

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred Senate  
3 Bill No. 173 entitled “An act relating to the State House Oversight Committee”  
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the  
5 bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in  
6 lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. chapter 19 is amended to read:

8 CHAPTER 19. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE  
9 STATE HOUSE

10 § 651. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE  
11 HOUSE

12 (a) The Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House is created.

13 (b) The Committee shall be composed of ~~13~~ 12 members:

14 (1) ~~four~~ three members of the House of Representatives, appointed  
15 biennially by the Speaker of the House;

16 (2) ~~four~~ three members of the Senate, appointed biennially by the  
17 Committee on Committees;

18 (3) the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Friends of the Vermont  
19 State House;

20 (4) the Director of the Vermont Historical Society;

21 (5) the Director of the Vermont Council on the Arts;

1 (6) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee;

2 ~~and~~

3 (7) the State Curator; and

4 (8) the Sergeant at Arms.

5 (c) The Committee shall biennially elect a chair from among its legislative  
6 members. A quorum shall consist of seven members.

7 (d) The Committee shall meet ~~at the State House~~ at least one time when the  
8 General Assembly is in session and at least one time when the General  
9 Assembly is not in session or at the call of the Chair. The Commissioner of  
10 Buildings and General Services shall keep minutes of the meetings and  
11 maintain a file thereof.

12 (e) The Committee shall have the assistance of the Office of Legislative  
13 Counsel and the Office of Legislative Operations.

14 § 652. PER DIEM AND EXPENSES; LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

15 For meetings held during adjournment of the General Assembly, the  
16 legislative members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem  
17 compensation and expense reimbursement as provided in subsection 406(a) of  
18 this title.

19 § 653. FUNCTIONS

20 (a)(1) The ~~Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House~~ shall be  
21 ~~consulted on~~ oversee all activities relating to the ~~acquisition~~ collections and

1 care of paintings and historic artifacts and furnishings; and shall be consulted  
2 on the refurbishing, renovation, preservation, and expansion of the building  
3 and its interior.

4 (2) The ~~Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House~~ shall  
5 ~~develop~~ approve a plan for the ~~acquisition~~ collections or commission of  
6 artwork for the State House collection that represents Vermont's diverse  
7 people and history, including diversity of gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, and  
8 disability status.

9 (b) The Sergeant at Arms and the Commissioner of Buildings and General  
10 Services, in discharging responsibilities under subdivision 62(a)(6) of this title  
11 and 29 V.S.A. §§ 154(a) and 154a, respectively, shall consider the  
12 recommendations of the Committee. ~~The Committee's recommendations shall~~  
13 ~~be advisory only.~~

14 (c)(1) The Committee may establish permanent or ad hoc subcommittees as  
15 needed to carry out its duties.

16 (2) A collections subcommittee of the Committee shall, in coordination  
17 with experts, develop a collections policy for recommendation to the  
18 Committee.

19 (d) The Chair of the Committee, the Sergeant at Arms, the State Curator,  
20 and the President of the Friends of the Vermont State House shall execute a

1 memorandum of understanding to coordinate the policies, oversight, and care  
2 of the State House artwork collection.

3 Sec. 2. 2 V.S.A. § 62 is amended to read:

4 § 62. LEGISLATIVE DUTIES

5 (a) The Sergeant at Arms shall:

6 (1) execute orders of either house, the Joint Legislative Management  
7 Committee, the Committee on Joint Rules, or the House or Senate Committee  
8 on Rules;

9 (2) maintain order among spectators and take measures to prevent  
10 interruption of either house or any committee thereof;

11 (3) arrange for special meetings and conferences at the State House;

12 (4) provide for the distribution of mail to all legislators;

13 (5) schedule the time for the use of rooms for committee meetings and  
14 hearings;

15 (6) maintain the State House and its furnishings in a good state of repair  
16 ~~and provide security for all furniture, draperies, rugs, desks, and other~~  
17 ~~furnishings kept in the State House,~~ in consultation with the State Curator;

18 (7) provide for the establishment of a cafeteria and supervise its  
19 operation;

20 (8) provide security for the State House, pursuant to the responsibilities  
21 set forth in 29 V.S.A. § 171; and

1           (9) perform such other duties for the benefit of the legislators as may be  
2 required by any duly authorized committee thereof.

3           (b) He or she or any person in his or her employ shall not accept any  
4 compensation or gift for his or her services other than his or her salary. If he  
5 or she or any person in his or her employ violates this provision, he or she shall  
6 be fined \$25.00.

7           (c) The Sergeant at Arms shall not be responsible for structural repairs,  
8 capital improvements, or ~~building for maintenance for the~~ or curating the  
9 historic State House and its collections (as the term maintenance is defined in  
10 29 V.S.A. § 159) or for the use, upkeep, or maintenance of the State House  
11 grounds.

12           (d) The Sergeant at Arms and employees of the Sergeant at Arms shall seek  
13 guidance from and operate in accordance with policies adopted by the Joint  
14 Legislative Management Committee.

15           Sec. 3. 29 V.S.A. § 154a is amended to read:

16           § 154a. STATE CURATOR

17           (a) Creation. The position of State Curator is created within the  
18 Department of Buildings and General Services.

19           (b) Duties. The State Curator’s responsibilities shall include:

1           (1) oversight of the ~~general historic preservation of the State House,~~  
2 ~~including maintaining the historical integrity of the State House and works of~~  
3 ~~art in the State House~~ its collections of art, decorative arts, and furnishings;

4           (2) interpretation of the State House to the visiting public through  
5 exhibits, publications, ~~and tours,~~ and other means of communication; ~~and~~

6           (3) acquisition, management, and care of State collections of art and  
7 historic furnishings, provided that any works of art for the State House are  
8 acquired pursuant to the requirements of 2 V.S.A. § 653(a); and

9           (4) oversight and management of the State’s historic and contemporary  
10 art and collections in State buildings and on State property.

11           (c) ~~Acquisition~~ Collections policy. In ~~coordination with the Legislative~~  
12 ~~Advisory Committee on the State House,~~ ~~and in~~ accordance with the plan  
13 developed pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 653, and upon approval of the Legislative  
14 Advisory Committee on the State House, the State Curator shall adopt an  
15 ~~acquisition~~ a collections policy that ensures that the acquisition of art for the  
16 State House reflects a diversity of artistic media and artists; and celebrates the  
17 natural history of the State; and the diversity of the people and stories of  
18 Vermont throughout the history of the State.

19           (d) Interpretive plan. In coordination with the Friends of the Vermont State  
20 House and the Vermont Historical Society, the State Curator shall create an  
21 interpretive plan that tells the stories of the State House art collection through

1 accessible written, multimedia, and oral means. The plan shall include  
2 appropriate and inclusive training of State House volunteers and staff.

3 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

5 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act  
6 relating to the State House art collections”

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14 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE