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2 Introduced by Representative Shaw of Pittsford

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Public property; Robert H. Wood, Jr. Criminal Justice and Fire

6 Service Training Center of Vermont; governance committee

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a  
8 committee charged with governing the access to, the use and future needs of,  
9 and the capital investments in the Robert H. Wood, Jr. Criminal Justice and  
10 Fire Service Training Center of Vermont.

11 An act relating to establishing the Training Center Governance Committee

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

13 Sec. 1. FINDINGS, PURPOSE, AND INTENT

14 (a) The General Assembly finds that the Robert H. Wood, Jr. Criminal  
15 Justice and Fire Service Training Center of Vermont (the Training Center) is  
16 an asset to the State because it provides multiple agencies with the space to  
17 train people who protect the lives of Vermonters. These agencies presently  
18 include the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, the Vermont Fire  
19 Service Training Council, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of  
20 Corrections, and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

1        (b) The purpose of this act is to create a committee to govern the access to,  
2        the use and future needs of, and the capital investments in Training Center  
3        facilities so that agencies continue to enjoy access to it and so that members of  
4        the public may also be able to use the Training Center. While this committee  
5        is established to oversee Training Center facilities, it is the General  
6        Assembly's intent that this committee shall not have jurisdiction over any  
7        training content provided at the Training Center.

8        Sec. 2. 29 V.S.A. chapter 19 is added to read:

9            CHAPTER 19. TRAINING CENTER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

10          § 841. COMMITTEE CREATION

11          (a) Creation. There is created the Training Center Governance Committee  
12          to manage access to the facilities of the Robert H. Wood, Jr. Criminal Justice  
13          and Fire Service Training Center of Vermont (Training Center), located in  
14          Pittsford, Vermont.

15          (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following nine  
16          members:

17            (1) the Executive Director of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training  
18          Council;

19            (2) the Chief Fire Service Training Officer of the Vermont Fire Service  
20          Training Council;

1           (3) an employee of the Department of Buildings and General Services,  
2           appointed by the Commissioner of the Department;

3           (4) an employee of the Department of Corrections, appointed by the  
4           Commissioner of the Department;

5           (5) an employee of the Department of Motor Vehicles, appointed by the  
6           Commissioner of the Department;

7           (6) the Director of the Division of Fire Safety;

8           (7) a member of the State Police, appointed by the Commissioner of  
9           Public Safety;

10           (8) a member of the Vermont Sheriffs' Association, appointed by the  
11           President of the Association; and

12           (9) a member of the Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police, appointed  
13           by the President of the Association.

14           (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall:

15           (1) Use and access. Govern the use of and access to the Training  
16           Center. In so governing, the Committee shall take into consideration the needs  
17           of the State's various agencies and members of the public in using the Training  
18           Center's facilities.

19           (2) Future needs and capital investments.

20           (A) Plan for the future capital needs of the Training Center.

1           (B) Submit a capital program plan to the Department of Buildings  
2           and General Services for the capital construction bill set forth in 32 V.S.A.  
3           § 701a and report to the General Assembly as necessary on any recommended  
4           legislative action for capital needs.

5           (C) On an ongoing basis, monitor the effectiveness of any capital  
6           investments related to training needs.

7           (3) Performance analysis. Establish policies to ensure the facility  
8           training needs of those persons that use the Training Center are cost-effectively  
9           met, and establish performance measures for assessing on an ongoing basis  
10          how well those needs are met.

11          (4) Budget and rates.

12           (A) Prepare, submit, and administer the budget for operating and  
13           staffing expenses for the facilities at the Training Center.

14           (B) Set the rates for use of space at the Training Center.

15           (C) Enter into and administer contracts on behalf of the Training  
16           Center.

17           (D) Develop approaches to budgeting, paying for space, and facility  
18           maintenance that encourage collaboration among those persons that use the  
19           Training Center.

20          (d) Meetings.

21           (1) The Committee shall meet no fewer than four times per year.

1           (2) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

2           (3) The Committee shall elect a chair and may adopt rules of procedure.

3           (e) Reimbursement. Members of the Committee who are not employees of  
4 the State and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their  
5 attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of  
6 expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

7           Sec. 3. INITIAL MEETING OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE;

8                           TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

9           (a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall call the  
10 initial meeting of the Training Center Governance Committee set forth in  
11 Sec. 2 of this act, to be held on or before September 30, 2015.

12           (b) The Training Center Governance Committee shall be responsible for  
13 requests for use of the Robert H. Wood, Jr. Criminal Justice and Fire Service  
14 Training Center of Vermont made on and after the initial Committee meeting,  
15 but shall permit any scheduled use of the Training Center made prior to that  
16 date.

17           Sec. 4. TRAINING CENTER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE; REPORT

18           On or before February 1, 2016, the Training Center Governance Committee  
19 set forth in Sec. 2 of this act shall report to the General Assembly regarding the  
20 operation of its powers and duties to date and recommend any further  
21 legislative action it finds necessary.

1 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.