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2 Introduced by Senators White, Clarkson, Gulick, Hardy, Major, Plunkett and

3 Vyhovsky

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Human services; aging Vermonters; community nurse program pilot

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish a

8 two-year pilot for one or more community nurse programs serving aging

9 Vermonters.

10 An act relating to establishing a pilot for community nurse programs
11 serving aging Vermonters

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. COMMUNITY NURSE PROGRAM PILOT SERVING AGING

14 VERMONTERS

15 (a) \$450,000.00 shall be appropriated to the Department of Disabilities,
16 Aging, and Independent Living for the purpose of establishing a two-year pilot
17 to enhance the provision of services by one or more existing community nurse
18 programs to aging Vermonters in the program's region.

19 (b) The Department shall seek and consider applications for participation in
20 the pilot described in this section from existing community nurse programs

1 servicing aging Vermonters in the program's region. The Department shall
2 select one or more programs, as funding permits, to participate in the pilot
3 based on a program's application materials. A successful application shall
4 include a plan to:

5 (1) create a community health worker position to serve program clients;

6 (2) expand the program's nursing services to serve a greater percentage
7 of aging Vermonters in the program's region, including ensuring that nurse
8 home visits are not limited in number or duration;

9 (3) identify and fill the program's coverage gaps;

10 (4) integrate enhanced administrative support within the program; and

11 (5) develop a system to obtain relevant data and document program
12 needs, outcomes, and processes.

13 (c) On or before December 15, 2027, a program participating in the pilot
14 described in this section shall submit a report to the Department detailing the
15 number of aging Vermonters served, program gaps, recommended program
16 improvements, and any other data relevant to the pilot.

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.