

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred Senate Bill No.  
3 261 entitled “An act relating to mitigating trauma and toxic stress during  
4 childhood by strengthening child and family resilience” respectfully reports  
5 that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended as  
6 follows:

7 First: In Sec. 5, in the section heading, after “PREVENTION”, by inserting  
8 AND HEALTH IMPROVEMENT and by striking out subdivision (a)(1) and  
9 inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (a)(1) to read as follows:

10 (a)(1) The position of Director of Prevention and Health Improvement shall  
11 be established within the Agency of Human Services. It is the intent of the  
12 General Assembly that the Director position be funded by the repurposing of  
13 existing expenditures and resources, including the potential reassignment of  
14 existing positions. If the Secretary determines to fund this position by  
15 reassigning an existing position, he or she shall propose to the Joint Fiscal  
16 Committee prior to October 1, 2018 any necessary statutory modifications to  
17 reflect the reassignment.

18 Second: In Sec. 6, after “Director of Prevention” and before “shall”, by  
19 inserting and Health Improvement

20 Third: In Sec. 7, in the first sentence, after “Director of Prevention” and  
21 before the comma, by inserting and Health Improvement

1        Fourth: In Sec. 8, in the first sentence, after “Director of Prevention”, by  
2 inserting and Health Improvement

3        Fifth: In Sec. 9, in subsection (a), in the second sentence, after “Director of  
4 Prevention”, by inserting and Health Improvement

5        Sixth: In Sec. 13, after “Director of Prevention” and before “shall”, by  
6 inserting and Health Improvement

7        Seventh: By striking out Sec. 18 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof  
8 a new Sec. 18 to read as follows:

9        Sec. 18. REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

10        (a) In an effort to eliminate duplicated efforts and realize savings, the  
11 Secretary of Human Services shall review working groups, commissions, and  
12 other initiatives pertaining to childhood trauma, substance use disorder, and  
13 mental health for the purpose of determining their effectiveness and budgetary  
14 impact. The working groups, commissions, and other initiatives addressed  
15 shall include:

16            (1) the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4803;

17            (2) the Controlled Substances and Pain Management Advisory Council  
18 pursuant 18 V.S.A. § 4255;

19            (3) the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission pursuant to  
20 15 V.S.A. § 1140;

1           (4) the Mental Health Crisis Response Commission pursuant to 18

2           V.S.A. § 7257a;

3           (5) the Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board pursuant to 18 V.S.A.

4           § 9504;

5           (6) the Governor’s Marijuana Advisory Commission; and

6           (7) the Governor’s Opioid Coordination Council.

7           (b) On or before October 1, 2018, the Secretary shall submit a report  
8           containing findings and recommendations for legislative action to the Senate  
9           Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare and to the House  
10           Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services. Any  
11           savings identified in conducting this review may be used to fund the Director  
12           of Prevention and Health Improvement position established in Sec. 5 of  
13           this act.

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21           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE