

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred Senate Bill No. 94
3 entitled “An act relating to promoting remote work and flexible work
4 arrangements” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the report of the Committee on Economic Development,
6 Housing and General Affairs, as amended by the Committee on Finance, be
7 further amended by striking out Sec. 1 in its entirety and inserting a new Sec. 1
8 to read:

9 Sec. 1. NEW REMOTE WORKER GRANT PROGRAM

10 (a) As used in this section:

11 (1) “New remote worker” means an individual who:

12 (A) is a full-time employee of a business with its domicile or primary
13 place of business outside Vermont;

14 (B) becomes a full-time resident of this State on or after January 1,
15 2019; and

16 (C) performs the majority of his or her employment duties remotely
17 from a home office or a co-working space located in this State.

18 (2) “Qualifying remote worker expenses” means a new remote worker’s
19 actual costs incurred for one or more of the following that are necessary to
20 perform his or her employment duties:

21 (A) relocation to this State;

1 (B) computer software and hardware;

2 (C) broadband access or upgrade; and

3 (D) membership in a co-working or similar space.

4 (b)(1) The Agency of Commerce and Community Development shall have
5 the authority to design and implement the New Remote Worker Grant
6 Program, which shall include a process to certify new remote workers and
7 certify qualifying expenses for a grant under this section.

8 (2) A new remote worker may be eligible for a grant under the Program
9 for qualifying remote worker expenses in the amount of not more than
10 \$2,000.00 per year for up to five years, not to exceed \$10,000.00 per new
11 remote worker.

12 (3) The Agency may annually award grants under the Program on a
13 first-come, first-served basis, up to \$250,000.00 in total grants per year, subject
14 to available funding.

15 (c) If the Agency implements the Program pursuant to this section, it shall:

16 (1) promote awareness of the Program; and

17 (2) adopt measurable goals, performance measures that demonstrate
18 results, and an audit strategy to assess the utilization and performance of the
19 Program.

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(Committee vote: _____)

Senator _____

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