

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred House Bill No.

3 241 entitled “An act relating to rulemaking on emergency involuntary

4 procedures” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and

5 recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by

6 striking out Sec. 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 7251 is amended to read:

8 § 7251. PRINCIPLES FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE REFORM

9 The General Assembly adopts the following principles as a framework for  
10 reforming the mental health care system in Vermont:

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12 (9) Individuals with a psychiatric disability or mental condition who are  
13 in the custody or temporary custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health  
14 and who receive treatment in an acute inpatient hospital unit, intensive  
15 residential recovery facility, or a secure residential recovery facility shall be  
16 afforded ~~at least the same~~ rights and protections ~~as those individuals cared for~~  
17 ~~at the former Vermont State Hospital~~ that reflect evidence-based best practices  
18 aimed at reducing the use of emergency involuntary procedures.

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1 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE