1	TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:
2	The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3	No. 36 entitled "An act relating to Medicaid coverage of long-term residential
4	treatment for co-occurring substance use disorder and mental health condition'
5	respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
6	bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in
7	lieu thereof the following:
8	Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 1901n is added to read:
9	§ 1901n. HIGH-INTENSITY RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FOR
10	SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND CO-OCCURRING
11	MENTAL CONDITIONS
12	(a) The Agency of Human Services shall provide coverage for high-
13	intensity, medically monitored residential treatment episodes to Medicaid
14	beneficiaries with substance use disorder and a co-occurring mental health
15	condition when high-intensity, medically monitored residential treatment
16	episodes are prescribed by a health care professional employed by a residential
17	treatment program who is practicing within the scope of the health
18	professional's license and the residential treatment program is participating in
19	Vermont's Medicaid program.
20	(b) Coverage provided under this section shall be for the entire length of
21	stay prescribed by a health care professional employed by a residential

1	treatment program, who shall take into account current best practices for each
2	level of care within the substance use continuum of care.
3	Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 1901o is added to read:
4	§ 1901o. LOW-INTENSITY RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FOR
5	SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND CO-OCCURRING
6	MENTAL CONDITIONS
7	(a) The Agency of Human Services shall provide coverage for low-
8	intensity, clinically managed residential treatment episodes to Medicaid
9	beneficiaries with substance use disorder and a co-occurring mental health
10	condition when low-intensity, clinically managed residential treatment
11	episodes are prescribed by a health care professional employed by a residential
12	treatment program who is practicing within the scope of the health care
13	professional's license and the residential treatment program is participating in
14	Vermont's Medicaid program.
15	(b) Coverage provided under this section shall be for the entire length of
16	stay prescribed by a health care professional employed by a residential
17	treatment program, who shall take into account current best practices for levels
18	of care within the substance use continuum of care.
19	Sec. 3. REPORT; MEDICAID PAYMENT MODEL FOR RESIDENTIAL
20	SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES

1	The Agency of Human Services shall conduct a review of the Medicaid
2	payment model for residential substance use disorder treatment services with
3	special consideration given to the actual cost of providing residential treatment
4	services, commensurate with length of stay, co-occurring physical and mental
5	health needs, and postresidential treatment service needs. The results of the
6	review shall be submitted to the House Committee on Human Services and the
7	Senate Committee on Health and Welfare on or before December 1, 2025. The
8	review shall include recommendations and proposed legislation to:
9	(1) align the Medicaid payment model with the clinical needs of
10	individuals receiving residential substance use disorder treatment services; and
11	(2) ensure coordinated transitions between residential substance use
12	disorder treatment providers offering varying acuity of care.
13	Sec. 4. REPEAL
14	2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Secs. 99 and 100 (amendments to 18 V.S.A.
15	§§ 4810(d)–(j) and 4811 that prohibited public inebriates from being
16	incarcerated in a Department of Corrections' facility) are repealed.
17	Sec. 5. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Sec. 105 is amended to read:
18	Sec. 105. EFFECTIVE DATES
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20	(c) Secs. 99 and 100 (amending 18 V.S.A. §§ 4910 and 4811) shall take
21	effect on July 1, 2025. [Deleted.]

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2	Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE
3	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.
4	and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: "An act relating
5	to the Medicaid payment model for residential substance use disorder
6	treatment services"
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10	(Committee vote:)
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12	Senator
13	FOR THE COMMITTEE