

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Energy and Technology to which was referred House
3 Bill No. 378 entitled “An act relating to creation of the Artificial Intelligence
4 Commission” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TASK FORCE; REPORT

8 (a) Creation. There is created the Artificial Intelligence Task Force to:

9 (1) investigate the field of artificial intelligence; and

10 (2) make recommendations on the responsible growth of Vermont’s
11 emerging technology markets, use of artificial intelligence in State
12 government, and State regulation of the artificial intelligence field.

13 (b) Definition. As used in this section, “artificial intelligence” means
14 models and systems performing functions generally associated with human
15 intelligence, such as reasoning and learning.

16 (c) Membership. The Task Force shall be composed of the following six
17 members:

18 (1) a chair of the Task Force, with expertise in ethics of technology, who
19 shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;

20 (2) the Secretary of Digital Services or designee;

1 (3) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or
2 designee;

3 (4) one computer scientist who specializes in artificial intelligence, who
4 shall be appointed by the President of the University of Vermont and State
5 Agricultural College;

6 (5) one social worker with experience in the field of ethics and human
7 rights, who shall be appointed by the Vermont chapter of the National
8 Association of Social Workers; and

9 (6) one member, who shall be appointed by the Vermont Society of
10 Engineers.

11 (d) Powers and duties. The Task Force shall study the field of artificial
12 intelligence, including the following:

13 (1) an assessment of the development and use of artificial intelligence
14 technology, including benefits and risks;

15 (2) whether and how to use artificial intelligence in State government,
16 including an analysis of the fiscal impact, if any, on the State; and

17 (3) whether State regulation of the artificial intelligence field is needed.

18 (e) Meetings.

19 (1) The Chair shall call the first meeting of the Task Force to occur on
20 or before August 1, 2018.

1 (2) The Task Force shall meet not more than 10 times and shall cease to
2 exist on June 30, 2019.

3 (f) Quorum. Four members shall constitute a quorum of the Task Force.

4 (g) Staff services. The Task Force shall be entitled to staff services of the
5 Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

6 (h) Reimbursement. Members of the Task Force who are not employees of
7 the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed
8 for their attendance shall be entitled to compensation and expenses as provided
9 in 32 V.S.A. § 1010. Payment to the members shall be from the appropriation
10 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

11 (i) Report. On or before February 15, 2019, the Task Force shall issue a
12 report to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on
13 Energy and Technology that shall include:

14 (1) a summary of the development and current use of artificial
15 intelligence in Vermont;

16 (2) a proposal for a definition of artificial intelligence, if needed;

17 (3) a proposal for State regulation of artificial intelligence, if needed;

18 (4) a proposal for the responsible and ethical development of artificial
19 intelligence in the State, including an analysis of the potential risks and
20 benefits of such development; and

1 (5) a recommendation on whether the General Assembly should
2 establish a permanent commission to study the artificial intelligence field.

3 (i) The report described in subsection (i) of this section shall be submitted
4 electronically to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee
5 on Energy and Technology, unless otherwise requested.

6 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

8 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating
9 to creation of the Artificial Intelligence Task Force”

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12 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE