

1 S.12

2 Introduced by Senator Ashe

3 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy

4 Date: January 15, 2019

5 Subject: Energy; State facilities; State Energy Management Program; report

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to extend the

7 preliminary period of the State Energy Management Program to FY 2022.

8 An act relating to the State Energy Management Program

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

10 Sec. 1. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.112 is amended to read:

11 Sec. E.112 ENERGY EFFICIENCY; STATE BUILDINGS AND

12 FACILITIES

13 (a) As a mechanism to implement 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 47

14 (State energy use), the State of Vermont has developed a State Energy

15 Management Program (the Program) within the Department of Buildings and

16 General Services (the Department) to address, for State buildings and

17 facilities, energy management measures, implementation of energy efficiency

18 and conservation, and the use of renewable energy resources.

1 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of Title 30 of the Vermont Statutes
2 Annotated, Public Service Board order, or other provision of law to the
3 contrary:

4 (1) The Department and Efficiency Vermont (EVT) shall augment the
5 Program for a preliminary period of ~~four~~ seven *eight* years commencing in
6 fiscal year 2016 under which EVT shall provide the Department with support
7 for the Program to deliver cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation
8 measures to State buildings and facilities. The Department and EVT may
9 agree to continue conducting this augmented Program in subsequent fiscal
10 years, after considering recommendations for improvement based on
11 evaluation of the preliminary period.

12 (A) The Department and EVT shall develop the augmented
13 Program's annual targets for energy savings and associated cost savings to the
14 State. Savings from measures provided by any energy efficiency entity
15 appointed under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(2) shall count toward these targets.
16 Savings supported by EVT may result from electric and thermal efficiency,
17 including fuel switching, conservation, and improved building energy
18 management, without regard to funding source.

19 (B) During fiscal year 2016, the measures implemented under this
20 subdivision (1) shall reduce the State's total energy usage and related costs by
21 an amount not less than \$150,000.

1 (C) During fiscal year 2017, the measures implemented under this
2 subdivision (1) shall reduce the State's total energy usage and related costs by
3 a cumulative amount of not less than \$300,000, provided that failure to attain
4 these savings amounts in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 does not result from
5 action or inaction of the Department.

6 (2) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this section, the
7 project shall include provision by EVT of support for personnel to implement
8 the Program during fiscal years 2016 to ~~2019~~ 2022 2023.

9 (A) The supported personnel shall be the building project manager
10 position established in Sec. E.100(a)(2) of this act and two ~~four-year~~
11 ~~seven-year~~ eight-year limited service or consulting positions, and related
12 supervision and overhead, as the Department and EVT consider necessary to
13 meet the goals.

14 (B) Under this subdivision (2), EVT shall provide up to \$290,000
15 during fiscal year 2016. For the remaining ~~three~~ ~~six~~ seven fiscal years, EVT
16 shall provide an additional amount sufficient to support annual salary and
17 benefit adjustments. These funds shall be received in the Facilities Operations
18 Fund established in 29 V.S.A. § 160a, and may be spent using excess receipts
19 authority.

20 (3) The Public Service Board shall adjust any performance measures
21 applicable to EVT to recognize the requirements of this section.

1 (c) The Department and EVT shall execute a new or amended
2 memorandum of understanding to implement this section, which shall include
3 targets for future energy savings, a process for determining how savings targets
4 are met, and details of EVT's commitment for personnel over a four-year time
5 period.

6 (d) On or before October 1 of each year commencing in 2016 and ending
7 in 2019 ~~2022~~ 2023, the Department and EVT shall provide a joint report on
8 the implementation of this section.

9 (1) The report shall state, for the prior fiscal year, the energy savings
10 targets developed, the actions taken to achieve those targets, and the energy
11 savings achieved by each action.

12 (2) The report shall project savings and strategies to attain those savings
13 for the next fiscal year and for the remaining fiscal years of the Program.

14 (3) The report shall include improvements made toward systems of
15 measurement to achieve the goals of 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40.

16 (4) The report may include recommendations for accelerating the
17 implementation of energy efficiency and conservation measures under the
18 Program and improving the Program's tracking and documentation of savings.

19 (5) The report to be submitted in 2019 and in ~~2022~~ 2023 shall contain
20 an evaluation of the Program authorized under this section and any resulting

1 recommendations, including recommendations related to Program
2 continuation.

3 (6) The report shall be submitted to the House Committee on
4 Corrections and Institutions, the Senate Committee on Institutions, the House
5 and Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Energy, the House and
6 Senate Committees on Appropriations, the Secretary of Administration, and
7 the Joint Fiscal Office.

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on passage.