

1 S.204

2 Senator \_\_\_\_\_ moves that the report of the Committee on Health and  
3 Welfare be amended as follows:

4 First: By striking out Sec. 5, Green Mountain Care Board; needs  
5 assessment; Health Resource Allocation Plan; report, in its entirety and  
6 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 5. GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD; NEEDS ASSESSMENT;  
8 HEALTH RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN; REPORT

9 (a) In connection with its responsibility for developing and maintaining the  
10 State’s Health Resource Allocation Plan pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9405, the  
11 Green Mountain Care Board, in consultation with the Department of Health’s  
12 Maternal and Child Health Division, the Blueprint for Health’s Women’s  
13 Health Initiative, the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems,  
14 and the American College of Nurse-Midwives–Vermont Affiliate, shall  
15 conduct an assessment of the need in this State for the obstetric and midwifery  
16 services offered by freestanding birth centers. The assessment shall include  
17 evaluating the need for the services in particular regions of the State and for  
18 certain populations of Vermont residents.

19 (b) On or before April 1, 2023, the Board shall provide to the House  
20 Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare:



1 services of a birth center in the needs assessment report submitted by the Board  
2 pursuant to Sec. 5 of this act.

3 Third: In Sec. 7, effective date, by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety  
4 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 (b) Secs. 3 and 4 (18 V.S.A. §§ 9432 and 9434) and 5a (birth centers;  
6 exception to certificate of need requirement where need identified) shall take  
7 effect on July 1, 2023.