

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred Senate
3 Bill No. 183 entitled “An act relating to planning for the Agency of Health
4 Care Administration” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. REENVISIONING THE AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES;

8 REPORT

9 (a) The Secretary of Human Services, in collaboration with the Deputy
10 Secretary of Human Services and the commissioner of each department within
11 the Agency of Human Services and in consultation with the Office of the
12 Health Care Advocate; the Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate;
13 Disability Rights Vermont; the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman;
14 and other relevant stakeholders, shall develop recommendations either for
15 restructuring the existing Agency of Human Services or for dividing the
16 existing Agency of Human Services into two separate agencies.

17 (b) On or before February 1, 2025, the Secretary shall provide the
18 recommendations to the House Committees on Government Operations and
19 Military Affairs, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the Senate
20 Committees on Government Operations and on Health and Welfare, including
21 the following:

1 (1) how the recommended configuration would center the needs of and
2 lead to better outcomes for the individuals and families served by the Agency
3 and its departments;

4 (2) how the recommended configuration could improve collaboration,
5 integration, and alignment of the services currently provided by the Agency
6 and its departments;

7 (3) how the recommended configuration could address the workforce
8 and personnel capacity challenges that the Agency and its departments
9 encounter;

10 (4) how the recommended configuration could address the technology
11 and facility challenges that the Agency and its departments encounter;

12 (5) a transition and implementation plan for the recommended
13 configuration that is designed to minimize confusion and disruption for
14 individuals and families served by the Agency and its departments, as well as
15 for Agency and departmental staff;

16 (6) a proposed organizational chart for the recommended configuration;
17 and

18 (7) the estimated costs or savings associated with the recommended
19 configuration.

20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on passage.

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(Committee vote: _____)

Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE