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An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington relating to the Office of Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

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

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington as set forth in this act. The voters of the City approved the proposal of amendment on March 3, 2026.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 3 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 3. CITY OF BURLINGTON

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Subchapter 8. General Provisions

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§ 374. OFFICE OF RACIAL EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING

(a) The City of Burlington shall form the Office of Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (REIB) and establish a Director of Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging.

(b) The Director of REIB role shall be a permanent position in the City, selected and hired in accordance with City of Burlington Human Resources policies and procedures, and shall report directly to the Mayor.

(c) The REIB shall be under the supervision, direction, and control of the Director, subject to the orders and ordinances of the City Council.

1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on passage.