

1 S.241

2 Introduced by Senator White

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Public safety; health; emergency medical services; EMS Advisory

6 Committee

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to update the
8 makeup and duties of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

9 An act relating to the makeup and duties of the Emergency Medical
10 Services Advisory Committee

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

12 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 909 is amended to read:

13 § 909. EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14 (a) The Commissioner shall establish an advisory committee to advise on
15 matters relating to the delivery of emergency medical services (EMS) in
16 Vermont.

17 (b) The Advisory Committee shall be chaired by the Commissioner or ~~his~~
18 ~~or her~~ designee and shall include ~~the following 14 other members:~~

19 ~~(1) Four representatives of EMS districts. The representatives shall be~~
20 ~~selected by the EMS districts in four regions of the State. Those four regions~~

1 shall correspond with the geographic lines used by the public safety districts
2 pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 5. For purposes of this subdivision, an EMS district
3 located in more than one public safety district shall be deemed to be located in
4 the public safety district in which it serves the greatest number of people.

5 (2) A representative from the Vermont Ambulance Association, or
6 designee.

7 (3) A representative from the initiative for rural emergency medical
8 services program at the University of Vermont, or designee.

9 (4) A representative from the Professional Firefighters of Vermont, or
10 designee.

11 (5) A representative from the Vermont Career Fire Chiefs Association,
12 or designee.

13 (6) A representative from the Vermont State Firefighters' Association,
14 or designee.

15 (7) An emergency department director of a Vermont hospital appointed
16 by the Vermont Association of Emergency Department Directors, or designee.

17 (8) An emergency department nurse manager of a Vermont hospital
18 appointed by the Vermont Association of Emergency Department Nurse
19 Managers, or designee.

20 (9) A representative from the Vermont State Firefighters' Association
21 who serves on a first response or FAST squad.

1 ~~(10) A representative from the Vermont Association of Hospitals and~~
2 ~~Health Systems, or designee.~~

3 ~~(11) A local government member not affiliated with emergency medical~~
4 ~~services, firefighter services, or hospital services, appointed by the Vermont~~
5 ~~League of Cities and Towns 14 members appointed by the Governor, with at~~
6 ~~least one from each EMS district in the State, representing local EMS units of~~
7 ~~various sizes.~~

8 (c) The Committee shall meet not less than ~~quarterly in the first year and~~
9 ~~not less than~~ twice annually each ~~subsequent~~ year and may be convened at any
10 time by the Commissioner or ~~his or her~~ designee or at the request of seven
11 Committee members.

12 (d) Beginning on January 1, ~~2014 and for the ensuing two years~~ 2019, the
13 Committee shall report annually on the emergency medical services system to
14 the House Committees on Government Operations, on Commerce and
15 Economic Development, and on Human Services and to the Senate
16 Committees on Government Operations, on Economic Development, Housing
17 and General Affairs, and on Health and Welfare. The Committee's ~~initial and~~
18 ~~ensuing~~ reports shall include information about how the EMS system is
19 functioning statewide, the current state of recruitment and workforce
20 development issues, and each EMS district's response times to 911
21 emergencies in the previous year based on information collected from the

1 Vermont Department of Health's Division of Emergency Medical Services ~~and~~
2 ~~recommendations on the following:~~

3 ~~(1) whether Vermont EMS districts should be consolidated such as~~
4 ~~along the geographic lines used by the four public safety districts established~~
5 ~~under 20 V.S.A. § 5;~~

6 ~~(2) whether every Vermont municipality should be required to have in~~
7 ~~effect an emergency medical services plan providing for timely and competent~~
8 ~~emergency responses; and~~

9 ~~(3) whether the State should establish directives addressing when an~~
10 ~~agency can respond to a nonemergency request for transportation of a patient if~~
11 ~~doing so will leave the service area unattended or unable to respond to an~~
12 ~~emergency call in a timely fashion.~~

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.