

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3 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 bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES REORGANIZATION;
8 WORKING GROUP; REPORT

9 (a) Creation. There is created a working group to develop proposals for
10 reorganizing the Agency of Human Services.

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

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

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

16 (3) other interested stakeholders.

17 (c) Powers and duties. The working group shall consider options for
18 reorganizing, restructuring, or reconfiguring the Agency of Human Services
19 and its departments to best serve Vermonters, including consideration of the
20 following:

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

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

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

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

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

13 (f) Meetings.

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

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

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

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

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on passage.

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11 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE