

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to which was
3 referred House Bill No. 707 entitled “An act relating to revising the delivery
4 and governance of the Vermont workforce system“ respectfully reports that it
5 has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking
6 out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. chapter 22A is amended to read:

8 CHAPTER 22A. WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

9 § 540. WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING LEADER

10 The Commissioner of Labor Executive Director of Workforce Expansion
11 and Development shall be the leader of workforce education and training in the
12 State, and shall have the authority and responsibility for the coordination of
13 workforce education and training within State government, including the
14 following duties:

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16 § 541a. STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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18 (c) Membership. The Board shall consist of the Governor and the
19 following members who are appointed by the Governor and serve at the
20 Governor’s pleasure unless otherwise indicated. in conformance with the
21 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act ; and who serve at his or

1 ~~her the Governor's pleasure, unless otherwise indicated: (WIOA),~~ and who
2 shall be selected from diverse backgrounds to represent the interests of ethnic
3 and diverse communities and represent diverse regions of the State, including
4 urban, rural, and suburban areas:

5 (1) ~~the Commissioner of Labor;~~

6 (2) ~~two members~~ one member of the Vermont House of Representatives,
7 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

8 (3) ~~two members~~ one member of the Vermont Senate, appointed by
9 the Senate Committee on Committees;

10 (4) ~~the President of the University of Vermont;~~

11 (5) ~~the Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges;~~

12 (6) ~~the President of the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation;~~

13 (7) ~~a representative of an independent Vermont college or university;~~

14 (8) ~~a director of a regional technical center;~~

15 (9) ~~a principal of a Vermont high school;~~

16 (10) ~~two representatives of labor organizations who have been~~
17 ~~nominated by a State labor federation;~~

18 (11) ~~two~~ three members that are core program representatives of
19 ~~individuals and organizations who have experience with respect to youth~~
20 ~~activities, as defined in 29 U.S.C. § 3102(71);, as follows:~~

1 (A) the Commissioner of Labor, or designee, for the Adult,
2 Dislocated Worker, and Youth program and Wagner-Peyser;

3 (B) the Secretary of Education, or designee, for the Adult Education
4 and Family Literacy Act program; and

5 (C) the Secretary of Human Services, or designee, for the Vocational
6 Rehabilitation program.

7 ~~(12)(4) two six workforce representatives of individuals and~~
8 ~~organizations who have experience in the delivery of workforce investment~~
9 ~~activities, as defined in 29 U.S.C. § 3102(68);, as follows:~~

10 (A) two representatives from labor organizations operating in this
11 State who are nominated by a State labor federation;

12 (B) one representative from the State registered apprenticeship
13 program; and

14 (C) three representatives of organizations that have demonstrated
15 experience and expertise in addressing the employment, training, or education
16 needs of individuals with barriers to employment, which may include:

17 (i) organizations that serve veterans;

18 (ii) organizations that provide or support competitive, integrated
19 employment for individuals with disabilities; and

1 (iii) organizations that support the training or education needs of
2 eligible youth as described in 20 CFR § 681.200, including representatives of
3 organizations that serve out-of-school youth as described in 20 CFR § 681.210;

4 ~~(13) the lead State agency officials with responsibility for the programs~~
5 ~~and activities carried out by one-stop partners, as described in 29 U.S.C. §~~
6 ~~3151(b), or if no official has that responsibility, representatives in the State~~
7 ~~with responsibility relating to these programs and activities;~~

8 ~~(14) the Commissioner of Economic Development;~~

9 ~~(15) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development;~~

10 ~~(16) the Secretary of Human Services;~~

11 ~~(17) the Secretary of Education;~~

12 ~~(18) two individuals who have experience in, and can speak for, the~~
13 ~~training needs of underemployed and unemployed Vermonters; and~~

14 (5) two elected local government officials who represent a city or county
15 within the State; and

16 ~~(19)(6) a number of appointees sufficient to constitute a majority of the~~
17 ~~Board 12 business representatives who:~~

18 (A) are owners, chief executives, or operating officers of businesses,
19 and other business executives or employers with optimum policymaking or
20 hiring authority, with at least one member representing a small business as
21 defined by the U.S. Small Business Administration;

1 (B) represent businesses with employment opportunities that reflect
2 in-demand sectors and employment opportunities in the State; and

3 (C) are appointed from among individuals nominated by State
4 business organizations and business trade associations.

5 (d) Operation of Board.

6 (1) Executive Committee.

7 (A) There is created an Executive Committee that shall manage the
8 affairs of the Board.

9 (B) The members of the Executive Committee shall comprise the
10 following:

11 (i) the Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Expansion
12 and Development;

13 (ii) the Chair of the Board;

14 (iii) the Commissioner of Labor or designee;

15 (iv) the Director of Career and Technical Education; and

16 (v) five business representatives, appointed by the Chair of the
17 Board, who serve on the Board.

18 (C) The Executive Committee shall have the following duties and
19 responsibilities:

20 (i) recommend to the Board changes to the Board's rules or
21 bylaws; and

1 (ii) other duties as provided in the Board's bylaws.

2 (2) Member representation.

3 (A) A member of the State Board may send a designee ~~that~~ who
4 meets the requirements of subdivision (B) of this subdivision ~~(1)~~(2) to any
5 State Board meeting, who shall count toward a quorum and who shall be
6 allowed to vote on behalf of the Board member for whom ~~he or she~~ the
7 individual serves as a designee.

8 (B) Members of the State Board or their designees who represent
9 organizations, agencies, or other entities shall be individuals with optimum
10 policymaking authority or relevant subject matter expertise within the
11 organizations, agencies, or entities.

12 ~~(C) The members of the Board shall represent diverse regions of the~~
13 ~~State, including urban, rural, and suburban areas.~~

14 ~~(2)~~(3) Chair. The Governor shall select a chair for the Board from
15 among the business representatives appointed pursuant to subdivision
16 ~~(c)(18)~~(6) of this section.

17 ~~(3)~~(4) Meetings. The Board shall meet at least three times annually and
18 shall hold additional meetings upon call of the Chair.

19 ~~(4)~~(5) Committees; work groups; ad hoc committees. The Chair, in
20 consultation with the Commissioner of Labor, may:

1 (b) Membership. The task force shall be composed of members selected by
2 the Executive Director of the State Workforce Development Board and shall
3 include representatives from the Agency of Education, Agency of Human
4 Services, Department of Human Resources, Agency of Digital Services,
5 Department of Health, and any others as the Executive Director sees fit.

6 (c) Compensation.

7 (1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General
8 Assembly, a legislative member of the task force shall be entitled to per diem
9 compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 23.

10 (2) Unless otherwise compensated by the member’s employer for
11 performance of the member’s duties on the task force, a nonlegislative member
12 of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem compensation and
13 reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

14 (3) Payments to members of the task force authorized under this
15 subsection shall be made from monies appropriated to the General Assembly.

16 (d) Duties and reporting. The task force shall meet as necessary to study
17 the data management recommendations provided to the Special Oversight
18 Committee on Workforce Expansion and Development by the Public
19 Consulting Group pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 5. The
20 task force shall provide a written report with its final recommendations on the

1 appropriate data management model to the General Assembly on or before
2 January 1, 2025.

3 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.

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11 (Committee vote: _____)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE