

Sec. 15. HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

(a) The Secretary of Administration and the Secretary of the Agency of Human Services shall conduct a comprehensive review of the State's Health-IT Fund established by 32 V.S.A. § 10301, Health Information Technology Plan established by 18 V.S.A. § 9351, and Vermont Information Technology Leaders ~~established by~~ administered pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9352.

(b) The report shall:

(1) review the need for a State sponsored Health-IT Fund;

(2) review how past payments from the fund have or have not promoted the advancement of health information technology adoption and utilization in Vermont;

(3) review the past development, approval process, and use of the Vermont Health Information Technology Plan;

(4) review the Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL) organization, including:

(A) its ~~maintaining and operating~~ maintenance and operation of Vermont's Health Information Exchange (VHIE); and

(B) the organization's ability to support current and future health care reform goals;

(C) defining VITL's core mission;

(D) identifying the level of staffing necessary to support VITL in carrying out its core mission; and

**(E) examining VITL's use of its staff for activities outside its core**

**mission:**

(5) recommend whether to continue the Health-IT Fund, including with its current revenue source as set forth in 32 V.S.A § 10402;

(6) recommend any changes to the structure of VITL, including whether it should be a public or private entity, and any other proposed modifications to 18 V.S.A § 9352;

(7) review property and ownership of the VHIE, including identifying all specific tangible and intangible assets that comprise or support the VHIE (especially in regards to VITL's current and previous agreements with the State), and the funding sources used to create this property;

**(8) evaluate approaches to health information exchange in other states, including Maine and Michigan, in order to identify opportunities for reducing duplication in Vermont's health information exchange infrastructure;** and

(9) recommend any accounting or financial actions the State should take in regards to State-owned tangible and intangible assets that comprise or support the VHIE.

(c) On or before November 15, 2017, the Secretary of Administration and the Secretary of the Agency of Human Services shall submit this report to the House Committees on Health Care, on Appropriations, on Energy and Technology, and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare, on Appropriations, and on Finance.