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Act No. 82 (S.146). Human services; substance misuse prevention

An act relating to substance misuse prevention

This act consolidates the work of several substance-specific committees and boards into the newly established Substance Misuse Oversight and Advisory Committee, which is tasked with improving the health outcomes of all Vermonters through a holistic approach to substance misuse prevention that addresses all categories of substances. The Council shall be staffed by the Manager of Substance Misuse Prevention, who shall also be responsible for completing an inventory of substance misuse prevention programs in the State.

The act establishes the permanent position of Chief Prevention Officer within the Office of the Secretary of Administration. The Chief Prevention Officer shall coordinate across State government and in collaboration with community partners, policies, programs, and budgets to support and improve the well-being of all Vermonters through prevention efforts.

The act repeals the Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board and divides the responsibility of the Board between the Department of Health and the Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council.

The act renames the Controlled Substances and Pain Management Advisory Council to be the Vermont Prescription Drug Advisory Council.

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