

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE

The Committee on Institutions to which was referred Senate Bill No. S. 278, entitled "An act relating to the State Energy Management Program"

respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 29 V.S.A. § 168 is amended to read:

§ 168. STATE ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; REVOLVING FUNDS

(a) State Energy Management Program.

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(e) The Department of Buildings and General Services may utilize the expertise, staff, and resources of the State Energy Management Program to provide assistance and support, including technical advice and assistance, planning, and project management to Vermont State Colleges, school districts, hospitals and health care facilities that receive State funding, and municipalities, concerning equipment replacement, studies, weatherization, construction of improvements affecting the use of energy resources, the implementation of energy efficiency and conservation measures, and the use of renewable resources. The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall establish guidelines for projects pursuant to this subsection.

(f) As used in this section:

(1) "Energy efficiency improvement" ~~shall mean~~ means a set of measures aimed at reducing the energy used by specific end-use devices and systems to provide light, heat, cooling, or other services without affecting the level of service provided. An energy efficiency project may also include energy conservation measures; that is, a reduction in energy consumption that corresponds with a reduction in service demand.

(2) "Renewables" ~~shall have~~ has the same meaning as under 30 V.S.A. § 8002.

(3) "Resource conservation measures" ~~shall mean~~ means a set of measures, including a study, product, process, or technology, aimed at reducing overall use or consumption of energy resources in State buildings or facilities. "Resource conservation measures" ~~shall include~~ includes energy efficiency improvements.

~~(f)~~(g) Beginning on or before January 15, 2015 and annually thereafter, the Department of Buildings and General Services shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions on the expenditure of funds from

the State Resource Management Revolving Fund for resource conservation measures and the Energy Revolving Fund for energy efficiency improvements and the use of renewable resources. For each fiscal year, the report shall include a summary of each project receiving funding and the State's expected savings and as to each project pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, the expected savings by the State College, the school district, a hospital or health care facility, or a municipality. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection.

Sec. 2. POSITIONS

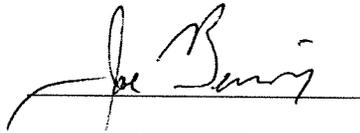
(a) Two full-time, limited service positions are created in the Department of Buildings and General Services in fiscal years 2021–2024 to manage projects under the State Energy Management Program pursuant to 29 V.S.A. § 168(e).

(b) These positions shall be funded by grants or other sources of funding. No additional budget appropriation or State funds shall be used for these positions.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)



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FOR THE COMMITTEE