

1 S.302

2 Introduced by Senators Collamore, Hooker and McNeil

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; mental health; mobile response services; pilot

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish and
7 fund a mental health mobile response unit pilot program in the city of Rutland.

8 An act relating to establishing a mental health mobile response unit pilot
9 program in the city of Rutland

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. PILOT; MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE UNIT

12 (a) In fiscal year 2022, the General Assembly shall appropriate
13 \$400,000.00 from the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health for
14 the purpose of implementing a pilot program in the city of Rutland that
15 provides additional supports for mobile response and stabilization services to
16 children, youths, and families. Appropriated monies shall be used to pay for
17 program staff and services that support direct, in-person responses to family
18 crises, such as interventions for children or youths and their families, before
19 emotional and behavioral difficulties escalate.

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

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.