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4 Myers of Essex, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Sheldon of
5 Middlebury, Stuart of Brattleboro, and Sullivan of Dorset

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Commerce and trade; workforce development

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a
10 workforce training pilot project for weatherization trades.

11 An act relating to creating a workforce training pilot project for
12 weatherization trades

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

14 Sec. 1. WEATHERIZATION TRADES WORKFORCE TRAINING

15 PILOT PROJECT

16 (a) The Department of Labor, in collaboration with the regional Career
17 Technical Education Centers, shall establish the Weatherization Trades
18 Workforce Training Pilot Project, consistent with the following:

19 (1) The Department, CTE Centers, and Adult Technical Education
20 providers shall:

1 (A) advertise the availability of workforce training in weatherization
2 trades;

3 (B) organize informational sessions, meetings, and other group and
4 individual opportunities for prospective trainees and weatherization companies
5 to connect; and

6 (C) coordinate matches between trainees and employers.

7 (2) In the event of a successful match, the Department shall facilitate the
8 negotiation and execution of training and employment agreements, pursuant to
9 which:

10 (A) a prospective trainee agrees to pursue specified training,
11 education, or certification necessary to meet the employer's workforce need;

12 (B) the Department agrees to provide educational and administrative
13 support to the trainee and 50 percent of the cost of training; and

14 (C) the employer agrees to provide 50 percent of the cost of training
15 and to employ the trainee upon the successful completion of training, passage
16 of an examination, attainment of a required certification, or a combination of
17 these.

18 (3) The CTE Centers, subject to approval by the Department, shall
19 provide education and training that meet the needs of trainees and employers.

20 (b) The Department shall have the authority to use available private, State,
21 and federal funding to implement the provisions of this section.

1 (c) On or before January 15, 2019, the Department shall submit a report to
2 the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General
3 Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development
4 addressing the implementation of this section, the profiles of trainees and
5 employers that participated, and any recommendations for further action.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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