

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 462 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous Department of Health
4 programs” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by adding a
6 reader assistance heading and new Sec. 13 to read as follows:

7 * * * Working Group on Services to Individuals with Eating Disorders * * *

8 Sec. 13. WORKING GROUP ON SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH
9 EATING DISORDERS; REPORT

10 (a) Creation. There is created the Working Group on Services to
11 Individuals with Eating Disorders to assess those services available to
12 individuals with an eating disorder in Vermont and make recommendations to
13 the General Assembly as to how access for services might be improved.

14 (b) Membership. The Working Group shall be composed of the following
15 members:

16 (1) the Commissioner of Mental Health or designee, who shall serve as
17 Chair;

18 (2) the Commissioner of Health or designee;

19 (3) a representative, appointed by Vermont Care Partners;

20 (4) a representative, appointed by the Vermont State School Nurses
21 Association;

1 (5) a representative of Vermont colleges and universities, appointed by
2 the Vermont Higher Education Council; and

3 (6) a physician with relevant expertise, appointed by the Vermont
4 Medical Society.

5 (c) Powers and duties.

6 (1) The Working Group shall:

7 (A) conduct an inventory of existing services in Vermont for
8 individuals with eating disorders; and

9 (B) provide recommendations for expanding and improving existing
10 services for individuals with eating disorders.

11 (2) In completing its duties pursuant to this section, the Working Group
12 shall consult with individuals with lived experience with eating disorders,
13 parents of individuals with eating disorders, medical or public health
14 professionals with expertise in treatment and research related to eating
15 disorders, and other relevant stakeholders.

16 (d) Assistance. The Working Group shall have the administrative,
17 technical, and legal assistance of the Department of Mental Health.

18 (e) Report. On or before February 1, 2023, the Working Group shall
19 submit a written report to the House Committees on Health Care and on
20 Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare with its
21 findings and any recommendations for legislative action.

1 (f) Meetings.

2 (1) The Chair shall call the first meeting of the Working Group to occur
3 on or before September 1, 2022.

4 (2) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

5 (3) The Working Group shall cease to exist on February 1, 2023.
6 and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

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9 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE