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2 An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the Department of Health's
3 reporting and programming requirements

4 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

5 * * Community Violence Prevention Program Report * * *

6 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 13 is amended to read:

7 § 13. COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

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9 ~~(d)(1) The Commissioner of Health, in consultation and collaboration with~~
10 ~~the Chief Prevention Officer, the Department of Public Safety, the Director of~~
11 ~~Violence Prevention, the Executive Director of Racial Equity, and the Council~~
12 ~~for Equitable Youth Justice, shall report on the Community Violence~~
13 ~~Prevention Program:~~

14 ~~(A) on or before September 1, 2023 and December 1, 2023 to the~~
15 ~~Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee; and~~

16 ~~(B) on or before January 15, 2024, and annually on that date~~
17 ~~thereafter, to the Senate and House Committees on Judiciary, the Senate~~
18 ~~Committee on Health and Welfare, the House Committee on Human Services,~~
19 ~~and the House Committee on Health Care.~~

20 ~~(2) The report required by this subsection shall include:~~

21 ~~(A) a complete description of the Community Violence Prevention~~
22 ~~Program grant application and award process;~~

1 Commissioner shall also first obtain written evidence of the approval of ~~their~~
2 ~~academic committee for the protection of human subjects established in~~
3 ~~accordance with 45 C.F.R. part 46~~ an institutional review board or privacy
4 board in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.512(i)(1)(i)(A) and (B).

5 * * * Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry Disclosure Requirements and
6 Reporting * * *

7 Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. § 174 is amended to read:

8 § 174. CONFIDENTIALITY

9 (a)(1) All identifying information regarding an individual patient or health
10 care provider is exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public
11 Records Act and shall be kept confidential.

12 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, the
13 Commissioner may enter into data sharing and protection agreements with
14 researchers or state, regional, or national amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
15 registries for bidirectional data exchange, provided access under such
16 agreements is consistent with the privacy, security, and disclosure protections
17 in this chapter. In the case of researchers, the Commissioner shall also first
18 obtain written evidence of the approval of ~~their academic committee for the~~
19 ~~protection of human subjects established in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Part 46~~
20 an institutional review board or privacy board in accordance with 45 C.F.R.

1 recommendations on the data collected and analysis completed pursuant to
2 section 253 of this title.

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4 Sec. 6. 18 V.S.A. § 253 is amended to read:

5 § 253. DATA RESPONSIVE TO HEALTH EQUITY INQUIRIES

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7 (b)(1) The Department of Health shall systematically analyze such health
8 equity data using the smallest appropriate units of analysis feasible to detect
9 racial and ethnic disparities, as well as disparities along the lines of primary
10 language, sex, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and
11 socioeconomic status, and report the results of such analysis on the
12 Department's website periodically, but not less than biannually. The
13 Department's analysis shall be used to measure over time the impact of actions
14 taken to reduce health disparities in Vermont. The data informing the
15 Department's analysis shall be made available to the public in accordance with
16 State and federal law.

17 (2) ~~Annually~~ Every three years beginning in 2029, on or before January
18 15, the Department shall submit a report containing the results of the analysis
19 conducted pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to the Senate
20 Committee on Health and Welfare and to the House Committees on Health
21 Care and on Human Services.

1 ~~deemed to have knowledge of the prevention of food-borne disease, be able to~~
2 ~~apply the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point principles, and have met the~~
3 ~~criteria for “demonstration of knowledge” requirements set forth by the~~
4 ~~Department of Health in rule for the purposes of obtaining a food~~
5 ~~establishment license as provided pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4303(b) and the total~~
6 ~~number of food establishment licenses issued to those service members and~~
7 ~~veterans. [Repealed.]~~

8 * * * Recovery Service Organizations * * *

9 Sec. 9. REPORT; RECOVERY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

10 On or before February 15, 2027, the Department of Health, in consultation
11 with other Agency of Human Services’ departments and recovery service
12 organizations, shall submit a written report to the House Committees on
13 Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and to the Senate
14 Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare containing
15 information on the total actual income and expenditures for recovery service
16 organizations in fiscal years 2024–2026. Specifically, the report shall address:

17 (1) public funding sources, including all appropriated State funds,
18 federal funds, and municipal funds;

19 (2) recipients of recovery service organization funding;

20 (3) an analysis of recovery service organization grant performance
21 measures and outcomes; and

