

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill  
3 No. 711 entitled “An act relating to the creation of the Opioid Settlement  
4 Advisory Committee and the Opioid Abatement Special Fund” respectfully  
5 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the report of the  
6 Committee on Human Services be amended as follows:

7 First: In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. chapter 93, in section 4772, by striking out  
8 subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b)  
9 to read as follows:

10 (b) Membership.

11 (1) The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the following  
12 members and shall reflect the diversity of Vermont in terms of gender, race,  
13 age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability status, and  
14 socioeconomic status and ensure inclusion of individuals with lived experience  
15 of opioid use disorder and their family members whenever possible:

16 (A) the Commissioner of Health or designee, who shall serve as a  
17 nonvoting chair;

18 (B) the Chief Prevention Officer established pursuant to 3 V.S.A.  
19 § 2321;

20 (C) one current member of the House of Representatives, appointed  
21 by the Speaker of the House;

1           (D) one current member of the Senate, appointed by the Committee  
2           on Committees;

3           (E) a primary care prescriber with experience providing medication-  
4           assisted treatment within the Blueprint for Health hub and spoke model,  
5           appointed by the Executive Director of the Blueprint for Health, to provide a  
6           statewide perspective on the provision of medication-assisted treatment  
7           services;

8           (F) a provider with academic research credentials, appointed by the  
9           University of Vermont, to provide a statewide perspective on academic  
10          research relating to opioid use disorder;

11          (G) two individuals with lived experience of opioid use disorder,  
12          including at least one of whom is in recovery, one member appointed by the  
13          Howard Center’s Safe Recovery program and one member appointed by the  
14          Vermont Association of Mental Health and Addiction Recovery, to provide a  
15          statewide perspective on the experience of living with opioid use disorder;

16          (H) an assistant judge, appointed by the Vermont Association of  
17          County Judges; and

18          (I) seven individuals, each employed by or an agent of a different city  
19          or town that collectively reflect Vermont’s diverse population and geography,  
20          appointed by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

1           (2)(A) The term of office of each appointed member shall be four years.  
2           Of the members first appointed, eight shall be appointed for a term of three  
3           years and eight shall be appointed for a term of four years. Members shall  
4           hold office for the term of their appointments and until their successors have  
5           been appointed. All vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired  
6           term in the same manner as the original appointment. Members are eligible for  
7           reappointment.

8           (B) A member may be removed from the Advisory Committee by the  
9           member’s appointing entity for cause, which includes only neglect of duty,  
10           gross misconduct, conviction of a crime, or inability to perform the  
11           responsibilities of the office. The Chair of the Advisory Committee shall  
12           simultaneously notify the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the  
13           President Pro Tempore that the member has been removed from the Advisory  
14           Committee.

15           Second: In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. chapter 93, in section 4772, in subsection (f),  
16           in subdivision (3), by inserting “and organization” after “proceedings”

17           Third: By adding a new Sec. 2 to read as follows:

18           Sec. 2. FY23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXPENSES; ANTICIPATION OF  
19           RECEIPTS

20           In fiscal year 2023, the Department of Health shall pay the administrative  
21           costs and any other expenses related to the activities of the Opioid Settlement

1 Advisory Committee established pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4772 in anticipation  
2 of receipts.

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

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FOR THE COMMITTEE