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Introduced by Senators Collamore, Hooker and McNeil

Referred to Committee on

Date:

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

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

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

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

Sec. 1. PILOT; MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE UNIT

(a) In fiscal year 2022, 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 the city of Rutland 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.

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.