

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House
3 Bill No. 434 entitled “An act relating to law enforcement and fire service
4 training safety” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by
6 striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the
7 following:

8 Sec. 1. 29 V.S.A. § 842 is added to read:

9 § 842. TRAINING SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE; RECOMMENDATIONS;

10 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

11 (a) Subcommittee creation. There is created as a subcommittee of the
12 Training Center Governance Committee the Training Safety Subcommittee to
13 make recommendations regarding training safety at the Robert H. Wood, Jr.
14 Criminal Justice and Fire Service Training Center of Vermont (Training
15 Center).

16 (b) Subcommittee membership.

17 (1) The Subcommittee shall be composed of seven members.

18 (A) Four of these members shall be members of the Training Center
19 Governance Committee, appointed by the Committee as follows:

20 (i) two shall represent the Vermont Police Academy; and

21 (ii) two shall represent the Vermont Fire Academy.

1 (B) The remaining three members shall be as follows:

2 (i) the Commissioner of Labor or designee;

3 (ii) the Risk Management Manager of the Office of Risk
4 Management within the Agency of Administration; and

5 (iii) one employee of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns
6 who specializes in risk management, appointed by the Executive Director of
7 the League.

8 (2) Members of the Subcommittee who are not employees of the State of
9 Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their
10 attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of
11 expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

12 (c) Subcommittee recommendations. The Subcommittee shall annually:

13 (1) on or before February 1, review the safety records of the Training
14 Center; and

15 (2) on or before July 1, submit to the Training Center Governance
16 Committee its recommendations regarding how training safety at the Training
17 Center could be improved.

18 (d) Governance Committee review and report.

19 (1) The Training Center Governance Committee shall review and
20 consider the recommendations made by the Subcommittee under subsection (c)
21 of this section.

1 (2) Annually, on or before January 15, the Governance Committee shall
2 report to the General Assembly regarding:

3 (A) any training safety issues it has discovered at the Training
4 Center, and any steps it has taken to remedy those issues; and

5 (B) whether the Governance Committee has instituted any of the
6 Subcommittee’s recommendations for training safety and if not, the reasons
7 therefor.

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

10 Sec. 2. INITIAL TRAINING SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING AND
11 INITIAL TRAINING CENTER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
12 REPORT

13 (a) The Chair of the Training Center Governance Committee shall call the
14 initial meeting of the Training Safety Subcommittee set forth in
15 29 V.S.A. § 842 in Sec. 1 of this act to be held on or before February 1, 2017.

16 (b) The Training Center Governance Committee shall make its initial report
17 to the General Assembly described in 29 V.S.A. § 842(d) in Sec. 1 of this act
18 on or before January 15, 2018.

19 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

1 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating
2 to establishing the Training Safety Subcommittee of the Training Center
3 Governance Committee”

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5 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE