

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Bill Introduced

Senate bill of the following title was introduced, read the first time and referred:

S. 110.

By Senator Lyons,

An act relating to amending Act 250 to support growth in compact urban and village centers surrounded by countryside.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Rules Suspended; Bills Messaged

On motion of Senator Campbell, the rules were suspended, and the following bills were severally ordered messaged to the House forthwith:

S.98, S. 104, H. 66, H. 138, H. 275 and H. 430.

Rules Suspended; Proposals of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered; Consideration Postponed

H. 441.

Appearing on the Calendar for notice, on motion of Senator Campbell, the rules were suspended and Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government.

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

Senator Kitchel, for the Committee on Appropriations, to which the bill was referred reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

(a) This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL - Fiscal Year 2012 Appropriations Act.

Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

(a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of state government during fiscal year 2012. It is the express intent of the general assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments, divisions, boards, and commissions be limited to those which can be supported by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2011. Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2012 so as to meet this condition unless otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the general assembly.

Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

(a) It is the intent of the general assembly that this act serve as the primary source and reference for appropriations for fiscal year 2012.

(b) The sums herein stated are appropriated for the purposes specified in the following sections of this act. When no time is expressly stated during which any of the appropriations are to continue, the appropriations are single-year appropriations and only for the purpose indicated and shall be paid from funds shown as the source of funds. If in this act there is an error in either addition or subtraction, the totals shall be adjusted accordingly. Apparent errors in referring to section numbers of statutory titles within this act may be disregarded by the commissioner of finance and management.

(c) Unless codified or otherwise specified, all narrative portions of this act apply only to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

(a) For the purposes of this act:

(1) "Encumbrances" means a portion of an appropriation reserved for the subsequent payment of existing purchase orders or contracts. The commissioner of finance and management shall make final decisions on the appropriateness of encumbrances.

(2) "Grants" means subsidies, aid, or payments to local governments, to community and quasi-public agencies for providing local services, and to persons who are not wards of the state for services or supplies and means cash or other direct assistance, including pension contributions.

(3) "Operating expenses" means property management, repair and maintenance, rental expenses, insurance, postage, travel, energy and utilities.

office and other supplies, equipment including motor vehicles, highway materials, and construction, expenditures for the purchase of land, and construction of new buildings and permanent improvements, and similar items.

(4) “Personal services” means wages and salaries, fringe benefits, per diems, and contracted third party services, and similar items.

Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

(a) Except as specifically provided, this act shall not be construed in any way to negate or impair the full force and effect of existing laws.

Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In the absence of specific provisions to the contrary in this act, when total appropriations are offset by estimated receipts, the state appropriations shall control, notwithstanding receipts being greater or less than anticipated.

Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

(a) In fiscal year 2012, the governor, with the approval of the legislature, or the joint fiscal committee if the legislature is not in session, may accept federal funds available to the state of Vermont, including block grants in lieu of or in addition to funds herein designated as federal. The governor, with the approval of the legislature or the joint fiscal committee if the legislature is not in session, may allocate all or any portion of such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the basic appropriations in this act have been made.

(b) If, during fiscal year 2012, federal funds available to the state of Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2011 session of the Vermont general assembly are converted into block grants or are abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new title in federal law, the governor may continue to accept such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were appropriated. The governor may spend such funds for such purposes for no more than 45 days prior to legislative or joint fiscal committee approval. Notice shall be given to the joint fiscal committee without delay if the governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the joint fiscal committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the governor’s request for approval.

Sec. A.107 DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS

(a) All receipts shall be credited to the general fund except as otherwise provided and except the following receipts, for which this subsection shall constitute authority to credit to special funds:

Connecticut river flood controlPublic service department - sale of powerTax department - unorganized towns and gores

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, departmental indirect cost recoveries (32 V.S.A. § 6) receipts are authorized, subject to the approval of the secretary of administration, to be retained by the department. All recoveries not so authorized shall be credited to the general fund or, for agency of transportation recoveries, the transportation fund.

Sec. A.108 NEW POSITIONS

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total number of authorized state positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(11), shall not be increased during fiscal year 2012 except for new positions authorized by the 2011 session. Limited service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to this restriction.

Sec. A.109 LEGEND

(a) The bill is organized by functions of government. The sections between B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriation of funds. The sections between E.100 and E.9999 contain language that relates to specific appropriations and/or government functions. The function areas by section numbers are as follows:

<u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
<u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons and Property</u>
<u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
<u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
<u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
<u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
<u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community Development</u>
<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>

B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099 Debt Service

B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199 One-time and other appropriation
Actions

Sec. B.100 Secretary of administration - secretary's office	
Personal services	640,938
Operating expenses	<u>74,914</u>
Total	715,852
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>715,852</u>
Total	715,852
Sec. B.101 Information and innovation - communications and information technology	
Personal services	7,111,349
Operating expenses	5,466,512
Grants	<u>900,000</u>
Total	13,477,861
Source of funds	
General fund	20,911
Internal service funds	<u>13,456,950</u>
Total	13,477,861
Sec. B.102 Finance and management - budget and management	
Personal services	1,080,093
Operating expenses	<u>216,873</u>
Total	1,296,966
Source of funds	
General fund	1,053,132
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>243,834</u>
Total	1,296,966
Sec. B.103 Finance and management - financial operations	
Personal services	2,645,289
Operating expenses	<u>279,851</u>
Total	2,925,140

Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>2,925,140</u>
Total	2,925,140
Sec. B.104 Human resources - operations	
Personal services	5,454,543
Operating expenses	<u>720,455</u>
Total	6,174,998
Source of funds	
General fund	1,819,211
Special funds	280,835
Internal service funds	3,361,536
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>713,416</u>
Total	6,174,998
Sec. B.105 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
Personal services	1,086,751
Operating expenses	<u>697,287</u>
Total	1,784,038
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	1,734,044
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>49,994</u>
Total	1,784,038
Sec. B.106 Libraries	
Personal services	1,850,467
Operating expenses	1,471,123
Grants	<u>55,080</u>
Total	3,376,670
Source of funds	
General fund	2,297,383
Special funds	99,156
Federal funds	878,355
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>101,776</u>
Total	3,376,670
Sec. B.107 Tax - administration/collection	
Personal services	12,618,208
Operating expenses	<u>2,883,734</u>
Total	15,501,942
Source of funds	
General fund	13,922,041
Special funds	1,463,901
Tobacco fund	58,000

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>58,000</u>
Total	15,501,942
Sec. B.108 Buildings and general services - administration	
Personal services	1,635,705
Operating expenses	<u>182,552</u>
Total	1,818,257
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,818,257</u>
Total	1,818,257
Sec. B.109 Buildings and general services - engineering	
Personal services	2,095,457
Operating expenses	<u>333,346</u>
Total	2,428,803
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,428,803</u>
Total	2,428,803
Sec. B.110 Buildings and general services - information centers	
Personal services	2,930,114
Operating expenses	1,064,165
Grants	<u>45,000</u>
Total	4,039,279
Source of funds	
General fund	3,989,279
Special funds	<u>50,000</u>
Total	4,039,279
Sec. B.111 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
Personal services	737,204
Operating expenses	<u>152,999</u>
Total	890,203
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>890,203</u>
Total	890,203
Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - postal services	
Personal services	619,966
Operating expenses	<u>115,831</u>
Total	735,797
Source of funds	
General fund	35,716
Internal service funds	<u>700,081</u>
Total	735,797

Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - copy center	
Personal services	636,262
Operating expenses	<u>115,240</u>
Total	751,502
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>751,502</u>
Total	751,502
Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
Personal services	549,846
Operating expenses	<u>131,690</u>
Total	681,536
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>681,536</u>
Total	681,536
Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
Personal services	71,447
Operating expenses	<u>36,555</u>
Total	108,002
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>108,002</u>
Total	108,002
Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	
Personal services	87,630
Operating expenses	<u>86,143</u>
Total	173,773
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>173,773</u>
Total	173,773
Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - property management	
Personal services	1,047,876
Operating expenses	<u>1,080,972</u>
Total	2,128,848
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>2,128,848</u>
Total	2,128,848

Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - workers' compensation insurance	
Personal services	1,158,422
Operating expenses	<u>277,763</u>
Total	1,436,185
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>1,436,185</u>
Total	1,436,185
Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - general liability insurance	
Personal services	268,325
Operating expenses	<u>63,700</u>
Total	332,025
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>332,025</u>
Total	332,025
Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - all other insurance	
Personal services	29,129
Operating expenses	<u>23,389</u>
Total	52,518
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>52,518</u>
Total	52,518
Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
Personal services	13,773,992
Operating expenses	<u>14,126,008</u>
Total	27,900,000
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>27,900,000</u>
Total	27,900,000
Sec. B.122 Geographic information system	
Grants	<u>378,700</u>
Total	378,700
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>378,700</u>
Total	378,700
Sec. B.123 Executive office - governor's office	
Personal services	1,193,165
Operating expenses	<u>423,879</u>
Total	1,617,044

Source of funds	
General fund	1,423,544
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>193,500</u>
Total	1,617,044
Sec. B.124 Legislative council	
Personal services	2,078,823
Operating expenses	<u>198,606</u>
Total	2,277,429
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>2,277,429</u>
Total	2,277,429
Sec. B.125 Legislature	
Personal services	3,633,861
Operating expenses	<u>3,336,583</u>
Total	6,970,444
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>6,970,444</u>
Total	6,970,444
Sec. B.126 Legislative information technology	
Personal services	364,696
Operating expenses	<u>577,057</u>
Total	941,753
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>941,753</u>
Total	941,753
Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
Personal services	1,359,656
Operating expenses	<u>105,773</u>
Total	1,465,429
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,465,429</u>
Total	1,465,429
Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
Personal services	443,809
Operating expenses	<u>67,855</u>
Total	511,664
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>511,664</u>
Total	511,664
Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	

Personal services	143,631
Operating expenses	<u>26,771</u>
Total	170,402
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>170,402</u>
Total	170,402
Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
Personal services	3,758,362
Operating expenses	<u>150,345</u>
Total	3,908,707
Source of funds	
General fund	396,853
Special funds	53,099
Internal service funds	<u>3,458,755</u>
Total	3,908,707
Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
Personal services	2,561,936
Operating expenses	348,248
Grants	<u>16,484</u>
Total	2,926,668
Source of funds	
General fund	1,065,828
Special funds	1,744,843
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>115,997</u>
Total	2,926,668
Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
Personal services	660,757
Operating expenses	<u>253,238</u>
Total	913,995
Source of funds	
Private purpose trust funds	<u>913,995</u>
Total	913,995
Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
Personal services	6,065,656
Operating expenses	<u>29,015,880</u>
Total	35,081,536
Source of funds	

Pension trust funds	<u>35,081,536</u>
Total	35,081,536
Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
Personal services	1,992,423
Operating expenses	<u>486,556</u>
Total	2,478,979
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	<u>2,478,979</u>
Total	2,478,979
Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
Personal services	169,121
Operating expenses	<u>40,334</u>
Total	209,455
Source of funds	
General fund	203,879
Special funds	2,788
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
Total	209,455
Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
Personal services	7,038
Operating expenses	<u>44,190</u>
Total	51,228
Source of funds	
General fund	25,614
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>25,614</u>
Total	51,228
Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
Grants	<u>15,100,000</u>
Total	15,100,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>15,100,000</u>
Total	15,100,000
Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
Grants	<u>8,300,000</u>
Total	8,300,000
Source of funds	
General fund	2,500,000
Education fund	<u>5,800,000</u>
Total	8,300,000
Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	

Grants	<u>3,240,000</u>
Total	3,240,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>3,240,000</u>
Total	3,240,000
Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
Grants	<u>12,400,000</u>
Total	12,400,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>12,400,000</u>
Total	12,400,000
Sec. B.141 Lottery commission	
Personal services	1,629,989
Operating expenses	<u>1,262,972</u>
Total	2,892,961
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>2,892,961</u>
Total	2,892,961
Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
Grants	<u>5,800,000</u>
Total	5,800,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>5,800,000</u>
Total	5,800,000
Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier	
Grants	<u>184,000</u>
Total	184,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>184,000</u>
Total	184,000
Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
Grants	<u>40,000</u>
Total	40,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
Total	40,000

Sec. B.145 Total general government	196,590,589
Source of funds	
General fund	70,196,567
Special funds	10,097,322
Tobacco fund	58,000
Education fund	9,040,000
Federal funds	878,355
Internal service funds	59,092,893
Interdepartmental transfers	5,751,979
Enterprise funds	3,000,963
Pension trust funds	37,560,515
Private purpose trust funds	<u>913,995</u>
Total	196,590,589
Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
Personal services	7,147,070
Operating expenses	<u>1,097,153</u>
Total	8,244,223
Source of funds	
General fund	3,835,621
Special funds	968,000
Tobacco fund	625,000
Federal funds	685,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,130,602</u>
Total	8,244,223
Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
Grants	<u>1,831,011</u>
Total	1,831,011
Source of funds	
General fund	1,311,014
Special funds	<u>519,997</u>
Total	1,831,011
Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
Personal services	7,931,011
Operating expenses	<u>941,292</u>
Total	8,872,303
Source of funds	
General fund	8,359,015
Special funds	<u>513,288</u>
Total	8,872,303
Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	

Personal services	3,443,180
Operating expenses	<u>48,909</u>
Total	3,492,089
Source of funds	
General fund	3,366,825
Special funds	<u>125,264</u>
Total	3,492,089
Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
Personal services	29,103,880
Operating expenses	10,175,038
Grants	<u>70,000</u>
Total	39,348,918
Source of funds	
General fund	31,331,211
Special funds	4,175,542
Tobacco fund	39,871
Federal funds	1,129,259
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,673,035</u>
Total	39,348,918
Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
Personal services	9,433,100
Operating expenses	<u>1,141,004</u>
Total	10,574,104
Source of funds	
General fund	8,297,085
Special funds	60,699
Federal funds	31,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,185,320</u>
Total	10,574,104
Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
Grants	<u>1,253,719</u>
Total	1,253,719
Source of funds	
General fund	1,153,719
Federal funds	<u>100,000</u>
Total	1,253,719

Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
Personal services	3,361,419
Operating expenses	<u>276,917</u>
Total	3,638,336
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>3,638,336</u>
Total	3,638,336
Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
Personal services	1,434,666
Operating expenses	<u>407,048</u>
Total	1,841,714
Source of funds	
General fund	1,658,186
Federal funds	<u>183,528</u>
Total	1,841,714
Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
Personal services	44,208,236
Operating expenses	7,046,296
Grants	<u>971,590</u>
Total	52,226,122
Source of funds	
General fund	21,233,922
Transportation fund	25,238,498
Special funds	1,003,612
Federal funds	3,401,866
ARRA funds	296,107
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,052,117</u>
Total	52,226,122
Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
Personal services	7,267,663
Operating expenses	2,565,979
Grants	<u>5,989,000</u>
Total	15,822,642
Source of funds	
General fund	6,124,932
Special funds	1,468,701
Federal funds	7,890,543
ARRA funds	<u>338,466</u>
Total	15,822,642
Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management	

Personal services	1,826,537
Operating expenses	970,828
Grants	<u>1,379,913</u>
Total	4,177,278
Source of funds	
General fund	10,000
Federal funds	<u>4,167,278</u>
Total	4,177,278
Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
Personal services	5,027,821
Operating expenses	1,441,685
Grants	<u>157,000</u>
Total	6,626,506
Source of funds	
General fund	718,790
Special funds	5,623,744
Federal funds	238,972
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
Total	6,626,506
Sec. B.213 Public safety - homeland security	
Personal services	9,501,852
Operating expenses	220,709
Grants	<u>3,000,000</u>
Total	12,722,561
Source of funds	
General fund	427,007
Federal funds	12,227,400
ARRA funds	<u>68,154</u>
Total	12,722,561
Sec. B.214 Radiological emergency response plan	
Personal services	729,645
Operating expenses	184,314
Grants	<u>1,220,350</u>
Total	2,134,309
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>2,134,309</u>
Total	2,134,309

Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
Personal services	468,699
Operating expenses	376,507
Grants	<u>100,000</u>
Total	945,206
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>945,206</u>
Total	945,206
Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
Personal services	5,148,174
Operating expenses	<u>1,214,629</u>
Total	6,362,803
Source of funds	
General fund	467,309
Federal funds	<u>5,895,494</u>
Total	6,362,803
Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
Personal services	3,718,269
Operating expenses	<u>9,185,720</u>
Total	12,903,989
Source of funds	
General fund	112,435
Federal funds	<u>12,791,554</u>
Total	12,903,989
Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
Personal services	979,453
Operating expenses	<u>386,580</u>
Total	1,366,033
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,366,033</u>
Total	1,366,033
Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
Personal services	478,017
Operating expenses	146,431
Grants	<u>173,815</u>
Total	798,263
Source of funds	
General fund	631,808
Special funds	84,049
Federal funds	<u>82,406</u>

Total	798,263
Sec. B.220 Center for crime victims' services	
Personal services	1,271,163
Operating expenses	284,975
Grants	<u>9,499,251</u>
Total	11,055,389
Source of funds	
General fund	1,154,480
Special funds	5,931,945
Federal funds	<u>3,968,964</u>
Total	11,055,389
Sec. B.221 Criminal justice training council	
Personal services	1,291,238
Operating expenses	<u>1,286,070</u>
Total	2,577,308
Source of funds	
General fund	2,324,636
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>252,672</u>
Total	2,577,308
Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
Personal services	774,589
Operating expenses	342,534
Grants	<u>448,910</u>
Total	1,566,033
Source of funds	
General fund	1,066,802
Special funds	250,031
Federal funds	150,928
Global Commitment fund	56,272
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>42,000</u>
Total	1,566,033
Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer protection	
Personal services	2,786,723
Operating expenses	759,173
Grants	<u>2,443,235</u>
Total	5,989,131

Source of funds	
General fund	2,212,524
Special funds	3,139,114
Federal funds	596,487
Global Commitment fund	34,006
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,000</u>
Total	5,989,131
Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
Personal services	943,019
Operating expenses	305,995
Grants	<u>1,626,000</u>
Total	2,875,014
Source of funds	
General fund	446,897
Special funds	1,438,588
Federal funds	689,529
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>300,000</u>
Total	2,875,014
Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - laboratories, agricultural resource management and environmental stewardship	
Personal services	2,912,179
Operating expenses	761,268
Grants	<u>736,674</u>
Total	4,410,121
Source of funds	
General fund	1,640,565
Special funds	1,998,115
Federal funds	569,113
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>202,328</u>
Total	4,410,121
Sec. B.226 Banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration - administration	
Personal services	1,808,446
Operating expenses	<u>181,201</u>
Total	1,989,647
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>1,989,647</u>
Total	1,989,647
Sec. B.227 Banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration - banking	

Personal services	1,343,681
Operating expenses	<u>240,853</u>
Total	1,584,534
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>1,584,534</u>
Total	1,584,534
Sec. B.228 Banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration - insurance	
Personal services	3,027,935
Operating expenses	<u>437,345</u>
Total	3,465,280
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>3,465,280</u>
Total	3,465,280
Sec. B.229 Banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration - captive	
Personal services	3,262,719
Operating expenses	<u>428,723</u>
Total	3,691,442
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>3,691,442</u>
Total	3,691,442
Sec. B.230 Banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration - securities	
Personal services	442,445
Operating expenses	<u>149,514</u>
Total	591,959
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>591,959</u>
Total	591,959
Sec. B.231 Banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration - health care administration	
Personal services	5,581,274
Operating expenses	<u>343,127</u>
Total	5,924,401
Source of funds	
Special funds	3,497,875
Federal funds	527,702
Global Commitment fund	<u>1,898,824</u>
Total	5,924,401

Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
Personal services	5,698,916
Operating expenses	2,038,667
Grants	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total	8,737,583
Source of funds	
General fund	1,529,127
Special funds	5,133,456
Federal funds	2,000,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
Total	8,737,583
Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
Personal services	7,428,529
Operating expenses	847,636
Grants	<u>21,096,788</u>
Total	29,372,953
Source of funds	
Special funds	12,341,218
Federal funds	1,157,800
ARRA funds	<u>15,873,935</u>
Total	29,372,953
Sec. B.234 Public service board	
Personal services	2,860,205
Operating expenses	<u>387,160</u>
Total	3,247,365
Source of funds	
Special funds	3,001,980
ARRA funds	<u>245,385</u>
Total	3,247,365
Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
Personal services	4,181,478
Operating expenses	853,778
Grants	<u>810,000</u>
Total	5,845,256
Source of funds	

Special funds	<u>5,845,256</u>
Total	5,845,256
Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
Personal services	412,199
Operating expenses	<u>65,683</u>
Total	477,882
Source of funds	
General fund	332,882
Federal funds	<u>145,000</u>
Total	477,882
Sec. B.237 Liquor control - administration	
Personal services	1,619,092
Operating expenses	<u>595,953</u>
Total	2,215,045
Source of funds	
Tobacco fund	6,661
Interdepartmental transfers	250,000
Enterprise funds	<u>1,958,384</u>
Total	2,215,045
Sec. B.238 Liquor control - enforcement and licensing	
Personal services	1,875,103
Operating expenses	<u>387,833</u>
Total	2,262,936
Source of funds	
Tobacco fund	285,284
Enterprise funds	<u>1,977,652</u>
Total	2,262,936
Sec. B.239 Liquor control - warehousing and distribution	
Personal services	766,123
Operating expenses	<u>344,985</u>
Total	1,111,108
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>1,111,108</u>
Total	1,111,108
Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property	294,172,516
Source of funds	
General fund	105,696,367
Transportation fund	25,238,498
Special funds	70,577,645
Tobacco fund	956,816

Federal funds	58,629,823
ARRA funds	16,822,047
Global Commitment fund	1,989,102
Interdepartmental transfers	9,215,074
Enterprise funds	<u>5,047,144</u>
Total	294,172,516
Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
Personal services	8,161,616
Operating expenses	3,097,481
Grants	<u>5,235,805</u>
Total	16,494,902
Source of funds	
General fund	4,913,133
Special funds	7,517
Tobacco fund	290,330
Federal funds	7,752,402
Global Commitment fund	415,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,116,520</u>
Total	16,494,902
Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
Grants	<u>1,075,814,333</u>
Total	1,075,814,333
Source of funds	
General fund	139,212,827
Special funds	18,630,961
Tobacco fund	36,978,473
State health care resources fund	219,426,320
Catamount fund	23,948,700
Federal funds	636,928,917
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>688,135</u>
Total	1,075,814,333
Sec. B.302 Rate setting	
Personal services	852,330
Operating expenses	<u>80,608</u>
Total	932,938
Source of funds	
Global Commitment fund	<u>932,938</u>
Total	932,938
Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
Personal services	236,037

Operating expenses	58,218
Grants	<u>248,388</u>
Total	542,643
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>542,643</u>
Total	542,643
Sec. B.304 Human services board	
Personal services	301,586
Operating expenses	<u>49,606</u>
Total	351,192
Source of funds	
General fund	114,505
Federal funds	150,844
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>85,843</u>
Total	351,192
Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
Personal services	350,000
Operating expenses	<u>4,650,000</u>
Total	5,000,000
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,000,000</u>
Total	5,000,000
Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
Personal services	85,804,852
Operating expenses	2,761,571
Grants	<u>7,625,573</u>
Total	96,391,996
Source of funds	
General fund	945,014
Special funds	1,579,123
Federal funds	43,169,600
ARRA funds	2,505,044
Global Commitment fund	43,916,098
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,077,117</u>
Total	96,391,996

 Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global commitment

Grants	<u>635,867,360</u>
Total	635,667,360
Source of funds	
Global Commitment fund	<u>635,867,360</u>
Total	635,667,360

Sec. B.308 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - long term care waiver

Grants	<u>205,537,520</u>
Total	205,537,520
Source of funds	
General fund	86,613,511
Federal funds	<u>118,924,009</u>
Total	205,537,520

Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state only

Grants	<u>26,985,204</u>
Total	26,985,204
Source of funds	
General fund	25,896,641
Global Commitment fund	<u>1,088,563</u>
Total	26,985,204

Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver matched

Grants	<u>42,811,769</u>
Total	42,811,769
Source of funds	
General fund	18,006,358
Federal funds	<u>24,805,411</u>
Total	42,811,769

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services	5,485,409
Operating expenses	1,932,004
Grants	<u>2,781,190</u>
Total	10,198,603
Source of funds	
General fund	1,059,487
Special funds	324,063
Federal funds	5,152,054

ARRA funds	81,815
Global Commitment fund	<u>3,581,184</u>
Total	10,198,603
Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
Personal services	33,496,002
Operating expenses	6,245,652
Grants	<u>34,338,566</u>
Total	74,080,220
Source of funds	
General fund	7,262,449
Special funds	11,012,411
Tobacco fund	1,594,000
Federal funds	32,903,499
ARRA funds	460,165
Global Commitment fund	19,862,288
Interdepartmental transfers	975,408
Permanent trust funds	<u>10,000</u>
Total	74,080,220
Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs	
Personal services	2,650,944
Operating expenses	371,158
Grants	<u>25,689,171</u>
Total	28,711,273
Source of funds	
General fund	3,351,533
Special funds	233,884
Tobacco fund	1,386,234
Federal funds	5,955,677
Global Commitment fund	17,433,945
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>350,000</u>
Total	28,711,273
Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
Personal services	5,486,339
Operating expenses	1,117,984
Grants	<u>124,369,250</u>
Total	130,973,573
Source of funds	
General fund	811,295
Special funds	6,836
Federal funds	6,555,971
Global Commitment fund	123,579,471

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>20,000</u>
Total	130,973,573
Sec. B.315 Mental health - Vermont state hospital	
Personal services	20,479,188
Operating expenses	2,056,312
Grants	<u>82,335</u>
Total	22,617,835
Source of funds	
General fund	17,016,067
Special funds	835,486
Federal funds	213,564
Global Commitment fund	4,252,718
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>300,000</u>
Total	22,617,835
Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support services	
Personal services	38,009,556
Operating expenses	7,835,052
Grants	<u>1,206,996</u>
Total	47,051,604
Source of funds	
General fund	16,383,046
Federal funds	14,330,642
Global Commitment fund	16,125,416
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>212,500</u>
Total	47,051,604
Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
Personal services	23,318,476
Operating expenses	3,408,618
Grants	<u>60,071,513</u>
Total	86,798,607
Source of funds	
General fund	20,863,063
Special funds	1,691,637
Tobacco fund	275,000
Federal funds	27,652,387
Global Commitment fund	36,216,520

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
Total	86,798,607
Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
Personal services	3,165,567
Operating expenses	520,809
Grants	<u>58,804,943</u>
Total	62,491,319
Source of funds	
General fund	23,492,835
Special funds	1,820,000
Federal funds	29,131,536
Global Commitment fund	7,907,441
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>139,507</u>
Total	62,491,319
Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
Personal services	8,739,557
Operating expenses	<u>4,162,561</u>
Total	12,902,118
Source of funds	
General fund	2,638,576
Special funds	455,718
Federal funds	9,420,224
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
Total	12,902,118
Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and disabled	
Personal services	1,827,113
Grants	<u>11,044,541</u>
Total	12,871,654
Source of funds	
General fund	9,121,654
Global Commitment fund	<u>3,750,000</u>
Total	12,871,654
Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
Grants	<u>6,500,000</u>
Total	6,500,000
Source of funds	
General fund	5,048,680
Federal funds	1,111,320
Global Commitment fund	<u>340,000</u>

Total	6,500,000
Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
Grants	<u>23,756,778</u>
Total	23,756,778
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>23,756,778</u>
Total	23,756,778
Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
Grants	<u>49,155,572</u>
Total	49,155,572
Source of funds	
General fund	19,481,509
Special funds	19,916,856
Federal funds	7,882,807
Global Commitment fund	<u>1,874,400</u>
Total	49,155,572
Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel assistance/LIHEAP	
Personal services	20,000
Operating expenses	90,000
Grants	<u>11,502,664</u>
Total	11,612,664
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>11,612,664</u>
Total	11,612,664
Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic opportunity	
Personal services	262,256
Operating expenses	80,518
Grants	<u>4,759,371</u>
Total	5,102,145
Source of funds	
General fund	1,251,040
Special funds	57,990
Federal funds	<u>3,793,115</u>
Total	5,102,145

Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization assistance

Personal services	167,676
Operating expenses	131,124
Grants	<u>11,646,491</u>
Total	11,945,291
Source of funds	
Special funds	7,000,000
Federal funds	1,399,666
ARRA funds	<u>3,545,625</u>
Total	11,945,291

Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - Woodside rehabilitation center

Personal services	3,691,894
Operating expenses	<u>590,115</u>
Total	4,282,009
Source of funds	
General fund	964,774
Global Commitment fund	3,262,343
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>54,892</u>
Total	4,282,009

Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination services

Personal services	4,513,664
Operating expenses	<u>1,142,442</u>
Total	5,656,106
Source of funds	
Federal funds	5,409,589
Global Commitment fund	<u>246,517</u>
Total	5,656,106

Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging and independent living - administration & support

Personal services	24,093,021
Operating expenses	<u>3,838,249</u>
Total	27,931,270
Source of funds	
General fund	7,126,532
Special funds	889,246
Federal funds	11,194,950
Global Commitment fund	6,230,760
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,489,782</u>

Total	27,931,270
Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging and independent living - advocacy and independent living grants	
Grants	<u>20,583,891</u>
Total	20,583,891
Source of funds	
General fund	8,827,473
Federal funds	7,645,317
Global Commitment fund	3,473,601
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>637,500</u>
Total	20,583,891
Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging and independent living - blind and visually impaired	
Grants	<u>1,481,457</u>
Total	1,481,457
Source of funds	
General fund	364,064
Special funds	223,450
Federal funds	648,943
Global Commitment fund	<u>245,000</u>
Total	1,481,457
Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging and independent living - vocational rehabilitation	
Grants	<u>5,968,971</u>
Total	5,968,971
Source of funds	
General fund	1,535,695
Federal funds	4,132,389
Global Commitment fund	7,500
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>293,387</u>
Total	5,968,971
Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging and independent living - developmental services	
Grants	<u>152,288,227</u>
Total	152,288,227
Source of funds	
General fund	155,125
Special funds	15,463
Federal funds	359,857
Global Commitment fund	<u>151,757,782</u>
Total	152,288,227

Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging and independent living -TBI home and community based waiver	
Grants	<u>4,744,899</u>
Total	4,744,899
Source of funds	
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,744,899</u>
Total	4,744,899
Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
Personal services	1,959,290
Operating expenses	<u>194,525</u>
Total	2,153,815
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>2,153,815</u>
Total	2,153,815
Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
Personal services	262,434
Operating expenses	<u>60,198</u>
Total	322,632
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>322,632</u>
Total	322,632
Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
Personal services	4,391,210
Operating expenses	<u>306,274</u>
Total	4,697,484
Source of funds	
Education fund	4,321,425
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>376,059</u>
Total	4,697,484
Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
Personal services	81,867,751
Operating expenses	34,909,316
Grants	<u>6,076,953</u>
Total	122,854,020
Source of funds	
General fund	118,621,136
Special funds	483,963
Tobacco fund	87,500
Federal funds	170,962
Global Commitment fund	3,094,144

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
Total	122,854,020
Sec. B.339 Correctional services-out of state beds	
Personal services	<u>8,249,395</u>
Total	8,249,395
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>8,249,395</u>
Total	8,249,395
Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
Personal services	475,408
Operating expenses	<u>342,362</u>
Total	817,770
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>817,770</u>
Total	817,770
Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
Personal services	910,776
Operating expenses	<u>553,114</u>
Total	1,463,890
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>1,463,890</u>
Total	1,463,890
Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
Personal services	14,924,037
Operating expenses	<u>4,004,439</u>
Total	18,928,476
Source of funds	
Special funds	10,635,885
Federal funds	6,881,635
Global Commitment fund	<u>1,410,956</u>
Total	18,928,476
Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
Personal services	235,779
Operating expenses	<u>68,279</u>
Total	304,058

Source of funds	
General fund	299,058
Special funds	<u>5,000</u>
Total	304,058
Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
Grants	<u>131,096</u>
Total	131,096
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>131,096</u>
Total	131,096
Sec. B.345 Total human services	3,086,158,579
Source of funds	
General fund	552,234,018
Special funds	76,643,259
Tobacco fund	40,611,537
State health care resources fund	219,426,320
Catamount fund	23,948,700
Education fund	4,321,425
Federal funds	1,049,589,372
ARRA funds	6,592,649
Global Commitment fund	1,091,616,844
Internal service funds	1,463,890
Interdepartmental transfers	19,700,565
Permanent trust funds	<u>10,000</u>
Total	3,086,158,579
Sec. B.400 Labor	
Personal services	24,811,666
Operating expenses	5,662,677
Grants	<u>975,000</u>
Total	31,449,343
Source of funds	
General fund	2,400,316
Special funds	3,765,862
Federal funds	23,888,739
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,394,426</u>
Total	31,449,343
Sec. B.402 Total labor	31,449,343
Source of funds	
General fund	2,400,316
Special funds	3,765,862

Federal funds	23,888,739
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,394,426</u>
Total	31,449,343
Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
Personal services	5,373,825
Operating expenses	2,336,262
Grants	<u>12,383,500</u>
Total	20,093,587
Source of funds	
General fund	3,011,957
Special funds	13,300,096
Education fund	1,020,090
Federal funds	2,041,473
Global Commitment fund	711,971
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>8,000</u>
Total	20,093,587
Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
Personal services	11,948,471
Operating expenses	1,562,985
Grants	<u>136,688,970</u>
Total	150,200,426
Source of funds	
General fund	5,839,205
Special funds	2,191,249
Federal funds	131,532,300
ARRA funds	10,613,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>24,672</u>
Total	150,200,426
Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
Grants	<u>148,817,440</u>
Total	148,817,440
Source of funds	
Education fund	148,587,440
Global Commitment fund	<u>230,000</u>
Total	148,817,440
Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
Grants	<u>15,000,000</u>
Total	15,000,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>15,000,000</u>

Total	15,000,000
Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
Grants	<u>7,463,656</u>
Total	7,463,656
Source of funds	
General fund	787,995
Education fund	5,800,000
Federal funds	<u>875,661</u>
Total	7,463,656
Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
Grants	<u>1,127,221,233</u>
Total	1,127,221,233
Source of funds	
Education fund	1,126,721,233
ARRA interdepartmental transfer	<u>500,000</u>
Total	1,127,221,233
Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
Grants	<u>16,313,885</u>
Total	16,313,885
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>16,313,885</u>
Total	16,313,885
Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants	
Grants	<u>7,100,000</u>
Total	7,100,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>7,100,000</u>
Total	7,100,000
Sec. B.508 Education - capital debt service aid	
Grants	<u>160,000</u>
Total	160,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>160,000</u>
Total	160,000
Sec. B.509 Education - tobacco litigation	
Personal services	130,418
Operating expenses	47,015
Grants	<u>804,511</u>
Total	981,944
Source of funds	

Tobacco fund	<u>981,944</u>
Total	981,944
Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
Grants	<u>5,782,900</u>
Total	5,782,900
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>5,782,900</u>
Total	5,782,900
Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
Grants	<u>12,872,274</u>
Total	12,872,274
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>12,872,274</u>
Total	12,872,274
Sec. B.512 Education - Act 117 cost containment	
Personal services	1,043,831
Operating expenses	130,269
Grants	<u>91,000</u>
Total	1,265,100
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>1,265,100</u>
Total	1,265,100
Sec. B.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund	
Grants	<u>276,240,000</u>
Total	276,240,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>276,240,000</u>
Total	276,240,000
Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
Personal services	6,830,976
Operating expenses	22,053,541
Grants	<u>51,672,307</u>
Total	80,556,824
Source of funds	
General fund	51,672,307

Pension trust funds	<u>28,884,517</u>
Total	80,556,824
Sec. B.515 Total general education	1,870,069,269
Source of funds	
General fund	337,551,464
Special funds	16,756,445
Tobacco fund	981,944
Education fund	1,339,357,822
Federal funds	134,449,434
ARRA funds	10,613,000
Global Commitment fund	941,971
ARRA interdepartmental transfer	500,000
Interdepartmental transfers	32,672
Pension trust funds	<u>28,884,517</u>
Total	1,870,069,269
Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
Grants	<u>40,746,633</u>
Total	40,746,633
Source of funds	
General fund	36,740,477
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,006,156</u>
Total	40,746,633
Sec. B.601 Vermont Public Television	
Grants	<u>547,683</u>
Total	547,683
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>547,683</u>
Total	547,683
Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
Grants	<u>23,107,247</u>
Total	23,107,247
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>23,107,247</u>
Total	23,107,247
Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
Grants	<u>1,116,503</u>
Total	1,116,503
Source of funds	
General fund	711,096
Global Commitment fund	<u>405,407</u>

Total	1,116,503
Sec. B.604 Vermont interactive television	
Grants	<u>785,679</u>
Total	785,679
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>785,679</u>
Total	785,679
Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
Grants	<u>18,363,607</u>
Total	18,363,607
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>18,363,607</u>
Total	18,363,607
Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
Grants	<u>84,000</u>
Total	84,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>84,000</u>
Total	84,000
Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm	
Grants	<u>1</u>
Total	1
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1</u>
Total	1
Sec. B.608 Total higher education	84,751,353
Source of funds	
General fund	80,339,790
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,411,563</u>
Total	84,751,353
Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	
Personal services	2,739,259
Operating expenses	1,141,374
Grants	<u>45,510</u>
Total	3,926,143
Source of funds	
General fund	3,720,213
Special funds	54,484
Federal funds	25,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>126,446</u>

Total	3,926,143
Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment	
Operating expenses	<u>2,128,733</u>
Total	2,128,733
Source of funds	
General fund	1,707,233
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
Total	2,128,733
Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
Personal services	12,718,176
Operating expenses	5,253,194
Grants	<u>904,333</u>
Total	18,875,703
Source of funds	
General fund	983,713
Special funds	20,000
Fish and wildlife fund	17,531,844
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>340,146</u>
Total	18,875,703
Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
Personal services	980,517
Operating expenses	649,734
Grants	<u>1,815,492</u>
Total	3,445,743
Source of funds	
General fund	1,174,865
Special funds	1,307,878
Federal funds	<u>963,000</u>
Total	3,445,743
Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
Personal services	4,377,380
Operating expenses	495,362
Grants	<u>501,000</u>
Total	5,373,742
Source of funds	
General fund	3,008,767
Special funds	975,069
Federal funds	1,259,906
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>130,000</u>
Total	5,373,742

Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
Personal services	5,710,180
Operating expenses	<u>2,091,207</u>
Total	7,801,387
Source of funds	
General fund	265,454
Special funds	<u>7,535,933</u>
Total	7,801,387
Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration	
Personal services	447,753
Operating expenses	<u>1,209,470</u>
Total	1,657,223
Source of funds	
General fund	383,018
Special funds	179,205
Federal funds	1,050,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
Total	1,657,223
Sec. B.707 Forests, parks and recreation - youth conservation corps	
Grants	<u>574,702</u>
Total	574,702
Source of funds	
General fund	42,320
Special funds	188,382
Federal funds	94,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>250,000</u>
Total	574,702
Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest highway maintenance	
Personal services	20,000
Operating expenses	<u>134,925</u>
Total	154,925
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>154,925</u>
Total	154,925

Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services	
Personal services	3,958,930
Operating expenses	994,994
Grants	<u>109,800</u>
Total	5,063,724
Source of funds	
General fund	1,217,592
Special funds	1,695,813
Federal funds	1,400,917
ARRA funds	230,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>519,402</u>
Total	5,063,724
Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
Personal services	9,579,425
Operating expenses	6,851,818
Grants	<u>2,184,487</u>
Total	18,615,730
Source of funds	
General fund	413,960
Special funds	13,739,808
Federal funds	3,778,578
ARRA funds	378,384
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>305,000</u>
Total	18,615,730
Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs	
Personal services	13,597,174
Operating expenses	2,208,956
Grants	<u>2,672,351</u>
Total	18,478,481
Source of funds	
General fund	5,620,885
Special funds	4,915,687
Federal funds	7,224,982
ARRA funds	90,302
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>626,625</u>
Total	18,478,481
Sec. B.712 Environmental conservation - tax-loss-Connecticut river flood control	
Operating expenses	<u>34,700</u>
Total	34,700
Source of funds	

General fund	3,470
Special funds	<u>31,230</u>
Total	34,700
Sec. B.713 Natural resources board	
Personal services	2,349,214
Operating expenses	<u>374,166</u>
Total	2,723,380
Source of funds	
General fund	757,494
Special funds	<u>1,965,886</u>
Total	2,723,380
Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	88,854,316
Source of funds	
General fund	19,453,909
Special funds	32,609,375
Fish and wildlife fund	17,531,844
Federal funds	15,796,383
ARRA funds	698,686
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,764,119</u>
Total	88,854,316
Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce and community development - administration	
Personal services	1,855,620
Operating expenses	601,085
Grants	<u>1,464,570</u>
Total	3,921,275
Source of funds	
General fund	2,715,275
Federal funds	800,000
ARRA funds	350,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>56,000</u>
Total	3,921,275
Sec. B.801 Economic, housing, and community development	
Personal services	7,792,289
Operating expenses	1,294,316
Grants	<u>12,102,703</u>
Total	21,189,308

Source of funds	
General fund	5,750,933
Special funds	3,948,699
Federal funds	11,337,260
ARRA funds	52,416
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
Total	21,189,308
Sec. B.802 Historic sites - special improvements	
Operating expenses	<u>13,000</u>
Total	13,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>13,000</u>
Total	13,000
Sec. B.803 Community development block grants	
Grants	<u>8,046,530</u>
Total	8,046,530
Source of funds	
Federal funds	7,446,530
ARRA funds	<u>600,000</u>
Total	8,046,530
Sec. B.804 Downtown transportation and capital improvement fund	
Personal services	78,828
Grants	<u>305,138</u>
Total	383,966
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>383,966</u>
Total	383,966
Sec. B.805 Tourism and marketing	
Personal services	1,313,796
Operating expenses	1,613,714
Grants	<u>243,500</u>
Total	3,171,010
Source of funds	
General fund	3,121,010
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>
Total	3,171,010
Sec. B.806 Vermont life	
Personal services	663,467
Operating expenses	<u>49,222</u>
Total	712,689

Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>712,689</u>
Total	712,689
Sec. B.807 Vermont council on the arts	
Grants	<u>507,607</u>
Total	507,607
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>507,607</u>
Total	507,607
Sec. B.808 Vermont symphony orchestra	
Grants	<u>113,821</u>
Total	113,821
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>113,821</u>
Total	113,821
Sec. B.809 Vermont historical society	
Grants	<u>807,694</u>
Total	807,694
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>807,694</u>
Total	807,694
Sec. B.810 Vermont housing and conservation board	
Grants	<u>21,612,916</u>
Total	21,612,916
Source of funds	
Special funds	8,772,500
Federal funds	<u>12,840,416</u>
Total	21,612,916
Sec. B.811 Vermont humanities council	
Grants	<u>172,670</u>
Total	172,670
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>172,670</u>
Total	172,670
Sec. B.812 Total commerce and community development	60,652,486
Source of funds	
General fund	13,189,010
Special funds	13,118,165
Federal funds	32,424,206
ARRA funds	1,002,416

Interdepartmental transfers	206,000
Enterprise funds	<u>712,689</u>
Total	60,652,486
Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
Personal services	9,454,757
Operating expenses	2,197,029
Grants	<u>355,000</u>
Total	12,006,786
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	11,028,070
Federal funds	<u>978,716</u>
Total	12,006,786
Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
Personal services	2,578,742
Operating expenses	5,005,242
Grants	<u>160,000</u>
Total	7,743,984
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	3,396,984
Federal funds	<u>4,347,000</u>
Total	7,743,984
Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
Operating expenses	<u>2,111,000</u>
Total	2,111,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	1,001,000
TIB fund	<u>1,110,000</u>
Total	2,111,000
Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
Personal services	36,255,937
Operating expenses	199,450,849
Grants	<u>30,093,679</u>
Total	265,800,465
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	29,381,520
TIB fund	13,516,260
Federal funds	210,051,644
ARRA funds	5,328,993
Interdepartmental transfers	4,993,195
Local match	<u>2,528,853</u>

Total	265,800,465
Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas	
Personal services	270,000
Operating expenses	<u>7,175,000</u>
Total	7,445,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	259,460
TIB fund	926,134
Federal funds	<u>6,259,406</u>
Total	7,445,000
Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
Personal services	35,559,722
Operating expenses	31,657,070
Grants	<u>50,000</u>
Total	67,266,792
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	65,611,298
Federal funds	1,555,494
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
Total	67,266,792
Sec. B.906 Transportation - planning, outreach and community affairs	
Personal services	3,181,304
Operating expenses	1,197,710
Grants	<u>5,660,280</u>
Total	10,039,294
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	1,958,857
Federal funds	7,739,556
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>340,881</u>
Total	10,039,294
Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
Personal services	4,271,926
Operating expenses	<u>50,382,435</u>
Total	54,654,361
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	9,369,381
TIB fund	1,431,668
Federal funds	10,079,589
ARRA funds	<u>33,773,723</u>
Total	54,654,361

Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
Personal services	511,561
Operating expenses	182,347
Grants	<u>24,713,344</u>
Total	25,407,252
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	6,842,111
Federal funds	17,085,141
ARRA funds	<u>1,480,000</u>
Total	25,407,252
Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
Personal services	3,464,636
Operating expenses	<u>13,822,279</u>
Total	17,286,915
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>17,286,915</u>
Total	17,286,915
Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
Personal services	16,488,866
Operating expenses	8,873,827
Grants	<u>50,000</u>
Total	25,412,693
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	22,643,786
Federal funds	<u>2,768,907</u>
Total	25,412,693
Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
Grants	<u>5,833,500</u>
Total	5,833,500
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>5,833,500</u>
Total	5,833,500
Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway Vermont local roads	
Grants	<u>390,000</u>
Total	390,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	235,000
Federal funds	<u>155,000</u>
Total	390,000
Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	

Grants	<u>7,248,750</u>
Total	7,248,750
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>7,248,750</u>
Total	7,248,750
Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
Personal services	3,600,000
Operating expenses	<u>14,111,776</u>
Total	17,711,776
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	673,867
TIB fund	2,025,875
Federal funds	14,075,835
Local match	<u>936,199</u>
Total	17,711,776
Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
Grants	<u>24,982,744</u>
Total	24,982,744
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>24,982,744</u>
Total	24,982,744
Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
Grants	<u>128,750</u>
Total	128,750
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
Total	128,750
Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway emergency fund	
Grants	<u>735,000</u>
Total	735,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>735,000</u>
Total	735,000

Sec. B.918 Transportation - municipal mitigation grant program	
Grants	<u>1,143,228</u>
Total	1,143,228
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	247,998
Federal funds	<u>895,230</u>
Total	1,143,228
Sec. B.919 Transportation - public assistance grant program	
Grants	<u>200,000</u>
Total	200,000
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>200,000</u>
Total	200,000
Sec. B.920 Transportation board	
Personal services	75,977
Operating expenses	<u>11,023</u>
Total	87,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>87,000</u>
Total	87,000
Sec. B.921 Total transportation	553,635,290
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	191,665,076
TIB fund	19,009,937
Federal funds	276,191,518
ARRA funds	40,582,716
Internal service funds	17,286,915
Interdepartmental transfers	5,434,076
Local match	<u>3,465,052</u>
Total	553,635,290
Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
Debt service	<u>72,390,394</u>
Total	72,390,394
Source of funds	
General fund	64,575,793
General obligation bonds debt service fund	1,388,121
Transportation fund	3,371,825
TIB debt service fund	991,563
Special funds	625,950
ARRA funds	<u>1,437,142</u>

Total	72,390,394
Sec. B.1001 Total debt service	72,390,394
Source of funds	
General fund	64,575,793
General obligation bonds debt service fund	1,388,121
Transportation fund	3,371,825
TIB debt service fund	991,563
Special funds	625,950
ARRA funds	<u>1,437,142</u>
Total	72,390,394

Sec. B.1100 NEXT GENERATION; APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS

(a) In fiscal year 2012, \$4,793,000 is appropriated or transferred from the next generation initiative fund, created in 16 V.S.A. § 2887, as prescribed below:

(1) Workforce development: \$1,893,500 as follows:

(A) Workforce Education Training Fund (WETF). The sum of \$1,333,500 is transferred to the Vermont workforce education and training fund created in 10 V.S.A. § 543, and subsequently appropriated to the department of labor for workforce development. Up to seven percent of the funds may be used for administration of the program. Of this amount, \$350,000 shall be allocated for the Vermont career internship program created in 10 V.S.A. § 544 by Secs. 11-13 of H.287.

(B) Adult Technical Education Programs. The amount of \$360,000 is appropriated to the department of labor working with the workforce development council. This appropriation is for the purpose of awarding grants to regional technical centers and comprehensive high schools to provide adult technical education, as that term is defined in 16 V.S.A. § 1522, to unemployed and underemployed Vermont adults. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the funds appropriated pursuant to this subdivision (B) shall be evenly divided among the regional technical centers and the comprehensive high schools based on the level of resources provided pursuant to performance contracts.

(C) UVM Technology Transfer Program. The amount of \$100,000 is appropriated to the University of Vermont. This appropriation is for patent development and commercialization of technology created at the university for the purpose of creating employment opportunities for Vermont residents.

(D) Vermont center for emerging technologies. The amount of \$100,000 is appropriated to the agency of commerce and community development for a grant to the Vermont center for emerging technologies to enhance development of high technology businesses and next generation employment opportunities throughout Vermont.

(2) Loan repayment: \$330,000 as follows:

(A) Health care loan repayment: The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated to the agency of human services Global Commitment for the department of health to use for health care loan repayment. The department shall use these funds for a grant to the area health education centers (AHEC) for repayment of commercial or governmental loans for postsecondary health-care-related education or training owed by persons living and working in Vermont in the health care field.

(B) Large animal veterinarians' loan forgiveness: \$30,000 is appropriated to the agency of agriculture, food and markets for a loan forgiveness program for large animal veterinarians pursuant to 6 V.S.A. § 20 in Sec. 39 of H.287.

(3) Scholarships and grants: \$2,544,500 as follows:

(A) Nondegree VSAC grants. The amount of \$494,500 is appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. These funds shall be for the purpose of providing nondegree grants to Vermonters to improve job skills and increase overall employability, enabling them to enroll in a postsecondary education or training program, including adult technical education that is not part of a degree or accredited certificate program. A portion of these funds shall be used for grants for indirect educational expenses to students enrolled in training programs. The grants shall not exceed \$3,000 per student. None of these funds shall be used for administrative overhead.

(B) National Guard Educational Assistance: The sum of \$150,000 is appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation to fund the national guard educational assistance program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856.

(C) Scholarships. The sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the University of Vermont, the Vermont State Colleges, and the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for need-based scholarships to Vermont residents. These funds shall be divided equally among the University of Vermont, the Vermont State Colleges, and the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation shall reserve these funds for students attending institutions other than the University of Vermont or the Vermont State Colleges. None of these funds shall be used for administrative overhead. Each entity will target these funds in a manner that brings to bear

the maximum benefits of its unique missions and constituencies to further the workforce and economic development objectives of the state, participation in postsecondary education by underrepresented groups, and support for promising economic sectors in Vermont. By July 1, 2011, each entity will present a plan to the workforce development council (WDC) for deploying the scholarships along with proposed measurable short- and long-term outcomes. This will form the basis for a WDC recommendation for funding in fiscal year 2013.

(D) Dual enrollment programs: The sum of \$400,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges for dual enrollment programs. The state colleges shall develop a voucher program that will allow Vermont students to attend programs at a postsecondary institution other than the state college system when programs at the other institutions are better academically or geographically suited to student need.

(4) Southeast Vermont Economic Development Strategy: The sum of \$25,000 is appropriated to the agency of commerce and community development for workforce development and other activities of Sec. 65 of H.287.

