

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on General and Housing to which was referred House Bill  
3 No. 548 entitled “An act relating to adding a mediator position to the office of  
4 the Vermont Labor Relations Board” respectfully reports that it has considered  
5 the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the  
6 enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 922 is amended to read:

8 **§ 922. OFFICE SPACE; EMPLOYEES; MEDIATOR**

9 (a) The Secretary of Administration shall, upon request by the State Labor  
10 Relations Board, allow the Board the responsible use of public buildings under  
11 ~~his or her the Secretary's~~ control and furnish heat, light, and furniture for any  
12 meeting or hearing called by the Board.

13 (b) The Board may employ such employees and agents as it deems  
14 necessary, and may employ a reporter for taking and transcribing testimony in  
15 hearing before it.

16 (c) The Board may employ a mediator to provide free mediation services to  
17 public and private sector collective bargaining units and employers upon  
18 reaching impasse during collective bargaining.

19 Sec. 2. VERMONT LABOR RELATIONS BOARD; POSITION;

20 APPROPRIATION

1           (a) The position of a full-time, permanent, classified mediator is created in  
2           the office of the Vermont Labor Relations Board.

3           (b) In fiscal year 2027, the amount of \$115,000.00 is appropriated from the  
4           General Fund to the Vermont Labor Relations Board for salary and benefits for  
5           the position of mediator.

6           Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

7           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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17           Representative \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE