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1 Sec. ____ COORDINATION OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL
2 SERVICES; REPORT

3 (a) The Secretaries of Education and of Human Services, in consultation
4 with school districts, supervisory unions, social service providers, and other
5 interested parties, shall develop a plan for maximizing collaboration and
6 coordination between the Agencies in delivering social services to Vermont
7 public school students and their families. The plan shall:

8 (1) propose ways to improve access to and quality of social services
9 provided to Vermont public school students and their families through
10 systems-level planning and integration;

11 (2) propose sustainable ways to increase efficiencies in delivering social
12 services to Vermont public school students and their families while
13 maintaining access and quality, including ways to promote effective
14 communication between the Agencies at the State and local levels;

15 (3) consider ways in which schools and social service providers can
16 share services, personnel, and other resources, including the use of available
17 space in school buildings by Agency of Human Services personnel;

18 (4) identify the amounts and sources of spending by the Agency of
19 Human Services and the education system to provide social services to families
20 with school-aged children; and

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- 1 (5) identify any barriers to increased efficiency, statutory or otherwise
2 and including federal and State privacy protections, and propose ways to
3 address these barriers, including any recommendations for legislative action.
- 4 (b) On or before January 15, 2016, the Secretaries shall present their plan
5 and recommendations to the Senate Committees on Education and on Health
6 and Welfare and the House Committees on Education and on Human Services.