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2 Introduced by Representatives Leffler of Enosburgh, Fagan of Rutland City,

3 Fegard of Berkshire, Gregoire of Fairfield, LaClair of Barre

4 Town, Page of Newport City, Toof of St. Albans Town, and

5 White of Hartford

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Taxation and finance; Treasurer; asset forfeiture annual report

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to direct the
10 Treasurer to report annually to the General Assembly with comprehensive data
11 regarding instances of civil asset seizure and forfeiture in this State by law
12 enforcement.

13 An act relating to reporting on data regarding State proceeds from civil
14 asset forfeiture

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

16 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 110a is added to read:

17 § 110a. ASSET FORFEITURE ANNUAL REPORT

18 (a) Annually, on or before February 1, the Treasurer shall report to the
19 General Assembly data regarding the number of unique instances of civil asset
20 seizure and forfeiture in this State by law enforcement, the type of property

1 forfeited, the disposition of the property or proceeds from the sale of the
2 property, and, if discernable, how the property or proceeds are subsequently
3 used by the receiving entity.

4 (b) All law enforcement agencies or State agencies or departments in this
5 State shall provide the Treasurer with the required information in
6 subsection (a) of this section upon request in a timely manner. If an agency
7 fails to comply with a request, the Treasurer shall specifically note which
8 agencies failed to comply.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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