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(Rep. Sharpe of Bristol will speak for the Committee on Education.)

H. 899

An act relating to fees for records filed in town offices and a town fee report and request.

(Rep. Gannon of Wilmington will speak for the Committee on Government Operations.)

Favorable with Amendment

H. 199

An act relating to reinstating legislative members to the Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders

Rep. Noyes of Wolcott, for the Committee on Human Services, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 3085b is amended to read:

§ 3085b. COMMISSION ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS

(a) The Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders is

created.

(b) The Commission shall be composed of ~~18~~ 20 members: the Commissioners of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and of Health or designees, one Senator chosen by the Senate Committee on Committees, one Representative chosen by the Speaker of the House, and 16 members appointed by the Governor. The members appointed by the Governor shall represent the following groups and organizations: physicians, social workers, nursing home managers, including the administrators of the Vermont Veterans' Home, the clergy, adult day center providers, the business community, registered nurses, residential care home operators, family care providers, the home health agency, the legal profession, mental health service providers, the area agencies on aging, University of Vermont's Center on Aging, the Support and Services at Home (SASH) program, and the Alzheimer's Association. The members appointed by the Governor shall represent, to the degree possible, the five regions of the State.

(c) Eight of the members appointed by the Governor shall serve terms of two years and eight of the members shall serve terms of three years. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed. Members may serve more than one term. ~~Members first appointed to the Commission prior to January 1, 2015, may apply to serve no more than one additional term of either two or three years following the expiration of their current term. Members first appointed to the Commission after January 1, 2015, shall serve a maximum of two terms. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be appointed only for the unexpired portion of the term, and if the unexpired portion of the term is less than or equal to one year, the member appointed to fill the vacancy occurring other than by expiration of a term may thereafter apply to serve a maximum of two additional terms.~~

(d)(1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, legislative members of the Commission shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406 for not more than four meetings.

(2) Members of the Commission who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for ~~no~~ not more than four meetings per year. Payment to the members shall be from the appropriation to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)

Rep. Lanpher of Vergennes, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommends the bill ought to pass when amended as recommended by the Committee on Human Services.

(Committee Vote: 9-1-1)

H. 608

An act relating to creating an Older Vermonters Act working group

Rep. Wood of Waterbury, for the Committee on Human Services, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Vermont's demographics are shifting, with Vermonters 60 years of age or older becoming a larger percentage of the population.

(2) The Older Americans Act provides a blueprint for states to develop a comprehensive and coordinated system of services and supports for older persons and family caregivers to support the ability of older persons to age with dignity, respect, and independence.

(3) The Older Americans Act tasks Vermont with taking limited resources and using them as strategically as possible, targeting services to those in the greatest economic and social need.

(4) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, as the State Unit on Aging, is required by the Older Americans Act to develop periodically a State Plan on Aging, and the five designated Area Agencies on Aging are similarly required to develop Area Plans for their planning and service areas. The State Plan on Aging and the Area Plans outline goals and objectives for the State and the Area Agency on Aging service areas to improve services to and outcomes for older Vermonters and family caregivers.

(5) The Vermont Futures Project estimates that Vermont will need 11,000 more workers annually to maintain the current level of economic growth. Many older Vermonters would benefit from full- or part-time employment.

(6) Many older Vermonters would also benefit from continued or increased involvement in their communities through participation in volunteer activities and opportunities for civic engagement.

(b) The purpose of this act is to establish a working group that shall develop recommendations for an Older Vermonters Act aligned with the federal Older Americans Act, the Vermont State Plan on Aging, and the

Choices for Care program. The working group shall address the value of older Vermonters to the fabric of the State's communities, as well as the service and support needs that older Vermonters may have.

Sec. 2. DEFINITIONS

As used in this act:

(1) “Area Agency on Aging” means an organization designated by the State to develop a comprehensive and coordinated system of services and supports for older Vermonters within a defined planning and service area of the State.

(2) “Choices for Care program” means the Choices for Care program contained within Vermont’s Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 demonstration.

(3) “Family caregiver” means an adult family member or other individual who is an informal provider of in-home and community care to an older Vermonter or to an individual with Alzheimer’s disease or a related disorder.

(4) “Older Americans Act” means the federal law originally enacted in 1965 to facilitate a comprehensive and coordinated system of supports and services for older Americans and their caregivers.

(5) “Older Vermonter” means, consistent with the Older Americans Act, an individual residing in this State who is 60 years of age or older.

(6) “State Plan on Aging” means the plan required by the Older Americans Act that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the State and the Area Agencies on Aging in administering and carrying out the Older Americans Act.

(7) “State Unit on Aging” means an agency within a state’s government that is directed to administer the Older Americans Act programs and to develop the State Plan on Aging in that state. In Vermont, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living is the designated State Unit on Aging.

Sec. 3. OLDER VERMONTERS ACT WORKING GROUP; REPORT

(a) Creation. There is created an Older Vermonters Act working group for the purpose of developing recommendations for an Older Vermonters Act that aligns with the federal Older Americans Act, the Vermont State Plan on Aging, and the Choices for Care program.

(b) Membership. The working group shall be composed of the following 15 members:

(1) one current member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) one current member of the Senate appointed by the Committee on Committees;

(3) the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living or designee;

(4) the Director of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the Department of Health or designee;

(5) the Executive Director of the Vermont Association of Area Agencies on Aging or designee;

(6) the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman;

(7) the Director of Vermont Associates for Training and Development or designee;

(8) a representative of the Vermont Association of Adult Day Services, appointed by the Association;

(9) a representative of home health agencies, appointed jointly by the VNAs of Vermont and Bayada Home Health Care;

(10) a representative of long-term care facilities, appointed by the Vermont Health Care Association;

(11) the Director of the Center on Aging at the University of Vermont or designee;

(12) a representative of the Vermont Association of Senior Centers and Meal Providers, appointed by the Association;

(13) two older Vermonters from different regions of the State, appointed by the Advisory Board established by 33 V.S.A. § 505; and

(14) a family caregiver of an older Vermonter, appointed by the Advisory Board established by 33 V.S.A. § 505.

(c) Powers and duties. The working group, in consultation with elder care mental health clinicians, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the Community of Vermont Elders, the Alzheimer's Association, AARP Vermont, the Elder Law Project at Vermont Legal Aid, the Vermont Public Transportation Association, and other interested stakeholders, shall develop recommendations on the following:

(1) the authority and responsibilities of the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living as a State Unit on Aging;

(2) the authority and responsibilities of the Vermont Department of

Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living with respect to the management, approval, and oversight of services provided to eligible older Vermonters through the Choices for Care program;

(3) the roles and responsibilities of the Area Agencies on Aging as the designated regional planning organizations serving older Vermonters and family caregivers;

(4) the roles and responsibilities of the network of providers of services to older Vermonters and family caregivers;

(5) a description of a comprehensive and coordinated system of services and supports for older Vermonters and family caregivers as envisioned by the Older Americans Act and the Choices for Care program, including supportive services, nutrition services, health promotion and disease prevention services, family caregiver services, employment services, and protective services;

(6) a description of how such a system would be coordinated across State agencies, provider networks, and geographic regions;

(7) how to ensure that such a system would target those in greatest economic and social need;

(8) ways to encourage and educate older Vermonters to continue in the workforce and to become or remain involved in their communities through participation in volunteer activities and opportunities for civic engagement; and

(9) ways to educate employers about the value of the older Vermonters talent cohort and the benefits of maintaining a multigenerational workforce, as well as identification of models that may be replicated across sectors and industries.

(d) Assistance. The working group shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living.

(e) Report. On or before December 1, 2019, the working group shall submit its recommendations to the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.

(f) Meetings.

(1) The Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living or designee shall chair the working group and shall call the first meeting of the working group, which shall occur on or before September 15, 2018.

(2) The working group shall meet as often as reasonably necessary to develop its recommendations, but not less frequently than once every two

months.

(3) The working group shall cease to exist upon submitting its report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2019.

(g) Compensation and reimbursement.

(1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, a legislative member of the working group serving in his or her capacity as a legislator shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406.

(2) Other members of the working group who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance at meetings of the working group shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

(3) Payments to members of the working group authorized under subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be made from monies appropriated to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)

Rep. Lanpher of Vergennes, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommends the bill ought to pass when amended as recommended by the Committee on Human Services and when further amended as follows:

In Sec. 3, Older Vermonters Act working group; report, in subdivision (f)(2), by inserting before the period “and for a total of not more than eight meetings”

(Committee Vote: 9-0-2)

H. 638

An act relating to increasing the number of examiners on the Board of Bar Examiners from nine to 11 members

Rep. Lalonde of South Burlington, for the Committee on Judiciary, recommends the bill be amended as follows:

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

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE; IMPLEMENTATION

(a) This act shall take effect on passage.

(b) Notwithstanding 4 V.S.A. § 902, the Supreme Court is authorized to

appoint two members to the Board of Bar Examiners on or after the effective date of this act.

(Committee Vote: 9-0-2)

Rep. Hooper of Montpelier, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommends the bill ought to pass when amended as recommended by the Committee on Judiciary.

(Committee Vote: 10-0-2)

H. 718

An act relating to creation of the Restorative Justice Study Committee

Rep. Macaig of Williston, for the Committee on Corrections and Institutions, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. FINDINGS

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Restorative justice has proven to be very helpful in reducing offender recidivism, and, in many cases, has resulted in positive outcomes for victims.

(2) Victims thrive when they have options. Because the criminal justice system does not always meet victims' needs, restorative justice may provide options to improve victims' outcomes.

(3) Restorative justice as an alternative to incarceration of domestic and sexual assault offenders should be assessed to determine whether the necessary tools exist to ensure the safety of victims.

(4) Cultural shifts occur when communities are engaged in changing violent behaviors and when victims and perpetrators have access to options that support change and offer healing to families and communities. Allowing for restorative justice intervention when deemed safe and appropriate may achieve these goals.

Sec. 2. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE STUDY COMMITTEE

(a) Creation. There is created the Restorative Justice Study Committee for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive examination of whether there is a role for restorative justice principles and processes in domestic and sexual violence and stalking cases.

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

(1) the Executive Director of the Vermont Network Against Domestic

and Sexual Violence or designee;

(2) an executive director of a dual domestic and sexual violence Network Member Program or designee, appointed by the Executive Director of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence;

(3) an executive director of a sexual violence Network Member Program or designee, appointed by the Executive Director of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence;

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

(5) a representative of the Vermont Association of Court Diversion Programs;

(6) a representative of a Vermont community justice program;

(7) a prosecutor who handles, in whole or in part, domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking cases, appointed by the Executive Director of the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs;

(8) the Executive Director of Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform or designee;

(9) three representatives of organizations serving marginalized Vermonters, appointed by the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence;

(10) a representative of the Vermont Abenaki community, appointed by the Governor;

(11) the Executive Director of the Discussing Intimate Partner Violence and Accessing Support (DIVAS) Program for incarcerated women;

(12) the Coordinator of the Vermont Domestic Violence Council;

(13) the Commissioner of Corrections or a designee familiar with community and restorative justice programs;

(14) a representative of the Office of the Defender General;

(15) the Court Diversion and Pretrial Services Director; and

(16) two victims of domestic and sexual violence or stalking appointed by the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

(c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall study whether restorative justice can be an effective process for holding perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence and stalking accountable, while preventing future crime and keeping victims and the greater community safe. In deciding whether restorative justice can be suitable for each subset of cases, the Committee shall

study the following:

(1) the development of specialized processes to ensure the safety, confidentiality, and privacy of victims;

