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H.667 as passed by the House has the "to-be-created" Vermont/Ireland Trade Commission housed within the State Treasurer's Office. The House-passed version includes the State Treasurer as a de facto member of the Commission, per our suggestion. While administering a Trade Commission does fall outside of the normal scope of our office's duties, Treasurer Pieciak is enthusiastic about this topic area and agreed to participate at the request of the bill sponsors. We do not anticipate needing additional staff or funds to carry out this work. We expect that our role will be administrative, in that we will be responsible for managing the appointments to the Commission, facilitating and documenting public meetings, and assisting the elected Chair with the direction and content of the Commission's work. Per the bill language, we will also manage the fund associated with the Commission (Sec. G, page 3).