

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred House Bill No. 694
3 entitled “An act relating to sexual exploitation” respectfully reports that it has
4 considered the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the House that
5 the bill be amended by inserting a new section to be Sec. 3a to read as follows:

6 Sec. 3a. VERMONT SENTENCING COMMISSION; DEFINITIONS;

7 SEXUALLY BASED OFFENSES

8 (a) The Vermont Sentencing Commission shall review definitions in 13
9 V.S.A. chapters 59 (lewdness and prostitution), 64 (sexual exploitation of
10 children), and 72 (sexual assault) for the purpose of updating and harmonizing
11 the definitions as they are used in those chapters. As part of the review, the
12 Commission shall, in particular, consider the definitions of “sexual conduct” as
13 defined in 13 V.S.A. § 2821 and “sexual act” as defined in 13 V.S.A. § 3251.

14 (b) The Commission shall report its recommendations for legislative
15 consideration to the Senate and House Committees on Judiciary on or before
16 December 1, 2024.

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE