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1	Introduced by [GAC Members in each body]
2	Referred to Committee on
3	Date:
4	Subject: Executive; Legislature; results-based accountability; terminology
5	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to use consistent
6	results-based accountability (RBA) terminology in Vermont law. In RBA, the
7	General Assembly establishes population-level "outcomes," which are
8	analyzed using "indicators," and the Executive Branch establishes the desired
9	"results" of its programs, which are analyzed using "performance measures."
10 11	An act relating to the consistent use of results-based accountability terminology in Vermont law
12	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
13	* * * Governor's Development Cabinet * * *
14	Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 2293 is amended to read:
15	§ 2293. DEVELOPMENT CABINET
16	(a) Legislative purpose. The General Assembly deems it prudent to
17	establish a permanent and formal mechanism to assure collaboration and
18	consultation among State agencies and departments, in order to support and
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19	encourage Vermont's economic development, while at the same time

working and rural landscape, its strong communities, and its healthy

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2 environment, all in a manner set forth in this section. 3 (b) Development Cabinet. 4 (1) A Development Cabinet is created, to consist of the Secretaries of 5 the Agencies of Administration, of Agriculture, Food and Markets, of 6 Commerce and Community Development, of Education, of Natural Resources, 7 and of Transportation. The Governor or the Governor's designee shall chair 8 the Development Cabinet. 9 (2) The Development Cabinet shall advise the Governor on how best to 10 implement the purposes of this section, and shall recommend changes as 11 appropriate to improve implementation of those purposes. 12 (3) The Development Cabinet may establish interagency work groups to 13 support its mission, drawing membership from any agency or department of

State government. Any interagency work groups established under this

subsection shall evaluate, test the feasibility of, and suggest alternatives to

economic development proposals, including proposals for public-private

partnerships, submitted to them for consideration. The Development Cabinet

shall refer to appropriate interagency workgroups any economic development

proposal that has a significant impact on the inventory or use of State land or

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1	(d)(1) Pursuant to the recommendations of the Oversight Panel on
2	Economic Development created in Sec. G6 of No. 146 of the Acts of the 2009
3	Adj. Sess. (2010), the Development Cabinet shall create an interagency work
4	group as provided in subsection (b) of this section with the Secretary of
5	Commerce and Community Development serving as its chair.
6	(2) The mission of the Work Group shall be to develop a long-term
7	economic development plan for the state State, which shall identify goals and
8	recommend actions to be taken over ten years, and which shall be consistent
9	with the four goals of economic development identified in 10 V.S.A. § 3 and
10	the <u>following</u> outcomes for economic development identified in Sec. 8 of No.
11	68 of the Acts of the 2009 Adj. Sess. (2010):
12	(A) Vermont achieves a sustainable annual increase in nonpublic
13	sector employment and in median household income;
14	(B) Vermont attains a statewide, state-of-the-art telecommunications
15	infrastructure; and
16	(C) Vermont has a prosperous economy.
17	(e)(1) On or before January 15, 2014, and every two years thereafter, the
18	Development Cabinet or its Work Group shall complete a long-term economic
19	development plan as required under subsection (d) of this section and
20	recommend it to the Governor.

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1	(2) Commencing with the plan due on or before January 15, 2016, the
2	Development Cabinet or its Work Group may elect only to prepare and
3	recommend to the Governor an update of the long-term economic development
4	plan.
5	(3) Administrative support for the economic development planning
6	efforts of the Development Cabinet or its Work Group shall be provided by the
7	Agency of Commerce and Community Development.
8	* * *
9	Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 3 is amended to read:
10	§ 3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; LONG-TERM GOALS; REVIEW
11	AND ASSESSMENT
12	(a) For purposes of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and state State
13	economic development programs and assistance, "economic development"
14	means the process of generating economic wealth and vitality, security, and
15	opportunity for all Vermonters.
16	(b) There are established the following four principal, interrelated goals for
17	future economic development in Vermont:
18	(1) Vermont's businesses, educators, nongovernmental organizations,
19	and government form a collaborative partnership that results in a highly skilled
20	multigenerational workforce to support and enhance business vitality and
21	individual prosperity.

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1	(2) Vermont invests in its digital, physical, and human infrastructure as
2	the foundation for all economic development.
3	(3) Vermont state State government takes advantage of its small scale to
4	create nimble, efficient, and effective policies and regulations that support
5	business growth and the economic prosperity of all Vermonters.
6	(4) Vermont leverages its brand and scale to encourage a diverse
7	economy that reflects and capitalizes on our rural character, entrepreneurial
8	people, and reputation for environmental quality.
9	(c) The four principal goals shall be used to guide the design and
10	implementation of each economic development program, policy, or initiative
11	that is sponsored or financially supported by the state State, its subdivisions,
12	agencies, authorities, or private partners.
13	(d)(1) The commission on the future of economic development, or a
14	working group thereof designated by the general assembly, shall work with the
15	state economists and the joint fiscal office to adopt benchmarks for the four
16	principal goals.
17	(2) The commission or workgroup thereof shall on or before January 15,
18	2010 report to the house committee on commerce and economic development,
19	the senate committee on finance, and the senate committee on economic
20	development, housing and general affairs concerning its review of the goals,
21	benchmarks, and agency progress pursuant to this subsection.

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(3) On or before January 15, 2010, the commission shall recommend to
the senate committee on economic development, housing and general affairs,
the senate committee on finance, the house committee on commerce and
economic development, the house committee on ways and means, and the
governor on whether it would promote the best interests of Vermont for the
commission to continue its review of the goals and benchmarks, or if a
successor to that responsibility should be designated. Notwithstanding any
recommendation, the commission shall continue to perform the review unless
and until a successor is designated by legislation approved by the legislature
and the governor.
* * * Partnerships for Children, Families, and Individuals * * *
Sec. 3. 3 V.S.A. § 3026 is amended to read:
§ 3026. PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND
INDIVIDUALS
(a) The Secretary of Human Services, the Secretary of Education, and the
President of the University of Vermont shall establish a research partnership to
study and make recommendations for improving the effectiveness of State and
local health, human services, and education programs. Critical program
outcomes results relating to the well-being of Vermonters that should be
addressed by the research partnership may include the following:

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1	(1) Children, families, and individuals are engaged in and contribute to
2	their community's decisions and activities.
3	(2) Pregnant woman and children thrive.
4	(3) Children are ready for school.
5	(4) Children succeed in school.
6	(5) Children live in stable, supported families.
7	(6) Youth choose healthy behaviors.
8	(7) Youth successfully transition to adulthood.
9	(8) Elders and people with disabilities live with dignity and
10	independence in settings they prefer.
11	(9) Families and individuals live in safe and supportive communities.
12	(10) Adults lead healthy and productive lives.
13	* * *
14	* * * Commission on Juvenile Justice * * *
15	Sec. 4. 3 V.S.A. § 3085c is amended to read:
16	§ 3085c. COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE
17	* * *
18	(d)(1) There are established within the Commission, and reporting to the
19	Juvenile Justice Director, the following positions:
20	(A) A Prevention Specialist, responsible for programs intended to
21	reduce delinquency and crime among juvenile offenders, including mentoring

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1	programs, early assessments, substance abuse screening, child care services,
2	afterschool programs, and screening for problems which contribute to
3	delinquency and juvenile crime.
4	(B) An Alternative Sanctions Specialist, responsible for programs
5	providing alternatives to incarceration, including court diversion, probation,
6	reparative boards, and community justice programs.
7	(2) The Specialists designated under subdivision (1) of this subsection
8	shall:
9	(A) work with communities throughout the State, and analyze data
10	and outcomes results, to evaluate the efficiency and success of juvenile justice
11	programs;
12	(B) monitor the statewide and cross-departmental consistency and
13	coordination of juvenile justice programs and the development of the
14	comprehensive system of juvenile justice required by this section; and
15	(C) work in district offices with probation officers, case workers, and
16	other personnel of the Departments for Children and Families and of
17	Corrections to ensure that State juvenile justice programs and case plans are
18	administered in a manner consistent with the policies of this section, and with
19	the statutes and rules pertaining to each specialty area.

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1	* * * Pesticide Advisory Council * * *
2	* * *
3	Sec. 5. 6 V.S.A. § 1102 is amended to read:
4	§ 1102. PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL ESTABLISHED
5	* * *
6	(d) The functions of the <u>council</u> are:
7	* * *
8	(6) To recommend benchmarks with respect to the state goal desired
9	State outcomes of achieving an overall reduction in the use of pesticides
10	consistent with sound pest or vegetative management practices, and to issue an
11	annual report to the general assembly, General Assembly detailing the state's
12	<u>State's</u> progress in reaching those benchmarks and attaining that goal <u>outcome</u> .
13	The benchmarks should be designed to enable evaluation of multiple indicators
14	of pesticide usage, use patterns, and associated risks. Benchmarks should take
15	into consideration, but shall not be limited to, at a minimum the following:
16	(A) Reducing the amount of acreage where pesticides are
17	used -;
18	(B) Reducing reducing the risks associated with the use of
19	pesticides- <u>;</u>
20	(C) Increasing increasing the acreage managed by means of
21	integrated pest management techniques-;

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1	(D) Decreasing <u>decreasing</u> , within each level of comparable risk, the
2	quantity of pesticides applied per acre-; and
3	(E) Recommendations regarding the
4	implementation of other management practices that result in decreased
5	pesticide use.
6	* * *
7	Sec. 6. 6 V.S.A. § 4710 is amended to read:
8	§ 4710. VERMONT FARM VIABILITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
9	* * *
10	(d) In consultation with the advisory board, the secretary of agriculture,
11	food and markets Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets and the Vermont
12	housing and conservation board Housing and Conservation Board shall
13	establish grant criteria, performance goals desired program results, evaluative
14	performance measures, and other criteria to implement the program. The grant
15	criteria shall include at least the following requirements:
16	(1) the application is developed in consultation with the producers who
17	use or would use the program Program and will address their needs;
18	(2) the use of the funds is likely to succeed in improving the economic
19	viability of the farm and the farm's producers;
20	(3) the producers are committed to participating in the program
21	Program; and

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1 (4) an evaluation shall be completed by enrolled farmers in conjunction 2 with the teams.

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- Housing and Conservation Board, the secretary of agriculture, food and markets Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall report in writing to the senate and house committees on agriculture Senate and House Committees on Agriculture on or before January 31 of each year with a report on the activities and performance of the farm viability enhancement program Farm Viability Enhancement Program. At a minimum, the report shall include an evaluation of the program utilizing the performance goals desired program results and evaluative performance measures established in consultation with the advisory board pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. The report should assess potential demand for the program Program over the succeeding three years. Further, the agency of agriculture, food and markets
- (2) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and the Vermont housing and conservation board Housing and Conservation Board shall describe in their annual budget submissions plans to develop adequate state State, federal, and private funds to carry out this initiative.

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1	* * * Health Insurance * * *
2	Sec. 7. 8 V.S.A. § 4089b is amended to read:
3	§ 4089b. HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND
4	SUBSTANCE ABUSE
5	* * *
6	(g) On or before July 15 of each year, health insurance companies doing
7	business in Vermont whose individual share of the commercially insured
8	Vermont market, as measured by covered lives, comprises at least five percent
9	of the commercially insured Vermont market, shall file with the
10	Commissioner, in accordance with standards, procedures, and forms approved
11	by the Commissioner:
12	(1) A report card on the health insurance plan's performance in relation
13	to quality performance measures for the care, treatment, and treatment options
14	of mental health and substance abuse conditions covered under the plan,
15	pursuant to standards and procedures adopted by the Commissioner by rule,
16	and without duplicating any reporting required of such companies pursuant to
17	Rule H-2009-03 of the Division of Health Care Administration and regulation
18	95-2, "Mental Health Review Agents," of the Division of Insurance, as
19	amended, including:
20	(A) the discharge rates from inpatient mental health and substance
21	abuse care and treatment of insureds;

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1	(B) the average length of stay and number of treatment sessions for
2	insureds receiving inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance abuse
3	care and treatment;
4	(C) the percentage of insureds receiving inpatient and outpatient
5	mental health and substance abuse care and treatment;
6	(D) the number of insureds denied mental health and substance abuse
7	care and treatment;
8	(E) the number of denials appealed by patients reported separately
9	from the number of denials appealed by providers;
10	(F) the rates of readmission to inpatient mental health and substance
11	abuse care and treatment for insureds with a mental condition;
12	(G) the level of patient satisfaction with the quality of the mental
13	health and substance abuse care and treatment provided to insureds under the
14	health insurance plan; and
15	(H) any other quality performance measure established by the
16	Commissioner.
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1	* * * Vermont Housing and Conservation Board * * *
2	Sec. 8. 10 V.S.A. § 321 is amended to read:
3	§ 321. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES
4	(a) The Board shall have all the powers necessary and convenient to carry
5	out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this chapter, including
6	without limitation those general powers provided to a business corporation by
7	Title 11A and including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the
8	power to:
9	(1) upon application from an eligible applicant in a form prescribed by
10	the Board, provide funding in the form of grants or loans for eligible activities;
11	(2) enter into cooperative agreements with private organizations or
12	individuals or with any agency or instrumentality of the United States or of this
13	State to carry out the purposes of this chapter;
14	(3) issue rules in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 for the purpose of
15	administering the provisions of this chapter; and
16	(4) transfer funds to the Department of Housing and Community
17	Development to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
18	(b)(1) The Board shall seek out and fund not-for-profit organizations and
19	municipalities that can assist any region of the State which has high housing
20	prices, high unemployment, and low per capita incomes in obtaining grants and
21	loans under this chapter for perpetually affordable housing.

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1	(2) The Board shall administer the HOME altordable housing
2	program which was enacted under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National
3	Affordable Housing Act (Title II, P.L. 101-625, 42 U.S.C. 12701-12839). The
4	State of Vermont, as a participating jurisdiction designated by Department of
5	Housing and Urban Development, shall enter into a written memorandum of
6	understanding with the board Board, as subrecipient, authorizing the use of
7	HOME funds for eligible activities in accordance with applicable federal law
8	and regulations. HOME funds shall be used to implement and effectuate the
9	policies and purposes of this chapter related to affordable housing. The
10	memorandum of understanding shall include performance measures and
11	outcomes results that the Board will annually report on to the Vermont
12	Department of Housing and Community Development.
13	* * *
14	* * * Commerce; Networking Initiatives * * *
15	Sec. 9. 2014, No. 199, Sec. 7 is amended to read:
16	Sec. 7. NETWORKING INITIATIVES
17	(a) The Agency of Commerce and Community Development shall support
18	networking events offered by one or more regional economic development
19	providers designed to connect capital providers with one another or with
20	Vermont entrepreneurs, or both, and shall take steps to facilitate outreach and
21	matchmaking opportunities between investors and entrepreneurs.

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1	(b) The Agency shall submit to the House Committee on Commerce and
2	Economic Development and to the Senate Committee on Economic
3	Development, Housing and General Affairs a report on or before January 15,
4	2015 concerning the structure of networking initiatives, the relevant provisions
5	of governing performance contracts, the benchmarks and measures of
6	performance, and the outcomes results of and further recommendations for the
7	program.
8	* * * Farm-to-Plate Investment Program * * *
9	Sec. 10. 10 V.S.A. § 330 is amended to read:
10	§ 330. THE FARM-TO-PLATE INVESTMENT PROGRAM; CREATION;
11	GOALS; TASKS; METHODS
12	* * *
13	(c) Tasks.
14	* * *
15	(4) The farm to plate investment program Farm-to-Plate Investment
16	Program strategic plan shall also include recommendations regarding
17	measurable outcomes results that shall be tracked over the ten-year life of the
18	plan Plan; methods for the ongoing collection of data necessary to track those
19	outcomes results; plans for updating the plan Plan as needed; and appropriate
20	methods to track the ongoing economic contribution of the farm and food
21	sector to the Vermont economy.

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1	* * *
2	* * * Workforce Education, Training, and Development * * *
3	Sec. 11. 10 V.S.A. § 540 is amended to read:
4	§ 540. WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING LEADER
5	The Commissioner of Labor shall be the leader of workforce education and
6	training in the State, and shall have the authority and responsibility for the
7	coordination of workforce education and training within State government,
8	including the following duties:
9	* * *
10	(7) Notwithstanding any provision of State law to the contrary, and to
11	the fullest extent allowed under federal law, ensure that in each State and
12	State-funded workforce education and training program, the program
13	administrator collects and reports data and outcomes results at the individual
14	level by Social Security Number or an equivalent.
15	Sec. 12. 10 V.S.A. § 542 is amended to read:
16	§ 542. REGIONAL WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING
17	(a) The Commissioner of Labor, in coordination with the Secretary of
18	Commerce and Community Development, and in consultation with the
19	Workforce Investment Board, is authorized to issue performance grants to one
20	or more persons to perform workforce education and training activities in a
21	region.

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1	(b) Each grant shall specify the scope of the workforce education and
2	training activities to be performed and the geographic region to be served, and
3	shall include outcomes results and measures to evaluate the grantee's
4	performance.
5	* * *
6	* * * Vermont Career Internship Program * * *
7	Sec. 13. 10 V.S.A. § 544 is amended to read:
8	§ 544. VERMONT CAREER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
9	* * *
10	(b) The Department of Labor, in collaboration with the Agencies of
11	Agriculture, Food and Markets and of Education, State-funded postsecondary
12	educational institutions, the Workforce Investment Board, and other State
13	agencies and departments that have workforce education and training and
14	training monies, shall:
15	* * *
16	(2) collect data and establish desired program goals results and
17	quantifiable performance measures for internship programs funded through the
18	Vermont Career Internship Program;
19	* * *

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1	* * * Vermont Forestry and Forest Products Viability Program * * *
2	Sec. 14. 10 V.S.A. § 2721 is amended to read:
3	§ 2721. VERMONT FORESTRY AND FOREST PRODUCTS VIABILITY
4	PROGRAM
5	(a) The Vermont forestry and forest products viability program Forestry
6	and Forest Products Viability Program is a voluntary program established at
7	the department of forests, parks and recreation Department of Forests, Parks
8	and Recreation to provide assistance to Vermont timber harvesters, foresters,
9	and forest products manufacturers to enhance the financial success and long-
10	term viability of the Vermont forest products industry. In administering the
11	program, the commissioner Commissioner shall:
12	* * *
13	(5) In consultation with the Vermont housing and conservation board
14	Housing and Conservation Board, other state State agencies, foresters,
15	harvesters, and forest products manufacturers establish:
16	* * *
17	(C) performance goals desired program results, evaluative
18	performance measures, and other criteria to implement and evaluate the
19	effectiveness of the forestry and forest products viability program Forestry and
20	Forest Products Viability Program.
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1	(c) The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation shall report in
2	writing to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on
3	Agriculture and Forest Products and the Senate and House Committees on
4	Natural Resources and Energy on or before January 31 of each year on the
5	activities and performance of the forestry and forest products viability
6	program. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports)
7	shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection. At a minimum,
8	the report shall include:
9	(1) an evaluation of the program Program utilizing the performance
10	goals program results and evaluative performance measures established
11	pursuant to subdivision (a)(5)(C) of this section;
12	* * *
13	* * * Prekindergarten Education * * *
14	Sec. 15. 16 V.S.A. § 829 is amended to read:
15	§ 829. PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION
16	* * *
17	(e) Rules. The Secretary of Education and the Commissioner for Children
18	and Families shall jointly develop and agree to rules and present them to the
19	State Board for adoption under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 as follows:
20	* * *

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1	(10) To establish a system by which the Agency of Education and
2	Department for Children and Families shall jointly monitor and evaluate
3	prekindergarten education programs to promote optimal outcomes results for
4	children and to collect data that will inform future decisions. The Agency and
5	Department shall be required to report annually to the General Assembly in
6	January. At a minimum, the system shall monitor and evaluate:
7	(A) programmatic details, including the number of children served,
8	the number of private and public programs operated, and the public financial
9	investment made to ensure access to quality prekindergarten education;
10	(B) the quality of public and private prekindergarten education
11	programs and efforts to ensure continuous quality improvements through
12	mentoring, training, technical assistance, and otherwise; and
13	(C) the outcomes results for children, including school readiness and
14	proficiency in numeracy and literacy.
15	* * *
16	* * * Special Education * * *
17	Sec. 16. 16 V.S.A. § 2974 is amended to read:
18	§ 2974. SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM; FISCAL REVIEW
19	(a) Annually, the Secretary shall report to the State Board regarding:
20	* * *
21	(3) outcomes results for special education students;

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1	* * *
2	* * * Education Finance * * *
3	Sec. 17. 16 V.S.A. § 4011a is amended to read:
4	§ 4011a. EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM; REPORT; APPROPRIATION
5	(a) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), any postsecondary institution
6	receiving funds pursuant to subsection 4011(e) of this title shall report annually
7	in January to the Senate and House Committees on Education regarding the
8	level of participation in the institution's early college program, the success in
9	achieving the stated goals of the program to enhance secondary students'
10	educational experiences and prepare them for success in college and beyond,
11	and the specific outcomes results for participating students relating to
12	programmatic goals.
13	* * *
14	* * * Community Health and Wellness Grants * * *
15	Sec. 18. 18 V.S.A. § 104b is amended to read:
16	§ 104b. COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS GRANTS
17	(a) The commissioner Commissioner shall establish a program for
18	awarding competitive, substantial, multi-year grants to comprehensive
19	community health and wellness projects. Successful projects must:
20	* * *
21	(3) be goal and outcome result driven;

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1	(4) use strategies that have been demonstrated to be effective in reaching
2	the desired outcome result;
3	* * *
4	* * * Blueprint for Health * * *
5	Sec. 19. 18 V.S.A. § 702 is amended to read:
6	§ 702. BLUEPRINT FOR HEALTH; STRATEGIC PLAN
7	* * *
8	(d) The Blueprint for Health shall include the following initiatives:
9	* * *
10	(5) The adoption and maintenance of clinical quality and performance
11	measures, aligned with but not limited to existing outcome measures indicators
12	within the agency of human services Agency of Human Services, to be
13	reported by health care professionals, providers, or health insurers and used to
14	assess and evaluate the impact of the Blueprint for health Health and cost
15	outcomes. In accordance with a schedule established by the Blueprint
16	executive committee Executive Committee, all clinical quality and
17	performance measures shall be reviewed for consistency with those used by the
18	Medicare program and updated, if appropriate.
19	* * *

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1	* * * Mental Health System of Care * * *
2	Sec. 20. 18 V.S.A. § 7253 is amended to read:
3	§ 7253. CLINICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT
4	The Commissioner of Mental Health, in consultation with health care
5	providers as defined in section 9432 of this title, including designated
6	hospitals, designated agencies, individuals with mental conditions or
7	psychiatric disabilities, and other stakeholders, shall design and implement a
8	clinical resource management system that ensures the highest quality of care
9	and facilitates long-term, sustained recovery for individuals in the custody of
10	the Commissioner.
11	* * *
12	(2) For the purpose of maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of the
13	clinical resource management system, the department of mental health
14	Department of Mental Health shall:
15	* * *
16	(D) use quality indicators measures, manageable data requirements,
17	and quality improvement processes to monitor, evaluate, and continually
18	improve the outcomes results for individuals and the performance of the
19	clinical resource management system;
20	* * *

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1	Sec. 21. 18 V.S.A. § 7256 is amended to read:
2	§ 7256. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
3	Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), the Department of Mental Health shall
4	report annually on or before January 15 to the Senate Committee on Health and
5	Welfare and the House Committee on Human Services regarding the extent to
6	which individuals with a mental health condition or psychiatric disability
7	receive care in the most integrated and least restrictive setting available. The
8	Department shall consider measures from a variety of sources, including the
9	Joint Commission, the National Quality Forum, the Centers for Medicare and
10	Medicaid Services, the National Institute of Mental Health, and the Substance
11	Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The report shall address:
12	* * *
13	(4) individual recovery in terms of clinical, social, and legal outcomes
14	results;
15	* * *
16	(7) outcome result performance measures and other data on individuals
17	for whom petitions for involuntary medication are filed; and
18	* * *

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1	Sec. 22. 18 V.S.A. § 9461 is amended to read:
2	§ 9461. QUALITY INDICATORS MEASURES
3	(a) The department of financial regulation Department of Financial
4	Regulation shall develop performance quality indicators measures to evaluate
5	and ensure that health insurers, including managed care organizations that
6	contract with health insurers to administer the insurers' mental health benefits
7	comply with the provisions of 8 V.S.A. § 4089b and related rules.
8	(b) The departments of health and of mental health shall Departments of
9	Health and of Mental Health shall develop clinical and performance quality
10	measures to evaluate and ensure that health care professionals and health care
11	facilities in Vermont provide high quality mental health and substance abuse
12	treatment services to their patients.
13	Sec. 23. 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 149, Sec. E.306.2 is amended to read:
14	Sec. E.306.2 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES
15	(a) Desired Program Objectives Results And Performance Measures:
16	(1) On or before September 15, 2014, the Chief of Health Care Reform,
17	the Secretary of Human Services, and the Commissioners of Health and of
18	Vermont Health Access in consultation with the Chief Performance Officer
19	shall submit to the Joint Fiscal Committee, the House and Senate Committees
20	on Appropriations, the House Committee on Human Services, and to the
21	Senate Committee on Health and Welfare the desired program objectives

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- results for the State's substance abuse treatment services and three
 performance measures to measure success in reaching those program
 objectives results.
 - (2) Thereafter, annually, on or before January 15, the Chief, Secretary, and Commissioners shall report to those Committees on the service delivery system's success in reaching the program objectives results using the performance measure data collected for those services.

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- (c) Transfer of Global Commitment Funds:
- (1) Subsequent to meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary of Administration and the Chief of Health Care Reform are authorized to transfer Global Commitment funds from the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) to the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs for the Care Alliance for Opioid Addiction. A written notification shall be submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee for funds transferred under this subdivision and shall include a description of the specific use of funds within the Care Alliance for Opioid Addiction consistent with the objectives results identified in subsection (a) of this section.

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1	(d) Payment Methodology:
2	(1) On or before March 15, 2015, the Chief of Health Care Reform,
3	Secretary of Human Services, and Commissioners of Health and of Vermont
4	Health Access shall submit to the House and Senate Committees on
5	Appropriations, the House Committee on Human Services, and to the Senate
6	Committee on Health and Welfare a report on designing the payment
7	methodology for substance abuse and mental health services to achieve the
8	objectives results in subsection (a) of this section. The report shall include the
9	benefits, drawbacks, and costs of:
10	(A) rate setting;
11	(B) capitated funding;
12	(C) performance-based contracts;
13	(D) cost-based reimbursement;
14	(E) capacity grants; and
15	(F) bundled payments.
16	* * * Hospital Community Reports * * *
17	Sec. 24. 18 V.S.A. § 9405b is amended to read:
18	§ 9405b. HOSPITAL COMMUNITY REPORTS
19	(a) The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with representatives from
20	hospitals, other groups of health care professionals, and members of the public

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1	representing patient interests, shall adopt rules establishing a standard format
2	for community reports, as well as the contents, which shall include:
3	(1) performance measures of quality, including process and outcome
4	result performance measures, that are valid, reliable, and useful, including
5	comparisons to appropriate national benchmarks for high quality and
6	successful outcomes <u>results</u> ;
7	(2) <u>performance</u> measures of patient safety that are valid, reliable, and
8	useful, including comparisons to appropriate industry benchmarks for safety;
9	(3) <u>performance</u> measures of hospital-acquired infections that are valid,
10	reliable, and useful, including comparisons to appropriate industry
11	benchmarks;
12	(4) <u>performance</u> measures of the hospital's financial health, including
13	comparisons to appropriate national benchmarks for efficient operation and
14	fiscal health;
15	(5) a summary of the hospital's budget, including revenue by source and
16	quantification of cost shifting to private payers;
17	(6) <u>performance</u> measures that provide valid, reliable, useful, and
18	efficient information for payers and the public for the comparison of charges
19	for higher volume health care services;
20	(7) the hospital's process for achieving openness, inclusiveness, and
21	meaningful public participation in its strategic planning and decision-making;

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1	(8) the hospital's consumer complaint resolution process, including
2	identification of the hospital officer or employee responsible for its
3	implementation;
4	(9) information concerning recently completed or ongoing quality
5	improvement and patient safety projects;
6	(10) a description of strategic initiatives discussed with or derived from
7	the identification of health care needs; the one-year and four-year capital
8	expenditure plans; and the depreciation schedule for existing facilities;
9	(11) information on membership and governing body qualifications, a
10	listing of the current governing body members, and means of obtaining a
11	schedule of meetings of the hospital's governing body, including times
12	scheduled for public participation; and
13	(12) valid, reliable, and useful information on nurse staffing, including
14	comparisons to appropriate industry benchmarks for safety. This information
15	may include system-centered performance measures, such as skill mix, nursing
16	care hours per patient day, and other such system-centered performance
17	measures as reliable industry benchmarks become available in the future.
18	* * *
19	(c) The community reports shall be provided to the Commissioner of
20	Health. The Commissioner of Health shall publish the reports on a public
21	website and shall develop and include a format for comparisons of hospitals

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1	within the same categories of quality and financial indicators performance
2	<u>measures</u> .
3	* * * Smoking Cessation * * *
4	Sec. 25. 18 V.S.A. § 9503 is amended to read:
5	§ 9503. VERMONT TOBACCO PREVENTION AND TREATMENT
6	(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided, the tobacco prevention and
7	treatment program Tobacco Prevention and Treatment Program shall be
8	administered and coordinated statewide by the department of health
9	Department of Health and the Vermont tobacco evaluation and review board
10	Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board, pursuant to the provisions of this
11	chapter. The program Program shall be comprehensive and research-based,
12	and shall include the following components:
13	(1) community-based programs;
14	(2) school-based programs;
15	(3) tobacco cessation programs;
16	(4) countermarketing activities;
17	(5) enforcement activities;
18	(6) surveillance and evaluation activities;
19	(7) policy initiatives; and
20	(8) any other activities determined by the commissioner Commissioner
21	or the board Board to be necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

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1	(b)(1) By June 1, 2001, the department Department and the board Board
2	shall jointly establish a plan that includes goals desired results for each
3	program component listed in subsection (a) of this section, for reducing adult
4	and youth smoking rates by 50 percent in the following 10 years.
5	(2) By June 1 of each year, the department Department and the board
6	Board shall jointly establish goals desired results for reducing adult and youth
7	smoking rates in the following two years, including goals results for each
8	program component listed in subsection (a) of this section.
9	(3) The services provided by a quitline approved by the department of
10	health Department shall be offered and made available to any minor, upon his
11	or her consent, who is a smoker or user of tobacco products as defined in
12	7 V.S.A. § 1001.
13	* * *
14	(f) The board Board shall be represented on all tobacco program advisory
15	committees, including, but not limited to, the youth working group Youth
16	Working Group, community grants advisory board Community Grants
17	Advisory Board, and the scientific advisory board Scientific Advisory Board.
18	The board's Board's representative on any such advisory committee shall
19	include at least one member other than the commissioner of health
20	Commissioner of Health.

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1	Sec. 26. 18 V.S.A. § 9505 is amended to read:
2	§ 9505. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES
3	The Board shall have all the powers necessary and convenient to carry out
4	and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this section, and shall:
5	* * *
6	(3) review and advise the department Department selection criteria for
7	grantees and contracts funded by the program Program in conformity with the
8	goals results established by the department Department and board Board;
9	* * *
10	Sec. 27. 18 V.S.A. § 9506 is amended to read:
11	§ 9506. ALLOCATION SYSTEM
12	(a) In determining the allocation of funds available for the purposes of this
13	chapter, the Department and the Board shall consider all relevant factors,
14	including:
15	* * *
16	(4) the extent to which the outcomes results of the project can be
17	measured by reductions in adult or youth smoking rates.
18	(b) The Department's and Board's allocation system shall include a
19	method, developed jointly, that evaluates the need for and impact and quality
20	of the activities proposed by eligible applicants, including, if appropriate,

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1	measuring the outcomes results of the project through reductions in adult and
2	youth smoking rates.
3	Sec. 28. 18 V.S.A. § 9507 is amended to read:
4	§ 9507. ANNUAL REPORT
5	(a) On or before January 15 of each year, the Board shall submit a report
6	concerning its activities under this chapter to the Governor and the General
7	Assembly. The report shall include, to the extent possible, the following:
8	(1) the results of the independent program evaluation, beginning with
9	the report filed on January 15, 2003, and then each year thereafter;
10	(2) a full financial report of the activities of the departments of health,
11	education, liquor control Departments of Health and of Liquor Control, the
12	Agency of Education, and the board Board, including a special accounting of
13	all activities from July 1 through December 31 of the year preceding the
14	legislative session during which the report is submitted;
15	(3) a recommended budget for the program Program; and
16	(4) an explanation of the outcomes results of approved programs,
17	measured through reductions in adult and youth smoking rates.
18	(b) [Repealed.]

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1	* * * Transportation * * *
2	Sec. 29. 19 V.S.A. § 10g is amended to read:
3	§ 10g. ANNUAL REPORT; TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM;
4	ADVANCEMENTS, CANCELLATIONS, AND DELAYS
5	* * *
6	(c) The Program proposed by the Agency shall include systemwide
7	indicators performance measures developed by the Agency to describe the
8	condition of the Vermont transportation network. The Program shall discuss
9	the background and utility of the indicators performance measures, track the
10	indicators performance measures over time, and, where appropriate,
11	recommend the setting of targets benchmarks for the indicators performance
12	measures.
13	* * *
14	* * * State Law Enforcement * * *
15	Sec. 30. 20 V.S.A. § 1883 is amended to read:
16	§ 1883. STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT; MEMORANDUM OF
17	UNDERSTANDING
18	(a) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall develop and execute a
19	memorandum of understanding with the Commissioners of Fish and Wildlife,
20	of Motor Vehicles, and of Liquor Control and their respective directors of law

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1	enforcement. The memorandum of understanding shall be reviewed at least
2	every two years and shall at a minimum address:
3	* * *
4	(2) Providing for an overall statewide law enforcement strategic plan
5	supported by quarterly planning and implementation strategy sessions to
6	improve efficiencies and coordination on an operational level and ensure
7	interagency cooperation and collaboration of programs funded through grants.
8	The strategic plan should identify clear goals and measurable performance
9	outcomes results as well as specific strategic plans for individual enforcement
10	agencies.
11	* * *
12	* * * Tax Increment Financing Districts * * *
13	Sec. 31. 24 V.S.A. § 1901 is amended to read:
14	§ 1901. INFORMATION REPORTING
15	Every municipality with an active tax increment financing district shall:
16	(1) Develop a system, segregated for the tax increment financing district
17	to identify, collect, and maintain all data and information necessary to fulfill
18	the reporting requirements of this section, including performance indicators
19	measures.
20	* * *

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1	(3) Annually:
2	* * *
3	(B) on or before January 15 of each year, on a form prescribed by the
4	Council, submit an annual report to the Vermont Economic Progress Council
5	and the Department of Taxes, including the information required by
6	subdivision (2) of this section if not already submitted during the year, all
7	information required by subdivision (A) of this subdivision (3), and the
8	information required by 32 V.S.A. § 5404a(i), including performance
9	indicators measures and any other information required by the Council or the
10	Department of Taxes.
11	Sec. 32. 32 V.S.A. § 5404a is amended to read:
12	§ 5404a. TAX STABILIZATION AGREEMENTS; TAX INCREMENT
13	FINANCING DISTRICTS
14	* * *
15	(i) The Vermont Economic Progress Council and the Department of Taxes
16	shall make an annual report to the Senate Committees on Economic
17	Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Finance and the House
18	Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on Ways and
19	Means of the General Assembly on or before April 1. The report shall include,
20	in regard to each existing tax increment financing district, the date of creation,
21	a profile of the district, a map of the district, the original taxable value, the

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1	scope and value of projected and actual improvements and developments,
2	projected and actual incremental revenue amounts and division of the
3	increment revenue between district debt, the Education Fund, the special
4	account required by 24 V.S.A. § 1896 and the municipal General Fund,
5	projected and actual financing, and a set of performance indicators measures
6	developed by the Vermont Economic Progress Council, which shall include the
7	number of jobs created in the district, what sectors experienced job growth,
8	and the amount of infrastructure work performed by Vermont firms.
9	* * *
10	* * * Municipal and Regional Planning and Development * * *
11	Sec. 33. 24 V.S.A. § 4306 is amended to read:
12	§ 4306. MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING FUND
13	* * *
14	(b)(1) Allocations for performance contract funding to regional planning
15	commissions shall be determined according to a formula to be adopted by rule
16	under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 by the Department for the assistance of the regional
17	planning commissions. Disbursement of funding to regional planning
18	commissions shall be predicated upon meeting performance outcomes results
19	and measures pursuant to the terms of the performance contract.
20	* * *

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1	Sec. 34. 24 V.S.A. § 4341a is amended to read:
2	§ 4341a. PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS FOR REGIONAL PLANNING
3	SERVICES
4	(a) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development shall
5	negotiate and enter into performance contracts with regional planning
6	commissions, or with regional planning commissions and regional
7	development corporations in the case of a joint contract, to provide regional
8	planning services.
9	(b) A performance contract shall address how the regional planning
10	commission, or regional planning commission and regional development
11	corporation jointly, will improve outcomes results and achieve savings
12	compared with the current regional service delivery system, which may
13	include:
14	(1) a proposal without change in the makeup or change of the area
15	served;
16	(2) a joint proposal to provide different services under one contract with
17	one or more regional service providers;
18	(3) co-location with other local, regional, or State service providers;
19	(4) merger with one or more regional service providers;
20	(5) consolidation of administrative functions and additional operational
21	efficiencies within the region; or

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1	(6) such other cost-saving mechanisms as may be available.
2	* * * Department of Public Service * * *
3	Sec. 35. 30 V.S.A. § 2 is amended to read:
4	§ 2. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE; POWERS
5	* * *
6	(e) The Commissioner of Public Service (the Commissioner) will work
7	with the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity (the Director), the
8	Commissioner of Housing and Community Development, the Vermont
9	Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB), the Vermont Housing Finance
10	Agency (VHFA), the Vermont Community Action Partnership, and the
11	efficiency entity or entities appointed under subdivision 209(d)(2) of this title
12	and such other affected persons or entities as the Commissioner considers
13	relevant to improve the energy efficiency of both single- and multi-family
14	affordable housing units, including multi-family housing units previously
15	funded by VHCB and VHFA and subject to the Multifamily Energy Design
16	Standards adopted by the VHCB and VHFA. In consultation with the other
17	entities identified in this subsection, the Commissioner and the Director
18	together shall report twice to the House and Senate Committees on Natural
19	Resources and Energy, on or before January 31, 2015 and 2017, respectively,
20	on their joint efforts to improve energy savings of affordable housing units and
21	increase the number of units assisted, including their efforts to:

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1	* * *
2	(4) measure the outcomes results and performance of energy
3	improvements;
4	* * *
5	* * * State Budget * * *
6	Sec. 36. 32 V.S.A. § 307 is amended to read:
7	§ 307. FORM OF BUDGET
8	* * *
9	(c) The budget shall also include a strategic plan for each State agency,
10	department, office, or other entity or program. A strategic plan shall include
11	the following:
12	(1) a statement of mission and goals;
13	(2) a description of indicators performance measures used to measure
14	output and outcome results;
15	(3) identification of the groups of people served, including those having
16	service priorities or other service measures established by law, and estimates of
17	the changes in those groups expected during the term of the plan;
18	(4) an analysis of the use of resources to meet needs, including future
19	needs, an analysis of additional resources that may be necessary to meet future
20	needs;

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1	(5) an analysis of expected changes in the services provided by that
2	agency because of changes in State or federal law;
3	(6) a description of the means and strategies for meeting needs of the
4	agency or program, including future needs and achieving the goals under
5	which the agency or program provides services;
6	(7) a description of the capital improvement needs of the agency during
7	the period covered by the plan;
8	(8) a prioritization, if appropriate, of the capital investment needs of the
9	agency or program during the period covered by the plan; and
10	(9) any other information that may be required.
11	* * *
12	* * * Veteran Tax Credits * * *
13	Sec. 37. 32 V.S.A. § 5930nn is amended to read:
14	§ 5930nn. RECENTLY DEPLOYED VETERAN TAX CREDIT
15	* * *
16	(e) The Department of Labor, in coordination with the Department of
17	Taxes, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, and the Office
18	of Veterans' Affairs, shall:
19	* * *

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1	(4) adopt measurable goals, outcomes results, and an audit strategy to
2	assess the utilization and performance of the credit authorized in this section;
3	<u>and</u>
4	(5) on or before January 15, 2012, submit a written report on its
5	assessment of the credit to the House Committees on Commerce and Economic
6	Development and on Ways and Means, and to the Senate Committees on
7	Finance and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs;
8	(6) engage in efforts to promote the hiring of recently deployed veterans
9	through the hiring practices of the State of Vermont.
10	* * *
11	* * * Reach Up, Reach First, and Reach Ahead * * *
12	Sec. 38. 33 V.S.A. § 1134 is amended to read:
13	§ 1134. PROGRAM EVALUATION
14	(a) On or before January 31 of each year, the Commissioner shall design
15	and implement procedures to evaluate, measure, and report to the Governor
16	and the General Assembly the Department's progress in implementing Reach
17	First, Reach Up, and Reach Ahead and achieving the goals of the programs
18	provided for in sections 1002, 1102, and 1202 of this title. The report shall
19	include:
20	***

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(2) documentation of participant outcomes results, including specific information relating to the number of persons employed, by occupation, industry, and wage; the types of subsidized and unsubsidized jobs secured by participants; any available information about outcomes results for children who have participated in the programs, including objective indicators measures of improved conditions; the number of participating families involved in training programs; and whether the support services and incentives assist in keeping families employed; and

* * *

- (b) On or before January 15, 2010 for the analysis of Reach First and on or before January 15, 2012 for the analysis of all programs, the Department shall analyze the effectiveness of the programs and shall consider the following indicators measures:
- (1) For Reach First, the types of crises presented by applicants; the type and duration of case management necessary to respond to a crisis; and the impact of the services on the family, including the actual and perceived outcomes results and material indicators measures of stability.
- (2) For Reach Up, the type and duration of case management provided; and the impact of the services on the family; the family's achievement of the goals in the family development plan; the types of employment engaged in by

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1	families; the duration of employment; and actual and perceived outcomes
2	results and material indicators measures of stability and well-being.
3	(3) For Reach Ahead, the types of employment engaged in by families;
4	the duration of employment; the type and duration of services necessary to
5	maintain employment; the duration of time the family received food assistance
6	and services in the program; and the impact of the services on the family,
7	including the actual and perceived well-being of the family and material
8	indicators measures of well-being.
9	* * *
10	* * * Department of Vermont Health Access * * *
11	Sec. 39. 33 V.S.A. § 2032 is amended to read:
12	§ 2032. ROLE OF DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS
13	* * *
14	(e) The Department shall conduct comprehensive evaluations of the
15	Board's success in improving clinical and utilization outcomes results using
16	claims data and a survey of health care professional satisfaction. The
17	Department shall report annually by January 15 to the House Committee on
18	Health Care and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare regarding the
19	results of the most recent evaluation or evaluations and a summary of the
20	Board's activities and recommendations since the last report. The provisions

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1	of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report
2	to be made under this subsection.
3	* * *
4	* * * Building Bright Futures Council * * *
5	Sec. 40. 33 V.S.A. § 4603 is amended to read:
6	§ 4603. POWERS AND DUTIES
7	The Council established by section 4602 of this title shall have the
8	following powers and duties necessary and appropriate to effectuating the
9	purposes of this chapter:
10	* * *
11	(2) Monitor overall system performance by regularly tracking and
12	reporting system data on the well-being of young children and the performance
13	of the system of care related to the Council's commitments to children and
14	selected indicators performance measures.
15	* * *
16	(13) Select the key indicators performance measures to be tracked in
17	early childhood and identify priority strategies to improve outcomes results.
18	* * *
19	(15) Analyze data to assess progress in achieving the outcomes
20	consistent with No. 68 of the Acts of the 2009 Adj. Sess. (2010) affecting

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1	children set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 2311 and make recommendations for any
2	necessary adjustments.
3	(16) Report to the Governor, the Chief Performance Officer, and the
4	legislative committees of jurisdiction during the first month of each legislative
5	biennium on the Council's findings and recommendations, progress toward
6	achieving the outcomes consistent with No. 68 of the Acts of the 2009 Adj.
7	Sess. (2010) affecting children set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 2311, and
8	recommendations for priorities for the biennium. The provisions of 2 V.S.A.
9	§ 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made
10	under this subdivision.
11	Sec. 41. 33 V.S.A. § 4603 is amended to read:
12	§ 4603. POWERS AND DUTIES
13	The Council established by section 4602 of this title shall have the
14	following powers and duties necessary and appropriate to effectuating the
15	purposes of this chapter:
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17	(15) Analyze data to assess progress in achieving the outcomes affecting
18	children set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 2311 consistent with 2010 Acts and Resolves
19	No. 68 and make recommendations for any necessary adjustments.
20	(16) Report to the Governor, the Chief Performance Officer, and the
21	legislative committees of jurisdiction during the first month of each legislative

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1	biennium on the Council's findings and recommendations, progress toward
2	achieving the outcomes affecting children set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 2311
3	consistent with 2010 Acts and Resolves NO. 68, and recommendations for
4	priorities for the biennium. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of
5	required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this
6	subdivision.
7	* * * Home Health Services * * *
8	Sec. 42. 33 V.S.A. § 6303 is amended to read:
9	§ 6303. HOME HEALTH SERVICES; LOCAL PLANS; BOARD
10	COMPOSITION
11	(a) Consistent with the requirements of this section, the Commissioner of
12	Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall adopt by rule minimum
13	program standards for the purpose of providing quality oversight of the home
14	health agencies authorized to provide home health services under this
15	subchapter. The minimum program standards shall include performance
16	standards, quality indicators performance measures, grievance and complaint
17	procedures, patient safety standards, consumer input mechanisms, accessibility
18	standards, medical necessity standards, and practices to ensure confidentiality
19	of patient records. The rules shall include also minimum program standards to
20	ensure home health agencies do not discriminate in the provision of services
21	based on income, funding source, geographic status, or severity of health needs

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1	and to ensure the attainment or continuance of universal access to medically
2	necessary home health services.

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- 4 Sec. 43. 33 V.S.A. § 6305 is amended to read:
- 5 § 6305. REVIEW OF ACCESS, COST, AND QUALITY ISSUES;
- 6 REMEDIATION PROCESS

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(b) In a form and manner and at intervals prescribed by the Commissioner, the Commissioner shall collect and analyze data regarding access to and the cost and quality of home health services in Vermont. Such data shall include: information on complaints, waiting lists, numbers of individuals ineligible for services, numbers of individuals eligible for but not provided services, numbers of patients served under and over the age of 65, total number of visits and hours provided to patients by each of the existing home health agencies; the results of patient surveys conducted by the home health agencies; data pertaining to federal and State surveys; scoring by any national accrediting organization, charitable and subsidized programs and services for uninsured or low income persons in their respective communities; copies of audited financial statements and annual cost reports; and any other quality indicators performance measures or data deemed relevant by the Commissioner to

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- 1 monitor and evaluate access to and the cost and quality of home health services
- 2 by the designated home health agencies.
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- 4 Sec. 44. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015 except for Sec. 41 (amending 33)
- 6 V.S.A. § 4603), which shall take effect on January 1, 2017.