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2 Introduced by Representatives O’Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho,  
3 Bouchard of Colchester, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of  
4 Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Cheney of Norwich,  
5 Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of  
6 Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Dakin of Chester, Davis of  
7 Washington, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Evans of Essex,  
8 Fay of St. Johnsbury, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester,  
9 Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, Keenan of St. Albans City,  
10 Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Lanpher of  
11 Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig  
12 of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Springfield,  
13 Martin of Wolcott, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack  
14 of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury,  
15 Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of  
16 Putney, O’Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Pearson  
17 of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington,  
18 Smith of New Haven, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of  
19 Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Toll of  
20 Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Townsend of South  
21 Burlington, Vowinkel of Wilder, Waite-Simpson of Essex,

1 Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Wizowaty of  
2 Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Internal security and public safety; Adjutant and Inspector General;  
6 report on sexual assault prevention and response

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
8 Adjutant General to report annually to the General Assembly regarding sexual  
9 assault and harassment prevention by the Vermont National Guard.

10 An act relating to the National Guard's efforts to prevent sexual assault

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

12 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 427 is added to read:

13 § 427. SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HARASSMENT; REPORT

14 (a) The Adjutant General shall make a report to the General Assembly on  
15 January 15, 2014 and annually thereafter regarding complaints of sexual  
16 assault and harassment involving members of the Vermont National Guard.

17 (b) The report shall contain:

18 (1) the number of complaints of sexual assault or harassment committed  
19 by or against members of the Vermont National Guard;

1           (2) a synopsis of each case of sexual assault or harassment reported and  
2           the action taken in each case including the type of disciplinary or  
3           administrative sanction imposed;

4           (3) a summary of the policies, procedures, and processes implemented  
5           by the Adjutant General in response to incidents of sexual assault or  
6           harassment involving members of the Vermont National Guard;

7           (4) the number and outcome of complaints of sexual assault or  
8           harassment occurring when the National Guard is nationalized; and

9           (5) a report of the progress of the Vermont National Guard in addressing  
10          the needs of survivors of sexual assault and harassment and in holding the  
11          perpetrators accountable.

12          Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13          This act shall take effect on passage.