

# House Calendar

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115th DAY OF THE ADJOURNED SESSION

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**ACTION CALENDAR**

**Action Postponed Until May 3, 2013**

**Senate Proposal of Amendment**

**H. 533**

An act relating to capital construction and state bonding

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

\* \* \* Capital Appropriations \* \* \*

Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$159,900,000.00 authorized in this act, no more than \$90,148,531.00 shall be appropriated in the first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the second year.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the biennium, any amendments to the appropriations or authorities granted in this act shall take the form of a Capital Construction and State Bonding Adjustment Bill. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unless otherwise indicated, all appropriations in this act are subject to capital budget adjustment.

Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

(a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services, and the Commissioner is authorized to direct funds appropriated in this section to the projects contained in this section; however, no project shall be canceled unless the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions are notified before that action is taken.

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2014:

<u>(1) Statewide, asbestos:</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
<u>(2) Statewide, building reuse and planning:</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
<u>(3) Statewide, contingency:</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
<u>(4) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>	<u>\$8,000,000.00</u>
<u>(5) Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs:</u>	<u>\$2,802,597.00</u>

- (6) Statewide, physical security enhancements: \$200,000.00
- (7) Burlington, 32 and 108 Cherry Street, HVAC and DDC controls upgrades and roof renovations: \$250,000.00
- (8) Montpelier, 133 State Street, foundation and parking lot restoration: \$1,450,000.00
- (9) Montpelier, capitol district heat plant:
  - (A) 122 State Street, construction: \$2,500,000.00
  - (B) 120 State Street, Loading Dock, parking reconfiguration: \$400,000.00
- (10) Southern State Correctional Facility, steamline replacement: \$600,000.00
- (11) Southern State Correctional Facility, copper waterline replacement: \$400,000.00
- (12) Montpelier, Capitol Complex Historic Preservation, major maintenance: \$200,000.00
- (13) NWSCF, roof and soffit replacement, A, B, and C wings: \$425,000.00
- (14) Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility, HVAC upgrades: \$400,000.00
- (15) Renovation and replacement of state-owned assets, Tropical Storm Irene:
  - (A) Vermont State Hospital, related projects: \$8,700,000.00
  - (B) Waterbury State Office Complex: \$21,200,000.00
  - (C) National Life: \$4,100,000.00

(D) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, allocations in this subdivision shall be used only to fund the projects described in this subdivision (15). However, if costs associated with these projects exceed the amount allocated in this subdivision, the Commissioner, in consultation with the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions, may transfer funds from other projects in this section.

(E) For the purpose of allowing the Department of Buildings and General Services to enter into contractual agreements and complete work on the projects described in this subdivision (15) as soon as possible, it is the

intent of the General Assembly that these are committed funds.

(F) A special committee consisting of the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions (“Special Committee”) is hereby established. If there are any material changes to the planning or funding of the Waterbury State Office Complex, the Special Committee shall meet to review and approve these changes at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Joint Fiscal Committee or at an emergency meeting called by the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, the Senate Committee on Institutions, and the Joint Fiscal Committee. The Special Committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as provided in 2 V.S.A. § 406.

(G) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall notify the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions at least monthly of updates to the planning process for the projects described in this subdivision (b)(15).

(H) As used in this subdivision (b)(15), a “material change” means a change to the planning or funding of the Waterbury State Office Complex that:

- (i) increases the total project cost estimate by 10 percent; or
- (ii) constitutes a change in plan or design.

(16) Barre, Barre Court, pellet boiler installation, supplement HVAC project: \$329,000.00

(17) Laboratory, feasibility and governance study conducted by the Department of Buildings and General Services, the Agency of Natural Resources, and the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (as described in Sec. 41 of this act): \$100,000.00

(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2015:

- (1) Statewide, asbestos and lead abatement: \$50,000.00
- (2) Statewide, building reuse and planning: \$75,000.00
- (3) Statewide, contingency: \$100,000.00
- (4) Statewide, major maintenance: \$8,739,064.00
- (5) Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs: \$2,802,597.00
- (6) Statewide, physical security enhancements: \$100,000.00
- (7) Southern State Correctional Facility, steamline replacement: \$600,000.00

(8) Southern State Correctional Facility, copper waterline replacement:  
\$300,000.00

(9) Montpelier, Capitol Complex Historic Preservation, major maintenance:  
\$200,000.00

(10) Renovation and replacement of state-owned assets, Tropical Storm Irene:

(A) Waterbury State Office Complex: \$33,000,000.00

(B) For the purpose of allowing the Department of Buildings and General Services to enter into contractual agreements and complete work on the projects described in this subdivision (10) as soon as possible, it is the intent of the General Assembly that these are committed funds not subject to budget adjustment.

(d) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may use up to \$75,000.00 of the funds appropriated in subdivision (b)(4) of this section for the purpose of funding projects described in 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 24(b), and in Sec. 49 of this act.

(e) It is the intent of the General Assembly to review the proposal submitted by the Commissioner of Finance and Management pursuant to Sec. 39 of this act and evaluate the suitability of the FY 2015 appropriation to the Department of Buildings and General Services for engineering costs in subdivision (c)(5) of this section.

<u>Appropriation – FY 2014</u>	<u>\$52,281,597.00</u>
<u>Appropriation – FY2015</u>	<u>\$45,966,661.00</u>
<u>Total Appropriation – Section 2</u>	<u>\$98,248,258.00</u>

### Sec. 3. ADMINISTRATION

The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Taxes for the Vermont Center for Geographic Information for an ongoing project to update statewide quadrangle maps through digital orthophotographic quadrangle mapping:

(1) \$100,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2014.

(2) \$100,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2015.

<u>Total Appropriation – Section 3</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
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### Sec. 4. HUMAN SERVICES

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2014 to the Department of

Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) Health laboratory, continuation of design, permitting, bidding, and construction phases for co-location of Department of Health laboratory with the UVM Colchester research facility: \$5,000,000.00

(2) Corrections, security upgrades: \$100,000.00

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2015 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) Health laboratory, continuation of design, permitting, bidding, and construction phases for co-location of the Department of Health laboratory with the UVM Colchester research facility: \$6,000,000.00

(2) Corrections, security upgrades: \$100,000.00

(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funds appropriated in subdivision (b)(1) of this section are committed funds not subject to budget adjustment.

Appropriation – FY 2014 \$5,100,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2015 \$6,100,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 4 \$11,200,000.00

#### Sec. 5. JUDICIARY

(a) The sum of \$1,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2014 to the Department of Buildings and General Services on behalf of the Judiciary for the planning and design for building renovations and addition to the Lamoille County Courthouse in Hyde Park.

(b) The sum of \$2,500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2015 to continue the project described in subsection (a) of this section.

Total Appropriation – Section 5 \$3,500,000.00

#### Sec. 6. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2014 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the following projects:

(1) Major maintenance at historic sites statewide; provided such maintenance shall be under the supervision of the Department of Buildings and General Services: \$200,000.00



(2) Bennington Monument, structural repairs and ADA compliance:  
\$175,000.00

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2014 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the following projects:

(1) Underwater preserves: \$25,000.00

(2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic site markers: \$15,000.00

(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2014 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the following projects:

(1) Battle of Cedar Creek and Winchester Memorials, relocation and placement of roadside marker: \$30,000.00

(2) Schooner Lois McClure, upgrades: \$50,000.00

(d) The following sum is appropriated in FY 2015 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for major maintenance at historic sites statewide; provided such maintenance shall be under the supervision of the Department of Buildings and General Services: \$200,000.00

(e) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2015 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the following projects:

(1) Underwater preserves: \$35,000.00

(2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic site markers: \$15,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2014 \$495,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2015 \$250,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 6 \$745,000.00

#### Sec. 7. GRANT PROGRAMS

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2014 for Building Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

(1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant Program: \$225,000.00

(2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant Program: \$225,000.00

(3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultural Facilities Grant Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that may be made available from the National Endowment of the Arts, provided that all capital funds are made available to the cultural facilities grant program: \$225,000.00

(4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Recreational Facilities Grant Program: \$225,000.00

(5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program: \$225,000.00

(6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Regional Economic Development Grant Program: \$225,000.00

(b) The following sum is appropriated in FY 2014 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural Fairs Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program: \$225,000.00

(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2015 for Building Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

(1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant Program: \$225,000.00

(2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant Program: \$225,000.00

(3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultural Facilities Grant Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that may be made available from the National Endowment of the Arts, provided that all capital funds are made available to the cultural facilities grant program: \$225,000.00

(4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Recreational Facilities Grant Program: \$225,000.00

(5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program: \$225,000.00

(6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Regional Economic Development Grant Program: \$225,000.00

(d) The following sum is appropriated in FY 2015 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural Fairs Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program: \$225,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2014 \$1,575,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2015 \$1,575,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 7 \$3,150,000.00

Sec. 8. EDUCATION

(a) The sum of \$6,704,634.00 is appropriated in FY 2014 to the Agency of Education for funding the state share of completed school construction projects pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 3448.

(b) The sum of \$10,411,446 is appropriated in FY 2015 to the Agency of Education for the funding the state share of completed school construction projects pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 3448. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funds appropriated in subdivision (b) of this section are committed funds not subject to budget adjustment.

Appropriation – FY 2014 \$6,704,634.00

Appropriation – FY 2015 \$10,411,446.00

Total Appropriation – Section 8 \$17,116,080.00

Sec. 9. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

(a) The sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2014 to the University of Vermont for construction, renovation, and major maintenance.

(b) The sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2015 to the University of Vermont for construction, renovation, and major maintenance.

(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly to evaluate in the second year of the biennium the appropriate amount for future funding of this project.

Total Appropriation – Section 9 \$2,800,000.00

Sec. 10. VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

(a) The sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2014 to the Vermont State Colleges for construction, renovation, and major maintenance.

(b) The sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2015 to the Vermont State Colleges for construction, renovation, and major maintenance.

(c) On or before January 15, 2014, the Vermont State Colleges shall, in coordination with the Enhanced 911 Board, bring each state college into compliance with the requirements of 30 V.S.A. § 7057 (privately owned telephone systems) or develop a comprehensive plan approved by the Enhanced 911 Board to bring each state college into compliance with the Enhanced 911 program requirements. The funds appropriated in FY 2015 to the Vermont State Colleges shall only become available after the Enhanced 911 Board has notified the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions that the Vermont State

Colleges has met these requirements.

(d) It is the intent of the General Assembly to evaluate in the second year of the biennium the appropriate amount for future funding of this project.

Total Appropriation – Section 10 \$2,800,000.00

Sec. 11. NATURAL RESOURCES

(a) The following sums are appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources in FY 2014 for:

(1) the Water Pollution Control Fund for the following projects:

(A) Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match:  
\$1,381,600.00

(B) Principal associated with funding for the Pownal project:  
\$500,000.00

(C) Administrative support – engineering, oversight, and program management:  
\$300,000.00

(2) the Drinking Water Supply for the following projects:

(A) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: \$2,500,000.00

(B) Engineering, oversight, and project management: \$300,000.00

(C) EcoSystem restoration and protection: \$2,250,000.00

(D) Waterbury waste treatment facility for phosphorous removal:  
\$3,440,000.00

(3) the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for statewide small scale rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of restrooms and bathhouses, and statewide small-scale road rehabilitation projects: \$2,000,000.00

(4) the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the following projects:

(A) general infrastructure projects: \$1,000,000.00

(B) Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Division, for safety ramps, GPS units, deer decoys, and snowmobiles: \$75,950.00

(C) Lake Champlain Walleye Association, Inc. to upgrade and repair the walleye rearing, restoration, and stocking infrastructure: \$25,000.00

(b) The following sums are appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources in FY 2015 for:

(1) the Water Pollution Control Fund for the following projects:

(A) Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match:  
\$700,000.00

(B) Interest associated with delayed grant funding for the Pownal project:  
\$30,000.00

(C) Springfield loan conversions:  
\$78,000.00

(D) Administrative support – engineering, oversight, and program management:  
\$300,000.00

(2) the Drinking Water Supply for the following projects:

(A) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:  
\$1,000,000.00

(B) Engineering, oversight, and project management:  
\$300,000.00

(C) EcoSystem restoration and protection:  
\$2,073,732.00

(3) dam safety and hydrology projects:  
\$400,000.00

(4) the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for statewide small scale rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of restrooms and bathhouses, and statewide small-scale road rehabilitation projects:  
\$2,000,000.00

(5) the Department of Fish and Wildlife:  
\$1,000,000.00

(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly to review the proposal submitted by the Commissioner of Finance and Management pursuant to Sec. 39 of this act to evaluate the suitability of the FY 2015 appropriations to the Agency of Natural Resources for engineering costs in subdivisions (b)(1)(D) and (b)(2)(B) of this section.

Appropriation – FY 2014  
\$13,772,550.00

Appropriation – FY 2015  
\$7,881,732.00

Total Appropriation – Section 11  
\$21,654,282.00

Sec. 12. MILITARY

(a) The sum of \$750,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2014 to the Department of Military for land acquisition, new construction, maintenance, and renovations at state armories. To the extent feasible, these funds shall be used to match federal funds.

(b) The sum of \$500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2015 for the purpose described in subsection (a) of this section.

Total Appropriation – Section 12 \$1,250,000.00

Sec. 13. PUBLIC SAFETY

(a) The sum of \$3,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2014 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the design, construction, and fit-up of a new public safety field station to consolidate the Brattleboro and Rockingham barracks. For the purpose of allowing the Department of Buildings and General Services to enter into contractual agreements and complete work on the projects described in this subsection as soon as possible, it is the intent of the General Assembly that these are committed funds.

(b) The sum of \$3,100,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2015 for the project described in subsection (a) of this section. For the purpose of allowing the Department of Buildings and General Services to enter into contractual agreements and complete work on the project as soon as possible, it is the intent of the General Assembly that these are committed funds not subject to budget adjustment.

(c) The sum of \$550,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2014 to the Department Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety to purchase land for public safety field stations and to conduct feasibility studies.

(d) The sum of \$300,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2015 for the project described in subsection (c) of this section.

(e) The sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2014 to the Department of Public Safety for the purchase of fire safety equipment for the Fire Service Training Center in Pittsford.

Appropriation – FY 2014 \$3,600,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2015 \$3,400,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 13 \$7,000,000.00

Sec. 14. AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS

(a) The sum of \$150,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2014 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for major maintenance costs at the Vermont Exposition Center Building in Springfield, Massachusetts.

(b) The sum of \$1,200,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2015 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the conservation reserve enhancement program and the best management practice implementation cost share program to continue to reduce nonpoint source pollution in Vermont. Cost share funds for the best management practice implementation cost share program shall not

exceed 90 percent of the total cost of a project. Whenever possible, state funds shall be combined with federal funds to complete projects.

<u>Appropriation – FY 2014</u>	<u>\$150,000.00</u>
<u>Appropriation – FY 2015</u>	<u>\$1,200,000.00</u>
<u>Total Appropriation – Section 14</u>	<u>\$1,350,000.00</u>

Sec. 15. VERMONT PUBLIC TELEVISION

(a) The sum of \$205,750.00 is appropriated in FY 2014 to Vermont Public Television for the continuation of digital conversion and energy conservation retrofitting.

(b) The sum of \$200,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2015 to Vermont Public Television for transmission security.

<u>Appropriation – FY 2014</u>	<u>\$205,750.00</u>
<u>Appropriation – FY 2015</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
<u>Total Appropriation – Section 15</u>	<u>\$405,750.00</u>

Sec. 16. VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

(a) The sum of \$100,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2014 to the Department of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force to continue the dry hydrant program.

(b) The sum of \$100,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2015 for the project described in subsection (a) of this section.

<u>Total Appropriation – Section 16</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
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Sec. 17. VERMONT VETERANS' HOME

(a) The sum of \$1,216,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2014 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Vermont Veterans' Home for emergency mold remediation actions, for updates to the 2006 facilities assessment report, and for the development of a comprehensive plan to address and prevent mold growth.

(b) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer of the Veterans' Home, shall apply for any eligible federal funds to use as a match for the appropriation made in subsection (a) of this section and shall work with Vermont's Congressional Delegation to investigate the availability of other possible federal funding sources. The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall notify the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the availability of federal funds and the status of

a federal match to be used for the project described in subsection (a) of this section on or before July 31, 2013.

(c) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer of the Veterans' Home, shall contract with an independent third party to conduct an update to the 2006 facilities assessment report of the Vermont Veterans' Home. On or before January 15, 2014, the Commissioner shall submit a copy of the report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

(d) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer of the Veterans' Home, shall contract with an independent third party to prepare a comprehensive plan to address the ongoing mold issues at the Home and prevent any additional mold issues.

(1) The plan shall include:

(A) identification of currently known mold issues and potential mold issues at the Veterans' Home;

(B) recommendations for implementing preventive measures to address mold growth;

(C) estimates for the projected cost to implement the recommendations and preventive measures;

(D) a proposed time line to implement the plan; and

(E) a review and consideration of the findings of the Veterans' Home management and operations review required by 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 1, Sec. 53.1, the updated facilities assessment report required by subsection (c) of this section, and the findings and recommendations of any other design professionals or consultants engaged by the Department of Buildings and General Services to work at the Veterans' Home.

(2) On or before February 15, 2014, the Commissioner shall submit a copy of the plan to the Veterans' Home Board of Trustees, the Vermont State Employees' Association (VSEA), the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

Total Appropriation – Section 17

\$1,216,000.00

#### Sec. 18. VERMONT INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

(a) The sum of \$288,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2014 to the Vermont States Colleges for the Vermont Interactive Technologies for the purchase of equipment necessary for systems and unit upgrades at Vermont Interactive Technologies sites.



(b) The sum of \$88,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2015 for the project described in subsection (a) of this section.

<u>Appropriation – FY 2014</u>	<u>\$288,000.00</u>
<u>Appropriation – FY 2015</u>	<u>\$88,000.00</u>
<u>Total Appropriation – Section 18</u>	<u>\$376,000.00</u>

Sec. 18a. ENHANCED 911 PROGRAM

(a) The sum of \$10,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2014 to the Enhanced 911 Board for the planning and implementation of the Enhanced 911 program in schools pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 7057.

(b) The sum of \$10,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2015 for the project described in subsection (a) of this section.

