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**CONSIDERATION POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 11, 2020**

**Second Reading**

**Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment**

**S. 261.**

An act relating to eliminating life without parole.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Sears for the Committee on Judiciary.**

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2303 is amended to read:

§ 2303. PENALTIES FOR FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE MURDER

(a) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section:

(1) The punishment for murder in the first degree shall be imprisonment for:

~~(A) a minimum term of not less than 35 years and a maximum term of life; or~~

~~(B) life without the possibility of parole.~~

(2) The punishment for murder in the second degree shall be imprisonment for:

~~(A) a minimum term of not less than 20 years and a maximum term of life; or~~

~~(B) life without the possibility of parole.~~

~~(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this subsection shall apply only if the murder was committed on or after the effective date of this act.~~

(b) The punishment for murder in the first degree shall be imprisonment for life and for a minimum term of 35 years unless a jury finds that there are aggravating or mitigating factors which justify a different minimum term. If the jury finds that the aggravating factors outweigh any mitigating factors, the court may set a minimum term longer than 35 years, up to and including life imprisonment ~~without parole~~. If the jury finds that the mitigating factors outweigh any aggravating factors, the court may set a minimum term at less than 35 years but not less than 15 years.

(c) The punishment for murder in the second degree shall be imprisonment for life and for a minimum term of 20 years unless a jury finds that there are aggravating or mitigating factors which justify a different minimum term. If the jury finds that the aggravating factors outweigh any mitigating factors, the court may set a minimum term longer than 20 years, up to and including life imprisonment ~~without parole~~. If the jury finds that the mitigating factors outweigh any aggravating factors, the court may set a minimum term at less than 20 years but not less than 10 years.

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(g) Subsections (b)-(f) of this section shall apply only if the murder was committed before ~~the effective date of this act~~ May 1, 2006, and:

(1) the defendant was not sentenced before ~~the effective date of this act~~ May 1, 2006; or

(2) the defendant's sentence was stricken and remanded for resentencing pursuant to the Vermont Supreme Court's decision in State v. Provost, 2005 VT 134 (2005).

Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 7045 is amended to read:

§ 7045. LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE SENTENCE ~~PROHIBITED FOR~~  
~~PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE~~

A court shall not sentence a person to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole if:

(1) the person was under 18 years of age at the time of the commission of ~~the~~ any offense; or

(2) the person committed any offense other than aggravated murder.

Sec. 3. 28 V.S.A. § 501 is amended to read:

§ 501. ELIGIBILITY FOR PAROLE CONSIDERATION

(a) An inmate serving any sentence other than life without the possibility of parole shall be eligible for parole consideration upon serving 35 years.

(b) An inmate who is serving a sentence of imprisonment shall be eligible for parole consideration as follows:

(1) If the inmate's sentence has no minimum term or a zero minimum term, the inmate shall be eligible for parole consideration within 12 months after commitment to a correctional facility.

(2) If the inmate's sentence has a minimum term, the inmate shall be eligible for parole consideration after the inmate has served the minimum term of the sentence or after the inmate has served 35 years, whichever occurs first.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

And that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read:

An act relating to limiting the sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

(Committee vote: 3-2-0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Third Reading**

**S. 336.**

An act relating to establishing standards for the sale of hemp seed.

## Second Reading

### Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment

#### S. 281.

An act relating to the Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Hardy for the Committee on Education.**

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

#### Sec. 1. WORKING GROUP ON THE STATUS OF LIBRARIES IN VERMONT; REPORT

(a) Creation. There is created the Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont to study and report on the statewide status of Vermont's libraries. The Working Group is formed with the intent of strengthening and supporting libraries of all sizes and improving library services for the public.

(b) Membership. The Working Group shall be composed of the following members:

(1) the State Librarian;

(2) the President of the Vermont Library Association or designee;

(3) the Executive Director of the Vermont Humanities Council or designee;

(4) three representatives of public libraries, who shall be from libraries of different sizes and from different regions of the State, appointed by the State Librarian;

(5) two representatives of public school libraries, who shall be from schools of different sizes and from different regions of the State, appointed by the Secretary of Education;

(6) two representatives of college and university libraries, appointed by the President of the College and Special Libraries Section of the Vermont Library Association; and

(7) one public library trustee, appointed by the President of the Friends and Trustees Section of the Vermont Library Association.

(c) Powers and Duties. The Working Group shall study:

(1) library services for specific segments of the Vermont population, including senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, youths and children, immigrant and migrant communities, and people living in poverty;

(2) the role that libraries play in emergency preparedness, cultural diversity and inclusion, public health and safety, community identity and resiliency, economic development, and access to public programs and services; and

(3) the current overall status of Vermont libraries, which may include information related to programming, collections, facilities, technology, and staffing.

(A) Programming. The Working Group may study the types and frequency of library programs, attendance at library programs, and whether library programs are meeting community needs. The study of programming may include an assessment of public engagement and outreach surrounding library programming, as well as the opportunities for nonlibrary programs and groups to access Vermont libraries.

(B) Collections. The Working Group may study the size and diversity of library holdings and assess the strengths and gaps in materials available to Vermonters. The study of collections may include an assessment of how libraries may best share resources across differing libraries and communities, whether libraries offer community-specific resources, and whether libraries maintain special collections or historical artifacts.

(C) Facilities. The Working Group may study whether library facilities and buildings could be improved with regard to energy efficiency, accessibility, flexibility, human health and safety, historic preservation, and intergenerational needs.

(D) Technology. The Working Group may study whether Vermont libraries have sufficient access to basic technological resources, cyber-security resources, high-speed Internet, electronic catalogs, interlibrary loan and other interoperable systems, and appropriate hardware and software.

(E) Staff. The Working Group may study staffing levels at Vermont libraries, whether staffing levels are sufficient to meet community needs, whether library staff compensation and benefits are sufficient, how libraries rely on volunteers, and what resources are available for workforce development and training of library staff.

(d) Public Input. As part of the study and report, the Working Group shall solicit feedback from the general public and library users around the State. The Working Group may examine models for library management and

organization in other states, including the formation of statewide service networks.

(e) Consultation with the Board of Libraries. The Working Group may solicit feedback from the Board of Libraries.

(f) Assistance. The Working Group shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Department of Libraries. For purposes of scheduling meetings and preparing recommended legislation, the Working Group shall have the assistance of the Office of Legislative Council.

(g) Report. On or before November 1, 2021, the Working Group shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Education. The report shall contain:

(1) specific and detailed findings and proposals concerning the issues set forth in subsection (c) of this section;

(2) recommendations for updating the statutes, rules, standards, and the governance structures of Vermont libraries to ensure equitable access for Vermont residents, efficient use of resources, and quality in the provision of services;

(3) recommendations related to the funding needs of Vermont libraries, including capital, ongoing, and special funding, and an assessment of whether there is a need for State aid and, if so, the amounts that may be distributed; and

(4) any other information or recommendations that the Working Group may deem necessary.

(h) Meetings.

(1) The State Librarian shall be the Chair of the Working Group.

(2) The Chair shall call the first meeting of the Working Group to occur within 45 days after the effective date of this act.

(3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

(4) The Working Group shall cease to exist on December 1, 2021.

(i) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Working Group shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than 12 meetings. These payments shall be made from the General Fund.

## Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: 5-0-1)



**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator McCormack for the Committee on Appropriations.**

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Education with the following amendments thereto:

First: In Sec. 1, Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont; report, in subsection (f), immediately following the first sentence, by striking out the sentence “For purposes of scheduling meetings and preparing recommended legislation, the Working Group shall have the assistance of the Office of Legislative Council.”

Second: In Sec. 1, Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont; report, in subdivision (g)(3), immediately following the words “and special funding” by striking out “, and an assessment of whether there is a need for State aid and, if so, the amounts that may be distributed”.

Third: In Sec. 1, Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont; report, by striking out subsection (i) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(i) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Working Group shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than 12 meetings. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the Department of Libraries.

(j) Appropriation. The sum of \$4,000.00 is appropriated to Department of Libraries from the General Fund in fiscal year 2021 for per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses for members of the Working Group.

(Committee vote: 6-0-1)

**S. 296.**

An act relating to limiting out-of-pocket expenses for prescription insulin drugs.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Balint for the Committee on Finance.**

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4089i is amended to read:

§ 4089i. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

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(h)(1) A health insurance or other health benefit plan offered by a health insurer or pharmacy benefit manager shall limit a beneficiary's total out-of-pocket responsibility for prescription insulin medications to not more than \$100.00 per 30-day supply, regardless of the amount, type, or number of insulin medications prescribed for the beneficiary.

(2) The \$100.00 monthly limit on out-of-pocket spending for prescription insulin medications set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply regardless of whether the beneficiary has satisfied any applicable deductible requirement under the health insurance or health benefit plan.

(i) As used in this section:

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(7) "Prescription insulin medication" means a prescription medication that contains insulin and is used to treat diabetes.

(i)(j) The Department of Financial Regulation shall enforce this section and may adopt rules as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

## Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021 and shall apply to health insurance and other health benefit plans on or after January 1, 2021 on such date as a health insurer or pharmacy benefit manager issues, offers, or renews the plan, but in no event later than January 1, 2022.

(Committee vote: 6-0-1)

### **Joint Resolution For Action**

#### **J.R.S. 43.**

Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly to vote on the retention of five Superior Judges and one Environmental Judges.

**PENDING QUESTION:** Shall the resolution be adopted?

#### **Text of resolution:**

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon to vote on the retention of five Superior Judges and one Environmental Judge. In case the vote to retain said Judges shall not be made on that day, the two Houses shall meet in Joint Assembly at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon on each succeeding day, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, and proceed until the above is completed.

## NOTICE CALENDAR

### Second Reading

#### Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment

#### S. 183.

An act relating to competency to stand trial and insanity as a defense.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator White for the Committee on Judiciary.**

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 4816 is amended to read:

§ 4816. SCOPE OF EXAMINATION; REPORT; EVIDENCE

(a) Examinations provided for in section 4815 of this title shall have reference to one or both of the following:

(1) ~~mental~~ Mental competency of the person examined to stand trial for the alleged offense; ~~and~~.

(2) ~~sanity~~ Sanity of the person examined at the time of the alleged offense.

(b) A competency evaluation for an individual thought to have a developmental disability shall include a current evaluation by a psychologist skilled in assessing individuals with developmental disabilities.

(c)(1) As soon as practicable after the examination has been completed, the examining psychiatrist or psychologist, ~~if applicable~~, shall prepare a report containing findings in regard to ~~each of the applicable matters listed in provisions of subsection (a) of this section~~. The report shall be transmitted to the court issuing the order for examination, and copies of the report sent to the State's Attorney, ~~and~~, to the respondent's attorney if the respondent is represented by counsel, ~~and to the Commissioner of Mental Health~~.

(2) If the psychiatrist or psychologist has been asked to provide opinions as to both the person's competency to stand trial and the person's sanity at the time of the alleged offense, those opinions shall be presented in separate reports, and addressed separately by the court. In such cases, the examination of the person's sanity shall only be undertaken if the psychiatrist or psychologist is able to form the opinion that the person is competent to stand trial.

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Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 4820 is amended to read:

§ 4820. HEARING REGARDING COMMITMENT

(a) When a person charged on information, complaint, or indictment with a criminal offense:

(1) Is reported by the examining psychiatrist following examination pursuant to sections 4814–4816 of this title to have been insane at the time of the alleged offense.

(2) Is found upon hearing pursuant to section 4817 of this title to be incompetent to stand trial due to a mental disease or mental defect.

(3) Is not indicted upon hearing by grand jury by reason of insanity at the time of the alleged offense, duly certified to the court.

(4) Upon trial by court or jury is acquitted by reason of insanity at the time of the alleged offense; the court before which such person is tried or is to be tried for such offense, shall hold a hearing for the purpose of determining whether such person should be committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health. Such person may be confined in jail or some other suitable place by order of the court pending hearing for a period not exceeding 15 days.

(b) When a person is found to be incompetent to stand trial pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section, has not been indicted by reason of insanity for the alleged offense, or has been acquitted by reason of insanity at the time of the alleged offense, the court shall appoint counsel from Vermont Legal Aid to represent the person who is the subject of the proceedings. The Department of Mental Health shall be entitled to appear and call witnesses at the proceeding and be represented by the Office of the Attorney General.

Sec. 3. 13 V.S.A. § 4822 is amended to read:

§ 4822. FINDINGS AND ORDER; PERSONS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS

(a) If the court finds that the person is a person in need of treatment or a patient in need of further treatment as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 7101, the court shall issue an order of commitment directed to the Commissioner of Mental Health that shall admit the person to the care and custody of the Department of Mental Health for an indeterminate period. In any case involving personal injury or threat of personal injury, the committing court may issue an order requiring a court hearing before a person committed under this section may be discharged from custody.

(b) An order of commitment issued pursuant to this section shall have the same force and effect as an order issued under 18 V.S.A. §§ 7611–7622, and a person committed under this order shall have the same status and the same

rights, including the right to receive care and treatment, to be examined and discharged, and to apply for and obtain judicial review of his or her case, as a person ordered committed under 18 V.S.A. §§ 7611–7622.

