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## *FISCAL NOTE*

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### **S.203 - An act relating to systemic improvements in the mental health system**

*As passed the Senate Committee on Health & Welfare - Draft No. 2.1*

This bill proposes to create the Order of Non-Hospitalization Study Committee to examine the strengths and weaknesses of Vermont's orders of non-hospitalizations for the purpose of improving patient care. This committee would be composed of 11 members (at least 6 of which are not state employees). Sec. 1(g) stipulates that "members of the Committee who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than four meetings."

Estimate = 6 members X \$50 per diem (as 32 V.S.A. § 1010) X 4 meetings = **\$1,200**

The language also stipulates these payments be made from the Department of Mental Health appropriation. The committee ceases to exist on December 1, 2018 so this will not be an on-going expense.