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2 Representatives McFaun of Barre Town and Poirier of Barre City move that  
3 the report of the Committee on Judiciary be amended by inserting a new  
4 section to be Sec. 10 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 10. SCHOOL SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP; REPORT

6 (a) Creation. There is created the School Safety Advisory Group to  
7 develop statewide standards and best practices concerning school safety and  
8 the prevention of school shootings.

9 (b) Membership. The Advisory Group shall be composed of the following  
10 five members:

11 (1) the Secretary of Education or designee;

12 (2) the Commissioner of Public Safety or designee;

13 (3) the Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association or  
14 designee;

15 (4) the President of the Vermont National Education Association or  
16 designee; and

17 (5) a representative of the Vermont Principals' Association.

18 (c) Powers and duties. The Advisory Group shall study the following  
19 issues and develop specific guidelines and best practices for Vermont schools  
20 concerning them:

21 (1) improving security in and around school buildings and property;

1           (2) ensuring staff and students know what they should do in the event of  
2           a school shooting or other incident;

3           (3) training for staff and students, including the type and frequency of  
4           the training; and

5           (4) sharing information with parents and community if an event occurs.

6           (d) Assistance. The Advisory Group shall have the administrative,  
7           technical, and legal assistance of the Agency of Education and Department of  
8           Public Safety.

9           (e) Report. On or before May 1, 2018, the Advisory Group shall submit a  
10          written report to the General Assembly with its findings, including specific  
11          guidelines and best practices, and any recommendations for legislative action  
12          necessary to ensure that all schools in Vermont begin implementing those  
13          guidelines and best practices, and have a plan for compliance, before the  
14          beginning of the next school year.

15          (f) Meetings.

16               (1) The Secretary of Education shall call the first meeting of the  
17               Advisory Group.

18               (2) The Commissioner of Public Safety or designee shall be the Chair.

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

20               (4) The Advisory Group shall cease to exist on May 1, 2018.

1        (g) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Advisory Group  
2        who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise  
3        compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem  
4        compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for  
5        meetings. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the  
6        General Assembly.  
7        and by renumbering the remaining section (effective date) to be numerically  
8        correct.