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Introduced by Representatives Anthony of Barre City, Kitzmiller of  
Montpelier, and Walz of Barre City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; law enforcement; social worker

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to appropriate  
funds for one social worker position within the Montpelier and Barre Police  
Departments.

An act relating to a shared social worker position within the Montpelier and  
Barre Police Departments

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. APPROPRIATION; EMBEDDED SOCIAL WORKER WITHIN  
MONTPELIER AND BARRE POLICE DEPARTMENTS

(a) In fiscal year 2020, there is appropriated \$50,000.00 from the General  
Fund to the Agency of Human Services for the purpose of funding one social  
worker licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 61 to be embedded on a part-  
time basis in both the Montpelier and Barre Police Departments for a total of  
no less than 40 hours per week. The Agency of Human Services shall disburse  
this appropriated amount once:

1           (1) \$30,000.00 is appropriated in combination by the cities of  
2           Montpelier and Barre for this purpose; or

3           (2) the cities of Montpelier and Barre have jointly demonstrated a total  
4           allocation of \$30,000.00 for this purpose.

5           (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the social worker position  
6           described in subsection (a) of this section shall be jointly funded with the cities  
7           of Montpelier and Barre in fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

8           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.