

SENATE PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENT

H. 655

An act relating to fiscal year 2014 budget adjustments

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: By adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 3a to read as follows:

Sec. 3a. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. B.139 is amended to read:

Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments

Grants	<u>3,293,196</u>	3,368,196
Total	<u>3,293,196</u>	3,368,196
Source of funds		
Education fund	<u>3,293,196</u>	3,368,196
Total	<u>3,293,196</u>	3,368,196

and by striking out Sec. 5 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 5 to read as follows:

Sec. 5. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. B.145 is amended to read:

Sec. B.145 Total general government

Source of funds

General fund	69,657,388	70,763,769
Transportation fund	3,930,356	3,930,356
Special funds	10,336,132	10,336,132
Education fund	9,480,096	9,555,096
Federal funds	963,293	963,293
Internal service funds	69,123,421	69,123,421
Interdepartmental transfers	6,974,721	6,974,721
Enterprise funds	3,233,092	3,233,092
Pension trust funds	39,659,149	39,659,149
Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,138,128</u>	<u>1,138,128</u>
Total	214,495,776	215,677,157

and by adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 73a to read as follows:

Sec. 73a. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. E.139(c) is added to read:

(c) Of this appropriation, \$75,000 shall be transferred to the Department of Taxes, Division of Property Valuation and Review and used with any remaining funds from the amount transferred pursuant to 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 1, Sec. 75, for payment of any expenses associated with reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and other property owned by TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. in the State of Vermont. Expenditures for this purpose shall be considered qualified expenditures under 16 V.S.A. § 4025(c).

Second: By adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 5a to read as follows:

Sec. 5a. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. B.204 is amended to read:

Sec. B.204 Judiciary

Personal services	32,218,222	32,868,222
Operating expenses	8,707,574	8,707,574
Grants	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
Total	40,995,796	41,645,796
Source of funds		
General fund	35,067,633	35,717,633
Special funds	3,235,319	3,235,319
Tobacco fund	39,871	39,871
Federal funds	714,176	714,176
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,938,797</u>	<u>1,938,797</u>
Total	40,995,796	41,645,796

and by striking out Sec. 9 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 9 to read as follows:

Sec. 9. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:

Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds		
General fund	118,749,083	119,499,112
Transportation fund	25,238,498	25,238,498
Special funds	75,064,951	75,164,951
Tobacco fund	606,315	606,315
Federal funds	66,671,503	66,671,503
ARRA funds	1,479,429	1,479,429
Global commitment fund	256,224	256,224
Interdepartmental transfers	8,670,609	8,670,609
Enterprise funds	<u>6,178,980</u>	<u>6,178,980</u>
Total	302,915,592	303,376,621

Third: By striking out Sec. 10 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 10 to read as follows:

Sec. 10. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:

Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office

Personal services	10,337,270	10,462,270
Operating expenses	3,232,916	3,591,498
Grants	<u>5,473,998</u>	<u>5,260,754</u>
Total	19,044,184	19,314,522
Source of funds		

General fund	5,135,482	5,241,643
Special funds	91,017	91,017
Tobacco fund	291,127	223,127
Federal funds	9,843,546	9,975,320
Global commitment fund	415,000	415,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,268,012</u>	<u>3,368,415</u>
Total	<u>19,044,184</u>	19,314,522

and by striking out Sec. 36 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 36 to read as follows:

Sec. 36. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. B.346 is amended to read:

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund	590,507,696	606,770,937
Special funds	89,631,251	89,094,967
Tobacco fund	40,046,431	40,046,431
State health care resources fund	267,531,579	268,303,555
Education fund	3,929,242	3,929,242
Federal funds	1,186,473,782	1,207,610,475
Global commitment fund	1,224,791,971	1,248,742,299
Internal service funds	1,502,901	1,502,901
Interdepartmental transfers	25,378,027	25,503,430
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total	<u>3,429,817,880</u>	3,491,529,237

Fourth: By striking out Sec. 37 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 37 to read as follows:

Sec. 37. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. B.500 is amended to read:

Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration

Personal services	7,072,845	7,147,845
Operating expenses	2,019,419	2,519,419
Grants	<u>12,591,200</u>	<u>12,591,200</u>
Total	<u>21,683,464</u>	22,258,464

Source of funds

General fund	3,007,875	3,007,875
Special funds	13,293,157	13,868,157
Education fund	892,795	892,795
Federal funds	3,624,185	3,624,185
Global commitment fund	<u>865,452</u>	<u>865,452</u>
Total	<u>21,683,464</u>	22,258,464

and by striking out Sec. 40 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 40 read as follows:

Sec. 40. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. B.515 is amended to read:

Sec. B.515 Total general education

Source of funds

General fund	370,703,978	370,703,978
Special funds	17,197,375	17,772,375
Tobacco fund	766,541	766,541
Education fund	1,452,124,701	1,451,050,701
Federal funds	133,926,899	133,926,899
Global commitment fund	865,452	865,452
Pension trust funds	34,963,059	34,963,059
Total	2,010,548,005	2,010,049,005

and by adding a new section to be numbered Sec.79a to read as follows:

Sec. 79a. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. E.500(b) is added to read:

(b) Of the special funds appropriated in Sec. B.500 of this act, up to \$75,000 shall be transferred to the Joint Fiscal Office from the Agency of Education for reimbursement of costs incurred for analysis of special education as authorized in subsections (c) - (f) of this section.

(c) The Joint Fiscal Office, with the assistance of the Office of Legislative Council and the Agency of Education, shall develop a request for proposals to evaluate the use of paraprofessionals to provide special education services in Vermont public schools. A special committee consisting of the members of the Joint Fiscal Committee and the chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Education shall select a consultant from among the proposals submitted and the Joint Fiscal Office shall enter into a contract with the consultant to perform the evaluation required by this section.

