

1 Introduced by [*GAC members in both chambers*]

2 Referred to Committee on

3 Date:

4 Subject: Legislative; Executive; Government Accountability Committee; Chief  
5 Performance Officer; State Outcomes Report

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the  
7 charge of the Government Accountability Committee and to amend the State's  
8 population-level outcomes set forth in the State Outcomes Report.

9 An act relating to the Government Accountability Committee and the State  
10 Outcomes Report

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

12 Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. § 970 is amended to read:

13 § 970. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

14 (a) There is created a joint legislative Government Accountability  
15 Committee. The Committee shall recommend mechanisms for State

16 government to be more forward-thinking, strategic, and responsive to the  
17 long-term needs of Vermonters. In pursuit of this goal, the Committee shall:

18 (1) Propose areas for the review of statutory mandates for public  
19 services that may result in service duplication and to review the alignment of  
20 financial and staff resources required to carry out those mandates.

1           (2) Review the legislative process for the creation and elimination of  
2 ~~positions and~~ programs and make recommendations for enhancements to the  
3 process that support greater long-range planning and responsiveness to the  
4 needs of Vermonters.

5           (3) Recommend strategies and tools that permit all branches of State  
6 government to prioritize the investment of federal, State, and local resources in  
7 programs that respond to the needs of the citizens of Vermont in a  
8 collaborative, cost-effective, and efficient manner. Pursuant to those strategies  
9 and tools, functions that are not critical to an agency or department mission  
10 may be recommended for combination or elimination, while other functions  
11 may be optimized.

12           (4) ~~Review strategies with similar aims in other jurisdictions in the~~  
13 ~~context of federal, state, and local relationships. [Repealed.]~~

14           (5) Determine that data-based program-level performance measures that  
15 demonstrate program results have been adopted for the programs in each  
16 agency and department.

17           (6) Determine whether each agency and department is taking actions to  
18 achieve the population-level outcomes set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 2311 that are  
19 relevant to that agency or department, as shown by the manner in which the  
20 agency's or department's program-level performance measures inform  
21 population-level indicators.



1 Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 2311 is amended to read:

2 § 2311. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER; ANNUAL STATE

3 OUTCOMES REPORT ~~ON POPULATION LEVEL OUTCOMES~~

4 ~~USING INDICATORS~~

5 (a) Report. Annually, on or before September 30, the Chief Performance  
6 Officer within the Agency of Administration shall ~~report~~ submit to the General  
7 Assembly ~~on a State Outcomes Report demonstrating~~ the State's progress in  
8 reaching the population-level outcomes for each area of Vermont's quality of  
9 life set forth in subsection (b) of this section by providing data for the  
10 population-level indicators that are approved pursuant to the process set forth  
11 in subsection (c) of this section.

12 (b) Vermont population-level quality of life outcomes.

13 (1) Vermont has a prosperous economy.

14 (2) Vermonters are healthy.

15 (3) Vermont's environment is clean and sustainable.

16 (4) ~~Vermont's communities are safe and supportive~~ Vermont is a safe  
17 place to live.

18 (5) Vermont's families are safe, nurturing, stable, and supported.

19 (6) Vermont's children and young people achieve their potential,  
20 ~~including:~~

21 ~~(A) Pregnant women and young people thrive.~~

1 ~~(B) Children are ready for school.~~

2 ~~(C) Children succeed in school.~~

3 ~~(D) Youths choose healthy behaviors.~~

4 ~~(E) Youths successfully transition to adulthood.~~

5 (7) Vermont's elders ~~and people with disabilities and people with~~  
6 ~~mental conditions~~ live with dignity and independence in settings they prefer.

7 (8) Vermonters with disabilities live with dignity and in settings they  
8 prefer.

9 (9) Vermont has open, effective, and inclusive government with a  
10 supported, motivated, and accountable State workforce.

11 ~~(9)~~(10) Vermont's State infrastructure meets the needs of Vermonters,  
12 the economy, and the environment.

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14 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on passage.