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2 Introduced by Representative Deen of Westminster

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Fish and wildlife; hunting; coyotes

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
7 Fish and Wildlife Board to report to the General Assembly regarding the
8 hunting of coyotes in the State. The bill would require the Fish and Wildlife
9 Board to recommend whether the State should adopt by rule regulations for the
10 hunting of coyotes, including whether a closed season should be established
11 for coyotes.

12 An act relating to the hunting of coyotes

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

14 Sec. 1. FISH AND WILDLIFE BOARD REPORT ON THE REGULATION
15 OF COYOTE HUNTING

16 (a) On or before January 15, 2018, the Fish and Wildlife Board, after
17 consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and interested parties,
18 shall submit a report to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and
19 Wildlife and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy

1 regarding regulation of the hunting of coyotes in Vermont. The report shall
2 include:

3 (1) An estimated population of coyotes in the State of Vermont.

4 (2) A summary of how Vermont regulates the hunting of coyotes,
5 including the scientific basis for current regulation.

6 (3) A summary of how other states regulate the hunting of coyotes,
7 including whether other states implement closed seasons, limit hunting of
8 coyotes at night, or establish bag limits for the number of coyotes taken in a
9 day or a season.

10 (4) A recommendation of whether Vermont should adopt by rule
11 additional regulations for the hunting of coyotes, including whether Vermont
12 should establish a closed season for the hunting of coyotes. The Board shall
13 provide data or a basis supporting the recommendation.

14 (b) The Fish and Wildlife Board shall have the administrative, technical,
15 and legal assistance of the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the purpose of
16 preparing the report required by this section.

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on passage.