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Introduced by Representatives Strong of Albany, Batchelor of Derby, Higley  
of Lowell, LaClair of Barre Town, Lefebvre of Newark, and  
Masland of Thetford

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; communicable disease; immunizations; adverse reactions;  
report

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
Department of Health to submit an annual report to the General Assembly  
regarding adverse reactions reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting  
System.

An act relating to reporting on adverse reactions related to immunizations

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

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 1132 is amended to read:

§ 1132. VACCINE ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING SYSTEM

(a) A health care practitioner administering vaccinations shall report to the  
Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, in consultation with the patient, or,  
if a minor, the patient's parent or guardian, all significant adverse events that

1 occur after vaccination of adults and children, even if the practitioner is unsure  
2 whether a vaccine caused the adverse event.

3 (b)(1) Annually, on or before January 15, the Department of Health shall  
4 submit a report to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and to the  
5 House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services regarding any  
6 adverse reactions reported by health care practitioners in Vermont to the  
7 Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, including:

8 (A) the total number of adverse reactions reported during the  
9 previous calendar year;

10 (B) aggregated reported adverse reactions by immunization type, lot  
11 number, and age of recipient if the size of the data set allows;

12 (C) total number and cost of emergency department visits related to  
13 reported adverse reactions;

14 (D) total number of hospitalizations, permanent disabilities, and  
15 deaths related to reported adverse reactions; and

16 (E) a summary of activities undertaken by the Department to support  
17 Vermonters filing for compensation pursuant to the National Childhood  
18 Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-1 et seq.

19 (2) The Department shall post the report submitted pursuant to this  
20 subsection on its website and shall provide electronic copies to health care  
21 providers administering immunizations in Vermont.

1       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2       This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.