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2 Introduced by Representative Yacovone of Morristown

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; hospitals; hospital budgets; Green Mountain Care Board;

6 public hearings; administrative functions

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require  
8 hospitals to hold public hearings on their proposed budgets and to submit a  
9 summary of the public comments received on the proposed budget to the  
10 Green Mountain Care Board as part of the hospital budget review process. The  
11 bill would also allow the Green Mountain Care Board to order hospitals to  
12 align or coordinate their administrative functions in order to maximize  
13 efficiencies and contain administrative costs.

14 An act relating to hospital public hearings and coordination of hospital  
15 administrative functions

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

17 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 9452 is added to read:

18 § 9452. HOSPITAL BUDGET DEVELOPMENT; PUBLIC HEARING

1       (a) At least 30 days prior to submitting a proposed budget to the Green  
2       Mountain Care Board for review under this subchapter, each hospital shall  
3       hold a public hearing in one or more of the communities in its service area to:

4               (1) explain the proposed hospital budget under development for the  
5       upcoming fiscal year, including explaining any services that the hospital  
6       intends to add, reduce, or eliminate during the year; and

7               (2) provide meaningful opportunities for the public to provide input on  
8       the proposal budget and changes in hospital services for the hospital to  
9       consider as it completes its budget proposal.

10       (b) The hospital shall submit a summary of the public comments received  
11       during the hearing or hearings, as well as copies of any written comments  
12       submitted to the hospital regarding its proposed budget, to the Green Mountain  
13       Care Board as part of the information required pursuant to section 9454 of this  
14       chapter.

15       Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 9454 is amended to read:

16       § 9454. HOSPITALS; DUTIES

17       (a) Hospitals shall file the following information at the time and place and  
18       in the manner established by the Board:

19               (1) a budget for the forthcoming fiscal year;



## § 9456. BUDGET REVIEW

(e)(1) The Board, in consultation with the Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, shall utilize mechanisms to measure hospital costs, quality, and access and alignment with the Statewide Health Care Delivery Strategic Plan, once established.

(6) The Board may order one or more Vermont hospitals to align or coordinate, or both, their administrative functions with one or more other Vermont hospitals in order to maximize efficiencies and contain administrative costs.

## Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

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