

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

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

8 Sec. 1. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TASK FORCE; REPORT

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

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

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

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

17 (c) Membership. The Task Force shall be composed of the following 11
18 members:

19 (1) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or
20 designee;

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

1 (3) the Commissioner of Public Safety or designee;

2 (4) the President of the Vermont State Labor Council, AFL-CIO or
3 designee;

4 (5) the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of
5 Vermont or designee;

6 (6) one member with expertise in ethics of technology, appointed by the
7 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;

8 (7) one member appointed by the President of Norwich University;

9 (8) one computer scientist who specializes in artificial intelligence,
10 appointed by the President of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural
11 College;

12 (9) one social worker with experience in the field of ethics and human
13 rights, appointed by the Vermont chapter of the National Association of Social
14 Workers;

15 (10) one member appointed by the Vermont Society of Engineers; and

16 (11) one secondary or postsecondary student in Vermont, appointed by
17 the Speaker.

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

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

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

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

4 (e) Meetings.

5 (1) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development shall call
6 the first meeting of the Task Force to occur on or before August 1, 2018.

7 (2) The Task Force shall select a chair from among its members at the
8 first meeting.

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

11 (f) Quorum. A majority of membership shall constitute a quorum of the
12 Task Force.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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14 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE