1	TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
2	The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred Senate
3	Bill No. 124 entitled "An act relating to governmental structures protecting the
4	public health, safety, and welfare" respectfully reports that it has considered
5	the same and recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be
6	amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu
7	thereof the following:
8	* * * Vermont Criminal Justice Council * * *
9	Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. chapter 151 is redesignated to read:
10	CHAPTER 151. VERMONT CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COUNCIL
11	Sec. 2. VERMONT CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL; PURPOSE;
12	CONFORMING REVISIONS
13	(a) In order to fully reflect all of its powers and duties, which relate to
14	training, certifying, and professionally regulating law enforcement officers, the
15	Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council is renamed the Vermont Criminal
16	Justice Council.
17	(b) When preparing the Vermont Statutes Annotated for publication, the
18	Office of Legislative Counsel shall replace "Vermont Criminal Justice
19	Training Council" with "Vermont Criminal Justice Council," provided that
20	those revisions have no other effect on the meaning of the affected statutes.

1	Sec. 3. 20 V.S.A. § 2351 is amended to read:
2	§ 2351. CREATION AND PURPOSE OF COUNCIL
3	(a) In order to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the
4	public, it is in the public interest to provide for the creation of the Vermont
5	Criminal Justice <del>Training</del> Council.
6	(b) The Council is created to:
7	(1) encourage and assist municipalities, counties, and governmental
8	agencies of this State in their efforts to improve the quality of law enforcement
9	and citizen protection by maintaining a uniform standard of recruitment basic
10	training for law enforcement applicants and in-service training for law
11	enforcement officers; and
12	(2) maintain statewide standards of law enforcement officer professional
13	conduct by accepting and tracking complaints alleging officer unprofessional
14	conduct, adjudicating charges of unprofessional conduct, and imposing
15	sanctions on the certification of an officer who the Council finds has
16	committed unprofessional conduct.
17	(c) The Council shall offer and approve continuing programs of instruction
18	in up-to-date methods of law enforcement and the administration of criminal
19	justice.

1	(d) It is the responsibility of the Council to encourage the participation of
2	local governmental units in the program and to aid in the establishment of
3	adequate training facilities.
4	Sec. 4. 20 V.S.A. § 2352 is amended to read:
5	§ 2352. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
6	(a)(1) The Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council shall consist of:
7	(A) the Commissioners of Public Safety, of Corrections, of Motor
8	Vehicles, and of Fish and Wildlife, and of Mental Health;
9	(B) the Attorney General;
10	(C) the Executive Director of the Department of State's Attorneys
11	and Sheriffs;
12	(D) the Executive Director of Racial Equity;
13	(E) a member of the Vermont Troopers' Association or its successor
14	entity, elected by its membership;
15	(D)(F) a member of the Vermont Police Association, elected by its
16	membership; and
17	(E)(G) five additional members appointed by the Governor.
18	(i) The Governor's appointees shall provide broad representation
19	of all aspects of law enforcement and the public in Vermont on the Council.
20	(ii) The Governor shall solicit recommendations for appointment
21	from the Vermont State's Attorneys Association, the Vermont State's Sheriffs

1	Association, the Vermont Police Chiefs Association, and the Vermont
2	Constables Association a member of the Chiefs of Police Association of
3	Vermont, appointed by the President of the Association;
4	(H) a member of the Vermont Sheriffs' Association, appointed by the
5	President of the Association;
6	(I) a law enforcement officer, appointed by the President of the
7	Vermont State Employees Association;
8	(J) an employee of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns,
9	appointed by the Executive Director of the League;
10	(K) an individual appointed by the Executive Director of the Center
11	for Crime Victim Services;
12	(L) an individual appointed by the Executive Director of the Human
13	Rights Commission;
14	(M) an individual appointed by the Executive Director of the
15	Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence; and
16	(N) seven public members, appointed by the Governor, who shall not
17	be law enforcement officers or have a spouse, parent, child, or sibling who is a
18	law enforcement officer, current legislators, or otherwise be employed in the
19	<u>criminal justice system</u> .
20	(i) At least one of these members shall be a mental health crisis
21	worker.

1	(ii) At least one of these members shall be an individual with a
2	lived experience of a mental health condition or psychiatric disability.
3	(iii) At least two of these members shall be chosen from among
4	persons nominated by the Vermont chapters of the NAACP, and each of these
5	members shall represent a different Vermont NAACP chapter. In order to
6	assist the Governor in making these appointments, each Vermont chapter of
7	the NAACP shall nominate at least three individuals for these gubernatorial
8	appointments.
9	(2) A member's term shall be three years.
10	(3) The Governor shall appoint the Chair of the Council from among the
11	public members set forth in subdivision (a)(1)(N) of this section.
12	* * *
13	(c) The members of the Council shall <u>be entitled to receive no per diem</u>
14	compensation for their services but shall be allowed their actual and necessary
15	and reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as
16	permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 from monies appropriated to the Council.
17	* * *
18	Sec. 5. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION TO ADDRESS NEW COUNCIL
19	MEMBERSHIP
20	(a) Any existing member of the Vermont Criminal Justice Council who
21	will serve on the Council under its new membership as set forth in Sec. 4 of

1	this act may serve the remainder of his or her term in effect immediately prior
2	to the effective date of Sec. 4.
3	(b) The new membership of the Council shall be appointed on or before
4	<u>December 1, 2020.</u>
5	Sec. 6. 20 V.S.A. § 2355 is amended to read:
6	§ 2355. COUNCIL POWERS AND DUTIES
7	(a) The Council shall adopt rules with respect to:
8	(1) the approval, or revocation thereof, of law enforcement officer
9	training schools and off-site training programs, which shall include rules to
10	identify and implement alternate routes to certification aside from the training
11	provided at the Vermont Police Academy;
12	* * *
13	(b)(1) The Council shall conduct and administer training schools and offer
14	courses of instruction for law enforcement officers and other criminal justice
15	personnel. The Council shall offer courses of instruction for law enforcement
16	officers in different areas of the State and shall strive to offer nonovernight
17	courses whenever possible.
18	(2) The Council may also offer the basic officer's course for pre-service
19	preservice students and educational outreach courses for the public, including
20	firearms safety and use of force.
21	* * *

1	Sec. 7. 20 V.S.A. § 2358 is amended to read:
2	§ 2358. MINIMUM TRAINING STANDARDS; DEFINITIONS
3	* * *
4	(b) The Council shall offer or approve basic training and annual in-service
5	training for each of the following three levels of law enforcement officer
6	certification in accordance with the scope of practice for each level, and shall
7	determine by rule the scope of practice for each level in accordance with the
8	provisions of this section:
9	(1) Level I certification.
10	* * *
11	(2) Level II certification.
12	* * *
13	(3) Level III certification.
14	* * *
15	(c)(1) All programs required by this section shall be approved by the
16	Council.
17	(2) The Council shall structure its programs so that on and after July 1,
18	2021, a Level II certified officer may use portfolio experiential learning or
19	College Level Examination Program (CLEP) testing in order to transition to
20	Level III certification, without such an officer needing to restart the
21	certification process.

1	(3) Completion of a program shall be established by a certificate to that
2	effect signed by the Executive Director of the Council.
3	* * *
4	Sec. 8. COUNCIL; REPORT ON CHANGES IN TRAINING OPTIONS;
5	RULE ADOPTION DEADLINE
6	(a) Report. On or before January 15, 2021, the Executive Director of the
7	Vermont Criminal Justice Council shall provide a verbal progress report to the
8	Senate and House Committees on Government Operations regarding the
9	Council's:
10	(1) plan to replace some of its overnight law enforcement training
11	requirements at the Robert H. Wood, Jr. Criminal Justice and Fire Service
12	Training Center of Vermont (the Police Academy), including its 16-week
13	residential basic training, with nonovernight training and training in other areas
14	of the State, in accordance with 20 V.S.A. § 2355(b)(1) in Sec. 6 of this act,
15	and shall specifically address any plans it has to offer training by remote
16	means; and
17	(2) changes in the structure of its programs to enable a law enforcement
18	officer to transition from Level II to Level III certification as required by
19	20 V.S.A. § 2358(c)(2) in Sec. 7 of this act.
20	(b) Rules. On or before July 1, 2023, the Council shall finally adopt the
21	rules regarding alternate routes to certification required by 20 V.S.A.

1	§ 2355(a)(1) in Sec. 6 of this act, unless that deadline is extended by the
2	Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 843(c).
3	Sec. 9. 20 V.S.A. § 2359 is added to read:
4	§ 2359. COUNCIL SERVICES CONTINGENT ON AGENCY
5	COMPLIANCE
6	(a) On and after January 1, 2022, a law enforcement agency shall be
7	prohibited from having its law enforcement applicants or officers trained by
8	the Police Academy or from otherwise using the services of the Council if the
9	agency is not in compliance with the requirements for collecting roadside stop
10	data under section 2366 of this chapter, the requirement to report to the Office
11	of Attorney General death or serious bodily injuries under 18 V.S.A.
12	§ 7257a(b), or the requirement to adopt, follow, or enforce any policy required
13	under this chapter.
14	(b) The Council shall adopt procedures to enforce the requirements of this
15	section, which may allow for waivers for agencies under a plan to obtain
16	compliance with this section.
17	Sec. 10. 20 V.S.A. § 2361 is amended to read:
18	§ 2361. ADDITIONAL TRAINING
19	(a) Nothing in this chapter prohibits any State law enforcement agency,
20	department, or office or any municipality or county of the State from providing

1	additional training beyond basic training to its personnel where no certification
2	is requested of or required by the Council or its Executive Director.
3	(b) The head of a State agency, department, or office, a municipality's chief
4	of police, or a sheriff executive officer of a law enforcement agency may seek
5	certification from the Council for any in-service training he or, she, or his or
6	her designee may provide to his or her employees law enforcement officers of
7	his or her agency or of another agency, or both.
8	Sec. 11. 20 V.S.A. § 2362a is amended to read:
9	§ 2362a. POTENTIAL HIRING AGENCY; DUTY TO CONTACT
10	<u>CURRENT OR</u> FORMER AGENCY
11	(a)(1) Prior to hiring a law enforcement officer who is no longer employed
12	at his or her last law enforcement agency, the executive officer of a potential
13	hiring law enforcement agency shall:
14	(A) require that officer to execute a written waiver that explicitly
15	authorizes the officer's:
16	(i) current law enforcement agency employer to disclose its
17	analysis of the officer's performance at that agency, if the officer is still
18	employed at that agency; or
19	(ii) last law enforcement agency employer to disclose the reason
20	that officer is no longer employed by that agency, if the officer is not currently
21	employed at an agency; and

1	(B) contact that former agency to determine that reason obtain that
2	disclosure and provide to that agency a copy of that written waiver.
3	(2) An officer who refuses to execute the written waiver shall not be
4	hired by the potential hiring agency.
5	(b)(1)(A) If that <u>current or</u> former agency is a law enforcement agency in
6	this State, the executive officer of that <u>current or</u> former agency or designee
7	shall disclose to the potential hiring agency in writing its analysis of the
8	officer's performance at that agency or the reason the officer is no longer
9	employed by the former agency, as applicable.
10	(B) The executive officer or designee shall send a copy of the
11	disclosure to the officer at the same time he or she sends it to the potential
12	hiring agency.
13	(2) Such a <u>current or</u> former agency shall be immune from liability for
14	its disclosure described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, unless such
15	disclosure would constitute intentional misrepresentation or gross negligence.
16	(c) A potential hiring agency that receives a disclosure under subsection (b)
17	of this section shall keep the contents of that disclosure confidential.
18	(d) A collective bargaining agreement between a law enforcement agency
19	and the exclusive representative or bargaining agent of the law enforcement
20	officers employed by that agency shall not include a prohibition on the

1	exchange of information between the employing agency and another agency
2	about an officer's performance at the employing agency.
3	Sec. 12. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; DUTY TO DISCLOSE
4	(a) The requirement of a current law enforcement agency to disclose its
5	analysis of its law enforcement officer's performance at the agency as set forth
6	in 20 V.S.A. § 2362a(a) and (b) in Sec. 11 of this act shall not apply if there is
7	a binding nondisclosure agreement prohibiting that disclosure that was
8	executed prior to the effective date of that section.
9	(b) The provisions in Sec. 11, in 20 V.S.A. § 2362a(d), that prohibit a
10	collective bargaining agreement from including a prohibition on the exchange
11	of information between law enforcement agencies about the performance of a
12	law enforcement officer shall not apply to any collective bargaining agreement
13	that took effect prior to the effective date of that section, but shall apply upon
14	the expiration or termination of such an agreement and shall apply to any
15	collective bargaining agreement that takes effect on or after the effective date
16	of that section.
17	Sec. 13. 20 V.S.A. § 2368 is added to read:
18	§ 2368. STATEWIDE POLICY; REQUIRED USE OF BODY CAMERA
19	POLICY
20	(a)(1) On and after January 1, 2022, each law enforcement agency that
21	authorizes its law enforcement officers to use body cameras shall adopt,

1	follow, and enforce a model body camera policy established by the Council,
2	and each law enforcement officer who uses a body camera shall comply with
3	the provisions of that policy.
4	(2) Until the date set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, each law
5	enforcement agency that authorizes its law enforcement officers to use body
6	cameras shall adopt, follow, and enforce the Model Body Worn Camera
7	(BWC) Policy established by the Law Enforcement Advisory Board pursuant
8	to 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 163, and each law enforcement officer who
9	uses a body camera shall comply with the provisions of that policy.
10	(b) The Council shall incorporate the provisions of this section into training
11	it provides.
12	Sec. 14. 20 V.S.A. § 2369 is added to read:
13	§ 2369. PROHIBITION ON FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY
14	(a) A law enforcement officer shall not use facial recognition technology or
15	information acquired through the use of facial recognition technology unless
16	the use would be permitted with respect to drones under section 4622 of this
17	title (law enforcement use of drones).

1	(b) As used in this section:
2	(1) "Facial recognition" means:
3	(A) the automated or semi-automated process that identifies or
4	attempts to identify a person based on the characteristics of the person's face,
5	including identification of known or unknown persons or groups; or
6	(B) the automated or semiautomated process by which the
7	characteristics of a person's face are analyzed to determine the person's
8	sentiment, state of mind, or other propensities, including the person's level of
9	dangerousness.
10	(2) "Facial recognition technology" means any computer software or
11	application that performs facial recognition.
12	Sec. 15. 20 V.S.A. chapter 151 (Vermont Criminal Justice Council),
13	subchapter 2 is amended to read:
14	Subchapter 2. Unprofessional Conduct
15	* * *
16	§ 2403. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; DUTY TO REPORT
17	(a)(1) The executive officer of a law enforcement agency or the chair of the
18	agency's civilian review board shall report to the Council within 10 business
19	days if any of the following occur in regard to a law enforcement officer of the
20	agency:

1	(A) Category (A).
2	(i) There is a finding of probable cause by a court that the officer
3	committed Category A conduct.
4	(ii) There is any decision or findings of fact or verdict regarding
5	allegations that the officer committed Category A conduct, including a judicial
6	decision and any appeal therefrom.
7	(B) Category B.
8	(i) The agency receives a <u>credible</u> complaint against the officer
9	that, if deemed credible by the executive officer of the agency as a result of a
10	valid investigation, alleges that the officer committed Category B conduct.
11	(ii) The agency receives or issues any of the following:
12	(I) a report or findings of a valid investigation finding that the
13	officer committed Category B conduct; or
14	(II) any decision or findings, including findings of fact or
15	verdict, regarding allegations that the officer committed Category B conduct,
16	including a hearing officer decision, arbitration, administrative decision, or
17	judicial decision, and any appeal therefrom.
18	(C) Termination. The agency terminates the officer for Category A
19	or Category B conduct.
20	(D) Resignation. The officer resigns from the agency while under
21	investigation for unprofessional conduct.

I	(2) As part of his or her report, the executive officer of the agency or the
2	chair of the civilian review board shall provide to the Council a copy of any
3	relevant documents associated with the report, including any findings,
4	decision, and the agency's investigative report.
5	(b) The Council shall provide a copy of any report and the relevant
6	documents provided with it to the Council Advisory Committee, which shall
7	recommend any appropriate action to take in regard to a law enforcement
8	officer who is the subject of that report.
9	(c) The Executive Director of the Council shall report to the Attorney
10	General and the State's Attorney of jurisdiction any allegations that an officer
11	committed Category A conduct.
12	* * *
13	Sec. 16. LAW ENFORCEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS
14	In order to further the goal of defining law enforcement officers as
15	community guardians, the following entities shall report to the Senate and
16	House Committees on Government Operations on or before January 15, 2021
17	on their progress in regard to the following topics, including any
18	recommendations for legislative action, except that the Criminal Justice
19	Council (Council) shall submit a verbal progress report to those Committees
20	by that date and any recommendations for legislative action on or before
21	March 15, 2021:

1	(1) Law enforcement officer qualifications.
2	(A) The Law Enforcement Advisory Board shall recommend
3	universal standards for interviewing and hiring new law enforcement officers
4	in order to recognize applicant qualities that are desirable and those that are
5	not. The Board shall specifically recommend standards that should apply to
6	officers in a supervisory role.
7	(B) The Council shall consult with the Human Rights Commission,
8	the American Civil Liberties Union, statewide racial justice groups, statewide
9	groups representing individuals with lived experience of a mental health
10	condition or psychiatric disability, and other relevant organizations and
11	individuals in reviewing law enforcement applicants' current written, oral, and
12	psychological examinations for cultural sensitivities and overall
13	appropriateness.
14	(2) Law enforcement officer training.
15	(A) The Council, in consultation with the Racial Disparities in the
16	Criminal and Juvenile Justice System Advisory Panel, the Human Rights
17	Commission, the American Civil Liberties Union, statewide racial justice
18	groups, statewide groups representing individuals with lived experience of a
19	mental health condition or psychiatric disability, and other relevant
20	stakeholders, shall review the current requirements for basic and annual in-
21	service training in order to determine whether appropriate training is provided

1	in the areas of cultural awareness, implicit bias, de-escalation, and recognition
2	of and appropriately responding to individuals with a mental health condition
3	or psychiatric disability, and whether that training is embedded into training on
4	other policing policies such as traffic stops and searches.
5	(B) In consideration of its analysis in subdivision (A) of this
6	subdivision (2), and in reviewing current training requirements and how that
7	training is used in practice, the Council shall recommend any amendments to
8	statutorily required training that may not be necessary for all officers.
9	(C) The Council, Law Enforcement Advisory Board, and Department
10	of Public Safety shall consult with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns
11	and other interested stakeholders to determine whether:
12	(i) the Council should be reestablished within a State agency or
13	other oversight entity; and
14	(ii) there should be more flexibility in the residential and field
15	training required of law enforcement applicants, including whether applicants
16	should be able to satisfy some aspects of basic training through experiential
17	learning.
18	(3) Models of civilian oversight. The Office of Attorney General shall
19	consult with the Council, the Human Rights Commission, the Vermont League
20	of Cities and Towns, the Vermont Law School Center for Justice Reform,
21	statewide racial justice groups, statewide groups representing individuals with

1	lived experience of a mental health condition or psychiatric disability, and
2	other interested parties to recommend one or more models of civilian oversight
3	of law enforcement.
4	(4) Reporting allegations of law enforcement misconduct. The Office of
5	Attorney General shall consult with the Council, the Human Rights
6	Commission, the American Civil Liberties Union, statewide racial justice
7	groups, statewide groups representing individuals with lived experience of a
8	mental health condition or psychiatric disability, and other interested parties in
9	order to identify a central point for reporting allegations of law enforcement
10	officer misconduct, which may be the Council or another entity, and how those
11	allegations should be handled.
12	(5) Access to complaint information. The Council Advisory Committee
13	shall consult with the Secretary of State, the Human Rights Commission, the
14	American Civil Liberties Union, and other interested parties in reviewing
15	public access to records related to allegations of law enforcement officer
16	misconduct and substantiations of those allegations in order to recommend any
17	changes to current practice.
18	(6) Body cameras.
19	(A) The Law Enforcement Advisory Board shall report any changes
20	it deems necessary to the Model Body Worn Camera (BWC) Policy that it
21	established pursuant to 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 163.

1	(B)(i) The Council shall recommend a model body camera policy for
2	use by law enforcement agencies and officers.
3	(ii) After consulting with the Secretary of State, the Human Rights
4	Commission, the American Civil Liberties Union, statewide racial justice
5	groups, statewide groups representing individuals with lived experience of a
6	mental health condition or psychiatric disability, and other interested parties,
7	the Council shall specifically recommend policies for responding to public
8	records requests for body camera footage, including any recommended
9	timelines to respond, how and what footage should be redacted, length of
10	footage retention, and storage.
11	(C) The Department of Public Safety shall consult with the Council
12	and the Law Enforcement Advisory Board to investigate the possibility of a
13	statewide group purchasing contract for law enforcement body cameras and of
14	central storage locations. If the Department recommends such a group, it shall
15	detail its recommended structure and operation.
16	(7) Military equipment. After an opportunity for community involvement
17	and feedback, the Council shall recommend a statewide policy on law
18	enforcement officers' acquisition of military equipment.

1	* * * State Data Collection and Analysis * * *
2	Sec. 17. STATE OUTCOMES REPORT; GOVERNMENT
3	ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE; POPULATION-LEVEL
4	INDICATORS DEMONSTRATING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR
5	VERMONTERS WHO ARE BLACK, INDIGENOUS, OR PEOPLE
6	OF COLOR
7	(a) On or before March 1, 2021, the Government Accountability
8	Committee shall consult with the Executive Director of Racial Equity, the
9	Social Equity Caucus, and the Chief Performance Officer and shall accept
10	recommendations from other relevant entities in order to approve by that date
11	population-level indicators that demonstrate the quality of life for Vermonters
12	who are Black, Indigenous, or People of Color as those indicators relate to the
13	population-level quality of life outcomes set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 2311(b).
14	(b) Once those indicators are approved by the Government Accountability
15	Committee, the Chief Performance Officer shall report on those indicators in
16	the State Outcomes Report set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 2311.
17	Sec. 18. 3 V.S.A. § 2311 is amended to read:
18	§ 2311. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER; ANNUAL STATE
19	OUTCOMES REPORT

1	(a) Report.
2	(1) Annually, on or before September 30, the Chief Performance Officer
3	within the Agency of Administration shall submit to the General Assembly a
4	State Outcomes Report demonstrating the State's progress in reaching the
5	population-level outcomes for each area of Vermont's quality of life set forth
6	in subsection (b) of this section by providing data for the population-level
7	indicators that are approved pursuant to the process set forth in subsection (c)
8	of this section.
9	(2) Vermont's population-level quality of life outcomes are intended to
10	reflect the well-being of all Vermonters, and indicators reported to measure the
11	extent to which outcomes are achieved are intended to represent the experience
12	of all Vermonters, including and especially Vermonters who are members of
13	marginalized groups.
14	(b) Vermont population-level quality of life outcomes.
15	(1) Vermont has a prosperous economy.
16	(2) Vermonters are healthy.
17	(3) Vermont's environment is clean and sustainable.
18	(4) Vermont is a safe place to live.
19	(5) Vermont's families are safe, nurturing, stable, and supported.
20	(6) Vermont's children and young people achieve their potential.
21	(7) Vermont's elders live with dignity and in settings they prefer.

1	(8) Vermonters with disabilities live with dignity and in settings they
2	prefer.
3	(9) Vermont has open, effective, and inclusive government.
4	(10) Vermont's State infrastructure meets the needs of Vermonters, the
5	economy, and the environment.
6	(c) Approving population-level indicators.
7	(1) Annually, on or before March 1, a standing committee of the
8	General Assembly having jurisdiction over a population-level quality of life
9	outcome set forth in subsection (b) of this section or the Chief Performance
10	Officer may submit to the Government Accountability Committee a request
11	that any population-level indicator related to that outcome be revised.
12	(2) If that request is approved by the Government Accountability
13	Committee, the Chief Performance Officer shall revise and report on the
14	population-level indicator in accordance with that approval and this section.
15	(d) The report set forth in this section shall not be subject to the limitation
16	on the duration of agency reports set forth in 2 V.S.A. § 20(d).
17	Sec. 19. 3 V.S.A. § 2222 is amended to read:
18	§ 2222. POWERS AND DUTIES; BUDGET AND REPORT
19	* * *
20	(k) The Secretary of Administration or designee shall review all grants
21	from an agency of the State to a local law enforcement agency or constable,

- and all such grants shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary or designee.
- The Secretary or designee shall approve the grant only if the law enforcement
- agency or constable has complied with the race data reporting requirements set
- forth in 20 V.S.A. § 2366(e) and the death or serious bodily injury reporting
- 5 requirements set forth in 18 V.S.A. § 7257a(b) within six months prior to the
- 6 Secretary's or designee's review.
- 7 Sec. 20. 20 V.S.A. § 2053 is amended to read:
- 8 § 2053. COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES
- 9 (a) The <u>center Center</u> shall cooperate with other <u>state State</u> departments and agencies, municipal police departments, sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers in this <u>state</u> State and with federal and international law enforcement
- agencies to develop and carry on a uniform and complete state State, interstate,
- national, and international system of records of eriminal activities commission
- 14 <u>of crimes</u> and information.
- 15 (b)(1) All state State departments and agencies, municipal police
- departments, sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers shall cooperate with
- and assist the <u>center Center</u> in the establishment of a complete and uniform
- system of records relating to the commission of crimes, arrests, convictions,
- imprisonment, probation, parole, fingerprints, photographs, stolen property,
- and other matters relating to the identification and records of persons who have

1	or who are alleged to have committed a crime, or who are missing persons, or
2	who are fugitives from justice.
3	(2) In order to meet the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
4	subsection, the Center, in consultation with the Vermont Crime Research
5	Group, statewide racial justice groups, and statewide groups representing
6	individuals with lived experience of a mental health condition or psychiatric
7	disability, shall establish and provide training on a uniform list of definitions to
8	be used in entering data into a law enforcement agency's system of records,
9	and every law enforcement officer shall use those definitions when entering
10	data into his or her agency's system.
11	* * * Law Enforcement Advisory Board * * *
12	Sec. 21. LEAB; REPEAL FOR RECODIFICATION
13	24 V.S.A. § 1939 (Law Enforcement Advisory Board) is repealed.
14	Sec. 22. 20 V.S.A. § 1818 is added to read:
15	§ 1818. LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY BOARD
16	(a) The Law Enforcement Advisory Board is created within the Department
17	of Public Safety to advise the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Governor,
18	and the General Assembly on issues involving the cooperation and
19	coordination of all agencies that exercise law enforcement responsibilities.
20	The Board shall review any matter that affects more than one law enforcement
21	agency. The Board shall comprise the following members:

1	(1) the Commissioner of Public Safety;
2	(2) the Director of the Vermont State Police;
3	(3) the Director of the Enforcement Division of the Department of Fish
4	and Wildlife;
5	(4) the Director of the Enforcement and Safety Division of the
6	Department of Motor Vehicles;
7	(5) the Chief of the Capitol Police Department;
8	(6) the Director of the Vermont Criminal Justice Services Division;
9	(7) a member of the Chiefs of Police Association of Vermont, appointed
10	by the President of the Association;
11	(8) a member of the Vermont Sheriffs' Association, appointed by the
12	President of the Association;
13	(9) a representative of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns,
14	appointed by the Executive Director of the League;
15	(10) a member of the Vermont Police Association, appointed by the
16	President of the Association;
17	(11) the Attorney General or designee;
18	(12) a State's Attorney appointed by the Executive Director of the
19	Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs;
20	(13) the U.S. Attorney or designee;
21	(14) the Executive Director of the Vermont Criminal Justice Council;

1	(15) the Defender General or designee;
2	(16) one representative of the Vermont Troopers' Association or its
3	successor entity, elected by its membership;
4	(17) a member of the Vermont Constables Association, appointed by the
5	President of the Association; and
6	(18) a law enforcement officer, appointed by the President of the
7	Vermont State Employees Association.
8	(b) The Board shall elect a chair and a vice chair, which positions shall
9	rotate among the various member representatives. Each member shall serve a
10	term of two years. The Board shall meet at the call of the Chair. A quorum
11	shall consist of 10 members, and decisions of the Board shall require the
12	approval of a majority of those members present and voting.
13	(c) The Board shall undertake an ongoing formal review process of law
14	enforcement policies and practices with a goal of developing a comprehensive
15	approach to providing the best services to Vermonters, given monies available.
16	The Board shall also provide educational resources to Vermonters about public
17	safety challenges in the State.
18	(d)(1) The Board shall meet not fewer than six times a year to develop
19	policies and recommendations for law enforcement priority needs, including
20	retirement benefits, recruitment of officers, training, homeland security issues,
21	dispatching, and comprehensive drug enforcement.

1	(2) The Board shall present its findings and recommendations in brief
2	summary form to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on
3	Government Operations annually on or before January 15.
4	Sec. 23. LEAB; RECODIFICATION DIRECTIVE
5	(a) 24 V.S.A. § 1939 is recodified as 20 V.S.A. § 1818. During statutory
6	revision, the Office of Legislative Counsel shall revise accordingly any
7	references to 24 V.S.A. § 1939 in the Vermont Statutes Annotated.
8	(b) Any references in session law and adopted rules to 24 V.S.A. § 1939 as
9	previously codified shall be deemed to refer to 20 V.S.A. § 1818.
10	Sec. 24. LEAB; 2021 REPORT ON MUNICIPAL ACCESS TO LAW
11	ENFORCEMENT SERVICES
12	As part of its annual report in the year 2021, the Law Enforcement
13	Advisory Board shall specifically recommend ways that towns can increase
14	access to law enforcement services.
15	* * * Department of Public Safety; Dispatch * * *
16	Sec. 25. 20 V.S.A. chapter 113 (Commissioner and Members), subchapter 1 is
17	amended to read:

1	Subchapter 1. General Provisions
2	§ 1871. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; COMMISSIONER
3	(a) The department of public safety Department of Public Safety, created
4	by 3 V.S.A. § 212, shall include a commissioner of public safety
5	Commissioner of Public Safety.
6	(b) The head of the department Department shall be a commissioner of
7	public safety the Commissioner of Public Safety, who shall be a citizen of the
8	United States and shall be selected on the basis of training, experience and
9	qualifications. The commissioner Commissioner shall be appointed by the
10	governor Governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, for a term of six
11	years Senate.
12	* * *
13	(i) The commissioner of public safety Commissioner of Public Safety may
14	enter into contractual arrangements to perform dispatching functions for state
15	State, municipal, or other emergency services, establishing charges sufficient
16	to recover the costs of dispatching. Dispatch positions which are fully funded
17	under such contracts may be authorized under the provisions of 32 V.S.A. §
18	<del>5(b)</del> .
19	(j) Charges collected under subsections (e), (f), and (i) of this section shall
20	be credited to the Vermont law telecommunications special fund Law

1	Telecommunications Special Fund and shall be available to the department
2	<u>Department</u> to offset the costs of providing the services.
3	* * *
4	§ 1873. REMOVAL OF COMMISSIONER
5	During his or her term of office, the governor may remove the
6	commissioner upon charges preferred in writing and after hearing, which shall
7	be a public hearing if the commissioner requests the same, upon the following
8	<del>grounds:</del>
9	(1) Incompetency amounting to failure to perform his or her official
10	duties competently;
11	(2) Misconduct in office which shall be construed to include:
12	(a) failure to be of good behavior;
13	(b) participation, directly or indirectly, in a political campaign, rally,
14	caucus or other political gathering, other than to vote. [Repealed.]
15	* * *
16	§ 1875. RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
17	(a) The eommissioner Commissioner shall establish a communication
18	system as will best enable the department Department to carry out the purposes
19	of this chapter. This shall include a radio set furnished, on written request, to
20	the sheriff and state's attorney State's Attorney of each county on a
21	memorandum receipt.

1	(b)(1) The commissioner Commissioner may charge to all users of
2	telecommunications services managed, maintained, or operated by the
3	department Department for the benefit of the users a proportionate share of the
4	actual cost of providing the services and products inclusive of administrative
5	costs.
6	(2) Such charges shall be based on a pro rata allocation of the actual
7	costs of services or products, determined in an equitable manner, which shall
8	be representative of services provided to or system usage by individual units of
9	government, including state State, local, and federal agencies or private
10	nonprofit entities.
11	(3) Such charges shall be credited to the Vermont communication
12	system special fund Law Telecommunications Special Fund and shall be
13	available to the department Department to offset the costs of providing the
14	services.
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16	Sec. 26. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; PROHIBITION ON NEW
17	CHARGES TO PERFORM DISPATCH FUNCTIONS UNTIL FEE
18	STRUCTURE ENACTED; RECOMMENDATIONS
19	(a) In accordance with the amendments to 20 V.S.A. § 1871(i) set forth in
20	Sec. 25 of this act, the Department of Public Safety shall not charge fees in any
21	contractual arrangements it enters into to perform dispatching functions for

1	State, municipal, or other emergency services until the General Assembly
2	establishes in law a dispatch fee structure for those charges.
3	(b)(1) On or before March 15, 2021, the Department of Public Safety shall
4	hold at least three public hearings and consult with the Vermont League of
5	Cities and Towns, the Emergency Medical Advisory Committee, the Vermont
6	Police Chiefs Association, the Vermont State Firefighters Association, and
7	local emergency medical services, police, and fire agencies in order to report
8	by that date to the House Committees on Government Operations and on Ways
9	and Means and the Senate Committees on Government Operations and on
10	Finance the Department's recommendations for an equitable dispatch fee
11	structure for the Department to charge for dispatching emergency medical
12	service, police, and fire services, and potential funding mechanisms for those
13	charges that do not rely on property taxes.
14	(2) If the Department decides to overrule substantial arguments and
15	considerations raised against the equitable dispatch fee structure or potential
16	funding mechanisms it ultimately recommends, the Department shall include
17	in its report a description of those arguments and considerations and the
18	reasons for the Department's decision.

1	* * * Emergency Medical Services * * *
2	Sec. 27. 24 V.S.A. chapter 71 is amended to read:
3	CHAPTER 71. AMBULANCE SERVICES
4	Subchapter 1. Emergency Medical Services Districts
5	§ 2651. DEFINITIONS
6	As used in this chapter:
7	* * *
8	(14) "State Board" means the State Board of Health. [Repealed.]
9	* * *
10	§ 2652. CREATION OF DISTRICTS
11	The State Board Department of Health may divide the State into emergency
12	medical services districts, the number, size, and boundaries of which shall be
13	determined by the Board Department in the interest of affording adequate and
14	efficient emergency medical services throughout the State.
15	* * *
16	§ 2654. RECORDING DETERMINATION OF DISTRICTS
17	The State Board Department of Health shall cause to be recorded in the
18	office of the Secretary of State a certificate containing its determination of
19	emergency medical services districts.
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1	§ 2656. DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
2	(a) The board of directors shall have full power to manage, control, and
3	supervise the conduct of the district and to exercise in the name of the district
4	all powers and functions belonging to the district, subject to such laws or
5	regulations rules as may be applicable.
6	* * *
7	§ 2657. PURPOSES AND POWERS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL
8	SERVICES DISTRICTS
9	(a) It shall be the function of each emergency medical services district to
10	foster and coordinate emergency medical services within the district, in the
11	interest of affording adequate ambulance services within the district. Each
12	emergency medical services district shall have powers that include the power
13	to:
14	* * *
15	(6) monitor the provision of emergency medical services within the
16	district and make recommendations to the State Board Department of Health
17	regarding licensure, relicensure, and removal or suspension of licensure for
18	ambulance vehicles, ambulance services, and first responder services;
19	* * *
20	(b) Two or more contiguous emergency medical services districts by a
21	majority vote of the district board in each of the districts concerned may

1	change the mutual boundaries of their emergency medical services districts.
2	The district boards shall report all changes in district boundaries to the State
3	Board Department of Health.
4	* * *
5	Subchapter 2. Licensing Operation of Affiliated Agencies
6	§ 2681. LICENSE REQUIRED; AMBULANCE LICENSE REQUIREMENT
7	(a) A person furnishing ambulance services or first responder services shall
8	obtain a license to furnish services under this subchapter.
9	(b)(1) In order to obtain and maintain a license, an ambulance service shall
10	be required to provide its services in a manner that does not discriminate on the
11	basis of income, funding source, or severity of health needs, in order to ensure
12	access to ambulance services within the licensee's service area.
13	(2) The Department of Health shall adopt rules in accordance with the
14	provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection.
15	§ 2682. POWERS OF STATE BOARD THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
16	(a) The State Board Department of Health shall administer this subchapter
17	and shall have power to:
18	* * *
19	§ 2683. TERM OF LICENSE
20	Full licenses shall be issued on forms to be prescribed by the State Board
21	Department of Health for a period of three years beginning on January 1, or for

- 1 the balance of any such three-year period. Temporary, conditional, or
- 2 provisional licenses may also be issued by the Board Department.
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- 4 Sec. 28. 18 V.S.A. § 9405 is amended to read:
- 5 § 9405. STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN; HEALTH RESOURCE
- 6 ALLOCATION PLAN

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(b) The Green Mountain Care Board, in consultation with the Secretary of Human Services or designee, shall publish on its website the Health Resource Allocation Plan identifying Vermont's critical health needs, goods, services, and resources, which shall be used to inform the Board's regulatory processes, cost containment and statewide quality of care efforts, health care payment and delivery system reform initiatives, and any allocation of health resources within the State. The Plan shall identify Vermont residents' needs for health care services, programs, and facilities; the resources available and the additional resources that would be required to realistically meet those needs and to make access to those services, programs, and facilities affordable for consumers; and the priorities for addressing those needs on a statewide basis. The Board may expand the Plan to include resources, needs, and priorities

related to the social determinants of health. The Plan shall be revised

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periodically, but not less frequently than once every four years.

1	(1) In developing the Plan, the Board shall:
2	(A) consider the principles in section 9371 of this title, as well as the
3	purposes enumerated in sections 9401 and 9431 of this title;
4	(B) identify priorities using information from:
5	(i) the State Health Improvement Plan;
6	(ii) emergency medical services resources and needs identified by
7	the EMS Advisory Committee in accordance with subsection 909(f) of this
8	title;
9	(iii) the community health needs assessments required by section
10	9405a of this title;
11	(iii)(iv) available health care workforce information;
12	(iv)(v) materials provided to the Board through its other regulatory
13	processes, including hospital budget review, oversight of accountable care
14	organizations, issuance and denial of certificates of need, and health insurance
15	rate review; and
16	(v)(vi) the public input process set forth in this section;
17	(C) use existing data sources to identify and analyze the gaps
18	between the supply of health resources and the health needs of Vermont
19	residents and to identify utilization trends to determine areas of
20	underutilization and overutilization; and

1	(D) consider the cost impacts of fulfilling any gaps between the
2	supply of health resources and the health needs of Vermont residents.
3	* * *
4	Sec. 29. 18 V.S.A. chapter 17 is amended to read:
5	CHAPTER 17. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
6	* * *
7	§ 903. AUTHORIZATION FOR PROVISION OF EMERGENCY
8	MEDICAL SERVICES
9	Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including provisions of
10	26 V.S.A. chapter 23, persons who are affiliated with an affiliated agency and
11	licensed to provide emergency medical treatment pursuant to the requirements
12	of this chapter and the rules adopted under it are hereby authorized to provide
13	such care without further certification, registration, or licensing.
14	* * *
15	§ 904. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS
16	(a) In order to carry out the purposes and responsibilities of this chapter,
17	the Department of Health may contract for the provision of specific services.
18	(b) The Secretary of Human Services, upon the recommendation of the
19	Commissioner of Health, may issue adopt rules to carry out the purposes and
20	responsibilities of this chapter.
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1	§ 906. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION;
2	RESPONSIBILITIES
3	To implement the policy of section 901 of this chapter, the Department of
4	Health shall be responsible for:
5	(1) Developing and implementing minimum standards for training
6	emergency medical personnel in basic life support and advanced life support,
7	and licensing emergency medical personnel according to their level of training
8	and competence. The Department shall establish by rule at least three levels of
9	emergency medical personnel instructors and the education required for each
10	<u>level.</u>
11	* * *
12	(7) Assisting hospitals in the development of programs which that will
13	improve the quality of in-hospital services for persons requiring emergency
14	medical <del>care</del> <u>treatment</u> .
15	* * *
16	(9) Establishing requirements for the collection of data by emergency
17	medical personnel and hospitals as may be necessary to evaluate emergency
18	medical <del>care</del> <u>treatment</u> .
19	(10) Establishing, by rule, license levels for emergency medical
20	personnel. The Commissioner shall use the guidelines established by the
21	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in the U.S.

1	Department of Transportation as a standard or other comparable standards,
2	except that a felony conviction shall not necessarily disqualify an applicant.
3	The rules shall also provide that:
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5	(B) An individual licensed by the Commissioner as an emergency
6	medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, or a paramedic.
7	who is affiliated with an affiliated agency, shall be able to practice fully within
8	the scope of practice for such level of licensure as defined by NHTSA's
9	National EMS Scope of Practice Model consistent with the license level of the
10	affiliated agency, and subject to the medical direction of the emergency
11	medical services district medical advisor.
12	(C)(i) Unless otherwise provided under this section, an individual
13	seeking any level of licensure shall be required to pass an examination
14	approved by the Commissioner for that level of licensure, except that any
15	psychomotor skills testing for emergency medical responder, or emergency
16	medical technician licensure shall be accomplished either by the demonstration
17	of those skills competencies as part of the education required for that license
18	level as approved by the Department or by the National Registry of Emergency
19	Medical Technicians' psychomotor examination.
20	(ii) Written and practical examinations shall not be required for
21	relicensure; however, to maintain licensure, all individuals shall complete a

specified number of hours of continuing education as established by rule by the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall ensure that continuing education classes are available online and provided on a regional basis to accommodate the needs of volunteers and part-time individuals, including those in rural areas of the State.

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- (E) An applicant who has served as a hospital corpsman or a medic in the U.S. Armed Forces, or who is licensed as a registered nurse or a physician assistant shall be granted a permanent waiver of the training requirements to become a licensed emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician, or a paramedic, provided the applicant passes the applicable examination approved by the Commissioner for that level of licensure and is affiliated with an affiliated agency.
- (F) An applicant who is registered on the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians as an emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician, or a paramedic shall be granted licensure as a Vermont emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician, or a paramedic without the need for further testing, provided he or she is affiliated with an affiliated agency or is serving as a medic with the Vermont National Guard.

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1	(11) In addition to the licenses established under subdivision (10) of this
2	section, the Department shall establish by rule an entry-level certification for
3	Vermont EMS first responders.
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5	§ 906b. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION; CERTIFICATION TO
6	LICENSURE
7	Every person certified as an emergency medical provider shall have his or
8	her certification converted to the comparable level of licensure. Until such
9	time as the Department of Health issues licenses in lieu of certificates, each
10	certified emergency medical provider shall have the right to practice in
11	accordance with his or her level of certification. [Repealed.]
12	* * *
13	§ 906d. RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS; SUNSET REVIEW
14	(a) Not less than once every five years, the Department shall review
15	emergency medical personnel continuing education and other continuing
16	competency requirements. The review results shall be in writing and address
17	the following:
18	(1) the renewal requirements of the profession;
19	(2) the renewal requirements in other jurisdictions, particularly in the
20	Northeast region;

1	(3) the cost of the renewal requirements for emergency medical
2	personnel; and
3	(4) an analysis of the utility and effectiveness of the renewal
4	requirements with respect to public protection.
5	(b) The Department shall amend its rules or propose any necessary
6	statutory amendments to revise any emergency medical personnel continuing
7	education and other continuing competency requirements that are not
8	necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare.
9	* * *
10	§ 909. EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; EMS EDUCATION COUNCIL
11	(a) The Commissioner shall establish the Emergency Medical Services
12	Advisory Committee to advise on matters relating to the delivery of emergency
13	medical services (EMS) in Vermont.
14	* * *
15	(e) Annually, on or before January 1, the Committee shall report on the
16	EMS system to the House Committees on Government Operations, on
17	Commerce and Economic Development, and on Human Services and to the
18	Senate Committees on Government Operations, on Economic Development,
19	Housing and General Affairs, and on Health and Welfare. The Committee's
20	reports shall include information on the following:
21	* * *

1	(6) the nature and costs of dispatch services for EMS providers
2	throughout the State, including the annual number of mutual aid calls to an
3	emergency medical service area that come from outside that area, and
4	suggestions for improvement;
5	* * *
6	(f) In addition to its report set forth in subsection (e) of this section, the
7	Committee shall identify EMS resources and needs in each EMS district and
8	provide that information to the Green Mountain Care Board to inform the
9	Board's periodic revisions to the Health Resource Allocation Plan developed
10	pursuant to subsection 9405(b) of this title.
11	(g) The Committee shall establish from among its members the EMS
12	Education Council, which may:
13	(1) sponsor training and education programs required for emergency
14	medical personnel licensure in accordance with the Department of Health's
15	required standards for that training and education; and
16	(2) provide advice to the Department of Health regarding the standards
17	for emergency medical personnel licensure and any recommendations for
18	changes to those standards.

1 Sec. 30. 32 V.S.A. § 8557 is amended to	read:
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- 2 § 8557. VERMONT FIRE SERVICE TRAINING COUNCIL
  - (a)(1) Sums for the expenses of the operation of training facilities and curriculum of the Vermont Fire Service Training Council not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 per year shall be paid to the Fire Safety Special Fund created by 20 V.S.A. § 3157 by insurance companies, writing fire, homeowners multiple peril, allied lines, farm owners multiple peril, commercial multiple peril (fire and allied lines), private passenger and commercial auto, and inland marine policies on property and persons situated within the State of Vermont within 30 days after notice from the Commissioner of Financial Regulation of such estimated expenses. Captive companies shall be excluded from the effect of this section.

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(4) An amount not less than \$150,000.00 shall be specifically allocated to the Emergency Medical Services Special Fund established under 18 V.S.A. \$ 908 for the provision of training programs for <u>certified Vermont EMS first</u> responders and licensed emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, and paramedics.

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1	Sec. 31. TRANSITIONAL EMS PROVISIONS
2	(a) Rules. Except as otherwise provided in this act, on or before July 1,
3	2021, the Department of Health shall finally adopt or amend the rules required
4	by this act, unless that deadline is extended by the Legislative Committee on
5	Administrative Rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 843(c).
6	(b) Ambulance service licenses. The requirements for initial ambulance
7	service licensure and renewal set forth in 24 V.S.A. § 2681(b) in Sec. 27 of this
8	act shall apply to initial ambulance service license and renewal applicants on
9	and after July 1, 2021 or on and after the effective date of the Department of
10	Health rules adopted pursuant to that section and subsection (a) of this section,
11	whichever date is later.
12	(c) Existing EMS Instructor/Coordinator licensees. Any person who is
13	licensed as an EMS Instructor/Coordinator under the Department of Health's
14	Emergency Medical Service Rules in effect immediately prior to the effective
15	date of the rules establishing the new levels of instructor licenses as required
16	by 18 V.S.A. § 906(1) in Sec. 29 of this act shall be deemed to be licensed at
17	the level that is consistent with the scope of practice of the new license levels.
18	(d) Development of Vermont EMS First Responder certification. The
19	Department of Health shall consult with the EMS Advisory Committee, the
20	University of Vermont's Initiative for Rural Emergency Medical Services, and
21	any other relevant stakeholders in developing the new Vermont EMS First

Responder certification required by 18 V.S.A. § 906(11) in Sec. 29 of this act
so that certification is established on or before July 1, 2021.
(e) Sunset review of renewal requirements. Pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 906d
(renewal requirements; sunset review) set forth in Sec. 29 this act, the
Department of Health shall conduct its first sunset review in conjunction with
its rulemaking required by this act and thereafter propose any necessary
statutory amendments in accordance with that section.
* * * Public Safety Planning * * *
Sec. 32. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS; INVENTORY OF
MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY RESOURCES
(a) The purpose of this section is to require each regional planning
commission to create one inventory identifying the public safety resources of
each town within its jurisdiction and to report that inventory to all of its towns
so that each town can better understand the public safety resources that are
available to them and how those resources may be shared on a regional basis.
(b) On or before July 1, 2022, each regional planning commission shall
create and report to all of the towns within its jurisdiction one inventory
identifying all of the public safety resources that each town within its
jurisdiction relies upon for its public safety needs. As part of this inventory,
the inventory shall identify:

1	(1) any mutual aid agreements for public safety resources that its towns
2	may have; and
3	(2) any of its towns that have a public safety plan.
4	(c) As used in this section, "public safety resources" means the law
5	enforcement, fire, emergency medical service, and dispatch entities that
6	provide their services to a town.
7	* * * Effective Dates * * *
8	Sec. 33. EFFECTIVE DATES
9	This act shall take effect on October 1, 2020, except that:
10	(1) Sec. 4, 20 V.S.A. § 2352 (Council membership) shall take effect on
11	December 1, 2020; and
12	(2) Sec. 19, 3 V.S.A. § 2222 (powers and duties; budget and report)
13	shall take effect on January 1, 2021.
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18	(Committee vote:)
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20	Representative
21	FOR THE COMMITTEE