Sec. B.1100.1 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
RECOMMENDATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 NEXT GENERATION
FUND DISTRIBUTION

(a) The commissioner of labor and of education, in consultation with the workforce development council, the agency of commerce and community development, and the agency of human services shall make recommendations to the governor no later than November 1, 2011, on how \$4,793,000 from the next generation fund should be allocated or appropriated in fiscal year 2013 to provide maximum benefit to workforce development, participation in postsecondary education by underrepresented groups, and support for promising economic sectors in Vermont.

Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2012 BASE REDUCTIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2012, the secretary of administration is authorized to reduce appropriations for labor savings due to unfilled vacant positions, voluntary reduced workweeks, modified health insurance plans for active and retired state employees, reduced state costs in supporting retirement plans, and close management of personal services contracts:

<u>General fund</u>	<u>\$12,000,000</u>
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Sec. B.1102 FISCAL YEAR 2012 CONTRACT IMPLEMENTATION

(a) There is appropriated to the secretary of administration for contract nonsalary items, to be transferred to departments as the secretary may determine to be necessary:

<u>General fund</u>	<u>\$556,500</u>
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Sec. B.1103 FISCAL YEAR 2012 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION

(a) In fiscal year 2012, there is appropriated to the department of tourism and marketing for the Vermont civil war sesquicentennial commission:

<u>General fund</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
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Sec. B.1104 APPROPRIATIONS SUPPORTING H.287 OF 2011 (JOBS BILL)

(a) Appropriations from the general fund in fiscal year 2012. The conditions for expenditure of these funds shall be controlled as appropriate by the provisions of the referenced sections of H.287 as passed by the senate committee on economic development, housing and general affairs in the senate calendar of April 19, 2011.

\$525,000

(1) \$25,000 to the department of labor for the long-term unemployed hiring incentive in Sec. 7 of H.287.

(2) \$475,000 to the agency of agriculture, food, and markets as follows:

(A) \$100,000 for the good agricultural practices grant program in Sec. 40 of H.287.

(B) \$25,000 for the skilled meat cutter apprenticeship program in Sec. 41 of H.287.

(C) \$125,000 for the local foods coordinator and the local foods grant program in Sec. 42 of H.287, of which not more than \$75,000 of these funds shall be used for the total annual compensation of the coordinator, and of which not less than \$50,000 of these funds shall be used for the performance of the local foods coordinator's duties under H.287 and for competitive matching grants from the agency to Vermont producers, unless in the secretary's discretion it shall be necessary to increase the amount of total compensation of the local foods coordinator in order to retain a highly qualified candidate for the position.

(D) \$100,000 for implementation of the farm-to-plate program in Sec. 43 of H.287.

(E) \$75,000 for competitive matching grants for the farm-to-school program established in 6 V.S.A. § 4721.

(F) \$50,000 for competitive matching grants to increase slaughterhouse and meat processing facility capacity in Sec. 34 of H.287.

(3) \$25,000 to the agency of commerce and community development for a grant to the Vermont employee ownership center on a 2:1 matching basis.

The secretary of commerce and community development shall report to the house committee on commerce and to the senate committee on economic development housing and general affairs on the status of the grantee in meeting the match requirements.

(b) Allocations of appropriated funds in fiscal year 2012. The conditions for expenditure of these funds shall be controlled as appropriate by the provisions of the referenced sections of H.287 as passed by the senate committee on economic development, housing and general affairs in the senate calendar of April 19, 2011:

(1) Of the funds appropriated to the agency of commerce and community development in this act, \$100,000 shall be allocated for the office of creative economy in Secs. 15–16 of H.287.

(2) Of the funds appropriated to the department of labor in this act:

(A) \$75,000 shall be allocated to fund performance grants for regional workforce development activities pursuant to Sec. 14a of H.287; and

(B) \$23,895 shall be allocated to the department of labor for the Vermont career internship program in Secs. 11–13 of H.287.

(C) \$40,000 shall be transferred to the secretary of administration for the work of the executive economist, and to reimburse the joint fiscal office for the work of the legislative economist, to develop an econometric model for the evaluation of net costs of government contracts pursuant to Sec. 71 of H.287.

Sec. B.1105 FISCAL YEAR 2012 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) In the event that the appropriation in Sec. 50(b) of No 3 of 2011 as amended by Sec. C.110 of this act is not made due to unavailable funds, and the commissioner of finance determines that a payment to the federal government for unemployment insurance interest is required by September 20, 2011, to the extent necessary to fund the payment the amount of such payment is appropriated from the general fund to the department of labor. The commissioner of finance may unreserve funds as necessary up to the payment amount from the human services caseload reserve created 32 V.S.A. § 308b.

(b) In the event that the any portion of the appropriation in Sec. 50(c) of No 3 of 2011 as amended by Sec. C.105 of this act is not made due to unavailable funds, then to the extent necessary to reach the appropriation level in that section, up to the first \$7,000,000 of any upgrade in the official revenue forecast for the general fund made in July 2011 for fiscal year 2012 is appropriated for the same purpose.

Sec. C.100 Sec. D.106(c)(1) of No. 156 of the Acts of the 2009 Adj. Sess. (2010) is amended to read:

(1) ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$9,397,500 is appropriated to the ~~department of buildings and general services for planning and construction of replacement for Vermont State Hospital beds.~~ following agencies and departments for information technology projects:

(A) to the agency of human services to replace legacy technologies to determine eligibility, enroll beneficiaries, and provide benefits in a faster, and more efficient, secure, and accessible way: \$3,600,000

(B) to the department of corrections to replace outdated components of the offender case management system: \$2,000,000

(C) to the department of public service for a case management system for electronic tracking, organizing, and utilization of docket files:
\$250,000

(D) to the agency of commerce and community development for an internet-based historic resources digital database: \$150,000

(E) to the department of finance and management to upgrade the Human Capital Management (HCM) system to process payroll and manage associated employee and financial data and retire the legacy Paradox application; and to upgrade the VISION financial management system to better integrate with HCM and the budget and planning application: \$3,397,500

Sec. C.101 Sec. 44(a)(4) of No. 3 of the Acts of 2011 is amended to read:

(4) The following amounts shall be transferred between special funds as indicated:

~~From the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund #20191 to the Transportation Revenue Bond Debt Service Fund #35200~~ 991,563.00

From the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established by 19 V.S.A. § 11f to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2012 transportation infrastructure bond debt service: 991,562.50

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Sec. C.102 FISCAL YEAR 2011 CONTINGENT TRANSPORTATION FUND APPROPRIATION

(a) In fiscal year 2011, after meeting the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308a, to the extent available, the next \$250,000 of any unreserved and undesignated transportation fund balance is appropriated to the department of motor vehicles for information technology programming and system changes necessary for implementation of H.264 of 2011 (DUI Bill).

Sec. C.103 Sec. 282 of No. 65 of the Acts of 2007 is amended to read:

Sec. 282. TAX COMPUTER SYSTEM MODERNIZATION FUND

(a) Creation of fund.

(1) There is established the tax computer system modernization special fund to consist of:

(A) ~~Eighty percent of~~ The tax receipts received as a direct result of the Massachusetts sponsored data sharing warehouse project relative to non-state resident filers initiated by the department of taxes beginning in calendar year 2011; and

(B) Eighty percent of tax receipts received as a direct result of the data sharing and comparison project between the Vermont department of labor and the department of taxes relative to entity and employee filings at both departments and/or lack thereof.

(2) Balances in the fund shall be administered by the department of taxes and used for the exclusive purposes of funding ~~phase 3 of the tax department's computer system modernization project supporting:~~ A) corporate tax; B) business income tax; C) property transfer tax; D) fuel gross receipts tax; and E) individual use tax; A) ancillary development of the ETM system necessary for implementation of the data warehouse project and in preparation of the transfer of tax types from the current VIRCS system to the VIRCS/ETM system, including modernization of billing capability; B) payments due to the vendor under the data warehouse project contract; C) enhanced compliance costs related to the data warehouse project; and D) phase 1 of the transfer of five tax types, specifically income taxation of individuals, trusts and estates, withholding tax, sales and use tax, meals and rooms tax, and property tax adjustments, from the current VIRCS system to the VIRCS/ETM system. All balances in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain part of the fund. Interest earned by the fund shall be deposited into the fund. This fund is established in the state treasury pursuant to subchapter 5 of chapter 7 of Title 32.

(b) Appropriation.

(1) There is appropriated in fiscal year 2008 from the special fund the sum of up to \$7,800,000 to the department of taxes for the purposes described in subdivision (a)(2) of this section. The commissioner shall anticipate receipts in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 588(4)(C).

(c) Transfer.

(1) Twenty percent of the tax receipts received pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section after payment to the vendor under the data warehouse

contract shall be transferred to the general fund annually for the duration of that contract. Thereafter, 20 percent of the tax receipts received pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(A) shall be transferred to the general fund annually until the expiration of the tax computer system modernization fund.

(d) Fund to terminate.

(1) This fund shall terminate on July 1, 2011 2018 and any unexpended unencumbered balance in the fund shall be transferred to the general fund.

(d)(e) The tax commissioner shall report to the joint fiscal committee on fund receipts through the first four months of fiscal year 2008 at or prior to the November joint fiscal committee meeting each year until the fund is terminated.

Sec. C.103.1 SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR TAX COMPUTER SYSTEMS

(a) \$7,500,000 is appropriated from the tax computer system modernization special fund established pursuant to Sec. 282 of No. 65 of the Acts of 2007, as amended in Sec. C.103 of this act. This appropriation shall carry forward through fiscal year 2013. The commissioner shall anticipate receipts in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 588(4)(C).

Sec. C.104 FISCAL YEAR 2011 MEDICAID STATE FUNDS - RESERVE

(a) To the extent that state funds in the state Medicaid programs are unexpended in fiscal year 2011, as a result of federal matching for the final quarter of fiscal year 2011, up to \$3,600,000 shall be reserved in the human services caseload reserve created by 32 V.S.A. § 308b to be used for potential state budget needs in human services as a result of reduced federal funds availability.

Sec. C.105 33 V.S.A. § 1116(c)(1) is amended to read:

(c)(1)(A) For a first, second, and third month in which a participating adult is not in compliance with a family development plan or work requirement and has not demonstrated good cause for such noncompliance, the family's financial assistance grant shall be reduced by the amount of \$75.00 for each adult sanctioned.

~~(B) For a second month in which a participating adult is not in compliance with a family development plan or work requirement and has not demonstrated good cause for such noncompliance, the family's financial assistance grant shall be reduced by the amount of \$100.00 for each adult sanctioned.~~

~~(C) For a third month in which a participating adult is not in compliance with a family development plan or work requirement and has not demonstrated good cause for such noncompliance, the family's financial assistance grant shall be reduced by the amount of \$125.00 for each adult sanctioned.~~

Sec. C.105.1 33 V.S.A. § 1116(h) is amended to read:

(h)(4) To receive payments during the fiscal sanction period, an adult who is the subject of the sanction shall meet no less than once each month to report his or her circumstances to the case manager or to participate in assessments as directed by the case manager. In addition, this meeting shall be for initial assessment and development of the family development plan when such tasks have not been completed; reassessment or review and revision of the family development plan, if appropriate; and to encourage the participant to fulfill the work requirement. Meetings required under this section may take place in the district office, a community location, or in the participant's home. Facilitation of meeting the participant's family development plan goals shall be a primary consideration in determining the location of the meeting. The commissioner may waive any meeting when extraordinary circumstances prevent a participant from attending. The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.

~~(2) To receive payments during the fourth month of fiscal sanction in a 12-month period, the participating adults shall engage in an assessment that includes the employability and life skills capabilities of the adult participants. If the evaluation reveals that a sanctioned adult should have had a modified or deferred work requirement during the current month of sanction or earlier months of sanction, the department shall strike the sanction, reinstate the full grant amount to which the family is entitled, and modify the participant's family development plan. The months of sanction incorrectly assessed shall be treated as if the months were forgiven as provided for under subsection (d) of~~

~~this section. The assessment may be conducted by a team consisting of service providers familiar with the family and with an individual family member's needs.~~

Sec. C.106 Sec. B.903 of No. 156 of the Acts of the 2009 Adj. Sess. (2010), as amended by Sec. 42 of No. 3 of the Acts of 2011, is further amended to read:

Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development

Personal services	36,339,478	36,339,478
Operating expenses	220,162,203	220,162,203
Grants	<u>26,819,421</u>	<u>26,819,421</u>
Total	283,321,102	283,321,102
Source of funds		
ARRA funds	45,034,600	45,034,600
TIB fund	15,256,273	15,851,273
Transportation fund	18,246,575	17,651,575
Local match	1,434,254	1,434,254
Federal funds	199,707,420	199,707,420
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,641,980</u>	<u>3,641,980</u>
Total	283,321,102	283,321,102

Sec. C.107 Sec. B.905 of No. 156 of the Acts of the 2009 Adj. Sess. (2010) is amended to read:

Sec. B.905 Transportation – maintenance state system

Personal services	34,530,658	34,530,658
Operating expenses	34,821,229	35,416,229
Grants	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Total	67,381,887	67,976,887
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	65,552,943	66,147,943
Federal funds	1,728,944	1,728,944
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total	67,381,887	67,976,887

Sec. C.108 Sec. B.914 of No. 156 of the Acts of the 2009 Adj. Sess. (2010) is amended to read:

Sec. B.914 Transportation – town highway bridges

Personal services	3,600,000	3,600,000
Operating expenses	15,489,340	<u>12,514,340</u>
Total	19,089,340	16,114,340
Source of funds		
ARRA funds	3,990,070	3,990,070

TIB fund	4,616,014	1,021,014
Transportation fund	658,224	658,244
Local match	766,631	766,631
Federal funds	12,058,401	<u>9,678,401</u>
Total	49,089,340	16,114,340

Sec. C.109 Sec. B.921 of No. 156 of the Acts of the 2009 Adj. Sess. (2010), as amended by Sec. 43 of No. 3 of the Acts of 2011, is further amended to read:

Sec. B.921 Total transportation ~~582,705,976~~ 580,325,976

Source of funds

Transportation fund	182,691,502	182,691,502
TIB fund	19,454,143	19,454,143
Local match	2,450,885	2,450,885
Federal funds	275,885,087	273,505,087
ARRA funds	80,756,516	80,756,516
Internal service funds	17,477,863	17,477,863
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,989,980</u>	<u>3,989,980</u>
Total	582,705,976	580,325,976

Sec. C.110 Sec.50 of No.3 of 2011 is amended to read:

Sec. 50. FISCAL YEAR 2011 GENERAL FUND BALANCE

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. §§ 308c and 308d, after the general fund budget stabilization reserve attains its statutory maximum, the first \$29,770,000 of any additional unreserved and undesignated general fund balance shall be deposited into the human services caseload reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b in fiscal year 2011 to be used for caseload costs, offsets to federal funding changes, or related human service expenditures in fiscal year 2012.

(b) The next \$3,600,000 of any unreserved and undesignated general fund balance is appropriated to the department of labor for unemployment insurance interest. In the event that federal action is taken that results in a payment of unemployment insurance interest not being required, this appropriation shall not be made. Any payment returned to the state due to it not being required shall be deposited into the general fund.

(c) The next \$7,000,000 of any unreserved and undesignated general fund balance is appropriated to the secretary of administration to be reserved pending emergency board action to allocate these funds to offset reduced federal funding. Pursuant to 32 VSA 706 the emergency board is authorized to allocate and transfer, to the extent necessary this appropriation to offset the loss of existing appropriations of federal funds in this act.

(d) Any remaining unreserved and undesignated general fund balance shall be deposited into the human service caseload reserve fund until unreserved and appropriated by act of the general assembly.

Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

(a) This act contains the following amounts appropriated from special funds that receive revenue from the property transfer tax. Expenditures from these appropriations shall not exceed available revenues.

(1) The sum of \$488,000 is appropriated from the property valuation and review administration special fund to the department of taxes for administration of the use tax reimbursement program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c), amounts above \$488,000 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the property valuation and review administration special fund shall be transferred into the general fund.

(2) The sum of \$8,047,500 is appropriated from the Vermont housing and conservation trust fund to the Vermont housing and conservation trust board. Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts above \$8,047,500 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the Vermont housing and conservation trust fund shall be transferred into the general fund.

(3) The sum of \$3,295,476 is appropriated from the municipal and regional planning fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts above \$3,295,476 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the municipal and regional planning fund shall be transferred into the general fund. The \$3,295,476 shall be allocated as follows:

(A) \$2,508,076 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

(B) \$408,700 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

(C) \$378,700 to the Vermont center for geographic information.

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS AND RESERVES

(a) Notwithstanding any provisions of law, the following amounts are transferred from the funds indicated:

(1) from the general fund to the:

(A) communications and information technology internal service fund established by 22 V.S.A. § 902a: \$900,000.

(B) next generation initiative fund established by 16 V.S.A. § 2887: \$4,793,000.

(2) from the transportation fund to the downtown transportation and related capital improvement fund established by 24 V.S.A. § 2796 to be used by the Vermont downtown development board for the purposes of the fund: \$400,000.

(3) from the transportation fund to the general fund: \$3,989,279.

(4) from the transportation infrastructure bond fund established by 19 V.S.A. § 11f to the transportation infrastructure bonds debt service fund for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2013 transportation infrastructure bond debt service: \$990,063.

(5) from the DUI Enforcement Special Fund (#21140), established in 23 V.S.A. § 1220a, to the general fund: \$1,500,343.

(b) The amount of \$29,770,000 is unreserved and made available for expenditure in fiscal year 2012 from the human services caseload reserve created by 32 V.S.A. § 308b.

Sec. D.102 TOBACCO LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUND BALANCE

(a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(b), the actual balances at the end of fiscal year 2011 in the tobacco litigation settlement fund shall remain for appropriation in fiscal year 2012.

Sec. D.103 TRANSFER OF TOBACCO TRUST FUNDS

(a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(a)(3) and (4), the actual amount of investment earnings of the tobacco trust fund at the end of fiscal year 2012 and any additional amount necessary to ensure the balance in the tobacco litigation settlement fund at the close of fiscal year 2012 is not negative, shall be transferred from the tobacco trust fund to the tobacco litigation settlement fund in fiscal year 2012.

* * * GENERAL GOVERNMENT * * *

Sec. E.101 Information and innovation - communications and information technology

(a) Of this appropriation, \$700,000 is for a grant to the Vermont telecommunications authority established in 30 V.S.A. § 8061. The secretary of administration is authorized to use \$200,000 of the appropriation for expenditures related to expanding and improving statewide telecommunications and internet accessibility.

Sec. E.103 32 V.S.A. § 183 is amended to read:

§ 183. FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCE INFORMATION
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND

(a) There is established in the department of finance and management a financial and human resource information internal service fund, to consist of revenues from charges to agencies, departments, and similar units of Vermont state government, and to be available to fund the costs of the division of financial operations in the department of finance and management, and the technical support and services provided by the department of information and innovation for the statewide central accounting and encumbrance, budget development, and human resource management systems. ~~Expenditures shall be managed in accordance with subsection 462(b) of this title.~~

(b) The rate of the charges shall be proposed by the commissioner of finance and management, subject to the approval of the secretary of administration. Proposed rates of charges shall be based upon the cost of operations. ~~The proposed rates to be paid by departments and agencies shall be included in the administration budget recommendations each fiscal year for legislative authorization as part of the budget process. Any changes in rates shall be approved by subsequent legislative action.~~

Sec. E.103.1 32 V.S.A. § 307(e) is amended to read:

(e) The budget shall also include any proposed expenditures and charges for enterprise and internal service funds to be billed to departmental budgets ~~for payment to the financial management, workers' compensation, and facilities operations internal service funds.~~ Such charges shall be subject to legislative approval. ~~The departments of finance and management and buildings and general services shall include with their annual budget submissions details of any such charges to be made projected by department and the financial case for the proposed changes in charges for the three internal services funds.~~ Expenditures from enterprise and internal service funds shall be managed in accordance with subsection 462(b) of this title.

Sec. E.104 3 V.S.A. § 2283 is amended to read:

§ 2283. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

(a) The department of human resources is created in the agency of administration. In addition to other responsibilities assigned to it by law, the department is responsible for the provision of centralized human resources management services for state government, including the administration of a classification and compensation system for state employees under chapter 13 of this title and the performance of duties assigned to the commissioner of human resources under chapter 27 of this title. ~~The department shall administer the human resources functions of the agency of administration in consultation with the agency of administration commissioners and the state librarian. A department~~ All agencies and departments of the agency of administration state which receives receive services of from the consolidated

~~agency human resources unit department~~ shall be charged for those services through an ~~interdepartmental transfer assessment payable to the human resource services internal service fund~~ on a basis established by the commissioner of ~~finance and management in consultation with the commissioner of~~ human resources and with the approval of the secretary of administration.

(b)(1) There is established in the department of human resources a human resource services internal service fund, to consist of revenues from charges to agencies, departments, and similar units of Vermont state government, and to be available to fund the costs of the consolidated human resource services in the department of human resources.

(2) The rate of the charges shall be proposed by the commissioner of human resources, subject to the approval of the secretary of administration. Proposed rates of charges shall be based upon the cost of operations associated with human resource services provided to agencies, departments, and similar units of Vermont state government.

Sec. E.107 Tax – administration/collection

(a) Of this appropriation, \$20,000 is from the current use special fund and shall be appropriated for programming changes to the CAPTAP software used for the valuation of property tax.

Sec. E.109 Buildings and general services - engineering

(a) The \$2,428,802 interdepartmental transfer in this appropriation shall be from the general bond fund appropriation in the Capital Appropriations Act of the 2011 session.

Sec. E.110 [DELETED]

Sec. E.121 29 V.S.A. § 160a is amended to read:

§ 160a FACILITIES OPERATIONS ~~REVOLVING~~ INTERNAL SERVICE FUND

(a) There is created a facilities operations ~~revolving~~ internal service fund in the department of buildings and general services. The purpose of this fund is to provide for:

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(b) The fund shall consist of:

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(3) Fees paid by departments and agencies including the legislative and judicial branches. The rate of said fees shall be proposed ~~to the legislature~~ by

the commissioner of buildings and general services subject to the approval of the secretary of administration. Proposed rates shall be based upon the cost of operations, debt service and depreciation. ~~The fees to be paid by departments and agencies shall be included in the administration budget recommendations each fiscal year for legislative approval as part of the budget process. Any changes in rates shall be approved by subsequent legislative action.~~

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Sec. E.122 Geographic information system

(a) The Vermont Center for Geographic Information Inc. in consultation with the department of taxes, the agency of natural resources, and the agency of transportation shall report to the house and senate committees on government operations and on appropriations on or before January 15, 2012 on methods to reduce and prevent duplication of services and activities across state government with regard to mapping services and other geographic data resources.

Sec. E.125 Sec. 95 of No. 67 of the Acts of 2010 is amended to read:

Sec. 95. FIVE-PERCENT PAY CUT FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(a) For the remainder of fiscal year 2010 and for fiscal year 2011 and fiscal year 2012, the annual, weekly, and daily compensation of all members of the general assembly shall be reduced by five percent from the rate of compensation which would otherwise be paid as of January 5, 2010, under the provisions of 32 V.S.A. §§ 1051(a) and 1052(a).

Sec. E.126 [DELETED]

Sec. E.127 Joint fiscal committee

(a) The joint fiscal office is authorized to make a transfer of up to \$65,000 to the office of the secretary of administration provided that the Capitol Health Associates contract and its related work are moved to the secretary's office.

(b) The joint fiscal office is further authorized to make a transfer of up to \$12,500 in fiscal year 2011 in the event that the contract can be moved at an earlier date.

Sec. E.128 Sergeant at arms

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in fiscal year 2012, the amount of \$20,000 from account #1230001000 shall revert to the general fund.

Sec. E.130 Auditor of accounts

(a) The office of the state auditor shall not increase the number of filled positions assigned to the state auditor's office, including both exempt and classified, above 14 during fiscal year 2011 and fiscal year 2012, and position number 090031 – senior auditor – shall be transferred to the statewide position pool as of July 1, 2011.

Sec. E.130.1 PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE STATE'S LONG TERM CARE SYSTEM UNDER THE CHOICES FOR CARE WAIVER

(a) The state auditor shall report to the house and senate committees on appropriations, the senate committee on health and welfare, and the house committee on health care by January 15, 2012 with recommendations on how to evaluate the success of the Choices for Care waiver.

(b) The state auditor shall review the legislative changes made during the 2011 session and submit a revised work plan for the office of the state auditor, including an adjusted budget and preliminary audit schedule for fiscal year 2012, to the department of finance and management and the legislative joint fiscal committee on or before July 5, 2011. The work plan shall include all required audits and any plans for discretionary performance audits in place at that time. In addition the plan shall include a discussion of advance notification protocol options for single audit fund agency billings.

Sec. E.133 Vermont state retirement system

(a) Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 473(d), in fiscal year 2012, investment fees shall be paid from the corpus of the fund.

Sec. E.141 Lottery commission

(a) Of this appropriation, the lottery commission shall transfer \$150,000 to the department of health, office of alcohol and drug abuse programs, to support the gambling addiction program.

(b) The Vermont state lottery shall provide assistance and work with the Vermont council on problem gambling on systems and program development.

Sec. E.142 Payments in lieu of taxes

(a) This appropriation is for state payments in lieu of property taxes under subchapter 4 of chapter 123 of Title 32, and the payments shall be calculated in addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act.

Sec. E.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier

(a) Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the PILOT special fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

Sec. E.144 Payments in lieu of taxes – correctional facilities

(a) Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the PILOT special fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

* * * PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY * * *

Sec. E.200 Attorney general

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the office of the attorney general, Medicaid fraud and residential abuse unit, is authorized to retain, subject to appropriation, one-half of the state share of any recoveries from Medicaid fraud settlements, excluding interest, that exceed the state share of restitution to the Medicaid program. All such designated additional recoveries retained shall be used to finance Medicaid fraud and residential abuse unit activities.

