

1 SPECIAL SESSION

2 H.12

3 Introduced by Representatives Willhoit of St. Johnsbury and Joseph of North

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5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Human services; CHINS; judicial proceedings

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to provide that

9 the statutory time frames for CHINS proceedings are mandatory absent the

10 consent of the parties or for good cause shown.

11 An act relating to statutory time frames for CHINS proceedings

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

13 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 5300 is added to read:

14 § 5300. TIMING OF JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

15 In no event may a hearing under this chapter occur after the time frame
16 prescribed by statute without the consent of the parties, for good cause shown,
17 or as otherwise provided by law. A hearing under this chapter that is
18 scheduled outside the relevant statutory time frame may only continue by the
19 consent of the parties, for good cause shown, or as otherwise provided by law.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on passage.