

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred House Bill No.
3 484 entitled “An act relating to enhancing workforce and economic
4 development opportunities” respectfully reports that it has considered the same
5 and recommends that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 4(a), by striking out “Education Fund” and inserting in lieu
7 thereof “General Fund”

8 Second: In Sec. 29, in 10 V.S.A. § 2, by striking out subsection (c) in its
9 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read:

10 (c) The regional development corporations shall:

11 (1) operate the Exchange to produce benefits for both the client
12 companies as well as the vendors providing the assistance;

13 (2) conduct outreach and direct engagement to promote participation by
14 businesses in rural areas of this State and businesses owned by mature workers,
15 youth, individuals with disabilities, individuals who have been involved with
16 the correction system, Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color Vermonters,
17 New Americans, and other historically marginalized populations; and

18 (3) supporting businesses in anticipating and addressing changing
19 workforce needs and availability through creative solutions, including split
20 shifts, shorter workweeks, and cross training.

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(Committee vote: _____)

Representative _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE