1	TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
2	The Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs to which
3	was referred House Bill No. 233 entitled "An act relating to requirements for
4	State-funded grants" respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5	recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6	clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
7	Sec. 1. STATE GRANTS RECOMMENDATIONS
8	(a) On or before December 15, 2025, the Secretary of Administration or
9	designee, a representative of Common Good Vermont, and a representative of
10	the Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies shall meet
11	and consider issues regarding current granting and contracting practices under
12	Administrative Bulletin 5, including adding additional detail necessary to
13	improve efficiency and predictability.
14	(b) The entities listed in subsection (a) of this section shall develop
15	recommendations on:
16	(1) a requirement that all State agencies accept uniform indirect rates
17	approved for a nonprofit corporation by a federal or State agency;
18	(2) a uniform indirect rate calculation methodology and approval
19	process for use in all State-administered grants for nonprofit corporations of
20	the State higher than the standard de minimis rate, pursuant to 2 C.F.R.
21	§ 200.332(b)(4);

1	(3) a provision that whenever the Secretary or designee of a granting
2	State agency determines that another State agency or political subdivision of
3	the State is uniquely suited to deliver certain services, the State agency shall
4	award a grant to that agency or political subdivision of the State in lieu of
5	compliance with any bidding requirements otherwise established by rule or
6	<u>law;</u>
7	(4) rule and process changes needed for efficient and predictable
8	granting and contracting; and
9	(5) any other issues that result from the discussions.
10	(c) On or before December 15, 2025, the entities listed in subsection (a) of
11	this section shall submit findings and recommendations for statutory changes
12	or changes to Administrative Bulletin 5, or both, on the issues identified in
13	subsection (b) of this section to the House Committees on Government
14	Operations and Military Affairs and on Appropriations and the Senate
15	Committees on Government Operations and on Appropriations.
16	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
17	This act shall take effect on passage.
18	(Committee vote:)
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20	Representative
21	FOR THE COMMITTEE