

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House
3 Bill No. 907 entitled “An act relating to legislative review of reporting
4 requirements” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by
6 striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the
7 following:

8 * * * Repeal of Reporting Requirements * * *

9 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 2313 is amended to read:

10 § 2313. PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

11 (a) The Chief Performance Officer shall assist agencies as necessary in
12 developing performance measures for contracts and grants.

13 (b) ~~Annually, on or before July 30 and as part of any other report~~
14 ~~requirement to the General Assembly set forth in this subchapter, the Chief~~
15 ~~Performance Officer shall report to the General Assembly on the progress by~~
16 ~~rate or percent of how many State contracts and grants have performance~~
17 ~~accountability requirements and the rate or percent of contractors’ and~~
18 ~~grantees’ compliance with those requirements. [Repealed.]~~

19 Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 331 is amended to read:

20 § 331. TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

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1 (c)(1) The Commissioner may authorize the continued employment of a
2 person in a temporary capacity for more than 1,280 hours in any one calendar
3 year if the Commissioner determines, in writing, that a bona fide emergency
4 exists for the appointing authority that requires such continued employment.

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6 (3) The Commissioner may authorize seasonal employment in a specific
7 position for a period of between seven and 12 months if the Commissioner
8 determines, in writing, that the nature and duties of the position require the
9 employment of a person for a period of more than seven months in a 12-month
10 period. The Commissioner shall not authorize seasonal employment for a
11 period of more than seven months in a 12-month period if the authorization is
12 intended to circumvent, or has the effect of circumventing, the policies and
13 purposes of the classified service under this chapter. ~~Annually, on or before~~
14 ~~January 15, the Commissioner shall submit a report to the House Committee~~
15 ~~on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committee on~~
16 ~~Government Operations:~~

17 ~~(A) the total number of positions in seasonal employment that have~~
18 ~~been authorized for a period of between seven and 12 months during the prior~~
19 ~~calendar year;~~

20 ~~(B) the agency or department that each position identified in~~
21 ~~subdivision (A) of this subdivision (3) is assigned to; and~~

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1 ~~report of its doings to the House Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency,~~
2 ~~and Forestry and the Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Governor,~~
3 ~~which shall show the amount of money received and the expenditures thereof.~~
4 The report shall be submitted on or before January 15. The Vermont Agency of
5 Agriculture, Food and Markets shall perform the administrative work of the
6 Council as directed by the Council. The Council shall reimburse the Agency
7 of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the cost of services performed by the
8 Agency.

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10 Sec. 4. 6 V.S.A. § 4810 is amended to read:

11 § 4810. AUTHORITY; COOPERATION; COORDINATION

12 * * *

13 (d) Cooperation and coordination. The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and
14 Markets shall coordinate with the Secretary of Natural Resources in
15 implementing and enforcing programs, plans, and practices developed for
16 reducing and eliminating agricultural nonpoint source pollutants and
17 discharges from farms. The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall
18 cooperate with the Secretary of Natural Resources in the implementation of the
19 federal Clean Water Act for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations
20 (CAFOs). The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall implement
21 the State's comprehensive, complementary nonpoint source program. The

1 Secretary of Agriculture, Food, and Markets and the Secretary of Natural
2 Resources shall coordinate regarding program administration; grant
3 negotiation; grant sharing; implementation of the antidegradation policy
4 including to new sources of agricultural nonpoint source pollutants, and
5 watershed planning activities to comply with Pub. L. No. 92-500. In
6 accordance with 10 V.S.A. § 1259(i), the Secretary of Natural Resources, in
7 consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary
8 of Agriculture, Food and Markets, shall issue a document that sets forth the
9 respective roles and responsibilities of the Agency of Natural Resources in
10 implementing the federal Clean Water Act on farms and the Agency of
11 Agriculture, Food and Markets' roles and responsibilities in implementing the
12 State's complementary nonpoint source program on farms. The document
13 shall be consistent with and equivalent with the federal National Pollutant
14 Discharge Elimination System permit regulations for discharges from CAFOs.
15 The document will replace the memorandum of understanding between the
16 agencies. The allocation of duties under this chapter between the Secretary of
17 Agriculture, Food and Markets and the Secretary of Natural Resources shall be
18 consistent with the Secretary's duties, established under the provisions of 10
19 V.S.A. § 1258(b), to comply with Pub. L. No. 92-500. The Secretary of
20 Natural Resources shall be the State lead person in applying for federal funds
21 under Pub. L. No. 92-500 but shall consult with the Secretary of Agriculture,

1 Food and Markets during the process. The agricultural nonpoint source
2 program may compete with other programs for competitive watershed projects
3 funded from federal funds. The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets
4 shall be represented in reviewing these projects for funding. Actions by the
5 Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets under this chapter concerning
6 agricultural nonpoint source pollution shall be consistent with the water quality
7 standards and water pollution control requirements of 10 V.S.A. chapter 47
8 and the federal Clean Water Act as amended. In addition, the Secretary of
9 Agriculture, Food and Markets shall coordinate with the Secretary of Natural
10 Resources in implementing and enforcing programs, plans, and practices
11 developed for the proper management of composting facilities when those
12 facilities are located on a farm. ~~The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and~~
13 ~~Markets and the Secretary of Natural Resources shall each develop three~~
14 ~~separate measures of the performance of the agencies under the federal Clean~~
15 ~~Water Act and State nonpoint source regulatory authority, and annually on or~~
16 ~~before January 15, the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets and the~~
17 ~~Secretary of Natural Resources shall submit separate reports to the Senate~~
18 ~~Committee on Agriculture, the House Committee on Agriculture, Food~~
19 ~~Resiliency, and Forestry, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and~~
20 ~~Energy, and the House Committee on Environment regarding the success of~~
21 ~~each agency in meeting its selected performance measures.~~

Sec. 5. 10 V.S.A. § 1978 is amended to read:

§ 1978. RULES

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(e)(1) The Secretary shall periodically review and, if necessary, revise the rules adopted under this chapter to ensure that the technical standards remain current with the known and proven technologies regarding potable water supplies and wastewater systems.

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(3) The Technical Advisory Committee shall provide annual reports, starting January 15, 2003, to the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions. The reports shall include information on the following topics: the implementation of this chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter; the number and type of alternative or innovative systems approved for general use, approved for use as a pilot project, and approved for experimental use; the functional status of alternative or innovative systems approved for use as a pilot project or approved for experimental use; the number of permit applications received during the preceding calendar year; the number of permits issued during the preceding calendar year; and the number of permit applications denied during the preceding calendar year, together with a summary of the basis of denial.

[Repealed.]

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Sec. 6. 16 V.S.A. § 164 is amended to read:

§ 164. STATE BOARD; GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES

The State Board shall engage local school board members and the broader education community and, consistent with the provisions of this title, its own rules, and rules adopted by the Secretary, establish and regularly update a long-term strategic vision for the delivery of educational services in Vermont; advise the General Assembly, the Governor, and the Secretary of Education on high-priority educational policies and issues as they arise; and act in accordance with legislative mandates, including the adoption of rules and executing special assignments. In addition to other specified duties, the Board shall:

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~~(17) Report annually on the condition of education statewide and on a supervisory union and school district basis. The report shall include information on attainment of standards for student performance adopted under subdivision (9) of this section, number and types of complaints of hazing, harassment, or bullying made pursuant to chapter 9, subchapter 5 of this title and responses to the complaints, financial resources and expenditures, and community social indicators. The report shall be organized and presented in a way that is easily understandable by the general public and that enables each~~

1 ~~school, school district, and supervisory union to determine its strengths and~~
2 ~~weaknesses. To the extent consistent with State and federal privacy laws and~~
3 ~~regulations, data on hazing, harassment, or bullying incidents shall be~~
4 ~~disaggregated by incident type, including disaggregation by ethnic groups,~~
5 ~~racial groups, religious groups, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity,~~
6 ~~disability status, and English language learner status. The Secretary shall use~~
7 ~~the information in the report to determine whether students in each school,~~
8 ~~school district, and supervisory union are provided educational opportunities~~
9 ~~substantially equal to those provided in other schools, school districts, and~~
10 ~~supervisory unions pursuant to subsection 165(b) of this title. [Repealed.]~~

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12 Sec. 7. 16 V.S.A. § 829 is amended to read:

13 § 829. PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION

14 * * *

15 (e) Rules. The Secretary of Education and the Commissioner for Children
16 and Families shall jointly develop and agree to rules and present them to the
17 State Board for adoption under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 as follows:

18 * * *

19 (10) To establish a system by which the Agency of Education and
20 Department for Children and Families shall jointly monitor and evaluate
21 prekindergarten education programs to promote optimal results for children

1 that support the relevant population-level outcomes set forth in 3 V.S.A.

2 § 2311 and to collect data that will inform future decisions. ~~The Agency and~~

3 ~~Department shall be required to report annually to the General Assembly in~~

4 ~~January.~~ At a minimum, the system shall monitor and evaluate:

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6 Sec. 8. 18 V.S.A. § 4635 is amended to read:

7 § 4635. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST TRANSPARENCY

8 * * *

9 (d)(1) ~~The Attorney General shall provide a report to the General Assembly~~

10 ~~on or before December 1 of each year based on the information received from~~

11 ~~manufacturers pursuant to this section.~~ The Attorney General shall post the

12 ~~report and~~ the public version of each manufacturer's information submitted

13 pursuant to subdivision (c)(1)(B)(ii) of this section on the Office of the

14 Attorney General's website.

15 (2) The Green Mountain Care Board shall post on its website ~~the report~~

16 ~~prepared by the Attorney General pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection~~

17 ~~and~~ the public version of each manufacturer's information submitted pursuant

18 to subdivision (c)(1)(B)(ii) of this section, and may inform the public of the

19 availability of the report and the manufacturers' justification information.

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1 Sec. 9. 28 V.S.A. § 104 is amended to read:

2 § 104. NOTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS

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4 ~~(e) The Commissioner of Corrections shall annually, by January 15, report~~
5 ~~to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate~~
6 ~~Committee on Institutions on the implementation of this section during the~~
7 ~~previous 12 months. [Repealed.]~~

8 Sec. 10. 33 V.S.A. § 4305 is amended to read:

9 § 4305. COORDINATED SYSTEM OF CARE

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11 ~~(c) The Commissioners of Mental Health and for Children and Families and~~
12 ~~the Secretary of Education shall jointly submit to the General Assembly a~~
13 ~~report on the status of programs for children and adolescents with a severe~~
14 ~~emotional disturbance and their families, which shall include a system of care~~
15 ~~plan. The report shall be submitted together with the general appropriation bill~~
16 ~~provided for by 32 V.S.A. § 701. The system of care plan shall:~~

17 ~~(1) identify the characteristics and number of children and adolescents~~
18 ~~with a severe emotional disturbance in need of appropriate services, describe~~
19 ~~the educational, residential, mental health or other treatment services needed,~~
20 ~~describe currently available programs and resources, recommend a plan to~~
21 ~~meet the needs of such children, recommend priorities for the continuation or~~

1 ~~development of programs and resources, and make an assessment of the~~
2 ~~success of such programs; and~~

3 ~~(2) provide information as available on the extent to which children and~~
4 ~~adolescents with a severe emotional disturbance have not received services, the~~
5 ~~characteristics and number of those children and adolescents who have not~~
6 ~~received services and recommendations on how to address their identified~~
7 ~~needs. [Repealed.]~~

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9 Sec. 11. 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161, Sec. 20 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 20. VERMONT CENTER FOR CRIME VICTIM SERVICES

11 The sum of \$50,000 is appropriated to the Vermont Center for Crime
12 Victim Services for Americans with Disabilities Act improvements at domestic
13 violence shelters. ~~Annually, on or before December 1, the Vermont Center for~~
14 ~~Crime Victim Services shall file with the commissioner of buildings and~~
15 ~~general services a report which details the status of the improvements funded~~
16 ~~in whole or in part by state capital appropriations.~~

17 Total Appropriation – Section 20 \$50,000

18 Sec. 12. REPEALS

19 The following are repealed:

20 (1) 6 V.S.A. § 4825 (report concerning activities in support of water
21 quality financial and technical assistance);

- 1 (2) 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 112a(b)(2)(A) (report on
- 2 utilization of services and expenses under Choices for Care);
- 3 (3) 2008 Acts and Resolves No. 192, Sec. 5.221(b) (report on use of
- 4 appropriations for household weatherization);
- 5 (4) 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. 3 (report on Genuine Progress
- 6 Indicator);
- 7 (5) 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. C.106 (Vermont Health
- 8 Connect monthly reports);
- 9 (6) 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100.5(g) (report on
- 10 resources made available from the Vermont Enterprise Fund);
- 11 (7) 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 195, Secs. 3(f) and 4(b) (evaluate goals
- 12 and performance of pretrial services and precharge programs);
- 13 (8) 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 68, Sec. 3 (report on concussions
- 14 suffered by student athletes);
- 15 (9) 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 174, Sec. 1(c)(2) (Auditor report filed if
- 16 a privatization contract has not achieved the required cost savings or complied
- 17 with required performance measures); and
- 18 (10) 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 10(b) (report on status of the
- 19 Broadband Innovation Grant Program).

* * * Reports Extended Until 2030 Review * * *

Sec. 13. REPORTS REPEAL DELAYED

The reports set forth in this section shall not be subject to review under the provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) until July 1, 2030:

(1) 3 V.S.A. § 168(f)(6) (Racial Disparities in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice System Advisory Panel report and recommendations);

(2) 10 V.S.A. § 280ee(d) (Vermont Economic Development Authority report concerning Broadband Expansion Loan Program activities);

(3) 10 V.S.A. § 325m(g) (Rural Economic Development Initiative report);

(4) 13 V.S.A. § 5256 (Office of Defender General annual report);

(5) 13 V.S.A. § 5415(c) (Department of Public Safety report concerning sex offender registry compliance);

(6) 18 V.S.A. § 909(e) (EMS Advisory Committee report concerning progress toward goals of five-year plan);

(7) 20 V.S.A. § 2367 (Vermont Criminal Justice Council report concerning use of electronic control devices);

(8) 20 V.S.A. § 2366(d) (Vermont Criminal Justice Council report concerning fair and impartial **policing** policies and training);

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1 (c) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall
2 not apply to the report to be made under subsection (b) of this section.

3 Sec. 16. 4 V.S.A. § 608 is amended to read:

4 § 608. FUNCTIONS

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(e) On or before the tenth Thursday after the convening of each biennial and adjourned session, the Committee shall report to the General Assembly its recommendation whether the candidates should continue in office, with any amplifying information that it may deem appropriate, in order that the General Assembly may discharge its obligation under Chapter II, § 34 of the ~~Constitution of the State of Vermont~~ Constitution. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection.

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15 Sec. 17. 6 V.S.A. § 4710 is amended to read:

16 § 4710. VERMONT FARM AND FOREST VIABILITY PROGRAM

17 * * *

(f) In collaboration with the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets and the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall report in writing to the Senate Committees on Agriculture and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and

1 the House Committees on Agriculture and Forestry and on Commerce and
2 Economic Development on or before January 31 of each year with a report on
3 the activities and performance of the Farm and Forest Viability Program. At a
4 minimum, the report shall include an evaluation of the Program utilizing the
5 performance goals and performance measures established in consultation with
6 the Advisory Board under subsection (d) of this section. The provisions of 2
7 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to
8 be made under this subsection.

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10 Sec. 18. 6 V.S.A. § 4825 is amended to read:

11 § 4825. REPORTS

12 (a) Annually by January 15 of each year, the Secretary shall report to the
13 General Assembly regarding activities in support of the objectives of this
14 subchapter, including use of State, federal, and private funds:

15 * * *

16 (b) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall
17 not apply to the report to be made under this section.

18 Sec. 19. 10 V.S.A. § 11 is amended to read:

19 § 11. TREASURER'S LOCAL INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

20 * * *

1 (e) Report. On or before January 15, the Advisory Committee annually
2 shall submit a report to the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on
3 Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, on Finance, and on
4 Government Operations and the House Committees on Appropriations, on
5 Commerce and Economic Development, on Ways and Means, and on
6 Government Operations and Military Affairs. The provisions of 2 V.S.A.
7 § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made
8 under this subsection. The report shall include the following:

