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**Report to  
The Vermont Legislature**

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**Annual Report of the  
Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council Report**

**In Accordance with Act 58 (2015) Section E.313.1,  
An Act Relating to Making Appropriations for the Support of Government**

**Submitted to:** House Committee on Human Services  
Senate Committee on Health and Welfare

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**Overview of Council and Report**

Act 58, Section E.313.1, amends 18 V.S.A. § 4803 and §4805 and changes the membership, duties and reporting responsibility of the Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council within the Agency of Human Services. The role of the Council is to promote the reduction of problems arising from alcohol and drug abuse and improve prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery services by advising the Secretary on policy areas that can inform Agency programs. The Council is charged with making recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly for developing a comprehensive, coordinated and effective system of care that integrates substance abuse services with health care reform initiatives such as pay for performance methodologies. The Council is also charged with submitting an annual report summarizing findings, recommendations for legislative action, goals for the State's substance abuse system of care and three to five performance measures that demonstrate the system's results.

**Report:**

The first annual report required by Act 58 is due November 15, 2015. Because new member appointments to the Council have not yet been fully completed, the Council has not been able to develop a report. It is expected that beginning November 2016, the Council will begin to submit the required annual reports.



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