

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred Senate Bill No.
3 162 entitled “An act relating to promoting economic development” respectfully
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the House propose
5 to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 26 in its entirety and
6 inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 26 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 26. APPROPRIATIONS

8 The amounts appropriated from the General Fund in Sec. B.1101(23) of
9 H.542 (2019) for economic development initiatives shall be allocated as
10 follows:

11 (1) \$450,000.00 to the Agency of Commerce and Community
12 Development as follows:

13 (A) \$225,000.00 for economic development marketing pursuant to its
14 authority in 3 V.S.A. § 2476(c) to execute the State’s core Economic
15 Development Marketing Plan through paid, owned, and earned media, utilizing
16 technology, data, and analysis tools; and

17 (B) \$225,000.00 to identify, recruit, and provide relocation assistance
18 to workers, including:

19 (i) identifying target audiences;

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

1 (iii) implementing strategies that convert visitors to residents and
2 awarding grants for regional partnerships to help recruitment efforts at the
3 local and regional levels.

4 (2) \$1,145,000.00 to the Department of Labor as follows:

5 (A) \$275,000.00 to implement a relocation support system and
6 provide services pursuant to Sec. 14 of this act; and

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

8 (i) \$350,000.00 for grants to provide weatherization training
9 pursuant to Sec. 10 of this act;

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

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

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