

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred Senate  
3 Bill No. 297 entitled “An act relating to the Agency of Health Care  
4 Administration” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and  
5 recommends that the report of the Committee on Health and Welfare be  
6 amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu  
7 thereof the following:

8 Sec. 1. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES ORGANIZATIONAL  
9 STRUCTURE; WORKING GROUP; REPORT

10 (a) Creation. There is created a working group to evaluate the  
11 organizational structure of the Agency of Human Services and to recommend  
12 any appropriate modifications to that structure.

13 (b) Membership. The working group shall be composed of the following  
14 members:

15 (1) the Secretary of Human Services or designee;

16 (2) the commissioner of each department within the Agency of Human  
17 Services or their designees; and

18 (3) three employees of the Agency of Human Services, appointed by the  
19 President of the Vermont State Employees Association.

20 (c) Powers and duties. The working group, in consultation with interested  
21 stakeholders, shall consider options for reorganizing, restructuring, or

1 reconfiguring the Agency of Human Services and its departments to best serve  
2 Vermonters, including consideration of the following:

3 (1) whether the Agency of Human Services should be divided into two  
4 or more agencies, and if so, how they should be organized;

5 (2) how to improve collaboration, integration, and alignment of services  
6 across agencies and departments to deliver services built around the needs of  
7 individuals and families; and

8 (3) how to minimize any confusion or disruption that may result from  
9 implementing the recommended changes.

10 (d) Assistance. The working group shall have the administrative, technical,  
11 and legal assistance of the Agency of Human Services.

12 (e) Report. On or before January 15, 2021, the working group shall  
13 provide its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the  
14 Governor.

15 (f) Meetings.

16 (1) The Secretary of Human Services or designee shall call the first  
17 meeting of the working group to occur on or before July 1, 2020.

18 (2) The working group shall select a chair from among its members at  
19 the first meeting.

20 (3) A majority of the working group's membership shall constitute a  
21 quorum.

1           (4) All of the working group’s meetings shall be open to the public and  
2           all meeting dates, times, and locations shall be posted on the General  
3           Assembly’s website.

4           (5) The working group shall cease to exist on January 15, 2021.

5           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6           This act shall take effect on passage.

7           and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act  
8           relating to the organizational structure of the Agency of Human Services”

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE