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Introduced by Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Bancroft of Westford,  
Carroll of Bennington, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Jerome  
of Brandon, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, O’Sullivan of  
Burlington, and Ralph of Hartland

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Commerce and trade; workforce development

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a  
workforce development provider portal to enable providers, educators, training  
programs, and others to communicate and exchange information about services  
and other matters.

An act relating to creating a workforce development provider portal

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

Sec. 1. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROVIDER PORTAL

(a) The Commissioner of Labor shall serve as the chair of a steering  
committee, composed of the Commissioner, the Secretary of Commerce and  
Community Development, and the Secretary of Digital Services or their  
designees.

1       (b) The Commissioner, in collaboration with the steering committee, other  
2       State agencies and departments, the Vermont State Colleges, workforce  
3       training providers, CTE providers, and other interested stakeholders as  
4       necessary, shall:

5               (1) review and consider the necessary procedural and substantive steps  
6       to create a one-stop portal for workforce development providers; and

7               (2) submit on or before December 15, 2020:

8                       (A) a design proposal that includes a project scope, timeline,  
9       roadmap, and cost projections;

10               (B) any statutory or regulatory changes needed to implement the  
11       proposal; and

12               (C) a sustainable funding model for the portal.

13       (c) The steering committee shall evaluate the cost and efficacy and  
14       integrate into the portal to the extent feasible features that:

15               (1) enhance State and regional websites and other sources of  
16       information about workforce development;

17               (2) provide guidance, assistance with navigation, and other support to  
18       persons who seek workforce development opportunities; and

19               (3) provide a forum for providers to communicate and coordinate the  
20       services they provide.

1        (d) State agencies and departments shall provide assistance to the steering  
2        committee upon its request.

3        (e) The Agency of Digital Services shall assign a project manager to report  
4        directly to the Commissioner to assist with the implementation of this act  
5        through June 30, 2021.

6        Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7        This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.