

1 Introduced by Committee on Human Services

2 Date:

3 Subject: Human services; interventions for families and children; work group

4 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create the

5 Working Group on Improving Interventions for Children and Families.

6 An act relating to improving interventions for children and families

7 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

8 Sec. 1. IMPROVING INTERVENTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND

9 CHILDREN; WORKING GROUP

10 (a) Creation. There is created the Working Group on Improving
11 Interventions for Children and Families for the purpose of cataloguing existing
12 resources and populations served to better identify gaps in services.

13 (b) Membership. The Working Group shall be composed of the following
14 members:

15 (1) the Chair of the House Committee on Human Services or designee;

16 (2) the Chair of the House Committee on Health Care or designee;

17 (3) the Chair of the House Committee on Education or designee;

18 (4) a current member of the House, who shall be appointed by the

19 Speaker of the House;

1 (5) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare or
2 designee;

3 (6) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Education or designee; and

4 (7) two current members of the Senate, not from the same political
5 party, who shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees.

6 (c) Powers and duties. The Working Group shall catalogue existing
7 resources related to interventions for children and families and identify gaps in
8 services, including the following:

9 (1) identify by county existing intervention programs for children and
10 families and those populations served by each program;

11 (2) determine whether there are any statewide or regional gaps in
12 services for interventions on behalf of children and families; and

13 (3) develop a legislative proposal that targets the use of evidence-based,
14 cost-effective interventions for children and families based upon both regional
15 and population-based gaps in services.

16 (d)(1) Assistance. The Working Group shall have the administrative,
17 technical, and legal assistance of the Office of Legislative Council. The Joint
18 Fiscal Office shall provide staff support to the Working Group as necessary.

19 (2) Prior to the first meeting of the Working Group, the Agency of
20 Human Services shall provide existing data and background materials relevant
21 to the responsibilities of the Working Group to the Office of Legislative

1 Council, including a spreadsheet by county of those programs or services that
2 receive State funds to provide intervention services for children and families.

3 (e) Proposed Legislation. On or before December 1, 2017, the Working
4 Group shall submit a bill draft containing proposed legislation to the House
5 Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and
6 Welfare

7 (f) Meetings.

8 (1) The Chair of the House Committee on Human Services or designee
9 shall call the first meeting of the Working Group to occur on or before
10 September 1, 2017.

11 (2) The Working Group shall select a chair from among its members at
12 the first meeting.

13 (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

14 (4) The Working Group shall cease to exist on January 1, 2018.

15 (g) Reimbursement. For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the
16 General Assembly, legislative members of the Working Group shall be entitled
17 to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A.
18 § 406 for no more than six meetings.

19 (h) Appropriation. The sum of \$ 9,840.00 is appropriated to the General
20 Assembly from the General Fund in fiscal year 2018 for per diem

1 compensation and reimbursement of expenses for members of the Working

2 Group.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.