

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred House Bill No.
3 267 entitled “An act relating to a study of” respectfully reports that it has
4 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out
5 all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 Sec. 1. STAFF SECURE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS AND WOODSIDE
7 JUVENILE REHABILITATION CENTER STUDY COMMITTEE; REPORT

8 (a) Creation. There is created a committee to study the operations of the
9 Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center and other staff secure residential
10 programs.

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

13 (1) two current members of the Senate appointed by the Committee on
14 Committees;

15 (2) two current members of the House of Representatives appointed by
16 the Speaker of the House;

17 (3) the Commissioner for Children and Families or designee;

18 (4) the Commissioner of Mental Health or designee;

19 (5) the Defender General or designee;

20 (6) the Executive Director of the Department of State’s Attorneys and
21 Sheriffs or designee;

1 (7) a Superior judge with experience in the Family Division appointed
2 by the Administrative Judge; and

3 (8) the Chairperson of the Vermont Coalition of Residential Programs or
4 designee.

5 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall study the operations of the
6 Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center and other staff secure residential
7 programs, including:

8 (1) changes in policy and procedure at the Woodside Juvenile
9 Rehabilitation Center and other staff secure residential programs during the
10 past five years; and

11 (2) the effects of Woodside's change in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 3
12 from a detention and treatment facility to a residential treatment facility on:

13 (A) the population for whom the Department for Children and
14 Families is accessing Woodside;

15 (B) regulations developed by the Department for Children and
16 Families regarding admission and treatment of minors; and

17 (C) the rehabilitation, treatment, and due process rights of minors.

18 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,
19 and legal assistance of the Department for Children and Families.

20 (e) Report. On or before December 15, 2014, the Committee shall submit a
21 report with any recommendations for legislative action to the Senate and House

1 Committees on Judiciary, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and
2 the House Committee on Human Services.

3 (f) Meetings.

4 (1) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee shall call
5 the first meeting of the Committee.

6 (2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the
7 first meeting.

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

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

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

14 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on December 15, 2014.

15 (g) Reimbursement.

16 (1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General
17 Assembly, legislative members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem
18 compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406.

19 (2) Members of the Committee who are not employees of the State of
20 Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their

1 attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of
2 expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.

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12 (Committee vote: _____)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE