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Introduced by Representatives Eckhardt of Chittenden, Andrews of Rutland City, Batchelor of Derby, Bouchard of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Royalton, Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Dakin of Chester, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, Greshin of Warren, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Koch of Barre Town, Lenex of Shelburne, McNeil of Rutland Town, Munger of South Burlington, Olsen of Jamaica, Pearson of Burlington, Perley of Enosburgh, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Strong of Albany, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville and Trieber of Rockingham

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Workers' compensation; employer health insurance; single-payer health care system

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to create a committee to study Vermont's workers' compensation program, health coverage, and a single-payer health care system.

1 An act relating to a study of the workers' compensation program, health
2 care coverage, and a single-payer health care system

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

4 Sec. 1. INTERIM STUDY OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM,
5 HEALTH CARE COVERAGE, AND A SINGLE-PAYER HEALTH
6 CARE SYSTEM

7 (a) Creation of committee. There is created a workers' compensation
8 committee to study Vermont's workers' compensation program, health care
9 coverage, and a single-payer health care system.

10 (b)(1) Membership. The workers compensation program committee shall
11 consist of seven members. Four members of the study committee shall be
12 members of the general assembly. The committee on committees of the senate
13 shall appoint two members of the senate, not all from the same political party;
14 and the speaker of the house shall appoint two members of the house, not all
15 from the same political party. Three members of the study committee shall be
16 as follows:

17 (A) the commissioner of labor or designee;

18 (B) the commissioner of Vermont health access or designee; and

19 (C) the commissioner of banking, insurance, securities, and health
20 care administration or designee;

21 (2) The committee, at its first meeting, shall elect one of the legislative
22 members as chair or two legislative members as cochairs.

1 (c)(1) Duties. The committee shall:

2 (A) evaluate the feasibility of integrating or aligning Vermont's
3 workers' compensation program into health care coverage as part of a unified,
4 single-payer health care system; and

5 (B) make recommendations on how to integrate or align Vermont's
6 workers' compensation program into or with a unified, single-payer health care
7 system.

8 (2) For purposes of its study on these issues, the committee shall receive
9 the assistance and staff services from the legislative council and the joint fiscal
10 office.

11 (d) Report. By January 15, 2012, the committee shall report to the house
12 committee on human services and the senate committee on health and welfare
13 its findings and any recommendations for legislative action.

14 (e) Number of meetings; term of committee. The committee may meet no
15 more than four times and shall cease to exist on January 31, 2012.