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Senators Brock and MacDonald move to amend the Senate proposal of amendment by adding a Sec. E.233.2 to read as follows:

Sec. E.233.2 SHORT-TERM FUNDING TO MAINTAIN CRITICAL  
WIRELESS E-911 SERVICE; STUDY

(a) To meet critical public health and safety needs of Vermonters, beginning in fiscal year 2018 and continuing until December 1, 2018, the Commissioner of Public Service is authorized to spend up to \$50,000.00 from the Enhanced 911 special fund established under 30 V.S.A. § 7054 to support E-911 geolocation service charges incurred by CoverageCo for the purpose of maintaining E-911 compliant wireless service in the CoverageCo service area. If the Commissioner determines that CoverageCo is in default of its contractual obligations with the State of Vermont, the Commissioner may award the funds specified in this subsection to another provider for the same purpose. Funds awarded pursuant to this subsection shall be on a reimbursement basis, only.

(b) Beginning on January 1, 2019 and continuing until July 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Public Service is authorized to spend up to an additional \$50,000.00 from the E-911 special fund as specified in subsection (a) of this section, provided the Commissioner obtains the prior approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee.

1        (c) On or before December 1, 2018, the Commissioner of Public Service  
2        shall submit a report to the Senate Committees on Finance and on Institutions  
3        and the House Committees on Energy and Technology and on Institutions  
4        regarding E-911 compliant microcell service in Vermont. The report shall  
5        include findings and recommendations related to:

6                (1) the financial viability of operating and maintaining a microcell  
7                network in Vermont using existing 2G technology as well as 4G technology;

8                (2) whether changes to State regulatory policy are needed to facilitate  
9                the availability of wireless E-911 service in Vermont;

10               (3) whether the State should subsidize E-911 geolocation service  
11               charges incurred by microcell service providers on a permanent basis;

12               (4) the costs of completing a statewide propagation coverage analysis  
13               and whether such an analysis is needed to inform State policy, planning, and  
14               investment with respect to wireless service in Vermont;

15               (5) the estimated costs of providing microcell service in Vermont,  
16               including rates and charges related to electric, backhaul, and geolocation  
17               services, pole rental fees, backup-power requirements, colocation  
18               requirements, and any other costs deemed relevant by the Commissioner; and

19               (6) any other matters deemed relevant by the Commissioner.