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Introduced by Representatives LaLonde of South Burlington, Burditt of West  
Rutland, Conquest of Newbury, Emmons of Springfield, Grad  
of Moretown, Morris of Bennington, and Willhoit of St.  
Johnsbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes; Criminal Code Reclassification Committee

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish a  
committee to implement the Criminal Code Reclassification Study  
Committee's recommendations for reorganizing and restructuring Vermont's  
criminal statutes.

An act relating to a committee to reorganize and reclassify Vermont's  
criminal statutes

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

Sec. 1. CRIMINAL CODE RECLASSIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION

COMMITTEE

(a) Creation. There is created the Criminal Code Reclassification  
Committee to implement the Criminal Code Reclassification Study

1 Committee's recommendations for reorganizing and restructuring Vermont's  
2 criminal statutes.

3 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following six  
4 members:

5 (1) three current members of the House of Representatives, not all from  
6 the same political party, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the  
7 House; and

8 (2) three current members of the Senate, not all from the same political  
9 party, who shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees;

10 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall develop a classification  
11 system that creates categories of criminal offenses on the basis of the  
12 maximum potential period of imprisonment and the maximum potential fine.  
13 The Committee shall propose legislation that places each of Vermont's  
14 criminal statutes into one of the classification offense categories it identifies. If  
15 the Committee is unable to reach consensus regarding which classification is  
16 appropriate for a particular offense, the Committee shall indicate multiple  
17 classification possibilities for that offense.

18 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,  
19 and legal assistance of the Office of Legislative Council and the Joint Fiscal  
20 Office.

1       (e) Report. On or before December 15, 2017, the Committee shall submit a  
2       report consisting of proposed legislation to the House and Senate Committees  
3       on Judiciary.

4       (f) Meetings.

5             (1) The Committee shall select a chair and a vice chair from among its  
6       members at the first meeting.

7             (2) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

8             (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 15, 2018.

9       (g) Reimbursement. For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the  
10       General Assembly, members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem  
11       compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406.

12       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13       This act shall take effect on passage.