

1 H.895

2 Introduced by Representative Chase of Colchester

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Commerce and trade; workforce development

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create an

7 Information Technology Professional Development Initiative.

8 An act relating to creating an Information Technology Development
9 Initiative

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

11 Sec. 1. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONAL

12 DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

13 (a) The Department of Labor, in collaboration with the Agency of
14 Education and the Agency of Digital Services, shall design and implement an
15 Information Technology Professional Development Initiative, the purposes of
16 which are:

17 (1) to build information technology awareness, knowledge, and skills of
18 Vermont students; and

19 (2) to promote cybersecurity and ensure the safety of Vermont network
20 systems.

1 (b) The Department shall develop and make available to Vermont
2 secondary and postsecondary schools curricula that include:

3 (1) educational training programs in information technology; and

4 (2) cybersecurity training and IT systems vulnerability testing.

5 (c) The Department shall complete its design and implementation of the
6 Initiative on or before January 1, 2021 and make the curricula available to
7 schools for the school year beginning in the fall of 2021.

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.