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Act No. 118 (S.159). An act relating to the County and Regional Governance Study Committee

Subjects: Municipal and county government; structure of county governance

This act tasks various entities with examining how to best strengthen county-level government in Vermont to enhance and optimize public safety, tax collection, and resource allocation.

Sec. 1 creates the legislator-composed County and Regional Governance Study Committee to address local government capacity challenges, enhance and optimize public safety, regional collaboration and planning, efficient, equitable, and transparent public resource allocation, and effective regional public services for individuals and municipalities.

Sec. 2 creates the nonlegislator County and Regional Governance Technical Advisory Group to analyze the subject matter being considered by the County and Regional Governance Study Committee and advise, assist, and provide recommendations to the Study Committee, specifically on the structure and organization of county and regional government.

Sec. 3 directs the Secretary of Administration to report to the County and Regional Governance Study Committee on federal funding opportunities resulting from the disaster declaration for the major flooding events of 2023 in the State and how Vermont's lack of robust county or regional governance has impacted the State receipt of federal emergency funding.

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