(c)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, at least 10 days prior to the proposed discharge of any person committed under this section, the Commissioner of Mental Health shall give notice of the discharge to the committing court and State’s Attorney of the county where the prosecution originated. In all cases requiring a hearing prior to discharge of a person found incompetent to stand trial under section 4817 of this title, the hearing shall be conducted by the committing court issuing the order under that section. In all other cases, when the committing court orders a hearing under subsection (a) of this section or when, in the discretion of the Commissioner of Mental Health, a hearing should be held prior to the discharge, the hearing shall be held in the Family Division of the Superior Court to determine if the committed person is no longer a person in need of treatment or a patient in need of further treatment as set forth in subsection (a) of this section. Notice of the hearing shall be given to the Commissioner, the State’s Attorney of the county where the prosecution originated, the committed person, and the person’s attorney. Prior to the hearing, the State’s Attorney may enter an appearance in the proceedings and may request examination of the patient by an independent psychiatrist, who may testify at the hearing.

(2)(A) This subdivision (2) shall apply when a person is committed to the care and custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health under this section after having been found not guilty by reason of insanity or incompetent to stand trial for a listed crime as defined in subdivision 5301(7) of this title other than:

(i) lewd or lascivious conduct as defined in section 2601 of this title;

(ii) recklessly endangering another person as defined in section 1025 of this title;

(iii) operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or other substance with either death or serious bodily injury resulting as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 1210(f) and (g);

(iv) careless or negligent operation resulting in serious bodily injury or death as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 1091(b);

(v) leaving the scene of an accident resulting in serious bodily injury or death as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 1128(b) or (c); or

(vi) a misdemeanor violation of chapter 28 of this title, relating to abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults.

(B) At least 10 days prior to discharging the person from a secure mental health treatment facility or from the care and custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health, the Commissioner shall provide notice of the proposed action to the State's Attorney of the county where the prosecution originated or to the Office of the Attorney General if that office prosecuted the case. The State's Attorney shall provide notice of the proposed action to any victim of the offense who has not opted out of receiving notice.

(C) As used in this subdivision (2), "victim" has the same meaning as in section 5301 of this title.

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Sec. 4. Vermont Rule of Criminal Procedure 16.1 is amended to read:

#### RULE 16.1. DISCLOSURE TO THE PROSECUTION

(a) The Person of the Defendant.

(1) Notwithstanding the initiation of judicial proceedings, and subject to constitutional limitations, upon motion and notice a judicial officer may require the defendant to:

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(H) provide specimens of his handwriting; ~~and~~

(I) submit to a reasonable physical or medical inspection of his body or, if notice is given by the defendant that sanity is in issue or that expert testimony will be offered as provided in Rule 12.1, to a reasonable mental examination by a psychiatrist or other expert; and

(J) submit to a reasonable mental examination by a psychiatrist or other expert when a court ordered examiner pursuant to 13 V.S.A. § 4814(a)(2) or (4) reports that a defendant is not competent to stand trial.

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#### Sec. 5. CORRECTIONS; ASSESSMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

On or before November 1, 2020, the Departments of Corrections and of Mental Health shall jointly submit an inventory and evaluation of the mental health services provided by the entity with whom the Department of Corrections contracts for health care services to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions, on Health Care, and on Judiciary and to the

Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Judiciary. The evaluation shall include a comparison as to how the type, frequency, and timeliness of mental health services provided in a correctional setting differ from those services available in the community. The evaluation shall further address how the memorandum of understanding executed by the Departments of Corrections and of Mental Health impacts the mental health services provided by the entity with whom the Department of Corrections contracts for health care services.

#### Sec. 6. FORENSIC CARE WORKING GROUP

(a) On or before August 1, 2020, the Department of Mental Health shall convene a working group of interested stakeholders, including as appropriate, the Department of Corrections, the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Defender General, the Director of Health Care Reform, the Department of Buildings and General Services, a representative appointed by Vermont Care Partners, a representative appointed by Vermont Legal Aid's Mental Health Project, the Mental Health Care Ombudsman established pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 7259, a representative of the designated hospitals appointed by the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Care Systems, a person with lived experience of mental illness, and any other interested party permitted by the Commissioner of Mental Health, to:

(1) Identify any gaps in the current mental health and criminal justice system structure and opportunities to improve public safety and the coordination of treatment for individuals incompetent to stand trial or who are adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity. The working group shall review competency restoration models used in other states and explore models used in other states that balance the treatment and public safety risks posed by individuals found not guilty by reason of insanity, such as Psychiatric Security Review Boards, including the Connecticut Psychiatric Security Review Board, and guilty but mentally ill verdicts in criminal cases.

