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Senator Benning moves that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 11, effective dates, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 11. VERMONT HEALTH CONNECT SUSTAINABILITY
ASSESSMENT; REPORT

(a) The Green Mountain Care Board shall determine the long-term sustainability of Vermont Health Connect. If the Board determines that Vermont’s operation of a State-based Exchange is not feasible in the long-term, the Board shall recommend whether it would be more advantageous for Vermont residents to transition to a fully federally facilitated Exchange or to a federally facilitated State-based Exchange.

(b) On or before December 15, 2016, the Green Mountain Care Board shall deliver to the General Assembly its report, which shall include the evaluation of Vermont Health Connect’s long-term sustainability and an implementation plan for transitioning to the selected federal Exchange model, if applicable, for coverage beginning on January 1, 2018 or as soon thereafter as is practicable. If the Board recommends moving to a new Exchange model, the plan shall include a description of the federally facilitated Exchange model selected, estimates of the costs associated with the transition and with ongoing participation in the federally facilitated Exchange, options for financing the transition and participation costs, and a detailed timeline of the steps necessary

1 to ensure that the transition will take place without causing any disruption to
2 Medicaid or private health insurance coverage. The plan shall also include a
3 description of the steps needed to dismantle unnecessary functions of Vermont
4 Health Connect while minimizing financial exposure to the State.

5 Sec. 12. EFFECTIVE DATES

6 (a) Secs. 1 (hospital needs assessment), 2 (hospital community reports),
7 11 (Exchange sustainability assessment), and this section shall take effect on
8 passage.

9 (b) The remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2016.