

1 S.274

2 Introduced by Senators White and Racine

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Executive; Vermont advisory commission on intergovernmental  
6 relations

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to create the Vermont advisory  
8 commission on intergovernmental relations.

9 An act relating to the creation of the Vermont advisory commission on  
10 intergovernmental relations

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

12 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 24 is added to read:

13 § 24. VERMONT ADVISORY COMMISSION ON

14 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

15 (a) The Vermont advisory commission on intergovernmental relations is  
16 created. The commission shall comprise the following 16 members:

17 (1) two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the  
18 speaker of the house;

19 (2) two members of the senate, appointed by the committee on  
20 committees;

1           (3) the secretary of commerce and community development;

2           (4) two regional planning commissioners, appointed by the council of  
3 regional planning commissions;

4           (5) three municipal officials, appointed by the governor from  
5 nominations submitted by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Inc.;

6           (6) two members of school boards, appointed by the governor from  
7 nominations submitted by the Vermont school boards association;

8           (7) one member of a solid waste district, appointed by the governor from  
9 nominations made by the solid waste management association;

10          (8) three public members, appointed by the governor.

11          (b) The commission shall:

12           (1) provide a forum for discussing governance issues;

13           (2) conduct studies of state and local fiscal relations, state mandates,  
14 regional tax sharing, local taxation options, planning authority coordination,  
15 and the redistribution of legal, fiscal, and administrative responsibilities;

16           (3) encourage and coordinate relevant studies by appropriate entities,  
17 including colleges and state agencies;

18           (4) review recommendations of national commissions;

19           (5) sponsor public forums, conferences, and meetings;

20           (6) prepare an annual report for the governor and the general assembly;

21           (7) advise the governor and the general assembly upon request.

1        (c) The governor shall designate one public member to serve as chair of the  
2        commission.

3        (d) The commission may employ an executive director and staff as it deems  
4        necessary.

5        Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION

6        The sum of \$90,000.00 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year  
7        2011 to the Vermont advisory commission on intergovernmental relations.