

1 HET Committee Bill 18-0733

2 Representative Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs moves that the
3 bill be amended by adding Sec. X to read as follows:

4 Sec. X. JOINT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND

5 TELECOMMUNICATIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

6 (a) There is created the Joint Information Technology and
7 Telecommunications Oversight Committee composed of eight members, four
8 from the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker, not more than
9 three from the same political party; and four members from the Senate,
10 appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees, not more than three from
11 the same political party.

12 (b) The Committee shall elect from among its members a Chair and Vice
13 Chair. The Committee may meet not more than 10 times during adjournment.
14 A majority of the members of the Committee shall be physically present at the
15 same location to constitute a quorum. A member may vote only if physically
16 present at the meeting location. Action shall be taken only if there is both a
17 quorum and a majority vote of the members physically present and voting. For
18 attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, members
19 of the Committee are entitled to compensation for services and reimbursement
20 of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406.

1 (c) Not later than December 15, 2019, in the form of draft legislation, the
2 Committee shall make findings and recommendations to the General Assembly
3 regarding the establishment of a State council designed to oversee, manage,
4 and coordinate telecommunications and information technology investment,
5 deployment, policy, planning, and reform efforts among public agencies,
6 departments, offices, and boards in Vermont.

7 (d) Among other things, the Committee’s findings and recommendations
8 shall take into consideration:

9 (1) the State’s goals for achieving universal broadband Internet access
10 and the availability of mobile wireless telecommunications service along the
11 State’s travel corridors and in the State’s communities;

12 (2) basic principles of interconnectivity, community access, equity,
13 affordability, and efficient utilization of resources;

14 (3) processes for coordinating policy and avoiding duplicative
15 investments; and

16 (4) the most efficient and effective approach to developing a statewide,
17 comprehensive, fully integrated information technology and
18 telecommunications planning process.

19 (e) The Secretary of Administration and other members of the Executive
20 Branch shall report to the Committee upon request.

- 1 (f) The Committee shall have the administrative, technical, and legal
- 2 assistance of the Legislative Council and the Joint Fiscal Office.
- 3 (g) The Committee shall cease to exist on December 20, 2019.