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2 Representative Cina of Burlington moves that the House propose to the
3 Senate that the bill be amended in Sec. 15, regional planning report, by striking
4 it out in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 Sec. 15. REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT

6 (a) On or before December 15, 2023, the Vermont Association of Planning
7 and Development Agencies shall report on statutory recommendations to better
8 integrate and implement municipal, regional, and State plans, policies, and
9 investments by focusing on regional future land use maps and policies. In the
10 process of creating the Regional Planning Report, the Vermont Association of
11 Planning and Development Agencies shall explore new methods of public
12 engagement that promote equity and expand opportunity for meaningful
13 participation by impacted communities in the decisions affecting their physical
14 and social environment.

15 (b) The recommendations shall address how to accomplish the following:

16 (1) Aligning policies and implementation between municipalities,
17 regional planning commissions, and State entities to better address climate
18 change, climate resiliency, natural resources, housing, transportation,
19 economic development, other social determinants of health, and other place-
20 based issues.

1 (2) Building upon municipal and regional enhanced energy plans and
2 their implementation.

3 (3) Evaluating place-based policy and project decisions by the State,
4 regional planning commissions, and municipalities related to implementing
5 regional future land use maps and policies and recommending changes to
6 which of those governmental levels those decisions should occur, if necessary.

7 (4) Ensuring that State agency investment and policy decisions that
8 relate to land development are consistent with regional and local plans. The
9 investments assessed should include, at a minimum:

10 (A) drinking water;

11 (B) wastewater;

12 (C) stormwater;

13 (D) solid waste management;

14 (E) gaseous waste management;

15 (F) transportation;

16 (G) community and economic development;

17 (H) housing;

18 (I) energy; and

19 (J) telecommunications.

20 (5) Achieving statewide consistency of future land use maps and
21 policies to better support Act 250 and 30 V.S.A. § 248.

1 (6) How Act 250 and 30 V.S.A. § 248 could better support
2 implementation of regional future land use maps and policies.

3 (7) Better support implementation of regional future land use maps and
4 policies in the State designation program under 24 V.S.A. chapter 76A.

5 (8) Improving the quality and effectiveness of future land use maps in
6 regional and municipal plans through changes to 24 V.S.A. chapter 117
7 including:

8 (A) future land use map area delineations, definitions, statements,
9 and policies;

10 (B) existing settlement definitions and their relationship to future
11 land use maps;

12 (C) the role of regional plans in the review and approval of municipal
13 plans and planning processes; and

14 (D) a review mechanism to ensure bylaws are consistent with
15 municipal plans.

16 (9) How to increase meaningful participation of people living in each
17 region in the existing process of regional planning, identifying barriers to
18 participation and possible incentives for participation that can improve social
19 determinants of health for impacted communities.

20 (c) The report should also discuss how best to implement the
21 recommendations, including the following:

- 1 (1) how best to phase in the recommendations;
- 2 (2) how to establish a mechanism for the independent review of regional
3 plans to ensure consistency with statutory requirements;
- 4 (3) what guidance and training will be needed to implement the
5 recommendations;
- 6 (4) what incentives and accountability mechanisms are necessary to
7 accomplish these changes at all levels of government; and
- 8 (5) how to convene an equitable process to develop and implement a
9 statewide vision that improves social determinants of health through
10 investments in sustainable economic and community development built upon
11 the unique resources, assets, and strengths of all regions of Vermont.
- 12 (d) The Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies shall
13 consult with the Agency of Transportation, the Agency of Natural Resources,
14 the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Department of
15 Public Service, Vermont Emergency Management, the Natural Resources
16 Board, the regional development corporations, the Vermont League of Cities
17 and Towns, statewide environmental organizations, and other interested parties
18 in developing the report and shall summarize comments.
- 19 (e) On or before December 15, 2023, the Vermont Association of Planning
20 and Development Agencies shall submit the report to the following
21 committees: the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and

1 General Affairs, on Government Operations, on Natural Resources and
2 Energy, and on Transportation and the House Committees on Commerce and
3 Economic Development, on Environment and Energy, on General and
4 Housing, on Government Operations and Military Affairs, and on
5 Transportation.

6 (f) The Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies shall
7 be funded in fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024 for this study through the
8 regional planning grant established in 24 V.S.A. § 4306.