

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Human Services to which was referred Senate Bill No.  
3 36 entitled “An act relating to the Medicaid payment model for residential  
4 substance use disorder treatment services” respectfully reports that it has  
5 considered the same and recommends that the House propose to the Senate that  
6 the bill be amended by inserting a new Sec. 6 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 6. REPORTS; HUMAN SERVICES BOARD PROCEEDINGS

8 (a) On or before December 15, 2025, the Agency of Human Services, in  
9 consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, each of the Agency’s  
10 departments with cases before the Human Services Board, community  
11 partners, and individuals with lived experience as appellants before the Board,  
12 shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Human Services and  
13 to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare providing the following  
14 information and recommendations regarding proceedings before the Board:

15 (1) a proposal that attorneys representing the Agency or departments  
16 participate in training that balances the attorney’s ethical obligation to  
17 zealously represent the attorney’s client with the respectful, trauma-informed  
18 treatment of appellants;

19 (2) an analysis of varying appeals processes specific to the Agency and  
20 each department with cases before the Board, including proposals and any  
21 legislative action necessary to improve consistency;

1           (3) a proposal to ensure the uniform collection of data across the  
2           Agency and departments with cases before the Board;

3           (4) recommendations for resolving potential appeals prior to reaching  
4           the Board; and

5           (5) any other recommendation requiring legislative action.

6           (b) On or before December 15, 2025, the Human Services Board, in  
7           collaboration with the Agency of Human Services, each of the Agency's  
8           departments with cases before the Board, the Office of the Attorney General,  
9           community partners, and individuals with lived experience as appellants before  
10          the Board, shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Human  
11          Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare providing the  
12          following information and recommendations regarding proceedings before the  
13          Board:

14           (1) a proposal to improve understanding of Board processes and  
15           accessibility to appellants, including the use of media and graphics to explain  
16           what the Board is and how it operates;

17           (2) a proposal for the exchange of periodic feedback as part of a  
18           continual quality improvement process between the Board, Agency,  
19           departments appearing before the Board, Office of the Attorney General, and  
20           Vermont Legal Aid;

and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating the delivery and payment of certain services provided through the Agency of Human Services and Human Services Board proceedings”

FOR THE COMMITTEE