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Representative Browning of Arlington moves that the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1a, emergency personnel post-traumatic stress disorder; study of experience and costs; report, by striking out subdivisions (a)(2) and (3) in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof subdivisions (a)(2), (3), (4), and (5) to read:

(2) the cost of the workers' compensation benefits provided for those claims;

(3) any changes in administrative or premium costs associated with those claims;

(4) the annual increase in workers' compensation costs for Vermont municipalities and school districts for each fiscal year in comparison to the average annual increase in workers' compensation costs for Vermont municipalities and school districts from FY 2012 through FY 2017; and

(5) the total cost to reimburse municipalities and school districts for the amount by which the increase in their respective workers' compensation costs during the prior fiscal year exceeded the historical average annual increase in workers' compensation costs.

1        Second: In Sec. 1a, emergency personnel post-traumatic stress disorder;  
2        study of experience and costs; report, by striking out subsection (b) in its  
3        entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read:

4        (b)(1) On or before January 15 of each year from 2018 through 2020, the  
5        Commissioner shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on  
6        Commerce and Economic Development, and on Health Care, and the Senate  
7        Committees on Appropriations, on Finance, and on Health and Welfare  
8        regarding its findings and any recommendations for legislative changes.

9        (2) On or before January 15, 2020, the Commissioner shall submit to the  
10       House Committees on Appropriations, on Commerce and Economic  
11       Development, and on Health Care, and the Senate Committees on  
12       Appropriations, on Finance, and on Health and Welfare proposed legislation to  
13       create a permanent funding stream to mitigate the impacts on local property tax  
14       rates of increased workers' compensation costs for Vermont municipalities and  
15       school districts as a result of claims made pursuant to 21 V.S.A. § 601(11)(I)  
16       and (J).