

1 S.114

2 Representative Donahue moves that the House propose to the Senate that
3 the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in
4 lieu thereof the following:

5 Sec. 1. PSYCHEDELIC THERAPY ADVISORY WORKING GROUP;
6 STUDY

7 (a) Creation. There is created the Psychedelic Therapy Advisory Working
8 Group for the purpose of reviewing existing research on the cost-benefit profile
9 of the use of psychedelics to improve mental health and to make findings and
10 recommendations regarding the advisability of the establishment of a State
11 program to permit health care providers to administer psychedelics in a
12 therapeutic setting and the impact on public health of allowing individuals to
13 legally access psychedelics under State law.

14 (b) Membership. The Working Group shall be composed of the following
15 members:

16 (1) a representative of the Larner College of Medicine at the University
17 of Vermont, appointed by the Dean;

18 (2) a member of the Vermont Psychological Association, appointed by
19 the President;

20 (3) a member of the Vermont Psychiatric Association, appointed by the
21 President;

1 (4) the Executive Director of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice or
2 designee;

3 (5) the Director of the Vermont Office of Professional Regulation or
4 designee;

5 (6) the Vermont Commissioner of Health or designee; and

6 (7) the Vermont Commissioner of Mental Health or designee.

7 (c) Powers and duties.

8 (1) The Working Group shall:

9 (A) review the latest research and evidence of the public health
10 benefits and risks of clinical psychedelic assisted treatments; and

11 (B) examine the laws and programs of other states that have
12 authorized the use of psychedelics by health care providers in a therapeutic
13 setting and necessary components and resources if Vermont were to pursue
14 such a program.

15 (2) The Working Group shall seek testimony from Johns Hopkins’
16 Center for Psychedelic and Consciousness Research, in addition to any other
17 entities with an expertise in psychedelics.

18 (d) Assistance. The Working Group shall have the assistance of the
19 Vermont Department of Mental Health for purposes of scheduling and staffing
20 meetings and developing and submitting the report required by subsection (e)
21 of this section.

1 (e) Report. On or before November 15, 2024, the Working Group shall
2 submit a written report to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary, the
3 House Committee on Health Care, the House Committee on Human Services,
4 and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare with its findings and any
5 recommendations for legislative action.

6 (f) Meetings.

7 (1) The Vermont Department of Mental Health shall call the first
8 meeting of the Working Group to occur on or before July 15, 2024.

9 (2) The Working Group shall select a chair from among its members at
10 the first meeting.

11 (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

12 (4) The Working Group shall cease to exist on January 1, 2025.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.