TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred House Bill No. 518 entitled “An act relating to fair and impartial policing” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2. JOINT LEGISLATIVE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; CIVIL RIGHTS WORKING GROUP; REPORT

(a) During the 2019 legislative interim, the Office of the Attorney General shall convene and facilitate a working group of representatives from the Human Rights Commission, the Vermont chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Criminal Justice Training Council, Migrant Justice, the Vermont Police Association, the Vermont Sheriffs’ Association, the Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Vermont State Police. The working group shall collaboratively establish an outreach and education strategy to inform Vermonters of the resources available to protect civil rights pursuant to State laws that prohibit discrimination, including the right to file a complaint with the Human Rights Commission, the Civil Rights Unit of the Office of the Attorney General, law enforcement agencies, and the Criminal Justice Training Council.
(b) On or before November 1, 2019, the working group established pursuant to this section shall report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee and the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Government Operations on their work pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and recommendations for legislative action to protect marginalized populations in Vermont.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: ___________)

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Senator _________________

FOR THE COMMITTEE