

1 S.186

2 Introduced by Senator Lyons

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; substance use disorder; recovery residences;
6 recovery communities; systemic evaluation

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
8 Agency of Human Services to conduct a systemic evaluation of substance use
9 disorder recovery residences and recovery communities in Vermont.

10 An act relating to the systemic evaluation of recovery residences and
11 recovery communities

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

13 Sec. 1. SYSTEMIC EVALUATION OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

14 RECOVERY RESIDENCES AND RECOVERY COMMUNITIES

15 (a) The Agency of Human Services, in consultation with community
16 partners and individuals with lived experience of substance use disorder, shall
17 develop and submit the results of a systemic evaluation of Vermont's
18 substance use disorder recovery residences and recovery communities to the
19 House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health
20 and Welfare.

1 (1) On or before August 15, 2024, the Agency shall submit a report
2 identifying the framework, outcome measures, and evaluation methods to be
3 used in the systemic evaluation, as well as the key components of service
4 delivery to be evaluated.

5 (2) On or before November 15, 2024, the Agency shall submit the final
6 systemic evaluation.

7 (b) Specifically, the evaluation shall address:

8 (1) the financial landscape related to recovery residences and recovery
9 communities, including strategies for stability, the identification of potential
10 funding sources, and opportunities for braiding funding;

11 (2) gaps in services within Vermont's recovery residence and recovery
12 community system;

13 (3) an assessment of the desired framework and key components of a
14 successful recovery residence or recovery community, including guidance
15 specific to component replicability;

16 (4) the necessary components of Vermont's recovery residences and
17 recovery communities, including appropriate levels of care, lengths of stay,
18 safety, and quality of care;

19 (5) elements of the resident experience at recovery residences and
20 recovery communities, including the quality of home recovery culture and
21 recovery efficiency;

1 (6) the current rate of recidivism among individuals previously staying
2 in recovery residences and recovery communities; and

3 (7) any other factors the Agency deems appropriate.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.