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1 Introduced by [GAC Members in each body]

2 Referred to Committee on

3 Date:

4 Subject: Executive; Legislature; results-based accountability; terminology

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to use consistent

6 results-based accountability (RBA) terminology in Vermont law. In RBA, the

7 General Assembly establishes population-level “outcomes,” which are

8 analyzed using “indicators,” and the Executive Branch establishes the desired

9 “results” of its programs, which are analyzed using “performance measures.”

10 An act relating to the consistent use of results-based accountability
11 terminology in Vermont law

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

13 * * * Governor’s Development Cabinet * * *

14 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 2293 is amended to read:

15 § 2293. DEVELOPMENT CABINET

16 (a) Legislative purpose. The General Assembly deems it prudent to
17 establish a permanent and formal mechanism to assure collaboration and
18 consultation among State agencies and departments, in order to support and
19 encourage Vermont’s economic development, while at the same time
20 conserving and promoting Vermont’s traditional settlement patterns, its

1 working and rural landscape, its strong communities, and its healthy
2 environment, all in a manner set forth in this section.

3 (b) Development Cabinet.

4 (1) A Development Cabinet is created, to consist of the Secretaries of
5 the Agencies of Administration, of Agriculture, Food and Markets, of
6 Commerce and Community Development, of Education, of Natural Resources,
7 and of Transportation. The Governor or the Governor's designee shall chair
8 the Development Cabinet.

9 (2) The Development Cabinet shall advise the Governor on how best to
10 implement the purposes of this section, and shall recommend changes as
11 appropriate to improve implementation of those purposes.

12 (3) The Development Cabinet may establish interagency work groups to
13 support its mission, drawing membership from any agency or department of
14 State government. Any interagency work groups established under this
15 subsection shall evaluate, test the feasibility of, and suggest alternatives to
16 economic development proposals, including proposals for public-private
17 partnerships, submitted to them for consideration. The Development Cabinet
18 shall refer to appropriate interagency workgroups any economic development
19 proposal that has a significant impact on the inventory or use of State land or
20 buildings.

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1 (d)(1) Pursuant to the recommendations of the Oversight Panel on
2 Economic Development created in Sec. G6 of No. 146 of the Acts of the 2009
3 Adj. Sess. (2010), the Development Cabinet shall create an interagency work
4 group as provided in subsection (b) of this section with the Secretary of
5 Commerce and Community Development serving as its chair.

6 (2) The mission of the Work Group shall be to develop a long-term
7 economic development plan for the ~~state~~ State, which shall identify goals and
8 recommend actions to be taken over ten years, and which shall be consistent
9 with the four **goals** of economic development identified in 10 V.S.A. § 3 and
10 the following outcomes for economic development ~~identified in Sec. 8 of No.~~
11 ~~68 of the Acts of the 2009 Adj. Sess. (2010):~~

12 (A) Vermont achieves a sustainable annual increase in nonpublic
13 sector employment and in median household income;

14 (B) Vermont attains a statewide, state-of-the-art telecommunications
15 infrastructure; and

16 (C) Vermont has a prosperous economy.

17 (e)(1) On or before January 15, 2014, and every two years thereafter, the
18 Development Cabinet or its Work Group shall complete a long-term economic
19 development plan as required under subsection (d) of this section and
20 recommend it to the Governor.

1 (2) Vermont invests in its digital, physical, and human infrastructure as
2 the foundation for all economic development.

3 (3) Vermont ~~state~~ State government takes advantage of its small scale to
4 create nimble, efficient, and effective policies and regulations that support
5 business growth and the economic prosperity of all Vermonters.

6 (4) Vermont leverages its brand and scale to encourage a diverse
7 economy that reflects and capitalizes on our rural character, entrepreneurial
8 people, and reputation for environmental quality.

9 (c) The four principal **goals** shall be used to guide the design and
10 implementation of each economic development program, policy, or initiative
11 that is sponsored or financially supported by the ~~state~~ State, its subdivisions,
12 agencies, authorities, or private partners.

13 ~~(d)(1) The commission on the future of economic development, or a~~
14 ~~working group thereof designated by the general assembly, shall work with the~~
15 ~~state economists and the joint fiscal office to adopt benchmarks for the four~~
16 ~~principal goals.~~

17 ~~(2) The commission or workgroup thereof shall on or before January 15,~~
18 ~~2010 report to the house committee on commerce and economic development,~~
19 ~~the senate committee on finance, and the senate committee on economic~~
20 ~~development, housing and general affairs concerning its review of the goals,~~
21 ~~benchmarks, and agency progress pursuant to this subsection.~~

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1 ~~(3) On or before January 15, 2010, the commission shall recommend to~~
2 ~~the senate committee on economic development, housing and general affairs,~~
3 ~~the senate committee on finance, the house committee on commerce and~~
4 ~~economic development, the house committee on ways and means, and the~~
5 ~~governor on whether it would promote the best interests of Vermont for the~~
6 ~~commission to continue its review of the goals and benchmarks, or if a~~
7 ~~successor to that responsibility should be designated. Notwithstanding any~~
8 ~~recommendation, the commission shall continue to perform the review unless~~
9 ~~and until a successor is designated by legislation approved by the legislature~~
10 ~~and the governor.~~

11 * * * Partnerships for Children, Families, and Individuals * * *

12 Sec. 3. 3 V.S.A. § 3026 is amended to read:

13 § 3026. PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND

14 INDIVIDUALS

15 (a) The Secretary of Human Services, the Secretary of Education, and the
16 President of the University of Vermont shall establish a research partnership to
17 study and make recommendations for improving the effectiveness of State and
18 local health, human services, and education programs. Critical program
19 ~~outcomes~~ results relating to the well-being of Vermonters that should be
20 addressed by the research partnership may include the following:

1 programs, early assessments, substance abuse screening, child care services,
2 afterschool programs, and screening for problems which contribute to
3 delinquency and juvenile crime.

4 (B) An Alternative Sanctions Specialist, responsible for programs
5 providing alternatives to incarceration, including court diversion, probation,
6 reparative boards, and community justice programs.

7 (2) The Specialists designated under subdivision (1) of this subsection
8 shall:

9 (A) work with communities throughout the State, and analyze data
10 and ~~outcomes~~ results, to evaluate the efficiency and success of juvenile justice
11 programs;

12 (B) monitor the statewide and cross-departmental consistency and
13 coordination of juvenile justice programs and the development of the
14 comprehensive system of juvenile justice required by this section; and

15 (C) work in district offices with probation officers, case workers, and
16 other personnel of the Departments for Children and Families and of
17 Corrections to ensure that State juvenile justice programs and case plans are
18 administered in a manner consistent with the policies of this section, and with
19 the statutes and rules pertaining to each specialty area.

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1 (4) an evaluation shall be completed by enrolled farmers in conjunction
2 with the teams.

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4 (f)(1) In collaboration with the Vermont ~~housing and conservation board~~
5 Housing and Conservation Board, the ~~secretary of agriculture, food and~~
6 ~~markets~~ Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall report in writing to
7 the ~~senate and house committees on agriculture~~ Senate and House Committees
8 on Agriculture on or before January 31 of each year with a report on the
9 activities and performance of the ~~farm viability enhancement program~~ Farm
10 Viability Enhancement Program. At a minimum, the report shall include an
11 evaluation of the program utilizing the ~~performance goals~~ desired program
12 results and ~~evaluative~~ performance measures established in consultation with
13 the advisory board ~~pursuant to subsection (b) of this section~~. The report should
14 assess potential demand for the ~~program~~ Program over the succeeding three
15 years. ~~Further, the agency of agriculture, food and markets~~

16 (2) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and the Vermont
17 ~~housing and conservation board~~ Housing and Conservation Board shall
18 describe in their annual budget submissions plans to develop adequate ~~state~~
19 State, federal, and private funds to carry out this initiative.

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1 * * * Vermont Housing and Conservation Board * * *

2 Sec. 8. 10 V.S.A. § 321 is amended to read:

3 § 321. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES

4 (a) The Board shall have all the powers necessary and convenient to carry
5 out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this chapter, including
6 ~~without limitation~~ those general powers provided to a business corporation by
7 Title 11A and including, ~~without limiting the generality of the foregoing,~~ the
8 power to:

9 (1) upon application from an eligible applicant in a form prescribed by
10 the Board, provide funding in the form of grants or loans for eligible activities;

11 (2) enter into cooperative agreements with private organizations or
12 individuals or with any agency or instrumentality of the United States or of this
13 State to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

14 (3) issue rules in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 for the purpose of
15 administering the provisions of this chapter; and

16 (4) transfer funds to the Department of Housing and Community
17 Development to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

18 (b)(1) The Board shall seek out and fund not-for-profit organizations and
19 municipalities that can assist any region of the State which has high housing
20 prices, high unemployment, and low per capita incomes in obtaining grants and
21 loans under this chapter for perpetually affordable housing.

1 (b) The Agency shall submit to the House Committee on Commerce and
2 Economic Development and to the Senate Committee on Economic
3 Development, Housing and General Affairs a report on or before January 15,
4 2015 concerning the structure of networking initiatives, the relevant provisions
5 of governing performance contracts, the benchmarks and measures of
6 performance, and the ~~outcomes~~ results of and further recommendations for the
7 program.

8 * * * Farm-to-Plate Investment Program * * *

9 Sec. 10. 10 V.S.A. § 330 is amended to read:

10 § 330. THE FARM-TO-PLATE INVESTMENT PROGRAM; CREATION;
11 GOALS; TASKS; METHODS

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13 (c) Tasks.

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15 (4) The ~~farm-to-plate investment program~~ Farm-to-Plate Investment
16 Program strategic plan shall also include recommendations regarding
17 measurable ~~outcomes~~ results that shall be tracked over the ten-year life of the
18 ~~plan~~ Plan; methods for the ongoing collection of data necessary to track those
19 ~~outcomes~~ results; plans for updating the ~~plan~~ Plan as needed; and appropriate
20 methods to track the ongoing economic contribution of the farm and food
21 sector to the Vermont economy.

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* * * Workforce Education, Training, and Development * * *

Sec. 11. 10 V.S.A. § 540 is amended to read:

§ 540. WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING LEADER

The Commissioner of Labor shall be the leader of workforce education and training in the State, and shall have the authority and responsibility for the coordination of workforce education and training within State government, including the following duties:

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(7) Notwithstanding any provision of State law to the contrary, and to the fullest extent allowed under federal law, ensure that in each State and State-funded workforce education and training program, the program administrator collects and reports data and ~~outcomes~~ results at the individual level by Social Security Number or an equivalent.

Sec. 12. 10 V.S.A. § 542 is amended to read:

§ 542. REGIONAL WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(a) The Commissioner of Labor, in coordination with the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development, and in consultation with the Workforce Investment Board, is authorized to issue performance grants to one or more persons to perform workforce education and training activities in a region.

1 (b) Each grant shall specify the scope of the workforce education and
2 training activities to be performed and the geographic region to be served, and
3 shall include ~~outcomes~~ results and measures to evaluate the grantee's
4 performance.

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6 * * * Vermont Career Internship Program * * *

7 Sec. 13. 10 V.S.A. § 544 is amended to read:

8 § 544. VERMONT CAREER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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10 (b) The Department of Labor, in collaboration with the Agencies of
11 Agriculture, Food and Markets and of Education, State-funded postsecondary
12 educational institutions, the Workforce Investment Board, and other State
13 agencies and departments that have workforce education and training and
14 training monies, shall:

15 * * *

16 (2) collect data and establish desired program ~~goals~~ results and
17 quantifiable performance measures for internship programs funded through the
18 Vermont Career Internship Program;

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1 (c) The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation shall report in
2 writing to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on
3 Agriculture and Forest Products and the Senate and House Committees on
4 Natural Resources and Energy on or before January 31 of each year on the
5 activities and performance of the forestry and forest products viability
6 program. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports)
7 shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection. At a minimum,
8 the report shall include:

9 (1) an evaluation of the ~~program~~ Program utilizing the ~~performance~~
10 ~~goals~~ program results and ~~evaluative~~ performance measures established
11 pursuant to subdivision (a)(5)(C) of this section;

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13 * * * Prekindergarten Education * * *

