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Introduced by Representative French of Randolph

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; organ and tissue donation working group

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to reinstate the
Organ and Tissue Donation Working Group for an additional two years.

An act relating to the Organ and Tissue Donation Working Group

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

Sec. 1. ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION WORKING GROUP

(a) There is created an organ and tissue donation working group for the
purpose of making recommendations to the General Assembly and the
Governor related to organ and tissue donations.

(b) The Working Group shall be composed of the following members:

(1) the Commissioner of Health or designee, who shall serve as chair;

(2) the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or designee;

(3) a representative of the Vermont Medical Society;

(4) representatives from the federally designated organ procurement
organizations serving Vermont;

(5) a licensed funeral director or crematory operator;

- 1 (6) a family member of a decedent who made an anatomical gift under
2 18 V.S.A. chapter 110; and
3 (7) other interested stakeholders.
4 (c) The Working Group shall develop recommendations regarding:
5 (1) coordination of the efforts of all public and private entities within the
6 State that are involved with the donation and transplantation of human organs
7 and tissues;
8 (2) the creation of a comprehensive statewide program for organ and
9 tissue donations and transplants;
10 (3) the establishment of goals and strategies for increasing donation
11 rates of organs and tissues in Vermont, whether from a live or deceased donor;
12 (4) issues related to health insurance and other relevant insurance types;
13 (5) issues related to employment, including sick time, for those persons
14 willing to be live donors of organs and tissue; and
15 (6) other issues related to organ and tissue donation and transplantation.
16 (d) The Working Group shall have the administrative, technical, and legal
17 assistance of the Department of Health.
18 (e) The Commissioner of Health, on behalf of the Working Group, shall
19 submit a status report on the group's activities, findings, data on organ
20 donations, and recommendations on how to increase live organ donations in

1 Vermont to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate
2 Committee on Health and Welfare.

3 (f) The Working Group shall submit a report on its findings and
4 recommendations to the House Committees on Human Services, on Health
5 Care, and on Transportation, the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare
6 and on Transportation, and to the Governor by January 15, 2017, after which
7 time the Working Group shall cease to exist. The report shall include a
8 recommendation about whether the Department of Health should establish an
9 ongoing advisory council on organ and tissue donation.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.