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Introduced by Representatives Brumsted of Shelburne, Garofano of Essex,  
Gregoire of Fairfield, Small of Winooski, Black of Essex,  
Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donahue of  
Northfield, Goldman of Rockingham, Hyman of South  
Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, McGill of Bridport, Noyes  
of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Priestley of Bradford,  
Whitman of Bennington, and Wood of Waterbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; Reach Up; ratable reduction

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
Department for Children and Families to submit a report about removing the  
ratable reduction in Reach Up.

An act relating to removing the Reach Up ratable reduction

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

~~Sec. 1. REPORT: REACH UP; RATABLE REDUCTION~~

~~On or before November 15, 2023, the Department for Children and  
Families shall submit a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and~~

1 ~~on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on~~  
2 Health and Welfare containing an actionable, phased plan to remove the  
3 ratable reduction in the Reach Up program beginning in fiscal year 2025,  
4 assuming funds are available for this purpose. The plan shall be phased in  
5 over a period not greater than five fiscal years.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 ~~This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.~~

*Sec. 1. REPORT; REACH UP; RATABLE REDUCTION*

*On or before January 15, 2024, the Department for Children and Families shall submit a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare containing an actionable, phased plan that estimates the amount needed to remove the ratable reduction in the Reach Up program. The plan shall be designed to be phased in over a period not greater than five fiscal years and shall:*

*(1) address the financial implications posed by removing the ratable reduction;*

*(2) address any anticipated changes to the Reach Up caseload as a result of removing the ratable reduction; and*

*(3) identify any federal and State resources that may be utilized to remove the ratable reduction.*

*Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE*

*This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.*