14 Sec. 15. 16 V.S.A. § 829 is amended to read:

15 § 829. PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION

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17 (e) Rules. The Secretary of Education and the Commissioner for Children
18 and Families shall jointly develop and agree to rules and present them to the
19 State Board for adoption under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 as follows:

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* * * Education Finance * * *

Sec. 17. 16 V.S.A. § 4011a is amended to read:

§ 4011a. EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM; REPORT; APPROPRIATION

(a) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), any postsecondary institution receiving funds pursuant to subsection 4011(e) of this title shall report annually in January to the Senate and House Committees on Education regarding the level of participation in the institution’s early college program, the success in achieving the stated **goals** of the program to enhance secondary students’ educational experiences and prepare them for success in college and beyond, and the specific **outcomes results** for participating students relating to programmatic **goals**.

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* * * Community Health and Wellness Grants * * *

Sec. 18. 18 V.S.A. § 104b is amended to read:

§ 104b. COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS GRANTS

(a) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall establish a program for awarding competitive, substantial, multi-year grants to comprehensive community health and wellness projects. Successful projects must:

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(3) be goal and ~~outcome~~ result driven;

1 Sec. 21. 18 V.S.A. § 7256 is amended to read:

2 § 7256. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

3 Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), the Department of Mental Health shall
4 report annually on or before January 15 to the Senate Committee on Health and
5 Welfare and the House Committee on Human Services regarding the extent to
6 which individuals with a mental health condition or psychiatric disability
7 receive care in the most integrated and least restrictive setting available. The
8 Department shall consider measures from a variety of sources, including the
9 Joint Commission, the National Quality Forum, the Centers for Medicare and
10 Medicaid Services, the National Institute of Mental Health, and the Substance
11 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The report shall address:

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13 (4) individual recovery in terms of clinical, social, and legal ~~outcomes~~
14 results;

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16 (7) ~~outcome~~ result performance measures and other data on individuals
17 for whom petitions for involuntary medication are filed; and

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1 Sec. 22. 18 V.S.A. § 9461 is amended to read:

2 § 9461. ~~QUALITY INDICATORS~~ MEASURES

3 (a) The ~~department of financial regulation~~ Department of Financial
4 Regulation shall develop performance quality indicators measures to evaluate
5 and ensure that health insurers, including managed care organizations that
6 contract with health insurers to administer the insurers' mental health benefits,
7 comply with the provisions of 8 V.S.A. § 4089b and related rules.

8 (b) The ~~departments of health and of mental health~~ shall Departments of
9 Health and of Mental Health shall develop clinical and performance quality
10 measures to evaluate and ensure that health care professionals and health care
11 facilities in Vermont provide high quality mental health and substance abuse
12 treatment services to their patients.

13 Sec. 23. 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 149, Sec. E.306.2 is amended to read:

14 Sec. E.306.2 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES

15 (a) Desired ~~Program Objectives~~ Results And Performance Measures:

16 (1) On or before September 15, 2014, the Chief of Health Care Reform,
17 the Secretary of Human Services, and the Commissioners of Health and of
18 Vermont Health Access in consultation with the Chief Performance Officer
19 shall submit to the Joint Fiscal Committee, the House and Senate Committees
20 on Appropriations, the House Committee on Human Services, and to the
21 Senate Committee on Health and Welfare the desired ~~program objectives~~

1 results for the State’s substance abuse treatment services and three
2 performance measures to measure success in reaching those program
3 ~~objectives~~ results.

4 (2) Thereafter, annually, on or before January 15, the Chief, Secretary,
5 and Commissioners shall report to those Committees on the service delivery
6 system’s success in reaching the program ~~objectives~~ results using the
7 performance measure data collected for those services.

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9 (c) Transfer of Global Commitment Funds:

10 (1) Subsequent to meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of this
11 section, the Secretary of Administration and the Chief of Health Care Reform
12 are authorized to transfer Global Commitment funds from the Department of
13 Vermont Health Access (DVHA) to the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse
14 Programs for the Care Alliance for Opioid Addiction. A written notification
15 shall be submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee for funds transferred under
16 this subdivision and shall include a description of the specific use of funds
17 within the Care Alliance for Opioid Addiction consistent with the ~~objectives~~
18 results identified in subsection (a) of this section.

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1 (d) Payment Methodology:

2 (1) On or before March 15, 2015, the Chief of Health Care Reform,
3 Secretary of Human Services, and Commissioners of Health and of Vermont
4 Health Access shall submit to the House and Senate Committees on
5 Appropriations, the House Committee on Human Services, and to the Senate
6 Committee on Health and Welfare a report on designing the payment
7 methodology for substance abuse and mental health services to achieve the
8 ~~objectives~~ results in subsection (a) of this section. The report shall include the
9 benefits, drawbacks, and costs of:

- 10 (A) rate setting;
- 11 (B) capitated funding;
- 12 (C) performance-based contracts;
- 13 (D) cost-based reimbursement;
- 14 (E) capacity grants; and
- 15 (F) bundled payments.

16 * * * Hospital Community Reports * * *

17 Sec. 24. 18 V.S.A. § 9405b is amended to read:

18 § 9405b. HOSPITAL COMMUNITY REPORTS

19 (a) The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with representatives from
20 hospitals, other groups of health care professionals, and members of the public

1 representing patient interests, shall adopt rules establishing a standard format
2 for community reports, as well as the contents, which shall include:

3 (1) performance measures of quality, including process and ~~outcome~~
4 result performance measures, that are valid, reliable, and useful, including
5 comparisons to appropriate national benchmarks for high quality and
6 successful ~~outcomes~~ results;

7 (2) performance measures of patient safety that are valid, reliable, and
8 useful, including comparisons to appropriate industry benchmarks for safety;

9 (3) performance measures of hospital-acquired infections that are valid,
10 reliable, and useful, including comparisons to appropriate industry
11 benchmarks;

12 (4) performance measures of the hospital's financial health, including
13 comparisons to appropriate national benchmarks for efficient operation and
14 fiscal health;

15 (5) a summary of the hospital's budget, including revenue by source and
16 quantification of cost shifting to private payers;

17 (6) performance measures that provide valid, reliable, useful, and
18 efficient information for payers and the public for the comparison of charges
19 for higher volume health care services;

20 (7) the hospital's process for achieving openness, inclusiveness, and
21 meaningful public participation in its strategic planning and decision-making;

1 (8) the hospital’s consumer complaint resolution process, including
2 identification of the hospital officer or employee responsible for its
3 implementation;

4 (9) information concerning recently completed or ongoing quality
5 improvement and patient safety projects;

6 (10) a description of strategic initiatives discussed with or derived from
7 the identification of health care needs; the one-year and four-year capital
8 expenditure plans; and the depreciation schedule for existing facilities;

9 (11) information on membership and governing body qualifications, a
10 listing of the current governing body members, and means of obtaining a
11 schedule of meetings of the hospital’s governing body, including times
12 scheduled for public participation; and

13 (12) valid, reliable, and useful information on nurse staffing, including
14 comparisons to appropriate industry benchmarks for safety. This information
15 may include system-centered performance measures, such as skill mix, nursing
16 care hours per patient day, and other such system-centered performance
17 measures as reliable industry benchmarks become available in the future.

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19 (c) The community reports shall be provided to the Commissioner of
20 Health. The Commissioner of Health shall publish the reports on a public
21 website and shall develop and include a format for comparisons of hospitals

1 within the same categories of quality and financial ~~indicators~~ performance
2 measures.

3 * * * Smoking Cessation * * *

4 Sec. 25. 18 V.S.A. § 9503 is amended to read:

5 § 9503. VERMONT TOBACCO PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

6 (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided, the ~~tobacco prevention and~~
7 ~~treatment program~~ Tobacco Prevention and Treatment Program shall be
8 administered and coordinated statewide by the ~~department of health~~
9 Department of Health and the Vermont ~~tobacco evaluation and review board~~
10 Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board, pursuant to the provisions of this
11 chapter. The ~~program~~ Program shall be comprehensive and research-based,
12 and shall include the following components:

13 (1) community-based programs;

14 (2) school-based programs;

15 (3) tobacco cessation programs;

16 (4) countermarketing activities;

17 (5) enforcement activities;

18 (6) surveillance and evaluation activities;

19 (7) policy initiatives; and

20 (8) any other activities determined by the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner

21 or the ~~board~~ Board to be necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

1 Sec. 26. 18 V.S.A. § 9505 is amended to read:

2 § 9505. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES

3 The Board shall have all the powers necessary and convenient to carry out

4 and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this section, and shall:

5 * * *

6 (3) review and advise the ~~department~~ Department selection criteria for
7 grantees and contracts funded by the ~~program~~ Program in conformity with the
8 ~~goals~~ results established by the ~~department~~ Department and ~~board~~ Board;

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10 Sec. 27. 18 V.S.A. § 9506 is amended to read:

11 § 9506. ALLOCATION SYSTEM

12 (a) In determining the allocation of funds available for the purposes of this
13 chapter, the Department and the Board shall consider all relevant factors,
14 including:

15 * * *

16 (4) the extent to which the ~~outcomes~~ results of the project can be
17 measured by reductions in adult or youth smoking rates.

18 (b) The Department's and Board's allocation system shall include a
19 method, developed jointly, that evaluates the need for and impact and quality
20 of the activities proposed by eligible applicants, including, if appropriate,

1 measuring the ~~outcomes~~ results of the project through reductions in adult and
2 youth smoking rates.

3 Sec. 28. 18 V.S.A. § 9507 is amended to read:

4 § 9507. ANNUAL REPORT

5 (a) On or before January 15 of each year, the Board shall submit a report
6 concerning its activities under this chapter to the Governor and the General
7 Assembly. The report shall include, to the extent possible, the following:

8 (1) the results of the independent program evaluation, beginning with
9 the report filed on January 15, 2003, and then each year thereafter;

10 (2) a full financial report of the activities of the ~~departments of health,~~
11 ~~education, liquor control~~ Departments of Health and of Liquor Control, the
12 Agency of Education, and the ~~board~~ Board, including a special accounting of
13 all activities from July 1 through December 31 of the year preceding the
14 legislative session during which the report is submitted;

15 (3) a recommended budget for the ~~program~~ Program; and

16 (4) an explanation of the ~~outcomes~~ results of approved programs,
17 measured through reductions in adult and youth smoking rates.

18 (b) [Repealed.]

1 enforcement. The memorandum of understanding shall be reviewed at least
2 every two years and shall at a minimum address:

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4 (2) Providing for an overall statewide law enforcement strategic plan
5 supported by quarterly planning and implementation strategy sessions to
6 improve efficiencies and coordination on an operational level and ensure
7 interagency cooperation and collaboration of programs funded through grants.
8 The strategic plan should identify clear **goals** and measurable performance
9 ~~outcomes~~ results as well as specific strategic plans for individual enforcement
10 agencies.

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12 * * * Tax Increment Financing Districts * * *

13 Sec. 31. 24 V.S.A. § 1901 is amended to read:

14 § 1901. INFORMATION REPORTING

15 Every municipality with an active tax increment financing district shall:

16 (1) Develop a system, segregated for the tax increment financing district,
17 to identify, collect, and maintain all data and information necessary to fulfill
18 the reporting requirements of this section, including performance ~~indicators~~
19 measures.

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1 (3) Annually:

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3 (B) on or before January 15 of each year, on a form prescribed by the
4 Council, submit an annual report to the Vermont Economic Progress Council
5 and the Department of Taxes, including the information required by
6 subdivision (2) of this section if not already submitted during the year, all
7 information required by subdivision (A) of this subdivision (3), and the
8 information required by 32 V.S.A. § 5404a(i), including performance
9 ~~indicators~~ measures and any other information required by the Council or the
10 Department of Taxes.

11 Sec. 32. 32 V.S.A. § 5404a is amended to read:

12 § 5404a. TAX STABILIZATION AGREEMENTS; TAX INCREMENT
13 FINANCING DISTRICTS

14 * * *

15 (i) The Vermont Economic Progress Council and the Department of Taxes
16 shall make an annual report to the Senate Committees on Economic
17 Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Finance and the House
18 Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on Ways and
19 Means of the General Assembly on or before April 1. The report shall include,
20 in regard to each existing tax increment financing district, the date of creation,
21 a profile of the district, a map of the district, the original taxable value, the

1 scope and value of projected and actual improvements and developments,
2 projected and actual incremental revenue amounts and division of the
3 increment revenue between district debt, the Education Fund, the special
4 account required by 24 V.S.A. § 1896 and the municipal General Fund,
5 projected and actual financing, and a set of performance ~~indicators~~ measures
6 developed by the Vermont Economic Progress Council, which shall include the
7 number of jobs created in the district, what sectors experienced job growth,
8 and the amount of infrastructure work performed by Vermont firms.

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10 * * * Municipal and Regional Planning and Development * * *

11 Sec. 33. 24 V.S.A. § 4306 is amended to read:

12 § 4306. MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING FUND

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14 (b)(1) Allocations for performance contract funding to regional planning
15 commissions shall be determined according to a formula to be adopted by rule
16 under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 by the Department for the assistance of the regional
17 planning commissions. Disbursement of funding to regional planning
18 commissions shall be predicated upon meeting performance ~~outcomes~~ results
19 and measures pursuant to the terms of the performance contract.

20 * * *

1 Sec. 34. 24 V.S.A. § 4341a is amended to read:

2 § 4341a. PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS FOR REGIONAL PLANNING
3 SERVICES

4 (a) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development shall
5 negotiate and enter into performance contracts with regional planning
6 commissions, or with regional planning commissions and regional
7 development corporations in the case of a joint contract, to provide regional
8 planning services.

9 (b) A performance contract shall address how the regional planning
10 commission, or regional planning commission and regional development
11 corporation jointly, will improve ~~outcomes~~ results and achieve savings
12 compared with the current regional service delivery system, which may
13 include:

14 (1) a proposal without change in the makeup or change of the area
15 served;

16 (2) a joint proposal to provide different services under one contract with
17 one or more regional service providers;

18 (3) co-location with other local, regional, or State service providers;

19 (4) merger with one or more regional service providers;

20 (5) consolidation of administrative functions and additional operational
21 efficiencies within the region; or

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2 (4) measure the ~~outcomes~~ results and performance of energy
3 improvements;

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5 * * * State Budget * * *

6 Sec. 36. 32 V.S.A. § 307 is amended to read:

7 § 307. FORM OF BUDGET

8 * * *

9 (c) The budget shall also include a strategic plan for each State agency,
10 department, office, or other entity or program. A strategic plan shall include
11 the following:

12 (1) a statement of mission and **goals**;

13 (2) a description of ~~indicators~~ performance measures used to measure
14 output and ~~outcome~~ results;

15 (3) identification of the groups of people served, including those having
16 service priorities or other service measures established by law, and estimates of
17 the changes in those groups expected during the term of the plan;

18 (4) an analysis of the use of resources to meet needs, including future
19 needs, an analysis of additional resources that may be necessary to meet future
20 needs;

1 families; the duration of employment; and actual and perceived ~~outcomes~~
2 results and material ~~indicators~~ measures of stability and well-being.

3 (3) For Reach Ahead, the types of employment engaged in by families;
4 the duration of employment; the type and duration of services necessary to
5 maintain employment; the duration of time the family received food assistance
6 and services in the program; and the impact of the services on the family,
7 including the actual and perceived well-being of the family and material
8 ~~indicators~~ measures of well-being.

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10 * * * Department of Vermont Health Access * * *

11 Sec. 39. 33 V.S.A. § 2032 is amended to read:

12 § 2032. ROLE OF DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS

13 * * *

14 (e) The Department shall conduct comprehensive evaluations of the
15 Board's success in improving clinical and utilization ~~outcomes~~ results using
16 claims data and a survey of health care professional satisfaction. The
17 Department shall report annually by January 15 to the House Committee on
18 Health Care and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare regarding the
19 results of the most recent evaluation or evaluations and a summary of the
20 Board's activities and recommendations since the last report. The provisions

1 of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report
2 to be made under this subsection.

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4 * * * Building Bright Futures Council * * *

5 Sec. 40. 33 V.S.A. § 4603 is amended to read:

6 § 4603. POWERS AND DUTIES

7 The Council established by section 4602 of this title shall have the
8 following powers and duties necessary and appropriate to effectuating the
9 purposes of this chapter:

10 * * *

11 (2) Monitor overall system performance by regularly tracking and
12 reporting system data on the well-being of young children and the performance
13 of the system of care related to the Council's commitments to children and
14 selected indicators performance measures.