<u>Total Appropriation – Section 18a</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
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Sec. 19. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS

(a) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and General Services from prior capital appropriations to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:

<u>(1) of the amount appropriated by 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 1 (32 Cherry Street):</u>	<u>\$48,065.57</u>
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<u>(2) of the amount appropriated by 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 1 (Rutland multimodal garage trench drains):</u>	<u>\$404.09</u>
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<u>(3) of the amount appropriated by 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161, Sec. 3 (VSH ongoing safety):</u>	<u>\$96.98</u>
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<u>(4) of the amount appropriated by 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161, Sec. 14 (two-way radio system):</u>	<u>\$12,579.71</u>
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<u>(5) of the amount appropriated by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 2 (DMV bathroom renovations):</u>	<u>\$119,067.33</u>
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<u>(6) of the amount appropriated by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 2 (engineer cost):</u>	<u>\$158,779.04</u>
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<u>(7) of the amount appropriated by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 2 (116 State Street):</u>	<u>\$0.02</u>
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<u>(8) of the amount appropriated by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 2 (Waterbury fuel tank replacement):</u>	<u>\$400,000.00</u>
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<u>(9) of the amount appropriated by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,</u>	
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<u>Sec. 7 (recreation grant program):</u>	<u>\$8,150.00</u>
<u>(10) of the amount appropriated by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 7 (Human Service and Educational Grant):</u>	<u>\$2,515.61</u>
<u>(11) of the amount appropriated by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 14(e) (architectural assessment, Middlesex):</u>	<u>\$6.80</u>
<u>(12) of the amount appropriated by 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161, Sec. 6(3) (Vermont Arts Council, cultural facilities grant):</u>	<u>\$29,454.00</u>
<u>(b) The following unexpended funds appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for capital construction projects are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and General Services to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:</u>	
<u>(1) of the amount appropriated by 1989 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 8(b)(1) (water pollution):</u>	<u>\$9,426.24</u>
<u>(2) of the amount appropriated by 1990 Acts and Resolves No. 276, Sec. 10 (potable water supply construction):</u>	<u>\$17,430.00</u>
<u>(3) of the amount appropriated by 1991 Acts and Resolves No. 93, Sec. 11(d)(2) (water supply):</u>	<u>\$46,514.75</u>
<u>(4) of the amount appropriated by 1992 Acts and Resolves No. 256, Sec. 11(e)(1) (water pollution):</u>	<u>\$35,000.65</u>
<u>(5) of the amount appropriated by 1998 Acts and Resolves No. 148, Sec. 13(b)(1) (water supply):</u>	<u>\$72,513.80</u>
<u>(6) of the amount appropriated by 1998 Acts and Resolves No. 148, Sec. 13(b)(2)(A) (pollution control):</u>	<u>\$305,394.84</u>
<u>(7) of the amount appropriated by 2001 Acts and Resolves No. 61, Sec. 9(a) (various projects):</u>	<u>\$277,833.51</u>
<u>(8) of the amount appropriated by 2003 Acts and Resolves No. 63, Sec. 8 (water pollution/drinking):</u>	<u>\$118,725.81</u>
<u>(9) of the amount appropriated by 2004 Acts and Resolves No. 121, Sec. 10 (water pollution grants):</u>	<u>\$896.40</u>
<u>(10) of the amount appropriated by 2004 Acts and Resolves No. 121, Sec. 10 (clean and clear program):</u>	<u>\$44,447.91</u>
<u>(11) of the amount appropriated by 2004 Acts and Resolves No. 121, Sec. 10 (ecological assessments):</u>	<u>\$36.70</u>
<u>(12) of the amount appropriated by 2004 Acts and Resolves No. 121, Sec. 10 (species recovery plan):</u>	<u>\$3.90</u>

<u>(13) of the amount appropriated by 2005 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 9 (water pollution grants):</u>	<u>\$128,115.97</u>
<u>(14) of the amount appropriated by 2005 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 9 (clean and clear program):</u>	<u>\$135,500.37</u>
<u>(15) of the amount appropriated by 2006 Acts and Resolves No. 147, Sec. 10 (water pollution grants):</u>	<u>\$34,703.62</u>
<u>(16) of the amount appropriated by 2006 Acts and Resolves No. 147, Sec. 10 (clean and clear program):</u>	<u>\$40,686.00</u>
<u>(17) of the amount appropriated by 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 11 (water pollution control):</u>	<u>\$35,000.00</u>
<u>(18) of the amount appropriated by 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 11 (state-owned dams):</u>	<u>\$198,104.00</u>
<u>(19) of the amount appropriated by 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 11 (clean and clear):</u>	<u>\$320,042.39</u>
<u>(20) of the amount appropriated by 2008 Acts and Resolves No. 200, Sec. 12 (clean and clear):</u>	<u>\$92,906.23</u>
<u>(21) of the amount appropriated by 2008 Acts and Resolves No. 200, Sec. 12 (water pollution):</u>	<u>\$87,967.95</u>
<u>(22) of the amount appropriated by 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 9 (water pollution control):</u>	<u>\$231,202.30</u>
<u>(23) of the amount appropriated by 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 9 (clean and clear):</u>	<u>\$515,957.62</u>
<u>(24) of the amount appropriated by 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161, Sec. 12 (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund):</u>	<u>\$5,500.00</u>
<u>(25) of the amount appropriated by 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161, Sec. 12 (water pollution control):</u>	<u>\$123,666.00</u>
<u>(26) of the amount appropriated by 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161, Sec. 12 (clean and clear):</u>	<u>\$66,864.08</u>
<u>(27) of the amount appropriated by 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161, Sec. 12 (sea lamprey control project):</u>	<u>\$155,898.60</u>
<u>(28) of the amount appropriated by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 12(a) (water pollution control):</u>	<u>\$210,000.00</u>
<u>(29) of the amount appropriated by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 12(a) (water pollution TMDL/wetland):</u>	<u>\$20,112.00</u>

(30) of the amount appropriated by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 12(b) (drinking water projects): \$35,483.32

(31) of the amount appropriated by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 12(b) (water pollution control): \$472,239.85

(c) The following unexpended funds appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for capital construction projects are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and General Services to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:

(1) of the amount appropriated by 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 7(e) (Unmarked Burial Fund): \$18,928.39

(2) of the amount appropriated by 2008 Acts and Resolves No. 200, Sec. 7(b)(1) (Unmarked Burial Fund): \$24,769.00

(d) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and General Services to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:

(1) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 25(i) (sale of Thayer school): \$433,478.30

(2) of the amount recouped by the state for waterfront enhancement authorized by 1993 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 16d(c) (special fund 21896, Waterfront Preservation Fund): \$190,000.00

(3) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 25(d) (sale of former North American Playcare, Inc. building in Middlesex): \$132,040.88

(4) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 20 V.S.A. § 542 (Northfield, Ludlow, and Rutland armories): \$311,539.21

Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 19 \$5,728,049.74

## Sec. 20. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS

(a) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$159,900,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations of this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor, shall determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds authorized by this section consistent with the underlying nature of the appropriation to be funded. The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated cost of bond issuance or issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated pursuant to this section and for which bonding is required as the source of funds, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 954.

(b) The State Treasurer is further authorized to issue additional general

obligation bonds in the amount of \$7,603,320.00 that were previously authorized but unissued under 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 25 for the purpose of funding the appropriations of this act. This amount shall be allocated to the Department of Buildings and General Services to defray expenditures in Sec. 2 of this act.

Total Revenues – Section 20 \$167,503,320.00

Sec. 21. SALE OF BUILDING 617 IN ESSEX; USE OF PROCEEDS

The proceeds from the sale of Building 617 in Essex shall be allocated to the Department of Buildings and General Services and used to defray FY 2014 expenditures in Sec. 2 of this act. To the extent such use of proceeds results in a like amount of general obligation bonds authorized in Sec. 20 of this act for Sec. 2 to remain unissued at the end of FY 2014, then such unissued amount of bonds shall remain authorized to be issued in FY 2015 to provide additional funding for the Waterbury State Office Complex and such amount shall be appropriated in FY 2015 to Sec. 2(c)(10) of this act.

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\* \* \* Buildings and General Services \* \* \*

Sec. 22. REPEAL; ROBERT GIBSON PARK; TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO

1999 Acts and Resolves No. 29, Sec. 19(b)(1)(C)(i) (repayment of appropriation for Robert Gibson Park) is repealed.

Sec. 23. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104, Sec. 25 is amended to read:

Sec. 25. EMPLOYEE SERVICE MEMORIAL

(a) ~~The commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the ~~commissioner of human resources~~ Commissioner of Human Resources and an association representing Vermont state employees, shall develop a plan to honor the services of past, present, and future Vermont state employees with an appropriate memorial. On or before January 15, ~~2013~~ 2014, the ~~commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall recommend a future location for an employee service memorial and provide estimated costs to the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly.

(b) ~~The commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may accept donations for the administration, materials, creation, and maintenance of the service memorial.

Sec. 24. NEWPORT WATERFRONT

Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. §§ 165(h) and 166(b), the Commissioner of

Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell, lease, gift, or otherwise convey the property or any portion thereof associated with the Waterfront in the City of Newport. The Commissioner is further authorized to accept federal or state grants for improvements, maintenance, and operating costs associated with the Newport Waterfront.

Sec. 25. BATTLE OF CEDAR CREEK AND WINCHESTER MEMORIALS

The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to use the appropriation in Sec. 6(c)(1) of this act for expenses associated with the placement of a Vermont historical roadside marker at the Cedar Creek Battlefield in Virginia, the relocation of the Battle of Winchester Memorial to its original location on the Third Winchester Battlefield in Virginia, and reimbursement to the Civil War Trust, the State of Virginia, and the United States Veterans Administration for any expenses associated with the completion of these projects. Expenses associated with the placement of the roadside marker or the relocation of the Memorial may include site acquisition, planning, design, transportation, and any other reasonably related costs.

Sec. 26. 29 V.S.A. § 165 is amended to read:

§ 165. SPACE ALLOCATION, INVENTORY, AND USE; LEASING  
PROPERTY; COMMISSIONER'S PREAPPROVAL REQUIRED

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(d) ~~The commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall by rule establish procedures which all agencies shall follow in the leasing of real property. No agency shall enter into any lease, no lease shall be valid, and no state funds shall be paid by the ~~department of finance and management~~ Department of Finance and Management pursuant to the terms of any lease, unless the proposed lease has been pre-approved by the ~~commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Commissioner of Buildings and General Services. If a lease is entered into pursuant to this section, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall preapprove any additional fees, reimbursements, charges, or fit-up costs in excess of the proposed lease rental rate.

Sec. 27. SPECIAL FUND FOR WATERFRONT

Notwithstanding 1993 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 16d(c), the funds allocated to the special fund for the waterfront to be used for the purpose of waterfront enhancement and preservation are transferred to the Department of Buildings and General Services to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of this act.

Sec. 28. WINDSOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 5 to the Department of Buildings and General Services on behalf of the Judiciary, the sum of \$40,000.00 is directed to the Windsor County Courthouse in Woodstock to perform repairs and upgrades to bring the facility into ADA compliance.

Sec. 29. 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 12(b), as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104, Sec. 8, is amended to read:

(b) The following sums are appropriated to the ~~agency of natural resources~~ Agency of Natural Resources in FY 2013 for:

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~~(E)(6) the department of forests, parks and recreation~~ Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps to perform stabilization, restoration, and cleanup of environmental damage to waterways, forests, and public access lands caused by Tropical Storm Irene, including projects such as controlling the spread of invasive species, stabilizing flood-eroded river and stream banks; restoring vital aquatic and wildlife habitats, removing toxic materials from fragile natural areas, and remediating recognized viewsheds: 200,000

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\* \* \* Commerce and Community Development \* \* \*

#### Sec. 30. REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development, the Regional Development Corporations of Vermont, and the Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee, shall consider whether the Regional Economic Development grants are being awarded to projects for the purpose of funding capital expenses and whether catastrophic situations should qualify for grants.

\* \* \* Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets \* \* \*

#### Sec. 31. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

If additional support is required for the Best Management Practice Implementation Cost-Share Program and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program in FY 2014, the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets is authorized to use as funding prior capital fund appropriations for these programs to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

#### Sec. 32. AGRICULTURE; REALLOCATION

Of the amount held in the Eastern States Building Special Fund #21682, it the intent of the General Assembly that the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall redirect the sum of \$125,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for major maintenance at the Vermont Exposition Center Building in Springfield, Massachusetts.

\* \* \* Capital Planning and Finance \* \* \*

Sec. 33. 29 V.S.A. § 152 is amended to read:

§ 152. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER

(a) The ~~commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in addition to the duties expressly set forth elsewhere by law, shall have the authority to:

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(3) Prepare or cause to be prepared plans and specifications for construction and repair on all state-owned buildings:

(A) For which the ~~legislature~~ General Assembly or the ~~emergency board~~ Emergency Board has made specific appropriations. In consultation with the department or agency concerned, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall select sites, purchase lands, determine plans and specifications, and advertise for bids for the furnishing of materials and construction thereof and of appurtenances thereto. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall determine the time for beginning and completing the construction. Any change orders occurring under the contracts let as the result of actions previously mentioned in this section shall not be allowed unless they have the approval of the ~~secretary of administration~~ Secretary of Administration.

(B) For which no specific appropriations have been made by the ~~legislature~~ General Assembly or the ~~emergency board~~ Emergency Board. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may, with the approval of the ~~secretary of administration~~ Secretary of Administration acquire an option, for a price not to exceed \$75,000.00, on an individual property without prior legislative approval, provided the option contains a provision stating that purchase of the property shall occur only upon the approval of the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly and the appropriation of funds for this purpose. The ~~state treasurer~~ State Treasurer is authorized to advance a sum not to exceed \$75,000.00, upon warrants drawn by the ~~commissioner of finance and management~~ Commissioner of Finance and Management for the purpose of purchasing an option on a property pursuant to this subdivision.

(C) For which the Department of Buildings and General Services is granted a right of first refusal. The Commissioner may, with the approval of



the Secretary of Administration, enter into an agreement that grants the Department of Buildings and General Services a right of first refusal to purchase property, provided that the right of first refusal contains a provision stating that the purchase of the property shall occur only upon the approval of the General Assembly.

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(23) With the approval of the ~~secretary of administration~~ Secretary of Administration, transfer during any fiscal year to the ~~department of buildings and general services~~ Department of Buildings and General Services for use only for major maintenance within the capitol complex in Montpelier, any unexpended balances of funds appropriated in any capital construction act for any ~~executive or judicial branch~~ Executive or Judicial Branch project, excluding any appropriations for state grant-in-aid programs, which is completed or substantially completed as determined by the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner. On or before January 15 of each year, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall report to the ~~house committee on corrections and institutions and the senate committee on institutions~~ House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions regarding:

(A) all transfers and expenditures made pursuant to this subdivision (23); and

(B) ~~the unexpended balance of projects completed for two or more years.~~

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Sec. 34. 32 V.S.A. § 310 is amended to read:

§ 310. FORM OF ANNUAL CAPITAL BUDGET AND SIX-YEAR TEN-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM PLAN

(a) Each biennial capital budget request submitted to the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly shall be accompanied by, and placed in the context of, a ~~six-year~~ ten-year state capital program plan to be prepared, and revised annually, by the ~~governor~~ Governor and approved by the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly. The ~~six-year~~ ten-year plan shall include a list of all projects which will be recommended for funding in the current and ensuing ~~five~~ nine fiscal years. The list shall be prioritized based on need.

(b) The capital budget request for the following ~~fiscal year~~ biennium shall be presented as the next increment of the ~~six-year~~ ten-year plan. Elements of the plan shall include:

(1) Assessment and projection of need.

(A) Capital needs and projections shall be based upon current and projected statistics on capital inventories and upon state demographic and economic conditions.

(B) Capital funding shall be categorized as follows:

(i) state buildings, facilities, ~~and~~ land acquisitions, major maintenance, renewable energy sources, and conservation;

(ii) higher education;

(iii) aid to municipalities for education, environmental conservation, including water, sewer, and solid waste projects, and other purposes; and

(iv) transportation facilities.

(C) The capital needs and projections shall be for the current and the next ~~five~~ nine fiscal years, with longer-term projections presented for programs with reasonably predictable longer-term needs.

(D) Capital needs and projections shall be presented independently of financing requirements or opportunities.

(2) Comprehensive cost and financing assessment.

(A) Amounts appropriated and expended for the current fiscal year and for the preceding fiscal year shall be indicated for capital programs and for individual projects. The assessment shall indicate further the source of funds for any project which required additional funding and a description of any authorized projects which were delayed.

(B) Amounts proposed to be appropriated for the following fiscal year and each of the ~~five~~ nine years thereafter shall be indicated for capital programs and for individual projects and shall be revised annually to reflect revised cost estimates and changes made in allocations due to project delays.

(C) The capital costs of programs and of individual projects, including funds for the development and evaluation of each project, shall be presented in full, for the entire period of their development.

(D) The operating costs, both actual and prospective, of capital programs and of individual projects shall be presented in full, for the entire period of their development and expected useful life.

(E) The financial burden and funding opportunities of programs and of individual projects shall be presented in full, including federal, state, and local government shares, and any private participation.

(F) Alternative methods of financing capital programs and projects

should be described and assessed, including debt financing and use of current revenues.

#### Sec. 35. TEN-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM PLAN

On or before January 15, 2014, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions, shall develop a proposal for the planning process for a ten-year capital program plan. The ten-year capital program plan shall include proposals for capital construction requests and major maintenance, and shall set forth definitions and criteria to be used for prioritizing capital projects. Projects may be prioritized based on criteria including: critical priorities, prior capital allocations or commitments, strategic investments, and future investments.

Sec. 36. 32 V.S.A. § 701a is amended to read:

#### § 701a. CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION BILL

(a) When the capital budget has been submitted by the ~~governor~~ Governor to the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly, it shall immediately be referred to the ~~committee on corrections and institutions~~ Committee on Corrections and Institutions which shall proceed to consider the budget request in the context of the ~~six-year~~ ten-year capital program plan also submitted by the ~~governor~~ Governor pursuant to sections 309 and 310 of this title. The ~~committee~~ Committee shall also propose to the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly a prudent amount of total general obligation bonding for the following fiscal year, for support of the capital budget, in consideration of the recommendation of the ~~capital debt affordability advisory committee~~ Capital Debt Affordability Advisory Committee pursuant to subchapter 8 of chapter 13 of this title.

(b) As soon as possible, the ~~committee~~ Committee shall prepare a bill to be known as the “capital construction bill,” which shall be introduced for action by the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly.

(c) The spending authority authorized by a capital construction act shall carry forward until expended, unless otherwise provided. ~~Any unencumbered funds remaining after a two-year period~~ All unexpended funds remaining for projects authorized by capital construction acts enacted in a legislative session that was two or more years prior to the current legislative session shall be reported to the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly and may be reallocated in future capital construction acts.

(d) On or before October 15, each entity to which spending authority ~~is~~ has been authorized by a capital construction act enacted in a legislative session that was two or more years prior to the current legislative session shall submit

to the ~~department of buildings and general services~~ Department of Buildings and General Services a report on the status of each authorized project authorized with unexpended funds. The report shall follow the form provided by the ~~department of buildings and general services~~ Department of Buildings and General Services and shall include details regarding how much of the appropriation has been spent, how much of the appropriation is unencumbered, actual progress in meeting the goals of the project, and any impediments to completing the project on time and on budget. The ~~department~~ Department may request additional or clarifying information regarding each project. On or before January 15, the ~~department~~ Department shall present the information collected to the ~~house committee on corrections and institutions and the senate committee on institutions~~ House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

#### Sec. 37. AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 1 (fiscal year to commence on July 1 and end on June 30), the appropriations in this act designated as FY 2014 shall be available on passage of this act, and those designated as FY 2015 shall be available on passage of the Capital Construction and State Bonding Budget Adjustment Act of the 2014 legislative session.

#### Sec. 38. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions, is authorized to use funds appropriated in this act for capital projects requiring additional support that were funded with capital or general fund appropriations in prior years.

#### Sec. 39. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS FOR ENGINEERING COSTS

(a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall establish a working group to develop a set of criteria and guidelines for allocating engineering costs between the Capital bill and the General Fund. The Working Group shall review current state practices, standard accounting classifications and approaches taken in other states. The Group shall include the Commissioner of Finance and Management or designee, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee, the Secretary of Natural Resources or designee, the State Auditor or designee, and a Joint Fiscal Officer or designee.

(b) On or before September 30, 2013, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall present the proposal to the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions for review with the intent that the criteria and

guidelines on cost allocations will be used in the FY 2015 capital budget.

\* \* \* Human Services \* \* \*

Sec. 40. SECURE RESIDENTIAL FACILITY

Pursuant to the Level 1 Psychiatric Care Evaluation required by the Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriations Act, Sec. E.314.2, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall develop a proposal to establish a permanent secure residential facility no later than January 15, 2015.

\* \* \* Natural Resources \* \* \*

Sec. 41. LABORATORY FEASIBILITY STUDY

On or before December 15, 2013, the Department of Buildings and General Services, the Agency of Natural Resources, and the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall examine and report to the General Assembly on the feasibility of sharing the same laboratory, exploring relationships with the University of Vermont and the Vermont State Colleges system, or other public or private entities, and determining what specialized services may be sold within the Northeast region to fulfill state and regional laboratory needs. This report shall include a cost-benefit analysis and a governance model.

Sec. 42. 24 V.S.A. § 4763b is amended to read:

§ 4763b. LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR FAILED WASTEWATER SYSTEMS AND FAILED POTABLE WATER SUPPLIES

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when the wastewater system or potable water supply serving only one single-family residence on its own lot meets the definition of a failed supply or system, the ~~secretary of natural resources~~ Secretary of Natural Resources may lend monies to the owner of the residence from the Vermont ~~wastewater and potable water revolving loan fund~~ Wastewater and Potable Water Revolving Loan Fund established in section 4753 of this title. In such cases, the following conditions shall apply:

(1) loans may only be made to households with an income equal to or less than 200 percent of the state average median household income;

(2) loans may only be made to households where the recipient of the loan resides in the residence on a year-round basis;

(3) loans may only be made if the owner of the residence has been denied financing for the repair, replacement, or construction due to involuntary disconnection by at least ~~two~~ one other financing ~~entities~~ entity;

(4) no construction loan shall be made to an individual under this

subsection, nor shall any part of any revolving loan made under this subsection be expended, until all of the following take place:

(A) the ~~secretary of natural resources~~ Secretary of Natural Resources determines that if a wastewater system and potable water supply permit is necessary for the design and construction of the project to be financed by the loan, the permit has been issued to the owner of the failed system or supply; and

(B) the individual applying for the loan certifies to the ~~secretary of natural resources~~ Secretary of Natural Resources that the proposed project has secured all state and federal permits, licenses, and approvals necessary to construct and operate the project to be financed by the loan;

(5) all funds from the repayment of loans made under this section shall be deposited into the Vermont ~~wastewater and potable water revolving loan fund~~ Wastewater and Potable Water Revolving Loan Fund.

(b) The ~~secretary of natural resources~~ Secretary of Natural Resources shall establish standards, policies, and procedures as necessary for the implementation of this section. The ~~secretary~~ Secretary may establish criteria to extend the payment period of a loan or to waive all or a portion of the loan amount.

#### Sec. 43. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

(a) If additional support is required for the Dufresne Dam Project in FY 2014, the Secretary of Natural Resources is authorized to use as funding prior capital funds authorized in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 12(a)(4)(A) for the Wolcott Pond Dam repair and maintenance.

(b) On or before January 15, 2014, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the status of close-out audits of project grants funded with capital funds.

(c) In FY 2014, the Secretary of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions, is authorized to reallocate unexpended funds that were appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources:

(1) between projects authorized in different capital construction acts if the funds are appropriated to the same department within the Agency of Natural Resources for a related purpose; and

(2) between a project authorized in a capital construction act and a project not authorized in a capital construction act if the funds are used for planning advances pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1591(a).

(d) The Secretary shall reallocate no more than:

(1) \$200,000.00 in unexpended funds pursuant to subdivision (c)(1) of this section; and

(2) \$30,000.00 per project and \$100,000.00 in total pursuant to subdivision (c)(2) of this section.

\* \* \* Military Department \* \* \*

Sec. 44. 20 V.S.A. § 542 is amended to read:

§ 542. ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE, AND DISPOSAL OF  
PROPERTY FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD USE

In the name of the ~~state~~ State, the ~~board~~ Board shall be responsible for the real estate and personal property of the ~~national guard~~ National Guard. The ~~board~~ Board may acquire or purchase, and maintain and dispose of by sale or otherwise real estate and personal property. Upon determination by the ~~board~~ Board that real estate is to be disposed of, the disposal shall be at fair market value, and proceeds shall be allocated to future capital ~~appropriations~~ construction acts.

\* \* \* Education \* \* \*

Sec. 45. STATE AID FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION; EXTENSION OF  
SUSPENSION

(a) In 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 36, the General Assembly suspended state aid for school construction in order to permit the Secretary of Education and the Commissioner of Finance and Management to recommend a sustainable plan for state aid for school construction.

(b) In 2008 Acts and Resolves No. 200, Sec. 45, as amended by 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. 22, the General Assembly, in the absence of a recommendation, extended the suspension until a sustainable plan for state aid for school construction is developed and adopted.

(c) State aid remains suspended pursuant to the terms of 2008 Acts and Resolves No. 200, Sec. 45 as amended by 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. 22.

(d) Notwithstanding the suspension, the State intends to honor its obligation by FY 2016 to pay for projects for which state aid had been committed prior to the suspension.

Sec. 46. MORGAN SCHOOL

Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 3448(b) or any other provision of law to the contrary, the Morgan School District is authorized to sell the Morgan School

building and property to the town of Morgan to use for community purposes without repayment of school construction aid. Thereafter, if the town of Morgan sells the building and property to another entity, including the Morgan School District, the town shall repay the sum owed to the State for school construction aid under the terms set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 3448(b).

Sec. 47. ENHANCED 911 PROGRAM; IMPLEMENTATION IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

On or before January 15, 2014, the Enhanced 911 Board shall, in coordination with the Secretary of Education, provide technical assistance and guidance to school districts to comply with the requirement in 30 V.S.A. § 7057 that accurate location information be associated with each landline telephone installed in a school. The Board is authorized to use funds appropriated in Sec. 18a of this act to plan and implement compliance with this program. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds are used by the Enhanced 911 Board as a supplement to funding from the Vermont Universal Service Fund established pursuant to 30 V.S.A. chapter 88.

\* \* \* Public Safety \* \* \*

Sec. 48. PUBLIC SAFETY FIELD STATION PROJECT

The Department of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, is authorized to use appropriations in Sec. 13 of this act to conduct feasibility studies, and identify and purchase land for future public safety field station sites. If the Department of Buildings and General Services proposes to purchase property when the General Assembly is not in session, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall notify the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions of the proposal.

\* \* \* Energy Use on State Properties \* \* \*

Sec. 49. RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION POLICY

(a) The Department of Buildings and General Services shall incorporate the use of renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, and thermal energy conservation in any new building construction or major renovation project in excess of \$250,000.00 unless a life cycle cost analysis demonstrates that the investment cannot be recouped or there are limitations on siting.

(b) On or before January 15, 2014, the Department of Buildings and General Services shall contract for a desk audit to examine and report on the feasibility of installing renewable energy devices on up to 20 properties owned by the State.



(c) As used in this section, the “life cycle cost” of each new building construction or major renovation project shall mean the present value purchase price of an item, plus the replacement cost, plus or minus the salvage value, plus the present value of operation and maintenance costs, plus the energy and environmental externalities’ costs or benefits.

\* \* \* Effective Date \* \* \*

Sec. 50. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(For text see House Journal 4/4/2013 )

**Amendment to be offered by Rep. Emmons of Springfield to H. 533**

Rep. Emmons of Springfield moves that the House concur in the Senate Proposal of amendment with a further amendment thereto as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, Legislative Intent, in subsection (a), by striking out “\$90,148,531.00” and inserting in lieu thereof \$90,373,066.00

Second: In Sec. 2, State Buildings, in subsection (b), by striking out subdivision (5) and inserting in lieu thereof:

(5) Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs:  
\$2,982,132.00

Third: In Sec. 2, State Buildings, in subsection (c), by striking out subdivisions (4) and (5) and inserting in lieu thereof:

(4) Statewide, major maintenance: \$8,334,994.00

(5) Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs:  
\$2,982,132.00

Fourth: In Sec. 2, in subsection (d), by inserting after the last sentence:

It is also the intent of the General Assembly that the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may use up to \$360,000.00 of the funds appropriated in subdivisions (b)(5) and (c)(5) of this section for the purpose of funding four limited service positions in the Department of Buildings and General Services created for engineering-related work pursuant to the 2013 Acts and Resolves No. [ ], Sec. E.100(b)(1) (FY 2014 Appropriations Act).

Fifth: In Sec. 2, in subsection (e), by striking out “\$52,281,597.00”, “\$45,966,661.00”, and “\$98,248,258.00” and inserting in lieu thereof \$52,461,132.00, \$45,742,126.00, and \$98,203,258.00

Sixth: By striking out Sec. 4, Human Services, in its entirety and inserting

in lieu thereof:

Sec. 4. HUMAN SERVICES

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2014 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) Health laboratory, continuation of design, permitting, bidding, and construction phases for co-location of Department of Health laboratory with the UVM Colchester research facility: \$5,000,000.00

(2) Corrections, security upgrades: \$100,000.00

(3) Corrections, facilities conditions analysis: \$100,000.00

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2015 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) Health laboratory, continuation of design, permitting, bidding, and construction phases for co-location of the Department of Health laboratory with the UVM Colchester research facility: \$6,000,000.00

(2) Corrections, security upgrades: \$100,000.00

(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funds appropriated in subdivision (b)(1) of this section are committed funds not subject to budget adjustment.

(d) On or before January 15, 2014, the Department of Corrections and the Department of Buildings and General Services shall report to the General Assembly on capital needs at state correctional facilities. The report shall evaluate five-year capital needs and shall include:

(1) a facilities conditions analysis;

(2) an assessment of space and capacity at Vermont state correctional facilities required for programming use; and

(3) proposed unit configurations for the housing of aging and other special needs populations.

(e) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall use the funds appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services in subdivision (a)(3) of this section for the purpose described in subdivision (d)(1) of this section.

Appropriation – FY 2014 \$5,200,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2015 \$6,100,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 4 \$11,300,000.00

Seventh: In Sec. 6, Commerce and Community Development, by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

(c) The following sum is appropriated in FY 2014 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Battle of Cedar Creek and Winchester Memorials, relocation and placement of roadside marker: \$25,000.00

Eighth: In Sec. 6, in subsection (e), by striking out “\$495,000.00” and “\$745,000.00” and inserting in lieu thereof \$440,000.00 and \$690,000.00, respectively

Ninth: In Sec. 8, Education, in subsection (b), by striking out the second sentence and inserting in lieu thereof:

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funds appropriated in this subsection are committed funds not subject to budget adjustment.

Tenth: In Sec. 11, Natural Resources, in subsection (a), by striking out subdivision (4)(B) and inserting in lieu thereof:

(B) Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Division, for equipment: \$75,950.00

Eleventh: In Sec. 18a, Enhanced 911 Program, by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

Sec. 18a. ENHANCED 911 PROGRAM

(a) The sum of \$10,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2014 to the Enhanced 911 Board for one-time fees and equipment associated with the planning and implementation of the Enhanced 911 program in schools pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 7057.

(b) The sum of \$10,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2015 for the project described in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the appropriations to the Enhanced 911 Board for the Enhanced 911 program in subsections (a) and (b) of this section are one-time appropriations. Any future appropriations shall be funded through the Universal Service Fund established pursuant to 30 V.S.A. chapter 88.

Total Appropriation – Section 18a \$20,000.00

Twelfth: In Sec. 24, Newport Waterfront, by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

Sec. 24. 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 25(a) is amended to read:

(a) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the ~~commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to ~~negotiate the sale of~~ sell, lease, gift, or otherwise convey all or a portion of the ~~state's~~ State's property that adjoins the Hebard ~~state office building~~ State Office Building in Newport City for the purposes of transferring ownership and operation of the bike path, walking path, and boardwalk. ~~Upon approval of the chairs and vice chairs of the senate committee on institutions and the house committee on corrections and institutions, the commissioner may sell the property for the negotiated price. The commissioner shall strive to sell the property at fair market value. However, due to the unique nature of the transaction, the commissioner may use the following factors to justify selling the property at less than fair market value:~~

~~(1) Ongoing maintenance and operation costs associated with the property.~~

~~(2) Risk potential to the state.~~

~~(3) The local economic situation.~~

The Commissioner is further authorized to accept federal or state grants for improvements, maintenance, and operating costs associated with this property.

Thirteenth: In Sec. 25, Battle of Cedar Creek and Winchester Memorials, by inserting the word "capital" before each instance of the word "expenses", either lower or upper cased, and the words "of the Memorial" after the word "transportation"

Fourteenth: In Sec. 28, Windsor County Courthouse, by striking out "\$40,000.00" and inserting in lieu thereof \$45,000.00

Fifteenth: By adding a Sec. 29a, after Sec. 29, to read as follows:

Sec. 29a. 29 V.S.A. § 821(a) is amended to read:

(a) State buildings.

(1) "Asa Bloomer State Office Building" shall be the name of the building now known as the "Hulett" office building in the city of Rutland.

\* \* \*

(9) "Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital" shall be the name of the state hospital in Berlin.

(10) "Vermont State Health Laboratory" shall be the name of the state health laboratory in Colchester.

Sixteenth: In Sec. 30, Regional Economic Development Grant Program, by designating the existing language as (a) and by replacing the word "consider"

with the word “evaluate” and by inserting a subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) On or before September 15, 2013, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, the Senate Committee on Institutions, the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, and the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs with the results of the evaluation described in subsection (a) of this section.

Seventeenth: In Sec. 43, Additional Funding for Capital Projects, by inserting in subdivision (d)(1) “A total of” before “\$200,000.00”, by adding “for the Agency of Natural Resources” after “funds”, and by adding subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

(e) On or before January 15, 2014, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the amount of unexpended funds reallocated pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and a description of the projects that received the funds.

(f) It is the intent of the General Assembly to evaluate in FY 2014 whether to grant the Agency of Natural Resources additional authority to reallocate unexpended funds.

Eighteenth: In Sec. 47, Enhanced 911 Program; Implementation in School Districts, by striking out the second sentence and inserting in lieu thereof:

The Board is authorized to use funds appropriated in Sec. 18a of this act for one-time fees and equipment associated with planning and implementing compliance with this program.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Third Reading**

#### **S. 85**

An act relating to workers’ compensation for firefighters and rescue or ambulance workers

#### **Favorable with Amendment**

#### **S. 155**

An act relating to creating a strategic workforce development needs assessment and strategic plan

**Rep. Kupersmith of South Burlington**, for the Committee on **Commerce and Economic Development**, recommends that the House propose to the

Senate that the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

#### Sec. 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

(a) Over the years, significant resources have been devoted in Vermont to supporting many workforce development, training, and education opportunities that prepare individuals for employment. Among them are private and public education, social service programs focusing on work readiness, internships, apprenticeships, training programs, and other forms of government support.

(b) Despite these investments, there is a gap between the readiness of individuals for employment and the needs of employers in the State. Graduates, underemployed, and unemployed workers express that they cannot find work, they do not possess adequate work skills and experience, or that jobs for which they are qualified are unavailable. At the same time, employers report difficulty in filling current and projected job openings due in part to the insufficient skills, training, or experience of the available workforce. Consequently, individuals are not advancing their employment interests and businesses are impeded in their success. The combination of these factors negatively impacts the revenues of the State and the well-being of our citizenry.

(c) There is broad agreement in the General Assembly that individuals should have adequate opportunities to engage in the workforce in the way that best suits their needs and wishes. There is also agreement that the workforce needs of our employers must be met in order for our businesses and economy to thrive.

(d) Administrators and policy makers acknowledge that there are both gaps and overlaps among the many workforce development, training, and education activities in the State. There is broad consensus on the need for significantly improved coordination and strategic focus.

(e) In adopting this act, it is the goal of the General Assembly to create a process that will result in a comprehensive compendium of information about the workforce education and training activities that are taking place in the State. This information, which is not currently compiled in a way that is sufficiently useful to policy makers and administrators, will serve as the basis for the more effective and strategic use of both public and private dollars.

#### Sec. 2. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP

(a) Creation. There is created a Workforce Development Work Group composed of the following members:

(1) two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore

of the Senate;

(2) two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or designee; and

(4) the Commissioner of Labor or designee.

(b) Duties. The Work Group shall:

(1) coordinate with the Workforce Development Council in the performance of the Council's duties under 10 V.S.A. § 541(i);

(2) research, compile, and inventory all workforce education and training programs and activities taking place in Vermont;

(3) identify the number of individuals served by each of the programs and activities, and estimate the number of individuals in the State who could benefit from these programs and activities;

(4) identify the amount and source of financial support for these programs and activities, including financial support that goes directly to the individuals, and, to the extent practicable, the allocation of resources to the direct benefits, management, and overhead costs of each program and activity;

(5) identify the mechanics by which these programs and activities are evaluated for effectiveness and outcomes;

(6) provide a summary for each program or activity of its delivery model, including how the program or activity aligns with employment opportunities located in Vermont;

(7) identify current statutory provisions concerning coordination, integration, and improvement of workforce education and training programs, including identification of the entities responsible for performing those duties;

(8) identify overlaps in existing workforce development programs and activities; and

(9)(A) research and inventory all programs and activities taking place in the State, both public and private, that identify and evaluate employers' needs for employees, including the skills, education, and experience required for available and projected jobs;

(B) indicate who is responsible for these activities and how they are funded;

(C) specify the data collection activities that are taking place; and

(D) identify overlaps in programs, activities, and data collection that identify and evaluate employers' needs for employees.

(c) The Work Group shall meet not more than eight times, and shall have the administrative, legal, and fiscal support of the Office of Legislative Council and the Legislative Joint Fiscal Office.

(d) In order to perform its duties pursuant to this act, the Work Group shall have the authority to request and gather data and information as it determines is necessary from entities that conduct workforce education and training programs and activities, including agencies, departments, and programs within the Executive Branch and from nongovernmental entities that receive state-controlled funding. Unless otherwise exempt from public disclosure pursuant to state or federal law, a workforce education and training provider shall provide the data and information requested by the Work Group within a reasonable time period.

(e) On or before January 15, 2014, the Work Group shall submit its findings and recommendations to the House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on Education, and to the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Education.

(f) Members of the Work Group shall be eligible for per diem compensation, mileage reimbursement, and other necessary expenses as provided in 2 V.S.A. § 406.

**(Committee vote: 11-0-0 )**

**(For text see Senate Journal 4/17/2013 )**

### **Senate Proposal of Amendment**

#### **H. 205**

An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation

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

By adding a new section to be Sec. 47a to read:

Sec. 47a. 26 V.S.A. § 4606 is amended to read:

§ 4606. APPLICATION

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(b)(1) The ~~director~~ Director shall license otherwise qualified applicants who have obtained a license in another jurisdiction which has licensure requirements substantially equivalent to those in this ~~state~~ State.



(2) For experienced applicants from states without licensure, the Director may allow related education, training, or experience of the applicant on a case-by-case basis to be a substitute for all or part of the apprenticeship requirement.

(For text see House Journal 2/28/2013 )

#### **H. 474**

An act relating to amending the membership and charge of the Government Accountability Committee

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

First: In Sec. 1, 2 V.S.A. § 970, by adding subdivision (a)(11) to read as follows:

(11) Assess whether and how the State of Vermont should provide funds to nonprofit organization, including whether grants to or contracts with nonprofit organizations should require results-based accountability.

Second: In Sec. 1, 2 V.S.A. § 970, by adding subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h)(1) On or before January 1, 2014, the Committee shall:

(A) review whether and under what conditions or situations the State of Vermont, through its agencies and other instrumentalities, should provide funding, grants, or other financial awards to a nonprofit organization subject to requirements for results-based accountability from the organization;

(B) if, after completion of its review under subdivision (1)(A) of this subsection (h), it determines that results-based accountability should be required as a condition of a financial award from the State to a nonprofit organization, review whether a special fund should be created to provide nonprofit organizations with funding to develop capacities and other resources to support results-based accountability at an organizational level; and

(C) if it determines that a special fund should be established under subdivision (1)(B) of this subsection (h), examine how the special fund would be financed, including whether a fee or assessment on a nonprofit organization would be an appropriate funding mechanism.

(2) On or before January 15, 2014, the Committee shall submit its findings or recommendations under this subsection to the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate and House Committee on Appropriations.

Third: By adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. REPEAL; GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW OF  
FUNDING OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS UNDER  
RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY

2 V.S.A. § 970(h) (results-based accountability; funding of nonprofit organizations) shall be repealed on January 16, 2014.

And by renumbering the existing Sec. 2 to be Sec. 3

( No House Amendments )

**Committee of Conference Report**

**H. 131**

An act relating to harvesting guidelines and procurement standards

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The Committee of Conference to which were referred the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon House Bill entitled:

**H. 131 An act relating to harvesting guidelines and procurement standards**

Respectfully reports that it has met and considered the same and recommends that the House accede to the Senate proposal of amendment and that the bill be further amended in Sec. 4, 30 V.S.A. § 248(b)(11), by striking out subdivisions (B) and (C) in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof new subdivisions (B) and (C) to read:

(B) ~~incorporate commercially available and feasible designs to achieve a reasonable~~ the highest design system efficiency that is commercially available, feasible, and cost-effective for the type and design of the proposed facility; and

(C) comply with harvesting guidelines procedures and procurement standards that ~~are consistent~~ ensure long-term forest health and sustainability. These procedures and standards at a minimum shall be consistent with the guidelines and standards developed by the secretary of natural resources pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 2750 (harvesting guidelines and procurement standards) when adopted under that statute.

*ROBERT M. HARTWELL*

*JOHN S. RODGERS*

*DIANE B. SNELLING*

*Committee on the part of the Senate*

JOHN W. MALCOLM  
ANTHONY W. KLEIN  
WILLIAM P. CANFIELD

*Committee on the part of the House*

**Action Under Rule 52**

**J.R.H. 10**

Joint resolution opposing the recalculation of Social Security benefits

**(For text see House Journal 5/3/2013)**

**NOTICE CALENDAR**

**Favorable with Amendment**

**H. 441**

An act relating to changing provisions within the Vermont Common Interest Ownership Act related to owners of time-shares

**Rep. Scheuermann of Stowe**, for the Committee on **Commerce and Economic Development**, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 27A V.S.A. § 3-102 is amended to read:

§ 3-102. POWERS OF UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section and other provisions of this title, the association:

\* \* \*

(18) May suspend any right or privilege of a unit owner that fails to pay an assessment, but may not:

(A) except as otherwise provided in subsection 3-116(q) of this title, deny a unit owner or other occupant access to the owner's unit;

(B) suspend a unit owner's right to vote;

(C) prevent a unit owner from seeking election as a director or officer of the association; or

(D) withhold services provided to a unit or a unit owner by the association if the effect of withholding the service would be to endanger the health, safety, or property of any person.

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Sec. 2. 27A V.S.A. § 3-108(b) is amended to read:

(b) The following requirements apply to meetings of the executive board and committees of the association authorized to act for the association:

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(6) If any materials are distributed to the executive board before the meeting, the executive board at the same time shall make copies of those materials reasonably available to unit owners, except:

(A) that the board need not make available copies of unapproved minutes or materials that are to be considered in executive session; and

(B) the board of an association composed exclusively of time-share unit owners shall be required to make reasonably available to the unit owners only those materials concerning matters on which action will be taken at the meeting.

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Sec. 3. 27A V.S.A. § 3-116 is amended to read:

§ 3-116. LIEN FOR SUMS DUE ASSOCIATION; ENFORCEMENT

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(j) The association's lien may be foreclosed pursuant to 12 V.S.A. ~~§ 4531a~~ § 4941, 4945, or 4961 and subsection (o) of this section. The association shall give the notice required by statute, or if there is no such requirement, reasonable notice of its action to all lienholders of the unit whose interest would be affected.

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(q) Unless other procedures are provided in the declaration, bylaws, or rules, an association of time-share unit owners may not deny an owner of a time-share access to the owner's time-share for failure to pay an assessment unless:

(1) the time-share owner is delinquent in payment of that owner's common expense assessments based on the periodic budget last adopted by the association pursuant to section 3-115(a) of this title; and

(2) the association provides written notice of the delinquency to the time-share owner no less than 30 days after the date the assessment was due, but in no case later than 30 days before the date the time-share owner is entitled to occupy that owner's time-share.

(3) The following provisions apply to the notice required in subdivision (2) of this subsection:

(A) The notice shall clearly state the total amount of any delinquency which then exists, including any accrued interest and late charges permitted to be imposed under the terms of the declaration or bylaws and including a per diem amount, if any, to account for further accrual of interest and late charges between the stated effective date of the notice and the first date of use;

(B) The notice shall clearly state that the time-share owner will not be permitted to use his or her time-share interest, that the time-share owner will not be permitted to make a reservation in the time-share property's reservation system, or that any confirmed reservation may be canceled, as applicable, until the total amount of such delinquency is satisfied in full or until the time-share owner produces satisfactory evidence that the delinquency does not exist.

(C) The notice shall be mailed to the time-share owner at his or her last known address as recorded in the books and records of the time-share property, and the notice shall be effective to bar the use of the time-share owner and those claiming use rights under the time-share owner, including his or her guests, lessees, and the third parties receiving use rights in the time-share in question through a nonaffiliated exchange program, until such time as the unit owner is no longer delinquent.

(D) If the association elects to deny use of the owner's time-share to any third party receiving use rights through an affiliated exchange program, the association shall at the same time provide similar written notice of the owner's delinquency as required in subdivision (2) of this subsection to any affiliated exchange program. Receipt of the written notice by the affiliated exchange program is effective to bar the use of all third parties claiming through the affiliated exchange program.

Sec. 4. 12 V.S.A. § 4931(2) is amended to read:

(2) "Dwelling house" means a residential structure or mobile home which contains one to four family housing units, or individual units of condominiums or cooperatives, other than a time-share in a unit, each of which is used or intended to be used as a residence. For the purposes of this subdivision, "time-share" means a time-share estate as defined by 32 V.S.A. § 3619(a).

Sec. 5. 14 V.S.A. § 1902 is amended to read:

§ 1902. LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND LETTERS

TESTAMENTARY, SMALL ESTATES, NOTICE

(a) Upon receiving and filing such petition, the judge of probate may make such investigation of the circumstances of the case and the facts set forth in the

petition, as he or she deems proper and necessary.

(b) The court may grant administration of the estate to the petitioner or some other suitable person forthwith without further notice, and may issue letters of administration to the administrator or letters testamentary to the executor without requiring further bonds, if from the petition and the investigation it appears to the satisfaction of the court that:

(1)(A) the deceased left a surviving spouse or children of any age, or both; or

(B) the deceased left a surviving parent or parents but no spouse or child;

(2) the deceased died seized of no real estate other than a time-share estate as defined by 32 V.S.A. § 3619(a); and

(3) the personal estate of the deceased, appraised at its true cash value as of the date of death, amounts to not more than the sum of \$10,000.00.

#### Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

( **Committee Vote: 11-0-0** )

### S. 4

An act relating to concussions and school athletic activities

**Rep. Christie of Hartford**, for the Committee on **Education**, recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1431 is amended to read:

#### § 1431. CONCUSSIONS AND OTHER HEAD INJURIES

(a) Definitions. For purposes of this subchapter:

(1) "School athletic team" means an interscholastic athletic team or club sponsored by a public or approved independent school for elementary or secondary students.

(2) "Coach" means a person who instructs or trains students on a school athletic team.

(3) "Health care provider" means an athletic trainer, or other health care provider, licensed pursuant to Title 26, who has within the preceding five years been specifically trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and other head injuries. Training pursuant to this subdivision shall include training

materials and guidelines for practicing physicians provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, if available.

(4) “Youth athlete” means an elementary or secondary student who is a member of a school athletic team.

(b) Guidelines and other information. The ~~commissioner of education~~ Secretary of Education or designee, assisted by members of the Vermont Principals’ Association selected by that association, members of the Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust, and others as the Secretary deems appropriate, shall develop statewide guidelines, forms, and other materials, and update them when necessary, that are designed to educate coaches, youth athletes, and the parents and guardians of youth athletes regarding:

(1) the nature and risks of concussions and other head injuries;

(2) the risks of premature participation in athletic activities after receiving a concussion or other head injury; ~~and~~

(3) the importance of obtaining a medical evaluation of a suspected concussion or other head injury and receiving treatment when necessary;

(4) effective methods to reduce the risk of concussions occurring during athletic activities; and

(5) protocols and standards for clearing a youth athlete to return to play following a concussion or other head injury, including treatment plans for such athletes.

(c) Notice and training. The principal or headmaster of each public and approved independent school in the ~~state~~ State, or a designee, shall ensure that:

(1) the information developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section is provided annually to each youth athlete and the athlete’s parents or guardians;

(2) each youth athlete and a parent or guardian of the athlete annually sign a form acknowledging receipt of the information provided pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and return it to the school prior to the athlete’s participation in training or competition associated with a school athletic team;

(3)(A) each coach of a school athletic team receive training no less frequently than every two years on how to recognize the symptoms of a concussion or other head injury, how to reduce the risk of concussions during athletic activities, and how to teach athletes the proper techniques for avoiding concussions; and

(B) each coach who is new to coaching at the school receive training

prior to beginning his or her first coaching assignment for the school; and

(4) each referee of a contest involving a high school athletic team participating in a collision sport receive training not less than every two years on how to recognize concussions when they occur during athletic activities.

(d) Participation in athletic activity.

(1) ~~A~~ Neither a coach nor a health care provider shall not permit a youth athlete to continue to participate in any training session or competition associated with a school athletic team if the coach has reason to believe or health care provider knows or should know that the athlete has sustained a concussion or other head injury during the training session or competition.

(2) ~~A~~ Neither a coach nor health care provider shall not permit a youth athlete who has been prohibited from training or competing pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to train or compete with a school athletic team until the athlete has been examined by and received written permission to participate in athletic activities from a health care provider licensed pursuant to Title 26 and trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and other head injuries.

(e) Action plan.

(1) The principal or headmaster of each public and approved independent school in the State or a designee shall ensure that each school has a concussion management action plan that describes the procedures the school shall take when a student athlete suffers a concussion. The action plan shall include policies on:

(A) who makes the initial decision to remove a student athlete from play when it is suspected that the athlete has suffered a concussion;

(B) what steps the student athlete must take in order to return to any athletic or learning activity;

(C) who makes the final decision that a student athlete may return to athletic activity; and

(D) who has the responsibility to inform a parent or guardian when a student on that school's athletic team suffers a concussion.

(2) The action plan required by subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be provided annually to each youth athlete and the athlete's parents or guardians.

(3) Each youth athlete and a parent or guardian of the athlete shall annually sign a form acknowledging receipt of the information provided pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection and return it to the school prior to



the athlete's participation in training or competition associated with a school athletic team.

Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 1388 is added to read:

§ 1388. STOCK SUPPLY AND EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF  
EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Designated personnel" means a school employee, agent, or volunteer who has been authorized by the school administrator to provide and administer epinephrine auto-injectors under this section and who has completed the training required by the State Board by rule.

(2) "Epinephrine auto-injector" means a single-use device that delivers a premeasured dose of epinephrine.

(3) "Health care professional" means a physician licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 23 or 33, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe drugs and medical devices pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 28, or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe drugs and medical devices pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 31.

(4) "School" means a public or approved independent school and extends to school grounds, school-sponsored activities, school-provided transportation, and school-related programs.

(5) "School administrator" means a school's principal or headmaster.

(b)(1) A health care professional may prescribe an epinephrine auto-injector in a school's name, which may be maintained by the school for use as described in subsection (d) of this section. The health care professional shall issue to the school a standing order for the use of an epinephrine auto-injector prescribed under this section, including protocols for:

(A) assessing whether an individual is experiencing a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction;

(B) administering an epinephrine auto-injector to an individual experiencing a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction;

(C) caring for an individual after administering an epinephrine auto-injector to him or her, including contacting emergency services personnel and documenting the incident; and

(D) disposing of used or expired epinephrine auto-injectors.

(2) A pharmacist licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 36 or a health care professional may dispense epinephrine auto-injectors prescribed to a

school.

(c) A school may maintain a stock supply of epinephrine auto-injectors. A school may enter into arrangements with epinephrine auto-injector manufacturers or suppliers to acquire epinephrine auto-injectors for free or at reduced or fair market prices.

(d) The school administrator may authorize a school nurse or designated personnel or both to:

(1) provide an epinephrine auto-injector to a student for self-administration according to a plan of action for managing the student's life-threatening allergy maintained in the student's school health records pursuant to section 1387 of this title;

(2) administer a prescribed epinephrine auto-injector to a student according to a plan of action maintained in the student's school health records; and

(3) administer an epinephrine auto-injector, in accordance with the protocol issued under subsection (b) of this section, to a student or other individual at a school if the nurse or designated personnel believe in good faith that the student or individual is experiencing anaphylaxis, regardless of whether the student or individual has a prescription for an epinephrine auto-injector.

(e) Designated personnel, a school, and a health care professional prescribing an epinephrine auto-injector to a school shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability arising from the administration or self-administration of an epinephrine auto-injector under this section unless the person's conduct constituted intentional misconduct. Providing or administering an epinephrine auto-injector under this section does not constitute the practice of medicine.

(f) On or before January 1, 2014, the State Board, in consultation with the Department of Health, shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 for managing students with life-threatening allergies and other individuals with life-threatening allergies who may be present at a school. The rules shall:

(1) establish protocols to prevent exposure to allergens in schools;

(2) establish procedures for responding to life-threatening allergic reactions in schools, including post-emergency procedures;

(3) implement a process for schools and the parents or guardians of students with a life-threatening allergy to jointly develop a written individualized allergy management plan of action that:

(A) incorporates instructions from a student's physician regarding the

student's life-threatening allergy and prescribed treatment;

(B) includes the requirements of section 1387 of this title, if a student is authorized to possess and self-administer emergency medication at school;

(C) becomes part of the student's health records maintained by the school; and

(D) is updated each school year;

(4) require education and training for school nurses and designated personnel, including training related to storing and administering an epinephrine auto-injector and recognizing and responding to a life-threatening allergic reaction;

(5) require each school to make publicly available protocols and procedures developed in accordance with the rules adopted by the State Board under this section; and

(6) require each school to submit to the Agency a standardized report of each incident at the school involving a life-threatening allergic reaction or administration or self-administration of an epinephrine auto-injector.

(g) Annually on or before January 15, the Secretary shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Education that summarizes and analyzes the incident reports submitted by schools in accordance with the rules adopted by the State Board and that makes recommendations to improve schools' responses to life-threatening allergic reactions.

### Sec. 3. CONCUSSION TASK FORCE

(a) Creation. There is created a Concussion Task Force to study concussions resulting from school athletic activities and to provide recommendations for further action.

(b) Membership. The Concussion Task Force shall be composed of the following members:

(1) the Secretary of Education or designee;

(2) the Commissioner of Health or designee;

(3) a representative of the Vermont Principals' Association;

(4) a representative of the Vermont Athletic Trainers' Association;

(5) a representative of the Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board;

(6) a representative of the School Nurses Division of the Department of Health;

(7) a student athlete appointed by the Vermont Principals' Association; and

(8) a representative of the Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust.

(c) Powers and duties. The Concussion Task Force shall study issues related to concussions resulting from school athletic activities and make recommendations, including:

(1) what sports necessitate on-site trained medical personnel at athletic events based on data from public high schools and independent schools participating in interscholastic sports;

(2) the availability of trained medical personnel and whether school athletic events could be adequately covered; and

(3) the financial impact on schools of requiring medical personnel to be present at some athletic activities.

(d) Assistance. The Concussion Task Force shall have the administrative and technical assistance of the Agency of Education.

(e) Report. On or before December 15, the Concussion Task Force shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Education, the House Committee on Health Care, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary its findings and any recommendations for legislative action.

(f) Meetings.

(1) The Secretary of Education or designee shall call the first meeting of the Concussion Task Force to occur on or before July 15, 2013.

(2) The Secretary of Education or designee shall be the chair.

(3) A majority of the members of the Concussion Task Force shall be physically present at the same location to constitute a quorum.

(4) Action shall be taken only if there is both a quorum and a majority vote of all members of the Concussion Task Force.

(5) The Concussion task Force shall cease to exist on December 31, 2013.

#### Sec. 4. REPORT

To the extent permitted by applicable state and federal law, the Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board (the Board) shall obtain information necessary to create an annual report on the incidences of concussions sustained by student athletes in Vermont in the previous school year. To the extent such

information is available, the report shall include the number of concussions sustained by student athletes in Vermont, the sport the student athlete was playing when he or she sustained the concussion, the number of Vermont student athletes treated in emergency rooms for concussions received while participating in school athletics, and who made the decision that a student athlete was able to return to play. For purposes of the report, the Board shall consult with the Vermont Principals' Association and the Vermont Association of Athletic Trainers. If the Board obtains information sufficient to create the report, it shall report on or before December 15 of each year starting in 2014 to the Senate and House Committees on Judiciary and on Education.

#### Sec. 5. SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

(a) It is estimated that 10 percent of children need mental health services nationally, but that only 20 percent of this 10 percent receive treatment.

(b) Children who need mental health services are at a higher risk of dropping out of school than those who do not have mental health needs.

(c) Untreated mental health conditions have been linked to higher rates of juvenile incarceration, drug abuse, and unemployment.

(d) Early intervention decreases subsequent expenditures for special education and increases the likelihood of academic success.

(e) School-based mental health services increase access to and use of mental health services and improve coordination of services.

(f) School-based mental health services increase student and parental awareness of available services.

#### Sec. 6. SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; STUDY

(a) The Secretaries of Education and of Human Services, in consultation with the Green Mountain Care Board, the Department of State's Attorneys, the Juvenile Division of the Office of the Defender General, and other interested parties, shall:

(1) catalogue the type and scope of mental health and substance abuse services provided in or in collaboration with Vermont public schools;

(2) determine the number of students who are currently receiving mental health or substance abuse services through Vermont public schools and identify the sources of payment for these services;

(3) estimate the number of students enrolled in Vermont public schools who are not receiving the mental health or substance abuse services they need and, in particular, the number of students who were referred for services but are not receiving them, identifying whenever possible the barriers to the receipt

of services;

(4) identify successful programs and practices related to providing mental health and substance abuse services in Vermont public schools and nationally, and determine which, if any, could be replicated in other areas of the State;

(5) determine how the provision of health insurance in Vermont may affect the availability of mental health or substance abuse services to Vermont students;

(6) detail the costs and sources of funding for mental health and substance abuse services provided by or through Vermont public schools during the two most recent fiscal years for which data is available; and

(7) develop a proposal based on the information collected pursuant to this subsection to ensure that clinically-appropriate and sufficient school-based mental health and substance abuse services are available to students in Vermont public schools.

(b) On or before January 15, 2014, the Secretaries shall present their research, findings, and proposals to the House Committees on Education and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Education and on Health and Welfare.

#### Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013, except that the reporting requirement under Sec. 2, 16 V.S.A. § 1388(g), shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to health and schools”

**(Committee vote: 10-0-1 )**

**(For text see Senate Journal 3/13/2013 and 3/14/2013 )**

#### **S. 11**

An act relating to the Austine School

**Rep. Lenex of Shelburne**, for the Committee on **Corrections and Institutions**, recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended as follows:

By inserting a new Sec. 2, after Sec. 1, to read as follows:

#### Sec. 2. SERVICE PLAN; AUSTINE SCHOOL

On or before January 15, 2014, the Secretary of Education, in consultation

with the President and Board of Trustees of the Austine School, shall develop and present to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on Education and the Senate Committees on Institutions and on Education a service plan to meet the needs of Vermont students served by the Austine School.

**(Committee vote: 8-0-3 )**

**(For text see Senate Journal 3/27/2013 )**

## **S. 82**

An act relating to campaign finance law

**Rep. Evans of Essex**, for the Committee on **Government Operations**, recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

### Sec. 1. FINDINGS

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Article 7 of Chapter 1 of the Vermont Constitution affirms the central principle “That government is, or ought to be, instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the people, nation, or community, and not for the particular emolument or advantage of any single person, family, or set of persons, who are a part only of that community . . .”

(2) To carry out this central principle that the government is for the common benefit of the whole people of Vermont, candidates need to be responsive to the community as a whole and not to a small portion which may be funding the candidate’s electoral campaign.

(3) Because of the small size of Vermont communities and the personal nature of campaigning in Vermont, a key feature of Vermont electoral campaigns is the personal connection between candidates and voters. Limiting contributions to candidates encourages this connection by giving candidates an incentive to conduct grassroots campaigns that reach many constituents and many donors, rather than relying on just a few people to fund their campaigns.

(4) Unduly large campaign contributions reduce public confidence in the electoral process and increase the risk and the appearance that candidates and elected officials may be beholden to contributors and not act in the best interests of all Vermont citizens.

(5) In Vermont, contributions greater than the amounts specified in this act are considered by the General Assembly, candidates, and elected officials to be unduly large contributions that have the ability to corrupt and create the appearance of corrupting candidates and the democratic system.

(6) When a person is able to make unduly large contributions to a candidate, there is a risk of voters losing confidence in our system of representative government because voters may believe that a candidate will be more likely to represent the views of persons who make those contributions and less likely to represent views of their constituents and Vermont citizens in general. This loss of confidence may lead to increased voter cynicism and a lack of participation in the electoral process among both candidates and voters.

(7) Lower limits encourage candidates to interact and communicate with a greater number of voters in order to receive contributions to help fund a campaign, rather than to rely on a small number of large contributions. This interaction between candidates and the electorate helps build a greater confidence in our representative government and is likely to make candidates more responsive to voters.

(8) Different limits on contributions to candidates based on the office they seek are necessary in order for these candidates to run effective campaigns. Moreover, since it generally costs less to run an effective campaign for nonstatewide offices, a uniform limit on contributions for all offices could enable contributors to exert undue influence over those nonstatewide offices.

(9) In Vermont, candidates can raise sufficient monies to fund effective, competitive campaigns from contributions no larger than the amounts specified in this act.

(10) Exempting certain activities of political parties from the definition of what constitutes a contribution is important so as to not overly burden collective political activity. These activities, such as using the assistance of volunteers, preparing party candidate listings, and hosting certain campaign events, are part of a party's traditional role in assisting candidates to run for office. Moreover, these exemptions help protect the right to associate in a political party.

(11) Political parties play an important role in electoral campaigns and must be given the opportunity to support their candidates. Their historic role in American elections makes them different from political committees. For that reason, it is appropriate to limit contributions from political committees without imposing the same limits on political parties.

(12) If independent expenditure-only political committees are allowed to receive unlimited contributions, they may eclipse political parties. This would be detrimental to the electoral system because such committees can be controlled by a small number of individuals who finance them. In contrast, political parties are created by a representative process of delegates throughout



the State.

(13) Large independent expenditures by independent expenditure-only political committees can unduly influence the decision-making, legislative voting, and official conduct of officeholders and candidates through the committees' positive or negative advertising regarding their election for office. It also causes officeholders and candidates to act in a manner that either encourages independent expenditure-only committees to support them or discourages those committees from attacking them. Thus, candidates can become beholden to the donors who make contributions to these independent expenditure-only committees. Therefore, it is appropriate to limit contributions to all political committees, regardless of whether they make only independent expenditures.

(14) Limiting contributions to all political committees, including independent expenditure-only political committees, prevents persons from hiding behind these committees when making election-related expenditures. It encourages persons wishing to fund communications to do so directly in their own names. In this way, limiting contributions to all political committees fosters greater transparency. When a person makes an expenditure on electioneering communications in the person's own name, that name, rather than that of a political committee to which the person contributed, appears on the face of the communication. This provides the public with immediate information as to the identity of the communication's funder.

(15) In order to provide the electorate with information regarding who seeks to influence their votes through campaign advertising; to make campaign financing more transparent; to aid voters in evaluating those seeking office; to deter actual corruption and avoid its appearance by exposing contributions and expenditures to the light of publicity; and to gather data necessary to detect violations of contributions limits, it is imperative that Vermont increase the frequency of campaign finance reports and include more information in electioneering communications.

(16) Increasing identification information in electioneering communications will enable the electorate to immediately evaluate the speaker's message and will bolster the sufficiently important interest in permitting Vermonters to learn the sources of significant influence in our State's elections.

(17) The General Assembly is aware of reports of potential corruption in other states and in federal politics. It is important to enact legislation that will prevent corruption here and maintain the electorate's confidence in the integrity of Vermont's government.

(18) This act is necessary in order to implement more fully the provisions of Article 8 of Chapter I of the Constitution of the State of Vermont, which declares “That all elections ought to be free and without corruption, and that all voters, having a sufficient, evident, common interest with, and attachment to the community, have a right to elect officers, and be elected into office, agreeably to the regulations made in this constitution.”

Sec. 2. REPEAL

17 V.S.A. chapter 59 (campaign finance) is repealed.

Sec. 3. 17 V.S.A. chapter 61 is added to read:

## CHAPTER 61. CAMPAIGN FINANCE

### Subchapter 1. General Provisions

#### § 2901. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Candidate” means an individual who has taken affirmative action to become a candidate for state, county, local, or legislative office in a primary, special, general, or local election. An affirmative action shall include one or more of the following:

(A) accepting contributions or making expenditures totaling \$500.00 or more;

(B) filing the requisite petition for nomination under this title or being nominated by primary or caucus; or

(C) announcing that the individual seeks an elected position as a state, county, or local officer or a position as representative or senator in the General Assembly.

(2) “Candidate’s committee” means the candidate’s campaign staff, whether paid or unpaid.

(3) “Clearly identified,” with respect to a candidate, means:

(A) the name of the candidate appears;

(B) a photograph or drawing of the candidate appears; or

(C) the identity of the candidate is apparent by unambiguous reference.

(4) “Contribution” means a payment, distribution, advance, deposit, loan, or gift of money or anything of value, paid or promised to be paid for the purpose of influencing an election, advocating a position on a public question,

or supporting or opposing one or more candidates in any election. For purposes of this chapter, “contribution” shall not include any of the following:

(A) a personal loan of money to a candidate from a lending institution made in the ordinary course of business;

(B) services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering their time on behalf of a candidate, political committee, or political party;

(C) unreimbursed travel expenses paid for by an individual for himself or herself who volunteers personal services to a candidate;

(D) unreimbursed campaign-related travel expenses paid for by the candidate or the candidate’s spouse;

(E) the use by a candidate or volunteer of his or her own personal property, including offices, telephones, computers, and similar equipment;

(F) the use of a political party’s offices, telephones, computers, and similar equipment;

(G) the payment by a political party of the costs of preparation, display, or mailing or other distribution of a party candidate listing;

(H) documents, in printed or electronic form, including party platforms, single copies of issue papers, information pertaining to the requirements of this title, lists of registered voters, and voter identification information created, obtained, or maintained by a political party for the general purpose of party building and provided to a candidate who is a member of that party or to another political party;

(I) compensation paid by a political party to its employees whose job responsibilities are not for the specific and exclusive benefit of a single candidate in any election;

(J) compensation paid by a political party to its employees or consultants for the purpose of providing assistance to another political party;

(K) campaign training sessions provided to three or more candidates;

(L) costs paid for by a political party in connection with a campaign event at which three or more candidates are present; or

(M) activity or communication designed to encourage individuals to register to vote or to vote if that activity or communication does not mention or depict a clearly identified candidate.

(5) “Election” means the procedure whereby the voters of this State or any of its political subdivisions select a person to be a candidate for public

office or to fill a public office or to act on public questions including voting on constitutional amendments. Each primary, general, special, or local election shall constitute a separate election.

(6) "Electioneering communication" means any communication that refers to a clearly identified candidate for office and that promotes or supports a candidate for that office or attacks or opposes a candidate for that office, regardless of whether the communication expressly advocates a vote for or against a candidate, including communications published in any newspaper or periodical or broadcast on radio or television or over the Internet or any public address system; placed on any billboards, outdoor facilities, buttons, or printed material attached to motor vehicles, window displays, posters, cards, pamphlets, leaflets, flyers, or other circulars; or contained in any direct mailing, robotic phone calls, or mass e-mails.

(7) "Expenditure" means a payment, disbursement, distribution, advance, deposit, loan, or gift of money or anything of value, paid or promised to be paid, for the purpose of influencing an election, advocating a position on a public question, or supporting or opposing one or more candidates. For the purposes of this chapter, "expenditure" shall not include any of the following:

(A) a personal loan of money to a candidate from a lending institution made in the ordinary course of business;

(B) services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering their time on behalf of a candidate, political committee, or political party;

(C) unreimbursed travel expenses paid for by an individual for himself or herself who volunteers personal services to a candidate; or

(D) unreimbursed campaign-related travel expenses paid for by the candidate or the candidate's spouse.

(8) "Full name" means an individual's full first name, middle name or initial, if any, and full legal last name, making the identity of the person who made the contribution apparent by unambiguous reference.

(9) "Independent expenditure-only political committee" means a political committee that conducts its activities entirely independent of candidates; does not give contributions to candidates, political committees, or political parties; does not make related expenditures; and is not closely related to a political party or to a political committee that makes contributions to candidates or makes related expenditures.

(10) "Mass media activity" means a television commercial, radio commercial, mass mailing, mass electronic or digital communication, literature

drop, newspaper or periodical advertisement, robotic phone call, or telephone bank, which includes the name or likeness of a clearly identified candidate for office.

(11) “Party candidate listing” means any communication by a political party that:

(A) lists the names of at least three candidates for election to public office;

(B) is distributed through public advertising such as broadcast stations, cable television, newspapers, and similar media or through direct mail, telephone, electronic mail, a publicly accessible site on the Internet, or personal delivery;

(C) treats all candidates in the communication in a substantially similar manner; and

(D) is limited to:

(i) the identification of each candidate, with which pictures may be used;

(ii) the offices sought;

(iii) the offices currently held by the candidates;

(iv) the party affiliation of the candidates and a brief statement about the party or the candidates’ positions, philosophy, goals, accomplishments, or biographies;

(v) encouragement to vote for the candidates identified; and

(vi) information about voting, such as voting hours and locations.

(12) “Political committee” or “political action committee” means any formal or informal committee of two or more individuals or a corporation, labor organization, public interest group, or other entity, not including a political party, which accepts contributions of \$1,000.00 or more and makes expenditures of \$1,000.00 or more in any two-year general election cycle for the purpose of supporting or opposing one or more candidates, influencing an election, or advocating a position on a public question in any election, and includes an independent expenditure-only political committee.

(13) “Political party” means a political party organized under chapter 45 of this title and any committee established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the party, including any subsidiary, branch, or local unit thereof, and shall be considered a single, unified political party. The national affiliate of the political party shall be considered a separate political party.

(14) “Public question” means an issue that is before the voters for a binding decision.

(15) “Single source” means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, labor organization, or any other organization or group of persons which is not a political committee or political party.

(16) “Telephone bank” means more than 500 telephone calls of an identical or substantially similar nature that are made to the general public within any 30-day period.

(17) “Two-year general election cycle” means the 24-month period that begins 38 days after a general election.

#### § 2902. EXCEPTIONS

The definitions of “contribution,” “expenditure,” and “electioneering communication” shall not apply to:

(1) any news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication that has not been paid for or such facilities are not owned or controlled by any political party, committee, or candidate; or

(2) any communication distributed through a public access television station if the communication complies with the laws and rules governing the station and if all candidates in the race have an equal opportunity to promote their candidacies through the station.

#### § 2903. PENALTIES

(a) A person who knowingly and intentionally violates a provision of subchapter 2, 3, or 4 of this chapter shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisoned not more than six months or both.

(b) A person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$10,000.00 for each violation and shall refund the unspent balance of Vermont campaign finance grants received under subchapter 5 of this chapter, if any, calculated as of the date of the violation.

(c) In addition to the other penalties provided in this section, a state’s attorney or the Attorney General may institute any appropriate action, injunction, or other proceeding to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate any violation of this chapter.

#### § 2904. CIVIL INVESTIGATION

(a)(1) The Attorney General or a state’s attorney, whenever he or she has reason to believe any person to be or to have been in violation of this chapter

or of any rule or regulation made pursuant to this chapter, may examine or cause to be examined by any agent or representative designated by him or her for that purpose any books, records, papers, memoranda, or physical objects of any nature bearing upon each alleged violation and may demand written responses under oath to questions bearing upon each alleged violation.

(2) The Attorney General or a state's attorney may require the attendance of such person or of any other person having knowledge in the premises in the county where such person resides or has a place of business or in Washington County if such person is a nonresident or has no place of business within the State and may take testimony and require proof material for his or her information and may administer oaths or take acknowledgment in respect of any book, record, paper, or memorandum.

(3) The Attorney General or a state's attorney shall serve notice of the time, place, and cause of such examination or attendance or notice of the cause of the demand for written responses personally or by certified mail upon such person at his or her principal place of business or, if such place is not known, to his or her last known address. Such notice shall include a statement that a knowing and intentional violation of subchapters 2 through 4 of this chapter is subject to criminal prosecution.

(4) Any book, record, paper, memorandum, or other information produced by any person pursuant to this section shall not, unless otherwise ordered by a court of this State for good cause shown, be disclosed to any person other than the authorized agent or representative of the Attorney General or a state's attorney or another law enforcement officer engaged in legitimate law enforcement activities unless with the consent of the person producing the same, except that any transcript of oral testimony, written responses, documents, or other information produced pursuant to this section may be used in the enforcement of this chapter, including in connection with any civil action brought under section 2903 of this subchapter or subsection (c) of this section.

(5) Nothing in this subsection is intended to prevent the Attorney General or a state's attorney from disclosing the results of an investigation conducted under this section, including the grounds for his or her decision as to whether to bring an enforcement action alleging a violation of this chapter or of any rule or regulation made pursuant to this chapter.

(6) This subsection shall not be applicable to any criminal investigation or prosecution brought under the laws of this or any state.

(b)(1) A person upon whom a notice is served pursuant to the provisions of this section shall comply with its terms unless otherwise provided by the order

of a court of this State.

(2) Any person who, with intent to avoid, evade, or prevent compliance, in whole or in part, with any civil investigation under this section, removes from any place; conceals, withholds, or destroys; or mutilates, alters, or by any other means falsifies any documentary material in the possession, custody, or control of any person subject to such notice or mistakes or conceals any information shall be fined not more than \$5,000.00.

(c)(1) Whenever any person fails to comply with any notice served upon him or her under this section or whenever satisfactory copying or reproduction of any such material cannot be done and the person refuses to surrender the material, the Attorney General or a state's attorney may file, in the superior court in the county in which the person resides or has his or her principal place of business or in Washington County if the person is a nonresident or has no principal place of business in this State, and serve upon the person a petition for an order of the court for the enforcement of this section.

(2) Whenever any petition is filed under this section, the court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine the matter so presented and to enter any order or orders as may be required to carry into effect the provisions of this section. Any disobedience of any order entered under this section by any court shall be punished as a contempt of the court.

(d) Any person aggrieved by a civil investigation conducted under this section may seek relief from Washington Superior Court or the superior court in the county in which the aggrieved person resides. Except for cases the court considers to be of greater importance, proceedings before superior court as authorized by this section shall take precedence on the docket over all other cases.

#### § 2905. ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION

(a) Whenever it is required by this chapter, the Secretary of State shall make adjustments to monetary amounts provided in this chapter based on the Consumer Price Index. Increases shall be rounded to the nearest \$10.00 and shall apply for the term of two two-year general election cycles. Increases shall be effective for the first two-year general election cycle beginning after the general election held in 2016.

(b) On or before the first two-year general election cycle beginning after the general election held in 2016, the Secretary of State shall calculate and publish on the online database set forth in section 2906 of this chapter each adjusted monetary amount that will apply to those two two-year general election cycles. On or before the beginning of each second subsequent two-year general election cycle, the Secretary shall publish the amount of each



adjusted monetary amount that shall apply for that two-year general election cycle and the next two-year general election cycle.

§ 2906. CAMPAIGN DATABASE; CANDIDATE INFORMATION

WEB PAGE

(a) Campaign database. For each two-year general election cycle, the Secretary of State shall develop and continually update a publicly accessible campaign database which shall be made available to the public through the Secretary of State's home page online service or through printed reports from the Secretary in response to a public request within 14 days of the date of the request. The database shall contain:

(1) at least the following information for all candidates for statewide, county, and local office and for the General Assembly:

(A) for candidates receiving public financing grants, the amount of each grant awarded; and

(B) the information contained in any reports submitted pursuant to subchapter 4 of this chapter;

(2) an Internet link to campaign finance reports filed by Vermont's candidates for federal office;

(3) the adjustments for inflation made to monetary amounts as required by this chapter; and

(4) any photographs, biographical sketches, and position statements submitted to the Secretary pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Candidate information web page.

(1) Any candidate for statewide office and any candidate for federal office qualified to be on the ballot in this State may submit to the Secretary of State a photograph, biographical sketch, and position statement of a length and format specified by the Secretary for the purposes of preparing a candidate information web page within the website of the Secretary of State.

(2) Without making any substantive changes in the material presented, the Secretary shall prepare a candidate information web page on the Secretary's website, which includes the candidates' photographs, biographies, and position statements; a brief explanation of the process used to obtain candidate submissions; and, with respect to offices for which public financing is available, an indication of which candidates are receiving Vermont campaign finance grants and which candidates are not receiving Vermont campaign finance grants.

(3) The Secretary shall populate the candidate information web page by posting each candidate's submission no fewer than three business days after receiving the candidate's submission.

§ 2907. ADMINISTRATION

The Secretary of State shall administer this chapter and shall perform all duties required under this chapter. The Secretary may employ or contract for the services of persons necessary for performance of these duties.

Subchapter 2. Registration and Maintenance Requirements

§ 2921. CANDIDATES; REGISTRATION; CHECKING ACCOUNT;

TREASURER

(a) Each candidate who has made expenditures or accepted contributions of \$500.00 or more in a two-year general election cycle shall register with the Secretary of State stating his or her full name and address; the office the candidate is seeking; the name and address of the bank in which the candidate maintains his or her campaign checking account; and the name and address of the treasurer responsible for maintaining the checking account. A candidate's treasurer may be the candidate or his or her spouse.

(b) All expenditures by a candidate shall be paid by either a credit card or a debit card, check, or other electronic transfer from the single campaign checking account in the bank designated by the candidate under subsection (a) of this section, or, if under \$250.00, the candidate may make the expenditure from cash from that campaign checking account if accompanied by a receipt, a copy of which shall be maintained by the candidate for at least two years from the end of the two-year general election cycle in which the expenditure was made.

§ 2922. POLITICAL COMMITTEES; REGISTRATION; CHECKING

ACCOUNT; TREASURER

(a) Each political committee shall register with the Secretary of State within 10 days of making expenditures of \$1,000.00 or more and accepting contributions of \$1,000.00 or more stating its full name and address; the name and address of the bank in which it maintains its campaign checking account; and the name and address of the treasurer responsible for maintaining the checking account.

(b) All expenditures by a political committee shall be paid by either a credit card or a debit card, check, or other electronic transfer from the single campaign checking account in the bank designated by the political committee under subsection (a) of this section, or, if under \$250.00, the political

committee may make the expenditure from cash from that campaign checking account if accompanied by a receipt, a copy of which shall be maintained by the political committee for at least two years from the end of the two-year general election cycle in which the expenditure was made.

(c) A political committee whose principal place of business or whose treasurer is not located in this State shall file a statement with the Secretary of State designating a person who resides in this State upon whom may be served any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon the political committee. This statement shall be filed at the same time as the registration required in subsection (a) of this section.

#### § 2923. POLITICAL PARTIES; REGISTRATION; CHECKING

##### ACCOUNTS; TREASURER

(a)(1) Each political party which has accepted contributions or made expenditures of \$1,000.00 or more in any two-year general election cycle shall register with the Secretary of State within 10 days of reaching the \$1,000.00 threshold. In its registration, the party shall state its full name and address, the name and address of the bank in which it maintains its campaign checking account, and the name and address of the treasurer responsible for maintaining the checking account.

(2) A political party may permit any subsidiary, branch, or local unit of the political party to maintain its own checking account. If a subsidiary, branch, or local unit of a political party is so permitted, it shall file with the Secretary of State within five days of establishing the checking account its full name and address, the name of the political party, the name and address of the bank in which it maintains its campaign checking account, and the name and address of the treasurer responsible for maintaining the checking account.

(b) All expenditures by a political party or its subsidiary, branch, or local unit shall be paid by either a credit card or a debit card, check, or other electronic transfer from the single campaign checking account in the bank designated by the political party under subsection (a) of this section, or if under \$250.00, the political party may make the expenditure from cash from that campaign checking account if accompanied by a receipt, a copy of which shall be maintained by the political party for at least two years from the end of the two-year general election cycle in which the expenditure was made.

(c) A political party or its subsidiary, branch, or local unit whose principal place of business or whose treasurer is not located in this State shall file a statement with the Secretary of State designating a person who resides in this State upon whom may be served any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon the political party, subsidiary, branch, or

local unit. This statement shall be filed at the same time as the registration required in subsection (a) of this section.

§ 2924. CANDIDATES; SURPLUS CAMPAIGN FUNDS; NEW  
CAMPAIGN ACCOUNTS

(a) A candidate who has surplus funds after all campaign debts have been paid shall not convert the surplus to personal use, other than to reduce personal campaign debts or as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(b) Surplus funds in a candidate's account shall be:

(1) contributed to other candidates, political parties, or political committees subject to the contribution limits set forth in this chapter;

(2) contributed to a charity;

(3) contributed to the Secretary of State Services Fund;

(4) rolled over into a new campaign account as provided in subsection (d) of this section; or

(5) liquidated using a combination of the provisions set forth in subdivisions (1)–(4) of this subsection.

(c) The “final report” of a candidate shall indicate the amount of the surplus and how it has been liquidated.

(d)(1) A candidate who chooses to roll over any surplus contributions into a new campaign account for public office shall close out his or her former campaign by filing a final report with the Secretary of State converting all debts and assets to the new campaign.

(2) A candidate who rolls over surplus contributions into a new campaign account shall be required to file a new bank designation form only if there has been a change in the treasurer or the location of the campaign account.

§ 2925. POLITICAL COMMITTEES; SURPLUS CAMPAIGN FUNDS

(a) A member of a political committee which has surplus funds after all campaign debts have been paid shall not convert the surplus to personal use.

(b) Surplus funds in a political committee's account shall be:

(1) contributed to other candidates, political parties, or political committees subject to the contribution limits set forth in this chapter;

(2) contributed to a charity;

(3) contributed to the Secretary of State Services Fund; or

(4) liquidated using a combination of the provisions set forth in subdivisions (1)–(3) of this subsection.

(c) The “final report” of a political committee shall indicate the amount of the surplus and how it has been liquidated.

### Subchapter 3. Contribution Limitations

#### § 2941. LIMITATIONS OF CONTRIBUTIONS

In any two-year general election cycle:

(1)(A) A candidate for state representative or for local office shall not accept contributions totaling more than:

(i) \$1,000.00 from a single source; or

(ii) \$1,000.00 from a political committee.

(B) Such a candidate may accept unlimited contributions from a political party.

(2)(A) A candidate for state senator or county office shall not accept contributions totaling more than:

(i) \$1,500.00 from a single source; or

(ii) \$1,500.00 from a political committee.

(B) Such a candidate may accept unlimited contributions from a political party.

(3)(A) A candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Auditor of Accounts, or Attorney General shall not accept contributions totaling more than:

(i) \$4,000.00 from a single source; or

(ii) \$4,000.00 from a political committee.

(B) Such a candidate may accept unlimited contributions from a political party.

(4) A political committee shall not accept contributions totaling more than:

(A) \$5,000.00 from a single source;

(B) \$5,000.00 from a political committee; or

(C) \$5,000.00 from a political party.

(5) A political party shall not accept contributions totaling more than:

(A) \$5,000.00 from a single source;

(B) \$5,000.00 from a political committee; or

(C) \$30,000.00 from a political party.

(6) A single source, political committee, or political party shall not contribute more to a candidate, political committee, or political party than the candidate, political committee, or political party is permitted to accept under subdivisions (1) through (5) of this section.

#### § 2942. EXCEPTIONS

The contribution limitations established by this subchapter shall not apply to contributions to a political committee made for the purpose of advocating a position on a public question, including a constitutional amendment.

#### § 2943. LIMITATIONS ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION

The contribution limitations contained in this subchapter shall be adjusted for inflation pursuant to the Consumer Price Index as provided in section 2905 of this chapter.

#### § 2944. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR RELATED EXPENDITURES

(a) A related campaign expenditure made on a candidate's behalf shall be considered a contribution to the candidate on whose behalf it was made.

(b) For the purposes of this section, a "related campaign expenditure made on the candidate's behalf" means any expenditure intended to promote the election of a specific candidate or group of candidates or the defeat of an opposing candidate or group of candidates if intentionally facilitated by, solicited by, or approved by the candidate or the candidate's committee.

(c)(1) An expenditure made by a political party or by a political committee that recruits or endorses candidates that primarily benefits six or fewer candidates who are associated with the political party or political committee making the expenditure is presumed to be a related expenditure made on behalf of those candidates, except that the acquisition, use, or dissemination of the images of those candidates by the political party or political committee shall not be presumed to be a related expenditure made on behalf of those candidates.

(2) An expenditure made by a political party or by a political committee that recruits or endorses candidates that substantially benefits more than six candidates and facilitates party or political committee functions, voter turnout, platform promotion, or organizational capacity shall not be presumed to be a related expenditure made on a candidate's behalf.

(d)(1) For the purposes of this section, an expenditure by a person shall not be considered a “related expenditure made on the candidate’s behalf” if all of the following apply:

(A) the expenditure was made in connection with a campaign event whose purpose was to provide a group of voters with the opportunity to meet a candidate;

(B) the expenditure was made for:

(i) invitations and any postage for those invitations to invite voters to the event; or

(ii) any food or beverages consumed at the event and any related supplies thereof; and

(C) the cumulative value of any expenditure by the person made under this subsection does not exceed \$500.00 per event.

(2) For the purposes of this subsection:

(A) if the cumulative value of any expenditure by a person made under this subsection exceeds \$500.00 per event, the amount equal to the difference between the two shall be considered a “related expenditure made on the candidate’s behalf”; and

(B) any reimbursement to the person by the candidate for the costs of the expenditure shall be subtracted from the cumulative value of the expenditures.

(e)(1) A candidate may seek a determination that an expenditure is a related expenditure made on behalf of an opposing candidate by filing a petition with the superior court of the county in which either candidate resides.

(2) Within 24 hours of the filing of a petition, the court shall schedule the petition for hearing. Except as to cases the court considers of greater importance, proceedings before the superior court, as authorized by this section, and appeals therefrom take precedence on the docket over all other cases and shall be assigned for hearing and trial or for argument at the earliest practicable date and expedited in every way.

(3) The findings and determination of the court shall be prima facie evidence in any proceedings brought for violation of this chapter.

(f) The Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary to administer the provisions of this section.

#### § 2945. ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS

(a) A candidate, political committee, or political party accepts a

contribution when the contribution is deposited in the candidate's, committee's, or party's campaign account or five business days after the candidate, committee, or party receives it, whichever comes first.

(b) A candidate, political committee, or political party shall not accept a monetary contribution in excess of \$100.00 unless made by check, credit or debit card, or other electronic transfer.

#### § 2946. CANDIDATE'S ATTRIBUTION TO PREVIOUS CYCLE

A candidate's expenditures related to a previous campaign and contributions used to retire a debt of a previous campaign shall be attributed to the earlier campaign.

#### § 2947. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM A CANDIDATE OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY

This subchapter shall not be interpreted to limit the amount a candidate or his or her immediate family may contribute to his or her own campaign. For purposes of this subsection, "immediate family" means a candidate's spouse, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sister, brother, stepparent, stepgrandparent, stepchild, stepgrandchild, stepsister, stepbrother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, legal guardian, or former legal guardian.

#### § 2948. PROHIBITION ON TRANSFERRING CONTRIBUTIONS

A candidate, political committee, or political party shall not accept a contribution which the candidate, political committee, or political party knows is not directly from the contributor but was transferred to the contributor by another person for the purpose of transferring the same to the candidate, political committee, or political party or otherwise circumventing the provisions of this chapter. It shall be a violation of this chapter for a person to make a contribution with the explicit or implicit understanding that the contribution will be transferred in violation of this section.

#### § 2949. USE OF TERM "CANDIDATE"

For purposes of this subchapter, the term "candidate" includes the candidate's committee, except in regard to the provisions of section 2947 of this subchapter.

### Subchapter 4. Reporting Requirements; Disclosures

#### § 2961. SUBMISSION OF REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

(a)(1) The Secretary of State shall provide on the online database set forth in section 2906 of this chapter digital access to the form that he or she provides for any report required by this chapter. Digital access shall enable any person



required to file a report under this chapter to file the report by completing and submitting the report to the Secretary of State online.

(2) The Secretary shall maintain on the online database reports that have been filed for each two-year general election cycle so that any person may have direct machine-readable electronic access to the individual data elements in each report and the ability to search those data elements as soon as a report is filed.

(b) Any person required to file a report with the Secretary of State under this chapter shall file the report digitally on the online database.

#### § 2962. REPORTS; GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) Any report required to be submitted to the Secretary of State under this chapter shall contain the statement “I hereby certify that the information provided on all pages of this campaign finance disclosure report is true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief” and places for the signature of the candidate or the treasurer of the candidate, political committee, or political party.

(b) Any person required to file a report under this chapter shall provide the information required in the Secretary of State’s reporting form. Disclosure shall be limited to the information required to administer this chapter.

(c) All reports filed under this chapter shall be retained in an indexed file by the Secretary of State and shall be subject to the examination of any person.

#### § 2963. CAMPAIGN REPORTS; SECRETARY OF STATE; FORMS;

##### FILING

(a) The Secretary of State shall prescribe and provide a uniform reporting form for all campaign finance reports. The reporting form shall be designed to show the following information:

(1) the full name, town of residence, and mailing address of each contributor who contributes an amount in excess of \$100.00, the date of the contribution, and the amount contributed, as well as a space on the form for the occupation of each contributor, which the candidate, political committee, or political party shall make a reasonable effort to obtain;

(2) the total amount of all contributions of \$100.00 or less and the total number of all such contributions;

(3) each expenditure listed by amount, date, to whom paid, and for what purpose;

(4) the amount contributed or loaned by the candidate to his or her own

campaign during the reporting period; and

(5) each debt or other obligation, listed by amount, date incurred, to whom owed, and for what purpose, incurred during the reporting period.

(b)(1) The form shall require the reporting of all contributions and expenditures accepted or spent during the reporting period and during the campaign to date and shall require full disclosure of the manner in which any indebtedness is discharged or forgiven.

(2) Contributions and expenditures for the reporting period and for the campaign to date also shall be totaled in an appropriate place on the form. The total of contributions shall include a subtotal of nonmonetary contributions and a subtotal of all monetary contributions.

(3) The form shall contain a list of the required filing times so that the person filing may designate for which time period the filing is made.

(4) Contributions accepted and expenditures spent after 5:00 p.m. on the third day prior to the filing deadline shall be reported on the next report.

§ 2964. CAMPAIGN REPORTS; CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND COUNTY OFFICE;

POLITICAL COMMITTEES; POLITICAL PARTIES

(a)(1) Each candidate for state office, the General Assembly, and a two-year-term county office who has made expenditures or accepted contributions of \$500.00 or more during a two-year general election cycle and, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, each political committee that has made expenditures or accepted contributions of \$500.00 or more in the current two-year general election cycle and each political party required to register under section 2923 of this chapter shall file with the Secretary of State campaign finance reports as follows:

(A) in the first year of the two-year general election cycle, on July 15 and November 1 of the odd-numbered year; and

(B) in the second year of the two-year general election cycle:

(i) on March 15;

(ii) on July 15, August 1, and August 15;

(iii) on September 1;

(iv) on October 1, October 15, and November 1; and

(v) two weeks after the general election.

(2)(A) Each candidate for a four-year-term county office who has made expenditures or accepted contributions of \$500.00 or more during a four-year general election cycle shall file with the Secretary of State campaign finance reports as follows:

(i) in the first three years of the four-year general election cycle, on July 15 and November 1; and

(ii) in the fourth year of the four-year general election cycle:

(I) on March 15;

(II) on July 15, August 1, and August 15;

(III) on September 1;

(IV) on October 1, October 15, and November 1; and

(V) two weeks after the general election.

(B) As used in this subdivision (2), “four-year general election cycle” means the 48-month period that begins 38 days after a general election.

(3) The failure of a candidate, political committee, or political party to file a report under this subsection shall be deemed an affirmative statement that a report is not required of the candidate, political committee, or political party under subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection.

(b) A political committee or a political party which has accepted contributions or made expenditures of \$1,000.00 or more in any two-year general election cycle for the purpose of influencing a local election or supporting or opposing one or more candidates in a local election shall file with the Secretary of State campaign finance reports regarding that election 30 days before, 10 days before, and two weeks after the local election.

§ 2965. FINAL REPORTS; CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE, THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND COUNTY OFFICE; POLITICAL

COMMITTEES; POLITICAL PARTIES

(a) At any time, but not later than December 15th following the general election, each candidate for state office, the General Assembly, and a two-year-term county office who has made expenditures or accepted contributions of \$500.00 or more during the two-year general election cycle and each candidate for a four-year-term county office who has made expenditures or accepted contributions of \$500.00 or more during the four-year general election cycle shall file with the Secretary of State a “final report” which lists a complete accounting of all contributions and expenditures since the last report and liquidation of surplus and which shall constitute the

termination of his or her campaign activities.

(b) At any time, a political committee or a political party may file a “final report” which lists a complete accounting of all contributions and expenditures since the last report and liquidation of surplus and which shall constitute the termination of its campaign activities.

§ 2966. REPORTS BY CANDIDATES NOT REACHING MONETARY REPORTING THRESHOLD

(a) Each candidate for state office, the General Assembly, and a two-year-term county office who has made expenditures or accepted contributions of less than \$500.00 during a two-year general election cycle shall file with the Secretary of State 10 days following the general election a statement that the candidate has not made expenditures or accepted contributions of \$500.00 or more during the two-year general election cycle.

(b) Each candidate for a four-year-term county office who has made expenditures or accepted contributions of less than \$500.00 during a four-year general election cycle shall file with the Secretary of State 10 days following the general election a statement that the candidate has not made expenditures or accepted contributions of \$500.00 or more during the four-year general election cycle.

§ 2967. ADDITIONAL CAMPAIGN REPORTS; CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(a) In addition to any other reports required to be filed under this chapter, a candidate for state office or for the General Assembly who accepts a monetary contribution in an amount over \$2,000.00 within 10 days of a primary or general election shall report the contribution to the Secretary of State within 24 hours of receiving the contribution.

(b) A report required by this section shall include the following information:

(1) the full name, town of residence, and mailing address of the contributor; the date of the contribution; and the amount contributed; and

(2) the amount contributed or loaned by the candidate to his or her own campaign.

§ 2968. CAMPAIGN REPORTS; LOCAL CANDIDATES

(a) Each candidate for local office who has made expenditures or accepted contributions of \$500.00 or more since the last local election for that office shall file with the Secretary of State campaign finance reports 30 days before,

10 days before, and two weeks after the local election.

(b) Within 40 days after the local election, each candidate for local office who has made expenditures or accepted contributions of \$500.00 or more shall file with the Secretary of State a “final report” which lists a complete accounting of all contributions and expenditures since the last report and a liquidation of surplus and which shall constitute the termination of his or her campaign activities.

(c) The failure of a local candidate to file a campaign finance report shall be deemed an affirmative statement that the candidate has not accepted contributions or made expenditures of \$500.00 or more since the last local election for that office.

#### § 2969. REPORTING OF SURPLUS

A former candidate who has rolled over surplus into a new campaign account as provided in subsection 2924(d) of this chapter but who is not a candidate for office in a subsequent campaign shall file a report of the amount of his or her surplus and any liquidation of it two weeks after each general election until liquidation of all surplus has been reported.

#### § 2970. CAMPAIGN REPORTS; OTHER ENTITIES; PUBLIC

##### QUESTIONS

Any formal or informal committee of two or more individuals or a corporation, labor organization, public interest group, or other entity, not including a political party, which makes expenditures of \$1,000.00 or more in any two-year general election cycle for the purpose of advocating a position on a public question in any election shall file a report of its expenditures 30 days before, 10 days before, and two weeks after the election with the Secretary of State.

#### § 2971. REPORT OF MASS MEDIA ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) In addition to any other reports required to be filed under this chapter, a person who makes expenditures for any one mass media activity totaling \$500.00 or more, adjusted for inflation pursuant to the Consumer Price Index as provided in section 2905 of this chapter, within 45 days before a primary, general, county, or local election shall, for each activity, file a mass media report with the Secretary of State and send a copy of the report to each candidate whose name or likeness is included in the activity without that candidate’s knowledge.

(2) The copy of the mass media report shall be sent by e-mail to each such candidate who has provided the Secretary of State with an e-mail address on his or her consent form and to any other such candidate by mail.

(3) The mass media report shall be filed and the copy of the report shall be sent within 24 hours of the expenditure or activity, whichever occurs first. For the purposes of this section, a person shall be treated as having made an expenditure if the person has executed a contract to make the expenditure.

(b) The report shall identify the person who made the expenditure; the name of each candidate whose name or likeness was included in the activity; the amount and date of the expenditure; to whom it was paid; and the purpose of the expenditure.

(c) If the activity occurs within 30 days before the election and the expenditure was previously reported, an additional report shall be required under this section.

#### § 2972. IDENTIFICATION IN ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS

(a) An electioneering communication shall contain the name and mailing address of the person, candidate, political committee, or political party that paid for the communication. The name and address shall appear prominently and in a manner such that a reasonable person would clearly understand by whom the expenditure has been made, except that:

(1) An electioneering communication transmitted through radio and paid for by a candidate does not need to contain the candidate's address.

(2) An electioneering communication paid for by a person acting as an agent or consultant on behalf of another person, candidate, political committee, or political party shall clearly designate the name and mailing address of the person, candidate, political committee, or political party on whose behalf the communication is published or broadcast.

(b) If an electioneering communication is a related campaign expenditure made on a candidate's behalf as provided in section 2944 of this chapter, then in addition to other requirements of this section, the communication shall also clearly designate the candidate on whose behalf it was made by including language such as "on behalf of" such candidate.

(c) The identification requirements of this section shall not apply to lapel stickers or buttons, nor shall they apply to electioneering communications made by a single individual acting alone who spends, in a single two-year general election cycle, a cumulative amount of no more than \$150.00 on those electioneering communications, adjusted for inflation pursuant to the Consumer Price Index as provided in section 2905 of this chapter.

#### § 2973. SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RADIO OR TELEVISION COMMUNICATIONS

(a) In addition to the identification requirements set forth in section 2972 of this subchapter, a person, candidate, political committee, or political party that makes an expenditure for an electioneering communication shall include in any communication which is transmitted through radio or television, in a clearly spoken manner, an audio statement of the name and title of the person who paid for the communication, that the person paid for the communication, and that the person approves of the content of the communication.

(b) If the person who paid for the communication is not a natural person, the audio statement required by this section shall include the name of that person, the name and title of the principal officer of the person, and a statement that the officer approves of the content of the communication.

#### Subchapter 5. Public Financing Option

#### § 2981. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter:

(1) “Affidavit” means the Vermont campaign finance affidavit required under section 2982 of this chapter.

(2) “General election period” means the period beginning the day after the primary election and ending the day of the general election.

(3) “Primary election period” means the period beginning the day after primary petitions must be filed under section 2356 of this title and ending the day of the primary election.

(4) “Vermont campaign finance qualification period” means the period beginning February 15 of each even-numbered year and ending on the date on which primary petitions must be filed under section 2356 of this title.

#### § 2982. FILING OF VERMONT CAMPAIGN FINANCE AFFIDAVIT

(a) A candidate for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor who intends to seek Vermont campaign finance grants from the Secretary of State Services Fund shall file a Vermont campaign finance affidavit on the date on or before which primary petitions must be filed, whether the candidate seeks to enter a party primary or is an independent candidate.

(b) The Secretary of State shall prepare a Vermont campaign finance affidavit form, informational materials on procedures and financial requirements, and notification of the penalties for violation of this subchapter.

(c)(1) The Vermont campaign finance affidavit shall set forth the conditions of receiving grants under this subchapter and provide space for the candidate to agree that he or she will abide by such conditions and all expenditure and contribution limitations, reporting requirements, and other

provisions of this chapter.

(2) The affidavit shall also state the candidate's name, legal residence, business or occupation, address of business or occupation, party affiliation, if any, the office sought, and whether the candidate intends to enter a party primary.

(3) The affidavit shall also contain a list of all the candidate's qualifying contributions together with the name and town of residence of the contributor and the date each contribution was made.

(4) The affidavit may further require affirmation of such other information as deemed necessary by the Secretary of State for the administration of this subchapter.

(5) The affidavit shall be sworn and subscribed to by the candidate.

#### § 2983. VERMONT CAMPAIGN FINANCE GRANTS; CONDITIONS

(a) A person shall not be eligible for Vermont campaign finance grants if, prior to February 15 of the general election year during any two-year general election cycle, he or she becomes a candidate by announcing that he or she seeks an elected position as Governor or Lieutenant Governor or by accepting contributions totaling \$2,000.00 or more or by making expenditures totaling \$2,000.00 or more.

(b) A candidate who accepts Vermont campaign finance grants shall:

(1) not solicit, accept, or expend any contributions except qualifying contributions, Vermont campaign finance grants, and contributions authorized under section 2985 of this chapter, which contributions may be solicited, accepted, or expended only in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter;

(2) deposit all qualifying contributions, Vermont campaign finance grants, and any contributions accepted in accordance with the provisions of section 2985 of this chapter in a federally insured noninterest-bearing checking account; and

(3) not later than 40 days after the general election, deposit in the Secretary of State Services Fund, after all permissible expenditures have been paid, the balance of any amounts remaining in the account established under subdivision (2) of this subsection.

#### § 2984. QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS

(a) In order to qualify for Vermont campaign finance grants, a candidate for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall obtain during the Vermont campaign finance qualification period the following amount and number of



qualifying contributions for the office being sought:

(1) for Governor, a total amount of no less than \$35,000.00 collected from no fewer than 1,500 qualified individual contributors making a contribution of no more than \$50.00 each; or

(2) for Lieutenant Governor, a total amount of no less than \$17,500.00 collected from no fewer than 750 qualified individual contributors making a contribution of no more than \$50.00 each.

(b) A candidate shall not accept more than one qualifying contribution from the same contributor and a contributor shall not make more than one qualifying contribution to the same candidate in any Vermont campaign finance qualification period. For the purpose of this section, a qualified individual contributor means an individual who is registered to vote in Vermont. No more than 25 percent of the total number of qualified individual contributors may be residents of the same county.

(c) Each qualifying contribution shall indicate the name and town of residence of the contributor and the date accepted and be acknowledged by the signature of the contributor.

(d) A candidate may retain and expend qualifying contributions obtained under this section. A candidate may expend the qualifying contributions for the purpose of obtaining additional qualifying contributions and may expend the remaining qualifying contributions during the primary and general election periods. Amounts expended under this subsection shall be considered expenditures for purposes of this chapter.

§ 2985. VERMONT CAMPAIGN FINANCE GRANTS; AMOUNTS;

TIMING

(a) To the extent funds are available, the Secretary of State shall make grants from the Secretary of State Services Fund in separate grants for the primary and general election periods to candidates who have qualified for Vermont campaign finance grants under this subchapter.

(b) Whether a candidate has entered a primary or is an independent candidate, Vermont campaign finance grants shall be in the following amounts:

(1) For Governor, \$150,000.00 in a primary election period and \$450,000.00 in a general election period, provided that the grant for a primary election period shall be reduced by an amount equal to the candidate's qualifying contributions.

(2) For Lieutenant Governor, \$50,000.00 in a primary election period and \$150,000.00 in a general election period, provided that the grant for a

primary election period shall be reduced by an amount equal to the candidate's qualifying contributions;

(3) A candidate who is an incumbent of the office being sought shall be entitled to receive a grant in an amount equal to 85 percent of the amount listed in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection.

(c) In an uncontested general election and in the case of a candidate who enters a primary election and is unsuccessful in that election, an otherwise eligible candidate shall not be eligible for a general election period grant. However, such candidate may solicit and accept contributions and make expenditures as follows: contributions shall be subject to the limitations set forth in subchapter 3 of this chapter, and expenditures shall be limited to an amount equal to the amount of the grant set forth in subsection (b) of this section for the general election for that office.

(d) Grants awarded in a primary election period but not expended by the candidate in the primary election period may be expended by the candidate in the general election period.

(e) Vermont campaign finance grants for a primary election period shall be paid to qualifying candidates within the first 10 business days of the primary election period. Vermont campaign finance grants for a general election period shall be paid to qualifying candidates during the first 10 business days of the general election period.

(f) If the Secretary of State Services Fund contains insufficient revenues to provide Vermont campaign finance grants to all candidates under this section, the available funds shall be distributed proportionately among all qualifying candidates. If grants are reduced under this subsection, a candidate may solicit and accept additional contributions equal to the amount of the difference between the amount of the Vermont campaign finance grants authorized and the amount received under this section. Additional contributions authorized under this subsection shall be governed by the provisions of sections 2941 and 2983 of this chapter.

#### § 2986. MONETARY AMOUNTS ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION

The monetary amounts contained in sections 2983–2985 of this subchapter shall be adjusted for inflation pursuant to the Consumer Price Index as provided in section 2905 of this chapter.

#### Sec. 4. EVALUATION OF 2014 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS

The House and Senate Committees on Government Operations shall evaluate the 2014 primary and general elections to determine the effect of the implementation of this act.

Sec. 5. SECRETARY OF STATE; REPORT; CORPORATIONS AND  
LABOR UNIONS; SEPARATE SEGREGATED FUNDS

(a) By December 15, 2013, the Secretary of State shall report to the Senate and House Committees on Government Operations regarding any impact on his or her office and on corporations and labor unions if corporations and labor unions were required to establish separate segregated funds in order to make contributions to candidates, political committees, and political parties as provided in 2 U.S.C. § 441b and related federal law.

(b) The report shall include an analysis of what entities would be subject to the requirement described in subsection (a) of this section and how those entities would otherwise be able to use their general treasury funds in relation to political activity.

Sec. 6. INTERIM REPORTING; METHOD OF REPORTING

(a) Prior to and until the effective date of 17 V.S.A. § 2961 (submission of reports to the Secretary of State) in Sec. 3 of this act, as the effective date is provided in subdivision Sec. 7 of this act, a candidate, political committee, or political party shall file reports required under Sec. 3 of this act by any of the following methods:

(1) by filing an original paper copy of a required report with the Secretary of State; or

(2) by sending to the Secretary of State a copy of the report by facsimile; or

(3) by attaching a PDF copy of the form to an e-mail and by sending the e-mail to [campaignfinance@sec.state.vt.us](mailto:campaignfinance@sec.state.vt.us).

(b) Any reports filed under subsection (a) of this section shall contain the signature of the candidate or his or her treasurer or the treasurer of the political committee or political party. The treasurer shall be the same treasurer as provided by the candidate, political committee, or political party under 17 V.S.A. §§ 2921–2923 in Sec. 3 of this act.

Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATES; TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

This act shall take effect on passage, except that in Sec. 3 of this act, 17 V.S.A. § 2961 (submission of reports to the Secretary of State) shall take effect on January 15, 2015.

**(Committee vote: 9-2-0)**

**(For text see Senate Journal 3/28/2013, 4/12/2013, 4/17/2013 and 4/18/2013)**

## Favorable

### S. 38

An act relating to expanding eligibility for driving and identification privileges in Vermont

**Rep. Burke of Brattleboro**, for the Committee on **Transportation**, recommends that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

**(Committee Vote: 7-4-0)**

**(For text see Senate Journal 4/5/2013 )**

**Rep. Ram of Burlington**, for the Committee on **Ways and Means**, recommends the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

**(Committee Vote: 9-2-0)**

## Senate Proposal of Amendment

### H. 99

An act relating to equal pay

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

First: In Sec. 2, 21 V.S.A. § 495, by striking out subdivision (a)(7)(B) and inserting a new subdivision (a)(7)(B) to read:

(B)(i) No employer may do any of the following:

~~(i)(I)~~ Require, as a condition of employment, that an employee refrain from disclosing the amount of his or her wages or from inquiring about or discussing the wages of other employees.

~~(ii)(II)~~ Require an employee to sign a waiver or other document that purports to deny the employee the right to disclose the amount of his or her wages or to inquire about or discuss the wages of other employees.

~~(iii)~~ ~~Discharge, formally discipline, or otherwise discriminate against an employee who discloses the amount of his or her wages.~~

(ii) Unless otherwise required by law, an employer may prohibit a human resources manager from disclosing the wages of other employees.

Second: In Sec. 2, 21 V.S.A. § 495, in subsection (h), by adding a sentence at the end of the subsection to read: “Unless otherwise required by law, nothing in this section shall require an employee to disclose his or her wages in response to an inquiry by another employee.

Third: In Sec. 3, 3 V.S.A. § 345, by striking out subsection (b) in its

entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read:

(b) A contractor subject to this section shall maintain and make available its books and records at reasonable times and upon notice to the contracting agency and the Attorney General so that either may determine whether the contractor is in compliance with this section.

Fourth: By striking out Sec. 6 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 6 to read:

Sec. 6. 21 V.S.A. § 309 is added to read:

§ 309. FLEXIBLE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

(a)(1) An employee may request a flexible working arrangement that meets the needs of the employer and employee. The employer shall consider a request using the procedures in subsections (b) and (c) of this section at least twice per calendar year.

(2) As used in this section, “flexible working arrangement” means intermediate or long-term changes in the employee’s regular working arrangements including changes in the number of days or hours worked, changes in the time the employee arrives at or departs from work, work from home, or job-sharing. “Flexible working arrangement” does not include vacation, routine scheduling of shifts, or another form of employee leave.

(b)(1) The employer shall discuss the request for a flexible working arrangement with the employee in good faith. The employer and employee may propose alternative arrangements during the discussion.

(2) The employer shall consider the employee’s request for a flexible working arrangement and whether the request could be granted in a manner that is not inconsistent with its business operations or its legal or contractual obligations.

(3) As used in this section, “inconsistent with business operations” includes:

(A) the burden on an employer of additional costs;

(B) a detrimental effect on aggregate employee morale unrelated to discrimination or other unlawful employment practices;

(C) a detrimental effect on the ability of an employer to meet consumer demand;

(D) an inability to reorganize work among existing staff;

(E) an inability to recruit additional staff;

(F) a detrimental impact on business quality or business performance;

(G) an insufficiency of work during the periods the employee proposes to work; and

(H) planned structural changes to the business.

(c) The employer shall notify the employee of the decision regarding the request. If the request was submitted in writing, the employer shall state any complete or partial denial of the request in writing.

(d) This section shall not diminish any rights under this chapter or pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement. An employer may institute a flexible working arrangement policy that is more generous than is provided by this section.

(e) The Attorney General, a state's attorney, or the Human Rights Commission in the case of state employees may enforce subsections (b) and (c) of this section by restraining prohibited acts, conducting civil investigations, and obtaining assurances of discontinuance in accordance with the procedures established in subsection 495b(a) of this title. An employer subject to a complaint shall have the rights and remedies specified in subsection 495b(a) of this title. An investigation against an employer shall not be a prerequisite for bringing an action. The Civil Division of the Superior Court may award injunctive relief and court costs in any action. There shall be no private right of action to enforce this section.

(f) An employer shall not retaliate against an employee exercising his or her rights under this section. The provisions against retaliation in subdivision 495(a)(8) of this title and the penalty and enforcement provisions of section 495b of this title shall apply to this section.

(g) Nothing in this section shall affect any legal rights an employer or employee may have under applicable law to create, terminate, or modify a flexible working arrangement.

Fifth: By striking out Sec. 13 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 13 to read:

### Sec. 13. PAID FAMILY LEAVE STUDY COMMITTEE

(a) Creation. There is created a Committee to study the issue of paid family leave in Vermont and to make recommendations regarding whether and how paid family leave may benefit Vermont citizens.

(b) Membership. The Committee shall consist of the following members:

(1) One member of the House of Representatives chosen by the Speaker;

- (2) One member of the Senate chosen by the Committee on Committees;
- (3) three representatives from the business community, one appointed by the Speaker and two by the Committee on Committees;
- (4) two representatives from labor organizations, one appointed by the Speaker and one by the Committee on Committees;
- (5) one representative appointed by the Governor;
- (6) the Attorney General or designee;
- (7) the Commissioner of Labor or designee;
- (8) the Executive Director of the Vermont Commission on Women or designee; and
- (9) the Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission or designee.

(c) Duties. The Committee shall examine:

- (1) existing paid leave laws and proposed paid leave legislation in other states;
- (2) which employees should be eligible for paid leave benefits;
- (3) the appropriate level of wage replacement for eligible employees;
- (4) the appropriate duration of paid leave benefits;
- (5) mechanisms for funding paid leave through employee contributions;
- (6) administration of paid leave benefits;
- (7) transitioning to a funded paid leave program; and
- (8) any other issues relevant to paid leave.

(d) The Committee shall make recommendations including proposed legislation to address paid family leave in Vermont.

(e) The Committee shall convene its first meeting on or before September 1, 2013. The Commissioner of Labor or designee shall be designated Chair of the Committee and shall convene the first and subsequent meetings. The Committee shall have the administrative assistance of the Department of Labor. The Committee shall meet not more than five (5) times.

(f) The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations on or before January 15, 2014 to the House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs and the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

(g) For participation on the Committee at meetings during the adjournment of the General Assembly, legislative members shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406.

(h) Other members of the Committee who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their participation shall be entitled to per diem compensation or reimbursement of expenses, or both, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

(i) The Committee shall cease to function upon transmitting its report.

