

1 Representative Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs moves that the
2 bill be amended as follows:

3 First: In Sec. 5, 3 V.S.A. chapter 56, in § 3301, subdivision (a)(9), after
4 “government”, by striking out the word “within” and by inserting in lieu
5 thereof the phrase “in collaboration with”

6 Second: By inserting a new Sec. 15 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 15. JOINT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND

8 TELECOMMUNICATIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

15 (b) The Committee shall elect from among its members the Chair and Vice
16 Chair. The Committee may meet not more than 10 times during adjournment.
17 A majority of the members of the Committee shall be physically present at the
18 same location to constitute a quorum. A member may vote only if physically
19 present at the meeting location. Action shall be taken only if there is both a
20 quorum and a majority vote of the members physically present and voting. For
21 attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, members

1 of the Committee are entitled to compensation for services and reimbursement
2 of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406.

3 (c) On or before December 15, 2019, in the form of draft legislation, the
4 Committee shall make findings and recommendations to the General Assembly
5 regarding the establishment of a State council designed to oversee, manage,
6 and coordinate telecommunications and information technology investment,
7 deployment, policy, planning, and reform efforts among public agencies,
8 departments, offices, and boards in Vermont.

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

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

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

16 (3) processes for coordinating policy and avoiding duplicative
17 investments; and

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

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

3 (f) The Committee shall have the administrative, technical, and legal
4 assistance of the Legislative Council and the Joint Fiscal Office.

5 (g) The Committee shall cease to exist on December 20, 2019.
6 and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct