

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 545 entitled “An act relating to issuing immunization recommendations”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 3, 18 V.S.A. § 1131, by striking subsection (b) in its entirety
7 and inserting a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

8 (b) Membership. The Council shall be composed of the following
9 members:

10 (1) ~~a representative~~ the executive officer of the Vermont Board of
11 Medical Practice, ~~appointed by the Governor or designee;~~

12 (2) ~~the Secretaries~~ Secretary of Human Services ~~and of or designee;~~

13 (3) the Secretary of Education or their designees designee;

14 ~~(3)(4)~~ a representative of public schools, appointed by the Governor;

15 ~~(4)(5)~~ the State epidemiologist Epidemiologist or designee;

16 (6) the Department of Health’s Immunization Program Manager or
17 designee;

18 (7) a practicing pediatrician, appointed by the Governor;

19 (8) two individuals who are professors, researchers, or physicians, or
20 any combination of these individuals, with expertise in infectious disease and
21 human immunizations, appointed by the Governor;

1 (3) to patients;

2 (A) 18 years of age or older, as established in subdivision

3 2023(b)(2)(A)(vii) and the resulting State protocol; and

4 (2)(B) to patients five years of age or older, seeking an influenza

5 vaccine immunization, COVID-19 vaccine immunization, and subsequent

6 formulations or combination products thereof, in accordance with subdivision

7 2023(b)(2)(A)(viii) and the resulting State protocol;

8 (3) pursuant to the schedules and recommendations of the Advisory

9 Committee on Immunization Practices' recommendations for the

10 administration of immunizations, as those recommendations may be updated

11 from time to time; and

12 (4) when a licensed pharmacist who is trained to immunize is present

13 and able to assist with the immunization, as needed.

14 (d) Pharmacy technicians shall administer only those immunizations that:

15 (1) are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and

16 Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP); and

17 (2) licensed pharmacists are permitted to administer under the State

18 clinical pharmacy protocol, as established in subdivision 2023(b)(2) of this

19 title.

20 (e) Pharmacy technicians performing COVID-19 tests shall do so only:

