

1 S.246

2 Introduced by Senators Clarkson, McCormack, Ram Hinsdale and White

3 Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General

4 Affairs

5 Date: January 11, 2024

6 Subject: Legislature; Joint Fiscal Office; basic needs budget; livable wage

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the

8 statute governing the biennial report on Vermont's basic needs budget and

9 livable wage.

10 An act relating to amending the Vermont basic needs budget and livable  
11 wage

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

13 Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. § 526 is amended to read:

14 § 526. BASIC NEEDS BUDGET AND LIVABLE WAGE; REPORT

15 (a) ~~For the purposes of~~ As used in this section:

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17 (3) "Livable wage" means the hourly wage required in an urban or rural

18 area for a full-time worker ~~to pay for one-half of the basic needs budget for a~~

19 ~~two-person household with no children and~~ who lives in shared housing and

20 has employer-assisted health insurance averaged for both urban and rural areas

21 to pay for the basic needs budget.

