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An act relating to the creation of the Artificial Intelligence Task Force

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

Sec. 1. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TASK FORCE; REPORT

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

(1) investigate the field of artificial intelligence; and

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

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

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

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

(2) the Secretary of Digital Services or designee;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(e) Meetings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.