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2	Introduced by Committee on Commerce and Economic Development
3	Date:
4	Subject: Conservation and Development; Vermont Economic Development
5	Authority; Vermont Clean Energy Loan Fund
6	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish a
7	Vermont Clean Energy Loan Fund.

- An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Clean Energy Loan
 Fund
- 10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
- Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. chapter 12, subchapter 13 is added to read:
 Subchapter 13. Vermont Clean Energy Loan Fund
- 13 § 280cc. CREATION; PURPOSES
- 14 There is established within the Authority the Vermont Clean Energy Loan
- 15 Fund, referred to in this subchapter as "the Fund," the purpose of which shall
- 16 <u>be to enable the Authority to make loans and provide other forms of financing</u>
- 17 <u>for projects that stimulate and encourage development and deployment of</u>
- 18 <u>clean energy technologies in the State of Vermont. The extension of credit to</u>
- 19 <u>support these purposes is critical to sustain economic growth and the quality of</u>
- 20 <u>life for Vermont residents in the future.</u>

1	<u>8 280dd. PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE FUND</u>
2	(a) The Fund shall consist of:
3	(1) All existing loans made by the Authority, the Vermont Small
4	Business Development Corporation, and the Vermont Agricultural Credit
5	Corporation for energy conservation, energy generation, and agricultural
6	energy efficiency.
7	(2) The following programs:
8	(A) The Vermont Business Energy Conservation Loan Program.
9	(B) The Renewable Energy Loan Program.
10	(C) The Agricultural Energy Loan Program.
11	(D) The Energy Conservation Loan Guarantee Program.
12	(3) All existing loans of the Clean Energy Development Fund (CEDF),
13	established in 30 V.S.A. § 8015.
14	(b) The Fund shall be administered by the Authority and shall not be
15	subject to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5.
16	(c) The Authority shall establish:
17	(1) New financing programs that the Authority determines are necessary
18	to encourage and promote projects that support renewable and sustainable
19	energy creation and reduce reliance upon traditional fossil fuel sources.

1	(2) Policies and procedures for programs within the Fund that the
2	Authority determines are necessary to carry out the purposes of this
3	subchapter.
4	<u>§ 280ee. FUNDING OF PROGRAMS</u>
5	(a) The Vermont Business Energy Conservation Loan Program, the
6	Renewable Energy Loan Program, and the Agricultural Energy Loan Program
7	may be initially funded by the Vermont Jobs Fund pursuant to section 234 of
8	<u>this title.</u>
9	(b) The Energy Conservation Loan Guarantee Program shall support
10	enrolled loans made by participating banks through a fund established by equal
11	capital contributions of \$500,000.00 from the Clean Energy Development
12	Fund, the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, and the Authority.
13	Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 216 is amended to read:
14	§ 216. AUTHORITY; GENERAL POWERS
15	The authority Authority is hereby authorized:
16	* * *
17	(13) To cause to be incorporated in Vermont a nonprofit corporation
18	which will qualify as a state development company under Title 15 of the
19	United States Code and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. The
20	voting members of the authority <u>Authority</u> shall be members of the company
21	and shall constitute the board of directors of the company. The company shall

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1	have at least 14 other members selected by the members of the authority
2	Authority. The company shall be organized and operate under the nonprofit
3	corporation laws of the state State of Vermont to the extent not inconsistent
4	herewith. The authority Authority shall have the power to contract with the
5	company to provide staff and management needs of the company. The
6	authority Authority is authorized to contribute up to \$25,000.00 to the capital
7	of the company in an amount the Authority determines is necessary and
8	appropriate;
9	(14) To incorporate one or more nonprofit corporations in Vermont to
10	fulfill the goals of this chapter. Such corporation shall be empowered to
11	borrow money and to receive and accept gifts, grants, or contributions from
12	any source, provided that such gifts, grants, or contributions are not less than
13	\$5,000.00 from any one source for the period of one year and provided that
14	such nonprofit corporation provides business loaps of not less than \$2,500.00
15	to any particular entity or individual. The voting members of the authority
16	Authority shall be directors of the corporation. The corporation shall be
17	organized and operate under the nonprofit corporation laws of the state State of
18	Vermont. The authority <u>Authority</u> may contract with the corporation to
19	provide staff and management needs of the company. The authority Authority
20	may contribute no more than \$1,050,000.00 to the capital of the corporation <u>in</u>
21	an amount the Authority determines is necessary and appropriate;

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2	(17) To contribute to the capital of the Vermont Agricultural Credit
3	Corporation established pursuant to chapter 16A of this title in an amount the
4	Authority determines is necessary and appropriate;
5	(18) To contribute to the capital of the Vermont Clean Energy Loan
6	Fund established under subchapter 13 of this chapter in an amount the
7	Authority determines is necessary and appropriate.
8	Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 234 is amended to read:
9	§ 234. THE VERMONT JORS FUND
10	* * *.
11	(b) In order to provide monies in the industrial development fund Fund for
12	loans under this chapter, the authority Authority may issue notes for purchase
13	by the state treasurer State Treasurer as provided in section 235 of this chapter.
14	* * *
15	(f) The Authority may loan money from the Fund to the Vermont Clean
16	Energy Loan Fund established under subchapter 13 of this chapter at interest
17	rates and on terms and conditions set by the Authority.
18	Sec. 4. 10 V.S.A. § 280a is amended to read:
19	§ 280a. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS; AUTHORIZED FINANCING PROGRAMS
20	(a) The authority <u>Authority</u> may develop, modify, and implement any
21	existing or new financing program, provided that any specific project that

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1	benefits from such program shall meet the criteria contained in the Vermont
2	sustainable jobs strategy adopted under section 280b of this title, and provided
3	further that the program shall meet the criteria contained in the Vermont
4	sustainable jobs strategy adopted under section 280b of this title. Such These
5	programs may include:
6	(1) the more age insurance program Mortgage Insurance Program,
7	administered under subchapter 2 of chapter 12 of this title;
8	(2) the loans to local development corporations program Loans to Local
9	Development Corporations Program, administered under subchapter 3 of
10	chapter 12 of this title;
11	(3) the industrial revenue bond program Industrial Revenue Bond
12	Program, administered under subchapter 4 of chapter 12 of this title;
13	(4) the direct loan program Direct Loan Program, administered under
14	subchapter 5 of chapter 12 of this title;
15	(5) the Vermont financial access program, administered under
16	subchapter 8 of chapter 12 of this title;
17	(6) the SBA 504 Certified Development Company and Rural Economic
18	Activity Loan programs Small Business Loan Programs of the authority's
19	Vermont 503 504 Corporation, administered by the authority <u>Authority</u> under
20	subdivision 216(13) of this title;

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1	(7)(6) the Small Business Development Corporation program Program,
2	administered by the authority Authority under subdivision 216(14) of this title;
3	(8)(7) one or more programs targeting economically distressed regions
4	of the state State, and specifically including the authority <u>Authority</u> to develop
5	a program to finance or refinance up to 100 percent of the existing assets or
6	debts of a health, recreation, and fitness organization which is exempt under
7	Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the income of which is
8	entirely used for its exempt purpose, that owns and operates a recreation
9	facility located in a distressed region of the state State;
10	(9)(8) an export finance program Export Finance Program, administered
11	by the authority Authority under subchapter 9 of chapter 12 of this title;
12	(9) a Renewable Energy Loan Program, administered by the Authority
13	under subchapter 13 of this chapter:
14	* * *
15	Sec. 5. 10 V.S.A. § 213(b) and (c) are amended to read:
16	(b) The authority <u>Authority</u> shall have 12 15 voting members consisting of
17	the secretary of the agency of commerce and community development, the
18	state treasurer, the secretary of agriculture, food and markets Secretary of the
19	Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the State Treasurer, the
20	Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets, and the Commissioner of Rublic
21	Service, who shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member, or a designee of

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1	any of the aforementioned; and nine <u>11 members, who shall be residents of the-</u>
2	state State of Vermont, appointed by the governor Governor with the advice
3	and consent of the senate Senate. Of the 12 appointed members, two members
4	shall have demonstrated knowledge and experience in renewable energy or
5	energy conservation or both. The appointed members shall be appointed for
6	terms of six years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The
7	first members appointed by the governor Governor to the new authority
8	<u>Authority</u> shall be appointed, three four for a term of two years, three four for a
9	term of four years, and three for a term of six years. Appointed members may
10	be removed by the governor <u>Governor</u> for cause and the governor <u>Governor</u>
11	may fill any vacancy occurring among the appointed members for the balance
12	of the unexpired term.
12 13	of the unexpired term. (c) The authority <u>Authority</u> shall elect a chair, from among its appointed
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 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 	(c) The authority Authority shall elect a chair, from among its appointed members, and a vice chair and treasurer from among its members and shall employ a manager who shall hold office at the authority's Authority's pleasure and who, unless he <u>or she</u> is a member of the classified service under <u>3 V.S.A.</u> chapter 13 of Title 3 , shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the authority Authority with the approval of the governor Governor A quorum shall consist of six eight members. Members disqualified from voting under

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1	unless the action is supported by a majority vote of the members present and
2	voting and then only if at least four five members vote in favor of the action.
3	* * *
4	Sec. 6. 10V.S.A. § 219(d) is amended to read:
5	(d) In order to assure the maintenance of the debt service reserve
6	requirement in each debt service reserve fund established by the authority
7	Authority, there may be appropriated annually and paid to the authority
8	Authority for deposit in each such fund, such sum as shall be certified by the
9	chair of the authority <u>Authority</u> , to the governor <u>Governor</u> , the president of the
10	senate President of the Senate, and the speaker of the house Speaker of the
11	House, as is necessary to restore each such debt service reserve fund to an
12	amount equal to the debt service reserve requirement for such fund. The chair
13	shall annually, on or about February 1, make execute, and deliver to the
14	governor <u>Governor</u> , the president of the senate <u>President of the Senate</u> , and the
15	speaker of the house Speaker of the House, a certificate stating the sum
16	required to restore each such debt service reserve fund to the amount aforesaid,
17	and the sum so certified may be appropriated, and if appropriated, shall be paid
18	to the authority Authority during the then current state fiscal year. The
19	principal amount of bonds or notes outstanding at any one time and secured in
20	whole or in part by a debt service reserve fund to which state funds may be
21	appropriated pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed \$115,000,000.00

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- 1 <u>\$130,000,000.00</u>, provided that the foregoing shall not impair the obligation of
- 2 any contract or contracts entered into by the authority in contravention of the
- 3 Constitution of the United States.
- 4 Sec. 7. INVESTMENT OF STATE MONIES
- 5 The Treasurer is hereby authorized to establish a short-term credit facility
- 6 for the Vermont Economic Development Authority in an amount of up to
- 7 <u>\$10,000,000.00 to be used as interim financing for its Clean Energy Loan Fund</u>
- 8 <u>authorized under 10 V.S.A. § 280cc.</u>
- 9 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 10 <u>This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.</u>
 - Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. chapter 12, subchapter 13 is added to read:

Subchapter 13. Vermont Sustainable Energy Loan Fund

<u>§ 280cc. CREATION; PURPOSE; DEFINITIONS</u>

(a) There is established within the Authority the Vermont Sustainable Energy Loan Fund, referred to in this subchapter as "the Fund," the purpose of which shall be to enable the Authority to make loans and provide other forms of financing for projects that stimulate and encourage development and deployment of sustainable energy projects in the State of Vermont.

(b) In this subchapter:

(1) "Renewable energy" shall have the same meaning as in 30 V.S.A. § 8002(17). (2) "Sustainable energy" means energy efficiency, renewable energy, and technologies that enhance or support the development and implementation of renewable energy or energy efficiency, or both.

§ 280dd. LOAN PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED WITHIN THE FUND

(a) The Fund shall consist of:

(1) Existing sustainable energy loans made by the Authority, the Vermont Small Business Development Corporation, and the Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation.

(2) Sustainable energy loans originated under the following programs:

(A) The Small Business Energy Efficiency Loan Program, under

which the Authority provides loans for qualifying commercial energy efficiency improvements.

(B) The Renewable Energy Loan Program, which the Authority may create to provide loans for qualifying renewable energy projects.

(C) The Agricultural Energy Loan Program, which the Authority may create to provide loans for qualifying agriculture- and forest product-based sustainable energy projects.

(D) The Energy Efficiency Loan Guarantee Program, which the Authority may create to provide loan guarantees to participating lending institutions that enroll loans for sustainable energy projects in the Program. (3) Programs created by the Authority pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

(b) The Fund shall be administered by the Authority and shall not be subject to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5.

(c) The Authority may establish:

(1) New financing programs that the Authority determines are necessary to encourage and promote sustainable energy projects and reduce reliance upon traditional fossil fuel sources.

(2) Policies and procedures for programs within the Fund that the Authority determines are necessary to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

(d) For all sustainable energy loans, the Authority shall maintain records on the projected reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and, for energy efficiency loans, the projected energy savings from the financed improvements and shall provide data on the projected greenhouse gas emissions reductions and projected energy savings to the Department of Public Service, the Public Service Board, and the Agency of Natural Resources on request. The methods used for calculating and reporting this data shall be the same methods used in programs delivered under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d) and (e). The data provided shall be used for the purpose of tracking progress toward the greenhouse gas reduction goals of section 578 of this title and the building efficiency goals of section 581 of this title.

Sec. 2. INITIAL CAPITALIZATION OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

The Vermont Economic Development Authority shall provide loan guarantees under the Energy Efficiency Loan Guarantee Program for loans enrolled in the Program by participating banks through an initial capital contribution of \$500,000.00 from the Authority and from additional sources as they become available, which may include capital investments from the Vermont Clean Energy Development Fund, State Energy Program grants through the Department of Public Service, and available federal funding. Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 216 is amended to read:

§ 216. AUTHORITY; GENERAL POWERS

The *authority* <u>Authority</u> is hereby authorized:

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(13) To cause to be incorporated in Vermont a nonprofit corporation which will qualify as a state development company under Title 15 of the United States Code and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. The voting members of the authority <u>Authority</u> shall be members of the company and shall constitute the board of directors of the company. The company shall have at least 14 other members selected by the members of the authority <u>Authority</u>. The company shall be organized and operate under the nonprofit corporation laws of the state State of Vermont to the extent not inconsistent herewith. The authority <u>Authority</u> shall have the power to contract with the company to provide staff and management needs of the company. The authority <u>Authority</u> is authorized to contribute up to \$25,000.00 to the capital of the company <u>in an</u> <u>amount the Authority determines is necessary and appropriate</u>;

(14) To incorporate one or more nonprofit corporations in Vermont to fulfill the goals of this chapter. Such corporation shall be empowered to borrow money and to receive and accept gifts, grants, or contributions from any source, provided that such gifts, grants, or contributions are not less than \$5,000.00 from any one source for the period of one year and provided that such nonprofit corporation provides business loans of not less than \$2,500.00 to any particular entity or individual. The voting members of the authority <u>Authority</u> shall be directors of the corporation. The corporation shall be organized and operate under the nonprofit corporation laws of the state <u>State</u> of Vermont. The authority <u>Authority</u> may contract with the corporation to provide staff and management needs of the company. The authority <u>Authority</u> may contribute no more than \$1,050,000.00 to the capital of the corporation <u>in</u> an amount the Authority determines is necessary and appropriate;

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(17) To contribute to the capital of the Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation established pursuant to chapter 16A of this title in an amount the Authority determines is necessary and appropriate;

(18) To contribute to the capital of the Vermont Sustainable Energy Loan Fund established under subchapter 13 of this chapter in an amount the Authority determines is necessary and appropriate. Sec. 4. 10 V.S.A. § 234 is amended to read:

§ 234. THE VERMONT JOBS FUND

* * *.

(b) In order to provide monies in the *industrial development fund* Fund for loans under this chapter, the *authority* <u>Authority</u> may issue notes for purchase by the *state treasurer* <u>State Treasurer</u> as provided in section 235 of this chapter.

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(f) The Authority may loan money from the Fund to the Vermont Sustainable Energy Loan Fund established under subchapter 13 of this chapter at interest rates and on terms and conditions set by the Authority. Sec. 5. 10 V.S.A. § 280a is amended to read:

§ 280a. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS; AUTHORIZED FINANCING PROGRAMS

(a) The *authority* <u>Authority</u> may develop, modify, and implement any existing or new financing program, provided that any specific project that

benefits from such program shall meet the criteria contained in the Vermont sustainable jobs strategy adopted under section 280b of this title, and provided further that the program shall meet the criteria contained in the Vermont sustainable jobs strategy adopted under section 280b of this title. <u>Such These</u> programs may include:

(1) the mortgage insurance program Mortgage Insurance Program, administered under subchapter 2 of chapter 12 of this title;

(2) the loans to local development corporations program Loans to Local Development Corporations Program, administered under subchapter 3 of chapter 12 of this title;

(3) the industrial revenue bond program Industrial Revenue Bond Program, administered under subchapter 4 of chapter 12 of this title;

(4) the direct loan program <u>Direct Loan Program</u>, administered under subchapter 5 of chapter 12 of this title;

(5) the Vermont financial access program, administered under subchapter 8 of chapter 12 of this title;

(6) the SBA 504 Certified Development Company and Rural Economic Activity Loan programs Small Business Loan Programs of the authority's Vermont 503 504 Corporation, administered by the authority Authority under subdivision 216(13) of this title;

(7)(6) the Small Business Development Corporation program Program, administered by the authority Authority under subdivision 216(14) of this title;

(8)(7) one or more programs targeting economically distressed regions of the state State, and specifically including the authority Authority to develop a program to finance or refinance up to 100 percent of the existing assets or debts of a health, recreation, and fitness organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the income of which is entirely used for its exempt purpose, that owns and operates a recreation facility located in a distressed region of the state State;

(9)(8) an export finance program Export Finance Program, administered by the authority Authority under subchapter 9 of chapter 12 of this title;

(9) a Vermont Sustainable Energy Loan Fund and any programs created thereunder, administered by the Authority under subchapter 13 of this chapter;

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Sec. 6. 10 V.S.A. § 213(b) and (c) are amended to read:

(b) The authority <u>Authority</u> shall have <u>12</u> <u>15</u> voting members consisting of the secretary of the agency of commerce and community development, the state treasurer, the secretary of agriculture, food and markets <u>Secretary of the</u> <u>Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the State Treasurer, the</u>

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Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and the Commissioner of Public Service, each of whom shall serve as *a-veting* an *ex* officio member, or a designee of any of the aforementioned; and nine <u>10</u> members, who shall be residents of the state <u>State</u> of Vermont, appointed by the governor <u>Governor</u> with the advice and consent of the senate <u>Senate</u>. The appointed members shall be appointed for terms of six years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The first members appointed by the governor to the new authority shall be appointed, three for a term of two years, three for a term of four years and three for a term of six years. Appointed members may be removed by the governor <u>Governor</u> for cause and the governor <u>Governor</u> may fill any vacancy occurring among the appointed members for the balance of the unexpired term.

(c) The authority <u>Authority</u> shall elect a chair, from among its appointed members, and a vice chair and treasurer from among its members and shall employ a manager who shall hold office at the <u>authority's Authority's</u> pleasure and who, unless he <u>or she</u> is a member of the classified service under <u>3 V.S.A.</u> chapter 13 of <u>Title 3</u>, shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the authority <u>Authority</u> with the approval of the governor <u>Governor</u>. A quorum shall consist of six <u>eight</u> members. Members disqualified from voting under section 214 of this title shall be considered present for purposes of determining a quorum. No action of the authority <u>Authority</u> shall be considered valid

unless the action is supported by a majority vote of the members present and voting and then only if at least four five members vote in favor of the action.

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Sec. 7. 10 V.S.A. § 219(*d*) *is amended to read:*

(d) In order to assure the maintenance of the debt service reserve requirement in each debt service reserve fund established by the authority Authority, there may be appropriated annually and paid to the authority <u>Authority</u> for deposit in each such fund, such sum as shall be certified by the chair of the authority Authority, to the governor Governor, the president of the senate President of the Senate, and the speaker of the house Speaker of the House, as is necessary to restore each such debt service reserve fund to an amount equal to the debt service reserve requirement for such fund. The chair shall annually, on or about February 1, make, execute, and deliver to the governor Governor, the president of the senate President of the Senate, and the speaker of the house Speaker of the House, a certificate stating the sum required to restore each such debt service reserve fund to the amount aforesaid, and the sum so certified may be appropriated, and if appropriated, shall be paid to the *authority* <u>Authority</u> during the then current state fiscal year. The principal amount of bonds or notes outstanding at any one time and secured in whole or in part by a debt service reserve fund to which state funds may be appropriated pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed

\$115,000,000.00 \$130,000,000.00, provided that the foregoing shall not impair the obligation of any contract or contracts entered into by the authority in contravention of the Constitution of the United States.

Sec. 8. INVESTMENT OF STATE MONIES

<u>The Treasurer is hereby authorized to establish a short-term credit facility</u> for the benefit of the Vermont Economic Development Authority in an amount of up to \$10,000,000.00.

Sec. 8a. VERMONT STATE TREASURER; CREDIT FACILITY FOR

RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOANS

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Vermont State Treasurer, working in collaboration with the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, the entities appointed to deliver energy efficiency under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(2), NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, and other appropriate parties, shall have the authority to establish a credit facility of up to \$6,500,000.00, on terms acceptable to the Treasurer.

(b) The credit facility described in subsection (a) of this section shall be used for the purpose of financing energy efficiency improvements throughout Vermont for dwellings the owners of which demonstrate that they are creditworthy and have a need for access to financing to make energy efficiency improvements in their dwellings. For the purpose of this section, "dwelling" means a residential structure that contains one or more housing units or that part of a structure that contains one or more residential housing units.

(c) The Treasurer shall take all reasonable steps to minimize the administrative costs of the financing programs supported by the facility described in subsection (a) of this section. On or before December 15, 2013, the Treasurer shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Finance detailing the steps taken to implement this subsection.

(*d*) Entities providing financing supported by the credit facility described in subsection (a) of this section shall:

(1) With respect to each dwelling that seeks financing supported by the facility:

(A) evaluate energy efficiency improvements on a whole-building basis and provide the list of potential improvements resulting from this evaluation to the owner; and

(B) provide information to the owner on other incentives or financial support available for the improvements; and

(2) With respect to each dwelling that receives financing supported by the facility, maintain records on the projected energy savings and projected reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from the financed energy efficiency improvements and provide data on the number of dwellings served, projected energy saved, and projected greenhouse gas emission reductions to the Department of Public Service, the Public Service Board, and the Agency of Natural Resources on request. The methods used for calculating and reporting this data shall be the same methods used in programs delivered under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d) and (e). The data provided shall be used for the purpose of tracking progress toward the greenhouse gas reduction goals of 10 V.S.A. § 578 and the building efficiency goals of 10 V.S.A. § 581.

Sec. 8b. VERMONT CLEAN ENERGY JOBS INITIATIVE

The following shall be known collectively as the Vermont Clean Energy Jobs Initiative: the Vermont Sustainable Energy Loan Fund in Sec. 1 of this act; the Energy Efficiency Loan Guarantee Program under Sec. 2 of this act; the residential energy efficiency loans under Sec. 8a of this act; propertyassessed clean energy districts under 24 V.S.A. chapter 87, subchapter 2; the delivery of energy efficiency services by entities appointed under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(2); the Clean Energy Development Fund under 30 V.S.A. § 8015; and the Home Weatherization Assistance Program under 33 V.S.A. chapter 25. Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.