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2 Representatives Hooper of Montpelier, Christensen of Weathersfield,
3 Donahue of Northfield, Dunn of Essex, Hebert of Vernon, Houghton of Essex,
4 and Lippert of Hinesburg move that the report of the Committee on House
5 Care be amended as follows:

6 First: By striking out the first reader assistance heading and inserting in lieu
7 thereof:

8 * * * Legislative Intent and Oversight * * *

9 Second: By inserting a new Sec. 2 after Sec. 1 and before the second reader
10 assistance heading to read as follows:

11 Sec. 2. OVERSIGHT OF CHANGES TO PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT

12 CAPACITY

13 The Secretary of Human Services shall provide regular updates on the status
14 of the proposed renovations at the Brattleboro Retreat and on the University of
15 Vermont Health Network proposal designed to augment the capacity of
16 Vermont’s inpatient psychiatric care capacity to the Health Reform Oversight
17 Committee.

18 and by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.

19 Third: In Sec. 6, report; transporting patients, by striking out the second
20 sentence, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

21 Specifically, the report shall:

1 (1) describe specifications introduced into the Agency of Human
2 Services' fiscal year 2019 contracts as a result of 2017 Acts and Resolves
3 No. 85, Sec. E.314;

4 (2) summarize the Agency's oversight and enforcement of 2017 Acts
5 and Resolves No. 85, Sec. E.314;

6 (3) provide data from each sheriff's department in the State on the use of
7 restraints during patient transports; and

8 (4) if the data indicates noncompliance, identify the plans of correction
9 and how the services of noncompliant sheriffs' departments are being replaced
10 if the plan of correction is not achieved.

11 Fourth: By striking out Sec. 8, report; rates of payments to designated and
12 specialized service agencies, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 Sec. 8. RATES OF PAYMENTS TO DESIGNATED AND
14 SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES

15 The community-based services provided by designated and specialized
16 service agencies are a critical component of Vermont's health care system.
17 These services are essential for the prevention of unnecessary hospitalization
18 and emergency department use. The ability to recruit and retain qualified
19 employees is necessary for delivery of mental health services. The Agency of
20 Human Services shall:

- 1 (1) Apply the model used in developing advanced rates at the
2 Brattleboro Retreat for supporting staff recruitment and retention and long-
3 term sustainability to develop revised rates for the designated and specialized
4 service agencies, which shall be provided as part of the fiscal year 2020
5 budget.
- 6 (2) On or before January 15, 2019, develop and submit a proposal, in
7 conjunction with the Green Mountain Care Board and the designated and
8 specialized service agencies, for sharing designated and specialized service
9 agency budgets with the Board to inform its work on health care system costs
10 to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human
11 Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and
12 Welfare. The proposal shall be consistent with the long-term goal that work
13 pertaining to Medicaid pathways include a plan to create a review process of
14 the designated and specialized service agencies' budgets by the Board as part
15 of an integrated health care system.