

1 S.203

2 Representatives Hooper of Montpelier, Christensen of Weathersfield,  
3 Donahue of Northfield, Dunn of Essex, Hebert of Vernon, Houghton of Essex,  
4 and Lippert of Hinesburg move that the report of the Committee on House  
5 Care be amended as follows:

6 First: By striking out the first reader assistance heading and inserting in lieu  
7 thereof:

8 \* \* \* Legislative Intent and Oversight \* \* \*

9 Second: By inserting a new Sec. 2 after Sec. 1 and before the second reader  
10 assistance heading to read as follows:

11 Sec. 2. OVERSIGHT OF CHANGES TO PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT

12 CAPACITY

13 The Secretary of Human Services shall provide regular updates on the status  
14 of the proposed renovations at the Brattleboro Retreat and on the University of  
15 Vermont Health Network proposal designed to augment the capacity of  
16 Vermont’s inpatient psychiatric care capacity to the Health Reform Oversight  
17 Committee.

18 and by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.

19 Third: In Sec. 6, report; transporting patients, by striking out the second  
20 sentence, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

21 Specifically, the report shall:

1           (1) describe specifications introduced into the Agency of Human  
2           Services' fiscal year 2019 contracts as a result of 2017 Acts and Resolves  
3           No. 85, Sec. E.314;

4           (2) summarize the Agency's oversight and enforcement of 2017 Acts  
5           and Resolves No. 85, Sec. E.314;

6           (3) provide data from each sheriff's department in the State on the use of  
7           restraints during patient transports; and

8           (4) if the data indicates noncompliance, identify the plans of correction  
9           and how the services of noncompliant sheriffs' departments are being replaced  
10           if the plan of correction is not achieved.

11           Fourth: By striking out Sec. 8, report; rates of payments to designated and  
12           specialized service agencies, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13           Sec. 8. RATES OF PAYMENTS TO DESIGNATED AND  
14           SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES

15           The community-based services provided by designated and specialized  
16           service agencies are a critical component of Vermont's health care system.  
17           These services are essential for the prevention of unnecessary hospitalization  
18           and emergency department use. The ability to recruit and retain qualified  
19           employees is necessary for delivery of mental health services. The Agency of  
20           Human Services shall:

- 1           (1) Apply the model used in developing advanced rates at the  
2           Brattleboro Retreat for supporting staff recruitment and retention and long-  
3           term sustainability to develop revised rates for the designated and specialized  
4           service agencies, which shall be provided as part of the fiscal year 2020  
5           budget.
- 6           (2) On or before January 15, 2019, develop and submit a proposal, in  
7           conjunction with the Green Mountain Care Board and the designated and  
8           specialized service agencies, for providing the designated and specialized  
9           service agency budgets to the Board for informational purposes for its work on  
10           health care system costs to the House Committees on Appropriations, on  
11           Health Care, and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on  
12           Appropriations and on Health and Welfare. The proposal shall be consistent  
13           with the long-term goal that work pertaining to Medicaid pathways include a  
14           plan to create a review process of the designated and specialized service  
15           agencies' budgets by the Board as part of an integrated health care system.