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2 Representative Christie of Hartford moves that the bill be amended as
3 follows:

4 First: In Sec. 3, 18 V.S.A. chapter 6, in section 252, Health Equity
5 Advisory Commission, in subsection (b), in subdivision (1)(A), by striking out
6 “, who shall serve as chair”

7 Second: In Sec. 3, 18 V.S.A. chapter 6, in section 252, Health Equity
8 Advisory Commission, in subsection (c), by striking out subdivision (1) in its
9 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (1) to read as follows:

10 (1) provide guidance on the development of the Office of Health Equity,
11 which shall be established based on the Advisory Commission’s
12 recommendations as soon as fiscally practicable to do so, including guidance
13 on:

14 (A) the structure, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the Office;

15 (B) whether the Office shall be independent and, if not, in which

16 State agency or department it shall be situated;

17 (C) how the Office shall be staffed;

18 (D) the populations served and specific issues addressed by the

19 Office;

20 (E) the duties of the Office, including how grant funds shall be
21 managed and distributed; and

1 (F) the time frame and necessary steps to establish the Office;

2 Third: In Sec. 3, 18 V.S.A. chapter 6, in section 252, Health Equity
3 Advisory Commission, in subsection (c), by inserting subdivisions (5) and (6)
4 to read as follows:

5 (5) advise the Department of Health on any funding decisions relating to
6 eliminating health disparities and promoting health equity, including the
7 distribution of federal monies related to COVID-19;

8 (6) to the extent funds are available for the purpose, distribute grants
9 that stimulate the development of community-based and neighborhood-based
10 projects that will improve the health outcomes of individuals who are Black,
11 Indigenous, and Persons of Color; individuals who are LGBTQ; and
12 individuals with disabilities; and

13 and by renumbering the remaining subdivision to be numerically correct.

14 Fourth: In Sec. 3, 18 V.S.A. chapter 6, in section 252, Health Equity
15 Advisory Commission, in subsection (f), by striking out subdivisions (2)
16 and (3) in their entirety and inserting new subdivisions (2) and (3) to read as
17 follows:

18 (2) The Advisory Commission shall select a chair and vice chair at its
19 first meeting and annually thereafter.

1 (3) The Advisory Commission shall adopt procedures to govern its
2 proceedings, including voting procedures and how the staggered terms shall be
3 apportioned among members.

4 Fifth: In Sec. 4, 3 V.S.A. § 5003, duties of Executive Director of Racial
5 Equity, in subsection (a), in subdivision (4), by striking out “and chairing” and
6 inserting in lieu thereof “the establishment of”