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House Proposal on State Building Naming Committee

Sec. 18. STATE BUILDING NAMING; STUDY COMMITTEE; REPORT

(a) Creation. There is created the State Building Naming Study Committee to develop a proposed process for naming State buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings and General Services.

(b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following members:

(1) the State Historic Preservation Officer or designee;

(2) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or designee;

(3) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee;

(4) the Executive Director of the Vermont Historical Society or designee;

(5) the State Librarian or designee

(6) the Executive Director of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns or designee;

(7) the Executive Director of the Office of Racial Equity or designee;

and

(8) The Executive Secretary of the Transportation Board or designee.

1           (c) Powers and duties.

2           (1) The Committee shall develop a proposed process for naming State  
3           buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings and  
4           General Services. The proposed process developed by the Committee shall  
5           address the following:

6                   (A) an entity within State government, other than the General  
7           Assembly, that should have authority for naming State buildings that are under  
8           the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings and General Services;

9                   (B) entities and individuals who should be involved in determining  
10           whether to name specific State buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the  
11           Department of Buildings and General Services;

12                   (C) methods by which a municipality or the general public may  
13           petition to name a State building under the jurisdiction of the Department of  
14           Buildings and General Services after a specific person;

15                   (D) any requirements for a historical nexus between the building  
16           proposed to be named and the person for whom it is proposed to be named; and

17                   (E) the process for considering a petition to name a State building,  
18           including requirements related to public notice, conduct of hearings, and  
19           standards for rendering a decision on a petition.

1           (2) In carrying out its duties pursuant to subdivision (1) of this section,  
2           the Committee shall hold not fewer than three meetings and shall solicit  
3           testimony from stakeholders and interested parties.

4           (d) Report. On or before February 15, 2025, the Committee shall report to  
5           the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate  
6           Committee on Institutions regarding its proposal and any recommendations for  
7           legislative action.

8           (e) Meetings.

9           (1) The State Historic Preservation Officer shall call the first meeting of  
10          the Committee to occur on or before September 1, 2024.

11          (2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the  
12          first meeting.

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

14          (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on February 28, 2025.