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2 Representative Marcotte of Coventry moves to amend the bill as follows:

3 First: In Sec. 3, in subsection (a), by striking out the words “the amount of  
4 \$350,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to” and by striking out the  
5 following: “, which”

6 Second: In Sec. 5, in subsection (b), by striking out the words “Vermonters  
7 possess a credential of value” and inserting in lieu thereof the words  
8 “Vermonters possess a degree or credential of value”

9 Third: By striking out Sec. 7 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a  
10 new Sec. 7 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 7. RELOCATION SUPPORT SYSTEM

12 (a) The Department of Labor shall:

13 (1) collaborate with key employers and nongovernmental organizations  
14 to ensure that appropriate expertise is available to program staff and  
15 individuals looking to enter Vermont’s job market, through referrals or other  
16 information sharing mechanisms;

17 (2)(A) coordinate available information for each region that includes  
18 labor market information, housing and education information, recreation  
19 information, and other relevant resources; and

20 (B) make the information easily accessible for interested individuals  
21 to assist in aspects of preliminary decision making; and

1           (3) convene regional, multidisciplinary teams that:

2                   (A) comprise partners with expertise from relevant sectors, including  
3           housing, transportation, education, health, child care, recreation, and economic  
4           development; and

5                   (B) provide community-level knowledge, support, and services to  
6           best meet the needs of prospective employees.

7           (b) State agencies and State-funded programs shall coordinate with the  
8           Department to ensure that services and information that could assist a person in  
9           relocating to Vermont are made available through an integrated, employee-  
10           centered system.

11           Fourth: In Sec. 8 by adding a subsection (e) to read as follows:

12                   (e) On or before January 15, 2020, the Department shall report to the  
13           House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on  
14           Appropriations and to the Senate Committees on Economic Development,  
15           Housing and General Affairs and on Appropriations concerning  
16           implementation and outcomes of this pilot program.

17           Fifth: In Sec. 10, by redesignating subsection (d) to be subsection (e) and  
18           by adding a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

19                   (d) Meetings.

20                   (1) The State Refugee Coordinator shall call the first meeting of the  
21           task force to occur on or before September 1, 2019.

1           (2) The task force shall select a chair from among its members at the  
2           first meeting.

3           (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

4           (4) The task force shall meet not more than six times and shall cease to  
5           exist on January 15, 2020.

6           Sixth: In Sec. 11 by striking out the words “not less than” and inserting in  
7           lieu thereof the words “not more than”

8           Seventh: In Sec. 12 by designating the existing paragraph as subsection (a)  
9           and by adding a subsection (b) to read as follows:

10           (b) On or before January 15, 2020, the Department shall report to the  
11           House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on  
12           Appropriations and to the Senate Committees on Economic Development,  
13           Housing and General Affairs and on Appropriations concerning the creation of  
14           the registry and the extent the registry assisted employers and employees with  
15           barriers to employment.

16           Eighth: By striking out Sec. 14 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a  
17           new Sec. 14 to read as follows:

18           Sec. 14. APPROPRIATIONS

19           In fiscal year 2020, the amount of \$1,595,000.00 is appropriated from the  
20           General Fund to the following recipients for the purposes specified:

1           (1) \$450,000.00 to the Agency of Commerce and Community

2           Development as follows:

3                   (A) \$225,000 for economic development marketing pursuant to its  
4           authority in 3 V.S.A. § 2476(c) to execute the State’s core Economic  
5           Development Marketing Plan through paid, owned, and earned media, utilizing  
6           technology, data, and analysis tools; and

7                   (B) \$225,000.00 to the Agency of Commerce and Community  
8           Development to identify, recruit, and provide relocation assistance to workers,  
9           including:

10                   (i) identifying target audiences;

11                   (ii) targeting through digital and social media; and

12                   (iii) implementing strategies that convert visitors to residents and  
13           awarding grants for regional partnerships to help recruitment efforts at the  
14           local and regional levels; and

15           (2) \$1,145,000.00 to the Department of Labor as follows:

16                   (A) \$275,000.00 to implement a relocation support system and  
17           provide services pursuant to Sec. 7 of this act; and

18                   (B) \$870,000.00 for workforce development and training as follows:

19                   (i) \$350,000.00 for grants to provide weatherization training  
20           pursuant to Sec. 3 of this act;

1                   (ii) \$50,000.00 for a grant to the Community College of Vermont  
2                   to purchase equipment to provide robotics training at its Rutland location; and

3                   (iii) \$470,000.00 to the workforce education and training fund  
4                   created in 10 V.S.A. § 543 to expand opportunities for apprenticeships,  
5                   training, and adult career and technical education, which may include funding  
6                   to replicate in additional locations the robotics training program at the Rutland  
7                   location of the Community College of Vermont.

8                   Ninth: By redesignating Sec. 15 to be Sec. 17 and adding new reader  
9                   assistance headings and new Secs. 15–16 to read as follows:

10                                 \* \* \* International Trade and Development \* \* \*

11                   Sec. 15. INTERNATIONAL TRADE, EDUCATION, AND CULTURAL  
12   EXCHANGE

13                   On or before December 15, 2019, the Agency of Commerce and  
14                   Community Development shall review and report to the House Committee on  
15                   Commerce and Economic Development and the Senate Committee on  
16                   Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs on effective  
17                   mechanisms to collaborate with regional partners and form formal partnerships  
18                   that will promote international trade, as well as educational and cultural  
19                   exchanges, between and among Vermont, the New England states, and foreign  
20                   nations.

1                   \* \* \* Agency of Commerce and Community Development;

2                                   Structure and Organization \* \* \*

3           Sec. 16. AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY

4                   DEVELOPMENT; STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION;

5                   REPORT

6           On or before January 15, 2020, the Secretary of Commerce and Community  
7           Development shall review and report to the House Committees on Commerce  
8           and Economic Development and on Appropriations and to the Senate  
9           Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on  
10           Appropriations concerning one or more proposals to amend the structure and  
11           organization of the Agency in order to enhance its ability to achieve its  
12           purposes and perform its duties.