

Section	Summary	Older Vermonters Working Group Recommendation for an Older Vermonters Act	Resources Needed – DAIL
Sec. 1	33 V.S.A. §§ 6201-6204 <b>Principles, Definitions, Duties of DAIL</b>	Yes	N/A.  The principles, definitions, and DAIL duties as described align with our current work or propose small changes which we support.
	33 V.S.A. § 6205 <b>Area Agencies on Aging Duties</b>	Yes	N/A.  The committee should hear from V4A specifically about the impact that the AAA duties section may have on the work required for AAAs. The proposed expansion of the State Plan on Aging and the survey work required to fulfill that expansion will require additional information from local AAA as a component of their community assessment and planning efforts and they would need to determine if that additional information would require additional resources to complete. Practically speaking, we would anticipate that this would require additional: information gathering; data collection, analysis and synthesis; and reporting.
	33 V.S.A. § 6206 <b>Plan for Comprehensive and Coordinated System of Services, Supports, and Protections</b>	No	Resource needed: <b>1 FTE in State Unit on Aging</b>  Additional staff would be needed to meet the requirements outlined for the State Plan on Aging and subsequent annual report to the legislature.  This person’s primary job responsibility would be to coordinate the state plan, in particular the “comprehensive needs assessment” and “comprehensive evaluation” as part of the proposed plan along with the development of the comprehensive annual report on the implementation and results of the plan to be submitted to the legislature.

	<p>33 V.S.A. § 6206(e)(6)  <b>DAIL’s Adult Protective Services Activities</b></p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Resource needed: <b>3.5 FTEs in APS</b></p> <p>The current APS data management system is a commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) product with established data reporting fields and metric tools that would require substantial programming development to meet the notional reporting in Section 6206 (e)(6) (see below). <b>While APS does have the ability to contract with our COTS vendor to customize modifications, it is a protracted process to engineer changes at an established rate of \$175.00 per hour. We are unable to determine at this time how much time would be required to modify the current system appropriately.</b></p> <p>In addition to the necessary technical developments to produce reports on the items proposed in Section 6206 (e)(6), to meet all the data collection requirements specified, additional staff resources would be required to conduct data collection efforts and author reports.</p>
	<p>33 V.S.A. 6207  <b>Service Providers; Registration</b>  - Requires DAIL to establish a process for registering all business organizations providing in-home services to older Vermonters that are not Vermont Medicaid-participating providers or family caregivers.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Resource needed: <b>.5 FTE to develop and launch the system (first two years); .25 FTE to maintain the system</b></p> <p>Registering all in-home non-Medicaid businesses and providing contacts and descriptions on the DAIL website would require additional staffing resources and likely an MOU with the Secretary of State’s office where those businesses are likely registered currently to identify businesses.</p> <p>Depending on how sophisticated the registry should be (a simple spreadsheet versus a searchable database) would then impact the additional resources, such as IT, needed to implement this requirement.</p> <p>In addition, the definition of “business organizations providing in-home services” is critical to determining the scope of work for the development of the registry. It could be</p>

			<p>defined as only personal care, homemaking and meal preparation. It could also be defined more broadly and include home maintenance, organizing/decluttering, housekeeping services. The broader the definition, the more staffing resources would be needed to ensure all businesses are registered and the registry remains up to date.</p> <p>Finally, since the intention is to provide information to the public, it would be important to share this information with both 2-1-1 and the AAA (Senior) Helpline, which are the resources older Vermonters reach out to for information like in-home services. This would require additional coordination for the staff.</p>
<b>Sec. 2</b>	<p>33 V.S.A. § 900  <b>Increasing Medicaid Rates for Home- and Community-Based Service Providers</b>  - Establishes a definition of home- and community-based services</p>	No	<p>Resource Needed: <b>Anticipated but Unknown</b></p> <p>Secs. 2-4 would require additional resources for the Division of Rate Setting, which is currently housed within the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA). Specifically, there would need to be additional programmatic and fiscal resources for DVHA</p>
<b>Sec. 3</b>	<p>33 V.S.A. § 904  <b>Rate Setting</b>  - Requires the Division of Rate Setting to establish by rule a process for inflationary rate increases to providers of home- and community-based services</p>	No	<p>The definition is overly broad, and not clear in terms of applicability to only to DAIL-paid services (Choices for Care, TBI and Developmental Services), or also applicable to DVHA-paid home health, hospice, and high-tech services.</p>
<b>Sec. 4</b>	<p>33 V.S.A. § 911  <b>Inflation Factor for Home- and Community-Based Services; Payment Rates</b>  - Defines that the rates for providers of home- and community-based services authorized by DVHA and DAIL pursuant to Choices for Care shall be increased by an annual inflation factor.</p>	No	<p>Resource Needed: <b>Funding Required</b></p> <p>Although we cannot specifically identify the financial impact of a proposed, annual inflation factor, we can anticipate that it would be significant and would need to be built into each budget cycle.</p>
<b>Sec. 5</b>	<p><b>Self-Neglect Working Group; Report</b>  Establishes a time-limited working group to consider issues and develop recommendations</p>	Report recommended self-neglect be addressed in statute but did not detail how.	<p>Resource Needed: <b>Will require staff time for support of the working group but DAIL is supportive of the effort and willing to accommodate the staffing need.</b></p>

	relating to self-neglect. Report is due to General Assembly on or before Dec. 15, 2020.		<b>Recommended changes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1297 131 1965 228">1. Add the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health or designee and a representative from the Elder Care Clinicians</li><li data-bbox="1297 233 1919 300">2. Extend the date of the report to Dec. 15, 2021 to enable a more comprehensive effort</li></ol>
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