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Representative McCullough of Williston moves that the report of the Committee on Human Services, as amended, be further amended in Sec. 15, insurance coverage for acupuncture; report, by amending the title of the section to be “complementary and alternative medicine”, by designating the existing language to be subsection (a), and by adding a subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) The Green Mountain Care Board shall consider the use of nonpharmacological approaches to treating chronic pain and substance use disorder, including the use of complementary and alternative medicine, in lieu of or as a complement to a lower dose of a prescription drug. In its consideration, the Board shall review relevant studies published in peer-reviewed scientific journals and other evidence-based materials and may consult with interested stakeholders and others knowledgeable about the use of complementary and alternative medicine and its application in treating chronic pain or substance use disorder, or both.