

HFWWR Proposed Amendments to H.521: An Act relating to the Government Accountability Committee and the Annual Report on the State's Population-level Outcomes

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<p>Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 2311 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 2311. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER; ANNUAL REPORT ON POPULATION-LEVEL OUTCOMES USING INDICATORS</p> <p>(a) Report. Annually, on or before July 30 <u>September 30</u>, the Chief Performance Officer within the Agency of Administration shall report to the General Assembly on the State’s progress in reaching the population-level outcomes for each area of Vermont’s quality of life set forth in subsection (b) of this section by providing data for the population-level indicators that are requested <u>approved</u> pursuant to the process set forth in subsection (c) of this section.</p> <p>(b) Vermont population-level quality of life outcomes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Vermont has a prosperous economy. (2) Vermonters are healthy. (3) Vermont’s environment is clean and sustainable. (4) Vermont’s communities are safe and supportive. (5) Vermont’s families are safe, nurturing, stable, and 	<p>Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 2311 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 2311. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER; ANNUAL REPORT ON POPULATION-LEVEL OUTCOMES USING INDICATORS</p> <p>(a) Report. Annually, on or before July 30 <u>September 30</u>, the Chief Performance Officer within the Agency of Administration shall report to the General Assembly on the State’s progress in reaching the population-level outcomes for each area of Vermont’s quality of life set forth in subsection (b) of this section by providing data for the population-level indicators that are requested <u>approved</u> pursuant to the process set forth in subsection (c) of this section.</p> <p>(b) Vermont population-level quality of life outcomes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Vermont has a prosperous economy. (2) Vermonters are healthy. (3) Vermont’s environment is clean and sustainable. (4) Vermont’s communities are safe and supportive. (5) Vermont’s families are safe, nurturing, stable, and

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<p>supported.</p> <p>(6) Vermont’s children and young people achieve their potential, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) Pregnant women and young people thrive. (B) Children are ready for school. (C) Children succeed in school. (D) Youths choose healthy behaviors. (E) Youths successfully transition to adulthood. <p>(7) Vermont’s elders and people with disabilities and people with mental conditions live with dignity and independence in settings they prefer.</p> <p>(8) Vermont has open, effective, and inclusive government <u>at the State and local levels with a supported, motivated, and accountable State workforce.</u></p> <p><u>(9) Vermont’s State infrastructure meets the needs of Vermonters, the economy, and the environment.</u></p>	<p>supported.</p> <p>(6) Vermont’s children and young people achieve their potential, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) Pregnant women and young people thrive. (B) Children are ready for school. (C) Children succeed in school. (D) Youths choose healthy behaviors. (E) Youths successfully transition to adulthood. <p>(7) Vermont’s elders and people with disabilities and people with mental conditions live with dignity and independence in settings they prefer.</p> <p>(8) Vermont has open, effective, and inclusive government <u>at the State and local levels with a supported, motivated, and accountable State workforce.</u></p> <p><u>(9) Vermont’s State infrastructure meets the needs of Vermonters, the economy, and the environment.</u></p> <p><u>(10) Vermont has a robust forest products industry.</u></p>

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<p><u>standards based on corrective actions:</u></p> <p>(H) <u>total number of days with air quality alerts;</u></p> <p>(I) <u>disposal rate of municipal solid waste in pounds per person per day; and</u></p> <p>(J) <u>total number of acres that have been or will be cleaned up or redeveloped based on sites enrolled in the Brownfields Program.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(9) <u>Vermont's State infrastructure meets the needs of Vermonters, the economy, and the environment.</u></p> <p>(A) <u>percent of Vermont covered by state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure; and</u></p> <p>(B) <u>percent of structurally-deficient bridges, as defined</u></p>	<p><u>standards based on corrective actions:</u></p> <p>(H) <u>total number of days with air quality alerts;</u></p> <p>(I) <u>disposal rate of municipal solid waste in pounds per person per day; and</u></p> <p>(J) <u>total number of acres that have been or will be cleaned up or redeveloped based on sites enrolled in the Brownfields Program;</u></p> <p><u>(K) percent of healthy forest, which shall mean both diverse and disease free forest cover, indicating the environmental benefits of the forest on air quality; and</u></p> <p><u>(L) increase in positive public response to efficacy of the State's environmental programs.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(9) <u>Vermont's State infrastructure meets the needs of Vermonters, the economy, and the environment.</u></p> <p>(A) <u>percent of Vermont covered by state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure; and</u></p> <p>(B) <u>percent of structurally-deficient bridges, as defined</u></p>

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<p><u>by the Agency of Transportation.</u></p>	<p><u>by the Agency of Transportation; and</u></p> <p><u>(C) number of pollution abatement facilities or public water systems requiring upgrading or modification.</u></p> <p><u>(10) Vermont has a robust forest products industry.</u></p> <p><u>(A) sustainable forest products output measured in annual dollars;</u></p> <p><u>(B) amount in dollars of the economic multiplier effect of the forest (products?) economy.</u></p> <p><u>(C) percent of production forest free from disease and invasive species;</u></p> <p><u>(D) total revenue from scenic or fall foliage tourism and recreation; and</u></p> <p><u>(E) environmental benefits of the State's forests on air quality, water quality, wildlife, and flood mitigation, as measured by the percent of forest cover in the State.</u></p>