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2 An act relating to public safety

3 The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill by striking out all after  
4 the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 \* \* \* Big 12 Juvenile Offenses \* \* \*

6 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 5201 is amended to read:

7 § 5201. COMMENCEMENT OF DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS

8 \* \* \*

9 (c)(1) Any proceeding concerning a child who is alleged to have committed  
10 an act specified in subsection 5204(a) of this title after attaining 14 years of  
11 age, but not 22 years of age, shall originate in the Criminal Division of the  
12 Superior Court, provided that jurisdiction may be transferred in accordance  
13 with this chapter and chapter 52A of this title, unless the State's Attorney files  
14 the charge directly as a youthful offender petition in the Family Division.

15 (2)(A) Any proceeding concerning a child who is alleged to have  
16 committed one of the following acts after attaining 14 years of age, but not  
17 22 years of age, shall originate in the Criminal Division of the Superior Court,  
18 provided that jurisdiction may be transferred in accordance with this chapter  
19 and chapter 52A of this title, unless the State's Attorney files the charge  
20 directly as a youthful offender petition in the Family Division:

1           (i) a violation of a condition of release as defined in 13 V.S.A.  
2 § 7559 imposed by the Criminal Division for any of the offenses listed in  
3 subsection 5204(a) of this title; or

4           (ii) a violation of a condition of release as defined in 13 V.S.A.  
5 § 7559 imposed by the Criminal Division for an offense that was transferred  
6 from the Family Division pursuant to section 5204 of this title.

7           (B) This subdivision (2) shall not apply to a proceeding that is the  
8 subject of a final order accepting the case for youthful offender treatment  
9 pursuant to subsection 5281(d) of this title.

10           (3) Any proceeding concerning a child who is alleged to have  
11 committed one of the following acts after attaining 16 years of age, but not 22  
12 years of age, shall originate in the Criminal Division of the Superior Court,  
13 provided that jurisdiction may be transferred in accordance with this chapter  
14 and chapter 52A of this title, unless the State's Attorney files the charge  
15 directly as a youthful offender petition in the Family Division:

16           (A) using a firearm while committing a felony in violation of  
17 13 V.S.A. § 4005, or an attempt to commit that offense;

18           (B) trafficking a regulated drug in violation of 18 V.S.A. chapter 84,  
19 subchapter 1, or an attempt to commit that offense; or

20           (C) aggravated stalking as defined in 13 V.S.A. § 1063(a)(3), or an  
21 attempt to commit that offense.

1 (d) Any proceeding concerning a child who is alleged to have committed  
2 any offense other than those specified in subsection 5204(a) of this title or  
3 subdivision (c)(2) or (3) of this section before attaining 19 years of age shall  
4 originate in the Family Division of the Superior Court, provided that  
5 jurisdiction may be transferred in accordance with this chapter.

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7 Sec. 1a. 33 V.S.A. § 5203 is amended to read:

8 § 5203. TRANSFER FROM OTHER COURTS

9 (a) If it appears to a Criminal Division of the Superior Court that the  
10 defendant was under 19 years of age at the time the offense charged was  
11 alleged to have been committed and the offense charged is an offense not  
12 specified in subsection 5204(a) or subdivision 5201(c)(2) or (3) of this title,  
13 that court shall forthwith transfer the proceeding to the Family Division of the  
14 Superior Court under the authority of this chapter, and the minor shall then be  
15 considered to be subject to this chapter as a child charged with a delinquent  
16 act.

17 (b) If it appears to a Criminal Division of the Superior Court that the  
18 defendant had attained 14 years of age but not 18 years of age at the time an  
19 offense specified in subsection 5204(a) or subdivision 5201(c)(2) or (3) of this  
20 title was alleged to have been committed, that court may forthwith transfer the  
21 proceeding to the Family Division of the Superior Court under the authority of

1 this chapter, and the minor shall then be considered to be subject to this chapter  
2 as a child charged with a delinquent act.

3 (c) If it appears to the State's Attorney that the defendant was under 19  
4 years of age at the time the felony offense charged was alleged to have been  
5 committed and the felony charged is not an offense specified in subsection  
6 5204(a) or subdivision 5201(c)(2) or (3) of this title, the State's Attorney shall  
7 file charges in the Family Division of the Superior Court, pursuant to section  
8 5201 of this title. The Family Division may transfer the proceeding to the  
9 Criminal Division pursuant to section 5204 of this title.

10 \* \* \*

11 Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 5204 is amended to read:

12 § 5204. TRANSFER FROM FAMILY DIVISION OF THE SUPERIOR  
13 COURT

14 (a) After a petition has been filed alleging delinquency, upon motion of the  
15 State's Attorney and after hearing, the Family Division of the Superior Court  
16 may transfer jurisdiction of the proceeding to the Criminal Division of the  
17 Superior Court if the child had attained 16 years of age but not 19 years of age  
18 at the time the act was alleged to have occurred and the delinquent act set forth  
19 in the petition is a felony not specified in subdivisions (1)–~~(12)~~(11) of this  
20 subsection or if the child had attained 12 years of age but not 14 years of age at

1 the time the act was alleged to have occurred, and if the delinquent act set forth  
2 in the petition was any of the following:

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4 (10) sexual assault as defined in 13 V.S.A. § 3252(a)(1) or (a)(2) or an  
5 attempt to commit that offense; or

6 (11) aggravated sexual assault as defined in 13 V.S.A. § 3253 and  
7 aggravated sexual assault of a child as defined in 13 V.S.A. § 3253a or an  
8 attempt to commit either of those offenses; ~~or~~

9 ~~(12) burglary into an occupied dwelling as defined in 13 V.S.A.~~  
10 ~~§ 1201(e) or an attempt to commit that offense.~~

11 (b)(1) The State's Attorney of the county where the juvenile petition is  
12 pending may move in the Family Division of the Superior Court for an order  
13 transferring jurisdiction under subsection (a) of this section at any time prior to  
14 adjudication on the merits. The filing of the motion to transfer jurisdiction  
15 shall automatically stay the time for the hearing provided for in section 5225 of  
16 this title, which stay shall remain in effect until such time as the Family  
17 Division of the Superior Court may deny the motion to transfer jurisdiction.

18 (2)(A)(i) The Family Division of the Superior Court shall hold a hearing  
19 under subsection (c) of this section to determine whether jurisdiction should be  
20 transferred to the Criminal Division under subsection (a) of this section if the  
21 delinquent act set forth in the petition is:

1 (I) ~~a felony violation of 18 V.S.A. chapter 84 for selling or~~  
2 ~~trafficking a regulated drug [Repealed.]~~;

3 (II) human trafficking or aggravated human trafficking in  
4 violation of 13 V.S.A. § 2652 or 2653;

5 (III) defacing a firearm's serial number in violation of 13  
6 V.S.A. § 4024; or

7 (IV) straw purchasing of firearm in violation of 13 V.S.A.  
8 § 4025; and

9 (ii) the child had attained 16 years of age but not 19 years of age at  
10 the time the act was alleged to have occurred.

11 \* \* \*

12 \* \* \* Raise the Age \* \* \*

13 Sec. 3. 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 201, Secs. 17–19, are amended to read:

14 Sec. 17. [Deleted.]

15 Sec. 18. [Deleted.]

16 Sec. 19. [Deleted.]

17 Sec. 4. 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 201, Sec. 21, as amended by 2022 Acts  
18 and Resolves No. 160, Sec. 1, and 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 23, Sec. 12, is  
19 further amended to read:

20 Sec. 21. EFFECTIVE DATES

21 \* \* \*

1 (d) ~~Secs. 17–19 shall take effect on July 1, 2024.~~ [Deleted.]

2 Sec. 5. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 124, Secs. 3 and 7, are amended to read:

3 Sec. 3. [Deleted.]

4 Sec. 7. [Deleted.]

5 Sec. 6. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 124, Sec. 12, as amended by 2022 Acts  
6 and Resolves No. 160, Sec. 2, and 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 23, Sec. 13, is  
7 further amended to read:

8 Sec. 12. EFFECTIVE DATES

9 (a) ~~Secs. 3 (33 V.S.A. § 5103(e)) and 7 (33 V.S.A. § 5206) shall take effect~~  
10 ~~on July 1, 2024.~~ [Deleted.]

11 \* \* \*

12 Sec. 7. 33 V.S.A. § 5201(d) is amended to read:

13 (d) Any proceeding concerning a child who is alleged to have committed  
14 any offense other than those specified in subsection 5204(a) of this title or  
15 subdivision (c)(2) or (3) of this section before attaining ~~19~~ 20 years of age shall  
16 originate in the Family Division of the Superior Court, provided that  
17 jurisdiction may be transferred in accordance with this chapter.

18 Sec. 8. 33 V.S.A. § 5203 is amended to read:

19 § 5203. TRANSFER FROM OTHER COURTS

20 (a) If it appears to a Criminal Division of the Superior Court that the  
21 defendant was under ~~19~~ 20 years of age at the time the offense charged was

1 alleged to have been committed and the offense charged is an offense not  
2 specified in subsection 5204(a) or subdivision 5201(c)(2) or (3) of this title,  
3 that court shall forthwith transfer the proceeding to the Family Division of the  
4 Superior Court under the authority of this chapter, and the minor shall then be  
5 considered to be subject to this chapter as a child charged with a delinquent  
6 act.

7 \* \* \*

8 (c) If it appears to the State's Attorney that the defendant was under ~~19~~ 20  
9 years of age at the time the felony offense charged was alleged to have been  
10 committed and the felony charged is not an offense specified in subsection  
11 5204(a) or subdivision 5201(c)(2) or (3) of this title, the State's Attorney shall  
12 file charges in the Family Division of the Superior Court, pursuant to section  
13 5201 of this title. The Family Division may transfer the proceeding to the  
14 Criminal Division pursuant to section 5204 of this title.

15 \* \* \*

16 Sec. 9. 33 V.S.A. § 5204 is amended to read:

17 § 5204. TRANSFER FROM FAMILY DIVISION OF THE SUPERIOR  
18 COURT

19 (a) After a petition has been filed alleging delinquency, upon motion of the  
20 State's Attorney and after hearing, the Family Division of the Superior Court  
21 may transfer jurisdiction of the proceeding to the Criminal Division of the



1 Superior Court if the child had attained 16 years of age but not ~~19~~ 20 years of  
2 age at the time the act was alleged to have occurred and the delinquent act set  
3 forth in the petition is a felony not specified in subdivisions (1)–(11) of this  
4 subsection or if the child had attained 12 years of age but not 14 years of age at  
5 the time the act was alleged to have occurred, and if the delinquent act set forth  
6 in the petition was any of the following:

7 \* \* \*

8 Sec. 10. 33 V.S.A. § 5103(c) is amended to read:

9 (c)(1) Except as otherwise provided by this title and by subdivision (2) of  
10 this subsection, jurisdiction over a child shall not be extended beyond the  
11 child's 18th birthday.

12 (2)(A) Jurisdiction over a child with a delinquency may be extended  
13 until six months beyond the child's:

14 (i) 19th birthday if the child was 16 or 17 years of age when ~~he or~~  
15 ~~she~~ the child committed the offense; ~~or~~

16 (ii) 20th birthday if the child was 18 years of age when ~~he or she~~  
17 the child committed the offense; or

18 (iii) 21st birthday if the child was 19 years of age when the child  
19 committed the offense.

20 \* \* \*

1 Sec. 11. 33 V.S.A. § 5206 is amended to read:

2 § 5206. CITATION OF 16- TO ~~18-YEAR-OLDS~~ 19-YEAR-OLDS

3 (a)(1) If a child was over 16 years of age and under ~~19~~ 20 years of age at  
4 the time the offense was alleged to have been committed and the offense is not  
5 specified in subsection (b) of this section, law enforcement shall cite the child  
6 to the Family Division of the Superior Court.

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8 Sec. 12. BIMONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS TO JOINT LEGISLATIVE  
9 JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

10 (a) On or before the last day of every other month from July 2024 through  
11 March 2025, the Agency of Human Services shall report to the Joint  
12 Legislative Justice Oversight Committee, the Senate and House Committees on  
13 Judiciary, the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, the House  
14 Committee on Human Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and  
15 Welfare on its progress toward implementing the requirement of Secs. 7–11 of  
16 this act that the Raise the Age initiative take effect on April 1, 2025. The  
17 progress reports required by this section shall describe progress toward  
18 implementation of the Raise the Age initiative, as measured by qualitative and  
19 quantitative data related to the following priorities:

20 (1) establishing a secure residential facility;

- 1           (2) expanding capacity for nonresidential treatment programs to provide  
2 community-based services;
- 3           (3) ensuring that residential treatment programs are used appropriately  
4 and to their full potential;
- 5           (4) expanding capacity for Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ)  
6 contracts;
- 7           (5) expanding capacity for the provision of services to children with  
8 developmental disabilities;
- 9           (6) establishing a stabilization program for children who are  
10 experiencing a mental health crisis;
- 11           (7) enhancing long-term treatment for children;
- 12           (8) programming to help children, particularly 18- and 19-year-olds,  
13 transition from youth to adulthood;
- 14           (9) developing district-specific data and information on family services  
15 workforce development, including turnover, retention, and vacancy rates; times  
16 needed to fill open positions; training opportunities and needs; and instituting a  
17 positive culture for employees;
- 18           (10) installation of a comprehensive child welfare information system;  
19 and
- 20           (11) plans for and measures taken to secure funding for the goals listed  
21 in this section.



1           (49) “Xylazine” means any compound, mixture, or preparation  
2           including salts, isomers, or salts of isomers containing N-(2,6-  
3           dimethylphenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-1,3-thiazin-2-amine.

4           Sec. 14. 18 V.S.A. § 4233a is amended to read:

5           § 4233a. FENTANYL

6           (a) Selling or dispensing.

7           (1) A person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing fentanyl shall be  
8           imprisoned not more than three years or fined not more than \$75,000.00, or  
9           both. A person knowingly and unlawfully selling fentanyl shall be imprisoned  
10          not more than five years or fined not more than \$100,000.00, or both.

11          (2) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing fentanyl in  
12          an amount consisting of four milligrams or more of one or more preparations,  
13          compounds, mixtures, or substances containing fentanyl shall be imprisoned  
14          not more than 10 years or fined not more than \$250,000.00, or both.

15          (3) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing fentanyl in  
16          an amount consisting of 20 milligrams or more of one or more preparations,  
17          compounds, mixtures, or substances containing fentanyl shall be imprisoned  
18          not more than 20 years or fined not more than \$1,000,000.00, or both.

19          (4) In lieu of a charge under this subsection, but in addition to any other  
20          penalties provided by law, a person knowingly and unlawfully selling or  
21          dispensing any regulated drug containing a detectable amount of fentanyl shall

1 be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than \$250,000.00, or  
2 both.

3 (b) Trafficking. A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing fentanyl in  
4 an amount consisting of 70 milligrams or more of one or more preparations,  
5 compounds, mixtures, or substances containing fentanyl with the intent to sell  
6 or dispense the fentanyl shall be imprisoned not more than 30 years or fined  
7 not more than \$1,000,000.00, or both. There shall be a permissive inference  
8 that a person who possesses fentanyl in an amount of 70 milligrams or more of  
9 one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing  
10 fentanyl intends to sell or dispense the fentanyl. The amount of possessed  
11 fentanyl under this subsection to sustain a charge of conspiracy under 13  
12 V.S.A. § 1404 shall be not less than 70 milligrams in the aggregate.

13 (c) Transportation into the State. In addition to any other penalties  
14 provided by law, a person knowingly and unlawfully transporting more than 20  
15 milligrams of fentanyl into Vermont with the intent to sell or dispense the  
16 fentanyl shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than  
17 \$100,000.00, or both.

18 (d) As used in this section, “knowingly” means:

19 (1) the defendant had actual knowledge that one or more preparations,  
20 compounds, mixtures, or substances contained the regulated drug identified in  
21 the applicable section of this chapter; or

1           (2) the defendant:

2           (A) subjectively believed that there is a high probability that one or  
3 more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances contained the regulated  
4 drug identified in the applicable section of this chapter; and

5           (B) took deliberate actions to avoid learning that one or more  
6 preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances contained the regulated drug  
7 identified in the applicable section of this chapter.

8       Sec. 15. 18 V.S.A. § 4234 is amended to read:

9       § 4234. DEPRESSANT, STIMULANT, AND NARCOTIC DRUGS

10       (a) Possession.

11           (1)(A) Except as provided by subdivision (B) of this subdivision (1), a  
12 person knowingly and unlawfully possessing a depressant, stimulant, or  
13 narcotic drug, other than heroin or cocaine, shall be imprisoned not more than  
14 one year or fined not more than \$2,000.00, or both.

15           (B) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing 224 milligrams  
16 or less of buprenorphine shall not be punished in accordance with subdivision  
17 (A) of this subdivision (1).

18           (2) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing a depressant,  
19 stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than heroin or cocaine, consisting of 100  
20 times a benchmark unlawful dosage or its equivalent shall be imprisoned not  
21 more than five years or fined not more than \$25,000.00, or both.

1           (3) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing a depressant,  
2 stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than heroin or cocaine, consisting of 1,000  
3 times a benchmark unlawful dosage or its equivalent shall be imprisoned not  
4 more than 10 years or fined not more than \$100,000.00, or both.

5           (4) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing a depressant,  
6 stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than heroin or cocaine, consisting of 10,000  
7 times a benchmark unlawful dosage or its equivalent shall be imprisoned not  
8 more than 20 years or fined not more than \$500,000.00, or both.

9           (b) Selling or dispensing.

10           (1) A person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing a depressant,  
11 stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than fentanyl, heroin, or cocaine, shall be  
12 imprisoned not more than three years or fined not more than \$75,000.00, or  
13 both. A person knowingly and unlawfully selling a depressant, stimulant, or  
14 narcotic drug, other than fentanyl, cocaine, or heroin, shall be imprisoned not  
15 more than five years or fined not more than \$25,000.00, or both.

16           (2) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing a  
17 depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than fentanyl, heroin, or cocaine,  
18 consisting of 100 times a benchmark unlawful dosage or its equivalent shall be  
19 imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than \$100,000.00, or  
20 both.



1           (3) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing a  
2 depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than fentanyl, heroin, or cocaine,  
3 consisting of 1,000 times a benchmark unlawful dosage or its equivalent shall  
4 be imprisoned not more than 20 years or fined not more than \$500,000.00, or  
5 both.

6           (4) As used in this subsection, “knowingly” means:

7                 (A) the defendant had actual knowledge that one or more  
8 preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances contained the regulated drug  
9 identified in the applicable section of this chapter; or

10                (B) the defendant:

11                    (i) subjectively believed that there is a high probability that one or  
12 more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances contained the regulated  
13 drug identified in the applicable section of this chapter; and

14                    (ii) took deliberate actions to avoid learning that one or more  
15 preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances contained the regulated drug  
16 identified in the applicable section of this chapter.

17           (c) Possession of buprenorphine by a person under 21 years of age.

18               (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, a person  
19 under 21 years of age who knowingly and unlawfully possesses 224  
20 milligrams or less of buprenorphine commits a civil violation and shall be  
21 subject to the provisions of section 4230b of this title.

1           (2) A person under 16 years of age who knowingly and unlawfully  
2 possesses 224 milligrams or less of buprenorphine commits a delinquent act  
3 and shall be subject to the provisions of section 4230j of this title.

4 Sec. 16. 18 V.S.A. § 4233b is added to read:

5 § 4233b. XYLAZINE

6           (a) No person shall dispense or sell xylazine except as provided in  
7 subsection (b) of this section.

8           (b) The following are permitted activities related to xylazine:

9           (1) dispensing or prescribing for, or administration to, a nonhuman  
10 species a drug containing xylazine approved by the Secretary of Health and  
11 Human Services pursuant to section 512 of the Federal Food, Drug, and  
12 Cosmetic Act as provided in 21 U.S.C. § 360b;

13           (2) dispensing or prescribing for, or administration to, a nonhuman  
14 species permissible pursuant to section 512(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug,  
15 and Cosmetic Act as provided in 21 U.S.C. § 360b(a)(4);

16           (3) manufacturing, distribution, or use of xylazine as an active  
17 pharmaceutical ingredient for manufacturing an animal drug approved under  
18 section 512 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act as provided in  
19 21 U.S.C. § 360b or issued an investigation use exemption pursuant to section  
20 512(j);

1           (4) manufacturing, distribution, or use of a xylazine bulk chemical for  
2 pharmaceutical compounding by licensed pharmacists or veterinarians; and

3           (5) any other use approved or permissible under the Federal Food, Drug,  
4 and Cosmetic Act.

5           (c) A person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing xylazine shall be  
6 imprisoned not more than three years or fined not more than \$75,000.00, or  
7 both. A person knowingly and unlawfully selling xylazine shall be imprisoned  
8 not more than five years or fined not more than \$100,000.00, or both.

9       Sec. 17. 18 V.S.A. § 4250 is amended to read:

10       § 4250. SELLING OR DISPENSING A REGULATED DRUG WITH  
11                DEATH RESULTING

12       (a) If the death of a person results from the selling or dispensing of a  
13 regulated drug to the person in violation of this chapter, the person convicted  
14 of the violation shall be imprisoned not less than two years nor more than  
15 20 years.

16       (b) This section shall apply only if the person's use of the regulated drug is  
17 the proximate cause of ~~his or her~~ the person's death. The fact that a dispensed  
18 or sold substance contains more than one regulated drug shall not be a defense  
19 under this section if the proximate cause of death is the use of the dispensed or  
20 sold substance containing more than one regulated drug.

1       (c)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the two-year  
2       minimum term of imprisonment required by this section shall be served and  
3       may not be suspended, deferred, or served as a supervised sentence. The  
4       defendant shall not be eligible for probation, parole, furlough, or any other type  
5       of early release until the expiration of the two-year term of imprisonment.

6       (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, the court may  
7       impose a sentence that does not include a term of imprisonment or that  
8       includes a term of imprisonment of less than two years if the court makes  
9       findings on the record that the sentence will serve the interests of justice.

10      Sec. 18. 18 V.S.A. § 4252a is added to read:

11      § 4252a. UNLAWFUL DRUG ACTIVITY IN A DWELLING; FLASH

12                   CITATION

13      Except for good cause shown, a person cited or arrested for dispensing or  
14      selling a regulated drug in violation of this chapter shall be arraigned on the  
15      next business day after the citation or arrest if the alleged illegal activity  
16      occurred at a dwelling where the person is not a legal tenant.

17      Sec. 19. 18 V.S.A. § 4254(j) is added to read:

18      (j) To encourage persons to seek medical assistance for someone who is  
19      experiencing an overdose, the Department of Health, in partnership with  
20      entities that provide education, outreach, and services regarding substance use

1 disorder, shall engage in continuous efforts to publicize the immunity  
2 protections provided in this section.

3 \* \* \* Report \* \* \*

4 Sec. 20. WORKING GROUP ON TRANSFERS OF JUVENILE

5 PROCEEDINGS FROM THE FAMILY DIVISION TO THE

6 CRIMINAL DIVISION

7 (a) On or before December 15, 2025, a joint report on options for creating  
8 an expedited process for transfers of juvenile proceedings from the Family  
9 Division of the Superior Court to the Criminal Division of the Superior Court  
10 shall be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary by a  
11 working group composed of the following parties:

12 (1) the Chief Superior Judge or designee, who shall be chair of the  
13 working group;

14 (2) the Defender General or designee;

15 (3) the Executive Director of the Department of State's Attorneys and  
16 Sheriffs or designee; and

17 (4) the Commissioner of the Department for Children and Families or  
18 designee.

19 (b) the report required by this section may be in the form of proposed  
20 legislation and shall include recommendations on the following topics:

