

**Social Services Providers Safety**  
**The Vermont Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers**  
**Amendment to S.189**

Social service workers nationally have one of the highest rates of injuries and illnesses of all occupations. Two social workers have died in the last 8 years in Vermont due to violence perpetrated by clients. As such, this is a complex issue that deserves attention.

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Before November 15, 2024, the Vermont Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers shall submit to the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and Judiciary and the House Committees on Health Care and Judiciary the results of its work with community-based organizations which provide direct social services to Vermonters, which may include the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness, mental health and health care providers, community action programs, parent child centers, substance use treatment providers, Area Agencies on Aging, restorative justice service providers, health care prov Health Counselors Association, and disability service providers.