(2) the nature of different offenses such as domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking, including the level of harm caused by or violence involved in the offenses;

(3) the appropriateness of restorative justice in relation to the offense;

(4) a review of the potential power imbalances between the people who are to take part in restorative justice for these offenses;

(5) ways to protect the physical and psychological safety of anyone who is to take part in restorative justice for these offenses;

(6) training opportunities related to intake-level staff in domestic and sexual violence and stalking;

(7) community collaboration opportunities in the implementation of statewide protocols among restorative justice programs and local domestic and sexual violence organizations, prosecutors, corrections, and organizations that represent marginalized Vermonters;

(8) the importance of victims' input in the development of any restorative justice process related to domestic and sexual violence and stalking cases;

(9) opportunities for a victim to participate in a restorative justice process, which may include alternatives to face-to-face meetings with an offender;

(10) risk-assessment tools that can assess perpetrators for risk prior to acceptance of referral;

(11) any necessary data collection to provide the opportunity for ongoing improvement of victim-centered response; and

(12) resources required to provide adequate trainings, ensure needed data gathering, support collaborative information sharing, and sustain relevant expertise at restorative justice programs.

(d) Assistance. The Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence shall convene the first meeting of the Committee and provide support services.

(e) Reports. On or before December 1, 2018, the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, on behalf of the Committee, shall submit an interim written report to the House Committee on Corrections and

Institutions and to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary. On or before July 1, 2019, the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, on behalf of the Committee, shall submit a final report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary.

(f) Meetings.

(1) The Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence shall convene the meetings of the Committee, the first one to occur on or before August 1, 2018.

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

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

(4) The Committee shall cease to exist on July 1, 2019.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee Vote: 10-0-1)

Rep. Hooper of Montpelier, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommends the bill ought to pass when amended as recommended by the Committee on Corrections and Institutions and when further amended as follows:

In Sec. 2 as follows:

First: In subdivision (f)(4), after the word “shall”, by inserting “meet not more than ten times, and”

Second: By adding a new subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) Members of the Committee who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than ten meetings except that:

(1) Compensation and reimbursement for the two victims of domestic and sexual violence or stalking appointed by the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence shall be paid by the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

(2) Compensation and reimbursement for the representative of the Vermont Abenaki community, appointed by the Governor, shall be paid by the General Assembly.

(Committee Vote: 10-0-1)

H. 763

An act relating to a study of approaches to greenhouse gas reduction

Rep. Deen of Westminster, for the Committee on Natural Resources; Fish and Wildlife, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. RECOMMENDATION OF CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION

FOR A STUDY ON GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION

In preliminary recommendations dated December 29, 2017, the Vermont Climate Action Commission created by the Governor through Executive Order No. 12-17, published as No. 10-42, states:

(1) “To ensure global temperature rise remains no greater than two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, the entire global population will need to transform its relationship with energy use. A wide spectrum of policy mechanisms that aim to enable those choices and reduce GHG [greenhouse gas] emissions have been investigated and implemented by nations, regions, states, and provinces around the world . . .”

(2) “Whether any of those policy approaches would effectively reduce GHG emissions in Vermont while spurring economic innovation, making Vermont more affordable, creating jobs, protecting the most vulnerable, and ensuring all Vermonters have the ability to be part of the climate solution remains an open question. To answer that question, the Commission recommends an independent, non-partisan evaluation of the full spectrum of regulatory and market-based approaches to reducing GHG, including carbon pricing mechanisms, carbon market opportunities, and regulatory control policies.”

(3) “The Commission recommends the Legislature’s Joint Fiscal Office contract that study with a well-respected, independent research organization to provide Vermonters with the information needed to make informed decisions . . . The Commission offers to provide a small working group made of a subset of its members to assist in the scoping of the study, if desired.”

Sec. 2. GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION; JOINT FISCAL OFFICE; STUDY; REPORT

(a) Study. The Joint Fiscal Office shall conduct a study to analyze the costs and benefits for Vermont of adopting and implementing regional and Vermont-only approaches to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions caused by Vermont’s consumption of fossil fuels.

(1) The study shall evaluate the costs and benefits for Vermont of

market-based approaches to GHG reduction, including:

(A) applying a carbon charge, including an analysis of similar charges enacted in other jurisdictions and of recent legislation introduced in Vermont to enact similar mechanisms; and

(B) a cap and trade approach, including an analysis of existing cap and trade programs.

(2) The study shall compare the approaches evaluated under subdivision (1) of this subsection, including their comparative ability to achieve significant reductions in GHG emissions and to spur economic development, innovation, and job creation in the State; their potential to cause shifts in employment; and their effect on the cost of living in Vermont.

(3) The study shall develop and evaluate options for the collection and disbursement of revenues.

(4) The study shall evaluate whether revenues may offset other Vermont fees or taxes.

(5) The study shall evaluate distributional impacts, by income and regions of the State, of the different approaches to GHG reduction and analyze methods to mitigate income- or location-based inequities.

(b) Funds; appropriation. In conducting the study, the Joint Fiscal Office shall retain independent, professional assistance. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, up to \$100,000.00 during fiscal year 2019 is authorized and appropriated to the Joint Fiscal Office from the sale of carbon credits pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 255 for this retention. Persons retained shall work under the direction of the Joint Fiscal Office.

(c) Legislative Council. The Office of Legislative Council shall be available to the Joint Fiscal Office to provide legal assistance.

(d) Climate Action Commission; Executive Branch agencies.

(1) The Vermont Climate Action Commission created by the Governor under Executive Order No. 10-42 (12-17) shall appoint and provide a small working group to assist the Joint Fiscal Office.

(2) In conducting this study, the Joint Fiscal Office shall be entitled to such assistance and relevant information from any agency of the Executive Branch as the Office considers necessary.

(e) Report. On or before January 15, 2019, the Joint Fiscal Office shall submit a report of the study with its findings to the Senate Committees on Finance and on Natural Resources and Energy; the House Committees on Energy and Technology, on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, and on

Ways and Means; and the Senate and House Committees on Transportation.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(**Committee Vote: 5-3-1**)

Ordered to Lie

H. 167

An act relating to alternative approaches to addressing low-level illicit drug use.

Pending Question: Shall the House concur in the Senate Proposal of Amendment?

H. 219

An act relating to the Vermont spaying and neutering program.

Pending Question: Shall the House concur in the Senate Proposal of Amendment?

S. 103

An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials.

Pending Question: Shall the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment to the House proposal of amendment??

Consent Calendar

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16a

The following concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before today's adjournment. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Secretary's office and/or the House Clerk's office, respectively. For text of resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar and Senate Calendar of February 22, 2018.

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House concurrent resolution honoring international volunteer health care provider and former Civil Air Patrol leader Kathleen R. Fellows of Perkinsville

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House concurrent resolution honoring former University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm Director Stephen P. Davis

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House concurrent resolution honoring F. William Holiday Jr. of Dummerston on his life of athletic and scholastic accomplishments and outstanding municipal civic service

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House concurrent resolution honoring former Caledonia County Victim Advocate Susan Carr

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House concurrent resolution in memory of former Granby Selectboard Chair Fredrick W. Hodgdon Sr. of Granby

H.C.R. 259

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II championship boys' golf team

H.C.R. 260

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Speaker of the House and Brattleboro Town Moderator Timothy J. O'Connor Jr.

CROSS OVER DATES

The Joint Rules Committee established the following Crossover deadlines:

(1) All **House** bills must be reported out of the last committee of reference including the Committees on Appropriations and Ways and Means, except as provided below in (2) on or before **Friday, March 2, 2018**, and filed with the Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

(2) All **House** bills referred pursuant to House Rule 35(a) to the Committees on Appropriations and Ways and Means must be reported out by the last of those committees on or before **Friday, March 16, 2018**, and filed with the Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.