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Representative Noyes of South Burlington moves that the report of the Committee on Human Services as amended by the Committee on Appropriation be further amended by striking out Sec. 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof new Secs. 2 and 3 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 60, Sec. 23 is amended to read:

Sec. 23. JOINT LEGISLATIVE CHILD PROTECTION OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE

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(c) Powers and duties.

(1) The Committee shall:

~~(A)~~ Exercise exercise oversight over Vermont's ~~system~~ systems for youth justice and protecting children from abuse and neglect, including:

~~(i)~~(A) evaluating whether the branches, departments, agencies, and persons that are responsible for protecting children from abuse and neglect are effective;

~~(ii)~~(B) determining if there are deficiencies in the system and the causes of those deficiencies;

~~(iii)~~(C) evaluating which programs are the most cost-effective; and

1 ~~(iv)~~(D) determining whether there is variation in policies,
2 procedures, practices, and outcomes between different areas of the State and
3 the causes and results of any such variation;

4 ~~(v) evaluating whether licensed mandatory reporters should be~~
5 ~~required to certify that they completed training on the requirements set forth~~
6 ~~under 33 V.S.A. § 4913; and~~

7 ~~(vi) evaluating the measures recommended by the Working Group~~
8 ~~to Recommend Improvements to CHINS Proceedings established in Sec. 24 of~~
9 ~~this act to ensure that once a child is returned to his or her family, the court or~~
10 ~~the Department for Children and Families may continue to monitor the child~~
11 ~~and family where appropriate.~~

12 ~~(B) The Committee shall report any proposed legislation on or before~~
13 ~~January 15, 2016 to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary, the House~~
14 ~~Committee on Human Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and~~
15 ~~Welfare.~~

16 (2) The Committee may review and make recommendations to the
17 House and Senate Committees on Appropriations regarding budget proposals
18 and appropriations relating to protecting children from abuse and neglect.

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1 (h) Sunset. On June 1, ~~2018~~ 2022, this section (creating the Joint
2 Legislative Child Protection Oversight Committee) is repealed and the
3 Committee shall cease to exist.

4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

5 This act shall take effect on passage; provided, however, that if the date of
6 passage is after June 1, 2018, then notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 2 shall
7 apply retroactively to June 1, 2018.