disposition of the delinquency;

6 (B) the number of 16- and 17-year-olds convicted of an adult offense
7 in the ~~criminal division~~ Criminal Division during fiscal year 2009 who have
8 been subsequently convicted of another adult offense; and

9 (C) the number of children adjudicated delinquent during fiscal year
10 2009 who are placed in the custody of the ~~department for children and families~~
11 Department for Children and Families at disposition, remain in the
12 ~~department's~~ Department's custody for 30 or more days after disposition, and
13 who within three years of the date of sentencing on the first offense become
14 incarcerated or subject to supervision by the ~~department of corrections~~
15 Department of Corrections as a result of another offense.

16 (b)(1) The ~~committee~~ Committee shall be composed of the following
17 members:

18 (A) The ~~commissioner for children and families~~ Commissioner for
19 Children and Families or designee.

20 (B) The ~~commissioner of corrections~~ Commissioner of Corrections or
21 designee.

1 (C) The ~~administrative judge~~ Administrative Judge or designee.

2 (D) The ~~executive director of state's attorneys and sheriffs~~ Executive
3 Director of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs or designee.

4 (E) The ~~defender general~~ Defender General or designee.

5 (2) The ~~committee~~ Committee shall consult with the ~~joint fiscal office~~
6 Joint Fiscal Office regarding the costs and savings associated with the juvenile
7 justice system and monitor the impact on those costs and savings that result
8 from the extension of jurisdiction authorized in this section.

9 (c) On or before ~~December 1, 2012~~ the ~~committee~~ December 1, 2013, the
10 Committee shall report its findings, together with any recommendations for
11 changes in law, to the ~~senate and house committees on judiciary, the house~~
12 ~~committee on human services, and the senate committee on health and welfare~~
13 Senate and House Committees on Judiciary, the House Committee on Human
14 Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.

15 (d) The Committee shall cease to exist on December 31, 2013.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on passage.