

Sec. 6. VERMONT TALENT PIPELINE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

(a) Findings. The General Assembly finds:

(1) The Vermont Talent Pipeline Management Project (VTPM) is an employer-oriented strategy that expands the role of employers as end-customers of the education and workforce systems. VTPM seeks to improve the employability of Vermonters and the alignment of employer needs with education and workforce development and training programs.

(2) VTPM is a statewide public and private partnership among the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, Franklin/Grand Isle Workforce Investment Board, Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Vermont Business Roundtable. It is informed by resource partners including Agency of Education, Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation, State Workforce Development Board, Vermont Chamber of Commerce, and Vermont Student Assistance Corporation.

(3) Partners will coordinate the network of training providers to deliver industry, State, and federally recognized credentials, job training, and workforce education in targeted job areas, sectors, and industries which connect to the skills employers are looking for when filling available positions.

(b) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly:

(1) to acknowledge the importance of VTPM as a unique, statewide employer-led, model in its start-up phase with pilots in key industries;

(2) to support development, scale-up, funding, and roll-out of VTPM across all economic sectors, sizes of business, and regions of the State by training regional partners in local communities statewide.

(3) to encourage the Agency of Education, Department of Labor, the State Workforce Development Board, and VTPM to collaborate in identifying and developing additional credentialing programs within applicable industries.