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Introduced by Representatives Keefe of Manchester, Botzow of Pownal,  
Browning of Arlington, Buckholz of Hartford, Burke of  
Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of  
Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland  
City, Gannon of Wilmington, Harrison of Chittenden, Hebert of  
Vernon, Howard of Rutland City, Long of Newfane, Marcotte  
of Coventry, McCoy of Poultney, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris  
of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney,  
O’Sullivan of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Shaw of  
Pittsford, Sibia of Dover, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of  
Dorset, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Commerce and trade; economic development

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize the  
Agency of Commerce and Community Development to provide technical and  
financial support for certain organizations involved in promoting television and  
film production and to require the Agency to recommend options to attract and  
grow television and film activities in the State.

1 An act relating to promoting television and film production

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

3 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A § 4 is added to read:

4 § 4. TELEVISION AND FILM PRODUCTION

5 The Agency of Commerce and Community Development shall have the  
6 authority to provide technical and financial support to:

7 (1) the Vermont Production Council for the purposes of:

8 (A) recruiting and incentivizing television and film production to  
9 Vermont; and

10 (B) supporting the annual International Television Festival; and

11 (2) the Vermont Film Institute for the purposes of:

12 (A) promoting television and film production in Vermont by  
13 Vermont-based artists and businesses; and

14 (B) supporting career development initiatives within the television  
15 and film industries.

16 Sec. 2. TELEVISION AND FILM PRODUCTION INCENTIVES; STUDY

17 On or before January 15, 2019, the Agency of Commerce and Community  
18 Development, in conjunction with the Vermont Production Council and the  
19 Vermont Film Institute, shall study television and film industry tax and policy  
20 incentives in other states and recommend to the General Assembly options to  
21 attract and grow similar industry activities in Vermont.

1       Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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