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2 Representative Wood of Waterbury moves that the House propose to the
3 Senate that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 5 in its entirety and
4 inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 5 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 5. INCREASES FOR EMPLOYEES OF CERTAIN MEDICAID-
6 PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS AND INDEPENDENT DIRECT
7 SUPPORT PROVIDERS; REPORT

8 (a) On or before December 15, 2019, the Secretary of Human Services, in
9 consultation with the Joint Fiscal Office and relevant service providers, shall
10 submit a written report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on
11 General, Housing, and Military Affairs, on Health Care, and on Human
12 Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Economic
13 Development, Housing and General Affairs, and on Health and Welfare
14 regarding the projected costs for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 of increasing
15 Medicaid reimbursement rates to:

16 (1) Medicaid participating providers, including designated agencies,
17 specialized service agencies, home health agencies, nursing homes, residential
18 care homes, assisted living residences, and adult day agencies, by an amount
19 necessary to facilitate the payment of wages to their employees who are
20 providing services pursuant to the State Medicaid Program that are equal to at
21 least the minimum wage set forth in 21 V.S.A. § 384; and

1 (2) independent direct support providers who are providing home- and
2 community-based services pursuant to the State Medicaid Program to facilitate
3 the payment of wages to those independent direct support providers that are
4 equal to at least the minimum wage set forth in 21 V.S.A. § 384.

5 (b)(1) On or before August 15, 2019, the Secretary of Human Services
6 shall request any documentation of wages and related costs that the Secretary
7 determines to be necessary to develop the projections required pursuant to
8 subsection (a) of this section from:

9 (A) Medicaid participating providers with employees who are
10 providing services pursuant to the State Medicaid Program and earn wages that
11 are at or near the minimum wage set forth in 21 V.S.A. § 384; and

12 (B) any fiscal services agency providing payroll services in relation
13 to independent direct support providers who are providing home- and
14 community-based services pursuant to the State Medicaid Program.

15 (2) Service providers and fiscal services agencies shall, on or before
16 October 15, 2019, provide to the Secretary the documentation requested
17 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

18 (3) Any service provider that fails to provide the information requested
19 by the Secretary pursuant to this subsection shall forfeit the right in fiscal years
20 2020 and 2021 to any increase in Medicaid reimbursement rates that is
21 proposed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.