

1 S.293

2 Introduced by Senator Snelling

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: General Assembly and Executive; population-level outcomes and
6 indicators; Performance Measure Pilot Program; report

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
8 Executive Branch to report on population-level outcomes and indicators for
9 different areas of State government and on the Performance Measure Pilot
10 Program in order for the General Assembly to consider data-based results in
11 decision making.

12 An act relating to reporting on population-level outcomes and indicators
13 and on program-level performance measures

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

15 Sec. 1. PURPOSE

16 (a) This act is necessary for the General Assembly to obtain data-based
17 information to gauge how well State government is working to achieve the
18 population-level outcomes the General Assembly sets for Vermonters, and will
19 assist the General Assembly in determining how best to spend taxpayer dollars.

1 (b) Evaluating the results of spending taxpayer dollars will allow the
2 General Assembly to be more forward-thinking, strategic, and responsive to
3 the long-term needs of Vermonters and allow the Executive Branch to consider
4 how the programs it administers could be further refined in order to produce
5 better results.

6 (c) Using the data-based information provided under this act will encourage
7 State government to continue to move steadily toward accountability and will
8 help educate the General Assembly and Executive Branch on how to be more
9 effective and accountable to Vermonters.

10 Sec. 2. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER; ANNUAL REPORT ON
11 POPULATION-LEVEL OUTCOMES AND INDICATORS

12 (a)(1) Annually, on or before July 30, the Chief Performance Officer within
13 the Agency of Administration shall report to the General Assembly on the
14 State's progress in reaching the population-level outcomes for each area of
15 State government set forth in subsection (b) of this section by providing data
16 for the population-level indicators that are requested pursuant to the process set
17 forth in subsection (c) of this section.

18 (2) The report shall be provided in the form of an Accountability Report
19 Card that shall answer the following questions for each population-level
20 outcome using its related requested population-level indicators:

1 (A) How much did we do?

2 (B) How well did we do it?

3 (C) Is anyone better off?

4 (b)(1) Human services.

5 (A) Outcome 1. Children, families, and individuals are engaged in
6 and contribute to their community's decisions and activities.

7 (B) Outcome 2. Pregnant women and children thrive.

8 (C) Outcome 3. Children are ready for school.

9 (D) Outcome 4. Children succeed in school.

10 (E) Outcome 5. Children live in safe, nurturing, stable, supported
11 families.

12 (F) Outcome 6. Youths choose healthy behaviors.

13 (G) Outcome 7. Youths successfully transition to adulthood.

14 (H) Outcome 8. Elders, people with disabilities, and individuals with
15 mental health conditions live with dignity and independence in settings they
16 prefer.

17 (I) Outcome 9. Families and individuals live in safe and supportive
18 communities.

19 (J) Outcome 10. Adults lead healthy and productive lives.

1 (K) Outcome 11. Vermonters receive affordable and appropriate
2 health care at the appropriate time, and health care costs are contained over
3 time.

4 (L) Outcome 12. Families and individuals move out of poverty
5 through education and advancement in employment.

6 (2) Corrections.

7 (A) Outcome 1. The number of people returned to prison for
8 technical violations of probation or parole, while ensuring public safety, shall
9 decrease.

10 (B) Outcome 2. The number of people coming into the corrections
11 system shall decrease.

12 (C) Outcome 3. The number of nonviolent offenders diverted from
13 prison into the community, while ensuring public safety and providing
14 effective consequences for criminal behavior, shall increase.

15 (D) Outcome 4. Recidivism shall decrease.

16 (E) Outcome 5. A unified crime prevention and justice system shall
17 be established.

18 (F) Outcome 6. Revenues realized within the corrections system
19 from programs designed to develop skills of offenders shall increase.

20 (G) Outcome 7. Short-term lodgings in Department of Corrections
21 facilities shall decrease.

1 (3) Education.

2 (A) Outcome 1. Increase electronic and distance learning
3 opportunities that enhance learning, increase productivity, and promote
4 creativity.

5 (B) Outcome 2. Increase the secondary school graduation rates for
6 all students.

7 (C) Outcome 3. Increase the aspiration, continuation, and completion
8 rates for all students in connection with postsecondary education and training.

9 (D) Outcome 4. Increase administrative efficiencies within education
10 governance in a manner that promotes student achievement.

11 (E) Outcome 5. Increase cost-effectiveness in delivery of support
12 services for students with individualized education plans.

13 (F) Outcome 6. Increase the use of early intervention strategies that
14 enable students to be successful in the general education environment and help
15 avoid the later need for more expensive interventions.

16 (4) Regulatory.

17 (A) Outcome 1. The permitting and licensing processes achieve
18 environmental standards, and are clear, timely, predictable, and coordinated
19 between agencies and municipalities.

1 (B) Outcome 2. The permitting process enables applicants to
2 determine readily what permits and licenses are needed and what information
3 must be submitted to apply for those permits and licenses.

4 (C) Outcome 3. The permit and enforcement processes enable
5 citizens and visitors to the State of Vermont to understand and comply with the
6 laws protecting State natural and agricultural resources.

7 (D) Outcome 4. Permitting, licensing, and environmental protective
8 services are cost-effective and user-friendly.

9 (E) Outcome 5. The decision-making process is transparent, and
10 citizens understand and participate in the process.

11 (5) Economic development.

12 (A) Outcome 1. Vermont achieves a sustainable annual increase in
13 nonpublic sector employment and in median household income.

14 (B) Outcome 2. Vermont attains a statewide, state-of-the-art
15 telecommunications infrastructure.

16 (c) After consulting with the State agency having jurisdiction over an area
17 of State government set forth in subsection (b) of this section, a standing
18 committee of the General Assembly having jurisdiction over that area of State
19 government may submit to the Government Accountability Committee a
20 request that any population-level indicator related to that area of State
21 government be revised. If that request is approved by the Government

1 Accountability Committee, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the
2 Speaker of the House, the State agency shall revise the population-level
3 indicator in accordance with the request.

4 (d) As they determine to be necessary, the standing committees of the
5 General Assembly having jurisdiction over the areas of State government set
6 forth in subsection (b) of this section and the Government Accountability
7 Committee shall review the population-level outcomes set forth in
8 subsection (b) and make any recommendations to the General Assembly as to
9 how those population-level outcomes should be revised.

10 Sec. 3. TRANSITIONAL POPULATION-LEVEL INDICATORS

11 Until any population-level indicators are requested pursuant to the
12 provisions of Sec. 2(c) of this act, each area of State government set forth in
13 Sec. 2(b) of this act and listed in this section shall have the following
14 population-level indicators:

15 (1) Human services.

16 (A) percent of children at or below 200 percent of federal poverty
17 level;

18 (B) rate of homelessness;

19 (C) rate of abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults;

20 (D) percent of individuals and families living at different poverty
21 levels;

1 (E) percent of women receiving prenatal and natal care;

2 (F) percent of low birth weight babies or preterm births;

3 (G) number of assessments of child abuse and neglect and percent of
4 reports substantiated;

5 (H) rate of pregnant teenagers under 18 years of age;

6 (I) percent of students who report using alcohol, tobacco, or drugs
7 within the last 30 days;

8 (J) percent of adults who exceed healthy weight;

9 (K) rate of infant mortality;

10 (L) percent of adults who smoke cigarettes; and

11 (M) number of minors under the supervision of the Department of
12 Corrections.

13 (2) Corrections.

14 (A) rate of violent crime;

15 (B) number of people incarcerated; and

16 (C) rate of recidivism.

17 (3) Education.

18 (A) rate of high school graduation; and

19 (B) percent of participation in postsecondary education.

20 (4) Regulatory.

21 (A) processing time for permit applications and renewals;

1 (B) carbon dioxide per capita;

2 (C) electricity by fuel or power type; and

3 (D) percent of organic farm sales.

4 (5) Economic development.

5 (A) median household income;

6 (B) median house price;

7 (C) rate of unemployment;

8 (D) percent of residences and businesses with broadband access;

9 (E) percent of structurally-deficient bridges; and

10 (F) percent of water, sewer, and stormwater systems that meet federal
11 and State standards.

12 Sec. 4. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT; REPORT
13 ON PERFORMANCE MEASURE PILOT PROGRAM

14 Annually, on or before July 30, the Department of Finance and
15 Management shall submit to the General Assembly with the report set forth in
16 Sec. 2 of this act a report on its Performance Measure Pilot Program. The
17 report shall include the performance measure data collected by the pilot
18 participants.

1 Sec. 5. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER; RESULTS-BASED

2 ACCOUNTABILITY LIAISONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 On or before November 15, 2014, the Chief Performance Officer within the
4 Agency of Administration shall designate an employee in each agency of State
5 government to be a results-based accountability liaison to the General
6 Assembly. A liaison designated under this section shall be responsible to
7 review with the General Assembly any of the population-level outcomes and
8 indicators for the areas of State government set forth in this act and any other
9 requests for results-based accountability information requested by the General
10 Assembly.

11 Sec. 6. QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTS; TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

12 (a) The report requirement set forth in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 146,
13 Sec. H4 (Challenges for Change; quarterly reporting and implementation) is
14 temporarily suspended. The report requirement shall resume in 2017
15 beginning with the first quarterly report due for that year.

16 (b) The report required under Sec. 2 of this act (Chief Performance Officer;
17 annual report on population-level outcomes and indicators) shall no longer be
18 required upon the resumption of the report described in subsection (a) of this
19 section.

20 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on passage.