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2 Introduced by Representatives Donahue of Northfield, Andrews of Rutland

3 City, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, Mrowicki of

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5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Health; mental health; Vermont state hospital; governance

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to authorize the department of mental

9 health to create by rule a governing board for the Vermont state hospital.

10 An act relating to governance of the Vermont state hospital

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

12 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 7401 is amended to read:

13 § 7401. POWERS AND DUTIES

14 Except insofar as this part of this title specifically confers certain powers,

15 duties, and functions upon others, the commissioner shall be charged with its

16 administration. The commissioner may:

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18 (21) ensure the coordination of public mental health and substance

19 abuse services with mental health and substance abuse services offered through

1 the private health care delivery system, including services offered by primary
2 care physicians; and
3 (22) establish by rule a governing board for the Vermont state hospital,
4 which shall consist of the following individuals: the secretary of the agency of
5 human services or designee; the commissioner of mental health or designee;
6 the commissioner of corrections or designee; the commissioner of the
7 department of disabilities, aging, and independent living or designee; and three
8 public at-large members, at least one of whom shall be an individual who is or
9 was eligible to receive services from the department of mental health because
10 of a mental health disability.