

### **Vermont Health Connect sustainability analysis**

#### **Sec. X. VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE TECHNOLOGY;**

##### **SUSTAINABILITY ANALYSIS; REPORT**

(a) The Joint Fiscal Office, through a contract with an independent third party, shall provide a report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2016 with an analysis of the current functionality and long-term sustainability of the technology for Vermont's Health Benefit Exchange, including a review of the deficiencies in Vermont Health Connect functionality and the integration, connectivity, and business logic of each as they pertain to both the back end systems and the user interface of Vermont Health Connect. The analysis shall provide recommendations for improving the function, efficiency, reliability, operations, and customer experience of the technology going forward. The report shall include an evaluation of the investment value of existing components of the Exchange technology and the contractor's assessment of the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of leveraging existing components of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange as part of the technology for a larger, integrated eligibility system, including reviewing changes other states have made to the Exchange components of their technology infrastructure. The analysis and report shall provide a comparison of the investments required to ensure a sustainable State-based Exchange through further investment in Vermont Health Connect's current technology, including any opportunities to build on other states' Exchange technology, with the estimated investments that would be required to transition to a fully or partially federally facilitated Exchange.

(b) In preparing its request for proposal, the Joint Fiscal Office shall consult with health insurers offering qualified health plans on Vermont Health Connect.

(c) The General Assembly shall provide ongoing oversight and review of the analysis and report.