

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21

H.865

Representatives Johnson of South Hero and Lippert of Hinesburg move to amend the bill by striking out Sec. 5 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof new Secs. 5–8 to read:

Sec. 5. VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE

TECHNOLOGY; SUSTAINABILITY ANALYSIS; REPORT;

(a)(1) The Joint Fiscal Office, in collaboration with one or more independent third parties pursuant to contracts negotiated for that purpose, shall conduct an analysis and provide a report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2016 on the current functionality and long-term sustainability of the technology for Vermont’s Health Benefit Exchange, including a review of the deficiencies in Vermont Health Connect functionality and the integration, connectivity, and business logic of each as they pertain to both the back-end systems and the user interface of Vermont Health Connect.

(2) The analysis shall provide recommendations for improving the function, efficiency, reliability, operations, and customer experience of the technology going forward.

(3) The report shall include an evaluation of the investment value of existing components of the Exchange technology and the contractor’s assessment of the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of leveraging existing components of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange as part of the technology

1 for a larger, integrated eligibility system, including reviewing changes other  
2 states have made to the Exchange components of their technology  
3 infrastructure.

4 (4) The analysis and report shall provide a comparison of the  
5 investments required to ensure a sustainable State-based Exchange through  
6 further investment in Vermont Health Connect’s current technology, including  
7 any opportunities to build on other states’ Exchange technology, with the  
8 estimated investments that would be required to transition to a fully or partially  
9 federally facilitated Exchange.

10 (b) In conducting the analysis and report pursuant to this section, and in  
11 preparing any requests for proposals from independent third parties, the Joint  
12 Fiscal Office shall consult with health insurers offering qualified health plans  
13 on Vermont Health Connect.

14 (c) The General Assembly shall provide ongoing oversight and review of  
15 the analysis and report.

16 Sec. 6. FISCAL YEAR 2016; REVERSIONS; APPROPRIATIONS

17 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and in addition to  
18 any other reversions in fiscal year 2016, the following amounts appropriated in  
19 fiscal year 2016 to the following sources shall revert to the General Fund:

20 (1) from the Office of the State Treasurer, the amount of \$115,000.00;

21 (2) from the Green Mountain Care Board, the amount of \$109,320.00.

1        (b) The amount of \$224,320.00 is appropriated in fiscal year 2016 from the  
2        General Fund to the Joint Fiscal Office for the purpose of implementing Sec. 5  
3        of this act.

4        Sec. 7. FISCAL YEAR 2017; APPROPRIATION; ALLOCATION

5        (a) Of the amounts appropriated in fiscal year 2017 from the General Fund  
6        to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, the amount of \$175,680.00 is  
7        appropriated from the Agency to the Joint Fiscal Office for the purpose of  
8        implementing Sec. 5 of this act.

9        (b) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall exercise his or  
10       her authority pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 (allocation of excess receipts) to  
11       allocate \$175,680.00 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

12       Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATES

13       (a) This section and Sec. 6 (FY 2016 reversion; appropriation) shall take  
14       effect on passage.

15       (b) Secs. 1–4 (workforce housing), 5 (health benefit exchange study), and 7  
16       (FY 2017 appropriation; allocation) shall take effect on July 1, 2016.