

1 H.845

2 Introduced by Committee on Government Operations

3 Date:

4 Subject: Government operations; reports; reports repeal

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend
6 statutes relating to legislatively enacted reports by:

7 (1) amending 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) to clarify which State reports are subject
8 to a legislative repeal review;

9 (2) repealing certain reports the General Assembly no longer deems
10 necessary;

11 (3) exempting certain reports from the required statutory review;

12 (4) postponing certain reports until the next reports review; and

13 (5) making technical corrections to the 2014 reports repeal bill.

14 An act relating to legislative review of certain report requirements

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

16 * * * Amendment to 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) Language * * *

17 Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) is amended to read:

18 (d) ~~Unless~~ It is the intent of the General Assembly that, except for reports

19 required by interstate compacts and except as otherwise provided by law,

20 whenever an agency is required by law to submit an annual, biennial, or other

1 periodic report to the General Assembly, that requirement shall no longer be
2 required after five years or after five years from ~~July 1, 2009~~ the last date that
3 the statutory or session law section containing the report was amended,
4 whichever date is later. ~~The~~ In each biennial session, the Legislative Council,
5 ~~pursuant to section 424 of this title, may revise the Vermont Statutes~~
6 ~~Annotated accordingly~~ shall prepare for the General Assembly's review a list
7 of the reports subject to this subsection. A report requirement shall only expire
8 pursuant to legislative enactment.

9 * * * Reports Exempt from 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) * * *

10 Sec. 2. 9 V.S.A. § 4553(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) The Human Rights Commission shall forward, on or before January 1
12 of each year, to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate an
13 annual report on the status of Commission program operations, the number and
14 type of calls received, complaints filed and investigated, closure of litigated
15 and nonlitigated complaints, public educational activities undertaken, and
16 recommendations for improved human rights advocacy and activities. The
17 provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply
18 to the report to be made under this subsection.

19 Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 1978(e)(3) is amended to read:

20 (3) The Technical Advisory Committee shall provide annual reports,
21 starting January 15, 2003, to the chairs of the House Committee on Corrections

1 and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions. The reports shall
2 include information on the following topics: the implementation of this chapter
3 and the rules adopted under this chapter; the number and type of alternative or
4 innovative systems approved for general use, approved for use as a pilot
5 project, and approved for experimental use; the functional status of alternative
6 or innovative systems approved for use as a pilot project or approved for
7 experimental use; the number of permit applications received during the
8 preceding calendar year; the number of permits issued during the preceding
9 calendar year; and the number of permit applications denied during the
10 preceding calendar year, together with a summary of the basis of denial. The
11 provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply
12 to the report to be made under this subdivision.

13 Sec. 4. 16 App. V.S.A. chapter 1, § 1-8 is amended to read:

14 § 1-8. LEGISLATIVE REPORTS; BOARD OF VISITORS

15 The corporation hereby created shall make annual reports to the Legislature
16 of this State, of its condition, financially and otherwise, and make and
17 distribute the reports required by the act of Congress, herein referred to, and
18 the Legislature may annually appoint a Board of Visitors, who may annually
19 examine the affairs of the corporation. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d)
20 (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under
21 this section.

1 Sec. 5. 18 V.S.A. § 1553(c) is amended to read:

2 (c)(1) On or before January 15 of each year, the ~~commissioner of health~~
3 Commissioner of Health shall submit a report to the ~~house committees on~~
4 ~~health care and on human services~~ House Committees on Health Care and on
5 Human Services and the ~~senate committee on health and welfare~~ Senate
6 Committee on Health and Welfare containing at least the following
7 information:

8 (1)(A) a description of the adverse events reviewed by the panel during
9 the preceding 12 months, including statistics and causes;

10 (2)(B) corrective action plans to address, in the aggregate, such adverse
11 events; and

12 (3)(C) recommendations for system changes and legislation relating to
13 the delivery of health care in Vermont.

14 (2) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports)
15 shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection.

16 Sec. 6. 18 V.S.A. § 4474j(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) On or before January 1 of each year, beginning in 2013, the ~~oversight~~
18 ~~committee~~ Oversight Committee shall provide a report to the ~~department of~~
19 ~~public safety, the house committee on human services, the senate committee on~~
20 ~~health and welfare, the house and senate committees on judiciary, and the~~
21 ~~house and senate committees on government operations~~ Department of Public

1 Safety, the House Committee on Human Services, the Senate Committee on
2 Health and Welfare, and the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and
3 on Government Operations on its findings. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d)
4 (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under
5 this subsection.

6 Sec. 7. 28 V.S.A. § 104(e) is amended to read:

7 (e) The Commissioner of Corrections shall annually, by January 15, report
8 to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
9 Committee on Institutions on the implementation of this section during the
10 previous 12 months. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of
11 required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection.

12 Sec. 8. 29 V.S.A. § 155(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) On or before January 15 of each year, the Department shall report to the
14 House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee
15 on Institutions concerning deposits into and disbursements from the Fund
16 occurring in the previous calendar year, the properties sold, leased, stabilized,
17 or rehabilitated during that period, and the Department's plans for future
18 stabilization or rehabilitation of State-owned historic properties. The
19 provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply
20 to the report to be made under this subsection.

1 Sec. 9. 29 V.S.A. § 160(e) is amended to read:

2 (e) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall supervise
3 the receipt and expenditure of monies comprising the Property Management
4 Revolving Fund, subject to the provisions of this section. He or she shall
5 maintain accurate and complete records of all such receipts and expenditures
6 and shall make an annual report on the condition of the Fund to the House
7 Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on
8 Institutions. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required
9 reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection. All
10 balances remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be carried over to the
11 following year.

12 Sec. 10. 32 V.S.A. § 182(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) In addition to the duties expressly set forth elsewhere by law, the
14 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall:

15 (1) Prescribe appropriate systems for all State departments and agencies
16 to use in accounting and each department and agency shall keep their accounts
17 in accordance with a system prescribed by the Commissioner. The
18 Commissioner may review and examine any accounting system to determine
19 its compliance with the prescribed system;

1 (2) Maintain a system of central accounting of income and disbursement
2 so as to enable fiscal officers of the ~~state~~ State at any time to provide an
3 evaluation and analysis of the status of ~~state~~ State finances;.

4 (3) Coordinate the fiscal procedures of the State, including all
5 departments, institutions, and agencies with the controlling accounts kept
6 under this section;.

7 (4) Maintain a system of encumbrance accounting to control
8 expenditures within budget appropriations;.

9 (5) In the Commissioner's discretion, pre-audit receipts, expenditures,
10 and encumbrances;.

11 (6) Draw warrants on the Treasurer for all valid and legal payroll
12 disbursements certified by voucher;.

13 (7) Draw warrants on the Treasurer for all disbursements;.

14 (8) Prepare monthly revenue reports for the Governor, Secretary of
15 Administration, and other officials and for release to the general public, and a
16 comprehensive annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted
17 accounting principles which shall be distributed to the Chairs of the House
18 Committees on Appropriations, on Corrections and Institutions, and on Ways
19 and Means and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Finance, and
20 on Institutions on or before December 31 of each year;. The provisions of

1 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the required
2 report to be made under this subsection.

3 (9) Make available monthly reports of appropriations, expenditures,
4 encumbrances, and balances for all operating departments;

5 (10) Maintain a standard chart of accounts structure pertaining to
6 appropriation, revenue, and expenditure codes;

7 (11) ~~[Deleted.]~~ [Repealed.]

8 (12) Exercise central management of the appropriation act;

9 (13) Maintain the general control ledger of State accounts;

10 * * *

11 Sec. 11. 32 V.S.A. § 3205(c) is amended to read:

12 (c) The Taxpayer Advocate shall prepare an annual report detailing the
13 actions the Taxpayer Advocate has taken to improve taxpayer services and the
14 responsiveness of the Department of Taxes. The report shall identify the
15 problems encountered by taxpayers in interacting with the Department of
16 Taxes and include specific recommendations for administrative and legislative
17 actions to resolve those problems. The report shall identify any problems that
18 span an entire class of taxpayer or specific industry, and propose class- or
19 industry-wide solutions. The report of the Taxpayer Advocate shall be
20 submitted to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on
21 Ways and Means no later than January 15th of each year. The provisions of

1 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the required
2 report to be made under this subsection.

3 Sec. 12. 1999 Acts and Resolves No. 49, Sec. 96 as amended by 2012 Acts
4 and Resolves No. 139, Sec. 39 is further amended to read:

5 Sec. 96. VERMONT ECONOMIC PROGRESS COUNCIL; REPORTING

6 The Vermont Economic Progress Council shall provide a report of all
7 economic advancement tax incentives awarded pursuant to 32 V.S.A.
8 chapter 151, subchapter 11E to the ~~senate committees on finance and on~~
9 ~~economic development, housing and general affairs and the house committees~~
10 ~~on ways and means and on commerce and economic development~~ Senate
11 Committees on Finance and on Economic Development, Housing and General
12 Affairs and the House Committees on Ways and Means and on Commerce and
13 Economic Development. The reports of incentives granted shall be made in a
14 timely manner as soon as possible following the granting of the incentives.
15 The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not
16 apply to the required report to be made under this section.

1 Sec. 13. 2006 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. 7 as amended by 2012 Acts
2 and Resolves No. 139, Sec. 42 is further amended to read:

3 Sec. 7. AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES ORPHAN
4 STORMWATER SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT

5 Annually, by no later than January 15, the ~~agency of natural resources~~
6 Agency of Natural Resources shall submit a report to the ~~house committee on~~
7 ~~corrections and institutions~~ House Committee on Corrections and Institutions
8 and the ~~senate committee on institutions~~ Senate Committee on Institutions
9 regarding implementation by the ~~agency~~ Agency of the orphan stormwater
10 system construction, renovation, or repair program under 10 V.S.A. § 1264c.
11 The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not
12 apply to the required report to be made under this section. The report shall
13 include:

14 * * *

15 Sec. 14. 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161, Sec. 20 as amended by 2012 Acts
16 and Resolves No. 139, Sec. 49 is further amended to read:

17 Sec. 20. VERMONT CENTER FOR CRIME VICTIM SERVICES

18 The sum of \$50,000 is appropriated to the Vermont Center for Crime
19 Victim Services for Americans with Disabilities Act improvements at domestic
20 violence shelters. Annually, on or before December 1, the Vermont Center for
21 Crime Victim Services shall file with the ~~house committee on corrections and~~

1 ~~institutions~~ House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the ~~senate~~
2 ~~committee on institutions~~ Senate Committee on Institutions a report which
3 details the status of the improvements funded in whole or in part by ~~state~~ State
4 capital appropriations. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of
5 required reports) shall not apply to the required report to be made under this
6 section.

7 Total Appropriation – Section 20 \$50,000

8 Sec. 15. 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 15 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 15. COURT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT ON PUBLIC RECORDS

10 CASES

11 On or before January 15, 2012 and annually thereafter, the Vermont ~~court~~
12 ~~administrator's~~ Court Administrator's office shall report to the ~~senate and~~
13 ~~house committees on government operations~~ Senate and House Committees on
14 Government Operations regarding contested cases filed in the ~~civil division of~~
15 ~~the superior court~~ Civil Division of the Superior Court involving disputes
16 under the Public Records Act, as set forth in 1 V.S.A. chapter 5, subchapter 4.
17 The report shall include the number of Public Records Act contested cases
18 filed annually in the ~~civil division of the superior court~~ Civil Division of the
19 Superior Court, the disposition of such cases, and whether attorney's fees were
20 awarded in any of the cases. The ~~court administrator~~ Court Administrator shall
21 submit a copy of a report required under this section to the ~~secretary of state~~

1 Secretary of State at the same time the report is submitted to the ~~senate and~~
2 ~~house committees on government operations~~ Senate and House Committees on
3 Government Operations. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of
4 required reports) shall not apply to the required report to be made under this
5 section.

6 Sec. 16. 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 63, Sec. E.321.1(a) as amended by 2012
7 Acts and Resolves No. 139, Sec. 50 is further amended to read:

8 (a) ~~The agency of human services~~ Agency of Human Services shall
9 develop a baseline to measure results of the investment in the emergency
10 shelter grants and case management to assist the homeless population. These
11 measurements shall include homelessness prevention outcome measures for
12 the clients served by the investment. The outcomes shall be reported annually
13 to the ~~house committees on appropriations and on human services~~ House
14 Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the ~~senate~~
15 ~~committees on appropriations and on health and welfare~~ Senate Committees on
16 Appropriations and on Health and Welfare during the ~~department's~~ Agency's
17 budget testimony. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required
18 reports) shall not apply to the required report to be made under this section.

1 Sec. 17. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 143, Sec. 40 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 40. CALCULATION OF DOLLAR EQUIVALENT

3 In order to lead to greater understanding of education property tax rates,
4 annually, by December 1, and in conjunction with the recommendations under
5 32 V.S.A. § 5402b, the ~~commissioner of taxes~~ Commissioner of Taxes shall
6 calculate, for purposes of illustration, the dollar equivalent for the forthcoming
7 fiscal year and report the same to the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly. ~~For~~
8 ~~purposes of~~ As used in this subsection, “dollar equivalent” means the amount
9 of revenue per equalized pupil that would result under a homestead tax rate of
10 \$1.00 per \$100.00 of equalized education property value, an applicable
11 percentage in 32 V.S.A. § 6066(a)(2) of 2.0 percent, and sufficient statutory
12 reserves under 16 V.S.A. § 4026 and 32 V.S.A. § 5402b. For example, for
13 fiscal year 2013, the dollar equivalent under this definition would equal
14 \$9,912.00 per pupil. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of
15 required reports) shall not apply to the required report to be made under this
16 section.

17 Sec. 18. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec. E.321(b) is amended to read:

18 (b) The program may operate in up to 12 districts designated by the
19 ~~secretary of human services~~ Secretary of Human Services. This program will
20 be budget neutral. For each district in which the ~~agency~~ Agency operates the
21 program, it shall establish procedures for evaluating the pilot and its effects.

1 The ~~agency~~ Agency shall report annually to the ~~general assembly~~ General
2 Assembly on its findings from the programs, its recommendations for changes
3 in the general assistance program, and a plan for further implementation of the
4 program. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports)
5 shall not apply to the required report to be made under this section.

6 * * * Report Requirements Repealed * * *

7 Sec. 19. 10 V.S.A. § 2609a is amended to read:

8 § 2609a. ~~INCOME FROM LEASE OF MOUNTAINTOP~~
9 ~~COMMUNICATION SITES~~

10 ~~Annually on February 15, the Agency of Natural Resources shall submit a~~
11 ~~report to the Senate and House Committees on Natural Resources and Energy~~
12 ~~containing an itemization of the income generated through the end of the~~
13 ~~previous fiscal year from the use of sites for communication purposes.~~

14 [Repealed.]

15 Sec. 20. 13 V.S.A. § 5256 is amended to read:

16 § 5256. ~~REPORTS~~

17 ~~The Defender General shall submit an annual report of his or her activities~~
18 ~~to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary showing the number of~~
19 ~~persons represented under this chapter, the crimes involved, the outcome of~~
20 ~~each case, and the expenditures totaled by kind made in carrying out the~~
21 ~~responsibilities imposed by this chapter. [Repealed.]~~

1 Sec. 21. 18 V.S.A. § 4632(a)(5) and (6) is amended to read:

2 (5) ~~The office of the attorney general shall report annually on the~~
3 ~~disclosures made under this section to the general assembly and the governor~~
4 ~~on or before October 1. The report shall include:~~

5 (A) ~~Information on allowable expenditures and permitted gifts~~
6 ~~required to be disclosed under this section, which shall present information in~~
7 ~~aggregate form by selected types of health care providers or individual health~~
8 ~~care providers, as prioritized each year by the office; and showing the amounts~~
9 ~~expended on the Green Mountain Care board established in chapter 220 of this~~
10 ~~title. In accordance with subdivisions (1)(B), (1)(D), and (2)(A) of this~~
11 ~~subsection, information on samples and donations to free clinics of prescribed~~
12 ~~products and of over the counter drugs, nonprescription medical devices, items~~
13 ~~of nonprescription durable medical equipment, medical food, and infant~~
14 ~~formula shall be presented in aggregate form.~~

15 (B) ~~Information on violations and enforcement actions brought~~
16 ~~pursuant to this section and section 4631a of this title. [Repealed.]~~

17 (6) ~~After issuance of the report required by subdivision (5) of this~~
18 ~~subsection and except Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (1)(B) and~~
19 ~~(2)(A) of this subsection, the office of the attorney general Office of the~~
20 ~~Attorney General shall make all disclosed data used for the report publicly~~
21 ~~available and searchable through an Internet website.~~

1 Sec. 22. 24 V.S.A. § 290b(d) is amended to read:

2 (d) Annually, each sheriff shall furnish the Auditor of Accounts on forms
3 provided by the Auditor a financial report reflecting the financial transactions
4 and condition of the sheriff's department. The sheriff shall submit a copy of
5 this report to the assistant judges of the county. The assistant judges shall
6 prepare a report reflecting funds disbursed by the county in support of the
7 sheriff's department and forward a copy of their report to the Auditor of
8 Accounts. ~~The Auditor of Accounts shall compile the reports and submit one~~
9 ~~report to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary.~~

10 Sec. 23. 32 V.S.A. § 5930z(g) is amended to read:

11 (g) ~~On a regular basis, the Department shall notify the House and Senate~~
12 ~~Committees on Natural Resources and Energy of solar energy tax credits~~
13 ~~claimed pursuant to this section, and the The Board shall cause to be~~
14 transferred from the Clean Energy Development Fund to the General Fund an
15 amount equal to the amount of solar energy tax credits as and when the credits
16 are claimed.

17 Sec. 24. 2000 Acts and Resolves No. 125, Sec. 2(b)(7) as amended by 2009
18 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 71 and 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 68, Sec. 3
19 is further amended to read:

20 (7) ~~Report annually to the house and senate committees on education on~~
21 ~~the extent of indoor air and hazardous exposure problems in Vermont schools~~

1 ~~and on the percentage of Vermont schools that have established a school~~
2 ~~environmental health program or qualified for environmental health~~
3 ~~certification. [Repealed.]~~

4 Sec. 25. 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. 5(e) is amended to read:

5 (e) ~~On or before January 15, 2012, and annually thereafter, the department~~
6 ~~of fish and wildlife shall report to the house committee on fish, wildlife and~~
7 ~~water resources and the senate committee on natural resources and energy~~
8 ~~regarding the status of the relevant captive cervidae facility's compliance with:~~

9 (1) ~~the requirements of this section; and~~

10 (2) ~~the fish and wildlife board's rule governing the importation and~~
11 ~~possession of animals for taking by hunting. [Repealed.]~~

12 * * * Reports Expiration Extension * * *

13 Sec. 26. REPORT REPEAL DELAYED

14 The reports set forth in this section shall not be subject to review under the
15 provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) until July 1,
16 2020:

17 (1) 10 V.S.A. §§ 21(b)(2) (report on the condition of the EB-5 Special
18 Fund) and 6604(b) (Agency of Natural Resources recommendations regarding
19 solid waste management);

20 (2) 18 V.S.A. § 9375a(b)(4) (final projections for three-year projection
21 of health care expenditures);

1 (3) 32 V.S.A. § 434(a)(5) (financial activity of the Trust Investment
2 Account);

3 (4) 1997 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. 13(c), as amended by 2012
4 Acts and Resolves No. 139, Sec. 38 (tobacco compliance tests); 2005 Acts and
5 Resolves No. 56, Sec. 1(b)(2)(B), as amended by 2007 Acts and Resolves
6 No. 65, Sec. 112a (utilization of services and expenses under Choices for
7 Care); 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 110, Sec. 8 (status of river corridor,
8 shoreland, and buffer zoning within Vermont); and 2012 Acts and Resolves
9 No. 113, Sec. 3 (report on Genuine Progress Indicator).

10 * * * Technical Amendments * * *

11 Sec. 27. 2 V.S.A. § 263(j) is amended to read:

12 (j) The Secretary of State shall prepare a list of names and addresses of
13 lobbyists and their employers and the list shall be published at the end of the
14 second legislative week of each regular or adjourned session. Supplemental
15 lists shall be published monthly during the remainder of the legislative session.
16 ~~No later than~~ On or before March 15 of the first year of each legislative
17 biennium, the Secretary of State shall publish no fewer than 500 booklets
18 containing an alphabetical listing of all registered lobbyists, including, at a
19 minimum, a current passport-type photograph of the lobbyist, the lobbyist's
20 business address, telephone, and fax numbers, a list of the lobbyist's clients,
21 and a subject matter index. ~~The provisions of subsection 20(d) (expiration of~~

1 ~~required reports) of this title shall not apply to the report to be made under this~~
2 ~~subsection.~~

3 Sec. 28. 2 V.S.A. § 404(b)(6) is amended to read:

4 (6) Except when the General Assembly is in session and upon the
5 request of any person provide him or her, on a weekly basis, with a list of all
6 public hearings or meetings scheduled by a council, committee, subcommittee,
7 commission, or study committee of the General Assembly or any cancellations
8 of hearings or meetings thereof previously scheduled. ~~The provisions of~~
9 ~~subsection 20(d) (expiration of required reports) of this title shall not apply to~~
10 ~~the report to be made under this subdivision.~~

11 Sec. 29. 3 V.S.A. § 847(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) The Secretary of State shall publish not less than quarterly a bulletin
13 setting forth the text of all rules filed since the immediately preceding
14 publication and any objections filed under subsection 842(b) or 844(e) of this
15 title. ~~The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall~~
16 ~~not apply to the report to be made under this subsection.~~

17 Sec. 30. 3 V.S.A. § 2222(c) is amended to read:

18 (c) The Secretary shall compile, weekly, a list of all public hearings and
19 meetings scheduled by all Executive Branch State agencies, departments,
20 boards, or commissions during the next ensuing week. The list shall be
21 distributed to any person in the State at that person's request. Each Executive

1 Branch State agency, department, board, or commission shall notify the
2 Secretary of all public hearings and meetings to be held and any cancellations
3 of such hearings or meetings. ~~The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration~~
4 ~~of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this~~
5 ~~subsection.~~

6 Sec. 31. 4 V.S.A. § 608(e) is amended to read:

7 (e) On or before the tenth Thursday after the convening of each biennial
8 and adjourned session, the Committee shall report to the General Assembly its
9 recommendation whether the candidates should continue in office, with any
10 amplifying information which it may deem appropriate, in order that the
11 General Assembly may discharge its obligation under ~~section 34 of Chapter II~~
12 § 34 of the Constitution of the State of Vermont. ~~The provisions of 2 V.S.A.~~
13 ~~§ 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made~~
14 ~~under this subsection.~~

15 Sec. 32. 10 V.S.A. § 6503(a) is amended to read:

16 (a) The Committee shall report to the General Assembly its
17 recommendation to approve or not to approve the petition for the facility
18 together with such additional information and comment it deems appropriate.
19 ~~The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not~~
20 ~~apply to the report to be made under this subsection.~~

1 Sec. 33. 16 V.S.A. § 164(17) is amended to read:

2 (17) Report annually on the condition of education statewide and on a
3 school by school basis. The report shall include information on attainment of
4 standards for student performance adopted under subdivision (9) of this
5 section, number and types of complaints of harassment, hazing, or bullying
6 made pursuant to chapter 9, subchapter 5 of this title and responses to the
7 complaints, financial resources and expenditures, and community social
8 indicators. The report shall be organized and presented in a way that is easily
9 understandable by the general public and that enables each school to determine
10 its strengths and weaknesses. The Secretary shall use the information in the
11 report to determine whether students in each school are provided educational
12 opportunities substantially equal to those provided in other schools pursuant to
13 subsection 165(b) of this title. ~~The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration~~
14 ~~of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this~~
15 ~~subdivision.~~

16 Sec. 34. 16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) is amended to read:

17 (2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to
18 community members in a format selected by the school board. In the case of a
19 regional career technical center, the community means the school districts in
20 the service region. ~~The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d)(expiration of required~~

1 ~~reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this subdivision.~~ The
2 school report shall include:

3 * * *

4 Sec. 35. 16 V.S.A. § 2967(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) On or before December 15, the Secretary shall publish an estimate, by
6 town school district, city school district, union school district, unified union
7 school district, incorporated school district, and the member school districts of
8 an interstate school district, of the amount of State assistance necessary to fully
9 fund sections 2961 through 2963 of this title in the ensuing school year. ~~The~~
10 ~~provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply~~
11 ~~to the report to be made under this subsection.~~

12 Sec. 36. 16 V.S.A. § 3862 is amended to read:

13 § 3862. REPORTS

14 ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), the~~ The Vermont
15 Education and Health Buildings Finance Agency shall prepare and annually
16 submit to the Governor a complete report listing all projects applied for,
17 planned, in progress, and completed, and a complete financial report duly
18 audited and certified by a certified public accountant.

1 Sec. 37. 24 V.S.A. § 1354 is amended to read:

2 § 1354. ACCOUNTS; ANNUAL REPORT

3 The Supervisor or Supervisors shall maintain an account showing in detail
4 the revenue raised and the expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of
5 the Supervisor's duties. The Supervisor or Supervisors shall prepare an annual
6 fiscal report by July 1 which shall conform to procedural and substantive
7 requirements to be established by the Board of Governors and which, upon
8 approval by the Board of Governors, shall be distributed to the residents of the
9 gores. ~~The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall~~
10 ~~not apply to the report to be made under this section.~~

11 Sec. 38. 24 V.S.A. § 4753b(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) The Commissioner shall report receipt of a grant under this section to
13 the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Institutions and the House Committee
14 on Corrections and Institutions and the Joint Fiscal Committee. ~~The provisions~~
15 ~~of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report~~
16 ~~to be made under this subsection.~~

17 Sec. 39. 26 V.S.A. § 3105(d) is amended to read:

18 (d) Prior to review under this chapter and consideration by the General
19 Assembly of any bill to regulate a profession or occupation, the Office of
20 Professional Regulation shall make, in writing, a preliminary assessment of
21 whether any particular request for regulation meets the criteria set forth in

1 subsection (a) of this section. The Office shall report its preliminary
2 assessment to the appropriate House or Senate Committee on Government
3 Operations. ~~The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports)~~
4 ~~shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection.~~

5 Sec. 40. 29 V.S.A. § 152(a)(25) is amended to read:

6 (25) Transfer any unexpended project balances from previous capital
7 construction acts for the purpose of emergency projects not authorized in a
8 capital construction act in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; provided the
9 Commissioner shall send timely written notice of such expenditures to the
10 Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
11 Committee on Institutions. ~~The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of~~
12 ~~required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this~~
13 ~~subdivision.~~

14 Sec. 41. 32 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:

15 § 166. PAYMENTS TO TOWNS; RETURNS BY COMMISSIONER OF

16 FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

17 On or before January 10 of each year, the Commissioner of Finance and
18 Management shall transmit to the auditors of each town a statement showing
19 the amount of money paid by the State to the town and the purpose for which
20 paid during the year ending December 31 preceding the date of such statement,
21 the date of such payments and purpose for which made, unless the

1 Commissioner of Finance and Management is requested to send such statement
2 at some other date to conform to the fiscal year of such municipality. ~~The~~
3 ~~provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply~~
4 ~~to the report to be made under this section.~~

5 Sec. 42. 32 V.S.A. § 311(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) At the request of the House or Senate Committee on Government
7 Operations or on Appropriations, the State Treasurer, and the Commissioner of
8 Finance and Management shall present to the requesting committees the
9 recommendations submitted under 3 V.S.A. § 471(n) and 16 V.S.A. § 1942(r).
10 ~~The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not~~
11 ~~apply to the report to be made under this subsection.~~

12 Sec. 43. 32 V.S.A. § 704(i) is amended to read:

13 (i) ~~The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall~~
14 ~~not apply to the plan to be made under this section. [Repealed.]~~

15 Sec. 44. 32 V.S.A. § 3101(b)(11) is amended to read:

16 (11) From time to time prepare and publish statistics reasonably
17 available with respect to the operation of this title, including amounts
18 collected, classification of taxpayers, tax liabilities, and such other facts as the
19 Commissioner or the General Assembly considers pertinent. ~~The provisions of~~
20 ~~2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to~~
21 ~~be made under this subdivision.~~

1 Sec. 45. 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 49 as amended by 2014 Acts
2 and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 76 is further amended to read:

3 Sec. 49. CLOSING OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES; APPROVAL

4 The Secretary of Administration shall not plan to close or significantly
5 reduce operations at any correctional facility unless approval to proceed with
6 such closing or reduction plans is granted by both the Joint Committee on
7 Corrections Oversight and the Joint Fiscal Committee. Any plan submitted to
8 the committees shall include an analysis of the regional impact, including how
9 the increased transportation costs will be funded. ~~The provisions of 2 V.S.A.~~
10 ~~§ 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made~~
11 ~~under this section.~~

12 Sec. 46. 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 112 as amended by 2015 Acts
13 and Resolves No. 23, Sec. 65 is further amended to read:

14 Sec. 112. REPORT REPEAL DELAYED

15 The reports set forth in this section shall not be subject to expiration under
16 the provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) until
17 July 1, 2018:

18 * * *

19 (4) 10 V.S.A. §§ 291 (Entrepreneurs' seed capital fund report), 323
20 (Vermont Housing And Conservation Trust Fund report), 329 (The Sustainable
21 Jobs Fund Program report), 580(b) (25 by 25 state goal report), 685(g)

1 (Vermont Community Development Board report), 1196 (Connecticut River
2 Watershed Advisory Commission report), 1942 (Underground Storage Tank
3 Assistance Program report), and 1961(a)(4) (Vermont Citizens Advisory
4 Committee on Lake Champlain's Future report); ~~and 7563 (ANR report on
5 federal laws relating to collection and recycling of electronic devices).~~

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7 (6) 18 V.S.A. §§ 1756 (lead poisoning report), 7402 (Commissioner of
8 Mental Health report), 9505(9) (Vermont Tobacco Evaluation and Review
9 Board ~~conflict of interest policy report~~ recommendations), and 9507(a)
10 (Vermont Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board report).

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12 * * * Repeal * * *

13 Sec. 47. REPEAL

14 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 113 (Legislative Council report
15 repeal authority) is repealed.

16 * * * Effective Date * * *

17 Sec. 48. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.