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Introduced by Representatives Noyes of Wolcott, Jessup of Middlesex, Keefe
of Manchester, Martel of Waterford, Parent of St. Albans Town,
and Troiano of Stannard

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Commerce and trade; workforce training

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize the
creation of an automotive workforce training pilot program.

An act relating to creating an automotive workforce training pilot program

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. AUTOMOTIVE WORKFORCE TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM

(a) Partners. Capstone Community Action, in collaboration with and
support from the Career Technical Education centers, the Area Agencies on
Aging, the Agency of Education, the Department of Environmental
Conservation, and the Department of Motor Vehicles, shall design and
implement the Automotive Workforce Training Pilot Program pursuant to this
section.

1 (b) Purposes. The purposes of the Program shall be:

2 (1) to provide automotive workforce training to Career Technical
3 Education students and recent graduates;

4 (2) to provide vehicle inspection and automotive services, as well as
5 automotive financial literacy, to working families and elders at low or no
6 cost; and

7 (3) to improve environmental air quality and reduce nitrogen oxide
8 emissions from automobiles that are older or in poor condition.

9 (c) Program. The Program shall include the following features:

10 (1) Capstone Community Action shall establish income eligibility
11 criteria and develop an intake process to solicit and identify working families
12 who require and the Area Agencies on Aging shall establish eligibility criteria
13 and solicit elders who require:

14 (A) automotive inspection services for a vehicle that is due for its
15 annual inspection and unlikely to pass inspection;

16 (B) automotive repair services for a vehicle; or

17 (C) automotive financial literacy services for Vermonters who are
18 considering whether to purchase a vehicle, including inspection and education
19 on the economic and environmental costs and benefits of particular vehicles.

20 (2) The Agency of Education shall create a limited service position for a
21 Program Automotive Supervisor, who shall be responsible for designing a

1 training curriculum and providing training oversight and management to
2 student trainees at the Career Technical Centers.

3 (3) The Career Technical Centers shall:

4 (A) provide facilities for automotive work and training; and

5 (B) establish eligibility criteria and recruitment for students and
6 recent graduates to participate in the Program.

7 (4) Participating trainees, under the supervision of the Program
8 Automotive Supervisor and Career Technical Center staff, shall provide
9 automotive services available under the Program and shall be entitled to
10 compensation, educational credit, tuition assistance, or other benefits specified
11 under the Program.

12 (d) Funding; AmeriCorps.

13 (1) The Agency of Natural Resources shall make available \$250,000.00
14 in funding under the Program for:

15 (A) compensation for the Program Automotive Supervisor;

16 (B) administrative costs for Program partners; and

17 (C) compensation and benefits for trainees.

18 (2) Capstone Community Action and its partners in the Program shall
19 explore additional sources of funding and Program affiliation, including
20 private funding and participation through the AmeriCorps program.

21 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

22 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.