

Sec. XX. VERMONT ELDERS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM REVIEW

(a) Findings.

(1) An analysis of the demand for transportation services for the elderly and persons with disabilities has not been conducted in ten years.

(2) It is critical for the State of Vermont to understand the current funding gap that may exist between available funding for the program and the need for critical services for elders and individuals with disabilities and anticipated growth rates in the service population over the next 10 years.

(3) The successful use of the Medicaid day services program is placing heavy demand on Elderly & Disabled funding resources.

(b) Vermont Elders and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Review.

(1) The General Assembly directs the Agency of Transportation to conduct a gap analysis and program review of the Vermont Elders and Individuals with Disabilities Program. The Agency shall conduct this review with the participation of the statewide Elderly and Disabled Transportation Committee which is composed of all public transportation providers and their subcontractors, all human service agencies receiving such transportation services and interested advocacy groups representing the interests of this service population. This review shall include the following:

- a. A state and regional gap analysis of the current program needs to transportation services;
- b. An examination of regional service delivery models and their adequacy in meeting program participant needs;

- c. An analysis of the challenges that exist for partner organizations to raise local matching funds.
- d. An analysis of the impact of the Medicaid day services program waiver on the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Program.
- e. An analysis of emerging and existing transportation technology and the potential role it could play in increasing accessibility for elders and individuals with disabilities.

(c) Reporting:

(1) the Agency shall deliver a written report of its findings to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation by January 15, 2016.