1	TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:	
2	The Committee on Human Services to which was referred House Bill No.	
3	271 entitled "An act relating to administration of the Supplemental Nutrition	
4	Assistance Program" respectfully reports that it has considered the same and	
5	recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting	
6	clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:	
7	Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. chapter 17 is amended to read:	
8	CHAPTER 17. FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS	
9	SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	
10	§ 1701. SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	
11	(a) The State of Vermont may participate in the federal Supplemental	
12	Nutrition Assistance Program which is provided for under (SNAP) pursuant to	
13	7 U.S.C. chapter 51. The Commissioner may adopt, amend, or repeal rules	
14	governing the operation of the Program in the State. The purpose of SNAP is	
15	to alleviate hunger and malnutrition among households with low income by	
16	increasing their food purchasing power and access to nutritious safe food.	
17	(b) An individual domiciled in Vermont shall be exempt from the	
18	disqualification provided for in 21 U.S.C. § 862a.	
19	(c) The Commissioner may adopt, amend, or repeal rules governing the	
20	operation of the Program in the State pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.	

1	(d) When As used in this section chapter, "Commissioner" means the
2	Commissioner for Children and Families and "Department" means the
3	Department for Children and Families.
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5	§ 1703. CHANGES TO PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION
6	(a)(1) The Department shall report to the Chairs of the House Committee
7	on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and any
8	interested stakeholders within 30 days after any substantive change in the
9	federal law governing SNAP that:
10	(A) restricts or improves eligibility;
11	(B) increases or reduces barriers or creates or eliminates hardships to
12	access; or
13	(C) inhibits or increases benefit usage.
14	(2) The Department shall provide an analysis of the administrative costs
15	and impacts on SNAP applicants and participants of any such change to the
16	Chairs within 90 days after the change.
17	(b) The Commissioner may convene a meeting of interested stakeholders to
18	discuss a change listed in subsection (a) of this section.
19	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
20	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.
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2	(Committee vote:)	
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4		Representative
5		FOR THE COMMITTEE