

Sec. E.206 SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT FUNDING STUDY

COMMITTEE

(a) Creation. There is created a Special Investigations Unit Funding Study Committee for the purpose of identifying and recommending equitable and sustainable funding options for specialized investigative units.

(b) Membership, interested parties.

(1) The Committee shall be composed of the following six members:

(A) three current members of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a member of the Joint Fiscal Committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

(B) three current members of the Senate, one of whom is a member of the Joint Fiscal Committee, appointed by the Committee on Committees.

(2) The Committee shall consult with interested parties, including the Attorney General, the Commissioner of Taxes, the Executive Director of the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs, the Special Investigation Units Grants Program Manager, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, the Vermont Children's Alliance, and the directors of the Special Investigation Units.

(c) Powers and duties. The Study Committee shall identify all possible funding sources for special investigation units and shall consider the sustainability and equitability of each possible source on local, county, and State levels.

(d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Joint Fiscal Office and the Legislative Council.

(e) Report. On or before December 15, 2014, the Committee shall submit a report to the House Committees on Ways and Means and on Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Finance and on Judiciary with its findings and any recommendations for legislative action.

(f) Meetings.

(1) Members shall elect a Chair at the first meeting that shall occur on the same date as a meeting of the Joint Fiscal Committee.

(2)(A) A majority of the members of the Committee shall be physically present at the same location to constitute a quorum.

(B) A member may vote only if physically present at the meeting location.

(C) Action shall be taken only if there is both a quorum and a majority vote of all members of the Committee.

(3) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 1, 2015.

(g) Reimbursement. For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, legislative members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406 for no more than four meetings.