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Troiano of Stannard, Whitman of Bennington, and Williams of
Barre City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; rulemaking; respectful language

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
Agency of Human Services to amend certain rules to ensure each uses
respectful language and is aligned with current practices and operations.

1 An act relating to updating certain rules adopted by the Agency of Human
2 Services

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

4 Sec. 1. RULEMAKING; RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE

5 (a) On or before January 1, 2024, the Agency of Human Services shall
6 submit a plan to the House Committees on Human Services and on Health
7 Care, to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and to the Legislative
8 Committee on Administrative Rules for amending the following rules in
9 accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 in a manner that uses respectful language
10 and reflects current practices and operations:

11 (1) operation of intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded
12 (CVR 13-150-007);

13 (2) protective supervision of guardianship for mentally retarded persons
14 (CVR 13-150-009);

15 (3) Department of Mental Health Medicaid regulations (CVR 13-150-
16 004);

17 (4) long-term care services (CVR 13-170-760); and

18 (5) vocational rehabilitation (CVR 13-111-001).

19 (b) In developing the plan required in subsection (a) of this section, the
20 Agency shall prioritize amending the rules listed in subdivisions (a)(1) and
21 (a)(2).

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.