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11 Pittsford, Sibia of Dover, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of
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13 Referred to Committee on

14 Date:

15 Subject: Commerce and trade; economic development

16 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize the
17 Agency of Commerce and Community Development to provide technical and
18 financial support for certain organizations involved in promoting television
19 and film production and to require the Agency to recommend options to attract
20 and grow television and film activities in the State.

1 An act relating to promoting television and film production

2 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

3 ~~Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4 is added to read:~~

4 § 4. TELEVISION AND FILM PRODUCTION

5 The Agency of Commerce and Community Development shall have the
6 authority to provide technical and financial support to:

7 (1) the Vermont Production Council for the purposes of:

8 (A) recruiting and incentivizing television and film production to
9 Vermont; and

10 (B) supporting the annual International Television Festival; and

11 (2) the Vermont Film Institute for the purposes of:

12 (A) promoting television and film production in Vermont by
13 Vermont-based artists and businesses; and

14 (B) supporting career development initiatives within the television
15 and film industries.

16 Sec. 2. TELEVISION AND FILM PRODUCTION INCENTIVES; STUDY

17 On or before January 15, 2019, the Agency of Commerce and Community
18 Development, in conjunction with the Vermont Production Council and the
19 Vermont Film Institute, shall study television and film industry tax and policy
20 incentives in other states and recommend to the General Assembly options to
21 attract and grow similar industry activities in Vermont.

1 ~~Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE~~

2 ~~This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.~~

Sec. 1. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES;

TELEVISION AND FILM PRODUCTION

The Department of Labor, in partnership with the Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the Career Pathways Coordinator within the Agency of Education, shall have the authority to explore means to expand and encourage apprenticeship, CTE, Career Pathways, and continuing education opportunities in television and film production. The Department and its partners shall have the further authority to conduct outreach to middle school, high school, and postsecondary students to gauge interest and need for opportunities in this field.

Sec. 2. TELEVISION AND FILM PRODUCTION; RECRUITMENT

STRATEGY; IMPACT STATEMENT

On or before January 15, 2019, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development shall consider and report to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs on a recommended strategy for attracting television and film production activities to Vermont and include an economic impact statement specifying potential revenues from increased activities.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.