1	TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:
2	The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred Senate
3	Bill No. 183 entitled "An act relating to planning for the Agency of Health
4	Care Administration" respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5	recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6	clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
7	Sec. 1. REENVISIONING THE AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES;
8	REPORT
9	(a) The Secretary of Human Services, in collaboration with the Deputy
10	Secretary of Human Services and the commissioner of each department within
11	the Agency of Human Services and in consultation with the Office of the
12	Health Care Advocate; the Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate;
13	Disability Rights Vermont; the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman;
14	and other relevant stakeholders, shall develop recommendations either
15	consider options for reenvisioning the Agency of Human Services, such as
16	restructuring the existing Agency of Human Services or for dividing the
17	existing Agency of Human Services into two or more separate agencies.
18	(b) The Secretary of Human Services and the other stakeholders
19	identified in subsection (a) of this section shall evaluate the current
20	structure of the Agency of Human Services, identify potential options for

1	reenvisioning the Agency and engage in a cost-benefit analysis of each
2	option, and develop one or more recommendations for implementation.
3	(c) On or before February 1, 2025, the Secretary shall provide the
4	recommendations developed by the Secretary and stakeholders to the House
5	Committees on Government Operations and Military Affairs, on Health Care,
6	and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Government
7	Operations and on Health and Welfare, including the following:
8	(1) the rationale for selecting the recommended option or options;
9	(2) the likely impact of the recommendations on the departments
10	within the Agency and on the Vermonters served by those departments;
11	(3) how the recommended configuration recommendations would
12	center the needs of and lead to better outcomes for the individuals and families
13	served by the Agency and its departments and make the Agency more
14	accountable to the Vermonters whom it serves;
15	(4) how the recommended configuration recommendations could
16	improve collaboration, integration, and alignment of the services currently
17	provided by the Agency and its departments and how they could enhance
18	coordination and communication among the departments;
19	(5) how the recommended configuration recommendations could
20	address the workforce and personnel capacity challenges that the Agency and
21	its departments encounter;

1	(6) how the recommended configuration recommendations could
2	address the technology and facility challenges that the Agency and its
3	departments encounter;
4	(7) a transition and implementation plan for the recommended
5	configuration recommendations that is designed to minimize confusion and
6	disruption for individuals and families served by the Agency and its
7	departments, as well as for Agency and departmental staff;
8	(8) a proposed organizational chart for the any recommended
9	reconfigurations; and
10	(9) the estimated costs or savings associated with the recommended
11	configuration recommendations.
12	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
13	This act shall take effect on passage.
14	and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: "An act
15	relating to reenvisioning the Agency of Human Services"
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18	(Committee vote:)
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20	Senator
21	FOR THE COMMITTEE