

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 114 entitled “An act relating to removal of criminal penalties for
4 possessing, dispensing, or selling psilocybin and establishment of the
5 Psychedelic Therapy Advisory Working Group” respectfully reports that it has
6 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out
7 all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8 Sec. 1. FINDINGS

9 Sec. 2. PSYCHEDELIC THERAPY ADVISORY WORKING GROUP;

10 STUDY

11 (a) Creation. There is created the Psychedelic Therapy Advisory Working
12 Group to examine the use of psychedelics to improve physical and mental
13 health and to make findings and recommendations regarding the advisability of
14 the establishment of a State program similar to Oregon to permit health care
15 providers to administer psychedelics in a therapeutic setting and the impact on
16 public health of allowing individuals to legally access psychedelics under State
17 law.

18 (b) Membership. The Working Group shall be composed of the following
19 members:

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2 (c) Powers and duties. The Working Group shall:

3 (1) review the latest research and evidence of the public health benefits
4 and risks of clinical psychedelic assisted treatments and of criminalization of
5 psychedelics under State law;

6 (2) examine the laws and programs of other states that have authorized
7 the use of psychedelics by health care providers in a therapeutic setting and
8 necessary components and resources if Vermont were to pursue such a
9 program;

10 (3) provide an opportunity for individuals with lived experience to
11 provide testimony in both a public setting and through confidential means, due
12 to stigma and current criminalization of the use of psychedelics; and

13 (4) provide potential timelines for universal and equitable access to
14 psychedelic assisted treatments.

15 (d) Assistance. The Working Group shall have the administrative,
16 technical, and legal assistance of

17 (e) Report. On or before November 15, 2024, the Working Group shall
18 submit a written report to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary, the
19 House Committee on Health Care, the House Committee on Human Services,
20 and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare with its findings and any
21 recommendations for legislative action.

1 (f) Meetings.

2 (1) ... shall call the first meeting of the Working Group to occur on or
3 before July 15, 2023.

4 (2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the
5 first meeting.

6 (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

7 (4) The Working Group shall cease to exist on January 1, 2025.

8 (g) Compensation and reimbursement.

9 Members of the Working Group shall be entitled to per diem
10 compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A.
11 § 1010 for not more than eight meetings. These payments shall be made from
12 monies appropriated to the General Assembly.

13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

15 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act
16 relating to the establishment of the Psychedelic Therapy Advisory Working
17 Group”

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3 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE