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2 Senators Ingram, Cummings, Lyons and McCormack move that the Senate  
3 propose to the House to amend the bill by adding a reader assistance heading  
4 and a new section to be Sec. 7a to read as follows:

5 \* \* \* Home Health Agency Service Planning \* \* \*

6 Sec. 7a. 33 V.S.A. § 6303(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) ~~Upon initial designation or redesignation under this subchapter, each~~  
8 ~~designated home health agency shall prepare for the Commissioner's approval~~  
9 ~~a local community services plan, describing the need for home health services~~  
10 ~~within the agency's geographic service area and the methods by which the~~  
11 ~~agency will provide those services. The plan shall include a schedule for the~~  
12 ~~anticipated provision of new or additional services for the next four years and~~  
13 ~~shall specify the resources which are needed by and available to the agency to~~  
14 ~~implement the plan. The plan shall reflect public input from the residents of~~  
15 ~~the agency's geographic service area.~~ Designated home health agencies shall  
16 engage in planning and needs assessment processes as directed by State and  
17 federal law, which may include participating in the development of the Health  
18 Resource Allocation Plan published pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9405 and the  
19 community health needs assessment conducted in accordance with 26 U.S.C.  
20 § 501(r)(3).