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An act relating to reporting on population-level outcomes and indicators
and on program-level performance measures

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

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

(a) This act is necessary for the General Assembly to obtain data-based information to know how well State government is working to achieve the population-level outcomes the General Assembly sets for Vermont's quality of life, and will assist the General Assembly in determining how best to invest taxpayer dollars.

(b) Evaluating the results of spending taxpayer dollars will allow the General Assembly to be more forward-thinking, strategic, and responsive to the long-term needs of Vermonters and allow the Executive Branch to consider how the programs it administers could be further refined in order to produce better results.

(c) Using the data-based information provided under this act will encourage State government to continue to move steadily toward results-based accountability and will help educate the General Assembly and Executive Branch on how to be more effective and accountable to Vermonters and will encourage a better partnership with Vermont communities.

Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. chapter 45 (administration), subchapter 5 is added to read:

Subchapter 5. Chief Performance Officer

§ 2311. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER; ANNUAL REPORT ON
POPULATION-LEVEL OUTCOMES USING INDICATORS

(a) Report. Annually, on or before July 30, the Chief Performance Officer within the Agency of Administration shall report to the General Assembly on the State's progress in reaching the population-level outcomes for each area of Vermont's quality of life set forth in subsection (b) of this section by providing data for the population-level indicators that are requested pursuant to the process set forth in subsection (c) of this section.

(b) Vermont population-level quality of life outcomes.

(1) Vermont has a prosperous economy.

(2) Vermonters are healthy.

(3) Vermont's environment is clean and sustainable.

(4) Vermont's communities are safe and supportive.

(5) Vermont's families are safe, nurturing, stable, and supported.

(6) Vermont's children and young people achieve their potential,

including:

(A) Pregnant women and young people thrive.

(B) Children are ready for school.

(C) Children succeed in school.

(D) Youths choose healthy behaviors.

(E) Youths successfully transition to adulthood.

(7) Vermont's elders and people with disabilities and people with mental conditions live with dignity and independence in settings they prefer.

(8) Vermont has open, effective, and inclusive government at the State and local levels.

(c) Requesting population-level indicators.

(1) Annually, on or before March 1, a standing committee of the General Assembly having jurisdiction over a population-level quality of life outcome set forth in subsection (b) of this section may submit to the Government Accountability Committee a request that any population-level indicator related to that outcome be revised.

(2) If that request is approved by the Government Accountability Committee, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House, the Chief Performance Officer shall revise and report on the population-level indicator in accordance with the request and this section.

(d) The report set forth in this section shall not be subject to the limitation on the duration of agency reports set forth in 2 V.S.A. § 20(d).

§ 2312. PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY LIAISONS TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(a) The Chief Performance Officer shall designate an employee in each agency of State government to be a performance accountability liaison to the General Assembly. A liaison designated under this section shall be responsible for reviewing with the General Assembly any of the population-level outcomes and indicators set forth in section 2311 of this subchapter to which that agency contributes and for responding to any other requests for results-based accountability information requested by the General Assembly.

(b) The performance accountability liaisons shall report to the Chief Performance Officer on any action taken under subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Annually, on or before July 30 and as part of any other report requirement to the General Assembly set forth in this subchapter, the Chief Performance Officer shall report to the General Assembly on his or her analysis of the actions taken by the performance accountability liaisons under this section.

§ 2313. PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

(a) The Chief Performance Officer shall assist agencies as necessary in developing performance measures for contracts and grants.

(b) Annually, on or before July 30 and as part of any other report requirement to the General Assembly set forth in this subchapter, the Chief

Performance Officer shall report to the General Assembly on the progress by rate or percent of how many State contracts and grants have performance accountability requirements and the rate or percent of contractors' and grantees' compliance with those requirements.

Sec. 3. INITIAL POPULATION-LEVEL INDICATORS

Until any population-level indicators are requested pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 2 of this act, 3 V.S.A. § 2311(c) (requesting population-level indicators), each population-level quality of life outcome set forth in Sec. 2 of this act, 3 V.S.A. § 2311(b) (Vermont population-level quality of life outcomes), and listed in this section shall have the following population-level indicators:

(1) Vermont has a prosperous economy.

(A) percent or rate per 1,000 jobs of nonpublic sector employment;

(B) median household income;

(C) percent of Vermont covered by state-of-the-art

telecommunications infrastructure;

(D) median house price;

(E) rate of resident unemployment per 1,000 residents;

(F) percent of structurally-deficient bridges, as defined by the

Vermont Agency of Transportation; and

(G) percent of food sales that come from Vermont farms.

(2) Vermonters are healthy.

(A) percent of adults 20 years of age or older who are obese;

(B) percent of adults smoking cigarettes;

(C) number of adults who are homeless;

(D) percent of individuals and families living at different poverty

levels;

(E) percent of adults at or below 200 percent of federal poverty

level; and

(F) percent of adults with health insurance.

(3) Vermont's environment is clean and sustainable.

(A) cumulative number of waters subject to TMDLs or alternative
pollution control plans;

(B) percent of water, sewer, and stormwater systems that meet
federal and State standards;

(C) carbon dioxide per capita; and

(D) electricity by fuel or power type.

(4) Vermont's communities are safe and supportive.

(A) rate of petitions granted for relief from domestic abuse per 1,000
residents;

(B) rate of violent crime per 1,000 crimes;

(C) rate of sexual assault committed against residents per 1,000 residents;

(D) percent of residents living in affordable housing;

(E) percent or rate per 1,000 people convicted of crimes of recidivism;

(F) incarceration rate per 100,000 residents; and

(G) percent or rate per 1,000 residents of residents entering the corrections system.

(5) Vermont's families are safe, nurturing, stable, and supported.

(A) number and rate per 1,000 children of substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect;

(B) number of children who are homeless;

(C) number of families that are homeless; and

(D) number and rate per 1,000 children and youth of children and youth in out-of-home care.

(6) Vermont's children and young people achieve their potential, including:

(A) Pregnant women and young people thrive.

(i) percent of women who receive first trimester prenatal care;

(ii) percent of live births that are preterm (less than 37 weeks);

(iii) rate of infant mortality per 1,000 live births;

(iv) percent of children at or below 200 percent of federal poverty level; and

(v) percent of children with health insurance.

(B) Children are ready for school.

(i) percent of kindergarteners fully immunized with all five vaccines required for school;

(ii) percent of first-graders screened for vision and hearing problems;

(iii) percent of children ready for school in all five domains of healthy development; and

(iv) percent of children receiving State subsidy enrolled in high quality early childhood programs that receive at least four out of five stars under State standards.

(C) Children succeed in school.

(i) rate of school attendance per 1,000 children;

(ii) percent of children below the basic level of fourth grade reading achievement under State standards; and

(iii) rate of high school graduation per 1,000 high school students.

(D) Youths choose healthy behaviors.

(i) rate of pregnancy per 1,000 females 15–17 years of age;

(ii) rate of pregnancy per 1,000 females 18–19 years of age;

(iii) percent of adolescents smoking cigarettes;

(iv) percent of adolescents who used marijuana in the past
30 days;

(v) percent of adolescents who reported ever using a prescription
drug without a prescription;

(vi) percent of adolescents who drank alcohol in the past
30 days; and

(vii) number and rate per 1,000 minors of minors who are under
the supervision of the Department of Corrections.

(E) Youths successfully transition to adulthood.

(i) percent of high school seniors with plans for education,
vocational training, or employment;

(ii) percent of graduating high school seniors who continue their
education within six months of graduation;

(iii) percent of all deaths for youths 10–19 years of age;

(iv) rate of suicide per 100,000 Vermonters;

(v) percent of adolescents with a suicide attempt that requires
medical attention;

(vi) percent of high school graduates entering postsecondary
education, work, or training;

(vii) percent of completion of postsecondary education; and

(viii) rate of high school graduates entering a training program per 1,000 high school graduates.

(7) Vermont's elders and people with disabilities and people with mental conditions live with dignity and independence in settings they prefer.

(A) rate of confirmed reports of abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults per 1,000 vulnerable adults;

(B) percent of elders living in institutions versus receiving home care; and

(C) number of people with disabilities and people with mental conditions receiving State services living in each of the following: institutions, residential or group facilities, or independently.

(8) Vermont has open, effective, and inclusive government at the State and local levels.

(A) percent of youth who spoke to their parents about school;

(B) percent of youth who report they help decide what goes on in their school;

(C) percent of eligible population voting in general elections;

(D) percent of students volunteering in their community in the past week;

(E) percent of youth who feel valued by their community; and

(F) percent of youth that report their teachers care about them and give them encouragement.

Sec. 4. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER; REPORT ON
PERFORMANCE MEASURE PILOT PROGRAM

(a) Annually, on or before July 30 and as part of any other report requirement to the General Assembly set forth in Sec. 2 of this act, 3 V.S.A. chapter 45, subchapter 5 (Chief Performance Officer), the Chief Performance Officer shall submit to the General Assembly a report on the Department of Finance and Management's Performance Measure Pilot Program. The report shall include:

(1) the performance measure data collected by the pilot participants; and
(2) the progress of all programs in the Executive Branch and how many of those programs have and are using performance measures.

(b) The Chief Performance Officer shall collaborate with the Joint Fiscal Office in developing new performance measures for programs.

Sec. 5. [DELETED]

Sec. 6. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER; INITIAL PERFORMANCE
ACCOUNTABILITY LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

The Chief Performance Officer within the Agency of Administration shall make his or her initial designations of the performance accountability liaisons described in Sec. 2 of this act, 3 V.S.A. § 2312, by November 15, 2014.

Sec. 7. QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTS; TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

The report requirement set forth in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 146,

Sec. H4 (Challenges for Change; quarterly reporting and implementation) is temporarily suspended. The report requirement shall resume in 2017 beginning with the first quarterly report due for that year.

Sec. 8. REPEAL; ANNUAL REPORT ON POPULATION-LEVEL
OUTCOMES AND INDICATORS

Sec. 2 of this act, 3 V.S.A. § 2311 (Chief Performance Officer; annual report on population-level outcomes using indicators), is repealed on January 1, 2017.

Sec. 9. 3 V.S.A. § 2312 is amended to read:

§ 2312. PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY LIAISONS TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(a) The Chief Performance Officer shall designate an employee in each agency of State government to be a performance accountability liaison to the General Assembly. A liaison designated under this section shall be responsible for reviewing with the General Assembly any ~~of the population-level outcomes and indicators set forth in section 2311 of this subchapter to which that agency contributes and for responding to any other~~ requests for results-based accountability information requested by the General Assembly.

(b) The performance accountability liaisons shall report to the Chief Performance Officer on any action taken under subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Annually, on or before July 30 and as part of any other report requirement to the General Assembly set forth in this subchapter, the Chief Performance Officer shall report to the General Assembly on his or her analysis of the actions taken by the performance accountability liaisons under this section.

Sec. 10. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. 1 (purpose)–7 (quarterly progress reports; temporary suspension) shall take effect on passage.

(b) Secs. 8 (repeal; annual report on population-level outcomes using indicators) and 9 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 2312 (performance accountability liaisons to the General Assembly)) shall take effect on January 1, 2017.