

**S.139 - Section by section summary of proposed HAC amendment**  
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**Sec. 1. Independent analysis of Exchange alternatives**

- Directs Joint Fiscal Office (JFO) to conduct preliminary, independent risk analysis of advantages and disadvantages of alternative options for Exchange
- Chief of Health Care Reform must provide JFO with regular updates on Agency of Administration's analysis of alternatives
- JFO's report due by September 15, 2015
- \$85,000 appropriated to JFO for the analysis

**Sec. 2. Vermont Health Connect Reports**

- Chief of Health Care Reform must provide monthly updates to committees of jurisdiction regarding:
  - schedule, cost, and scope status of Vermont Health Connect's (VHC) Release 1 and 2 development efforts
  - update on status of current risks in VHC implementation
  - update on actions taken to address Auditor's recommendations
  - update on preliminary analysis of alternatives to VHC

**Sec. 3. Independent review of Vermont Health Connect**

- Chief of Health Care Reform must provide JFO with materials provided by Independent Verification and Validation firms evaluating VHC
- Between July 1, 2015 and January 1, 2016, JFO must analyze reports and provide information about VHC information technology systems at least every other month

**Sec. 4. Alternatives to Vermont Health Connect**

- Directs Agency of Administration to explore all feasible alternatives to VHC
- Lists milestones that the General Assembly expects VHC to meet
- If VHC fails to meet one or more milestones, Agency of Administration must begin exploring with federal government a transition to a federally supported State-based marketplace (FSSBM) and report on status at next meetings of Joint Fiscal Committee (JFC) and Health Reform Oversight Committee (HROC)
- JFC may at any time direct Chief of Health Care Reform to prepare an analysis and potential implementation plan for transition from VHC to different model and present information about a transition
- By November 15, 2015, Chief of Health Care Reform must provide JFC and HROC with a recommendation regarding the future of Vermont's exchange, including a proposed 2016 timeline
  - If Chief recommends requesting federal approval to transition to FSSBM, JFC must decide whether to concur by December 1, 2015
  - If Chief recommends requesting federal approval to transition to FSSBM and JFC agrees, Chief and Commissioner of DVHA must request prior to December 31, 2015 that the federal government begin approval process, and

by January 15, 2016, provide committees of jurisdiction with recommended statutory changes

- If Chief does not recommend transition to FSSBM or JFC does not agree with recommendation to transition to FSSBM, Chief must submit information to committees of jurisdiction by January 15, 2016 regarding advantages and disadvantages of alternatives and the proposed statutory changes that would be needed