TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred Senate Bill No. 254 entitled “An act relating to a report on qualified immunity” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate concur in the House proposal of amendment with further proposal of amendment by adding a new Sec. 1 to read as follows:

Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 2370 is added to read:

§ 2370. RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

Each law enforcement agency shall maintain a record of all final judgments and settlements paid by the law enforcement agency for court claims related to alleged violations of constitutional rights established under the Constitution of the State of Vermont. All judgments, settlements, and their underlying complaints are subject to public disclosure unless an exemption applies pursuant to the Vermont Public Records Act. Any record disclosed shall include the name of the law enforcement agency and the monetary amount paid pursuant to the judgment or settlement, and by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to maintaining records of judgments and settlements paid by law enforcement agencies and a legal analysis of qualified immunity”
(Committee vote: ____________)

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Senator _________________

FOR THE COMMITTEE