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Introduced by Representative Frenier of Chelsea

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Commerce and trade; water quality; workforce development

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the Secretary of Administration to report to the General Assembly regarding the workforce benefits and needs resulting from statewide implementation of clean water initiatives.

An act relating to workforce development for clean water initiatives

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

Sec. 1. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION REPORT; WORKFORCE

DEVELOPMENT FOR CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

(a) As used in this section, “clean water initiatives” means implementation of or compliance with the following:

(1) the requirements of 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 64;

(2) federally required or State-required cleanup plans for individual waters or water segments, such as total maximum daily load plans; and

(3) the Agency of Natural Resources’ Combined Sewer Overflow Rule.

1 (b) On or before January 15, 2019, the Secretary of Administration, after
2 consultation with the Secretaries of Natural Resources, of Agriculture, Food
3 and Markets, of Transportation, and of Commerce and Community
4 Development shall submit to the House Committees on Commerce and
5 Economic Development and on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife and the
6 Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs
7 and on Natural Resources and Energy a report regarding the economic
8 benefits, workforce benefits, and workforce needs resulting from statewide
9 implementation of clean water initiatives. The report shall include:

10 (1) an estimate of the workforce that will be required to comply with the
11 clean water initiatives over the next 20 years;

12 (2) a summary of the types of water quality programs or projects that
13 will be required under the clean water initiatives;

14 (3) an evaluation of whether the currently available workforce in the
15 State is capable of supplying workers of an adequate number and having the
16 skills necessary to ensure compliance with the clean water initiatives, including
17 specific workforce sectors, if any, that may be inadequate to meet workforce
18 demands;

19 (4) if the evaluation under subdivision (3) of this subsection indicates
20 that the workforce of the State is not adequate to supply the workers necessary
21 to ensure compliance with the clean water initiatives, a recommendation of:

1 (A) how to meet the workforce needs of the clean water initiatives
2 through training programs and programs to attract skilled workers from other
3 states; and

4 (B) an estimate of the cost of establishing programs to train or attract
5 workers sufficient to meet the workforce needs of the clean water initiatives.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on passage.