

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House
3 Bill No. 595 entitled “An act relating to establishing the Agency of Controlled
4 Substances” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE STUDY; AGENCY OF CONTROLLED
8 SUBSTANCES

9 (a) Creation. There is created a Legislative Agency of Controlled
10 Substances Study Committee to review whether an Agency of Controlled
11 Substances should be created in the State.

12 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following eight
13 members:

14 (1) four current members of the House of Representatives, not all from
15 the same political party, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House.
16 Two of these members shall be from the Committee on Government
17 Operations and two of whom shall be from the Committee on General,
18 Housing and Military Affairs; and

19 (2) four current members of the Senate, not all from the same political
20 party, who shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees. Two of these
21 members shall be from the Committee on Government Operations and two of

1 whom shall be from the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and
2 General Affairs.

3 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall study whether an Agency of
4 Controlled Substances should be created in the State, including the following
5 issues:

6 (1) the duties of the Agency and its personnel; and

7 (2) the structure of the Agency, including which departments would be
8 under the jurisdiction of the Agency.

9 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,
10 and legal assistance of the Office of Legislative Council and the Joint Fiscal
11 Office.

12 (e) Report. On or before December 31, 2014, the Committee shall submit a
13 written report to the General Assembly with its findings and any
14 recommendations for legislative action.

15 (f) Meetings.

16 (1) The Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the
17 Senate shall call the first meeting of the Committee to occur on or before
18 July 30, 2014.

19 (2) The Committee shall select two co-chairs from among its members
20 at the first meeting, one of whom shall be a member of the House and one of
21 whom shall be a member of the Senate.

1 (3)(A) A majority of the members of the Committee shall be physically
2 present at the same location to constitute a quorum.

3 (B) A member may vote only if physically present at the meeting
4 location.

5 (C) Action shall be taken only if there is both a quorum and a
6 majority vote of the members physically present and voting.

7 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on December 31, 2014.

8 (g) Reimbursement. For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the
9 General Assembly, legislative members of the Committee shall be entitled to
10 per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to
11 2 V.S.A. § 406.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on passage.

14 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating
15 to a study of creating the Agency of Controlled Substances”.

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18 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE