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Representative Mrowicki of Putney moves that the House propose to the Senate that the report of the Committee on Human Services be amended in Sec. 4, 18 V.S.A. § 3403, by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) The Director shall:

(1) provide advice and support to the Secretary of Human Services and facilitate communication and coordination among the Agency’s departments with regard to childhood adversity, toxic stress, and the promotion of resilience building;

(2) collaborate with both community and State partners, including the Agency of Education and the Judiciary, to build consistency between trauma-informed systems that address medical and social service needs and serve as a conduit between providers and the public;

(3) provide support for and dissemination of educational materials pertaining to childhood adversity, toxic stress, and the promotion of resilience building, including to postsecondary institutions within Vermont’s State College System and the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College;

(4) coordinate with partners inside and outside State government, including the Child and Family Trauma Work Group;

1 (5) evaluate the Statewide system, including the work of the Agency and
2 the Agency’s grantees and community contractors, that addresses resilience
3 and trauma-prevention;

4 (6) evaluate, in collaboration with the Department for Children and
5 Families and providers addressing childhood adversity prevention and
6 resilience building services, strategies for linking pediatric primary care with
7 the parent-child center network and other social services; and

8 (7) coordinate the training of all Agency employees on childhood
9 adversity, toxic stress, resilience building, and the Agency’s Trauma-Informed
10 System of Care policy and post training opportunities for child care providers,
11 after-school program providers, educators, and health care providers on the
12 Agency’s website.