

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred House Bill No.
3 276 entitled “An act relating to creating a rental housing registry” respectfully
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be
5 amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu
6 thereof the following:

7 * * * Rental Housing Registry; ADS; Project Scope * * *

8 Sec. 1. RENTAL HOUSING REGISTRY; PROJECT SCOPE; REPORT

9 (a) The Agency of Digital Services, in coordination with the Department of
10 Housing and Community Development and the Rental Housing Advisory
11 Board, shall conduct a project assessment, through and including a Request for
12 Information, to assess the design, implementation, and associated costs for
13 creating and maintaining a rental housing registry, including:

14 (1) using an existing framework, including the landlord certificate and
15 associated data collected pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 6069; and

16 (2) using a new framework for an annual registration requirement for
17 long-term and short-term rental housing.

18 (b) For each assessment, the report shall address:

19 (1) the operating cost, including the amount of any new registration fee,
20 necessary to support the design, implementation, and maintenance of a
21 registry;

1 (2) the technological requirements and associated administrative costs
2 for transferring data between a registry and other registration and licensing
3 programs, including local housing programs and other State registries or
4 sources of housing data; and

5 (3) the technological requirements and recommended best practices for
6 ensuring data security and privacy.

7 (c) On or before December 15, 2024, the Agency, Department, and Board
8 shall report their findings, recommendations, and cost estimates to the House
9 Committees on General and Housing, on Ways and Means, and on
10 Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Economic Development,
11 Housing and General Affairs, on Finance, and on Appropriations.

12 Sec. 2. AGENCY OF DIGITAL SERVICES; PROJECT SCOPE

13 APPROPRIATION

14 In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$25,000.00 is appropriated from the
15 General Fund to the Agency of Digital Services to implement Sec. 1 of this act.

16 * * * Crisis Standards of Housing; Homelessness Response Analysis * * *

17 Sec. 3. CRISIS STANDARDS OF HOUSING

18 On or before November 1, 2023, the Department for Children and Families
19 shall develop and submit a plan to implement crisis standards for housing to
20 the House Committees on Human Services and on General and Housing and to
21 the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General

1 Affairs and on Health and Welfare. In developing the plan, the Department
2 shall consult with stakeholders who specialize in homelessness prevention and
3 mitigation, including those organizations who participated in developing the
4 Vermont Roadmap to End Homelessness developed pursuant to 2016 Acts and
5 Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.1102(a).

6 Sec. 4. HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE SYSTEMS ANALYSIS

7 (a) On or before September 1, 2023, the Agency of Human Services shall
8 convene a working group, including individuals with lived experience of
9 homelessness, local and statewide representatives of the Continuums of Care
10 Program, and representatives of housing- and homelessness-related
11 organizations, to review, develop, and provide recommendations on Vermont’s
12 homelessness response and prevention programs and governance system,
13 including any success measures that incorporate recent and relevant
14 assessments and statewide plans.

15 (b)(1) On or before March 1, 2024, the working group established pursuant
16 to subsection (a) of this section shall submit its findings and recommendations
17 to the House Committees on Human Services and on General and Housing and
18 to the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Economic
19 Development, Housing and General Affairs to align with the federal goal to
20 reduce homelessness by 25 percent by 2025, in accordance with the Federal
21 Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, including strategies to:

1 (A) address racial and other disparities, as well as the multiplier
2 effects of two or more concurrent risk factors, among people experiencing
3 homelessness;

4 (B) justify State and local action through research of quantitative and
5 qualitative data, including the perspectives of individuals who have or are
6 currently experiencing homelessness;

7 (C) eliminate the silos between State and local governments and
8 organizations; public, private, and philanthropic sectors; and individuals who
9 have or are currently experiencing homelessness;

10 (D) increase the supply of and access to safe, affordable, and
11 accessible housing and tailored supports for individuals at risk of or currently
12 experiencing homelessness;

13 (E) improve response systems to meet the urgent crisis of
14 homelessness, especially unsheltered homelessness; and

15 (F) reduce the risk of housing instability for households most likely
16 to experience homelessness.

17 (2) On or before January 1, 2024, the working group shall submit an
18 interim report on its work pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to the
19 House Committees on Human Services and on General and Housing and to the
20 Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Economic Development,
21 Housing and General Affairs.

1 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

2 This act shall take effect on passage, except that Sec. 2 (ADS appropriation)
3 shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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7 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE