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2 Representative Donahue of Northfield moves that the bill be amended as
3 follows:

4 First: In Sec. 2, 1 V.S.A. chapter 25, by striking out section 903 in its
5 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new section 903 to read as follows:

6 § 903. COMMISSIONERS

7 (a) Commissioners shall be half-time State employees and shall be exempt
8 from the State classified system.

9 (b) The commissioners shall receive compensation equal to one-quarter
10 that of a Superior Court Judge.

11 (c) The term of each commissioner shall begin on the date of appointment
12 and end on July 1, 2026.

13 Second: By striking out Sec. 3, appropriation, in its entirety and inserting in
14 lieu thereof a new Sec. 3 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION

16 The sum of \$374,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Truth
17 and Reconciliation Commission in fiscal year 2023.

18 Third: By adding a new Sec. 5 and a Sec. 6 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 5. 18 V.S.A. § 254 is added to read:

2 § 254. CULTURAL LIAISON GRANTS

3 (a)(1) The Health Equity Advisory Commission shall establish the Cultural
4 Liaison Grant Program to award grants to create or support cultural liaisons
5 within community-based organizations to provide culturally responsive
6 community health care, education, and outreach, in both clinical and
7 nonclinical settings, aimed at reducing health disparities for Vermont’s Black,
8 Indigenous, and Persons of Color; immigrant; refugee; and new American
9 communities.

10 (2) The Program shall be designed to provide timely and streamlined
11 funding allocations to eligible community-based organizations.

12 (b) The Advisory Commission may award grants pursuant to the provisions
13 of this section to a Native American Indian tribe recognized by the State
14 pursuant to 1 V.S.A. chapter 23 or to private community organizations and
15 nonprofit organizations that provide health care, health-related education and
16 outreach services, or both, to Vermont’s Black, Indigenous, and Persons of
17 Color; immigrant; refugee; and new American communities.

18 (c) Grants awarded pursuant to the provisions of this section may be used
19 by a recipient to increase access for members of Vermont’s Black, Indigenous,
20 and Persons of Color; immigrant; refugee; and new American communities to:

21 (1) primary care services;

- 1 (2) vaccinations;
- 2 (3) health-related testing;
- 3 (4) treatment clinics;
- 4 (5) mental health crisis response; and
- 5 (6) health-related education and outreach.

6 (d) The Advisory Commission may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
7 chapter 25 as necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

8 Sec. 6. CULTURAL LIASON GRANT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION

9 The sum of \$374,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
10 Agency of Administration in fiscal year 2023 to support the Cultural Liaison
11 Grant Program established pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 254.

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