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**Act No. 144 (H.754). Legislature; Joint Legislative Management Committee;  
General Assembly staff offices**

**An act relating to restructuring and reorganizing General Assembly staff  
offices**

This act makes several changes to restructure and reorganize the staff offices of the Vermont General Assembly. It specifies the functions of the Joint Legislative Management Committee (JLMC) and gives that Committee oversight over many staff offices by replacing or integrating with the oversight authority of other legislative committees. The act creates three new offices: the Office of Legislative Operations, the Office of Human Resources, and the Office of Legislative Information Technology, and renames the Office of Legislative Council as the Office of Legislative Counsel. The act requires staff offices to submit their proposed budgets to JLMC, requires JLMC approval before staff offices create new positions, and specifies that employees of staff offices are subject to JLMC personnel policies.

The act requires the Sergeant at Arms to prepare and maintain a strategic plan for the Capitol Police Department and requires the Director of Legislative Information Technology to prepare and maintain a long-range strategic plan for legislative information technology operations and services. The act also makes numerous technical and conforming changes and directs the JLMC to continue to apply the rules and policies of the prior oversight committees governing the operations of their respective legislative offices until the JLMC adopts its own rules and policies to govern the operations of those offices.

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