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2 Introduced by Representative Donahue of Northfield

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Mental health; hospitals; advisory council; bimonthly meetings

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that  
7 participating hospitals and the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital each  
8 maintain an advisory group that meets on a bimonthly basis.

9 An act relating to participating hospital and Vermont Psychiatric Care  
10 Hospital advisory groups

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

12 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 7205 is amended to read:

13 § 7205. SUPERVISION OF INSTITUTIONS

14 (a) The Department of Mental Health shall operate the Vermont State  
15 Hospital or its successor in interest and shall be responsible for patients  
16 receiving involuntary treatment.

17 (b) The Commissioner of ~~the Department of~~ Mental Health, in consultation  
18 with the Secretary, shall appoint a Chief Executive Officer of the Vermont  
19 State Hospital or its successor in interest to oversee the operations of the  
20 hospital. The Chief Executive Officer position shall be an exempt position.

1        (c) Operation of a participating hospital as defined in section 7252 of this  
2        title and of any successor in interest to the Vermont State Hospital, such as the  
3        Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital, shall include maintenance of a stakeholder  
4        advisory group with nonexclusionary membership to ensure high quality and  
5        appropriate levels of care. Each advisory group shall meet at least once every  
6        two months.

7        Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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