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2	Introduced by Representatives Page of Newport City, Buss of Woodstock,
3	Hango of Berkshire, Higley of Lowell, Howard of Rutland City
4	Labor of Morgan, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon,
5	Roberts of Halifax, Smith of Derby, and Templeman of
6	Brownington
7	Referred to Committee on
8	Date:
9	Subject: General provisions; common law; general rights; Public Records Act;
10	exemptions; records relevant to litigation; repeal
11	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to repeal the
12	Public Records Act exemption covering records relevant to litigation.
13 14	An act relating to repealing the Public Records Act exemption covering records relevant to litigation
15	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
16	Sec. 1. 1 V.S.A. § 317 is amended to read:
17	§ 317. DEFINITIONS; PUBLIC AGENCY; PUBLIC RECORDS AND
18	DOCUMENTS; EXEMPTIONS
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1	(c) The following public records are exempt from public inspection and
2	copying:
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4	(14) Records that are relevant to litigation to which the public agency is
5	a party of record, provided all such matters shall be available to the public after
6	ruled discoverable by the court before which the litigation is pending, but in
7	any event upon final termination of the litigation. [Repealed.]
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9	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
10	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.