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2 Introduced by Senators Douglass and Beck

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; public assistance; benefits cliff

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the

7 Agency of Human Services to submit a report analyzing and proposing

8 recommendations to reduce benefit cliffs within Vermont's public assistance

9 benefits' structure.

10 An act relating to analyzing benefits cliffs within Vermont's public  
11 assistance benefits' structure

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

13 Sec. 1. REPORT; BENEFITS CLIFFS

14 On or before November 1, 2025, the Agency of Human Services shall  
15 submit a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human  
16 Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and  
17 Welfare containing the following:

18 (1) an inventory of public assistance benefits and programs provided by  
19 or through the Agency of Human Services, including the name, eligibility  
20 requirements, and funding source of each benefit or program;

1           (2) an analysis of the after-tax earnings and public resources available to  
2           Vermonters of a specific household configuration at different levels of gross  
3           earnings for the purpose of identifying earnings ranges where an increase in  
4           gross earnings results in a decrease in net resources; and

5           (3) policy opportunities and recommendations to reduce or eliminate  
6           earnings ranges where an increase in gross earnings results in a decrease in net  
7           resources as a means of advancing the economic mobility of households  
8           receiving public assistance benefits or participating in public assistance  
9           programs.

10       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11       This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.