

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House Bill  
3 No. 765 entitled “An act relating to eliminating the part-time certification of  
4 law enforcement officers” respectfully reports that it has considered the same  
5 and recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended  
6 by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the  
7 following:

8 Sec. 1. VERMONT CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COUNCIL;  
9 REPORT; LEVELS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
10 CERTIFICATION; SCOPE OF PRACTICE; TRAINING  
11 REQUIREMENTS

12 On or before January 15, 2015, the Vermont Criminal Justice Training  
13 Council shall submit to the Senate and House Committees on Government  
14 Operations and on Judiciary a report that recommends whether there should be  
15 different levels of law enforcement officer certification to replace the current  
16 law’s full- and part-time certification. Any new recommended levels shall  
17 distinguish law enforcement officer certification based on scope of practice  
18 and not on practice hours. For each recommended new level of law  
19 enforcement officer certification, the Council shall recommend:

20 (1) the scope of practice for that level of certification;

1           (2) the scope of the basic and annual in-service training that should be  
2 required to obtain and retain, respectively, that level of certification;

3           (3) the manner in which a law enforcement officer should be able to  
4 transition to a different level of certification; and

5           (4) the manner in which a law enforcement officer certified as a full- or  
6 part-time officer under current law should be able to transition to the  
7 recommended new level.

8       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9           This act shall take effect on passage.

10       and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating  
11       to a report of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council’s recommended  
12       levels of law enforcement officer certification”.

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17       (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE