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Senator White moves that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out Secs. E.207, E.207.1, and E.207.2 in their entireties and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. E.207 to read as follows:

Sec. E.207 COUNTY SHERIFFS; TRANSPORT DEPUTIES; STUDY
COMMITTEE; REPORT

(a) Creation. There is created the Transport Deputies Study Committee to examine the current system for services provided by the deputy sheriffs who transport prisoners and persons with a mental condition or psychiatric disability.

(b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following nine members:

(1) two members appointed by the President of the Vermont Association of County Judges;

(2) two elected county sheriffs appointed by the Vermont Sheriffs' Association;

(3) the Court Administrator or designee;

(4) the Chief Superior Judge or designee;

(5) two members appointed by the Secretary of the Agency of Human Services; and

1 (6) the Executive Director of the Department of State’s Attorneys and
2 Sheriffs or designee.

3 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall examine the current system
4 for services provided by the deputy sheriffs who transport prisoners and
5 persons with a mental condition or psychiatric disability and identify any
6 legislative changes necessary to address any issues or shortcomings identified
7 in relation to the current system.

8 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,
9 and legal assistance of the Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs.

10 (e) Report. On or before November 15, 2021, the Committee shall submit
11 a written report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, on
12 Government Operations, and on Judiciary with its findings and any
13 recommendations for legislative action.

14 (f) Meetings.

15 (1) The Executive Director of the Department of State’s Attorneys and
16 Sheriffs shall call the first meeting of the Committee to occur on or before
17 September 1, 2021.

18 (2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the
19 first meeting.

20 (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

21 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on December 1, 2021.