(d) The consultant's evaluation shall include examination of the following:

(1) the relationship between the use of paraprofessionals and achievement of identified student outcomes;

(2) factors that influence a school district's decision to use paraprofessionals to deliver special education services;

(3) the range of and impacts resulting from the implementation of schoolwide programs for improving and managing behaviors, particularly on the use of paraprofessionals;

(4) if and how the current education funding system impacts the use of paraprofessionals to deliver special education services;

(5) the quality and availability of information to boards and administrators of supervisory unions and school districts to monitor and evaluate the delivery of special education services; and

(6) local governance practices regarding regular reevaluation of the needs for one-on-one aides and the movement of special needs students toward independence from an aide.

(e) The Joint Fiscal Office, the Office of Legislative Council, and the Agency of Education shall assist the consultant to gather data necessary for an evaluation. The consultant shall interview school board members, administrators, licensed teachers, and paraprofessionals and shall provide opportunities for participation by students with special needs and their parents or guardians.

(f) On or before January 15, 2015, the consultant shall submit a report to the Governor, the Joint Fiscal Committee, and the House and Senate Committees on Education detailing research, conclusions, and recommendations.

Fifth: By striking out Sec. 42 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 42 to read as follows:

Sec. 42. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

Source of funds

General fund	26,072,035	27,838,171
Special funds	34,994,533	34,994,533
Fish and wildlife fund	8,914,102	8,914,102
Federal funds	20,837,609	20,837,609
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>6,986,357</u>	<u>6,986,357</u>
Total	<u>97,804,636</u>	99,570,772

Sixth: By striking out Sec. 45 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 45 to read as follows:

Sec. 45. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. B.813 is amended to read:

Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development

Source of funds

General fund	14,731,031	14,731,031
Special funds	18,937,450	19,562,450
Federal funds	44,834,367	44,834,367
Interdepartmental transfers	222,700	222,700
Enterprise funds	<u>827,003</u>	<u>827,003</u>
Total	<u>79,552,551</u>	80,177,551

Seventh: By striking out Sec. 47 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 47 to read as follows:

Sec. 47. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. B.922 is amended to read:

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds

Transportation fund	218,733,438	220,657,745
TIB fund	21,121,994	19,197,687
Special funds	2,235,250	2,235,250
Federal funds	373,641,099	373,641,099
Internal service funds	20,319,956	20,319,956
Interdepartmental transfers	4,432,547	4,432,547
Local match	2,183,313	2,183,313
TIB proceeds fund	<u>10,387,500</u>	<u>10,387,500</u>
Total	653,055,097	653,055,097

Eighth: By striking out Sec. 49 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 49 to read as follows:

Sec. 49. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. B.1001 is amended to read:

Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

Source of funds

General fund	70,521,584	70,210,177
Transportation fund	2,414,979	2,414,979
TIB debt service fund	2,397,816	2,393,683
Special funds	628,910	628,910
ARRA funds	<u>1,253,280</u>	<u>1,153,645</u>
Total	77,216,569	76,801,394

Ninth: By striking out Sec. 53(a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 53(a) to read as follows:

(a) The following is appropriated in fiscal year 2014 to the Agency of Transportation:

Transportation Fund \$1,626,284

Tenth: By adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 53a to read as follows:

Sec. 53a. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec. BB.1200(a)(1)(B) is amended to read:

(B) Transportation Fund. The amount of ~~\$2,200,000~~ \$1,910,949 is appropriated from the transportation fund to the secretary of administration for distribution to the agency of transportation, the transportation board, and the department of public safety to fund the collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.

Eleventh: By striking out Sec 71 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 71 to read as follows:

Sec. 71. [Deleted]

Twelfth: By striking out Sec. 73 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 73 to read as follows:

Sec. 73. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. E.127(c) is added to read:

(c) The amount of \$200,000 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2014 Legislature budget to the Joint Fiscal Committee budget for the purpose of procuring fiscal and policy expertise related to Vermont's health care system.

Thirteenth: By adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 75a to read as follows:

Sec. 75a. CHOICES FOR CARE; REINVESTMENT

(a) Of the Choices for Care funds available for reinvestment in fiscal year 2014, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living is authorized to use up to \$1,000,000 in fiscal years 2014 and 2015 on one-time investments that directly benefit eligible choices for care enrollees and one-time investments to home- and community-based providers that are consistent with and prioritized based on current needs analysis to meet the overall strategic goals and outcomes of the waiver. This authorization is in addition to the reinvestment plan submitted by the Department as submitted to the Committees on Appropriations in January 2014. The General Fund portion of this amount is \$435,600 which may be transferred to other Department appropriations as needed to meet the objectives of this section. The Department shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in July 2014 regarding this provision.

Fourteenth: By striking out Sec. 78 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 78 to read as follows:

Sec. 78. GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING INTENT

(a) The General Assembly understands that there is a need for emergency housing in Vermont and supports the efforts of the Department for Children and Families to address the growing demand. It finds that while motels are currently used to address emergency housing needs, it is the goal of the General Assembly that motels be reserved for catastrophic situations in the future.

Fifteenth: By adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 86a to read as follows:

Sec. 86a. SPECIAL WARMTH GRANT

(a) Effective January 30, 2014, the Department for Children and Families is authorized to grant \$500,000 of the funds available within the fuel assistance program for a special warmth program to address extraordinary temperature-related fuel assistance needs in the 2013-2014 heating season.