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7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: General Assembly and Executive; population-level outcomes and  
10 indicators; Performance Measure Pilot Program; report

11 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
12 Executive Branch to report on population-level outcomes and indicators for  
13 different areas of State government and on the Performance Measure Pilot  
14 Program in order for the General Assembly to consider data-based results in  
15 decision making.

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

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

1       Sec. 1. PURPOSE

2           (a) This act is necessary for the General Assembly to obtain data-based  
3       information to gauge how well State government is working to achieve the  
4       population-level outcomes the General Assembly sets for Vermonters, and will  
5       assist the General Assembly in determining how best to spend taxpayer dollars.

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

11          (c) Using the data-based information provided under this act will encourage  
12       State government to continue to move steadily toward accountability and will  
13       help educate the General Assembly and Executive Branch on how to be more  
14       effective and accountable to Vermonters.

15       Sec. 2. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER; ANNUAL REPORT ON  
16                POPULATION-LEVEL OUTCOMES AND INDICATORS

17          (a)(1) Annually, on or before September 1, the Chief Performance Officer  
18       within the Agency of Administration shall report to the General Assembly on  
19       the State's progress in reaching the population-level outcomes for each area of  
20       State government set forth in subsection (b) of this section by providing data

1 for the population-level indicators that are requested pursuant to the process set  
2 forth in subsection (c) of this section.

3 (2) The report shall be provided in the form of an Accountability Report  
4 Card that shall answer the following questions for each population-level  
5 outcome using its related requested population-level indicators:

6 (A) How much did we do?

7 (B) How well did we do it?

8 (C) Is anyone better off?

9 (b)(1) Human services.

10 (A) Outcome 1. Children, families, and individuals are engaged in  
11 and contribute to their community's decisions and activities.

12 (B) Outcome 2. Pregnant women and children thrive.

13 (C) Outcome 3. Children are ready for school.

14 (D) Outcome 4. Children succeed in school.

15 (E) Outcome 5. Children live in safe, nurturing, stable, supported  
16 families.

17 (F) Outcome 6. Youths choose healthy behaviors.

18 (G) Outcome 7. Youths successfully transition to adulthood.

19 (H) Outcome 8. Elders, people with disabilities, and individuals with  
20 mental health conditions live with dignity and independence in settings they  
21 prefer.

1           (I) Outcome 9. Families and individuals live in safe and supportive  
2 communities.

3           (J) Outcome 10. Adults lead healthy and productive lives.

4           (K) Outcome 11. Vermonters receive affordable and appropriate  
5 health care at the appropriate time, and health care costs are contained over  
6 time.

7           (L) Outcome 12. Families and individuals move out of poverty  
8 through education and advancement in employment.

9           (2) Corrections.

10           (A) Outcome 1. The number of people returned to prison for  
11 technical violations of probation or parole, while ensuring public safety, shall  
12 decrease.

13           (B) Outcome 2. The number of people coming into the corrections  
14 system shall decrease.

15           (C) Outcome 3. The number of nonviolent offenders diverted from  
16 prison into the community, while ensuring public safety and providing  
17 effective consequences for criminal behavior, shall increase.

18           (D) Outcome 4. Recidivism shall decrease.

19           (E) Outcome 5. A unified crime prevention and justice system shall  
20 be established.

1           (F) Outcome 6. Revenues realized within the corrections system  
2           from programs designed to develop skills of offenders shall increase.

3           (G) Outcome 7. Short-term lodgings in Department of Corrections  
4           facilities shall decrease.

5           (3) Education.

6           (A) Outcome 1. Increase electronic and distance learning  
7           opportunities that enhance learning, increase productivity, and promote  
8           creativity.

9           (B) Outcome 2. Increase the secondary school graduation rates for  
10          all students.

11          (C) Outcome 3. Increase the aspiration, continuation, and completion  
12          rates for all students in connection with postsecondary education and training.

13          (D) Outcome 4. Increase administrative efficiencies within education  
14          governance in a manner that promotes student achievement.

15          (E) Outcome 5. Increase cost-effectiveness in delivery of support  
16          services for students with individualized education plans.

17          (F) Outcome 6. Increase the use of early intervention strategies that  
18          enable students to be successful in the general education environment and help  
19          avoid the later need for more expensive interventions.

1           (4) Regulatory.

2           (A) Outcome 1. The permitting and licensing processes achieve  
3 environmental standards, and are clear, timely, predictable, and coordinated  
4 between agencies and municipalities.

5           (B) Outcome 2. The permitting process enables applicants to  
6 determine readily what permits and licenses are needed and what information  
7 must be submitted to apply for those permits and licenses.

8           (C) Outcome 3. The permit and enforcement processes enable  
9 citizens and visitors to the State of Vermont to understand and comply with the  
10 laws protecting State natural and agricultural resources.

11           (D) Outcome 4. Permitting, licensing, and environmental protective  
12 services are cost-effective and user-friendly.

13           (E) Outcome 5. The decision-making process is transparent, and  
14 citizens understand and participate in the process.

15           (5) Economic development.

16           (A) Outcome 1. Vermont achieves a sustainable annual increase in  
17 nonpublic sector employment and in median household income.

18           (B) Outcome 2. Vermont attains a statewide, state-of-the-art  
19 telecommunications infrastructure.

20           (c) After consulting with the State agency having jurisdiction over an area  
21 of State government set forth in subsection (b) of this section, a standing

1 committee of the General Assembly having jurisdiction over that area of State  
2 government may submit to the Government Accountability Committee a  
3 request that any population-level indicator related to that area of State  
4 government be revised. If that request is approved by the Government  
5 Accountability Committee, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the  
6 Speaker of the House, the State agency shall revise the population-level  
7 indicator in accordance with the request.

8 (d) As they determine to be necessary, the standing committees of the  
9 General Assembly having jurisdiction over the areas of State government set  
10 forth in subsection (b) of this section and the Government Accountability  
11 Committee shall review the population-level outcomes set forth in  
12 subsection (b) and make any recommendations to the General Assembly as to  
13 how those population-level outcomes should be revised.

14 Sec. 3. TRANSITIONAL POPULATION-LEVEL INDICATORS

15 Until any population-level indicators are requested pursuant to the  
16 provisions of Sec. 2(c) of this act, each area of State government set forth in  
17 Sec. 2(b) of this act and listed in this section shall have the following  
18 population-level indicators:

19 (1) Human services.

20 (A) percent of children at or below 200 percent of federal poverty  
21 level;

1           (B) rate of homelessness;

2           (C) rate of abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults;

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

4 levels;

5           (E) percent of women receiving prenatal and natal care;

6           (F) percent of low birth weight babies or preterm births;

7           (G) number of assessments of child abuse and neglect and percent of  
8 reports substantiated;

9           (H) rate of pregnant teenagers under 18 years of age;

10          (I) percent of students who report using alcohol, tobacco, or drugs  
11 within the last 30 days;

12          (J) percent of adults who exceed healthy weight;

13          (K) rate of infant mortality;

14          (L) percent of adults who smoke cigarettes; and

15          (M) number of minors under the supervision of the Department of  
16 Corrections.

17          (2) Corrections.

18          (A) rate of violent crime;

19          (B) number of people incarcerated; and

20          (C) rate of recidivism.

1           (3) Education.

2                   (A) rate of high school graduation; and

3                   (B) percent of participation in postsecondary education.

4           (4) Regulatory.

5                   (A) processing time for permit applications and renewals;

6                   (B) carbon dioxide per capita;

7                   (C) electricity by fuel or power type; and

8                   (D) percent of organic farm sales.

9           (5) Economic development.

10                   (A) median household income;

11                   (B) median house price;

12                   (C) rate of unemployment;

13                   (D) percent of residences and businesses with broadband access;

14                   (E) percent of structurally-deficient bridges; and

15                   (F) percent of water, sewer, and stormwater systems that meet federal

16 and State standards.

17       Sec. 4. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT; REPORT

18                   ON PERFORMANCE MEASURE PILOT PROGRAM

19                   Annually, on or before September 1, the Department of Finance and

20 Management shall submit to the General Assembly with the report set forth in

21 Sec. 2 of this act a report on its Performance Measure Pilot Program. The

1 report shall include the performance measure data collected by the pilot  
2 participants.

3 Sec. 5. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER; PERFORMANCE

4 ACCOUNTABILITY LIAISONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5 On or before November 15, 2014, the Chief Performance Officer within the  
6 Agency of Administration shall designate an employee in each agency of State  
7 government to be a performance accountability liaison to the General  
8 Assembly. A liaison designated under this section shall be responsible to  
9 review with the General Assembly any of the population-level outcomes and  
10 indicators for the areas of State government set forth in this act and any other  
11 requests for results-based accountability information requested by the General  
12 Assembly.

13 Sec. 6. QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTS; TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

14 (a) The report requirement set forth in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 146,  
15 Sec. H4 (Challenges for Change; quarterly reporting and implementation) is  
16 temporarily suspended. The report requirement shall resume in 2017  
17 beginning with the first quarterly report due for that year.

18 (b) The report required under Sec. 2 of this act (Chief Performance Officer;  
19 annual report on population-level outcomes and indicators) shall no longer be  
20 required upon the resumption of the report described in subsection (a) of this  
21 section.

- 1       Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2       This act shall take effect on passage.