15 * * *

16 (13) Select the key indicators performance measures to be tracked in
17 early childhood and identify priority strategies to improve outcomes results.

18 * * *

19 (15) Analyze data to assess progress in achieving the outcomes
20 ~~consistent with No. 68 of the Acts of the 2009 Adj. Sess. (2010) affecting~~

1 children set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 2311 and make recommendations for any
2 necessary adjustments.

3 (16) Report to the Governor, the Chief Performance Officer, and the
4 legislative committees of jurisdiction during the first month of each legislative
5 biennium on the Council’s findings and recommendations, progress toward
6 achieving the outcomes consistent with No. 68 of the Acts of the 2009 Adj.
7 Sess. (2010) affecting children set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 2311, and
8 recommendations for priorities for the biennium. The provisions of 2 V.S.A.
9 § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made
10 under this subdivision.

11 Sec. 41. 33 V.S.A. § 4603 is amended to read:

12 § 4603. POWERS AND DUTIES

13 The Council established by section 4602 of this title shall have the
14 following powers and duties necessary and appropriate to effectuating the
15 purposes of this chapter:

16 * * *

17 (15) Analyze data to assess progress in achieving ~~the outcomes affecting~~
18 children set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 2311 consistent with 2010 Acts and Resolves
19 No. 68 and make recommendations for any necessary adjustments.

20 (16) Report to the Governor, ~~the Chief Performance Officer~~, and the
21 legislative committees of jurisdiction during the first month of each legislative

1 biennium on the Council’s findings and recommendations, progress toward
2 achieving the outcomes ~~affecting children set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 2311~~
3 consistent with 2010 Acts and Resolves NO. 68, and recommendations for
4 priorities for the biennium. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of
5 required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this
6 subdivision.

7 * * * Home Health Services * * *

8 Sec. 42. 33 V.S.A. § 6303 is amended to read:

9 § 6303. HOME HEALTH SERVICES; LOCAL PLANS; BOARD

10 COMPOSITION

11 (a) Consistent with the requirements of this section, the Commissioner of
12 Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall adopt by rule minimum
13 program standards for the purpose of providing quality oversight of the home
14 health agencies authorized to provide home health services under this
15 subchapter. The minimum program standards shall include performance
16 standards, quality ~~indicators~~ performance measures, grievance and complaint
17 procedures, patient safety standards, consumer input mechanisms, accessibility
18 standards, medical necessity standards, and practices to ensure confidentiality
19 of patient records. The rules shall include also minimum program standards to
20 ensure home health agencies do not discriminate in the provision of services
21 based on income, funding source, geographic status, or severity of health needs

1 and to ensure the attainment or continuance of universal access to medically
2 necessary home health services.

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4 Sec. 43. 33 V.S.A. § 6305 is amended to read:

5 § 6305. REVIEW OF ACCESS, COST, AND QUALITY ISSUES;

6 REMEDIATION PROCESS

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8 (b) In a form and manner and at intervals prescribed by the Commissioner,
9 the Commissioner shall collect and analyze data regarding access to and the
10 cost and quality of home health services in Vermont. Such data shall include:
11 information on complaints, waiting lists, numbers of individuals ineligible for
12 services, numbers of individuals eligible for but not provided services,
13 numbers of patients served under and over the age of 65, total number of visits
14 and hours provided to patients by each of the existing home health agencies;
15 the results of patient surveys conducted by the home health agencies; data
16 pertaining to federal and State surveys; scoring by any national accrediting
17 organization, charitable and subsidized programs and services for uninsured or
18 low income persons in their respective communities; copies of audited
19 financial statements and annual cost reports; and any other quality ~~indicators~~
20 performance measures or data deemed relevant by the Commissioner to

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1 monitor and evaluate access to and the cost and quality of home health services
2 by the designated home health agencies.

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4 Sec. 44. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015 except for Sec. 41 (amending 33

6 V.S.A. § 4603), which shall take effect on January 1, 2017.