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9 Smith of Mendon

10 Referred to Committee on

11 Date:

12 Subject: Municipal government; public safety; police officers; reports

13 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require certain reports be

14 submitted to the Vermont criminal justice training council regarding law

15 enforcement officer appointments and removals and the creation or elimination

16 of a police department.

17 An act relating to reporting to the Vermont criminal justice training council

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

1 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 2362 is amended to read:

2 § 2362. REPORTS

3 (a) ~~Town~~ Within five working days, town, village, and city clerks shall
4 report to the council, ~~within five working days, any issuance, termination,~~
5 ~~revocation or alteration in the terms of appointment of any law enforcement~~
6 ~~officer or the election or, appointment to fill a vacancy under section 963 of~~
7 Title 24, expiration of term, or reelection of any constable.

8 (b) Within five working days, The legislative body of a municipality or its
9 designee shall report to the council the appointment or removal of a constable
10 and police chief.

11 (c) Within five working days, a police chief appointed under section 1931
12 of Title 24 shall report to the council the appointment or removal of a police
13 officer under the police chief's direction and control.

14 (d) Within five working days, the appointing authority of a state agency
15 employing law enforcement officers shall report to the council the appointment
16 or removal of a law enforcement officer employed by that agency.

17 (e) Within five working days, a sheriff shall report to the council the
18 appointment or removal of a deputy or other law enforcement officer employed
19 by that sheriff's department.

20 (f) ~~The report~~ Reports required by this section shall contain the name of the
21 ~~officer or constable, police chief, police officer, deputy or other law~~

1 enforcement officer, the date of appointment or ~~election~~ removal, if a
2 ~~constable~~, and the term of office or length of appointment, if any.

3 Sec. 2. 24 V.S.A. § 1931(c) is added to read:

4 (c) The legislative body or town manager shall report the creation of a new
5 police department or the elimination of an existing police department to the
6 Vermont criminal justice training council within five working days of the
7 creation or elimination. The report shall include the effective date of creation
8 or elimination, the mailing address for the police department, and the name of
9 the appointed police chief.