(b) Of the revenue available to the attorney general under 9 V.S.A. § 2458(b)(4), \$610,000 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

Sec. E.204 Judiciary

(a) For compensation paid from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, the supreme court is authorized to reduce by up to five percent salaries established by statute that are paid by the judicial department appropriation and to reduce by up to five percent the hourly rates of nonbargaining unit employees.

(b) The chief justice is authorized to apply provisions of the judiciary collective bargaining unit to exempt permanent state employees of the judicial branch who are not judicial officers.

Sec. E.205 State's attorneys

(a) In fiscal year 2012, the annual salaries of all state's attorneys shall be reduced by five percent from the salaries which would otherwise be paid under the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 1183.

Sec. E.206 Special investigative unit

(a) The director of the state's attorneys shall report to the joint fiscal committee and the house and senate committees on judiciary and appropriations by November 15, 2011 on issues related to the effectiveness of the special investigation units (SIU). The report shall be made in consultation with the state and local law enforcement agencies, the department for children and families, and victims' organizations. The report shall include information by SIU about the number of investigations and referrals and total funding including state, county, and local direct and indirect support. The report shall also specifically report by SIU the region covered by each SIU and the support each county and community contribute to the SIU. The report shall also

include recommendations for changes in structure and practice that would increase SIU effectiveness or redirect these resources to alternative program models that better achieve the intended outcomes.

Sec. E.207 Sheriffs

(a) In fiscal year 2012, the annual salaries of sheriffs earning \$60,000 or more shall be reduced by five percent from the salaries which would otherwise be paid under the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 1182, and the annual salaries of sheriffs earning less than \$60,000 shall be reduced by three percent from the salaries which would otherwise be paid under the provision of 32 V.S.A. § 1182.

Sec. E.208 Public safety–administration

(a) Of the funds appropriated to the department of public safety, \$25,000 shall be used to make a grant to the Essex County sheriff's department for a performance-based contract to provide after-hours coverage.

Sec. E.209 Public safety - state police

(a) Of this appropriation, \$35,000 in special funds shall be available for snowmobile law enforcement activities and \$35,000 in general funds shall be available to the southern Vermont wilderness search and rescue team, which comprises state police, the department of fish and wildlife, county sheriffs, and local law enforcement personnel in Bennington, Windham, and Windsor Counties, for snowmobile enforcement.

(b) Of the \$255,000 allocated for grants funded in this section, \$190,000 shall be used by the Vermont drug task force to fund three town task force officers. These town task force officers shall be dedicated to enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in subdivision 4201(29) of Title 18 and the diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any additional available funds shall remain as a "pool" available to local and county law enforcement to fund overtime costs associated with drug investigations. Any unexpended funds from prior fiscal years' allocations under this section shall be carried forward.

Sec. E.209.1 STATE POLICE - RECRUITMENT

(a) The secretary of administration, the commissioner of public safety, and the commissioner of human resources shall review the current process, procedures, and entry level pay in recruitment of new state troopers and shall make recommendations for changes by November 15, 2011 to the joint fiscal committee and to the senate and house committees on appropriations, on judiciary, and on government operations.

Sec. E.212 [DELETED]

Sec. E.214 Public safety - emergency management - radiological emergency response plan

(a) Of this special fund appropriation, up to \$30,000 shall be available to contract with any radio station serving the emergency planning zone for the emergency alert system.

Sec. E.215 Military – administration

(a) Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall be disbursed to the Vermont student assistance corporation for the national guard educational assistance program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856.

(b) In the event federal funding is not available subsequent to September 20, 2011 to the military department to provide outreach and hotline services for recently deployed Vermont veterans, the emergency board pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 706 is authorized to transfer up to \$560,000 of general or special funds from existing appropriations to the military.

Sec. E.219 Military - veterans' affairs

(a) Of this appropriation, \$5,000 shall be used for continuation of the Vermont medal program, \$4,800 shall be used for the expenses of the governor's veterans' advisory council, \$7,500 shall be used for the Veterans' Day parade, \$5,000 shall be granted to the Vermont state council of the Vietnam Veterans of America to fund the service officer program, and \$5,000 shall be used for the military, family, and community network.

Sec. E.220 Center for crime victim services

(a) Of this appropriation, the amount of \$806,195 from the victims' compensation fund created by 13 V.S.A. § 5359 is appropriated for the Vermont network against domestic and sexual violence initiative. Expenditures for this initiative shall not exceed the revenues raised in fiscal year 2012 from the \$10.00 increase authorized by Sec. 20 of No. 174 of the Acts of the 2007 Adj. Sess. (2008) applied to the assessment in 13 V.S.A.

§ 7282(a)(8)(B) and from the \$20.00 authorized by Sec. 21 of No. 174 of the Acts of the 2007 Adj. Sess. (2008) applied to the fee in 32 V.S.A. § 1712(1).

Sec. E.221 REPEAL

(a) 20 V.S.A. § 2363 (criminal justice training council special fund) is repealed. Upon repeal, balances in the fund shall be transferred to the general fund.

Sec. E.221.1 13 V.S.A. chapter 223, subchapter 4 is amended to read:

Subchapter 4. Assessment and Collection of Additional
Fees Surcharges

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Sec. E.221.2 REPEAL

(a) 13 V.S.A. § 7281 (statement of legislative intent) is repealed.

Sec. E.221.3 13 V.S.A. § 7282 is amended to read:

§ 7282. ASSESSMENT SURCHARGE

(a) In addition to any penalty or fine imposed by the court or judicial bureau for a criminal offense or any civil penalty imposed for a traffic violation, including any violation of a fish and wildlife statute or regulation, violation of a motor vehicle statute, or violation of any local ordinance relating to the operation of a motor vehicle, except violations relating to seat belts and child restraints and ordinances relating to parking violations, the clerk of the court or judicial bureau shall levy an additional fee surcharge of:

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(5) \$20.50 for any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2001, but before July 1, 2003, of which \$13.50 shall be deposited into a special fund account to be known as the victims' compensation fund, ~~and \$2.00 shall be deposited into the criminal justice training council special fund established in section 2363 of Title 20.~~

(6) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2003, but before July 1, 2005, \$21.00, of which \$13.75 shall be deposited into the victims' compensation special fund, ~~and \$2.25 shall be deposited into the criminal justice training council special fund established in section 2363 of Title 20.~~

(7) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2005, but before July 1, 2006, \$22.00, of which \$14.75 shall be deposited into the victims' compensation special fund ~~and \$2.25 shall be deposited into the~~

~~criminal justice training council special fund established in section 2363 of Title 20.~~

(8)(A) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2006, but before July 1, 2008, \$26.00, of which \$18.75 shall be deposited in the victims' compensation special fund ~~and \$2.25 shall be deposited into the criminal justice training council special fund established in section 2363 of Title 20.~~

(B) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2008, \$36.00, of which \$28.75 shall be deposited in the victims' compensation special fund ~~and \$2.25 shall be deposited into the criminal justice training council special fund established in section 2363 of Title 20.~~

(C) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2009, \$41.00, of which \$33.75 shall be deposited in the victims' compensation special fund, ~~and \$2.25 shall be deposited into the criminal justice training council special fund established in section 2363 of Title 20.~~

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(b) ~~The fees surcharges imposed by this section shall be used for the purposes set out in section 7281 of this title and shall not be waived by the court.~~

(c) ~~SIU Assessment surcharge. Notwithstanding section 7281 of this title and subsection (b) of this section, in~~ In addition to any penalty or fine imposed by the court or judicial bureau for a criminal offense committed after July 1, 2009, the clerk of the court or judicial bureau shall levy an additional fee surcharge of \$100.00 to be deposited with in the general fund, in support of the specialized investigative unit grants board created in 24 V.S.A. § 1940(c) ~~to be, and used to pay for staffing for the costs of specialized investigative units.~~

Sec. E.221.4 REPEAL

(a) 13 V.S.A. § 7283 (collection and transmittal) is repealed.

Sec. E.221.5 Criminal justice training council

(a) By January 15, 2012, and as part of testimony on the fiscal year 2013 budget, the executive director of the criminal justice training council shall provide a report to the house and senate committees on appropriations on revenue received and accounts receivable for the period July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, due to charges for training programs pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 2355(f); and revenue collected by the judiciary pursuant to the surcharges in 13 V.S.A. § 7282(a)(1)–(8), approximately five percent of which would have been, prior to July 1, 2011, deposited into the criminal justice training council special fund. By January 15, 2013, and as part of testimony on

the fiscal year 2014 budget, the executive director of the criminal justice training council shall provide a corresponding report for fiscal year 2012, and for the period July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

(b) By January 15, 2012 and as part of testimony on the fiscal year 2013 budget, the executive director of the criminal justice training council shall report on training units delivered and training revenues collected in fiscal year 2011, as authorized by 20 V.S.A. § 2355(f); and accounts receivable on June 30, 2011 that were not fully paid by December 31, 2011.

Sec. E.224 Agriculture, food and markets – agricultural development

(a) The \$75,000 appropriated in H.287 of 2011, an act relating to job creation and economic development, for the farm-to-school investment program, shall be considered base funding.

Sec. E.225 Agriculture, food and markets - laboratories, agricultural resource management and environmental stewardship

(a) As part of the department's best management practices program, \$50,000 of the appropriation shall be granted to the Farmer's Watershed Alliance as a grant for the purpose of conducting water quality improvement programs and practices in the northern watershed of Lake Champlain.

Sec. E.231 Banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration – health care administration

(a) The department of banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration (BISHCA) shall use the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section for health care administration for the purpose of funding certain health-care-related BISHCA programs, projects, and activities to increase the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sec. E.232 Secretary of state

(a) Of this special fund appropriation, \$492,991 represents the corporation division of the secretary of state's office, and these funds shall be from the securities regulation and supervision fund in accordance with 9 V.S.A. § 5613(b).

* * * HUMAN SERVICES * * *

Sec. E.300 Agency of human services – secretary's office

(a) The secretary of human services and the commissioner of disabilities, aging, and independent living are authorized to set the level for IADLs and respite/companion services within the Choices for Care program that is consistent both with the funding provided in this act and what the

commissioner determines will to the greatest extent possible minimize individuals from moving from his or her home to a nursing home, including the utilization of variances where the commissioner determines appropriate. Prior to reducing the level for these services from the current baseline, the secretary and the commissioner shall review actual fiscal year 2011 Choices for Care expenditures to determine if fiscal year 2012 funding in context with actual expenditure experience of fiscal year 2011 would require a reduction in the baseline. The secretary and the commissioner shall provide a report to the joint fiscal committee in July 2011 on the fiscal year 2012 levels for IADLs and respite/companion services as well as total actual expenditures of the Choices for Care waiver for fiscal year 2011. The secretary and the commissioner shall provide a report to the joint fiscal committee in November 2011 on the status of the federal Money Follows the Person grant and how any state savings resulting from the grant will be used to strengthen the home and community based services that allow eligible Vermonters to remain in their homes.

(b) The secretary of human services, the commissioner of disabilities, aging, and independent living, the commissioner of mental health, and the designated providers of mental health and developmental disability services shall continue to work in partnership to ensure that to the greatest extent possible any negative impact to consumers of these services as a result of the funding levels provided for in this act is minimized. The secretary is encouraged to seek changes to the current regulatory or statutory provisions regarding these services if such changes result in a more cost-effective provision of high-quality services for Vermonters.

(c) The commissioner of disabilities, aging, and independent living shall report to the house and senate committees on appropriations by January 15, 2012 with recommendations regarding the scope of providers that the department may contract with to provide services under the Choices for Care program. The recommendations shall be made in consultation with home health agencies and other partner organizations and shall consider, among other things: the relative impacts on provider cost structure of state assessments and requirements; whether a lack of access by patients to the services justifies expanding the scope of providers; whether contracting with additional providers will affect the ability of patients to access Choices for Care services; and whether Choices for Care services should be removed from being considered "designated" services.

Sec. E 300.1 AUSTISM; DATES OF COVERAGE

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the requirements for insurance coverage pursuant to 8 V.S.A. § 4088i shall take effect January 1, 2012 for all insurers, except that coverage by the state Medicaid program shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Sec. E.301 Secretary's office – Global Commitment

(a) The agency of human services shall use the funds appropriated in this section for payment of the actuarially certified premium required under the intergovernmental agreement between the agency of human services and the managed care organization in the department of Vermont health access as provided for in the Global Commitment for Health Waiver (“Global Commitment”) approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

(b) In addition to the state funds appropriated in this section, a total estimated sum of \$27,726,781 is anticipated to be certified as state matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

(1) \$17,066,700 certified state match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under the Global Commitment. This amount combined with \$23,433,300 of federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act equals a total estimated expenditure of \$40,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment fund to the Medicaid reimbursement special fund created in 16 V.S.A. § 2959a.

(2) \$3,774,162 certified state match available from local education agencies for direct school-based health services, including school nurse services, that increases the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

(3) \$2,290,874 certified state match available from local education agencies for eligible services as allowed by federal regulation for early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment programs for school-aged children.

(4) \$2,479,534 certified state match available via the University of Vermont's child health improvement program for quality improvement initiatives for the Medicaid program.

(5) \$2,115,511 certified state match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

Sec. E.301.1 MEDICAID PHARMACY; RADIOLOGY TIER AUTHORIZATION

(a) The department of Vermont health access shall reduce spending on prescription drugs by managing over-the-counter drugs with the preferred drug list, establishing lower reimbursements for specialty drugs, and requiring justification for prescribing multi-source brand-name drugs.

(b) The department of Vermont health access shall reduce spending on radiology services by implementing a multiple procedure payment reduction to cases with multiple outpatient radiology imaging services.

Sec. E.301.2 CATAMOUNT HEALTH; STATE SAVINGS DIFFERENTIAL ADJUSTMENT

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 8 V.S.A. § 4080f, effective July 1, 2011 and thereafter, the carriers offering Catamount Health shall in subscriber billing include in addition to the premium rates established pursuant to 8 V.S.A. § 4080f(g) a state savings differential adjustment of 11 percent based on the lowest premium established by the carriers of the plan. This adjustment shall be remitted by the carriers on a monthly or quarterly basis to the state and deposited into the catamount fund. This adjustment shall be waived or netted from the bills that carriers submit to the state for Catamount Health subscribers who are eligible for premium assistance pursuant to 33 V.S.A. chapter 19, subchapter 3A.

Sec. E.301.3 CATAMOUNT HEALTH; PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENTS

(a) Notwithstanding the reimbursement indexing provided in 8 V.S.A. § 4080f(f)(1), a carrier who sells, offers, or renews Catamount Health shall recalculate the reimbursements paid to health care professionals under Catamount Health to pay the lowest of the health care professional's contracted rate, the health care professional's billed charges, or the rate derived from the Medicare fee schedule, at an amount 10 percent greater than fee schedule amounts paid under the Medicare program in 2006.

Sec. E.301.4 8 V.S.A. § 4080f(f)(2) is amended to read:

(2) Payments for hospital services shall be calculated using a hospital-specific cost-to-charge ratio approved by the commissioner, adjusted for each hospital to ensure payments at ~~40~~ 100 percent of the hospital's actual cost for services. The commissioner may use individual hospital budgets established under 18 V.S.A. § 9456 to determine approved ratios under this

subdivision. Payments under this subdivision shall be indexed to changes in the Medicare payment rules, but shall not be lower than ~~402~~ 100 percent of the hospital's actual cost for services. The commissioner may approve adjustments to the amounts paid under this section in accordance with a carrier's pay for performance, quality improvement program, or other payment methodologies in accordance with the Blueprint for Health established under chapter 13 of Title 18.

Sec. E.301.5 [DELETED]

Sec. E.301.6 CATAMOUNT HEALTH; ADMINISTRATION;
ENFORCEMENT

(a) For fiscal year 2012, a carrier who sells, offers, or renews Catamount Health shall not charge more than six percent of the overall premium for amounts attributable to administrative costs excluding contributions to surplus, as defined by the commissioner of banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration.

(b) Beginning July 1, 2012, a carrier who sells, offers, or renews Catamount Health shall file for a rates which shall be for a 12- month period with the commissioner of banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration.

(c) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision in 8 V.S.A. chapter 107, the commissioner of banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration shall include the provisions of Secs. E.301.1 through E.301.5 of this act in the rate review and approval process.

Sec. E.301.7 CATAMOUNT TRANSITION PROVISIONS

(a) It is the intent of the general assembly that amendments to Catamount Health result in a full year of budgetary savings and the changes are implemented beginning July1, 2011. To achieve this goal, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all subscribers' anniversary dates will be reset effective July 1, 2011. Rate filings to reflect these changes shall be submitted from the carriers and the rate review processes by the department of banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration shall be made notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary to be effective July 1, 2011.

(b) For fiscal year 2012, a carrier who sells, offers, or renews Catamount Health shall offer participants in the program as of June 30, 2011 a one-time option to apply their expenditures made from April 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 in excess of any prior deductible toward the deductible requirements incurred for fiscal year 2012. The participants shall be informed of this opportunity and provided with an application process to access this option.

Sec. E.301.8 [DELETED]

Sec. E.302 PAYMENT RATES FOR PRIVATE NONMEDICAL INSTITUTIONS PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICES

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, for state fiscal year 2012, the division of rate setting shall calculate payment rates for private nonmedical institutions (PNMI) providing residential child care services as follows.

(1) General rule. The division of rate setting shall calculate PNMI per diem rates for state fiscal year 2012 as 100 percent of each program's final per diem rate in effect on June 30, 2011. These rates shall be issued as final.

(2) Reporting requirements.

(A) Providers are required to submit annual audited financial statements to the division within 30 days of receipt from their certified public accountant, but no later than four months following the end of each provider's fiscal year.

(B) Providers are not required to submit funding applications pursuant to section 3 of the PNMI rate setting rules for state fiscal year 2012.

(3) Exception to the general rule. For programs categorized by the placement authorizing departments (PADs) as crisis/stabilization programs with typical lengths of stay from 0–10 days, final rates for state fiscal year 2012 are set retroactively as follows:

(A) The allowable budget is 100 percent of the final approved budget for the rate year which includes June 30, 2011. The monthly allowable budget is the allowable budget divided by 12.

(B) Within five days of the end of each month in state fiscal year 2012, the program shall submit the prior month's census to the division of rate setting. The per diem rate shall be set for the prior month by dividing the monthly allowable budget amount by the total number of resident days for the month just ended.

(4) Adjustments to rates. Rate adjustment applications may not be used as a tool to circumvent the rate setting process for state fiscal year 2012 in order to submit a new budget for the entire program or for the sole reason that actual costs incurred by the facility exceed the rate of payment.

(A) The following provisions amend section 8 of the PNMI rules regarding adjustments to rates for state fiscal year 2012.

(i) The three-month waiting period of section 8.1(b) for the submission of a rate adjustment application is waived.

(ii) In rate adjustment applications, the division shall only consider budget information specific to the program change and limited to direct program costs. Providers may not apply for increases to costs that are part of the current program and rate structure before the program change.

(iii) In its findings and order, the division may elect to use financial information from prior approved budget submissions to determine allowable costs related to the program change.

(iv) The materiality test in section 8.1(c) is waived.

(B) Adjustments to rates based on changes in licensed capacity. Programs that increase or decrease licensed capacity in state fiscal year 2012 shall provide prior written notification to the division of the change in licensed capacity.

(i) Decreased licensed capacity. In the case of programs that decrease licensed capacity in state fiscal year 2012, programs must have prior written approval from the PADs before applying to the division for an adjustment to the state fiscal year 2012 per diem rate.

(I) The allowable budget amount for state fiscal year 2012 may be no more than the final approved budget for the rate year which includes June 30, 2011.

(II) In its application for a rate adjustment, a program shall provide to the division financial and staffing information directly related to the decrease in licensed capacity.

(III) In its findings and order, the division shall reduce the allowable budget amount by any decreased costs directly related to the change in licensed capacity.

(IV) The division shall divide the final allowable budget amount by the estimated occupancy level at the new licensed capacity to calculate the per diem rate.

(ii) Increased licensed capacity. In the case of programs that increase licensed capacity in state fiscal year 2012, the division shall automatically adjust the program's rate as follows.

(I) The initial allowable budget is 100 percent of the final approved budget amount for the rate year that includes June 30, 2011.

(II) With prior written approval from the PADs, programs may apply to the division for an adjustment to the allowable budget for costs directly related to the program change.

(III) The division shall divide the final allowable budget amount by the estimated occupancy level at the new licensed capacity to calculate the per diem rate.

Sec. E.306 Department of Vermont health access – administration

(a) The establishment of one (1) new classified position - Palliative Care Nurse Manager - is authorized in fiscal year 2012.

Sec. E.306.1 3 V.S.A. § 3051 is amended to read:

§ 3051. COMMISSIONERS; DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS; APPOINTMENT; TERM

(a) The secretary, with the approval of the governor, shall appoint a commissioner of each department, who shall be the chief executive and administrative officer and shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary.

(b) For the department of health, the secretary, with the approval of the governor, shall appoint deputy commissioners for the following divisions of the department:

- (1) public health;
- (2) substance abuse.

(c) For the department for children and families, the secretary, with the approval of the governor, shall appoint deputy commissioners for the following divisions of the department:

- (1) economic services;
- (2) child development;
- (3) family services.

(d) For the department of Vermont health access, the secretary, with the approval of the governor, shall appoint deputy commissioners for the following divisions of the department:

- (1) Medicaid health services and managed care;
- (2) Medicaid policy, fiscal, and support services;
- (3) health care reform;
- (4) Vermont health benefit exchange.

(e) Deputy commissioners shall be exempt from the classified service. Their appointments shall be in writing and shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

Sec. E.306.2 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307 CATAMOUNT HEALTH ASSISTANCE; WAIVER AMENDMENT

(a) If necessary, the commissioner of Vermont health access shall seek an amendment to Global Commitment to include the provisions in Secs. E.301.1 through E.301.7 of this act.

Sec. E.307.1 33 V.S.A. § 1984(b) is amended to read:

(b) The agency of administration or designee shall establish individual and family contribution amounts for Catamount Health under this subchapter based on the individual contributions established in subsection (c) of this section and shall index the contributions annually to the overall growth in spending per enrollee in Catamount Health as established in 8 V.S.A. § 4080f; provided, however, that ~~to the extent that spending per Catamount Health enrollee decreases as a result of changes in benefit design or deductible amounts, contributions shall not be decreased by the percentage change attributable to such benefit design or deductible changes~~ the contribution amount shall not be less than the contribution amount for the previous year. The agency shall establish family contributions by income bracket based on the individual contribution amounts and the average family size.

Sec. E.307.2 REPEAL

(a) Subsections (a), (b), and (c) of Sec. E.309.3 of No. 156 of the Acts of the 2009 Adj. Sess. (2010) as further amended by Sec. 64 of No. 3 of the Acts of 2011 (suspension of automatic premium increases) are repealed.

Sec. E.307.3 EMERGENCY RULES

(a) In order to implement the amendments to the Catamount Health and Catamount Health Assistance program provided in Secs. E.301.1 through E.301.6 of this act no later than July 1, 2011, the agency of human services shall be deemed to have met the standard for the adoption of emergency rules as required in 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

Sec. E.307.4 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307.5 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307.6 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307.7 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307.8 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307.9 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307.10 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307.11 REPEAL

(a) Sec. 22 of No. 61 of the Acts of 2009 (Global Commitment waiver amendments; rulemaking) is repealed.

Sec. E.307.12 REPEAL

(a) Sec 2(c) of No. 71 of the Acts of 2007, as amended by Sec. 5.903 of No. 192 of the Acts of the 2007 Adj. Sess. (2008) and Sec. 103 of No. 4 of the Acts of 2009 (VHAP payment beginning with date of application) is repealed.

Sec. E.308 FISCAL YEAR 2012 NURSING HOME RATE SETTING

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the division of rate setting shall maintain the decrease by one-half in the case-mix weights for the following resource utilization groups: Impaired Cognition A (IA1), Challenging Behavior A (BA1), Reduced Physical Functioning A 2 (PA2), and Reduced Physical Functioning A 1 (PA1). The decrease by one-half in these case-mix weights shall be maintained in each facility's average case-mix score for Medicaid residents from picture dates in the January 2010, April 2010, and July 2010 quarters, which were used to set the July 2010, October 2010, and January 2011 rates.

Sec. E.309 STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SCHIP) AND MEDICAID PROGRAMS COVERING CHILDREN PREMIUM GRACE PERIOD

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, effective beginning fiscal year 2012 and continuing thereafter, the commissioner shall make such changes in the billing and collection process as are necessary to achieve state compliance with the premium grace period and notice requirements of section 504 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) (42 U.S.C. § 1397cc(e)(3)(C)). These changes shall:

(1) Afford children enrolled in state health programs a grace period of at least 30 days from the beginning of a new coverage period to make premium payments before coverage may be terminated. The new coverage period will begin the month immediately following the last month for which a premium was paid.

(2) Inform children in state health care programs not later than seven days after the first day of such grace period provided under subdivision (1) of this subsection:

(A) that failure to make a required premium payment within the grace period will result in termination of coverage; and

(B) of the individual's right to challenge the proposed termination pursuant to applicable rules.

(3) Provide this same grace period and notice as provided under this subsection for each coverage period for which a premium has not been received.

Sec. E.309.1 HEALTH CARE COVERAGE; LEGAL IMMIGRANT CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN

(a) In accordance with the provisions of the federal Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, Public Law 111-3, section 214, the agency of human services shall provide coverage under Medicaid and CHIP to legal immigrant children and pregnant women who are residing lawfully in Vermont and who have not met the five-year waiting period required under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

Sec. E. 311 MEDICATION MANAGEMENT PILOT PROJECT

(a) The department of health shall make recommendations to the joint fiscal committee for a medication management pilot program in September, 2011.

Sec. E.312 Health - public health

(a) AIDS/HIV funding:

(1) In fiscal year 2012 and as provided for in this section, the department of health shall provide grants in the amount of \$335,000 in Global Commitment funds to Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations for client-based support services. It is the intent of the general assembly that if the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this subsection are unavailable, the funding for Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations for client-based support services shall be maintained through the general fund or other state-funding sources. The department of health AIDS program shall meet at least quarterly with the community advisory group (CAG) with current information and data relating to service initiatives. The funds shall be allocated as follows:

(A) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont, \$84,488;

(B) HIV/HCV Resource Center (formerly ACORN), \$24,599;

(C) VT CARES, \$157,213;

(D) Twin States Network, \$31,850;

(E) People with AIDS Coalition, \$36,850.

(2) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the AIDS Medication Assistance Program shall be distributed in accordance with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or services funded solely by state general funds.

(3)A) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sec. E.312(a)(6) of Act No. 1 of the 2009 special session, the department of health shall carry forward \$140,000 in general funds from fiscal year 2009 to provide assistance to individuals in the HIV/AIDS Medication Assistance Program (AMAP), including the costs of prescribed medications, related laboratory testing, and nutritional supplements. These funds may not be used for any administrative purposes by the department of health or by any other state agency or department. Before using the general fund allocation to cover the costs of AMAP, the department of health shall use pharmaceutical rebate special funds to cover the costs of AMAP. Any carry-forward general funds remaining at the end of fiscal year 2012 shall be distributed to AIDS service organizations in the same proportion as those outlined in this subsection.

(B) The secretary of human services shall immediately notify the joint fiscal committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in AMAP to assist all eligible individuals. The secretary shall work in collaboration with persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to AMAP medications until such time as the general assembly can take action.

(C) As provided for in this section, the secretary of human services shall work in collaboration with the AMAP advisory committee, which shall be composed of no less than 50 percent of members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the program's eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the committee shall make recommendations regarding the program's formulary of approved medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility for the program.

(4) In fiscal year 2012, the department of health shall provide grants in the amount of \$100,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for community-based HIV prevention programs and services. These funds shall be used for HIV/AIDS prevention purposes, including improving the availability of confidential and anonymous HIV testing; prevention work with at-risk groups such as women, intravenous drug users, and people of color; anti-stigma campaigns; and promotion of needle exchange programs. No more than 15 percent of the funds may be used for the administration of such services by the recipients of these funds. The method by which these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of

the department of health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

(b) The commissioner of health in consultation with AIDS service organizations shall report to the joint fiscal committee by November 15, 2011 on whether the base level of funding for AIDS service organizations should be revised in lieu of providing supplemental funding to these organizations from unexpended AIDS/HIV medication allocations.

(c) Funding for the tobacco programs in fiscal year 2012 shall consist of the \$1,594,000 in tobacco funds and \$302,507 in Global Commitment funds appropriated in Sec. B.312 of this act. The tobacco evaluation and review board shall determine how these funds are allocated to tobacco cessation, community-based, media, public education, surveillance, and evaluation activities. This allocation shall include funding for tobacco cessation programs that serve pregnant women. Of these funds, \$20,000 shall be granted to the teen centers to provide coordination and grant writing assistance in performing and seeking funding for tobacco and substance abuse prevention services.

Sec. E.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs

(a) For the purpose of meeting the need for outpatient substance abuse services when the preferred provider system has a waiting list of five days or more or there is a lack of qualified clinicians to provide services in a region of the state, a state-qualified alcohol and drug abuse counselor may apply to the department of health, division of alcohol and drug abuse programs, for time-limited authorization to participate as a Medicaid provider to deliver clinical and case coordination services, as authorized.

(b)(1) In accordance with federal law, the division of alcohol and drug abuse programs may use the following criteria to determine whether to enroll a state-supported Medicaid and uninsured population substance abuse program in the division's network of designated providers, as described in the state plan:

(A) The program is able to provide the quality, quantity, and levels of care required under the division's standards, licensure standards, and accreditation standards established by the commission of accreditation of rehabilitation facilities, the joint commission on accreditation of health care organizations, or the commission on accreditation for family services.

(B) Any program that is currently being funded in the existing network shall continue to be a designated program until further standards are developed, provided the standards identified in this subdivision (b)(1) are satisfied.

(C) All programs shall continue to fulfill grant or contract agreements.

(2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not preclude the division's "request for bids" process.

(c) All funding allocated for student assistance professionals in the department of health shall be directly administered by the department and shall be used to provide competitive performance-based grants to schools or supervisory unions for evidence-based department-specified prevention activities that are in alignment with the department's mission. A criteria for grant award shall be matching funds or in-kind services provided by the grantee. The department shall identify measures and develop a process for evaluating the performance of the grants. The department is authorized to transfer any portion of these funds for eligible expenses to the Global Commitment waiver to maximize the total funding available for these grants.

Sec. E.315 Mental health - Vermont state hospital

(a) Effective July 1, 2011 the classified position of Chief Executive Officer (Position # 840184) shall be converted to the exempt position of Vermont State Hospital Chief Executive Officer.

Sec. E.315.1 18 V.S.A. § 7205 is amended to read:

§ 7205. SUPERVISION OF INSTITUTIONS

(a) The department of mental health shall operate the Vermont State Hospital and shall be responsible for patients receiving involuntary treatment at a hospital designated by the department of mental health.

(b) The commissioner of the department of mental health, in consultation with the secretary, shall appoint a chief executive officer of the Vermont State Hospital to oversee the operations of the hospital. The chief executive officer position shall be an exempt position.

Sec. E.316 [DELETED]

Sec. E.317 Department for children and families - family services

(a) The commissioner for children and families shall provide to the general assembly by January 15, 2012 a geographic inventory of the residential and non-residential services that are available to serve at-risk youth under the age of 23, and the public and private funding available to these providers. The department shall also provide recommendations on how to evaluate this system.

Sec. E.319 33 V.S.A. § 4103 is amended to read:

§ 4103. REGISTRY

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(b) All orders for child support subject to wage withholding shall require that payment be made through the registry and shall be deemed IV-D cases. All orders for child support not subject to wage withholding made or modified on or after July 1, 1990 shall require that payment be made through the registry as a IV-D case unless the parties have agreed that the obligor will pay the obligee directly.

(c) In the case where neither parent requests services under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act or where the case is not a IV-D case by operation of law, the office of child support services may recover the administrative costs of processing payments through the child support registry, not to exceed an administrative fee of \$5.00 per month. The family division of the superior court shall increase the monthly support obligation to take the administrative cost into account unless the noncustodial parent is below the federal poverty level. The office of child support services shall deduct the cost from the first payment received each month. Fees collected under this subsection shall be credited to a special fund and shall be available to the office of child support services to offset the costs of its administrative services.

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Sec. E.320 Department for children and families – aid to aged, blind and disabled

(a) The department for children and families shall analyze the actions necessary for the department to perform the function of transmitting the state supplement to the federal SSI benefit to AABD clients, rather than relying on the federal government to perform this function. Should the analysis result in it being fiscally advantageous for the state to issue the state supplemental benefit, the department shall implement the process.

Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS; FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM

(a) Commencing with state fiscal year 2007, the agency of human services may establish a housing assistance program within the general assistance program to create flexibility to provide these general assistance benefits. The purpose of the program is to mitigate poverty and serve applicants more effectively than they are currently served with the same amount of general assistance funds. The program shall operate in a consistent manner within existing statutes and rules except that it may grant exceptions to this program's eligibility rules and may create programs and services as alternatives to these rules. Eligible activities shall include, among others, the provision of shelter, overflow shelter, case management, transitional housing, deposits, down payments, rental assistance, and related services that assure that all Vermonters have access to shelter, housing, and the services they need to become safely housed. The assistance provided under this section is not an entitlement and may be discontinued when the appropriation has been fully spent.

(b) The program may operate in up to 12 districts designated by the secretary of human services. This program will be budget neutral. For each district in which the agency operates the program, it shall establish procedures for evaluating the pilot and its effects. The agency shall report annually to the general assembly on its findings from the programs, its recommendations for changes in the general assistance program, and a plan for further implementation of the program.

(c) The agency shall continue to engage interested parties, including both statewide organizations and local agencies, in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the general assistance flexibility program.

Sec. E.321.1 GENERAL ASSISTANCE; EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS; OUTCOME MEASURES

(a) The agency of human services shall develop a baseline to measure results of the investment in the emergency shelter grants and case management to assist the homeless population. These measurements shall include homelessness prevention outcome measures for the clients served by the investment. The outcomes shall be reported annually to the house and senate committees on appropriations during the department's budget testimony.

Sec. E.321.2 33 V.S.A. § 2101(1) is amended to read:

(1) "District welfare director" means an employee of the department or of the agency of human services so designated by the commissioner.

Sec. E.323 33 V.S.A. § 1121 is amended to read:

§ 1121. AUTHORIZATION TO SEGREGATE STATE FUNDS AND
CREATE SEPARATE STATE AND SOLELY STATE-FUNDED
PROGRAMS

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(g)(1) Any family receiving or applying for Reach Up financial assistance who is being referred by the department to apply for or who is applying for Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI) or aid to the aged, blind, or disabled (AABD) under chapter 13 of this title shall authorize the department to reimburse the state for the amounts described in subdivision (2) of this subsection from any initial SSI payment owed the individual that includes SSI payment for retroactive amounts. The family shall authorize the Social Security Administration to send the initial SSI payment directly to the department. The department may require an individual to sign a recovery of financial assistance agreement as authorization.

(2) The department may deduct an amount equal to the state-funded Reach Up financial assistance paid to the family for the needs of the SSI applicant during the period or periods in which the family received Reach Up financial assistance paid for with state funds. The deduction shall be for no more than the prorated portion of Reach Up financial assistance provided for those family members receiving SSI who are included in the SSI grant. The department shall send any remainder due to the family within 10 days of receiving the payment from the Social Security Administration.

(h) In furtherance of the policy goals of this section and in order to establish an excess of maintenance-of-effort state funds, the commissioner shall maximize maintenance-of-effort state funds in the reports to the U.S. Administration for Children and Families.

Sec. E.324 Department for children and families – home heating fuel assistance/LIHEAP

(a) Of the funds appropriated for home heating fuel assistance/LIHEAP in this act, no more than \$450,000 shall be expended for crisis fuel direct service/administration exclusive of statewide after-hours crisis coverage.

Sec. E.324.1 HOME HEATING FUEL ASSISTANCE/LIHEAP

(a) For the purpose of a crisis set-aside, for seasonal home heating fuel assistance through December 31, 2011, and for program administration, the commissioner of finance and management shall transfer \$2,550,000 from the home weatherization assistance trust fund to the home heating fuel assistance fund to the extent that federal LIHEAP or similar federal funds are not available. An equivalent amount shall be returned to the home weatherization

trust fund from the home heating fuel assistance fund to the extent that federal LIHEAP or similar federal funds are received. Should a transfer of funds from the home weatherization assistance trust fund be necessary for the 2011–2012 crisis set-aside and for seasonal home heating fuel assistance through December 31, 2011, and if LIHEAP funds awarded as of December 31, 2011, for fiscal year 2012 do not exceed \$2,550,000, subsequent payments under the home heating fuel assistance program shall not be made prior to January 30, 2012. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, payments authorized by the office of home heating fuel assistance shall not exceed funds available, except that for fuel assistance payments made through December 31, 2011, the commissioner of finance and management may anticipate receipts into the home weatherization assistance trust fund.

Sec. E.325 Department for children and families – office of economic opportunity

(a) Of the general fund appropriation in this section, \$792,000 shall be granted to community agencies for homeless assistance by preserving existing services, increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide. These funds may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal McKinney emergency shelter funds. Grant decisions shall be made with assistance from the coalition of homeless Vermonters.

Sec. E.325.1 INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM

(a) In fiscal year 2012, the funding for the individual development (IDA) savings program established in 33 V.S.A. § 1123 shall be from two sources, general funds and community services block grant funds.

Sec. E.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization assistance

(a) Of the special fund appropriation in this section, \$400,000 is for the replacement and repair of home heating equipment.

(b) Appropriations from the weatherization trust fund may be limited based on the revenue forecast for the fund from the gross receipts tax as adopted pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 305a.

Sec. E.327 Department for children and families – Woodside rehabilitation center

(a) The establishment of one (1) new classified position – nurse – is authorized in fiscal year 2012.

Sec. E.329 VERMONT VETERANS' HOME; REGIONAL BED CAPACITY

(a) The agency of human services shall not include the bed count at the Vermont veterans' home when recommending and implementing policies that are based on or intended to impact regional nursing home bed capacity in the state.

Sec. E.329.1 33 V.S.A. § 7111(i) and (j) are added to read:

(i) The licensing agency may enforce a final order by filing a civil action in the superior court in the county in which the facility is located, or in Washington superior court.

(j) The remedies provided in this chapter are cumulative.

Sec. E.329.2 33 V.S.A. § 7112 is added to read:

§ 7112. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

(a) Information received by the licensing agency through filed reports, inspection, or as otherwise authorized under this chapter, except information that pertains to unsubstantiated complaints or the identity of residents and complainants, shall be made available to the public.

(b) Prior to release of information the commissioner shall consult with representatives from the nursing home industry and the office of state long-term care ombudsman to develop:

(1) Guidelines for the release of information to the public that ensure the confidentiality and privacy of complainants and individuals who are receiving or have received care or services in nursing facilities in conformance with state and federal requirements.

(2) Indicators, derived from information databases maintained by the licensing agency and the division of rate setting, that shall be disseminated to consumers in a readily understandable format designed to facilitate consumers' ability to compare the quality of care provided by nursing facilities. The commissioner shall continually update quality indicators and refine and improve the information disseminated to consumers.

Sec. E.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and independent living

(a) Certification of adult day providers shall require a demonstration that the new program is filling an unmet need for adult day services in a given geographic region and does not have an adverse impact on existing adult day services.

(b) Of this appropriation, \$209,995 in general funds shall be allocated for base funds to adult day programs in the same proportion as they were allocated in fiscal year 2011. The commissioner is authorized to transfer the state share of funding contained in the choices for care program for adult day services to this appropriation upon determination that state funds and corresponding federal matching funds will not be expended for adult day services due to the need requirements of choices for care eligible enrollees.

(c) The department shall manage the budget for the attendant services program for people whose incomes are over the level required for Medicaid eligibility by reviewing client's service packages prior to freezing enrollment or creating a waiting list. The department shall review the expenditures of this program to determine if any of these expenditures are eligible for inclusion as an investment in the Global Commitment waiver.

Sec. E.330.1 EXPEDITED RULES; LONG-TERM CARE AND DISABILITIES, AGING, AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

(a) In order to administer the provisions of this act in Sections B.308, B.330, and B.333, relating to the changes in Choices for Care 1115 Medicaid Waiver Programs, Attendant Services Programs, Developmental Disabilities Services Waiver Program, notwithstanding the provisions of 3 V.S.A. chapter 25, the department of disabilities, aging, and independent living shall adopt rules pursuant to the following:

(1) The commissioner shall file final proposed rules with the secretary of state and the legislative committee on administrative rules under 3 V.S.A. § 841 after publication in three daily newspapers with the highest average circulation in the state of a notice that lists the rules to be adopted pursuant to this process and a seven-day public comment period following publication.

(2) The commissioner shall file final proposed rules with the legislative committee on administrative rules no later than 28 days after the effective date of this act.

(3) The legislative committee on administrative rules shall review and may approve or object to the final proposed rules under 3 V.S.A. § 842, except that its action shall be completed no later than 14 days after the final proposed rules are filed with the committee.

(4) The commissioner may adopt a properly filed final proposed rule after the passage of 14 days from the date of filing final proposed rules with the legislative committee on administrative rules or after receiving notice of approval from the committee, provided the secretary:

(A) has not received a notice of objection from the legislative committee on administrative rules; or

(B) after having received a notice of objection from the committee, has responded pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 842.

(5) Rules adopted under this section shall be effective upon being filed with the secretary of state and shall have the full force and effect of rules adopted pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25. Rules filed by the commissioner of disabilities, aging, and independent living with the secretary of state pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be in full compliance with 3 V.S.A. § 843, and shall be accepted by the secretary of state if filed with a certification by the commissioner of disabilities, aging, and independent living that the rule is required to meet the purposes of this section.

Sec. E.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living – developmental services

(a) Providers shall include developmental service program participants in decisions regarding changes in their service plans.

Sec. E.337 REPEAL

(a) 28 V.S.A. § 120(g) (annual budget: appropriation to the department of corrections based on full-time equivalent students times statewide per pupil spending) is repealed.

Sec. E.338 Corrections – correctional services

(a) The establishment of ten (10) new classified positions - Correctional Officer I –is authorized in fiscal year 2012 to accommodate the expansion of the Caledonia Community Work Camp (two positions), and the conversion of temporary Correctional Officer I to full-time classified positions (eight positions).

(b) Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the commissioner may discontinue use of uniforms for incarcerated persons at any correctional facility where uniforms are currently used.

(c) The commissioner of corrections shall report the joint corrections oversight committee and the joint fiscal committee by September 2011 on the proposed distribution of justice reinvestment funds.

Sec. E.339 Correctional services – out-of-state beds

(a) The level of funding in this appropriation is contingent upon enactment of separate legislation related to reduced incarceration of specified nonviolent misdemeanants.

Sec. E.342 Vermont veterans' home – care and support services

(a) If Global Commitment fund monies are unavailable, the total funding for the Vermont veterans' home shall be maintained through the general fund or other state funding sources.

(b) The Vermont veterans' home will use the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section for the purpose of increasing the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

* * * LABOR * * *

Sec. E.401 Labor - programs

(a) The workforce development council shall allocate funding to the workforce investment boards based upon the performance of the local workforce investment boards, measured according to standards established by the council.

* * * K-12 EDUCATION * * *

Sec. E.500 Education – finance and administration

(a) The Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section for school health services, including school nurses, shall be used for the purpose of funding certain health-care-related projects. It is the goal of these projects to reduce the rate of uninsured or underinsured persons or both in Vermont and to increase the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sec. E.502 Education – special education: formula grants

(a) Of the appropriation authorized in this section, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed \$3,300,654 shall be used by the department of education in fiscal year 2011 as funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the commissioner shall not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c) and (d). In addition to funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6), up to \$169,061 may be used by the department of education for its participation in the higher education partnership plan.

Sec. E.503 Education – state-placed students

(a) The independence place program of the Lund Family Center shall be considered a 24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of education costs.

Sec. E.504 Education – adult education and literacy

(a) Of this appropriation, the amount from the education fund shall be distributed to school districts for reimbursement of high school completion services pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1049a(c).

Sec. E.512 Education – Act 117 cost containment

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, expenditures made from this section shall be counted under 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b) as part of the state's 60 percent of the statewide total special education expenditures of funds which are not derived from federal sources.

Sec. E.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2), for fiscal year 2012, the general fund transfer to the education fund shall be \$276,240,000.

Sec. E.513.1 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) For each fiscal year, the amount of the general funds appropriated or transferred to the education fund shall be ~~\$280,200,000.00~~ \$276,240,000.00 increased by the most recent New England economic project cumulative price index, as of November 15, for state and local government purchases of goods and services from fiscal year ~~2008~~ 2012 through the fiscal year for which the payment is being determined, plus an additional one-tenth of one percent.

Sec. E.513.2 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b)(1) is amended to read:

(1) To make payments to school districts and supervisory unions for the support of education in accordance with the provisions of section 4028 of this title, other provisions of this chapter, and the provisions of chapter 135 of Title 32, ~~and~~ to make payments to carry out programs of adult education in accordance with section 1049(a) of this title, and to provide funding for the community high school of Vermont.

Sec. E.514 State teachers' retirement system

(a) The annual contribution to the Vermont state teachers' retirement system shall be \$52,991,932, of which \$51,241,932 shall be contributed in accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2) and an additional \$1,750,000 in general funds.

(b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution, \$10,574,040 is the "normal contribution," and \$40,667,892 is the "accrued liability contribution."

(c) A combination of \$51,672,307 in general funds and an estimated \$1,319,625 of Medicare Part D reimbursement funds is utilized to achieve funding at \$1,750,000 above the actuarially recommended level of \$51,241,932.

Sec. E.515 [DELETED]

* * * HIGHER EDUCATION * * *

Sec. E.600 University of Vermont

(a) The commissioner of finance and management shall issue warrants to pay one-twelfth of this appropriation to the University of Vermont on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

(b) Of this appropriation, \$380,326 shall be transferred to EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) for the purpose of complying with state matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds or both.

(c) If Global Commitment fund monies are unavailable, the total grant funding for the University of Vermont shall be maintained through the general fund or other state funding sources.

(d) The University of Vermont will use the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section to support Vermont physician training. The University of Vermont prepares students, both Vermonters and out-of-state, and awards approximately 100 medical degrees annually. Graduates of this program, currently representing a significant number of physicians practicing in Vermont, deliver high-quality health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries and to the uninsured or underinsured persons or both in Vermont and across the nation.

Sec. E.600.1 Higher Education Funding

(a) Annually, the higher education subcommittee of the education council created pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 2905(d) shall review and assess the current state grant funding allocation for the University of Vermont, the Vermont State

Colleges, and the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation and report to the house and senate committees on appropriations and on education by January 15 each year, any recommendations for changes to the allocation formula.

(1) In making the recommendation the subcommittee shall consider:

(A) the number of enrolled Vermont students at each institution,

(B) the retention and graduation rates for Vermont students,

(C) financial aid provided by each institution to Vermont students,

(D) the actual cost of attendance for Vermont students,

(E) the grant funding provided for enrolled students through the state appropriation to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation.

(2) Annually, the subcommittee shall also make recommendation on the base level of funding for higher education and the methodology of how to apply any increase in the base funding for higher education across these entities.

Sec. E.602 Vermont state colleges

(a) The commissioner of finance and management shall issue warrants to pay one-twelfth of this appropriation to the Vermont state colleges on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

(b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont manufacturing extension center for the purpose of complying with state matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds or both.

Sec. E.603 Vermont state colleges – allied health

(a) If Global Commitment fund monies are unavailable, the total grant funding for the Vermont state colleges shall be maintained through the general fund or other state funding sources.

(b) The Vermont state colleges shall use the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section to support the dental hygiene, respiratory therapy, and nursing programs which graduate approximately 250 health care providers annually. These graduates deliver direct, high-quality health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries and uninsured or underinsured persons or both.

Sec. E.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

(a) Of this appropriation, \$25,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation to be deposited into the trust fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2845.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, not less than 93 percent of grants shall be used for direct student aid.

(c) Of state funds available to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation pursuant to Secs. E.215(a) and B.1100(a)(3)(B) of this act, \$250,000 shall be used for the purposes of 16 V.S.A. § 2856. Any unexpended funds from these allocations shall carry forward for this purpose.

* * * NATURAL RESOURCES * * *

Sec. E.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services

(a) The commissioner of fish and wildlife shall report to the joint fiscal committee on November 15, 2011 on the status of recruitment for vacant game warden positions.

Sec. E.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry

(a) This special fund appropriation shall be authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 2807(c)(2).

Sec. E.704.1 10 V.S.A. § 2603(h) is added to read:

(h) All interest accrued from bonds deposited in the agency fund and forfeited bonds in the agency fund for the department of forests, parks and recreation's timber management program may be transferred annually by the commissioner, with the approval of the commissioner of finance and management, to the natural resources management fund.

* * * COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT * * *

Sec. E.803 Community development block grants

(a) Community development block grants shall carry forward until expended.

(b) Community development block grant (CDBG) funds shall be expended in accordance with and in the order of the following priorities.

(1) The greatest priority for the use of CDBG funds will be the creation and retention of affordable housing and jobs.

(2) The overarching priority and fundamental objective in the use of funds for all affordable housing is to achieve perpetual affordability through the use of mechanisms that produce housing resources that will continue to

remain affordable over time. It is the goal of the state to maintain at least 45 to 55 percent of CDBG funds for affordable housing applications.

(3) Among affordable housing applications, the highest priorities are to preserve and increase the supply of affordable family housing, to reduce and strive to eliminate childhood homelessness, to preserve affordable housing developments and extend their useful life, and to serve families and individuals at or below 30 percent HUD area median income and people with special needs. Housing for seniors should be considered a priority when it meets clear unmet needs in the region for the lowest income seniors.

(4) CDBG and other public funds are intended to create and preserve affordable housing for households for income-eligible families, seniors, and those with special needs. Limited public funding must focus on these households. Therefore, funding for projects which intend to serve households which exceed the CDBG income limits shall be consistent with the Vermont housing finance agency's qualified allocation plan.

(5) Preference shall be given to projects that maintain the historic settlement patterns for compact village and downtown centers separated by a rural landscape. Funds generally should not be awarded on projects that promote or constitute sprawl, defined as dispersed development outside compact urban and village centers or along highways and in rural areas.

* * * TRANSPORTATION * * *

Sec. E.909 Transportation – central garage

(a) Of this appropriation, \$6,070,010 is appropriated from the transportation equipment replacement account within the central garage fund for the purchase of equipment as authorized in 19 V.S.A. § 13(b).

Sec. E.915 Transportation – town highway aid program

(a) This appropriation is authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of 19 V.S.A. § 306(a).

Sec. E.922 [DELETED]

* * * TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BOND AND DEBT
SERVICE FUNDS * * *

Sec. F.100 19 V.S.A. § 11f is amended to read:

§ 11f. TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BOND FUND

(a) There is created a special ~~account~~ fund within the transportation fund known as the transportation infrastructure bond fund to consist of funds raised from the motor fuel transportation infrastructure assessments levied pursuant to 23 V.S.A. §§ 3003(a) and 3106(a). Interest from the fund shall be credited

~~annually~~ to the fund, and the amount in the ~~account~~ fund shall carry forward from year to year.

~~(b)(1) — Monies~~ As used in this section, the terms “transportation infrastructure bonds debt service fund” and “debt service obligations” are as defined in 32 V.S.A. § 951a.

(c) Monies in the transportation infrastructure bond fund shall be transferred to the transportation infrastructure bonds debt service fund to cover all debt service obligations of transportation infrastructure bonds that are due in the current fiscal year and as otherwise required in accordance with any trust agreement pertaining to such bonds.

(d) Provided that resources in the transportation infrastructure bonds debt service fund are sufficient in amount to cover all debt service obligations of transportation infrastructure bonds that are due in the current fiscal year and to meet all other obligations set forth in any trust agreement pertaining to any such bonds, any remaining balance in the transportation infrastructure bond fund may be used to pay for:

~~(A) to pay principal, interest, and related costs on transportation infrastructure bonds issued pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 972; and~~

~~(B) to pay for:~~

~~(i)(1)~~ (i)(1) the rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement of state bridges, culverts, roads, railroads, airports, and necessary buildings which, after such work, have an estimated minimum remaining useful life of 10 years;

~~(ii)(2)~~ (ii)(2) the rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement of municipal bridges, culverts, and highways which, after such work, have an estimated minimum remaining useful life of 10 years; and

~~(iii)(3)~~ (iii)(3) up to \$100,000.00 per year for operating costs associated with administering the capital expenditures.

~~(2) However, in any fiscal year, no payments shall be made under this subsection unless the amount needed to pay for the following items for that fiscal year, to the extent required by the terms of any trust agreement applicable to the transportation infrastructure bonds, is either in the fund and available to pay for those items, or the items have been paid: debt service due on the bonds for that fiscal year; any associated reserve or sinking funds; and any associated costs of the bonds as defined in 32 V.S.A. § 972(b).~~

(e) To the extent in the current fiscal year any balance remains in the transportation infrastructure bond fund after all transfers required by subsection (c) of this section have been made and all appropriations authorized by subsection (d) of this section are accounted for, such remaining balance

may be transferred to the transportation infrastructure bonds debt service fund to cover debt service obligations of transportation infrastructure bonds that are due in future fiscal years.

(e)(f) The assessments for motor fuel transportation infrastructure assessments paid pursuant to 23 V.S.A. §§ 3003(a) and 3106(a) shall not be reduced below the rates in effect at the time of issuance of any transportation infrastructure bond until the principal, interest, and all costs which must be paid in order to retire the bond have been paid.

(g) Except as provided in subsection (h) of this section, all transfers of funds from the transportation infrastructure bond fund to the transportation infrastructure bonds debt service fund shall be approved by the general assembly.

(h) To minimize disruption of summer construction schedules, it is the policy of the state to have a balance in the transportation infrastructure bonds debt service fund at the end of each fiscal year that is sufficient in amount to cover all debt service obligations of transportation infrastructure bonds that are due or are anticipated to be due in the succeeding fiscal year. To achieve the policy objective of ensuring the state's transportation infrastructure bond obligations are fulfilled with a minimum of disruption to the construction schedules of approved projects, in the event that revenue, economic, or other conditions vary from those assumed in the consensus forecast and in the budget process in which the general assembly approved transfers to the transportation infrastructure bonds debt service fund, the secretary of transportation with the approval of the secretary of administration may, notwithstanding the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 706:

(1) transfer appropriations of transportation infrastructure bond funds to the transportation infrastructure bonds debt service fund; and

(2) transfer appropriations of transportation funds to replace transportation infrastructure bond funds transferred under subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided no significant delay in the construction schedule of any approved project results from the transfer.

(i) After executing a transfer authorized by subsection (h) of this section, the administration shall give prompt notice thereof to the joint fiscal office and submit an explanation and description of the action taken to the joint fiscal committee at its next scheduled meeting.

Sec. F.101 32 V.S.A. § 951a is added to read:

§ 951a. DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

(a) Three governmental debt service funds are hereby established:

(1) the general obligation bonds debt service fund to fulfill debt service obligations of general obligation bonds from all funding sources;

(2) the transportation infrastructure bonds debt service fund to fulfill debt service obligations of transportation infrastructure bonds funded primarily by the revenues of the transportation infrastructure bond fund; and

(3) other debt service funds to fulfill debt service obligations of other long term debt funded by governmental fund dedicated revenue sources.

(b) Financial resources in each fund shall consist of appropriations by the general assembly to fulfill debt service obligations, the transfer of funding sources by the general assembly to fulfill future debt service obligations, bond proceeds raised to fund a permanent reserve required by a trust agreement entered into to secure bonds, transfers of appropriations effected pursuant to section 706 of this title, investment income earned on balances held in trust agreement accounts as required by a trust agreement, and such other amounts as directed by the general assembly or that are specifically authorized by provisions of this title. Each debt service fund shall account for the accumulation of resources and the fulfillment of debt service obligations within the current fiscal year and the accumulation of resources for debt service obligations maturing in future fiscal years.

(c) Debt service obligations of general obligation bonds, transportation infrastructure bonds, or other authorized long term obligations shall be fulfilled from the respective governmental debt service funds established in this section.

(d) As used in this section, "debt service obligations" of bonds include requirements to:

(1) pay principal and interest, sinking fund obligations, and redemption premiums;

(2) pay investment return on and the maturity value of capital appreciation bonds;

(3) provide for reserves required by a trust agreement entered into to secure bonds; and

(4) provide any additional security, insurance, or other form of credit enhancement required by a trust agreement entered into to secure bonds.

Sec. F.102 32 V.S.A. § 954 is amended to read:

§ 954. PROCEEDS

(a) The proceeds arising from the sale of such bonds, except premiums, shall be applied to the purposes for which they were authorized and such purposes shall be considered to include the expenses of preparing, issuing and marketing such bonds and any notes issued under section 955 of this title, and amounts for reserves, but no purchasers of such bonds shall be in any way bound to see to the proper application of the proceeds thereof. The state treasurer shall pay the interest on, principal of, investment return on and maturity value of such bonds and notes as the same fall due or accrue without further order or authority. Any premium received upon the sale of such bonds or notes shall be applied to the payment of the first principal or interest to come due thereon. The state treasurer with the approval of the governor, may establish sinking funds, reserve funds or other special funds of the state as he or she may deem for the best interest of the state. To the extent not otherwise provided, the amount necessary each year to ~~pay~~ fulfill the maturing principal and interest of, investment return and maturity value of, and sinking fund installments on all such bonds then outstanding shall be included in and made a part of the annual appropriation bill for the expense of state government, and such principal and interest on, investment return and maturity value of, and sinking fund installments on the bonds as may come due before appropriations for the ~~payment~~ fulfillment thereof have been made shall be ~~paid~~ fulfilled from the ~~general fund or from the transportation or other applicable special debt service fund.~~

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Sec. F.103 32 V.S.A. § 972 is amended to read:

§ 972. TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BONDS

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(b) As used in this subchapter, the term “debt service obligations” is as defined in section 951a of this title.

(c) Principal and interest on Debt service obligations of the bonds and associated costs shall be paid fulfilled or satisfied in accordance with the terms of any trust agreement pertaining to the bonds from the transportation infrastructure bond fund established in 19 V.S.A. § 11f bonds debt service fund. Associated costs of bonds include sinking fund payments; reserves; redemption premiums; additional security, insurance, or other form of credit enhancement required or provided for in any trust agreement entered to secure bonds; and related costs of issuance.

~~(e)~~(d) Funds raised from bonds issued under this section may be used to pay for or fund:

(1) the rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement of state bridges and culverts;

(2) the rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement of municipal bridges and culverts; ~~and~~

(3) the rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement of state roads, railroads, airports, and necessary buildings which, after such work, have an estimated minimum remaining useful life of 30 years or more; and

(4) a permanent reserve required by a trust agreement entered into to secure the bonds.

~~(d)~~(e) Pursuant to section 953 of this title, interest and the investment return on the bonds shall be exempt from taxation in this state.

~~(e)~~(f) Bonds issued under this section shall be legal investments for all persons without limit as to the amount held, regardless of whether they are acting for their own account or in a fiduciary capacity. The bonds shall likewise be legal investments for all public officials authorized to invest in public funds.

Sec. F.104 32 V.S.A. § 973 is amended to read:

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(d) The ~~principal, interest, investment returns, and maturity value~~ debt service obligations of transportation infrastructure bonds which require a cash payment shall be payable in lawful money of the United States or of the country in which the bonds are sold.

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Sec. F.105 32 V.S.A. § 974 is amended to read:

§ 974. SECURITY DOCUMENTS

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(d) For payment of ~~principal, interest, investment returns, and maturity value~~ debt service obligations of transportation infrastructure bonds, the full faith and credit of the state is hereby pledged. However:

(H), if pledging of full faith and credit of the state is not necessary to market a transportation infrastructure bond in the best interest of the state, the treasurer shall enter into an agreement which establishes that the full faith and credit of the state is not pledged for payment of ~~principal, interest, investment returns, and maturity value~~ debt service obligations of the bond. In

determining whether to pledge the full faith and credit of the state, the state treasurer shall consider the anticipated effect of such a pledge on the credit standing of the state, the marketability of the transportation infrastructure bond, and other factors he or she deems appropriate; ~~and,~~

~~(2) the treasurer shall only use other revenues to pay for debt service and associated costs as defined in section 972 of this title on transportation infrastructure bonds to which the full faith and credit of the state has been pledged in the event that monies in the transportation infrastructure bond fund are insufficient to pay for it.~~

Sec. F.106 32 V.S.A. § 975 is amended to read:

§ 975. PROCEEDS

(a) Proceeds from the sale of bonds may be expended for the authorized purposes of the bonds; including the expenses of preparing, issuing, and marketing the bonds; any notes issued under section 976 of this title; and amounts for any reserves. However, no purchasers of the bonds shall be bound to see to the proper application of the proceeds thereof.

~~(b) The treasurer may pay for the interest on, principal of, investment return on, maturity value of, and associated costs as defined in subsection 972(b) of this title of bonds issued under this subchapter from the transportation infrastructure bond fund as they fall due without further order or authority.~~

~~(c) The general assembly shall appropriate the amount necessary to pay the maturing principal and interest of, investment return and maturity value of, and sinking fund installments on transportation infrastructure bonds then outstanding in the annual appropriations bill and the principal and interest on, investment return and maturity value of, and sinking fund installments on the transportation infrastructure bonds as may come due before appropriations for payment have been made shall be paid from the transportation infrastructure bond fund, or with respect to bonds to which the full faith and credit of the state has been pledged and in accordance with subdivision 974(d)(2) of this title, from the general fund or other applicable fund.~~

Sec. F.107 32 V.S.A. § 975a is added to read:

§ 975a. AUTHORITY OF TREASURER

The treasurer may fulfill debt service obligations of bonds issued under this subchapter as they fall due without further order or authority. All such fulfillments shall be accounted for as a payment or provision made from the transportation infrastructure bonds debt service fund.

Sec. F.108 32 V.S.A. § 975b is added to read:

§ 975b. DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS

The general assembly shall appropriate in the annual appropriations bill the amount necessary from the appropriate funds to pay the debt service obligations of transportation infrastructure bonds which are due in the fiscal year covered by the appropriations bill.

Sec. F.109 32 V.S.A. § 979 is amended to read:

§ 979. AUTHORITIES

In addition to the provisions of this subchapter, the following provisions of this title shall apply to transportation infrastructure bonds:

- (1) sections 951a, 953, 956, 958, and 960;
- (2) subsection 954(c), except that transfers shall be made only among projects to be funded with transportation infrastructure bonds; and
- (3) section 957, except that consolidation may be only among transportation infrastructure bonds, and the bonds shall be the lawful obligation of the transportation infrastructure bond fund and not of the remaining revenues of the state unless the treasurer has agreed to pledge the full faith and credit of the state pursuant to ~~subdivision 974(e)(2)~~ subsection 974(d) of this title.

* * * REPEAL OF REFERENCES TO HCRC * * *

Sec. G.100 3 V.S.A. § 2222a is amended to read:

§ 2222a. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM REFORM; IMPROVING QUALITY AND AFFORDABILITY

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(d) The secretary shall report to ~~the commission on health care reform~~, the health access oversight committee, the house committee on health care, the senate committee on health and welfare, and the governor on or before December 1, 2006, with a five-year strategic plan for implementing Vermont's health care system reform initiatives, together with any recommendations for administration or legislation. Annually, beginning January 15, 2007, the secretary shall report to the general assembly on the progress of the reform initiatives.

(e) The secretary of administration or designee shall provide information and testimony on the activities included in this section to the health access oversight committee, ~~the commission on health care reform~~, and to any legislative committee upon request.

Sec. G.101 8 V.S.A. § 4089k is amended to read:

§ 4089k. HEALTH CARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
REINVESTMENT FEE

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(e) No later than June 30, 2011, the secretary of administration, or his or her designee, shall assess the adequacy of funding and make recommendations to the ~~commission on health care reform~~ joint fiscal committee concerning the appropriateness of the duration of the health care information technology reinvestment fee.

Sec. G.102 18 V.S.A. § 702(b)(1)(A) is amended to read:

(b)(1)(A) The commissioner of Vermont health access shall establish an executive committee to advise the director of the Blueprint on creating and implementing a strategic plan for the development of the statewide system of chronic care and prevention as described under this section. The executive committee shall ~~consist of no fewer than 10 individuals, including~~ include the commissioner of health; the commissioner of mental health; a representative from the department of banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration; a representative from the department of Vermont health access; an individual appointed jointly by the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives; a representative from the Vermont medical society; a representative from the Vermont nurse practitioners association; a representative from a statewide quality assurance organization; a representative from the Vermont association of hospitals and health systems; two representatives of private health insurers; a consumer; a representative of the complementary and alternative medicine professions; a primary care professional serving low income or uninsured Vermonters; a representative of the Vermont assembly of home health agencies who has clinical experience; a representative from a self-insured employer who offers a health benefit plan to its employees; and a representative of the state employees' health plan, who shall be designated by the ~~director~~ commissioner of human resources and who may be an employee of the third-party administrator contracting to provide services to the state employees' health plan. ~~In addition, the director of the commission on health care reform shall be a nonvoting member of the executive committee.~~

Sec. G.103 18 V.S.A. § 709(a) is amended to read:

(a) The director of the Blueprint shall report annually, no later than January 15, on the status of implementation of the Vermont Blueprint for Health for the prior calendar year and shall provide the report to the house committee on health care, the senate committee on health and welfare, and the health access oversight committee, ~~and the joint legislative commission on health care reform.~~

Sec. G.104 18 V.S.A. § 9351(c) is amended to read:

(c) The secretary of administration or designee shall update the plan annually to reflect emerging technologies, the state's changing needs, and such other areas as the secretary or designee deems appropriate. The secretary or designee shall solicit recommendations from Vermont Information Technology Leaders, Inc. (VITL) and other entities in order to update the health information technology plan pursuant to this section, including applicable standards, protocols, and pilot programs, and may enter into a contract or grant agreement with VITL or other entities to update some or all of the plan. Upon approval by the secretary, the updated plan shall be distributed to ~~the commission on health care reform~~; the commissioner of information and innovation; the commissioner of banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration; the commissioner of Vermont health access; the secretary of human services; the commissioner of health; the commissioner of mental health; the commissioner of disabilities, aging, and independent living; the senate committee on health and welfare; the house committee on health care; affected parties; and interested stakeholders.

Sec. G.105 18 V.S.A. § 9352(e) is amended to read:

(e) Report. No later than January 15 of each year, VITL shall file a report with ~~the commission on health care reform~~; the secretary of administration; the commissioner of information and innovation; the commissioner of banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration; the commissioner of Vermont health access; the secretary of human services; the commissioner of health; the commissioner of mental health; the commissioner of disabilities, aging, and independent living; the senate committee on health and welfare; and the house committee on health care. The report shall include an assessment of progress in implementing health information technology in Vermont and recommendations for additional funding and legislation required. In addition, VITL shall publish minutes of VITL meetings and any other relevant information on a public website.

Sec. G.106 32 V.S.A. § 10301 is amended to read:

§ 10301. HEALTH IT-FUND

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(e) VITL and any other entity requesting disbursements from the health IT-fund shall develop a detailed annual plan for proposed expenditures from the health IT-fund for the upcoming fiscal year. The expenditure plan shall be included within the context of the entity's overall budget, including all revenue and expenditures. ~~Beginning with the fiscal quarter commencing October 1, 2008, VITL and any other entity requesting disbursements from the health IT-fund shall submit proposed quarterly spending plans for review by the health care reform commission and approval by the secretary of administration. Upon the general assembly beginning its consideration of the expenditure plans for fiscal year 2010, this quarterly plan requirement shall cease.~~

(f) The plan developed under subsection (e) of this section shall be submitted to the secretary of administration or his or her designee, ~~who shall then submit his or her recommendations on the plan to the health care reform commission.~~ the Green Mountain Care board, the house and senate committees on appropriations, the house committee on health care, and the senate committee on health and welfare.

(g) The secretary of administration or his or her designee shall submit an annual report on the receipts, expenditures, and balances in the health IT-fund to the joint fiscal committee at its September meeting and to the ~~commission on health care reform by October 1~~ Green Mountain Care board. The report shall include information on the results of an annual independent study of the effectiveness of programs and initiatives funded through the health IT-fund, with reference to a baseline, benchmarks, and other measures for monitoring progress and including data on return on investments made.

(h) VITL and any other beneficiary receiving funding shall submit quarterly expenditure reports to the secretary of administration and ~~the health care reform commission~~ to the Green Mountain Care board, including a year-end report by August 1.

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Sec. G.107 33 V.S.A. § 1974(h) is amended to read:

(h) The agency shall report monthly to the joint fiscal committee, and the health access oversight committee, ~~and the commission on health care reform~~ with on the number of individuals enrolled in the premium assistance program, the income levels of the individuals, a description of the range and types of employer-sponsored plans that have been approved, the percentage of premium

and cost-sharing amounts paid by employers whose employees participate in the premium assistance program, and the net savings or cost of the program.

Sec. G.108 REPEAL

(a) 2 V.S.A. chapter 25 (joint legislative commission on health care reform) is repealed on July 1, 2011.

* * * RETIREMENT * *

Sec. H.1 3 V.S.A. § 470 is amended to read:

§ 470. ~~POST RETIREMENT~~ POSTRETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES

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(c) For purposes of this section, Consumer Price Index shall mean the Northeast Region Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, designated as “CPI-U,” in the northeast region, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Sec. H.2 16 V.S.A. § 1949 is amended to read:

§ 1949. ~~POST RETIREMENT~~ POSTRETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES

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(c) For the purposes of this section, “consumer price index” shall mean the northeast region consumer price index for all urban consumers, designated as “CPI-U,” in the northeast region, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Sec. H.3 24 V.S.A. § 5067 is amended to read:

§ 5067. ~~COST OF LIVING~~ POSTRETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES

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(b) For purposes of this section, Consumer Price Index shall mean the Northeast Region Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, designated as “CPI-U,” in the northeast region, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Sec. H.4 3 V.S.A. § 473 is amended to read:

§ 473. FUNDS

(a) All of the assets of the retirement system shall be credited to the Vermont state retirement fund.

(b) Member contributions.

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(2) Contributions shall be made on and after the date of establishment at the rate of ~~five 6.3~~ percent of compensation ~~except for each group A, D, and F member and~~ at a rate of ~~6.18~~ 8.18 percent of compensation for each group C member ~~unless the member was a group C member on June 30, 1998 in which case contributions shall be at the rate of six percent of compensation for each group C member who has elected not to have his or her compensation from the state be subject to Social Security withholding or at the rate of five percent of compensation if the member elected to have compensation from the state subject to Social Security withholding and at the rate of five percent of compensation for each group F member and, commencing July 1, 2019, at the rate of 4.75 percent of compensation for each group F member. For the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016, should the annual value of the total increased contributions of group C, D, and F member contributions exceed \$5,300,000.00 on an aggregate basis, any amount in excess of \$5,300,000.00 shall remain in the retirement system and the state's contribution shall not be reduced by the amount in excess of \$5,300,000.00. Commencing July 1, 2016 or when the state employees' retirement system has been determined by the actuary to have assets at least equal to its accrued liability, whichever occurs first, contributions shall be five percent of compensation for group A, D, and F members and 6.88 percent of compensation for group C members. Commencing July 1, 2019, the rate of contribution applicable to all active group F members shall be 4.75 percent of compensation. In determining the amount earnable by a member in a payroll period, the retirement board may consider the annual or other periodic rate of earnable compensation payable to such member on the first day of the payroll period as continuing throughout such payroll period, and it may omit deduction from compensation for any period less than a full payroll period if an employee was not a member on the first day of the payroll period, and to facilitate the making of deductions it may modify the deduction required of any member by such an amount as, on an annual basis, shall not exceed one-tenth of one percent of the annual earnable compensation upon the basis of which such deduction is to be made. Each of the amounts shall be deducted until the member retires or otherwise withdraws from service, and when deducted shall be paid into the annuity savings fund,~~

and shall be credited to the individual account of the member from whose compensation the deduction was made.

Sec. H.5 VERMONT MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 5064(b), for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, contributions shall be made by group A members at the rate of 2.5 percent of earnable compensation, by group B members at the rate of 4.5 percent of earnable compensation, and by group C members at the rate of 9.25 percent of earnable compensation.

Sec. H.6 REVIEW OF VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT MEMBER CONTRIBUTION RATE STRUCTURE

(a) By July 1, 2016, the governor or his or her designee, the treasurer and representatives from the judicial branch, the Vermont state employees' association, and the Vermont troopers' association shall meet to review and evaluate the Vermont state employees' member contribution rate structure applicable to groups C, D, and F.

Sec. I.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. C.100 (human services caseload reserve appropriation), C.101 (transportation infrastructure bond fund debt service transfer), C.102 (contingent transportation fund appropriation), C.103-C.103.1 (tax computer system special fund), C.104 (Medicaid state funds reserve), C.105-C.105.1 (DCF tiered sanctions), C.106-C.109 (transportation appropriations), C.110 (fiscal year 2011 general fund balance), D.102 (tobacco litigation settlement fund balance), E.127(b) (contract transfer), E.130(a) (auditor positions), E.130.1(b) (auditor work plan), E.301.6 (Catamount health administration enforcement), E.301.7(a) (Catamount transition provisions), E.307 (waiver), E.307.2 (suspension of automatic premium increases repeal), E.307.3 (emergency rules), E.329.1-E.329.2 (long-term care facility receivership technical correction), E.330.1 (expedited rules – long-term care and disabilities, aging, and independent living), F.100-F.109 (transportation infrastructure bond and debt service funds), and G.101 (health care information technology reinvestment fee) of this act shall take effect upon passage.

(b) Sec. E.513.1 shall take effect July 1, 2012.

(c) Secs. H.1-H.3 of act shall take effect on July 1, 2011, with determinations for cost-of-living adjustments as required by 3 V.S.A. § 470, 16 V.S.A. § 1949, and 24 V.S.A. § 5067 being made on January 1, 2012 pursuant to the Northeast Region Consumer Price Index as of June 30, 2011.

And by renumbering all of the sections of the bill to be numerically correct (including internal references) and adjusting all of the totals to be arithmetically correct.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and the proposal of amendment was agreed to.

Recess

On motion of Senator Campbell the Senate recessed until one o'clock and thirty minutes.

Called to Order

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Proposal of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered

H. 441.

House bill entitled:

An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending the question, third reading of the bill?, Senator Kitchel moved to amend the proposal of amendment of the Committee on Appropriations, as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. C.102 in its entirety and inserting lieu thereof a new Sec. C.102 to read as follows:

Sec. C.102 [DELETED]

Second: In Sec. E.307.3, by inserting a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) In order to implement Sec. E. 309.1 (health care coverage; legal immigrant children and pregnant women), Sec. E. 309 (State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and Medicaid programs covering children premium grace period), and Sec. E.301.1 (Medicaid pharmacy; radiology tier authorization) of this act no later than July 1, 2011, the agency of human services shall be deemed to have met the standard for adoption of emergency rules as required by 3 V.S.A. § 844(a). Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 844, the agency shall provide a minimum of five business days for public comment in advance of filing the emergency rules as provided for in 3 V.S.A. § 844(c).

Third: By adding a new section to be numbered Sec. E.309.2 to read as follows:

Sec. E.309.2 FAMILY PLANNING OPTION

(a) Beginning April 1, 2012, the commissioner of Vermont health access shall modify necessary rules and procedures related to eligibility and services to implement the family planning option of section 2303 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010, Public Law 111-148.

Fourth: By striking out Sec. E.316 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. E.316 to read as follows:

Sec. E.316 Department for children and families – administration and support services

(a) The establishment of one (1) new position - Eligibility Worker - in the department for children and families is authorized during fiscal year 2012 to support Sec. E.310.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time?, Senator Flory moved to amend the Senate proposal of amendment by striking out Sec. E.206(a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follow:

(a) The director of the state's attorneys shall report to the joint fiscal committee and the house and senate committees on judiciary and appropriations by November 15, 2011 on issues related to the effectiveness of the special investigation units (SIU). The report shall be made in consultation with the state and local law enforcement agencies, the department for children and families, and victims' organizations. The report shall include information by SIU about the number of investigations and referrals; the number of reported claims of abuse, entity who first responded to the claim, response time, percentage of those cases that were referred to SIU; and total funding including state, county, and local direct and indirect support. The report shall also specifically report by SIU the region covered by each SIU and the support each county and community contribute to the SIU. The report shall also include recommendations for changes in structure and practice that would increase SIU effectiveness or redirect these resources to alternative program models that better achieve the intended outcomes.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, third reading of the bill was ordered on a roll call, Yeas 28, Nays 1.

Senator Campbell having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

Roll Call

Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were: Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, Mazza, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Sears, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White.

The Senator who voted in the negative was: Pollina.

The Senator absent and not voting was: MacDonald.

Message from the House No. 52

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. H. Gwynn Zakov, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed House bills of the following titles:

H. 294. An act relating to approving amendments to the charter of the city of Montpelier.

H. 369. An act relating to health professionals regulated by the board of medical practice.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The House has considered joint resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

J.R.S. 26. Joint resolution strongly reaffirming the general assembly's enthusiastic support for the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers' conversion of the Lamoille Valley Railroad rail bed into a four-season recreational trail and alternative transportation path.

And has adopted the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

Proposals of Amendment; Consideration Postponed

H. 436.

Senator Cummings, for the Committee on Finance, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to tax changes, including income taxes, property taxes, economic development credits, health care-related tax provisions, and miscellaneous tax provisions.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 32 V.S.A. § 3113b, in the last sentence, by striking out the word “second” and inserting in lieu thereof the word third, and after the following: “15 V.S.A. § 792” by inserting the following: and the offset of lottery winnings for restitution pursuant to 13 V.S.A. § 7043

Second: By inserting a new section to be Sec. 3a to read as follows:

Sec. 3a. 32 V.S.A. § 5823(a)(8) is added to read:

(8) The amount paid by the state of Vermont pursuant to chapter 181 of Title 20 to the extent that such amount is included in the federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for the taxable year.

Third: In Sec. 12, Examination of Renewable Energy Property Tax Issues, in subsection (b), by striking the designation “(1)” in subdivision (1) and by striking out subdivisions (2)–(7) in their entirety.

Fourth: By inserting a new section to be numbered Sec. 13a to read as follows:

Sec. 13a. 32 V.S.A. § 3757(a) is amended to read:

(a) Land which has been classified as agricultural land or managed forest land pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to a land use change tax either upon the development of that land, as defined in section 3752 of this chapter, or two years after the issuance of all permits legally required for any action constituting development. Said tax shall be at the rate of 20 percent of the full fair market value of the changed land determined without regard to the use value appraisal; or the tax shall be at the rate of 10 percent if the owner demonstrates to the satisfaction of the director that the parcel has been enrolled continuously more than 10 years. If changed land is a portion of a parcel, the fair market value of the changed land shall be the fair market value of the changed land prorated on the basis of acreage, divided by the common level of appraisal. Such fair market value shall be determined as of the date the land is no longer eligible for use value appraisal. This tax shall be in addition to the annual property tax imposed upon such property. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require payment of an additional land use change tax upon the subsequent development of the same land, nor shall it be construed to require payment of a land use change tax merely because previously eligible land becomes ineligible, provided no development of the land has occurred.

Fifth: By inserting a new section to be numbered Sec. 13b to read as follows:

Sec. 13b. 32 V.S.A. § 6066(i) is added to read:

(i) Adjustments under subsection (a) of this section shall be calculated without regard to any exemption under section 3802(11) of this title.

Sixth: By inserting a new section to be numbered Sec. 13c to read as follows:

Sec. 13c. 32 V.S.A. § 5401(12) is amended to read:

(12) "Excess spending" means:

(A) the per equalized pupil amount of:

(i) the district's education spending, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6), plus any amount required to be added from a capital construction reserve fund under 24 V.S.A. § 2804(b); ~~minus~~

~~(ii) the portion of education spending which is approved school capital construction spending or deposited into a reserve fund under 24 V.S.A. § 2804 to pay future approved school capital construction costs, including that portion of tuition paid to an independent school designated as the public high school of the school district pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 827 for capital construction costs by the independent school which has received approval from the state board of education, using the processes for preliminary approval of public school construction costs pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 3448(a)(2); and minus~~

~~(iii) the portion of education spending attributable to the district's share of special education spending in excess of \$50,000.00 for any one student in the fiscal year occurring two years prior; and minus~~

~~(iv) a budget deficit in a district that pays tuition to a public school for all of its students in one or more grades in any year in which the deficit is solely attributable to tuition paid for one or more new students who moved into the district after the budget for the year creating the deficit was passed;~~

(B) in excess of 125 percent of the statewide average district education spending per equalized pupil in the prior fiscal year, as determined by the commissioner of education on or before November 15 of each year based on the passed budgets to date.

Seventh: By inserting a new section to be numbered Sec. 13d to read as follows:

Sec. 13d. 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6) is amended to read:

(6) “Education spending” means the amount of the school district budget, any assessment for a joint contract school, technical center payments made on behalf of the district under subsection 1561(b) of this title, and any amount added to pay a deficit pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1523(b) which is paid for by the school district, but excluding any portion of the school budget paid for from any other sources such as endowments, parental fund raising, federal funds, nongovernmental grants, or other state funds such as special education funds paid under chapter 101 of this title.

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(B) For purposes of calculating excess spending pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5401(12), “education spending” shall not include:

(i) Spending during the budget year for approved school capital construction for a project that received preliminary approval under section 3448 of this title, including interest paid on the debt; provided the district shall not be reimbursed or otherwise receive state construction aid for the approved school capital construction.

(ii) For a project that received final approval for state construction aid under chapter 123 of this title:

(I) Spending for approved school capital construction during the budget year that represents the district’s share of the project, including interest paid on the debt;

(II) Payment during the budget year of interest on funds borrowed under subdivision 563(21) of this title in anticipation of receiving state aid for the project.

(iii) Spending that is approved school capital construction spending or deposited into a reserve fund under 24 V.S.A. § 2804 to pay future approved school capital construction costs, including that portion of tuition paid to an independent school designated as the public high school of the school district pursuant to section 827 of this title for capital construction costs by the independent school that has received approval from the state board of education, using the processes for preliminary approval of public school construction costs pursuant to subdivision 3448(a)(2) of this title.

(iv) Spending attributable to the cost of planning the merger of a small school, which for purposes of this subdivision means a school with an average grade size of 20 or fewer students, with one or more other schools.

(v) Spending attributable to the district's share of special education spending in excess of \$50,000.00 for any one student in the fiscal year occurring two years prior.

(vi) A budget deficit in a district that pays tuition to a public school or an approved independent school or both for all of its resident students in any year in which the deficit is solely attributable to tuition paid for one or more new students who moved into the district after the budget for the year creating the deficit was passed.

(vii) For a district that pays tuition for all of its resident students and into which additional students move after the end of the census period defined in subdivision (1)(A) of this section, the number of students that exceeds the district's most recent average daily membership and for whom the district will pay tuition in the subsequent year multiplied by the district's average rate of tuition paid in that year.

Eighth: By striking out Sec. 15, 24 V.S.A. § 1894(a)(2) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 15 to read as follows:

Sec. 15. 32 V.S.A. § 5404a(1) is amended to read:

(1) ~~The state auditor of accounts shall review and audit all active tax increment financing districts every three years.~~

(1) Audits of a tax increment financing district under this subsection shall be performed only if the total value of the education tax increment is projected to exceed \$1,000,000. Notwithstanding this threshold, the department of taxes or the Vermont economic progress council shall retain the authority to require an independent audit firm to conduct an audit of any tax increment financing district.

(2) An audit of a tax increment financing district under this subsection shall be conducted by an independent audit firm hired by a municipality and paid for by the municipality, and the amount paid for the audit shall be considered a "related cost" as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 1981(6). An audit of a tax increment financing district may be incorporated into a regular comprehensive municipal audit conducted by an independent firm.

(3) An audit of a tax increment financing district that exceeds the threshold established in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be performed at three separate stages, may be incorporated into a regular comprehensive municipal audit conducted by an independent firm, and shall include the following:

(A) At completion of construction of public infrastructure improvements or five years after the commencement of construction,

whichever is earlier, an audit shall be performed and the audit shall, at a minimum, validate that expenditures were for public infrastructure improvements approved by the Vermont economic progress council;

(B) Halfway through the debt repayment period, an audit shall be performed and shall, at a minimum, confirm that appropriate amounts of incremental tax revenue were retained and that those amounts were utilized to pay for authorized debt;

(C) Upon termination of the tax increment financing district, an audit shall be performed and shall, at a minimum, confirm that appropriate amounts of incremental tax revenue were retained for the second half of the debt repayment period and that those amounts were utilized to pay for authorized debt and shall validate that any excess education tax increment was distributed to the education fund in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 1900. Incremental tax revenue retained by the municipality that was not used to repay debt or to pay for improvements in the tax increment financing district shall be returned to the requisite taxing authority.

(4) The municipality shall share the results of the audits required under this subsection with the office of the auditor of accounts, the department of taxes, and the Vermont economic progress council.

(5) The provisions of this section shall not apply to audits initiated by the auditor of accounts prior to the passage of this act. Municipalities with tax increment financing districts that have been subject to audit by the auditor of accounts are responsible only for those parts of the audits under this subsection that were not addressed by the auditor of accounts.

Ninth: By inserting a new section to be numbered Sec. 17a to read as follows:

Sec. 17a. 32 V.S.A. 5930y(b) is amended to read:

(b) A credit against the income tax liability is available as follows:

(1) A credit of two percent of the wages paid in the taxable year by an employer for services performed in the designated counties associated with the manufacture of finished wood products. The credit shall be available to the employer in any year the counties qualify and for one year after a qualification ends. For purposes of this section, “finished wood products” means wood products that are manufactured into the form in which they are offered for sale to consumers.

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Tenth: In Sec. 24, 33 V.S.A. § 1953(a), in subdivision (1), by striking out the word “budgeted” and removing the striking from the word “full”, and by

striking out the words “approved by” and removing the striking from the words “reported to”

Eleventh: In Sec. 27, 32 V.S.A. § 7771, in subsection (d), by striking out the following: “125.5” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 162, and in Sec. 27a, 32 V.S.A. § 7814(b), in subdivision (b), by striking out the following: “\$0.25” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: \$1.00

Twelfth: In Sec. 28, 8 V.S.A. § 40891(a), in subdivision (1), by striking out the following: “0.80” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “0.65”

Thirteenth: In Sec. 28, 8 V.S.A. § 40891, in subsection (c)(1), after the following: “hospital indemnity,” in the third sentence, by striking out the following: “dental care,”

Fourteenth: By inserting a new section to be numbered Sec. 32a to read as follows:

Sec. 32a. 33 V.S.A. § 2503(e) is amended to read:

(e) Fuel sellers, which are regulated “companies” as defined in ~~subsection 30 V.S.A. § 201(a) of Title 30,~~ which provide conservation programs that meet the goals of the weatherization program in a manner approved by the public service board, and which enhance the weatherization program’s capacity to serve low income households may be eligible for rebates from the fuel gross receipts tax imposed under this section. To establish rebate eligibility, such a company shall file with the public service board, on or before August 15 of each year, a request for approval of rebates based on the company’s activities during the prior fiscal year. The public service board shall make a determination of the amount of rebate for each applicant on or before January 15 of each year, and such amount shall be rebated by the state economic opportunity office under the provisions of subsection (g) of this section. The public service board shall authorize rebates equal to the expenditures undertaken by the regulated utilities provided that such expenditures were prudently incurred and cost-effective, that they provided weatherization services following a comprehensive energy audit and work plan, except in cases where the fuel seller and weatherization staff jointly conclude that the need for weatherization services can be determined without a comprehensive energy audit, and that they were targeted to households ~~at or below 150 percent of the federally established poverty guidelines~~ that meet the eligibility criteria for low income weatherization services as determined by the office of economic opportunity.

Fifteenth: In Sec. 36, 32 V.S.A. § 9743, in subdivision (7), by striking out the following: “subdivisions (3) and (5)” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: subdivision (3)

Sixteenth: By inserting a new section to be numbered Sec. 36a to read as follows:

Sec. 36a. 32 V.S.A. § 9783 is added to read:

§ 9783. NOTICE OF USE TAX DUE

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “De minimis online auction website” means an online auction website that facilitated total gross sales in Vermont in the prior calendar year of less than \$100,000.00 and reasonably expects to facilitate total gross sales in Vermont in the current calendar year of less than \$100,000.00.

(2) “De minimis retailer” means any noncollecting retailer that made total gross sales in Vermont in the prior calendar year of less than \$100,000.00 and reasonably expects total gross sales in Vermont in the current calendar year to be less than \$100,000.00.

(3) “Noncollecting retailer” means any retailer not currently registered to collect and remit Vermont sales and use tax who makes sales of tangible personal property, services, and products transferred electronically from a place of business outside Vermont to be shipped to Vermont for use, storage, or consumption and who is not required to collect Vermont sales or use taxes.

(4) “Online auction website” means a collection of web pages on the Internet that allows any person to display tangible personal property, services, or products transferred electronically for sale which is purchased through a competitive process in which a participant places a bid, with the highest bidder purchasing the property, service, or product when the bidding period ends.

(5) “Vermont purchaser” means any purchaser who purchases tangible personal property, services, or products transferred electronically to be shipped or transferred to Vermont.

(b) Each noncollecting retailer shall give notice that Vermont use tax is due on nonexempt purchases of tangible personal property, services, or products transferred electronically and shall be paid by the Vermont purchaser. The notice in this subsection shall be readily visible and contain the information as follows:

(1) The noncollecting retailer is not required and does not collect Vermont sales and use tax;

(2) The purchase is subject to state use tax unless it is specifically exempt from taxation;

(3) The purchase is not exempt merely because the purchase is made over the Internet, by catalogue, or by other remote means;

(4) The state requires each Vermont purchaser to report any purchase that was not taxed and to pay tax on the purchase. The tax may be reported and paid on the Vermont use tax form; and

(5) The use tax form and corresponding instructions are available on the department of taxes website.

(c) Notice requirements.

(1) The notice required by subsection (b) of this section to be displayed on a website shall occur on a page necessary to facilitate the applicable transaction. The notice shall be sufficient if the noncollecting retailer provides a prominent linking notice that reads as follows: "See important Vermont sales and use tax information regarding the tax you may owe directly to the state of Vermont." The prominent linking notice shall direct the purchaser to the principal notice information required by subsection (b) of this section.

(2) The notice required in a catalogue by subsection (b) of this section shall be part of the order form. The notice shall be sufficient if the noncollecting retailer provides a prominent reference to a supplemental page that reads as follows: "See important Vermont sales and use tax information regarding the tax you may owe directly to the state of Vermont on page . ." The notice on the order form shall direct the purchaser to the page that includes the principal notice required by subsection (b) of this section.

(3) For any Internet purchase made pursuant to this section, the invoice notice shall occur on the electronic order confirmation. The notice shall be sufficient if the noncollecting retailer provides a prominent linking notice that reads as follows: "See important Vermont sales and use tax information regarding the tax you may owe directly to the state of Vermont." The invoice notice link shall direct the purchaser to the principal notice required by subsection (b) of this section. If the noncollecting retailer does not issue an electronic order confirmation, the complete notice shall be placed on the purchase order, bill, receipt, sales slip, order form, or packing statement.

(4) For any catalogue or telephone purchase made pursuant to this section, the complete notice required by subsection (b) of this section shall be placed on the purchase order, bill, receipt, sales slip, order form, or packing statement.

(5) For any Internet purchase made pursuant to this section, notice on the check-out page fulfills simultaneously both the website and invoice notice requirements of subdivisions (1) and (3) of this subsection. The notice shall be sufficient if the noncollecting retailer provides a prominent linking notice that reads as follows: "See important Vermont sales and use tax information regarding the tax you may owe directly to the state of Vermont." The

check-out page notice link shall direct the purchaser to the principal notice required by subsection (b) of this section.

(d) Exemptions and limitations.

(1) If a retailer is required to provide a similar notice for another state in addition to Vermont, the retailer may provide a consolidated notice so long as the notice includes the information contained in subsection (b) of this section, specifically references Vermont, and meets the placement requirements of this section.

(2) A noncollecting retailer may not state or display or imply that no tax is due on any Vermont purchase unless the display is accompanied by the notice required by subsection (b) of this section each time the display appears. If a summary of the transaction includes a line designated "sales tax" and shows the amount of sales tax as zero, this constitutes a display implying that no tax is due on the purchase. This display shall be accompanied by the notice required by subsection (b) of this section each time it appears.

(3) Notwithstanding the limitation in this section, if a noncollecting retailer knows that a purchase is exempt from Vermont tax pursuant to Vermont law, the noncollecting retailer may display or indicate that no sales or use tax is due even if the display is not accompanied by the notice required by subsection (b) of this section.

(4) With the exception of notification on an invoice, the provisions of this section apply to online auction websites.

(5) A de minimis retailer and a de minimis online auction website are exempt from the notice requirements provided by this section.

(6) No criminal penalty or civil liability may be applied or assessed for failure to comply with the provisions of this section.

Seventeenth: By inserting a new section to be numbered Sec. 36b to read as follows:

Sec. 36b. LINK-BASED USE TAX RETURNS

The department of taxes shall evaluate the feasibility of providing a voluntary Internet-based use tax reporting and payment system in conjunction with the notice required under Sec. 36a of this act. The department of taxes shall communicate its findings to the senate committee on finance and the house committee on ways and means by memorandum no later than January 15, 2012.

Eighteenth: By inserting a new section to be numbered Sec. 36c to read as follows:

Sec. 36c. REPEAL

Sec. H.6 of No. 1 of the Acts of 2009 (Sp. Sess.) (transition to department of revenue) is repealed.

Nineteenth: By inserting a new section to be numbered Sec. 36d to read as follows:

Sec. 36d. 7 V.S.A. § 422 is amended to read:

§ 422. TAX ON SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR

A tax of 25 percent of the gross revenues is assessed on the gross revenue on the retail sale of spirituous liquor, including fortified wine, sold by or through the liquor control board or sold by a manufacturer or rectifier of spirituous liquor in accordance with the provisions of this title. The tax shall be at the following rates based on the gross revenue of the retail sales by the seller in the previous year:

(1) if the gross revenue of the seller is \$250,000.00 or lower a year, the rate of tax is five percent;

(2) if the gross revenue of the seller is between \$250,000.00 and \$450,000.00, the rate of tax is \$12,500.00 plus 15 percent of gross revenues over \$200,000.00;

(3) if the gross revenue of the seller is over \$450,000.00, the rate of tax is 25 percent.

Twentieth: By adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 36e to read as follows:

Sec. 36e. TAXPAYER OUTREACH EDUCATION

The department of taxes shall develop a plan for education outreach to taxpayers in specific classes to insure that taxpayers in those classes are aware of their obligations under law.

Twenty-first: By striking out Sec. 30, Data Collection for Provider Taxes, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 30 to read as follows:

Sec. 30. DATA COLLECTION FOR PROVIDER TAXES

The secretary of administration shall develop systems to identify and collect the data necessary to administer any health-care-related tax under 42 C.F.R. part 433.50 et seq. that is permitted by federal law but that Vermont does not currently levy, including an analysis of the base to which such a tax would apply and mechanisms for collection.

Twenty-second: In Sec. 37 (Effective Dates), in subdivision (4), after “(definition of household income)” by inserting the following: and Sec. 13b (veteran’s exemption adjustment), and by striking out the following: “tax year” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: claim year

Twenty-third: In Sec. 37 (Effective Dates), in subdivision (7), before “22” by striking out the following: “Sec.” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: Secs., and after “(cigar tax)” by inserting the following: , 36a (sales and use tax notification), 36b (link-based use tax reporting), and 36d (tax in spirits)

Twenty-fourth: In Sec. 37 (Effective Dates) by adding a new subdivision (11) to read as follows:

(11) Sec. 13a shall take effect on January 1, 2012.

Twenty-fifth: In Sec. 37 (Effective Dates) by adding a new subdivision (12) to read as follows:

(12) Secs. 13c and 13d of this act shall take effect on passage and shall apply to tax rates calculated for fiscal year 2012 school budgets and after.

And that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with such proposals of amendment.

Thereupon, the pending question, Shall the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as proposed by the Committee on Finance?, Senator Sears requested that the question be divided and that the *eleventh* proposal of amendment be voted on separately.

Thereupon, the question, Shall the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in the *first* through the *tenth* and *twelfth* through *twenty-fifth* proposals of amendment?, which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the *eleventh* proposal of amendment was disagreed to on a roll call, Yeas 14, Nays 16.

Senator Baruth having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

Roll Call

Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were: Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Campbell, Cummings, Fox, Galbraith, Kittell, MacDonald, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Pollina, Westman.

Those Senators who voted in the negative were: Benning, Brock, Carris, Doyle, Flory, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Lyons, Mazza, Nitka, Sears, Snelling, Starr, White.

Thereupon, pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? consideration of the bill was postponed.

Recess

On motion of Senator Campbell the Senate recessed until the fall of the gavel.

Called to Order

At four o'clock and fifty-five minutes the Senate was called to order by the President.

Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment**H. 26.**

House bill of the following title was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment:

An act relating to limiting the application of fertilizer containing phosphorus or nitrogen to nonagricultural turf.

Consideration Postponed**H. 426.**

Senator Ayer, for the Committee on Health and Welfare, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to extending the state's reporting concerning transportation of children in state custody and transportation of individuals in the custody of the commissioner of mental health.

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Thereupon, pending the question, Shall the bill be read the third time?, on motion of Senator Ayer, consideration of the bill was postponed.

Proposal of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered**H. 411.**

Senator Baruth, for the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to the application of Act 250 to agricultural fairs.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in, Sec. 2, 10 V.S.A. § 6001(34), by striking out subparagraph (C) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subparagraph (C) to read as follows:

(C) conducting contests, displays, and demonstrations designed to advance farming, advance the local food economy, or train or educate farmers, youth, or the public regarding agriculture.

And that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with such proposal of amendment.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and the proposal of amendment was agreed to, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Rules Suspended; Third Reading Ordered**H. 442.**

Appearing on entry on the Calendar for notice, on motion of Senator Carris, the rules were suspended and House bill entitled:

An act relating to amending the charter of the city of Rutland.

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

Senator Flory, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which the bill was referred, reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Rules Suspended; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered**H. 38.**

Appearing on the Calendar for notice, on motion of Senator Carris, the rules were suspended and Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to ensuring educational continuity for children of military families.

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

Senator Mullin, for the Committee on Education, to which the bill was referred, reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. chapter 19 is added to read:

CHAPTER 19. INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

§ 806. PURPOSE – ARTICLE I

It is the purpose of this compact to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents by:

A. Facilitating the timely enrollment of children of military families and ensuring that they are not placed at a disadvantage due to difficulty in the transfer of education records from the previous school district or variations in entrance or age requirements.

B. Facilitating the student placement process through which children of military families are not disadvantaged by variations in attendance requirements, scheduling, sequencing, grading, course content, or assessment.

C. Facilitating the qualification and eligibility for enrollment, educational programs, and participation in extracurricular academic, athletic, and social activities.

D. Facilitating the on-time graduation of children of military families.

E. Providing for the promulgation and enforcement of administrative rules implementing the provisions of this compact.

F. Providing for the uniform collection and sharing of information between and among member states, schools, and military families under this compact.

G. Promoting coordination between this compact and other compacts affecting military children.

H. Promoting flexibility and cooperation between the educational system, parents and the student in order to achieve educational success for the student.

§ 806a. DEFINITIONS – ARTICLE II

As used in this compact, unless the context clearly requires a different construction:

A. “Active duty” means: full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Chapter 1209 and 1211.

B. “Children of military families” means: a school-aged child or children, enrolled in Kindergarten through Twelfth (12th) grade, in the household of an active duty member.

C. “Compact commissioner” means: the voting representative of each compacting state appointed pursuant to Article VIII of this compact.

D. “Deployment” means: the period one (1) month prior to the service members’ departure from their home station on military orders though six (6) months after return to their home station.

E. “Education(al) records” means: those official records, files, and data directly related to a student and maintained by the school or local education agency, including but not limited to records encompassing all the material kept in the student’s cumulative folder such as general identifying data, records of attendance and of academic work completed, records of achievement and results of evaluative tests, health data, disciplinary status, test protocols, and individualized education programs.

F. “Extracurricular activities” means: a voluntary activity sponsored by the school or local education agency or an organization sanctioned by the local education agency. Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to, preparation for and involvement in public performances, contests, athletic competitions, demonstrations, displays, and club activities.

G. “Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children” means: the commission that is created under Article IX of this compact, which is generally referred to as Interstate Commission.

H. “Local education agency” means: a public authority legally constituted by the state as an administrative agency to provide control of and direction for Kindergarten through Twelfth (12th) grade public educational institutions.

I. “Member state” means: a state that has enacted this compact.

J. “Military installation” means: a base, camp, post, station, yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or other activity under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, including any leased facility, which is located within any of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Marianas Islands and any other U.S. Territory. Such term does not include any facility used primarily for civil works, rivers and harbors projects, or flood control projects.

K. “Nonmember state” means: a state that has not enacted this compact.

L. “Receiving state” means: the state to which a child of a military family is sent, brought, or caused to be sent or brought.

M. “Rule” means: a written statement by the Interstate Commission promulgated pursuant to Article XII of this compact that is of general applicability, implements, interprets, or prescribes a policy or provision of the compact, or an organizational, procedural, or practice requirement of the Interstate Commission, and has the force and effect of a rule promulgated under the Vermont Administrative Procedure Act as found in 3 V.S.A. chapter 25, and includes the amendment, repeal, or suspension of an existing rule.

N. “Sending state” means: the state from which a child of a military family is sent, brought, or caused to be sent or brought.

O. “State” means: a state of the United States, the District 1 of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Marianas Islands and any other U.S. Territory.

P. “Student” means: the child of a military family for whom the local education agency receives public funding and who is formally enrolled in Kindergarten through Twelfth (12th) grade.

Q. “Transition” means: 1) the formal and physical process of transferring from school to school or 2) the period of time in which a student moves from one school in the sending state to another school in the receiving state.

R. “Uniformed service” means: the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Services.

S. “Veteran” means: a person who served in the uniformed services and who was discharged or released there from under conditions other than dishonorable.

§ 806b. APPLICABILITY – ARTICLE III

A. Except as otherwise provided in Section B, this compact shall apply to the children of:

1. active duty members of the uniformed services as defined in this compact, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Chapter 1209 and 1211;

2. members or veterans of the uniformed services who are severely injured and medically discharged or retired for a period of one (1) year after medical discharge or retirement; and

3. members of the uniformed services who die on active duty or as a result of injuries sustained on active duty for a period of one (1) year after death.

B. The provisions of this interstate compact shall only apply to local education agencies as defined in this compact.

C. The provisions of this compact shall not apply to the children of:

1. inactive members of the national guard and military reserves;

2. members of the uniformed services now retired, except as provided in Section A;

3. veterans of the uniformed services, except as provided in Section A;
and

4. other U.S. Dept. of Defense personnel and other federal agency civilian and contract employees not defined as active duty members of the uniformed services.

§ 806c. EDUCATIONAL RECORDS AND ENROLLMENT – ARTICLE IV

A. Unofficial or “hand-carried” education records – In the event that official education records cannot be released to the parents for the purpose of transfer, the custodian of the records in the sending state shall prepare and furnish to the parent a complete set of unofficial educational records containing uniform information as determined by the Interstate Commission. Upon receipt of the unofficial education records by a school in the receiving state, the school shall enroll and appropriately place the student based on the information provided in the unofficial records pending validation by the official records, as quickly as possible.

B. Official education records and transcripts – Simultaneous with the enrollment and conditional placement of the student, the school in the receiving state shall request the student’s official education record from the school in the sending state. Upon receipt of this request, the school in the sending state will process and furnish the official education records to the school in the receiving state within ten (10) days or within such time as is reasonably determined under the rules promulgated by the Interstate Commission.

C. Immunizations – Compacting states shall give thirty (30) days from the date of enrollment or within such time as is reasonably determined under the rules promulgated by the Interstate Commission, for students to obtain any immunizations required by the receiving state. For a series of immunizations, initial vaccinations must be obtained within thirty (30) days or within such

time as is reasonably determined under the rules promulgated by the Interstate Commission.

D. Kindergarten and first grade entrance age – Students shall be allowed to continue their enrollment at grade level in the receiving state commensurate with their grade level (including Kindergarten) from a local education agency in the sending state at the time of transition, regardless of age. A student that has satisfactorily completed the prerequisite grade level in the local education agency in the sending state shall be eligible for enrollment in the next highest grade level in the receiving state, regardless of age. A student transferring after the start of the school year in the receiving state shall enter the school in the receiving state on their validated level from an accredited school in the sending state.

§ 806d. PLACEMENT AND ATTENDANCE – ARTICLE V

A. Course placement – When the student transfers before or during the school year, the receiving state school shall initially honor placement of the student in educational courses based on the student’s enrollment in the sending state school or educational assessments conducted at the school in the sending state if the courses are offered or both. Course placement includes but is not limited to Honors, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, vocational, technical and career pathways courses. Continuing the student’s academic program from the previous school and promoting placement in academically and career challenging courses should be paramount when considering placement. This does not preclude the school in the receiving state from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement and continued enrollment of the student in the courses.

B. Educational program placement – The receiving state school shall initially honor placement of the student in educational programs based on current educational assessments conducted at the school in the sending state or participation or placement in like programs in the sending state. Such programs include, but are not limited to: 1) gifted and talented programs; and 2) English as a second language (ESL). This does not preclude the school in the receiving state from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement of the student.

C. Special education services – 1) In compliance with the federal requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C.A. Section 1400 et seq., the receiving state shall initially provide comparable services to a student with disabilities based on his or her current Individualized Education Program (IEP); and 2) in compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C.A. Section 794, and with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C.A.

Sections 12131-12165, the receiving state shall make reasonable accommodations and modifications to address the needs of incoming students with disabilities, subject to an existing 504 or Title II Plan, to provide the student with equal access to education. This does not preclude the school in the receiving state from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement of the student.

D. Placement flexibility – Local education agency administrative officials shall have flexibility in waiving course and program prerequisites, or other preconditions for placement in courses and programs offered under the jurisdiction of the local education agency.

E. Absence as related to deployment activities – A student whose parent or legal guardian is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined by the compact, and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting, shall be granted additional excused absences at the discretion of the local education agency superintendent to visit with his or her parent or legal guardian relative to such leave or deployment of the parent or guardian.

§ 806e. ELIGIBILITY – ARTICLE VI

A. Eligibility for enrollment.

1. Special power of attorney, relative to the guardianship of a child of a military family and executed under applicable law shall be sufficient for the purposes of enrollment and all other actions requiring parental participation and consent.

2. A local education agency shall be prohibited from charging local tuition to a transitioning military child placed in the care of a noncustodial parent or other person standing in loco parentis who lives in a jurisdiction other than that of the custodial parent.

3. A transitioning military child, placed in the care of a noncustodial parent or other person standing in loco parentis who lives in a jurisdiction other than that of the custodial parent, may continue to attend the school in which he or she was enrolled while residing with the custodial parent.

B. Eligibility for extracurricular participation – State and local education agencies shall facilitate the opportunity for transitioning military children's inclusion in extracurricular activities, regardless of application deadlines, to the extent they are otherwise qualified.

§ 806f. GRADUATION – ARTICLE VII

In order to facilitate the on-time graduation of children of military families states and local education agencies shall incorporate the following procedures:

A. Waiver requirements – Local education agency administrative officials shall waive specific courses required for graduation if similar course work has been satisfactorily completed in another local education agency or shall provide reasonable justification for denial. Should a waiver not be granted to a student who would qualify to graduate from the sending school, the local education agency shall provide an alternative means of acquiring required coursework so that graduation may occur on time.

B. Exit exams – States shall accept: 1) exit or end-of-course exams required for graduation from the sending state; or 2) national norm-referenced achievement tests; or 3) alternative testing, in lieu of testing requirements for graduation in the receiving state. In the event the above alternatives cannot be accommodated by the receiving state for a student transferring in his or her senior year, then the provisions of Article VII, Section C shall apply.

C. Transfers during senior year – Should a military student transferring at the beginning or during his or her senior year be ineligible to graduate from the receiving local education agency after all alternatives have been considered, the sending and receiving local education agencies shall ensure the receipt of a diploma from the sending local education agency, if the student meets the graduation requirements of the sending local education agency. In the event that one of the states in question is not a member of this compact, the member state shall use best efforts to facilitate the on-time graduation of the student in accordance with Sections A and B of this Article.

§ 806g. STATE COORDINATION – ARTICLE VIII

A. Each member state shall, through the creation of a State Council or use of an existing body or board, provide for the coordination among its agencies of government, local education agencies, and military installations concerning the state's participation in, and compliance with, this compact and Interstate Commission activities. While each member state may determine the membership of its own State Council, its membership must include at least: the state superintendent of education, superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children, representative from a military installation, one representative each from the legislative and executive branches of government, and other offices and stakeholder groups the State Council deems appropriate. A member state that does not have a school district deemed to contain a high concentration of military children may appoint a superintendent from another school district to represent local education agencies on the State Council.

B. The State Council of each member state shall appoint or designate a military family education liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of this compact.

C. The compact commissioner responsible for the administration and management of the state's participation in the compact shall be appointed by the Governor or as otherwise determined by each member state.

D. The compact commissioner and the military family education liaison designated herein shall be ex-officio members of the State Council, unless either is already a full voting member of the State Council.

§ 806h. INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN – ARTICLE IX

The member states hereby create the “Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.” The activities of the Interstate Commission are the formation of public policy and are a discretionary state function. The Interstate Commission shall:

A. Be a body corporate and joint agency of the member states and shall have all the responsibilities, powers and duties set forth herein, and such additional powers as may be conferred upon it by a subsequent concurrent action of the respective legislatures of the member states in accordance with the terms of this compact.

B. Consist of one Interstate Commission voting representative from each member state who shall be that state's compact commissioner.

1. Each member state represented at a meeting of the Interstate Commission is entitled to one vote.

2. A majority of the total member states shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, unless a larger quorum is required by the bylaws of the Interstate Commission.

3. A representative shall not delegate a vote to another member state. In the event the compact commissioner is unable to attend a meeting of the Interstate Commission, the Governor or State Council may delegate voting authority to another person from their state for a specified meeting.

4. The bylaws may provide for meetings of the Interstate Commission to be conducted by telecommunication or electronic communication.

C. Consist of ex-officio, nonvoting representatives who are members of interested organizations. Such ex-officio members, as defined in the bylaws, may include but not be limited to, members of the representative organizations of military family advocates, local education agency officials, parent and

teacher groups, the U.S. Department of Defense, the Education Commission of the States, the Interstate Agreement on the Qualification of Educational Personnel and other interstate compacts affecting the education of children of military members.

D. Meet at least once each calendar year. The chairperson may call additional meetings and, upon the request of a simple majority of the member states, shall call additional meetings.

E. Establish an executive committee, whose members shall include the officers of the Interstate Commission and such other members of the Interstate Commission as determined by the bylaws. Members of the executive committee shall serve a one-year term. Members of the executive committee shall be entitled to one vote each. The executive committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the Interstate Commission, with the exception of rulemaking, during periods when the Interstate Commission is not in session. The executive committee shall oversee the day-to-day activities of the administration of the compact including enforcement and compliance with the provisions of the compact, its bylaws and rules, and other such duties as deemed necessary. The U.S. Dept. of Defense, shall serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the executive committee.

F. Establish bylaws and rules that provide for conditions and procedures under which the Interstate Commission shall make its information and official records available to the public for inspection or copying. The Interstate Commission may exempt from disclosure information or official records to the extent they would adversely affect personal privacy rights or proprietary interests.

G. Give public notice of all meetings and all meetings shall be open to the public, except as set forth in the rules or as otherwise provided in the compact. The Interstate Commission and its committees may close a meeting, or portion thereof, where it determines by two-thirds vote that an open meeting would be likely to:

1. Relate solely to the Interstate Commission's internal personnel practices and procedures;

2. Disclose matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal and state statute;

3. Disclose trade secrets or commercial or financial information which is privileged or confidential;

4. Involve accusing a person of a crime, or formally censuring a person;

5. Disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

6. Disclose investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes; or

7. Specifically relate to the Interstate Commission's participation in a civil action or other legal proceeding.

H. Shall cause its legal counsel or designee to certify that a meeting may be closed and shall reference each relevant exemptible provision for any meeting, or portion of a meeting, which is closed pursuant to this provision. The Interstate Commission shall keep minutes which shall fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, and the reasons therefore, including a description of the views expressed and the record of a roll call vote. All documents considered in connection with an action shall be identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release by a majority vote of the Interstate Commission.

I. Shall collect standardized data concerning the educational transition of the children of military families under this compact as directed through its rules which shall specify the data to be collected, the means of collection and data exchange and reporting requirements. Such methods of data collection, exchange and reporting shall, in so far as is reasonably possible, conform to current technology and coordinate its information functions with the appropriate custodian of records as identified in the bylaws and rules.

J. Shall create a process that permits military officials, education officials and parents to inform the Interstate Commission if and when there are alleged violations of the compact or its rules or when issues subject to the jurisdiction of the compact or its rules are not addressed by the state or local education agency. This section shall not be construed to create a private right of action against the Interstate Commission, any member state, or any local education agency.

§ 806i. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION – ARTICLE X

The Interstate Commission shall have the following powers:

A. To provide for dispute resolution among member states.

B. To promulgate rules and take all necessary actions to effect the goals, purposes and obligations as enumerated in this compact. The rules shall have the force and effect of a rule promulgated under the Vermont Administrative

Procedure Act as found in 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 and shall be binding in the compact states to the extent and in the manner provided in this compact.

C. To issue, upon request of a member state, advisory opinions concerning the meaning or interpretation of the interstate compact, its bylaws, rules, and actions.

D. To monitor compliance with the compact provisions, the rules promulgated by the Interstate Commission, and the bylaws. Any action to enforce compliance with the compact provisions by the Interstate Commission shall be brought against a member state only.

E. To establish and maintain offices which shall be located within one or more of the member states.

F. To purchase and maintain insurance and bonds.

G. To borrow, accept, hire, or contract for services of personnel.

H. To establish and appoint committees including, but not limited to, an executive committee as required by Article IX, Section E, which shall have the power to act on behalf of the Interstate Commission in carrying out its powers and duties hereunder.

I. To elect or appoint such officers, attorneys, employees, agents, or consultants, and to fix their compensation, define their duties, and determine their qualifications; and to establish the Interstate Commission's personnel policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, rates of compensation, and qualifications of personnel.

J. To accept any and all donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services, and to receive, utilize, and dispose of it.

K. To lease, purchase, accept contributions or donations of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve or use any property, real, personal, or mixed.

L. To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property, real, personal or mixed.

M. To establish a budget and make expenditures.

N. To adopt a seal and bylaws governing the management and operation of the Interstate Commission.

O. To report annually to the legislatures, governors, judiciary, and state councils of the member states concerning the activities of the Interstate Commission during the preceding year. Such reports shall also include any recommendations that may have been adopted by the Interstate Commission.

P. To coordinate education, training, and public awareness regarding the compact, its implementation and operation for officials and parents involved in such activity.

Q. To establish uniform standards for the reporting, collecting, and exchanging of data.

R. To maintain corporate books and records in accordance with the bylaws.

S. To perform such functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact.

T. To provide for the uniform collection and sharing of information between and among member states, schools, and military families under this compact.

§ 806j. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION – ARTICLE XI

A. The Interstate Commission shall, by a majority of the members present and voting, within 12 months after the first Interstate Commission meeting, adopt bylaws to govern its conduct as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the compact, including, but not limited to:

1. Establishing the fiscal year of the Interstate Commission;

2. Establishing an executive committee, and such other committees as may be necessary;

3. Providing for the establishment of committees and for governing any general or specific delegation of authority or function of the Interstate Commission;

4. Providing reasonable procedures for calling and conducting meetings of the Interstate Commission, and ensuring reasonable notice of each such meeting;

5. Establishing the titles and responsibilities of the officers and staff of the Interstate Commission;

6. Providing a mechanism for concluding the operations of the Interstate Commission and the return of surplus funds that may exist upon the termination of the compact after the payment and reserving of all of its debts and obligations; and

7. Providing “start up” rules for initial administration of the compact.

B. The Interstate Commission shall, by a majority of the members, elect annually from among its members a chairperson, a vice chairperson, and a treasurer, each of whom shall have such authority and duties as may be

specified in the bylaws. The chairperson or, in the chairperson's absence or disability, the vice chairperson, shall preside at all meetings of the Interstate Commission. The officers so elected shall serve without compensation or remuneration from the Interstate Commission; provided that, subject to the availability of budgeted funds, the officers shall be reimbursed for ordinary and necessary costs and expenses incurred by them in the performance of their responsibilities as officers of the Interstate Commission.

C. Executive Committee, Officers, and Personnel.

1. The executive committee shall have such authority and duties as may be set forth in the bylaws, including but not limited to:

a. Managing the affairs of the Interstate Commission in a manner consistent with the bylaws and purposes of the Interstate Commission;

b. Overseeing an organizational structure within, and appropriate procedures for the Interstate Commission to provide for the creation of rules, operating procedures, and administrative and technical support functions; and

c. Planning, implementing, and coordinating communications and activities with other state, federal, and local government organizations in order to advance the goals of the Interstate Commission.

3. The executive committee may, subject to the approval of the Interstate Commission, appoint or retain an executive director for such period, upon such terms and conditions, and for such compensation, as the Interstate Commission may deem appropriate. The executive director shall serve as secretary to the Interstate Commission, but shall not be a Member of the Interstate Commission. The executive director shall hire and supervise such other persons as may be authorized by the Interstate Commission.

D. The Interstate Commission's executive director and its employees shall be immune from suit and liability, either personally or in their official capacity, for a claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused or arising out of or relating to an actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred, within the scope of Interstate Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided, that such person shall not be protected from suit or liability for damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the intentional or willful and wanton misconduct of such person.

1. The liability of the Interstate Commission's executive director and employees or Interstate Commission representatives, acting within the scope of such person's employment or duties for acts, errors, or omissions occurring within such person's state may not exceed the limits of liability set forth under the Constitution and laws of that state for state officials, employees, and

agents. The Interstate Commission is considered to be an instrumentality of the states for the purposes of any such action. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to protect such person from suit or liability for damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the intentional or willful and wanton misconduct of such person.

2. The Interstate Commission shall defend the executive director and its employees and, subject to the approval of the Attorney General or other appropriate legal counsel of the member state represented by an Interstate Commission representative, shall defend such Interstate Commission representative in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of an actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of Interstate Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that the defendant had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Interstate Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from intentional or willful and wanton misconduct on the part of such person.

3. To the extent not covered by the state involved, member state, or the Interstate Commission, the representatives or employees of the Interstate Commission shall be held harmless in the amount of a settlement or judgment, including attorney's fees and costs, obtained against such persons arising out of an actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of Interstate Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that such persons had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Interstate Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from intentional or willful and wanton misconduct on the part of such persons.

§ 806k. RULEMAKING FUNCTIONS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION – ARTICLE XII

A. Rulemaking Authority – The Interstate Commission shall promulgate reasonable rules in order to effectively and efficiently achieve the purposes of this Compact. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event the Interstate Commission exercises its rulemaking authority in a manner that is beyond the scope of the purposes of this Act, or the powers granted hereunder, then such an action by the Interstate Commission shall be invalid and have no force or effect.

B. Rulemaking Procedure – Rules shall be made pursuant to a rulemaking process that substantially conforms to the “Model State Administrative Procedure Act,” of 1981 Act, Uniform Laws Annotated, Vol. 15, p.1 (2000) as amended, as may be appropriate to the operations of the Interstate Commission.

C. Not later than thirty (30) days after a rule is promulgated, any person may file a petition for judicial review of the rule; provided, that the filing of such a petition shall not stay or otherwise prevent the rule from becoming effective unless the court finds that the petitioner has a substantial likelihood of success. The court shall give deference to the actions of the Interstate Commission consistent with applicable law and shall not find the rule to be unlawful if the rule represents a reasonable exercise of the Interstate Commission's authority.

D. If a majority of the legislatures of the compacting states rejects a rule by enactment of a statute or resolution in the same manner used to adopt the compact, then such rule shall have no further force and effect in any compacting state.

§ 8061. OVERSIGHT, ENFORCEMENT, AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION –
ARTICLE XIII

A. Oversight.

1. Each member state shall enforce this compact to effectuate the compact's purposes and intent. The provisions of this compact and the rules promulgated hereunder shall have standing as a rule promulgated under the Vermont Administrative Procedure Act as found in 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.

2. All courts shall take judicial notice of the compact and the rules in any judicial or administrative proceeding in a member state pertaining to the subject matter of this compact which may affect the powers, responsibilities, or actions of the Interstate Commission.

3. The Interstate Commission shall be entitled to receive all service of process in any such proceeding, and shall have standing to intervene in the proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide service of process to the Interstate Commission shall render a judgment or order void as to the Interstate Commission, this compact or promulgated rules.

B. Default, Technical Assistance, Suspension and Termination – If the Interstate Commission determines that a member state has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this compact, or the bylaws or promulgated rules, the Interstate Commission shall:

1. Provide written notice to the defaulting state and other member states, of the nature of the default, the means of curing the default and any action taken by the Interstate Commission. The Interstate Commission shall specify the conditions by which the defaulting state must cure its default.

2. Provide remedial training and specific technical assistance regarding the default.

3. If the defaulting state fails to cure the default, the defaulting state shall be terminated from the compact upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the member states and all rights, privileges and benefits conferred by this compact shall be terminated from the effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the offending state of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of the default.

4. Suspension or termination of membership in the compact shall be imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be given by the Interstate Commission to the Governor, the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting state's legislature, and each of the member states.

5. The state which has been suspended or terminated is responsible for all assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred through the effective date of suspension or termination, not to exceed \$100 per year as provided in Article XIV, Subsection E, of this chapter for each year that the state of Vermont is a member of the compact.

6. The Interstate Commission shall not bear any costs relating to any state that has been found to be in default or which has been suspended or terminated from the compact, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing between the Interstate Commission and the defaulting state.

7. The defaulting state may appeal the action of the Interstate Commission by petitioning the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Interstate Commission has its principal offices. The prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation including reasonable attorney's fees.

C. Dispute Resolution.

1. The Interstate Commission shall attempt, upon the request of a member state, to resolve disputes which are subject to the compact and which may arise among member states and between member and non-member states.

2. The Interstate Commission shall promulgate a rule providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes as appropriate.

§ 806m. FINANCING OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION –ARTICLE XIV

A. The Interstate Commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of the reasonable expenses of its establishment, organization and ongoing activities.

B. The Interstate Commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment from each member state to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the Interstate Commission and its staff which must be in a total

amount sufficient to cover the Interstate Commission's annual budget as approved each year. The aggregate annual assessment amount shall be allocated based upon a formula to be determined by the Interstate Commission, which shall promulgate a rule binding upon all member states.

C. The Interstate Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; nor shall the Interstate Commission pledge the credit of any of the member states, except by and with the authority of the member state.

D. The Interstate Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the Interstate Commission shall be subject to the audit and accounting procedures established under its bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the Interstate Commission shall be audited yearly by a certified or licensed public accountant and the report of the audit shall be included in and become part of the annual report of the Interstate Commission.

E. The Interstate Commission may not assess, levy, or collect from Vermont in its annual assessment more than \$100 per year. Other funding sources may be accepted and used to offset expenses related to the state's participation in the compact.

§ 806n. MEMBER STATES, EFFECTIVE DATE AND AMENDMENT – ARTICLE XV

A. Any state is eligible to become a member state.

B. The compact shall become effective and binding upon legislative enactment of the compact into law by no less than ten (10) of the states. The effective date shall be no earlier than December 1, 2007. Thereafter it shall become effective and binding as to any other member state upon enactment of the compact into law by that state. The governors of non-member states or their designees shall be invited to participate in the activities of the Interstate Commission on a non-voting basis prior to adoption of the compact by all states.

C. The Interstate Commission may propose amendments to the compact for enactment by the member states. No amendment shall become effective and binding upon the Interstate Commission and the member states unless and until it is enacted into law by unanimous consent of the member states.

§ 806o. WITHDRAWAL AND DISSOLUTION – ARTICLE XVI

A. Withdrawal.

1. Once effective, the compact shall continue in force and remain binding upon each and every member state; provided that a member state may

withdraw immediately from the compact by specifically repealing the statute which enacted the compact into law.

2. Withdrawal from this compact shall be by the enactment of a statute repealing the same.

3. The withdrawing state shall immediately notify the chairperson of the Interstate Commission in writing upon the introduction of legislation repealing this compact in the withdrawing state. The Interstate Commission shall notify the other member states of the withdrawing state's intent to withdraw within sixty (60) days of its receipt thereof.

4. The withdrawing state is responsible for all assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred through the effective date of withdrawal, not to exceed \$100 per year as provided in Article XIV, Subsection E, of this chapter for each year that the state of Vermont is a member of the compact.

5. Reinstatement following withdrawal of a member state shall occur upon the withdrawing state reenacting the compact or upon such later date as determined by the Interstate Commission.

B. Dissolution of Compact.

1. This compact shall dissolve effective upon the date of the withdrawal or default of the member state which reduces the membership in the compact to one (1) member state.

2. Upon the dissolution of this compact, the compact becomes null and void and shall be of no further force or effect, and the business and affairs of the Interstate Commission shall be concluded and surplus funds shall be distributed in accordance with the bylaws.

§ 806p. SEVERABILITY AND CONSTRUCTION – ARTICLE XVII

A. The provisions of this compact shall be severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision is deemed unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the compact shall be enforceable.

B. The provisions of this compact shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes.

C. Nothing in this compact shall be construed to prohibit the applicability of other interstate compacts to which the states are members.

§ 806q. BINDING EFFECT OF COMPACT AND OTHER LAWS – ARTICLE XVIII

A. Other Laws. Nothing herein prevents the enforcement of any other law of a member state.

B. Binding Effect of the Compact.

1. All lawful actions of the Interstate Commission, including all rules and bylaws promulgated by the Interstate Commission, are binding upon the member states.

2. All agreements between the Interstate Commission and the member states are binding in accordance with their terms.

3. In the event any provision of this compact exceeds the constitutional limits imposed on the legislature of any member state, such provision shall be ineffective to the extent of the conflict with the constitutional provision in question in that member state.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

And that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read:

An act relating to adopting the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children.

And that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with such proposals of amendment.

Senator Starr, for the Committee on Appropriations, to which the bill was referred, reported recommending that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with proposal of amendment as recommended by the Committee on Education.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, the recommendation of amendment was agreed to, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Recess

On motion of Senator Campbell the Senate recessed until seven o'clock.

Called to Order

At eight o'clock in the evening the Senate was called to order by the President.

Motion to Reconsider; Point of Order; Action to Reconsidered Rejected**H. 436.**

Assuring the Chair that she voted with the majority whereby the *eleventh* proposal of amendment was rejected, Senator Lyons moved that the Senate reconsider its action on House bill entitled:

An act relating to tax changes, including income taxes, property taxes, economic development credits, health care-related tax provisions, and miscellaneous tax provisions.

Thereupon, pending the question, Shall the Senate reconsider its action on H. 431 with respect to the *eleventh* proposal of amendment of the Committee on Finance?, Senator Pollina raised a point of order regarding the order of business.

The President ruled the point was not well taken as under Senate Rule 36 the President *pro tempore* may take matters out of order and as to the Senator from Chittenden as she had been recognized and moved that the rules be suspended so that she may reconsider her vote on H. 436, her motion was proper given she had requested suspension of the rules.

Thereupon, the recurring question, Shall the rules be suspended to reconsider action of the proposal of amendment?, which was disagreed to on a division of the Senate Yeas 21, Nays 8 (the requisite three fourths majority not having been attained).

Bill Not Taken Up For Immediate Consideration**H. 202.**

Pending entry on the Calendar for notice, House bill entitled:

An act relating to a universal and unified health system.

Senator Campbell, moved that the rules be suspended and the bill taken up for immediate consideration.

Which was disagreed to on a division of the Senate Yeas 20, Nays 8 (the requisite three fourths majority not having been attained).

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned until eight o'clock and thirty minutes in the morning.