9 * * *

10 Sec. 20. 10 V.S.A. § 531 is amended to read:

11 § 531. THE VERMONT TRAINING PROGRAM

12 * * *

13 (k) Report. Annually on or before January 15, the Secretary shall submit a
14 report to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and
15 the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General
16 Affairs. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports)
17 shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection. In addition to
18 the reporting requirements under section 540 of this title, the report shall
19 identify:

20 * * *

1 Sec. 21. 10 V.S.A. § 2609a is amended to read:

2 § 2609a. INCOME FROM LEASE OF MOUNTAINTOP

3 COMMUNICATION SITES

4 Annually on or before February 15, the Agency of Natural Resources shall
5 submit a report to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy and
6 the House ~~Committees~~ Committee on Energy and ~~Technology and on Natural~~
7 ~~Resources, Fish, and Wildlife~~ Digital Infrastructure containing an itemization
8 of the income generated through the end of the previous fiscal year from the
9 use of sites for communication purposes. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d)
10 (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under
11 this section.

12 Sec. 22. 10 V.S.A. § 6503 is amended to read:

13 § 6503. LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL

14 (a) The Committee shall report to the General Assembly its
15 recommendation to approve or not to approve the petition for the facility
16 together with such additional information and comment it deems appropriate.
17 The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not
18 apply to the report to be made under this subsection.

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20 Sec. 23. 32 V.S.A. § 311 is amended to read:

21 § 311. RETIREMENT FUNDS INTEGRITY REPORT

* * *

(b) ~~At the request of the House or Senate Committee on Government Operations or on Appropriations~~ Committee on Appropriations or on Government Operations and Military Affairs, the Senate Committee on Appropriations or on Government Operations, or the Joint Public Pension Oversight Committee, the State Treasurer and the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall present to the requesting committees the recommendations submitted under 3 V.S.A. § 471(n) and 16 V.S.A. § 1942(r).

(c) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this section.

Sec. 24. 32 V.S.A. § 588 is amended to read:

§ 588. SPECIAL FUNDS; ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

All special funds shall be organized and managed in accordance with the provisions of this section.

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(6) Accounting and reporting.

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(B) In addition, the Commissioner shall annually report a list of any special funds created during the fiscal year. The list shall furnish for each fund its name, authorization, and revenue source or sources. The report for the prior fiscal year shall be submitted to the General Assembly through the Joint Fiscal

1 Committee on or before December 1 of each year. The provisions of 2 V.S.A.
2 § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made
3 under this subdivision.

4 Sec. 25. 3 V.S.A. § 3303 is amended to read:

5 § 3303. REPORTING, RECORDS, AND REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

6 (a) Annual report and budget. The Secretary shall submit to the House
7 Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on
8 Institutions, concurrent with the Governor's annual budget request required
9 under 32 V.S.A. § 306, an annual report for information technology and
10 cybersecurity. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required
11 reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection. The
12 report shall reflect the priorities of the Agency and shall include:

13 * * *

14 * * * Reports Modified * * *

15 Sec. 26. 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 119, Sec. 8 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 8. REPORTING; UTILIZATION BY SERVICE MEMBERS AND
17 VETERANS

18 (a) The Executive Director of the Division of Fire Safety shall, on or before
19 February 1 of each even year, report to the House Committees on Commerce
20 and Economic Development, on General, Housing, and Military Affairs, and
21 on Government Operations and the Senate Committees on Economic

1 Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Government Operations
2 regarding:

3 * * *

4 (b) The Director of the Office of Professional Regulation shall, on or
5 before February 1 of each even year, report to the House Committees on
6 Commerce and Economic Development, on General, Housing, and Military
7 Affairs, and on Government Operations and the Senate Committees on
8 Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Government
9 Operations regarding:

10 * * *

11 (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, on or before February 1 of
12 each even year, report to the House Committees on Commerce and Economic
13 Development, on General, Housing, and Military Affairs, and on Government
14 Operations and the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing
15 and General Affairs and on Government Operations regarding the number of
16 service members and veterans who, during the previous calendar year, were
17 certified to perform inspections without being required to pass an examination
18 as provided pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 1227(b)(2).

19 (d) The Commissioner of Health shall, on or before February 1 of each
20 even year, report to the House Committees on Commerce and Economic
21 Development, on General, Housing, and Military Affairs, and on Government

1 Operations and the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing
2 and General Affairs and on Government Operations regarding the number of
3 service members and veterans who, during the previous calendar year, were
4 deemed to have knowledge of the prevention of food-borne disease, be able to
5 apply the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point principles, and have met the
6 criteria for “demonstration of knowledge” requirements set forth by the
7 Department of Health in rule for the purposes of obtaining a food
8 establishment license as provided pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4303(b) and the total
9 number of food establishment licenses issued to those service members and
10 veterans.

11 Sec. 27. 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 15 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 15. COURT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT ON PUBLIC RECORDS
13 CASES

14 On or before January 15, 2012, and ~~annually~~ on even years thereafter, the
15 Vermont court administrator’s office shall report to the senate and house
16 committees on government operations regarding contested cases filed in the
17 civil division of the superior court involving disputes under the Public Records
18 Act, as set forth in 1 V.S.A. chapter 5, subchapter 4. The report shall include
19 the number of Public Records Act contested cases filed annually in the civil
20 division of the superior court, the disposition of such cases, and whether
21 attorney’s fees were awarded in any of the cases. The court administrator shall

1 submit a copy of a report required under this section to the secretary of state at
2 the same time the report is submitted to the senate and house committees on
3 government operations.

4 Sec. 28. 4 V.S.A. § 40 is amended to read:

5 § 40. REPORT ON TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

6 (a) Annually, on or before January 15 of every even year, the State Court
7 Administrator shall submit a report to the House Committees on General and
8 Housing and on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate
9 Committee on Government Operations identifying for each of the two prior
10 calendar years:

11 (1) the total number of individuals employed by the Judiciary
12 Department on a temporary basis who have worked in excess of 1,280 hours in
13 the prior calendar year, excluding employees identified in 3 V.S.A. § 1011(7),
14 (8)(A)–(D), (8)(F) and (G), and (8)(I)–(K);

15 (2) the total number of temporary positions in which one or more
16 individuals have been employed for a combined total of more than 1,280
17 hours, excluding positions filled by employees identified in 3 V.S.A.
18 § 1011(7), (8)(A)–(D), (8)(F) and (G), and (8)(I)–(K);

19 (3) the total number of hours worked by each temporary employee
20 identified pursuant to subdivision (1) of this section; and

1 (4) the total number of years during which each temporary employee
2 identified pursuant to subdivision (1) of this section has worked for the
3 Judiciary Department.

4 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the State Court
5 Administrator need not submit the report if there were no temporary employees
6 hired in the prior two calendar years.

7 Sec. 29. REPEAL

8 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 180, Sec. 2(c) (Vermont Criminal Justice
9 Council report concerning use of electronic control devices) is repealed.

10 Sec. 30. 20 V.S.A. § 2367 is amended to read:

11 § 2367. STATEWIDE POLICY; ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES;

12 REPORTING

13 * * *

14 (f)(1) Every State, county, municipal, or other law enforcement agency and
15 every constable who is not employed by a law enforcement agency shall report
16 all incidents involving the use of an electronic control device to the Criminal
17 Justice Council in a form to be determined by the Council.

18 (2) Annually, on or before November 15, the Criminal Justice Council
19 shall report to the House Committees on Government Operations and Military
20 Affairs and on Judiciary and to the Senate Committees on Government
21 Operations and on Judiciary all incidents from the prior 12 months involving

1 the use of an electronic control device, a review of compliance with standards,
2 the adequacy of training and certification requirements, and the adequacy of
3 funding for mental health collaboration.

4 * * *

5 Sec. 31. 20 V.S.A § 4662 is amended to read:

6 § 4662. CYBERSECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

7 * * *

8 (g) Reports. On or before ~~January~~ February 15 each year, the Council shall
9 ~~submit a written~~ report to the House Committees on Commerce and Economic
10 Development, on Energy and Digital Infrastructure, on Government
11 Operations and Military Affairs, and on Ways and Means and the Senate
12 Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, on
13 Finance, and on Government Operations with a status update on the work of
14 the Council and any recommendations for legislative action. The provisions of
15 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to
16 be made under this subsection.

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18 * * * Effective Date * * *

19 Sec. 32. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

1 (Committee vote: _____)

2 _____

3 Senator _____

4 FOR THE COMMITTEE