

1 H.434

2 Introduced by Representatives Jerome of Brandon, Austin of Colchester,  
3 Demrow of Corinth, Graning of Jericho, Nicoll of Ludlow, Ode  
4 of Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, Sammis of Castleton, and  
5 Williams of Barre City

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Commerce and trade; film; media

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create the  
10 Vermont Office of Film and Creative Media to connect the growing film and  
11 media industry organizations in Vermont; provide a point of contact for  
12 production companies to film in this State; and provide an economic boost for  
13 local businesses and communities.

14 An act relating to creating the Vermont Office of Film and Creative Media

15 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 115 is added to read:

16 § 115. THE OFFICE OF FILM AND CREATIVE MEDIA

17 (a) Creation and purpose. The Office of Film and Creative Media is  
18 created within the Vermont Council on the Arts to connect the growing film  
19 and media industry organizations in Vermont and provide a point of contact for  
20 production companies considering film and media production in Vermont.

1        (b) Duties. The Office of Film and Creative Media shall:

2            (1) maintain a centralized database of existing Vermont film and media  
3        professionals, film crews, film equipment, venues, filming locations, and other  
4        resources;

5            (2) maintain a database of employment and internship opportunities in  
6        the film and creative media industry to retain Vermont's highly skilled film  
7        and creative media graduates; and

8            (3) establish a tax incentive program for outside media companies to  
9        bring production projects to Vermont.

10        (c) Supervisory Board.

11            (1) There shall be established a Board representing industry  
12        professionals to monitor and advise the Office of Film and Creative Media.

13            (2) The Board shall be composed of five members appointed by the  
14        Vermont Council on the Arts.

15            (d) Funding. The Council on the Arts shall facilitate a grant process  
16        required to secure funding for the Office of Film and Creative Media.

17        Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION

18            The sum of \$350,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
19        Vermont Council on the Arts in fiscal year 2024 to create one-and-a-half full-  
20        time-equivalent positions to support the work of the Office of Film and  
21        Creative Media.

1 Sec. 3. REPEAL

2 16 V.S.A. § 115 is repealed.

3 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

4 (a) This section, Sec. 1, and Sec. 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

5 (b) Sec. 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2028.