

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred Senate Bill No. 3
3 entitled “An act relating to competency to stand trial and insanity as a defense”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 report of the Committee on Judiciary be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 6, Forensic Care Working Group, by striking out subsection
7 (h) in its entirety.

8 Second: Before the reader assistance heading, by inserting a new Sec. 8 and
9 its reader assistance heading to read as follows:

10 * * * Appropriations * * *

11 Sec. 8. APPROPRIATIONS

12 The sum of \$530,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
13 Department of Mental Health to be allocated as follows:

14 (1) \$250,000.00 to contract with Vermont Legal Aid for the purpose of
15 providing legal representation in commitment proceedings pursuant to
16 13 V.S.A. § 4820.

17 (2) \$250,000.00 to provide legal representation and independent
18 psychiatric evaluations in connection with commitment proceedings pursuant
19 to 13 V.S.A. § 4820.

20 (3) \$25,000.00 to support the work of the Forensic Care Working Group
21 established by Sec. 6 of this act.

1 (4) \$5,000.00 for per diem compensation and reimbursement of
2 expenses as permitted by 32 V.S.A. § 1010 to members of the Forensic Care
3 Working Group established by Sec. 6 of this act.

4 and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE