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S.261

Representative Mrowicki of Putney moves that the House propose to the Senate that the report of the Committee on Human Services be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 4, 18 V.S.A. § 3403, by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) The Director shall:

(1) provide advice and support to the Secretary of Human Services and facilitate communication and coordination among the Agency’s departments with regard to childhood adversity, toxic stress, and the promotion of resilience building;

(2) collaborate with both community and State partners, including the Agency of Education and the Judiciary, to build consistency between trauma-informed systems that address medical and social service needs and serve as a conduit between providers and the public;

(3) provide support for and dissemination of educational materials pertaining to childhood adversity, toxic stress, and the promotion of resilience building, including to postsecondary institutions within Vermont’s State College System and the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College;

(4) coordinate with partners inside and outside State government, including the Child and Family Trauma Work Group;

1           (5) evaluate the statewide system, including the work of the Agency and  
2           the Agency’s grantees and community contractors, that addresses resilience  
3           and trauma-prevention;

4           (6) evaluate, in collaboration with the Department for Children and  
5           Families and providers addressing childhood adversity prevention and  
6           resilience building services, strategies for linking pediatric primary care with  
7           the parent-child center network and other social services; and

8           (7) coordinate the training of all Agency employees on childhood  
9           adversity, toxic stress, resilience building, and the Agency’s Trauma-Informed  
10          System of Care policy and post training opportunities for child care providers,  
11          after-school program providers, educators, and health care providers on the  
12          Agency’s website.

13           Second: By inserting after Sec. 7 a Sec. 7a and its reader assistance  
14 heading to read as follows:

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16           Sec. 7a. COORDINATION OF ACT 264 SERVICES

17           The Agency of Human Services, in collaboration with Vermont Care  
18           Partners, shall identify opportunities to streamline and better coordinate the  
19           provision of services provided pursuant to 1988 Acts and Resolves No. 264.  
20           On or before January 15, 2019, the Secretary shall present the findings and

- 1 recommendations for legislative action to the House Committee on Human
- 2 Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.