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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 Bulletins 5, including adding additional to detail necessary to
13	improve efficiency and predictability.
14	(b) The entities shall develop recommendations on:
15	(1) a requirement that all State agencies accept indirect rates approved
16	by a Federal or State agency;
17	(2) a uniform indirect rate calculation methodology and approval
18	process for use in all State-administered grants for nonprofit corporations of
19	the State higher than the standard de minimis rate, pursuant to 2 C.F.R.
20	<u>§ 200.332(b)(4); and</u>

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