

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare 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 Senate  
6 propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

7 First: In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. chapter 93, in section 4772, in subsection (c), in  
8 the second sentence by striking out “Substance Misuse Advisory Council” and  
9 inserting in lieu thereof Substance Misuse Oversight Prevention and Advisory  
10 Council

11 Second: In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. chapter 93, in section 4774, in subsection (a),  
12 by striking out subdivisions (1) and (2) in their entirety and inserting in lieu  
13 thereof the following:

14 (a)(1) There is created the Opioid Abatement Special Fund, a special fund  
15 established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 and  
16 administered by the Department of Health. The Opioid Abatement Special  
17 Fund shall consist of all abatement account fund monies disbursed to the  
18 Department from the national settlement fund administrator, the national  
19 opioid abatement trust, the supplemental opioid abatement fund, or any other  
20 settlement funds that must be utilized exclusively for opioid prevention,  
21 intervention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services.

1           (2) The Department shall include a spending plan, informed by the  
2           recommendations of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee established  
3           pursuant to section 4772 of this subchapter, as part of its annual budget  
4           submission, and once approved, the Department shall request to have the funds  
5           formally released from the national settlement fund administrator, the national  
6           opioid abatement trust, the supplemental opioid abatement fund, or any other  
7           settlement funds that must be utilized exclusively for opioid prevention,  
8           intervention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services. The  
9           Department shall disburse monies from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund  
10           pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 3.

11           Third: By striking out Sec. 2, sunset; Opioid Settlement Advisory  
12           Committee, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 2 to read as  
13           follows:

14           Sec. 2. SUNSET; OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15           The Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee shall cease to exist upon  
16           written certification by the Chair of the Opioid Settlement Advisory  
17           Committee to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the President Pro  
18           Tempore that Vermont's share of monies from the national settlement fund  
19           administrator, the national opioid abatement trust, the supplemental opioid  
20           abatement fund, or any other settlement funds that must be utilized exclusively

1 for opioid prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction  
2 services has been fully expended.

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE