

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 striking out all  
6 after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 \* \* \* Division of Substance Use Programs \* \* \*

8 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 3004 is amended to read:

9 § 3004. PERSONNEL DESIGNATION

10 The Secretary, Deputy Secretary, commissioners, deputy commissioners,  
11 attorneys, Directors of the Offices of State Economic Opportunity, ~~of Alcohol~~  
12 ~~and Drug Abuse Programs~~, and of Child Support, and all members of boards,  
13 committees, commissions, or councils attached to the Agency for support are  
14 exempt from the classified State service. Except as authorized by section 311  
15 of this title or otherwise by law, all other positions shall be within the classified  
16 service.

17 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 4255 is amended to read:

18 § 4255. VERMONT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADVISORY COUNCIL

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20 (b)(1) The Advisory Council shall consist of the following members:

1 (A) the Commissioner of Health or designee, who shall serve as  
2 chair;

3 (B) ~~the Deputy Commissioner of Health for Alcohol and Drug Abuse~~  
4 a designee of the Division of Substance Use Programs ~~or designee~~;

5 \* \* \*

6 (CC) a drug and alcohol abuse counselor licensed pursuant to  
7 26 V.S.A. chapter 62, to be selected by the ~~Deputy~~ Commissioner of Health ~~for~~  
8 ~~Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs~~;

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10 Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. 4806 is amended to read:

11 § 4806. DIVISION OF ~~ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE~~ SUBSTANCE USE  
12 PROGRAMS

13 (a) The Division of ~~Alcohol and Drug Abuse~~ Substance Use Programs shall  
14 plan, operate, and evaluate a consistent, effective program of substance ~~abuse~~  
15 use programs. All duties, responsibilities, and authority of the Division shall  
16 be carried out and exercised by and within the Department of Health.

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18 (c) Under the direction of the Commissioner of Health, ~~the Deputy~~  
19 ~~Commissioner of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs~~ the Division shall review  
20 and approve all alcohol and drug programs developed or administered by any  
21 State agency or department, ~~except for alcohol and drug education programs~~

1 ~~developed by the Agency of Education in conjunction with the Alcohol and~~  
2 ~~Drug Abuse Council pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 909.~~

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4 Sec. 4. 18 V.S.A. § 7253 is amended to read:

5 § 7253. CLINICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT

6 The Commissioner of Mental Health, in consultation with health care  
7 providers as defined in section 9432 of this title, including designated  
8 hospitals, designated agencies, individuals with mental conditions or  
9 psychiatric disabilities, and other stakeholders, shall design and implement a  
10 clinical resource management system that ensures the highest quality of care  
11 and facilitates long-term, sustained recovery for individuals in the custody of  
12 the Commissioner.

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14 (2) For the purpose of maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of the  
15 clinical resource management system, the Department of Mental Health shall:

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17 (B) coordinate care across the mental and physical health care  
18 systems as well as ensure coordination within the Agency of Human Services,  
19 particularly the Department of Corrections, the Department of Health's  
20 ~~Alcohol and Drug Abuse~~ Division of Substance Use Programs, and the  
21 Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living;

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Sec. 5. 23 V.S.A. § 1216 is amended to read:

§ 1216. PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE; ALCOHOL  
CONCENTRATION OF 0.02 OR MORE

\* \* \*

(g) The Alcohol and Driving Program required under this section shall be administered by the ~~Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse~~ Department of Health's Division of Substance Use Programs and shall take into consideration any particular treatment needs of operators under ~~the age of 21~~ years of age.

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Sec. 6. 23 V.S.A. § 3207f is amended to read:

§ 3207f. PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE; ALCOHOL  
CONCENTRATION OF 0.02 OR MORE

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(f) The alcohol program required under this section shall be administered by the ~~Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse~~ Department of Health's Division of Substance Use Programs and shall take into consideration any particular treatment needs of operators under ~~the age of 21~~ years of age.

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1 Sec. 7. 23 V.S.A. § 3323a is amended to read:

2 § 3323a. PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE; ALCOHOL  
3 CONCENTRATION OF 0.02 OR MORE

4 \* \* \*

5 (f) The alcohol program required under this section shall be administered  
6 by the ~~Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse~~ Department of Health's Division of  
7 Substance Use Programs and shall take into consideration any particular  
8 treatment needs of operators under ~~the age of 21 years of age.~~

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10 Sec. 8. 33 V.S.A. § 5272 is amended to read:

11 § 5272. JUVENILE JUSTICE UNIT; JUVENILE JUSTICE DIRECTOR

12 \* \* \*

13 (c) The Juvenile Justice Director shall ensure that the following occur:

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15 (3) cooperation among appropriate departments, including the  
16 Department; the Agency of Education; the Departments of Corrections, of  
17 Labor, of Mental Health, of Public Safety, and of Disabilities, Aging, and  
18 Independent Living; and the Department of Health's Division of Alcohol and  
19 Drug Abuse Substance Use Programs;

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1                   \* \* \* Expansion of Drug Disposal Kiosks \* \* \*

2           Sec. 9. 18 V.S.A. § 4224 is amended to read:

3           § 4224. UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL PROGRAM

4           (a) The Department of Health shall establish and maintain the Statewide  
5           Unused Prescription Drug Disposal Program to provide for the safe disposal of  
6           Vermont residents' unused and unwanted prescription drugs. The Program  
7           may include establishing secure collection and disposal sites and providing  
8           medication envelopes for sending unused prescription drugs to an authorized  
9           collection facility for destruction.

10          (b) Pharmacies that operate 10 or more establishments in the United States,  
11          while concurrently conducting business in Vermont, shall enroll in a drug  
12          disposal kiosk program on or before December 31, 2022. If the physical  
13          dimensions of a pharmacy make an onsite collection receptacle impossible  
14          under State and federal law, a pharmacy shall provide a mail-back option for  
15          consumers.

16                   \* \* \* Child Fatality Review Team \* \* \*

17          Sec. 10. 18 V.S.A. § 1561 is amended to read:

18          § 1561. CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAM

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20          (g)(~~+~~) Confidentiality.



1 furtherance of the administration of the law, may order an autopsy to be  
2 performed by the Chief Medical Examiner or under ~~his or her~~ the Chief  
3 Medical Examiner’s direction. Upon completion of the autopsy, the Chief  
4 Medical Examiner shall submit a report to such State’s Attorney and the  
5 Attorney General and shall submit a report of death to the State Registrar.  
6 Upon the written request of a federal prosecutor or a prosecutor in another  
7 state, the Chief Medical Examiner shall submit a report of a death to the  
8 requesting office.

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10 \* \* \* Regulation of Health Care Professions \* \* \*

11 Sec. 12. 26 V.S.A. § 3108 is amended to read:

12 § 3108. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF SCOPE OF PRACTICE

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14 (d) Impacted persons; statements and replies.

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16 (e) Consultation with Commissioner and boards.

17 (1) If an assessment under this section addresses activities that would  
18 constitute the “practice of medicine” as defined in subdivision 1311(1) of this  
19 title, the Office shall give written notice to the Commissioner of Health and  
20 any professional regulatory board or boards having jurisdiction over some or  
21 all of the regulated acts. The Office shall include with such notice a copy of



1 the supporting information received from the requestor pursuant to  
2 subsection (b) of this section. Notice shall be given within 14 days after  
3 receipt of the requestor’s supporting information.

4 (2) The Office shall consult the Commissioner and relevant board or  
5 boards with respect to the requestor’s assertions under subsection (b) of this  
6 section. After consulting with the Office, and on or before November 15 of the  
7 year preceding the next regular session of the General Assembly, the  
8 Commissioner or relevant board or boards may file with the Office any written  
9 commentary they wish the Office to consider. Submitted commentary shall be  
10 appended to the Office’s final report or assessment filed with the General  
11 Assembly.

12 \* \* \* Working Group on Services for Individuals with Eating Disorders \* \* \*

13 Sec. 13. WORKING GROUP ON SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH  
14 EATING DISORDERS; REPORT

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

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

1           (1) the Commissioner of Mental Health or designee, who shall serve as

2           Chair;

3           (2) the Commissioner of Health or designee;

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

5           (4) a representative, appointed by the Vermont State School Nurses

6           Association;

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

9           (6) a physician with relevant expertise, appointed by the Vermont  
10          Medical Society; and

11          (7) a representative, appointed by the Vermont chapter of the American  
12          Nutrition Association.

13          (c) Powers and duties.

14           (1) The Working Group shall:

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

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

19           (2) In completing its duties pursuant to this section, the Working Group  
20           shall consult with individuals with lived experience with eating disorders,  
21           parents of individuals with eating disorders, medical or public health

1 professionals with expertise in treatment and research related to eating  
2 disorders, and other relevant stakeholders.

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

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

9 (f) Meetings.

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

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

13 (3) The Working Group shall cease to exist on February 1, 2023.

14 \* \* \* Effective Date \* \* \*

15 Sec. 14. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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20 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE