1	TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:
2	The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred Senate
3	Bill No. 273 entitled "An act relating to miscellaneous law enforcement
4	amendments" respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5	recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6	clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
7	* * * Training * * *
8	Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 2352 is amended to read:
9	§ 2352. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
10	(a)(1) The Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council shall consist of:
11	(A) the Commissioners of Public Safety, of Corrections, of Motor
12	Vehicles, and of Fish and Wildlife, and of Mental Health;
13	(B) the Attorney General;
14	(C) a member of the Vermont Troopers' Association or its successor
15	entity, elected by its membership;
16	(D) a member of the Vermont Police Association, elected by its
17	membership; and
18	(E) five additional members appointed by the Governor.
19	(i) The Governor's appointees shall provide broad representation
20	of all aspects of law enforcement and the public in Vermont on the Council.

1	(ii) The Governor shall solicit recommendations for appointment
2	from the Vermont State's Attorneys Association, the Vermont State's Sheriffs
3	Association, the Vermont Police Chiefs Association, and the Vermont
4	Constables Association a member of the Chiefs of Police Association of
5	Vermont, appointed by the President of the Association;
6	(F) a member of the Vermont Sheriffs' Association, appointed by the
7	President of the Association;
8	(G) a law enforcement officer appointed by the President of the
9	Vermont State Employees Association;
10	(H) an employee of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns,
11	appointed by the Executive Director of the League;
12	(I) an employee of the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services,
13	appointed by the Executive Director of the Center; and
14	(J) three public members who shall not be law enforcement officers
15	or otherwise be employed in the criminal justice system, one of whom shall be
16	appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom shall be appointed by the
17	Senate Committee on Committees, and one of whom shall be appointed by the
18	Governor.
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1	Sec. 2. 20 V.S.A. § 2355 is amended to read:
2	§ 2355. COUNCIL POWERS AND DUTIES
3	(a) The Council shall adopt rules with respect to:
4	(1) the approval, or revocation thereof, of law enforcement officer
5	training schools and off-site training programs, which shall include rules to
6	identify and implement alternate routes to certification aside from the training
7	provided at the Vermont Police Academy;
8	* * *
9	(b)(1)(A) The Council shall conduct and administer training schools and
10	offer courses of instruction for law enforcement officers and other criminal
11	justice personnel. The Council shall offer courses of instruction for law
12	enforcement officers in multiple regions of the State and shall strive to replace
13	overnight courses with these regional trainings whenever possible.
14	(B) The Council shall offer its training programs for law enforcement
15	officers on a first-come, first-served basis and only for named individuals.
16	(2) The Council may also offer the basic officer's course for pre service
17	preservice students and educational outreach courses for the public, including
18	firearms safety and use of force.
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1	Sec. 3. COUNCIL; REPORT ON TRAINING ALTERNATIVES
2	On or before January 15, 2019, the Executive Director of the Vermont
3	Criminal Justice Training Council shall report to the Senate and House
4	Committees on Government Operations regarding the Council's identification
5	and implementation of alternate routes to certification and its plan to replace
6	some of its overnight law enforcement training requirements at the Robert H.
7	Wood, Jr. Criminal Justice and Fire Service Training Center of Vermont
8	(Police Academy) with training in multiple regions of the State, in accordance
9	with 20 V.S.A. § 2355 in Sec. 2 of this act. The report may be in verbal form.
10	Sec. 4. 20 V.S.A. § 2361 is amended to read:
11	§ 2361. ADDITIONAL TRAINING
12	(a) Nothing in this chapter prohibits any State law enforcement agency,
13	department, or office or any municipality or county of the State from providing
14	additional training beyond basic training to its personnel where no certification
15	is requested of or required by the Council or its Executive Director.
16	(b) The head of a State agency, department, or office, a municipality's chief
17	of police, or a sheriff executive officer of a law enforcement agency may seek
18	certification from the Council for any in-service training he or she may provide
19	to his or her employees law enforcement officers of his or her agency, or of
20	another agency, or both.

1	Sec. 5. 20 V.S.A. § 2358 is amended to read:
2	§ 2358. MINIMUM TRAINING STANDARDS; DEFINITIONS
3	* * *
4	(b) The Council shall offer or approve basic training and annual in-service
5	training for each of the following three levels of law enforcement officer
6	certification in accordance with the scope of practice for each level, and shall
7	determine by rule the scope of practice for each level in accordance with the
8	provisions of this section:
9	(1) Level I certification.
10	* * *
11	(2) Level II certification.
12	* * *
13	(3) Level III certification.
14	* * *
15	(c)(1) All programs required by this section shall be approved by the
16	Council.
17	(2) The Council shall structure its programs so that an officer certified
18	as a Level II law enforcement officer may complete additional training in
19	block steps in order to transition to Level III certification, without such an
20	officer needing to restart the certification process.

1	(3) Completion of a program shall be established by a certificate to that
2	effect signed by the Executive Director of the Council.
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4	* * * Administration * * *
5	Sec. 6. 20 V.S.A. § 2053 is amended to read:
6	§ 2053. COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES
7	(a) The center Center shall cooperate with other state State departments and
8	agencies, municipal police departments, sheriffs, and other law enforcement
9	officers in this state State and with federal and international law enforcement
10	agencies to develop and carry on a uniform and complete state State, interstate,
11	national, and international system of records of eriminal activities commission
12	of crimes and information.
13	(b)(1) All state State departments and agencies, municipal police
14	departments, sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers shall cooperate with
15	and assist the center Center in the establishment of a complete and uniform
16	system of records relating to the commission of crimes, arrests, convictions,
17	imprisonment, probation, parole, fingerprints, photographs, stolen property.
18	and other matters relating to the identification and records of persons who have
19	or who are alleged to have committed a crime, or who are missing persons, or
20	who are fugitives from justice.

1	(2) In order to meet the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
2	subsection, the Center shall establish and provide training on a uniform list of
3	definitions to be used in entering data into a law enforcement agency's system
4	of records, and every law enforcement officer shall use those definitions when
5	entering data into his or her agency's system.
6	* * * Coverage * * *
7	Sec. 7. 20 V.S.A. chapter 113, subchapter 2 is amended to read:
8	Subchapter 2. State Police
9	* * *
10	§ 1916. STATE POLICE BARRACKS; DUTY TO PROVIDE CALL
11	INFORMATION
12	On a quarterly basis, each State Police barracks shall submit to the
13	selectboard of each town within the barracks' jurisdiction a report describing
14	the nature of calls to the State Police from residents in that town in the
15	preceding quarter, without providing any personally identifying information.
16	Sec. 8. LEAB; REPEAL FOR RECODIFICATION
17	24 V.S.A. § 1939 (Law Enforcement Advisory Board) is repealed.
18	Sec. 9. 20 V.S.A. § 1818 is added to read:
19	§ 1818. LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY BOARD
20	(a) The Law Enforcement Advisory Board is created within the Department
21	of Public Safety to advise the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Governor,

1	and the General Assembly on issues involving the cooperation and
2	coordination of all agencies that exercise law enforcement responsibilities.
3	The Board shall review any matter that affects more than one law enforcement
4	agency. The Board shall comprise the following members:
5	(1) the Commissioner of Public Safety or designee;
6	(2) a member of the Chiefs of Police Association of Vermont appointed
7	by the President of the Association;
8	(3) a member of the Vermont Sheriffs' Association appointed by the
9	President of the Association;
10	(4) a representative of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns
11	appointed by the Executive Director of the League;
12	(5) a member of the Vermont Police Association appointed by the
13	President of the Association;
14	(6) the Attorney General or designee;
15	(7) a State's Attorney appointed by the Executive Director of the
16	Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs;
17	(8) the U.S. Attorney or designee;
18	(9) the Executive Director of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training
19	Council;
20	(10) the Defender General or designee;

1	(11) a representative of the Vermont Troopers' Association or its
2	successor entity, elected by its membership;
3	(12) a member of the Vermont Constables Association appointed by the
4	President of the Association; and
5	(13) a law enforcement officer appointed by the President of the
6	Vermont State Employees Association.
7	(b) The Board shall elect a chair and a vice chair, which positions shall
8	rotate among the various member representatives. Each member shall serve a
9	term of two years. The Board shall meet at the call of the Chair or a majority
10	of the members. A quorum shall consist of seven members, and decisions of
11	the Board shall require the approval of a majority of those members present
12	and voting.
13	(c) The Board shall undertake an ongoing formal process of reviewing law
14	enforcement policies and practices with a goal of developing a comprehensive
15	approach to providing the best services to Vermonters, given the monies
16	available. The Board shall also provide educational resources to Vermonters
17	about public safety challenges in the State.
18	(d)(1) The Board shall meet at its discretion to develop policies and
19	recommendations for law enforcement priority needs, including retirement
20	benefits, recruitment of officers, training, homeland security issues,
21	dispatching, and comprehensive drug enforcement.

1	(2) The Board shall present its findings and recommendations in brief
2	summary form to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on
3	Government Operations annually on or before January 15.
4	Sec. 10. LEAB; RECODIFICATION DIRECTIVE
5	(a) 24 V.S.A. § 1939 is recodified as 20 V.S.A. § 1818. During statutory
6	revision, the Office of Legislative Council shall revise accordingly any
7	references to 24 V.S.A. § 1939 in the Vermont Statutes Annotated.
8	(b) Any references in session law and adopted rules to 24 V.S.A. § 1939 as
9	previously codified shall be deemed to refer to 20 V.S.A. § 1818.
10	Sec. 11. LEAB; 2019 REPORT ON MUNICIPAL ACCESS TO LAW
11	ENFORCEMENT SERVICES
12	As part of its annual report in the year 2019, the Law Enforcement
13	Advisory Board shall specifically recommend ways that towns can increase
14	access to law enforcement services.
15	* * * Dispatch * * *
16	Sec. 12. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE VERMONT
17	ENHANCED 911 BOARD; PROPOSAL FOR AN EQUITABLE
18	STATEWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SYSTEM
19	(a)(1) The Department of Public Safety and the Vermont Enhanced 911
20	Board shall consult with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns as an equal
21	partner in order to propose a plan that would result in a comprehensive,

1	efficient, and equitably funded public safety dispatch system to dispatch law
2	enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services statewide. In proposing the
3	plan, consideration shall be given to existing and planned regional dispatch
4	centers.
5	(2) Included in the proposed plan shall be recommendations regarding:
6	(A) the manner in which different dispatch services should
7	communicate among each other;
8	(B) whether there should be different dispatching services used
9	among State agencies and departments;
10	(C) the role of regional dispatch centers;
11	(D) the funding source or sources for the proposed plan; and
12	(E) the timeframe for implementing the proposed plan.
13	(b) On or before November 1, 2019, the Department and the Board shall
14	jointly submit the proposed plan to:
15	(1) the Senate Committees on Finance, on Government Operations, on
16	Appropriations, and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs;
17	(2) the House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development,
18	on Government Operations, on Appropriations, and on Ways and Means; and
19	(3) the Governor.

1	* * * Effective Dates and Implementation * * *
2	Sec. 13. EFFECTIVE DATES; IMPLEMENTATION
3	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018, except the following sections shall
4	take effect on July 1, 2019:
5	(1) Sec. 2, amending 20 V.S.A. § 2355 (Council powers and duties),
6	except that the requirement to adopt rules set forth in subdivision (a)(1) of that
7	section shall take effect on July 1, 2018 so that those rules are adopted on or
8	before July 1, 2019;
9	(2) Sec. 5, amending 20 V.S.A. § 2358 (minimum training standards;
10	definitions); and
11	(3) Sec. 6, amending 20 V.S.A. § 2053 (cooperation with other
12	agencies).
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16	(Committee vote:)
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18	Senator
19	FOR THE COMMITTEE