

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred House Bill No. 518
3 entitled “An act relating to fair and impartial policing” respectfully reports that
4 it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the
5 House that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 2. in its entirety and
6 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 2. JOINT LEGISLATIVE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; FAIR
8 AND IMPARTIAL POLICING AND CIVIL RIGHTS WORKING GROUP;
9 REPORT

10 (a) During the 2019 legislative interim, the Office of the Attorney General
11 shall convene and facilitate a working group of representatives from the
12 Human Rights Commission, the Vermont chapter of the American Civil
13 Liberties Union, the Criminal Justice Training Council, Migrant Justice, the
14 Vermont Police Association, and the Vermont State Police to collaboratively:

15 (1) establish an outreach and education strategy to better inform
16 Vermonters of their civil rights pursuant to state laws that prohibit
17 discrimination, including the right to file a complaint with the Human Rights
18 Commission and the Civil Rights Unit of the Office of the Attorney General
19 and other resources available; and

1 (2) ensure all law enforcement agencies and constables are acting in
2 compliance with their fair and impartial policing policies adopted pursuant to
3 20 V.S.A. § 2366.

4 (b) On or before November 1, 2019, the working group established
5 pursuant to this section shall report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight
6 Committee and the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and
7 Government Operations on their work pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
8 and recommendations for legislative action to protect marginalized populations
9 in Vermont.

10 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on passage.

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Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE