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2      Introduced by Senator Vyhovsky  
3      Referred to Committee on  
4      Date:  
5      Subject: Human services; reporting abuse or neglect of children  
6      Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish the  
7      Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Working Group for the purpose of  
8      examining the existing statutes, rules, and policies regarding the reporting of  
9      abuse and neglect of a child and recommending changes to such to modernize  
10     them and reflect current best practices.

11 An act relating to the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Working Group

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

13 Sec. 1. CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING WORKING GROUP

14 (a) There is created the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Working

15 Group for the purpose of examining the existing statutes, rules, and policies

16 regarding the reporting of abuse and neglect of a child and recommending

17 changes to such to modernize them and reflect current best practices.

18 (b) The Working Group shall be composed of the following members:

1                   (1) the Director of the Office of Professional Regulation or designee;  
2                   (2) the Executive Director of the Vermont Center for Crime Victim  
3                   Services or designee;  
4                   (3) a co-executive director of the Vermont Network Against Domestic  
5                   and Sexual Violence or designee;  
6                   (4) a member, appointed by the Attorney General;  
7                   (5) a member, appointed by the Chief Administrative Judge; and  
8                   (6) a member, appointed by the Commissioner for Children and  
9                   Families.  
10                   (c) The Working Group shall report its findings and any recommended  
11                   legislative proposal to the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2026.  
12                   Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE  
13                   This act shall take effect on passage.