

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE

The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill No. S. 302, entitled "An act relating to establishing a mental health mobile response unit pilot program in the city of Rutland"

respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. PILOT; MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE UNIT

(a) In fiscal year 2021, the General Assembly shall appropriate \$400,000.00 from the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health for the purpose of implementing a pilot program in Rutland County that provides additional supports for mobile response and stabilization services to children, youths, and families. Appropriated monies shall be used to pay for program staff and services that support direct, in-person responses to family crises, such as interventions for children or youths and their families, before emotional and behavioral difficulties escalate.

(b) On or before January 15, 2022, the Department of Mental Health shall submit a report to the House Committee on Health Care and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare regarding the results of the pilot program established in this section and any related recommendations, including whether the pilot program should be considered for statewide adoption.

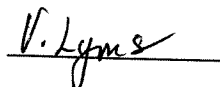
Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

And that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read,

An act relating to establishing a mental health mobile response unit pilot program in Rutland County.

(Committee vote: 4-0-1)



Senator Lyons
FOR THE COMMITTEE