

1 S.196

2 Introduced by Senator Lyons

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; designated agencies; preferred providers; contracts

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
7 Agency of Human Services to submit a report surveying contract performance
8 measures and compensation to designated agencies and preferred providers, as
9 well as a comparison of private sector pay.

10 An act relating to the Agency of Human Services' contracts with providers

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

12 Sec. 1. REPORT; AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES' CONTRACTS

13 (a) On or before January 1, 2017, the Agency of Human Services shall
14 submit a report to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and to the
15 House Committee on Human Services after surveying the Agency's contracts
16 with designated agencies and preferred providers. The report shall address the
17 following:

18 (1) the type of performance measures and other evaluations commonly
19 used in Agency contracts with designated agencies and preferred providers;

1 (2) how contract performance measures and other evaluations impact
2 compensation of designated agencies and preferred providers; and

3 (3) how the Agency's compensation of designated agencies and
4 preferred providers compare to average private sector pay for the same
5 services.

6 (b) As used in this section:

7 (1) "Designated agency" means the same as in 18 V.S.A. § 7252.

8 (2) "Preferred provider" means any substance abuse organization that
9 has attained a certificate of operation from the Department of Health's
10 Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs and has an existing contract or
11 grant from the Division to provide substance abuse treatment.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.