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2 Sec. X. 32 V.S.A. § 5930b(i) is added to read:

3 (i) Employment growth incentive for value-added business.

4 (1) As used in this subsection, a “value-added business” means a person
5 that is subject to income taxation in Vermont and whose current or prospective
6 economic activity in Vermont for which incentives are sought under this
7 section is certified by the Secretary of Commerce and Community
8 Development to be primarily in one or more of the following sectors:

9 (A) production of tangible products, other than real estate; or

10 (B) information processing or information management services,
11 including:

12 (i) computer hardware or software, and information and
13 communication technologies, such as high-level software languages, graphics
14 hardware and software, speech and optical character recognition, high-volume
15 information storage and retrieval, and data compression;

16 (ii) technological applications that use biological systems, living
17 organisms or derivatives thereof, to make or modify products or processes for
18 specific use;

19 (iii) custom computer programming services, such as writing,
20 modifying, testing, and supporting software to meet the needs of a particular
21 customer;

1 (iv) computer systems design services such as planning and
2 designing computer systems that integrate computer hardware, software, and
3 communication technologies;

4 (v) computer facilities management services, such as providing
5 on-site management and operation of clients' computer systems and/or data
6 processing facilities.

7 (2) Any application for a Vermont employment growth incentive under
8 this section for a value-added business shall be considered and administered
9 pursuant to all provisions of this section, except that:

10 (A) the “incentive ratio” pursuant to subdivision (a)(11) of this
11 section shall be set at 90 percent; and

12 (B) the “payroll threshold” pursuant to subdivision (a)(17) of this
13 section shall be deemed to be 20 percent of the expected average industry
14 payroll growth as determined by the cost-benefit model.

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