

1 H.845

2 Introduced by Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro and O'Sullivan of

3 Burlington

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Crimes; domestic assault; Domestic Assault Registry Study

7 Committee

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a  
9 committee to study whether Vermont should adopt a domestic assault registry  
10 and notification system.

11 An act relating to creating the Domestic Assault Registry Study Committee

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. DOMESTIC ASSAULT REGISTRY STUDY COMMITTEE

14 (a) Creation. There is created the Domestic Assault Registry Study  
15 Committee (Committee) to consider whether Vermont should establish a  
16 domestic assault registry and notification system similar to its sex offender  
17 registry and notification system.

18 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following  
19 members:

1           (1) one current member of the House of Representatives who shall be  
2           appointed by the Speaker of the House;

3           (2) one current member of the Senate who shall be appointed by the  
4           Committee on Committees;

5           (3) the Executive Director of the Network Against Domestic and Sexual  
6           Violence or designee;

7           (4) the Executive Director of the Vermont Center for Crime Victim  
8           Services or designee;

9           (5) the Executive Director of the Vermont Department of State's  
10          Attorneys and Sheriffs or designee;

11          (6) the Defender General or designee; and

12          (7) the Commissioner of Corrections or designee.

13          (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall study whether a domestic  
14          assault registry and notification system would improve safety for victims and  
15          the public, including the following issues:

16           (1) whether other jurisdictions have such registries and if so, what their  
17           outcomes are;

18           (2) the types of offenses that would qualify for such a registry;

19           (3) the length of time an offender would be on such a registry;

20           (4) the type of public notification procedures for such a registry;

1           (5) the potential costs associated with operating such a registry in  
2 Vermont.

3           (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,  
4 and legal assistance of the Center for Crime Victim Services.

5           (e) Report. On or before November 1, 2018, the Committee shall submit a  
6 report to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary with its findings and  
7 any recommendations for legislative action.

8           (f) Meetings.

9           (1) The Center shall call the first meeting of the Committee to occur on  
10 or before August 1, 2018.

11           (2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the  
12 first meeting.

13           (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

14           (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 15, 2019.

15       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.