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MEMORANDUM

To: Rep. Heath, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations
From: Rep. Emmons, Chair, House Committee on Corrections and Institutions
Date: May 6, 2014
Subject: Review of Provisions added to Senate Passed Budget

As per your request, we have reviewed the proposals added to the Senate Passed Budget and have proposed additional language below.

Section E.112 – USE OF STATE SPACE; CLARIFICATION

Recommendation: The House Committee on Corrections and Institutions proposes to remove the reference to the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services consulting with the Director of States' Attorneys and Sheriffs and the Director of the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations as outlined below:

Sec. E.112 USE OF SPACE; CLARIFICATION

(a) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 165(h), the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall extend through June 30, 2015 the lease for space for the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations at current payment rates. For Fiscal Year 2016 and beyond, the Commissioner shall develop a long-term lease or fee-for-space arrangement for space for the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations. If the lease or fee-for-space arrangement includes a payment below prevailing area market prices, then the Commissioner shall present it to the Joint Fiscal Committee as required by 29 V.S.A. § 165(h)(2) for approval at a regularly scheduled Joint Fiscal Committee meeting after September 1, 2014.

Section E. 337 – COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL OF VERMONT

Recommendation: The House Committee on Corrections and Institutions proposes the following additional language highlighted below:

Sec. 337. COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL OF VERMONT

(a) On or before July 15, 2014, the Commissioner of Corrections, in consultation with the Community High School of Vermont Board, shall prepare and submit a report to the Joint Legislative Corrections Oversight Committee on the current trends relating to the student population at the Community High School of Vermont. The report shall include the following:

- (1) a detailed description of the School's programs, curriculum, and outcomes;
- (2) data and projections on the student population, including the total number of students enrolled at the School, the number of students who are currently incarcerated, student ages, and the current cost per student;
- (3) a comparison of the School's current cost per student with statewide education spending per student; and
- (4) an analysis of the use of more efficient delivery systems, including technology.

(b) On or before January 1, 2015, the Joint Legislative Corrections Oversight Committee shall prepare and submit recommendations to the General Assembly based on the report submitted in subsection (a) of this section for a plan to fund programs and curriculum at the Community High School of Vermont. The Committee shall include recommendations whether the School may enroll students who are not in the custody of the Commissioner and who have not completed secondary education if space is available and no budget increase would be required. In making such a recommendation, the Committee shall consider the current programs and capacity available through adult basic education, and the ability and success of adult basic education programs in meeting the educational needs of the student population served by the Community High School of Vermont.