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2 Introduced by Representatives Parent of St. Albans City, Bancroft of
3 Westford, Baser of Bristol, Hebert of Vernon, Tate of Mendon,
4 and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Human services; mental health; substance abuse prevention

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
9 Department of Mental Health to transfer \$1,000,000.00 of funds from
10 community mental health programs to the Department of Health for youth
11 substance abuse prevention programming.

12 An act relating to the transfer of funds between the Departments of Mental
13 Health and of Health

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

15 Sec. 1. TRANSFER BETWEEN BUDGETS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF
16 MENTAL HEALTH AND OF HEALTH

17 (a) Of the Global Commitment funds appropriated to the Department of
18 Mental Health for fiscal year 2016 and allocated to community mental health
19 services, \$1,000,000.00 shall be reserved and transferred to the Department of
20 Health's Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs.

1 (b) Any contracts entered into by the Department of Mental Health with
2 designated and specialized agencies for community mental health services in
3 fiscal year 2016 shall be reduced to a level appropriate to allow for the transfer
4 of funds in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

5 (c) The Department of Health's Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse
6 Programs shall use the funds transferred from the Department of Mental Health
7 to administer a grant program to community based organizations for youth
8 substance abuse prevention programs. The Department of Health shall ensure
9 the funds are granted for eligible Global Commitment Fund purposes, which
10 may include MCO investments.

11 (d) The Department of Health shall establish outcome measures for the
12 youth substance abuse prevention programs and collect relevant data regularly
13 from grantees to ensure desired outcomes are achieved.

14 (e) The Departments of Mental Health and of Health shall report on the
15 transfer of funds and the grant program established during their 2016 fiscal
16 year budget adjustment presentations. This reallocation shall be reflected in
17 the Departments' budget presentations for fiscal year 2017.

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.