

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 COLLECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

12 (a) The ~~Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House~~ Collections  
13 Oversight Committee is created.

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

15 (1) ~~four~~ three members of the House of Representatives, appointed

16 biennially by the Speaker of the House;

17 (2) ~~four~~ three members of the Senate, appointed biennially by the

18 Committee on Committees;

19 (3) the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Friends of the Vermont

20 State House;

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

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

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

3 ~~and~~

4 (7) the State Curator; and

5 (8) the Sergeant at Arms.

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

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

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

15 § 652. PER DIEM AND EXPENSES; LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

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

1 § 653. FUNCTIONS

2 (a)(1) The ~~Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House~~ shall be  
3 ~~consulted on~~ oversee all activities relating to the acquisition collections and  
4 care of paintings and historic artifacts and furnishings; and shall be consulted  
5 on the refurbishing, renovation, preservation, and expansion of the building  
6 and its interior.

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

11 (3) A collections subcommittee of the Committee shall, in coordination  
12 with experts, develop a collections policy for approval by the Committee.

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

18 (c) The Committee may establish permanent or ad hoc subcommittees as  
19 need to carry out its duties.

20 (d) The Chair of the Committee, the State Curator, and the President of the  
21 Friends of the Vermont State House shall execute a memorandum of

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

3 Sec. 2. 29 V.S.A. § 154a is amended to read:

4 § 154a. STATE CURATOR

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

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

8 (1) oversight of the general historic preservation of the State House,  
9 including maintaining the historical integrity of the State House and works of  
10 art in the State House;

11 (2) interpretation of the State House to the visiting public through  
12 exhibits, publications, and tours; and

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

16 (c) ~~Acquisition~~ Collections policy. In ~~coordination with the Legislative~~  
17 ~~Advisory Committee on the State House, and in~~ accordance with the plan  
18 developed pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 653, and upon approval of the State House  
19 Collections Oversight Committee, the State Curator shall adopt ~~an acquisition~~  
20 a collections policy that ensures that the acquisition of art for the State House  
21 reflects a diversity of artistic media and artists, the natural history of the State,

1 and the diversity of the people and stories of Vermont throughout the history of  
2 the State.

3 (d) Interpretive plan. In coordination with the Friends of the Vermont State  
4 House and the Vermont Historical Society, the State Curator shall create an  
5 interpretive plan that tells the stories of the State House art collection through  
6 accessible written, multimedia, and oral means. The plan shall include  
7 appropriate and inclusive training of State House volunteers and staff.

8 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

10 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act  
11 relating to the State House Collections Oversight Committee”

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

FOR THE COMMITTEE