Proposal of amendment to H. 961 to be offered by Senators Ashe and Sears before Third Reading

Senators Ashe and Sears move to amend the Senate proposal of amendment in Sec. A.21 by adding a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall in collaboration with the Commissioner of Mental Health present a plan to the General Assembly by August 18, 2020 that will create the capacity for each State Police barrack to have embedded mental health clinicians from a designated agency or contracted provider to more appropriately respond to situations involving individuals experiencing a mental health emergency. In formulating this plan, the commissioners shall review the embedded mental health clinician model developed in Franklin county for statewide scalability. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall recommend the reallocation of funds for this purpose and the explore the potential to match funds under Vermont’s Medicaid waiver.