

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 302 entitled “An act relating to establishing a mental health mobile
4 response unit pilot program in the city of Rutland” respectfully reports that it
5 has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking
6 out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. PILOT; MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE UNIT

8 (a) In fiscal year 2021, the General Assembly shall appropriate
9 \$400,000.00 from the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health for
10 the purpose of implementing a pilot program in Rutland County that provides
11 additional supports for mobile response and stabilization services to children,
12 youths, and families. Appropriated monies shall be used to pay for program
13 staff and services that support direct, in-person responses to family crises, such
14 as interventions for children or youths and their families, before emotional and
15 behavioral difficulties escalate.

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

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

3 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read, “An act
4 relating to establishing a mental health mobile response unit pilot program in
5 Rutland County”

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8 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE