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29th DAY OF THE BIENNIAL SESSION

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**H. 151**

An act relating to vital records, mausoleums and columbaria, and emergency health orders

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**Favorable with Amendment**

**H. 18**

An act relating to sexual exploitation of children

**Rep. Burditt of West Rutland**, for the Committee on Judiciary, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2821 is amended to read:

§ 2821. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Child" means any person under 16 years of age.
- (2) "Sexual conduct" means any of the following:

(A) any conduct involving contact between the penis and the vulva, the penis and the penis, the penis and the anus, the mouth and the penis, the mouth and the anus, the vulva and the vulva, or the mouth and the vulva;

(B) any intrusion, however slight, by any part of a person's body or any object into the genital or anal opening of another with the intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions, or sexual desire of any person;

(C) any intentional touching, not through the clothing, of the genitals, anus, or breasts of another with the intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions, or sexual desire of any person;

(D) masturbation;

(E) bestiality; or

(F) sadomasochistic abuse for sexual purposes; or

(G) any simulation of the conduct described in subdivisions (2)(A)–(F) of this section.

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(7)(A) “Simulation” means the explicit depiction of any conduct described in subdivisions (2)(A)–(F) of this section that:

(i) involves a child as defined in subdivision (1) of this section;

(ii) creates the appearance of such conduct; and

(iii) exhibits naked genitals, buttocks, or breasts below the top of the areola.

(B) “Simulation” does not include paintings, drawings, or nonvisual or written descriptions of sexual conduct.

(C) “Simulation” applies to conduct, not to a simulated child.

## Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

**( Committee Vote: 11-0-0)**

### **Information Notice**

#### **Notice of JFO Grants and Positions**

Grants and Positions that have been submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee by the Administration, under 32 V.S.A. §5(b)(3):

**JFO #3029** - \$250,000 to the VT. Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service. One (1) limited service position, Agriculture Water Quality Program Coordinator III, and \$100,000 for a software upgrade and associated costs. [NOTE: The grant application reflects State in-kind matching dollars for a total budget of \$500,000.] [*JFO received 1/7/2021*]

**JFO #3030** - \$450,000 to the VT Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living from the Kessler Foundation. Funds will be used to support the expansion or re-designation of current positions in the Department and to create three (3) limited service positions to assist Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries to transition to self-sustaining employment. The request includes one (1) Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits Counselor and two (2) Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor II to complete the work. [NOTE: Kessler grant

funds will support 70% of the VR Benefit Counselor position and 21% of the VR Counselor II positions. The remaining balance will be covered by VR federal funds.] *[JFO received 1/25/2021]*

**JFO #3031** - \$450,000 to the Department of Public Safety from the Office of Justice Programs for the services and support for victims in the immediate aftermath and during the investigation of a crime. The grant will fully fund one (1) limited-service position, Victim Services Specialist, to provide these services through 9/30/2023 and will also cover \$15,417 in indirect departmental costs. *[JFO received 1/25/2021]*

**JFO #3032** - \$206,394 to the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation from the United States Climate Alliance, United Nations Fund, for one (1) limited service position, Environmental Analyst VII, to serve in a leadership role in advancing Vermont's climate mitigation priorities. Position to be funded through 9/30/22. *[JFO received 1/25/2021]*

**JFO #3033** - One (1) limited service position, Criminal Intelligence Analyst, to the VT. Dept of Public Safety to support information sharing and analysis to prevent and prepare for hazards and threats. Funds from the US Dept. of Homeland Security from previously awarded JFO Grant #2212. *[JFO received 1/27/2021]*