

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred Senate  
3 Bill No. 293 entitled “An act relating to reporting on population-level  
4 outcomes and indicators and on program-level performance measures”  
5 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the  
6 bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in  
7 lieu thereof the following:

8 Sec. 1. PURPOSE

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

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

19 (c) Using the data-based information provided under this act will encourage  
20 State government to continue to move steadily toward results-based  
21 accountability and will help educate the General Assembly and Executive

1 Branch on how to be more effective and accountable to Vermonters and will  
2 encourage a better partnership with Vermont communities.

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

4 Subchapter 5. Chief Performance Officer

5 § 2311. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER; ANNUAL REPORT ON  
6 POPULATION-LEVEL OUTCOMES USING INDICATORS

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

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

14 (1) Vermont has a prosperous economy.

15 (2) Vermonters are healthy.

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

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

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

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

20 including:

21 (A) Pregnant women and young people thrive.

1           (B) Children are ready for school.

2           (C) Children succeed in school.

3           (D) Youth choose healthy behaviors.

4           (E) Youth successfully transition to adulthood.

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

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

9           (c) Requesting population-level indicators.

10           (1) Annually, on or before March 1, a standing committee of the  
11 General Assembly having jurisdiction over a population-level quality of life  
12 outcome set forth in subsection (b) of this section may submit to the  
13 Government Accountability Committee a request that any population-level  
14 indicator related to that outcome be revised. If that request is approved by the  
15 Government Accountability Committee, the President Pro Tempore of the  
16 Senate, and the Speaker of the House, the Chief Performance Officer shall  
17 revise and report on the population-level indicator in accordance with the  
18 request and this section.

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

1     § 2312. PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY LIAISONS TO THE  
2                     GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

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

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

17     § 2313. PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

18            (a) The Chief Performance Officer shall have oversight over the State's  
19            performance contracts and grant-making in order to:

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

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

3           (b) Annually, on or before July 30 and as part of any other report  
4           requirement to the General Assembly set forth in this subchapter, the Chief  
5           Performance Officer shall report to the General Assembly on the progress by  
6           rate or percent of how many State contracts and grants have performance  
7           accountability requirements.

8           Sec. 3. INITIAL POPULATION-LEVEL INDICATORS

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

15           (1) Vermont has a prosperous economy.

16           (A) Percent or rate per 1,000 jobs of nonpublic sector employment.

17           (B) Median household income.

18           (C) Percent of Vermont covered by state-of-the-art  
19           telecommunications infrastructure.

20           (D) Median house price.

21           (E) Rate per 1,000 residents of resident unemployment.

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

3           (2) Vermonters are healthy.

4           (A) Percent of adults who exceed healthy weight.

5           (B) Percent of adults who smoke cigarettes.

6           (C) Rate per 1,000 adults of adults who are homeless.

7           (D) Percent of individuals and families living at different poverty  
8 levels.

9           (E) Percent of adults at or below 200 percent of federal poverty level.

10          (F) Percent of adults who are insured.

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

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

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

16          (C) Carbon dioxide per capita.

17          (D) Electricity by fuel or power type.

18          (E) Percent of organic farm sales.

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

20          (A) Rate per 1,000 adults 25 years of age or older of out-of-home  
21 placements for such adults.

1           (B) Rate per 1,000 residents of petitions filed for relief from domestic  
2 abuse.

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

4           (D) Rate per 1,000 residents of sexual assault committed against  
5 residents.

6           (E) Percent of residents living in affordable housing.

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

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

11           (H) Percent or rate per 1,000 people convicted of crimes of  
12 recidivism.

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

14           (J) Rate per 1,000 residents of residents incarcerated.

15           (K) Percent or rate per 1,000 residents of residents entering the  
16 corrections system.

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

18           (A) Number and rate per 1,000 children of confirmed reports of child  
19 abuse and neglect.

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

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

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

3                    (6) Vermont’s children and young people achieve their potential,  
4 including:

5                    (A) Pregnant women and young people thrive.

6                    (i) Percent of pregnant women receiving prenatal care in the first  
7 trimester.

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

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

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

12                   (v) Percent of children who are insured.

13                   (B) Children are ready for school.

14                   (i) Percent of kindergarteners fully immunized.

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

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

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

20                   (C) Children succeed in school.

21                   (i) Rate per 1,000 children of children’s school attendance.



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

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

5                    (D) Youth choose healthy behaviors.

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

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

10                   (iii) Number and rate per 1,000 minors of minors who are under  
11 the supervision of the Department of Corrections.

12                   (E) Youth successfully transition to adulthood.

13                   (i) Percent of high school seniors with plans for education,  
14 vocational training, or employment.

15                   (ii) Percent of graduating high school seniors who continue their  
16 education within six months of graduation.

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

20                   (iv) Rate per 1,000 teens of teen non-violent deaths.

1                   (v) Percent of high school graduates entering post-secondary  
2 education, work, or training.

3                   (vi) Percent of completion of post-secondary education.

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

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

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

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

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

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

14                  (B) Percent of youth who report they help decide what goes on in  
15 their school.

16                  (C) Percent of eligible population voting in general elections.

17                  (D) Percent of students volunteering in their community.

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

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

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

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

9                   (1) the performance measure data collected by the pilot participants; and

10                   (2) the progress of all programs in the Executive Branch and how many  
11           of those programs have and are using performance measures.

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

14       Sec. 5. APPROPRIATION; GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY  
15                   COMMITTEE; RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY  
16                   TRAINING

17           (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General Assembly  
18           in Fiscal Year 2015 the amount of \$20,000.00 for training on results-based  
19           accountability, as determined by the Government Accountability Committee  
20           (the GAC).

1       (b) The GAC may use any portion of this appropriation for training  
2       legislators, Executive Branch program managers, community partners, and any  
3       other persons it determines necessary on results-based accountability in order  
4       to share knowledge, understand current trends in program results, and expand  
5       the use of results-based accountability in State government and among  
6       community partners.

7       Sec. 6. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER; INITIAL PERFORMANCE  
8               ACCOUNTABILITY LIASION APPOINTMENTS

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

12       Sec. 7. QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTS; TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

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

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

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

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

2 § 2312. PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY LIAISONS TO THE  
3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

11 Sec. 10. EFFECTIVE DATES

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

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

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18 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator [surname]

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FOR THE COMMITTEE