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Introduced by Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury and Chesnut-Tangerman  
of Middletown Springs

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Legislative; Executive; Government Accountability Committee; Chief  
Performance Officer; State Outcomes Report

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the  
charge of the Government Accountability Committee and to amend the State's  
population-level outcomes set forth in the State Outcomes Report.

An act relating to the Government Accountability Committee and the State  
Outcomes Report

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

Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. § 970 is amended to read:

§ 970. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

(a) There is created a joint legislative Government Accountability  
Committee. The Committee shall recommend mechanisms for State  
government to be more forward-thinking, strategic, and responsive to the  
long-term needs of Vermonters. In pursuit of this goal, the Committee shall:

1           (1) Propose areas for the review of statutory mandates for public  
2 services that may result in service duplication and to review the alignment of  
3 financial and staff resources required to carry out those mandates.

4           (2) Review the legislative process for the creation and elimination of  
5 ~~positions and~~ programs and make recommendations for enhancements to the  
6 process that support greater long-range planning and responsiveness to the  
7 needs of Vermonters.

8           (3) Recommend strategies and tools that permit all branches of State  
9 government to prioritize the investment of federal, State, and local resources in  
10 programs that respond to the needs of the citizens of Vermont in a  
11 collaborative, cost-effective, and efficient manner. Pursuant to those strategies  
12 and tools, functions that are not critical to an agency or department mission  
13 may be recommended for combination or elimination, while other functions  
14 may be optimized.

15           (4) ~~Review strategies with similar aims in other jurisdictions in the~~  
16 ~~context of federal, state, and local relationships.~~ [Repealed.]

17           (5) Determine that data-based program-level performance measures that  
18 demonstrate program results have been adopted for the programs in each  
19 agency and department.



1 (c) The Committee shall elect two co-chairs ~~and a clerk~~ from among its  
2 members and shall adopt rules of procedure. The Co-Chairs shall be a House  
3 and a Senate member. The Committee shall keep minutes of its meetings and  
4 maintain a file thereof. A quorum shall consist of five members.

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6 Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 2311 is amended to read:

7 § 2311. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER; ANNUAL STATE

8 OUTCOMES REPORT ~~ON POPULATION LEVEL OUTCOMES~~

9 ~~USING INDICATORS~~

10 (a) Report. Annually, on or before September 30, the Chief Performance  
11 Officer within the Agency of Administration shall ~~report~~ submit to the General  
12 Assembly ~~on a State Outcomes Report demonstrating~~ the State's progress in  
13 reaching the population-level outcomes for each area of Vermont's quality of  
14 life set forth in subsection (b) of this section by providing data for the  
15 population-level indicators that are approved pursuant to the process set forth  
16 in subsection (c) of this section.

17 (b) Vermont population-level quality of life outcomes.

18 (1) Vermont has a prosperous economy.

19 (2) Vermonters are healthy.

20 (3) Vermont's environment is clean and sustainable.