(2) Evaluate various models for the establishment of a State-funded forensic treatment facility for individuals found incompetent to stand trial or who are adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity. The evaluation shall address:

(A) the need for a forensic treatment facility in Vermont;

(B) the entity or entities most appropriate to operate a forensic treatment facility;

(C) the feasibility and appropriateness of repurposing an existing facility for the purpose of establishing a forensic treatment facility versus constructing a new facility for this purpose;

(D) the number of beds needed in a forensic treatment facility and the impact that repurposing an existing mental health treatment facility would have on the availability of beds for persons seeking mental health treatment in the community or through the civil commitment system; and

(E) the fiscal impact of constructing or repurposing a forensic treatment facility and estimated annual operational costs considering “institutions of mental disease” waivers available through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services that do not provide federal fiscal participation for forensic mental health patients.

(b) On or before November 1, 2020, the Department of Mental Health shall submit a report containing the findings and recommendations of the working group to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee. The report shall include proposed draft legislation addressing any identified needed changes to statute.

#### Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

#### **S. 205.**

An act relating to criminal and civil surcharges.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Baruth for the Committee on Judiciary.**

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 7282 is amended to read:

#### § 7282. SURCHARGE

(a) In addition to any penalty or fine imposed by the court or Judicial Bureau for a criminal offense or any civil penalty imposed for a traffic violation, including any violation of a fish and wildlife statute or regulation, violation of a motor vehicle statute, or violation of any local ordinance relating to the operation of a motor vehicle, except violations relating to seat belts and child restraints and ordinances relating to parking violations, the clerk of the court or Judicial Bureau shall levy an additional surcharge of:



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(b) The surcharges imposed by this section shall not be waived by the court except as part of an expungement proceeding where the petitioner demonstrates an inability to pay.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

**S. 307.**

An act relating to binding interest arbitration for employees of the Vermont Judiciary and the Vermont State Colleges.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Pollina for the Committee on Government Operations.**

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 1, 3 V.S.A. § 925, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

Sec. 1. [Deleted.]

And that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read:

An act relating to binding interest arbitration for employees of the Vermont Judiciary.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FOR NOTICE**

**Concurrent Resolutions For Notice Under Joint Rule 16**

The following joint concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House. They will be adopted by the Senate unless a Senator requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the Secretary's Office.

**H.C.R. 266 - 286** (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar for February 27, 2020.)

## CONFIRMATIONS

The following appointments will be considered by the Senate, as a group, under suspension of the Rules, as moved by the President *pro tempore*, for confirmation together and without debate, by consent thereby given by the Senate. However, upon request of any senator, any appointment may be singled out and acted upon separately by the Senate, with consideration given to the report of the Committee to which the appointment was referred, and with full debate; and further, all appointments for the positions of Secretaries of Agencies, Commissioners of Departments, Judges, Magistrates, and members of the Public Utility Commission shall be fully and separately acted upon.

Craig Bolio of Winooski – Commissioner, Department of Taxes – By Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Finance. (01/21/20)

Michael Schirling of Burlington – Commissioner, Department of Public Safety – Sen. Mazza for the Committee on Transportation. (01/29/20)

Michael K. Smith of Westford – Secretary, Agency of Human Services – Sen. Lyons for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (02/12/02)

Sabina Brochu of Williston - Member, State Board of Education - By Sen. Ingram for the Committee on Education. (01/24/20)

Kyle Courtois of Georgia - Member, State Board of Education - By Sen. Perchlik for the Committee on Education. (01/24/20)

Margaret Tandoh of South Burlington – Member, Board of Medical Practice – By Sen. McCormack for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (02/11/20)

Holly Morehouse of Burlington – Member, Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs – By Sen. Lyons for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (02/12/20)

Susan Hayward of Middlesex – Member, Capitol Complex Commission – By Sen. Benning for the Committee on Institutions. (02/14/20)

Heather Shouldice – Member, Capitol Complex Commission – By Sen. Benning for the Committee on Institutions. (02/14/20)

Dorinne Dorfman – Member, Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs – Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (02/25/20)

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**March 11, 2020 - 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** - Room 11 - Re: Re: Pupil weighting study - Senate Committee on Education.

## **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

### **CROSSOVER DATES**

The Joint Rules Committee established the following Crossover deadlines:

(1) All **Senate/House** bills must be reported out of the last committee of reference (including the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means, except as provided below in (2) and the exceptions listed below) on or before **Friday, March 13, 2020**, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day – Committee bills must be voted out of Committee by Friday March 13, 2020.

(2) All **Senate/House** bills referred pursuant to Senate Rule 31 or House Rule 35(a) to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means must be reported out by the last of those committees on or before **Friday, March 20, 2020**, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

**Note:** The Senate will not act on bills that do not meet these crossover deadlines, without the consent of the Senate Rules Committee.

**Exceptions to the foregoing deadlines include the major money bills (the general Appropriations bill (“The Big Bill”), the Transportation Capital bill, the Capital Construction bill and the Fee/Revenue bills.**