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Subject: Conf. Exec Priv: Daily Legislative Report for Wednesday, February 18

House Reconvenes Tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

Senate Reconvenes Tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

Done Bills:

- [H.7](#) An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to laws regarding law enforcement officer certification. No amendments, bill done.
- [H.16](#). An act relating to requiring an inmate to report to the Sex Offender Registry prior to release from a correctional facility. Presser 2/25. Will take Friday
- [H.10](#) An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Barre; bill done.

HOUSE:

Passed House Committee, Notice Tomorrow, Second Reading/Referral Friday

- [H.240](#) Miscellaneous technical corrections to laws governing motor vehicles, motorboats, and other vehicles

Action Postponed Today, Senate Proposal of Amendment Tomorrow

- [H.82](#) The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled An act relating to fiscal year 2015 budget adjustments

Passed Second Reading; Third Reading Tomorrow

- [H.141](#) An act relating to the Organ and Tissue Donation Working Group

On Notice Today; Second Reading Tomorrow

- [H.62](#) Prohibiting a sentence of life without parole for a person who was under 18 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense
- [H.194](#) Approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of St. Johnsbury

Bills Introduced Today

- [H.241](#), by House Human Services, relating to rulemaking on emergency involuntary procedures

Bills Released For Introduction But Not Yet Introduced

- [H.257](#) An act relating to a cap on education spending growth
- [H.256](#) An act relating to disposal of property following an eviction, and fair housing and public accommodations
- [H.255](#) An act relating to increasing hospice enrollment and length of care
- [H.254](#) An act relating to growlers
- [H.253](#) An act relating to adding post-traumatic stress disorder to the list of qualified medical conditions for therapeutic use of cannabis and waiving the six-month professional-patient relationship requirement for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder
- [H.252](#) An act relating to establishing the Agency of Controlled Substances
- [H.251](#) Rep. Stevens; would prohibit sale of lottery tickets in restaurants and bars
- [H.250](#) Rep. Clarkson; An act relating to possession and transfer of firearms. Similar to S.31
- [H.249](#) An act relating to intermunicipal services and the authority to create a regional council of governments
- [H.248](#) An act relating to miscellaneous revisions to the air pollution statutes
- [H.247](#) Rep. Bartholomew; An act relating to the use of single-use carryout bags
- [H.246](#) An act relating to veterans
- [H.245](#) Rep. Zagar; An act relating to expanding the list of qualifying medical conditions for the medical marijuana registry and conditions for renewal of patient registry cards
- [H.244](#) Rep. Stevens; An act relating to repealing the State Lottery
- [H.243](#) An act relating to illuminating vehicle lights while windshield wipers are in use
- [H.242](#) An act relating to credit in the Vermont State Retirement System for military service during the Persian Gulf War

SENATE:

Passed Committee, notice tomorrow, second reading/referral Friday:

- [S.98](#) An act relating to captive insurance companies, passed Senate Finance.
- [S.72](#) An act relating to binding arbitration for State employees, passed Senate Economic Development.

Bill Passed Third Reading.

- [H.7](#) An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to laws regarding law enforcement officer certification. No amendments, bill done.

Consideration Postponed, Second Reading Tomorrow with Amendment

- [S.14](#) An act relating to single dose, child-resistant packaging and labeling of marijuana-infused edible or potable products sold by a registered dispensary.

Second Reading Tomorrow

- [S.92](#) An act relating to mediation in medical malpractice actions
- [S.23](#) An act relating to required disclosures for workers' compensation settlements

Third Reading Tomorrow

- [H.17](#) An act relating to identification and notification of Public Records Act exemptions in administrative rules

Bills Released For Introduction But Not Yet Introduced

- [S.99](#) An act relating to double fines for speeding in school zones
- [S.101](#) An act relating to expanding parole eligibility
- [S.100](#) An act relating to hazardous waste collection

COMMITTEE INTEL:

- **Senate Judiciary, School Discipline bill, [S.67](#):** would create a school discipline advisory committee, AOE does not recommend supporting this bill, it would require a lot of work on their part and is essentially duplication of efforts. The bill mostly relates to data collection and the idea that discipline impedes education and disproportionately affects IEP and minority students. Despite testimony against this bill from AOE and others, will likely pass. Sears and Campion pushing.
- **[H.98](#), relating to reportable disease registries and data**, is moving along. It would allow VT to share cancer info with early detection programs, require data on HIV to be stored on networked computers in the same manner as data on other reportable diseases (HIV community wants this), and would expand access to a student's immunization records. Anti-vaxxers are opposed so there is some controversy here. VDH proposed the changes, likely the HIV piece will be the only piece left standing.
- **[S.9](#), Child Protection:** Passed Senate Judiciary 5-0 and Senate Health and Welfare approved changes. It will likely come out of S. Appropriations tomorrow, and Sears may try to suspend the rules and have it on second reading for Friday.
- No ombudsman in new version (though will likely appear in House). A fiscal note states this would cost around \$240k.
- There is a legislative oversight committee still in the draft but it would not have the ability to review confidential information. S. Appropriations thinks they can absorb costs for this.
- And there were good developments in the criminal issue, toward what DCF favors.

- **S.44, relating to early college**, will pass Senate Education tomorrow. Currently cap is at 18 for each college, this bill would allow colleges to exceed cap as long as aggregate does not exceed 54 total. Passed Senate Education.
- **Harry testified on Act 49 of 2013 – End of Life Choices** in Senate Health and Welfare. He reported it is working as intended and would be comfortable lifting sunsets

Health Care:

- **House Ways and Means Payroll Tax:** testimony went relatively well, no new news here. However, Rep. Komline brought up the issue of the scenario 5-10 years down the road. Committee was concerned with Teachout's [numbers](#).
- **House Health Care discussed what happens if we do nothing on HC reform:**
<http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2016/WorkGroups/House%20Health%20Care/Health%20Care%20Reform/W~Jennifer%20Carbee~Health%20Care%20Reform--2015%20Status%20Quo~2-17-2015.pdf>
- **Al Gobeille in House Health Care:** The testimony was well received and covered a lot of ground with regard to All Payer Waiver and Cost Shift. Gobeille reiterated that while addressing the cost shift is not required in order to get the all payer waiver, it would be in the best interest of the state to make sure it is addressed. When asked about his thoughts when people say that the cost shift does not exist, Gobeille likened it to a price differential. The committee found this analogy helpful.