



1       Grants would be available for municipalities seeking to adopt the model code.  
2       A State agency would oversee municipal adoption of the code to ensure that  
3       the districts would be designed to allow for housing density that would be  
4       dense enough to meet that municipality's share of the State's housing targets.

5       (b) Membership. The task force shall have nine members with expertise  
6       related to planning and zoning. The members shall be the following:

7           (1) one member of the House, appointed by the Speaker of the House;  
8           (2) one member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore  
9       of the Senate;

10          (3) a representative of the Vermont Association of Planning and  
11       Development Agencies;

12          (4) the Commissioner of Housing and Community Development or  
13       designee;

14          (5) a representative from the Vermont Natural Resources Council;

15          (6) a representative from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns;

16          (7) a representative from Let's Build Homes;

17          (8) a representative from the affordable housing development  
18       community, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

19          (9) a town planner, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

1                   (c) Powers and duties. The task force shall:

2                   (1) develop illustrated model codes that use only clear and objective  
3                   standards for critical land use issues, embed New England town-building  
4                   principles, and integrate flood and historic protections;

5                   (2) propose how these codes will be administered and which entity  
6                   would oversee them; and

7                   (3) recommend the process for how municipalities would adopt these  
8                   codes.

9                   (d) Assistance. The task force shall have the administrative, technical, and  
10                   legal assistance of the Department of Housing and Community Development.  
11                   The Department may hire a third-party consultant to assist and staff the task  
12                   force, which may be funded by monies appropriated by the General Assembly  
13                   or any grant funding received.

14                   (e) Report. On or before December 1, 2026, the task force shall submit a  
15                   written report to the House Committees on Environment and on General and  
16                   Housing and the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and  
17                   General Affairs and on Natural Resources and Energy with its model codes  
18                   and recommendations for legislative action.

19                   (f) Meetings.

20                   (1) The Commissioner of Housing and Community Development shall  
21                   call the first meeting of the task force to occur on or before August 1, 2026.

1                   (2) The task force shall elect a chair from among its members at the first  
2 meeting.

3                   (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

4                   (4) The task force shall cease to exist on December 31, 2026.

5                   (g) Compensation and reimbursement.

6                   (1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General  
7 Assembly, a legislative member of the task force serving in the legislator's  
8 capacity as a legislator shall be entitled to per diem compensation and  
9 reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 23 for not more than six  
10 meetings.

11                   (2) Other members of the task force who are not otherwise compensated  
12 by their employer shall be entitled to per diem compensation and  
13 reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more  
14 than six meetings.

15                   (3) The payments under this subsection shall be made from monies  
16 appropriated by the General Assembly.

17                   Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18                   This act shall take effect on passage.