1	TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:
2	The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3	No. 295 entitled "An act relating to pretrial services, risk assessments, and
4	criminal justice programs" respectfully reports that it has considered the same
5	and recommends that the report of the Committee on Judiciary be amended as
6	follows:
7	<u>First</u> : In Sec. 1, Legislative Findings, by adding a subsection (d) to read:
8	(d) The General Assembly intends this act to be a continuation of justice
9	reinvestment efforts initiated in 2007 by the Legislative, Judicial, and
10	Executive Branches. Justice reinvestment is a data-driven approach to improve
11	public safety, reduce corrections and related criminal justice spending, and
12	reinvest savings in strategies that can decrease crime and strengthen
13	communities.
14	Second: In Sec. 2, 13 V.S.A. § 7554c, by striking out subdivision (d)(1)(C)
15	in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
16	(C) comply with any level of treatment or recovery support recommended
17	by the provider;
18	<u>Third</u> : In Sec. 3, risk and needs screening tools and services, in subdivision
19	(e)(3), following "rehabilitative services," by inserting recovery supports,
20	and by adding a subsection (g) to read:

1	(g) The Secretary of Human Services, with staff and administrative support
2	from the Criminal Justice Capable Core Team, shall map services and assess
3	the impact of court referrals and the capacity of the current service provision
4	system in each region. The Secretary, in collaboration with service providers
5	and other stakeholders, shall consider regional resources, including services for
6	assessment, early intervention, treatment, and recovery support. Building on
7	existing models and data, the Secretary and the Criminal Justice Capable Core
8	Team shall develop recommendations for a system for referral based on the
9	appropriate level of need, identifying existing gaps to optimize successful
10	outcomes. Funding models for those services shall be examined by the
11	appropriate State departments.
12	Fourth: In Sec. 4, alternatives to traditional criminal justice model, in
13	subsection (a), in the last sentence, following "pretrial services and case
14	management," by inserting recovery support,
15	Fifth: In Sec. 5, 13 V.S.A. § 7554d, in subsection (a), in the first sentence,
16	following "substance abuse," by inserting addiction recovery,

1	Sixth: By striking out Sec. 11, 18 V.S.A. § 4215, in its entirety and
2	inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 11 to read:
3	Sec. 11. DVHA AUTHORITY; USE OF AVAILABLE SANCTIONS
4	The Department of Vermont Health Access shall use its authority to
5	sanction Medicaid-participating prescribers operating in bad faith or not in
6	compliance with State or federal requirements.
7	Seventh: By striking out Sec. 12, 18 V.S.A. § 4215c, in its entirety.
8	Eighth: By striking out Secs. 15 and 16, tamper-resistant packaging and
9	pharmacy best practices and cost containment, in their entirety.
10	Ninth: By striking out Sec. 17 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a
11	new Sec. 17 to read:
12	Sec. 17. 18 V.S.A. § 4254 is amended to read:
13	§ 4254. IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY
14	* * *
15	(d) A person who seeks medical assistance for a drug overdose or is the
16	subject of a good faith request for medical assistance pursuant to subsection (b)
17	or (c) of this section shall not be subject to any of the penalties for violation of
18	13 V.S.A. § 1030 (violation of a protection order), for a violation of this
19	chapter or 7 V.S.A §§ 656 and 657, for being at the scene of the drug overdose,
20	or for being within close proximity to any person at the scene of the drug
21	overdose.

1	(e) A person who seeks medical assistance for a drug overdose or is the
2	subject of a good faith request for medical assistance pursuant to subsection (b)
3	or (c) of this section shall not be subject to any sanction for a violation of a
4	condition of pretrial release, probation, furlough, or parole for a violation of
5	this chapter or 7 V.S.A §§ 656 and 657, for being at the scene of the drug
6	overdose, or for being within close proximity to any person at the scene of the
7	drug overdose.
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9	<u>Tenth</u> : In Sec. 18, effective dates, in subsection (b), by striking out " <u>12</u>
10	(approved prescribers of buprenorphine)," and "15 (tamper-resistant packing),
11	16 (buprenorphine tablets and blister packs),"
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16	(Committee vote:)
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18	Senator
19	FOR THE COMMITTEE