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Senators Ashe and Sirotkin move that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 2, effective date, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 1905a is added to read:

§ 1905a. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS TO CERTAIN OUTPATIENT PROVIDERS

(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall not increase a provider’s reimbursement rates for outpatient medical services provided at an off-campus outpatient department of hospital as a result of the provider’s transfer to or acquisition by the hospital.

(b) As used in this section, “off-campus” means a facility located more than 250 yards from the main hospital campus.

Sec. 3. PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT; REPORT

The Green Mountain Care Board shall consider the advisability and feasibility of expanding to commercial health insurers the prohibition on increased reimbursement rates for health care providers newly transferred to or acquired by a hospital as described in Sec. 2 of this act. On or before December 1, 2016, the Green Mountain Care Board shall report its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance, including its

1 recommendations for the process and timing of implementation of the
2 reimbursement restrictions.

3 Sec. 4. REDUCING PAYMENT DIFFERENTIALS; GUIDANCE AND
4 IMPLEMENTATION; REPORT

5 (a) On or before July 15, 2016, the Green Mountain Care Board shall
6 provide to the Health Reform Oversight Committee, the House Committee on
7 Health Care, and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on
8 Finance a copy of each implementation plan for providing fair and equitable
9 reimbursement amounts for professional services provided by academic
10 medical centers and other professionals required to be developed by health
11 insurers pursuant to 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. 23(b).

12 (b) No later than 30 days following the Board's review of each
13 implementation plan pursuant to 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. 23(b)
14 but in no event later than December 1, 2016, the Board shall report to the
15 Health Reform Oversight Committee, the House Committee on Health Care,
16 and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance on its
17 progress toward achieving fair and equitable reimbursement amounts for
18 professional services provided by academic medical centers and other
19 professionals without increasing health insurance premiums or public funding
20 of health care, as required by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. 23(b).

21 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

1 (a) Sec. 1 (notice to patients of new affiliation) shall take effect on July 1,
2 2016.

3 (b) Sec. 2 (33 V.S.A. § 1905a) shall take effect on July 1, 2016 and shall
4 apply to all providers transferred to or acquired by a hospital on or after the
5 date of passage of this act.

6 (c) Secs. 3 and 4 (Green Mountain Care Board reports) and this section
7 shall take effect on passage.