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Representative Hoyt of Hartford moves that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended in Sec. 1, Water Quality, Lake Classification, and Antidegradation Study Group; report, in subsection (c), by striking out subdivision (2) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(2) Assess the State’s obligations under the federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251–1388, as enacted as of January 1, 2026, with respect to the adoption of an antidegradation rule to implement the State’s antidegradation policy under the Vermont Water Quality Standards, including:

(A) an evaluation of State and federal statutory and regulatory requirements;

(B) the identification of any legal, administrative, policy, or practical barriers to full compliance; and

(C) how to address emerging chemicals of concern that lack water quality standards as part of the antidegradation policy.