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2 Representatives Birong of Vergennes, Chase of Chester, and Williams of  
3 Barre City move that the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment  
4 with further proposal of amendment by adding a reader assistance heading and  
5 adding three new sections to be Secs. 1a, 1b, and 1c to read as follows:

6 \* \* \* Vermont-Ireland Trade Commission \* \* \*

7 Sec. 1a. 9 V.S.A. chapter 111B is added to read:

8 CHAPTER 111B. TRADE COMMISSIONS

9 § 4129. VERMONT-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION

10 (a) The Vermont-Ireland Trade Commission is established within the State  
11 Treasurer’s office to advance bilateral trade and investment between Vermont  
12 and Ireland. The Commission shall consist of 10 members as follows:

13 (1) three members, appointed by the Governor;

14 (2) three members, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

15 (3) three members, appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees;

16 and

17 (4) the State Treasurer or designee.

18 (b) The purposes of the Vermont-Ireland Trade Commission are to:

19 (1) advance bilateral trade and investment between Vermont and

20 Ireland;

1           (2) initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to Vermont  
2           and Ireland;

3           (3) promote business and academic exchanges between Vermont and  
4           Ireland;

5           (4) encourage mutual economic support between Vermont and Ireland;

6           (5) encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of Vermont and  
7           Ireland; and

8           (6) address other issues as determined by the Commission.

9           (c) The members of the Commission, except for the State Treasurer or  
10          designee, shall be appointed for terms of four years each and shall continue to  
11          serve until their successors are appointed, except that in order to achieve  
12          staggered terms, the three members appointed by the Governor shall serve  
13          initial terms of two years each and the three members appointed by the Speaker  
14          of the House shall serve initial terms of three years each. Members may be  
15          reappointed. A member serves at the pleasure of the member's appointing  
16          authority.

17          (d) A vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall be filled by the  
18          relevant appointing authority within 90 days after the vacancy.

19          (e) The Commission shall select a chair from among its members at the  
20          first meeting. The Chair, as appropriate, may appoint from among the  
21          Commission members subcommittees or a subcommittee at the Chair's

1 discretion. A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a  
2 quorum for purposes of transacting the business of the Commission.

3 (f) The Commission shall submit a written report with its findings, results,  
4 and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly within one  
5 year of its initial organizational meeting and on or before November 1 of each  
6 succeeding year for the activities of the current calendar year.

7 (g) The Vermont-Ireland Trade Commission is authorized to raise funds,  
8 through direct solicitation or other fundraising events, alone or with other  
9 groups, and accept donations, grants, and bequests from individuals,  
10 corporations, foundations, governmental agencies, and public and private  
11 organizations and institutions, to defray the Commission’s administrative  
12 expenses and to carry out its purposes as set forth in this chapter. The funds,  
13 donations, grants, or bequests received pursuant to this chapter shall be  
14 deposited in a bank account and allocated annually by the State Treasurer’s  
15 office to defray the Commission’s administrative expenses and carry out its  
16 purposes. Any monies so withdrawn shall not be used for any purpose other  
17 than the payment of expenses under this chapter. Interest earned shall remain  
18 in the bank account.

19 (h) Members of the Commission shall not receive compensation or be  
20 entitled to reimbursement of expenses by the State of Vermont for their service  
21 on the Commission.

1       Sec. 1b. INITIAL APPOINTMENT DEADLINE FOR VERMONT-  
2                   IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION

3               Initial appointments to the Vermont-Ireland Trade Commission shall be  
4       made not later than October 1, 2024.

5       Sec. 1c. REPEAL; VERMONT-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION

6               9 V.S.A. § 4129 (Vermont-Ireland Trade Commission) as added by this act  
7       is repealed on June 30, 2029.

8               and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act  
9       relating to creating a Sister State Program and the Vermont-Ireland Trade  
10       Commission”