

1 H.529

2 Introduced by Representative Till of Jericho

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; public health; vital records; situational surveillance

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to direct the
7 Department of Health's Office of Vital Records to operate the Statewide
8 Registration System in a manner that allows the State Registrar to add and
9 amend information collected at birth to better capture and address emerging
10 public health concerns.

11 An act relating to situational surveillance at birth

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

13 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 5018 is added to read:

14 § 5018. SITUATIONAL SURVEILLANCE

15 To the extent permitted under federal law, the State Registrar, in
16 consultation with the Commissioner, may add or amend the information
17 collected at birth to track and address emerging public health concerns. Data
18 collected pursuant to this section shall be:

1 (1) used by the Commissioner to inform the development of policies
2 aimed at protecting public health, including region-specific policy responses as
3 necessary; and

4 (2) aggregated and included in the annual report completed by the State
5 Registrar pursuant to section 5002 of this title.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.