

1 S.273

2 Introduced by Senator Sears

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; juvenile proceedings; termination of parental rights

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish that
7 the Court may amend, modify, set aside, or vacate an order for termination of
8 parental rights on the grounds that a change in circumstances requires such
9 action to serve the best interests of the child.

10 An act relating to modification of an order terminating parental rights

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

12 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 5113(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) Upon motion of a party or the Court's own motion, the Court may
14 amend, modify, set aside, or vacate an order on the grounds that a change in
15 circumstances requires such action to serve the best interests of the child. The
16 motion shall set forth in concise language the grounds upon which the relief is
17 requested. This section shall include orders regarding termination of parental
18 rights in cases where permanency for a child has not been achieved or upon
19 stipulation of the parties if the child has reached the age of majority.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.