

SEC Policy Priorities

[H. 210](#): OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY

Summary:

Proposes to establish the Health Equity Advisory Commission, issue grants for the promotion of health equity, collect data to better understand health disparities in Vermont, and require an additional two hours of continuing medical education on cultural competency in the practice of medicine.

Connects to the RETF recommendation:

Have VDH work with the Executive Director of Racial Equity, the Task Force, and other stakeholders to create a better system to collect, track, and report race data regarding health disparities from the Vermont Health Information Exchange to monitor and analyzing racial disparities in healthcare on an ongoing basis.

Contacts: Rep. Brian Cina

[H.96](#): TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Summary:

Proposes to create the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Development Task Force.

Connects to A.C.T. recommendation:

Re-introduce an act establishing a task force for chattel slavery reparations.

Contacts: Rep. Kevin Christie; Rep. Harold "Hal" Colston; Rep. Thomas Stevens

[H.196](#): RACIAL EQUITY OFFICE EXPANSION

Summary:

Proposes to add new FTE positions, one policy and research analyst, and one outreach and education coordinator to support the work of the Executive Director of Racial Equity to mitigate systemic racism in all branches of State government. The bill also proposes to appropriate funding for both positions.

Connects to A.C.T. recommendation:

Expand the capacity and strengthen the powers of the State Racial Equity Director.

Contacts: Rep. Kevin Christie

[H.336](#): BIPOC BUSINESS SUPPORT

Summary:

Proposes to establish an entity within ACCD or the Agency of Administration to a) provide technical assistance such as financial literacy, digital literacy, marketing, etc. to BIPOC-owned businesses, b) promote state and federal contract bid opportunities to BIPOC-owned businesses, and c) provide training to business technical assistance providers to reduce, if not eliminate, bias in service delivery.

Connects to VPDF recommendation

Contacts: Rep. Sarah Coffey; Rep. Mike Mrowicki

[S.27](#): CULTURAL LIAISONS

Summary:

Allows school district and town/city to jointly fund the services of cultural liaisons to support students and families who have limited English proficiency.

Connects to RETF recommendation:

Asses school-level assessments to determine the need for multilingual liaisons, develop model policies in regards to the liaisons, and provide a forum through which the liaisons can share and support each other.

Contacts: Sen. Kesha Ram

[S. 16](#): SCHOOL DISCIPLINE & EXCLUSION

Summary:

Proposes to create the School Discipline Advisory Council that would make recommendations to end suspensions and expulsions for all but the most serious student behaviors and compile data regarding school discipline in Vermont public and approved independent schools.

Connects to RETF recommendation:

Replace all suspensions and most expulsions, after considering all other alternatives. Reduce law enforcement contacts by students facing discipline. Change "the severe of pervasive" standard for harassment claims. Provide for independent reviews of final bullying determinations.

Contacts: Sen. Richard Sears; Sen. Kesha Ram

[H. 54](#): PUPIL WEIGHTING

Summary:

Proposes to implement recommendations in the Pupil Weighting Factors Report. Seeks to adjust the existing weighting factors and add new weighting factors that are used to calculate equalized pupils

Connects to SECWG recommendation:

Increase equity and access in the school system.

Contacts: Rep. Laura Sibilia; Rep. Selene Colburn; Rep. John Gannon; Rep. Michael Marcotte; Rep. Kelly Pajala; Rep. Carolyn Partridge; Rep. Katherine Sims; Rep. Taylor Small

[J.R.H.2](#): EUGENICS APOLOGY

Summary:

Proposes a joint resolution to sincerely apologize and express sorrow and regret to all individual Vermonters and their families and descendants who were harmed as a result of State-sanctioned eugenics policies and practices

Connects to A.C.T. recommendation:

Implement a targeted Health and Wellness Bill for ADOS and other BIPOC.

Contacts: Rep. John Killacky

[S.79](#): BIPOC ACCESS TO LAND & HOMEOWNERSHIP

Summary:

Bill contains a placeholder for 25% of the homeownership resources to go to BIPOC homeowners.

Connects to SECWG recommendation:

Pass legislation that creates incentives for financial markets to create new mortgage products specifically for BIPOC individuals who have been excluded from homeownership because of racism.

Contacts: Sen. Michael Sirotkin; Sen. Alison Clarkson; Sen. Rebecca Balint