

Sec. E.602.1 VERMONT INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES; WORKING
GROUP; REPORT

(a) Creation. There is created a Vermont Interactive Technologies (VIT) working group to study and make findings and recommendations regarding VIT and its future; specifically, how VIT's organization or assets, or both, should be used to best meet the needs of the Vermont public. The working group shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) A representative of Vermont Interactive Technologies;
- (2) The Secretary of Administration or designee;
- (3) The Commissioner of Public Service or designee;
- (4) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or designee;
- (5) The Commissioner of Labor or designee;
- (6) A representative of Vermont State Colleges;
- (7) A representative of Vermont Access Network;
- (8) A representative of the Vermont Council on Rural Development;
- (9) A representative of the Department of Libraries;
- (10) A member of the General Assembly jointly appointed by the Speaker of the

House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(b) Powers and duties. The working group shall study VIT, including the following:

- (1) the financial investments made in VIT since its inception;
- (2) an inventory of VIT assets;
- (3) any Vermont State Colleges (VSC) plans to develop and operate its own network, and the effect on VIT;

(4) an analysis of the primary users of VIT and how best their needs can continue to be met, whether through VIT or another entity;

(5) if VIT is to dissolve, the ownership, management, and operations related to its assets.

(c) Assistance. The VIT working group shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Office of the Legislative Council and the Joint Fiscal Office.

(d) Report. On or before October 1, 2015, the working group shall submit a written report to the General Assembly with its findings and recommendations for legislative action regarding VIT.

(e) Meetings.

(1) The Secretary of Administration or designee shall call the first meeting of the working group.

(2) The working group shall select a chair from among its members at the first meeting.

(3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

(4) The working group may meet up to six times.

(5) The working group shall cease to exist on December 1, 2015.

(f) Reimbursement.

(1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, legislative members of the working group shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406.

(2) Other members of the working group who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall

be entitled to compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.