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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 have oversight over the State's performance contracts and grant-making in order to:

(1) assist contractors and grantees in developing performance measures for those contracts and grants; and

(2) ensure contractors and grantees subject to those contracts and grants meet the performance requirement specified therein.

(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.

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 per 1,000 residents of resident unemployment.

(F) Percent of structurally-deficient bridges, as defined by the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

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

(2) Vermonters are healthy.

(A) Percent of adults who exceed healthy weight.

(B) Percent of adults who smoke cigarettes.

(C) Rate per 1,000 adults 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.

(F) Percent of adults who are insured.

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

(A) Percent of waters that need remediation under the Clean Water Act.

(B) Percent of water, sewer, and stormwater systems that meet federal and State standards.

(C) Carbon dioxide per capita.

(D) Electricity by fuel or power type.

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

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

(B) Rate per 1,000 crimes of violent crime.

(C) Rate per 1,000 residents of sexual assault committed against residents.

(D) Percent of residents living in affordable housing.

(E) Percent or rate per 1,000 formerly incarcerated residents of residents returned to prison for technical violations of probation or parole.

(F) Percent or rate per 1,000 nonviolent offenders of nonviolent offenders diverted from prison into the community.

(G) Percent or rate per 1,000 people convicted of crimes of recidivism.

(H) Rate per 1,000 crimes of violent crime.

(I) Rate per 1,000 residents of residents incarcerated.

(J) 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) Percent or rate per 1,000 children of children who are homeless.

(C) Percent or rate per 1,000 families of families who are homeless.

(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 pregnant women receiving prenatal care in the first trimester.

(ii) Percent of low birth weight babies or preterm births.

(iii) Rate per 1,000 infants of infant mortality.

(iv) Percent of children at or below 200 percent of federal poverty level.

(v) Percent of children who are insured.

(B) Children are ready for school.

(i) Percent of kindergarteners fully immunized.

(ii) Percent of first-graders screened for vision and hearing problems.

(iii) Percent of children ready for kindergarten in all domains.

(iv) Percent of children 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 per 1,000 children of children's school attendance.

(ii) Percent of children below the basic level of fourth grade reading achievement under State standards.

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

(D) Youths choose healthy behaviors.

(i) Rate per 1,000 female teenagers under 18 years of age of pregnancy in such teenagers.

(ii) Percent of students who report using alcohol, tobacco, or drugs within the last 30 days.

(iii) 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 new families at risk (meaning there is a first birth to an unmarried woman under 20 years of age who has less than a high school diploma).

(iv) Percent of all deaths for Vermont youths 10–19 years of age.

(v) Percent of high school graduates entering postsecondary education, work, or training.

(vi) Percent of completion of postsecondary education.

(vii) Rate per 1,000 high school graduates of high school graduates entering a training program.

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

(A) Rate per 1,000 vulnerable adults of confirmed reports of abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults.

(B) Percent of elders living in institutions versus home care.

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

(A) Percent of youth who report parent involvement in schooling.

(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.

(E) Percent of youth who feel valued by their community.

(F) Percent of youth who have an adult who provides help and advice.

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.