(For text see House Journal 3/19/2013 )

### **H. 169**

An act relating to relieving employers' experience-rating records

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

First: By striking out Sec. 4 (effective date) in its entirety and by inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 4 to read as follows:

Sec. 4. 21 V.S.A. § 1301 is amended to read:

#### § 1301. DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases, as used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

\* \* \*

(6)(A)(i) "Employment," subject to the other provisions of this subdivision (6), means service within the jurisdiction of this ~~state~~ State, performed prior to January 1, 1978, which was employment as defined in this subdivision prior to such date and, subject to the other provisions of this subdivision, service performed after December 31, 1977, by an employee, as defined in subsections 3306(i) and (o) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, including service in interstate commerce, performed for wages or under any contract of hire, written or oral, expressed or implied. Services partly within and partly without this ~~state~~ State may by election as hereinbefore provided be treated as if wholly within the jurisdiction of this ~~state~~ State. And whenever an employing unit shall have elected to come under the provisions of a similar act of a state where a part of the services of an employee are performed, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner, upon his or her approval of said election as to any such employee, may treat the services covered by said approved election as having been performed wholly without the jurisdiction of this ~~state~~ State.

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(C) The term "employment" shall not include:



\* \* \*

(xxi) Service performed by a direct seller if the individual is in compliance with all the following:

(I) The individual is engaged in:

(aa) the trade or business of selling or soliciting the sale of consumer products, including services or other intangibles, in the home or a location other than in a permanent retail establishment, including whether the sale or solicitation of a sale is to any buyer on a buy-sell basis, a deposit-commission basis, or any similar basis for resale by the buyer or any other person; or

(bb) the trade or business of the delivery or distribution of newspapers or shopping news, including any services directly related to such trade or business.

(II) Substantially all the remuneration, whether or not received in cash, for the performance of the services described in subdivision (I) of this subdivision (C)(xxi) is directly related to sales or other output, including the performance of services, rather than to the number of hours worked.

(III) The services performed by the individual are performed pursuant to a written contract between the individual and the person for whom the services are performed, and the contract provides that the individual will not be treated as an employee for federal and state tax purposes.

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Second: By adding a Sec. 5 to read as follows:

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on passage except that Sec. 4 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

(For text see House Journal 4/2/2013 )

## **H. 178**

An act relating to anatomical gifts

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

First: In Sec. 2, 18 V.S.A. § 5227, by inserting a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) If the disposition of the remains of a decedent is determined under subdivision (a)(9) of this section and the funeral director or crematory operator has cremated the remains, the funeral director or crematory operator shall

retain the remains for three years, and, if no interested party as provided in subdivisions (a)(1) through (8) of this section claims the decedent's remains after three years, the funeral director or crematory operator shall arrange for the final disposition of the cremated remains consistent with any applicable law and standard funeral practices.

and by relettering the existing subsection (c) to be (d).

Second: In Sec. 4, subsection (b), at the end of subdivision (4), by striking out the word "and" and by inserting new subdivisions (5) and (6) to read:

(5) a licensed funeral director or crematory operator;

(6) a family member of a decedent who made an anatomical gift under 18 V.S.A. chapter 110; and

and by renumbering the existing subdivision (5) to be (7)

(For text see House Journal 3/20/2013 )

### **H. 530**

An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking 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 2014 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 2014. 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, 2013. Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2014 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 2014.

(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, 2014.

#### 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 2014, 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 2014, federal funds available to the State of Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2013 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 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 2014 except for new positions authorized by the 2013 session. Limited service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to this restriction.

#### Sec. A.108 LEGEND

(a) The bill is organized by functions of government. The sections between B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriation of funds for the upcoming budget year. The sections between E.100 and E.9999 contain language that relates to specific appropriations or government functions, or both. 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>

B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899      Commerce and Community Development

B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999      Transportation

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

(b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year and the D sections contain fund transfers and reserve allocations for the upcoming budget year.

Sec. B.100 Secretary of administration - secretary's office

Personal services	844,340
Operating expenses	<u>129,219</u>
Total	973,559
Source of funds	
General fund	746,543
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>227,016</u>
Total	973,559

Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance

Personal services	1,214,086
Operating expenses	<u>174,974</u>
Total	1,389,060
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,389,060</u>
Total	1,389,060

Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance

Personal services	1,362,068
Operating expenses	<u>339,297</u>
Total	1,701,365
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>1,701,365</u>
Total	1,701,365

Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance

Personal services	282,457
Operating expenses	<u>63,401</u>
Total	345,858
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>345,858</u>
Total	345,858

Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance

Personal services	24,398
Operating expenses	<u>22,065</u>
Total	46,463
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>46,463</u>
Total	46,463

Sec. B.105 Information and innovation - communications and information technology

Personal services	10,850,041
Operating expenses	9,583,673
Grants	<u>735,000</u>
Total	21,168,714
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>21,168,714</u>
Total	21,168,714

Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management

Personal services	1,101,626
Operating expenses	<u>241,073</u>
Total	1,342,699
Source of funds	
General fund	1,099,521
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>243,178</u>
Total	1,342,699

Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations

Personal services	2,878,757
Operating expenses	<u>327,711</u>
Total	3,206,468
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>3,206,468</u>
Total	3,206,468

Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations

Personal services	6,837,121
Operating expenses	<u>949,416</u>
Total	7,786,537
Source of funds	
General fund	1,721,503
Special funds	244,912

Internal service funds	5,150,473
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>669,649</u>
Total	7,786,537
Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
Personal services	1,080,565
Operating expenses	<u>818,530</u>
Total	1,899,095
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	1,884,796
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,299</u>
Total	1,899,095
Sec. B.110 Libraries	
Personal services	2,094,320
Operating expenses	1,670,470
Grants	<u>67,163</u>
Total	3,831,953
Source of funds	
General fund	2,644,496
Special funds	127,019
Federal funds	963,293
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>97,145</u>
Total	3,831,953
Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
Personal services	13,452,030
Operating expenses	<u>3,606,359</u>
Total	17,058,389
Source of funds	
General fund	15,513,545
Special funds	1,299,400
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>245,444</u>
Total	17,058,389
Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
Personal services	718,740
Operating expenses	<u>61,999</u>
Total	780,739
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>780,739</u>
Total	780,739

Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
Personal services	2,327,747
Operating expenses	<u>474,850</u>
Total	2,802,597
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,802,597</u>
Total	2,802,597
Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
Personal services	3,254,150
Operating expenses	1,399,962
Grants	<u>33,000</u>
Total	4,687,112
Source of funds	
General fund	678,129
Transportation fund	3,930,356
Special funds	<u>78,627</u>
Total	4,687,112
Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
Personal services	990,356
Operating expenses	<u>190,439</u>
Total	1,180,795
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,180,795</u>
Total	1,180,795
Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
Personal services	640,226
Operating expenses	<u>133,400</u>
Total	773,626
Source of funds	
General fund	79,157
Internal service funds	<u>694,469</u>
Total	773,626
Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
Personal services	719,383
Operating expenses	<u>153,027</u>
Total	872,410
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>872,410</u>



Total	872,410
Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
Personal services	598,336
Operating expenses	<u>164,579</u>
Total	762,915
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>762,915</u>
Total	762,915
Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
Personal services	31,036
Operating expenses	<u>13,891</u>
Total	44,927
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>44,927</u>
Total	44,927
Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	
Personal services	143,737
Operating expenses	<u>107,035</u>
Total	250,772
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>250,772</u>
Total	250,772
Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
Personal services	1,306,056
Operating expenses	<u>1,191,640</u>
Total	2,497,696
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>2,497,696</u>
Total	2,497,696
Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
Personal services	12,619,641
Operating expenses	<u>14,837,602</u>
Total	27,457,243
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>27,457,243</u>
Total	27,457,243
Sec. B.123 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.124 Executive office - governor's office	
Personal services	1,200,333
Operating expenses	<u>437,916</u>
Total	1,638,249
Source of funds	
General fund	1,451,749
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>186,500</u>
Total	1,638,249
Sec. B.125 Legislative council	
Personal services	3,042,428
Operating expenses	<u>724,016</u>
Total	3,766,444
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>3,766,444</u>
Total	3,766,444
Sec. B.126 Legislature	
Personal services	3,467,973
Operating expenses	<u>3,412,007</u>
Total	6,879,980
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>6,879,980</u>
Total	6,879,980
Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
Personal services	1,314,830
Operating expenses	<u>125,858</u>
Total	1,440,688
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,440,688</u>
Total	1,440,688
Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
Personal services	514,458
Operating expenses	<u>70,127</u>
Total	584,585

Source of funds	
General fund	<u>584,585</u>
Total	584,585
Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
Personal services	146,082
Operating expenses	<u>28,963</u>
Total	175,045
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>175,045</u>
Total	175,045
Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
Personal services	3,378,241
Operating expenses	<u>155,467</u>
Total	3,533,708
Source of funds	
General fund	396,784
Special funds	53,145
Internal service funds	<u>3,083,779</u>
Total	3,533,708
Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
Personal services	2,907,173
Operating expenses	<u>297,164</u>
Total	3,204,337
Source of funds	
General fund	976,216
Special funds	2,123,541
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>104,580</u>
Total	3,204,337
Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
Personal services	886,715
Operating expenses	<u>251,413</u>
Total	1,138,128
Source of funds	
Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,138,128</u>
Total	1,138,128
Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
Personal services	6,557,649
Operating expenses	<u>30,370,108</u>

Total	36,927,757
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	<u>36,927,757</u>
Total	36,927,757
Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
Personal services	2,138,185
Operating expenses	<u>537,207</u>
Total	2,675,392
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	<u>2,675,392</u>
Total	2,675,392
Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
Personal services	181,889
Operating expenses	<u>43,272</u>
Total	225,161
Source of funds	
General fund	206,051
Special funds	6,788
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>12,322</u>
Total	225,161
Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
Personal services	25,288
Operating expenses	<u>20,026</u>
Total	45,314
Source of funds	
General fund	22,657
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>22,657</u>
Total	45,314
Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
Grants	<u>13,967,000</u>
Total	13,967,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>13,967,000</u>
Total	13,967,000
Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
Grants	<u>8,838,400</u>
Total	8,838,400
Source of funds	

General fund	2,651,500
Education fund	<u>6,186,900</u>
Total	8,838,400
Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
Grants	<u>3,293,196</u>
Total	3,293,196
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>3,293,196</u>
Total	3,293,196
Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
Grants	<u>13,475,000</u>
Total	13,475,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>13,475,000</u>
Total	13,475,000
Sec. B.141 Lottery commission	
Personal services	1,757,229
Operating expenses	1,280,936
Grants	<u>150,000</u>
Total	3,188,165
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>3,188,165</u>
Total	3,188,165
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	
Source of funds	
General fund	69,657,388
Transportation fund	3,930,356
Special funds	10,336,132
Education fund	9,480,096
Federal funds	963,293
Internal service funds	69,123,421
Interdepartmental transfers	6,795,236
Enterprise funds	3,233,092
Pension trust funds	39,603,149
Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,138,128</u>
Total	214,260,291
Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
Personal services	7,633,012
Operating expenses	<u>1,084,151</u>
Total	8,717,163
Source of funds	
General fund	4,269,409
Special funds	1,253,751
Tobacco fund	348,000
Federal funds	798,366
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,047,637</u>
Total	8,717,163
Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
Grants	<u>1,916,483</u>
Total	1,916,483
Source of funds	
General fund	1,396,486
Special funds	<u>519,997</u>
Total	1,916,483
Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
Personal services	8,930,535
Operating expenses	<u>947,591</u>

Total	9,878,126
Source of funds	
General fund	9,364,838
Special funds	<u>513,288</u>
Total	9,878,126
Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
Personal services	3,945,930
Operating expenses	<u>49,819</u>
Total	3,995,749
Source of funds	
General fund	3,870,485
Special funds	<u>125,264</u>
Total	3,995,749
Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
Personal services	32,218,222
Operating expenses	8,707,574
Grants	<u>70,000</u>
Total	40,995,796
Source of funds	
General fund	35,067,633
Special funds	3,235,319
Tobacco fund	39,871
Federal funds	714,176
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,938,797</u>
Total	40,995,796
Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
Personal services	9,856,733
Operating expenses	<u>1,539,920</u>
Total	11,396,653
Source of funds	
General fund	8,990,262
Special funds	9,982
Federal funds	31,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,365,409</u>
Total	11,396,653
Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
Personal services	99,676
Operating expenses	162

Grants	<u>1,420,000</u>
Total	1,519,838
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,519,838</u>
Total	1,519,838
Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
Personal services	3,493,064
Operating expenses	<u>335,464</u>
Total	3,828,528
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>3,828,528</u>
Total	3,828,528
Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
Personal services	2,098,413
Operating expenses	<u>1,584,079</u>
Total	3,682,492
Source of funds	
General fund	2,773,807
Federal funds	<u>908,685</u>
Total	3,682,492
Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
Personal services	48,640,226
Operating expenses	7,532,421
Grants	<u>7,645,120</u>
Total	63,817,767
Source of funds	
General fund	24,925,517
Transportation fund	25,238,498
Special funds	2,536,320
Federal funds	10,057,432
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,060,000</u>
Total	63,817,767
Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
Personal services	7,158,220
Operating expenses	<u>2,410,980</u>
Total	9,569,200
Source of funds	
General fund	7,026,613



Special funds	1,684,945
Federal funds	525,967
ARRA funds	<u>331,675</u>
Total	9,569,200
Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management	
Personal services	2,064,284
Operating expenses	547,084
Grants	<u>13,137,210</u>
Total	15,748,578
Source of funds	
General fund	719,580
Federal funds	<u>15,028,998</u>
Total	15,748,578
Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
Personal services	5,368,821
Operating expenses	1,548,070
Grants	<u>157,000</u>
Total	7,073,891
Source of funds	
General fund	646,809
Special funds	5,981,178
Federal funds	400,904
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
Total	7,073,891
Sec. B.213 Public safety - homeland security	
Personal services	5,100,032
Operating expenses	265,297
Grants	<u>3,997,535</u>
Total	9,362,864
Source of funds	
General fund	169,950
Federal funds	<u>9,192,914</u>
Total	9,362,864
Sec. B.214 Radiological emergency response plan	
Personal services	685,174
Operating expenses	331,379
Grants	<u>1,568,062</u>
Total	2,584,615

Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>2,584,615</u>
Total	2,584,615
Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
Personal services	493,465
Operating expenses	392,436
Grants	<u>100,000</u>
Total	985,901
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>985,901</u>
Total	985,901
Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
Personal services	5,119,918
Operating expenses	<u>1,118,130</u>
Total	6,238,048
Source of funds	
General fund	471,703
Federal funds	<u>5,766,345</u>
Total	6,238,048
Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
Personal services	3,905,112
Operating expenses	<u>9,138,297</u>
Total	13,043,409
Source of funds	
General fund	125,876
Federal funds	<u>12,917,533</u>
Total	13,043,409
Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
Personal services	986,686
Operating expenses	<u>464,967</u>
Total	1,451,653
Source of funds	
General fund	1,402,437
Federal funds	<u>49,216</u>
Total	1,451,653
Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
Personal services	524,453
Operating expenses	115,841

Grants	<u>223,984</u>
Total	864,278
Source of funds	
General fund	735,457
Special funds	65,000
Federal funds	<u>63,821</u>
Total	864,278
Sec. B.220 Center for crime victims' services	
Personal services	1,662,830
Operating expenses	297,792
Grants	<u>8,987,173</u>
Total	10,947,795
Source of funds	
General fund	1,164,554
Special funds	6,284,237
Federal funds	<u>3,499,004</u>
Total	10,947,795
Sec. B.221 Criminal justice training council	
Personal services	1,345,876
Operating expenses	<u>1,296,267</u>
Total	2,642,143
Source of funds	
General fund	2,347,571
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>294,572</u>
Total	2,642,143
Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
Personal services	1,281,364
Operating expenses	614,401
Grants	<u>344,410</u>
Total	2,240,175
Source of funds	
General fund	1,126,129
Special funds	963,797
Federal funds	<u>150,249</u>
Total	2,240,175
Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer protection	
Personal services	2,942,103

Operating expenses	664,900
Grants	<u>2,400,000</u>
Total	6,007,003
Source of funds	
General fund	2,142,097
Special funds	3,142,064
Federal funds	682,544
Global Commitment fund	34,006
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>6,292</u>
Total	6,007,003
Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
Personal services	1,028,318
Operating expenses	658,717
Grants	<u>2,802,474</u>
Total	4,489,509
Source of funds	
General fund	871,062
Special funds	3,063,352
Federal funds	444,844
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>110,251</u>
Total	4,489,509
Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - laboratories, agricultural resource management and environmental stewardship	
Personal services	3,538,132
Operating expenses	563,711
Grants	<u>1,340,475</u>
Total	5,442,318
Source of funds	
General fund	2,383,659
Special funds	1,911,422
Federal funds	794,341
Global Commitment fund	56,272
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>296,624</u>
Total	5,442,318
Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
Personal services	1,649,226
Operating expenses	<u>191,025</u>
Total	1,840,251
Source of funds	

Special funds	<u>1,840,251</u>
Total	1,840,251
Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
Personal services	1,411,547
Operating expenses	<u>262,123</u>
Total	1,673,670
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>1,673,670</u>
Total	1,673,670
Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
Personal services	6,203,711
Operating expenses	<u>482,988</u>
Total	6,686,699
Source of funds	
Special funds	4,590,443
Federal funds	1,504,283
Global Commitment fund	165,946
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>426,027</u>
Total	6,686,699
Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
Personal services	3,822,779
Operating expenses	<u>455,696</u>
Total	4,278,475
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>4,278,475</u>
Total	4,278,475
Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
Personal services	548,649
Operating expenses	<u>165,856</u>
Total	714,505
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>714,505</u>
Total	714,505
Sec. B.231 Financial regulation - health care administration	
Personal services	127,672
Operating expenses	<u>4,500</u>
Total	132,172
Source of funds	

Special funds	<u>132,172</u>
Total	132,172
Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
Personal services	6,994,156
Operating expenses	1,981,411
Grants	<u>812,715</u>
Total	9,788,282
Source of funds	
Special funds	7,713,282
Federal funds	2,000,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
Total	9,788,282
Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
Personal services	8,115,051
Operating expenses	830,251
Grants	<u>5,336,427</u>
Total	14,281,729
Source of funds	
Special funds	12,367,430
Federal funds	802,249
ARRA funds	1,074,354
Enterprise funds	<u>37,696</u>
Total	14,281,729
Sec. B.234 Public service board	
Personal services	2,736,114
Operating expenses	<u>428,852</u>
Total	3,164,966
Source of funds	
Special funds	3,091,566
ARRA funds	<u>73,400</u>
Total	3,164,966
Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
Personal services	3,386,718
Operating expenses	516,908
Grants	<u>885,000</u>
Total	4,788,626
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>4,788,626</u>

Total	4,788,626
Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
Personal services	432,141
Operating expenses	<u>74,532</u>
Total	506,673
Source of funds	
General fund	422,882
Federal funds	<u>83,791</u>
Total	506,673
Sec. B.237 Liquor control - administration	
Personal services	2,002,914
Operating expenses	<u>647,264</u>
Total	2,650,178
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>2,650,178</u>
Total	2,650,178
Sec. B.238 Liquor control - enforcement and licensing	
Personal services	2,153,635
Operating expenses	<u>445,222</u>
Total	2,598,857
Source of funds	
Special funds	25,000
Tobacco fund	218,444
Federal funds	254,841
Interdepartmental transfers	5,000
Enterprise funds	<u>2,095,572</u>
Total	2,598,857
Sec. B.239 Liquor control - warehousing and distribution	
Personal services	859,469
Operating expenses	<u>436,065</u>
Total	1,295,534
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>1,295,534</u>
Total	1,295,534
Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property	
Source of funds	
General fund	118,749,083
Transportation fund	25,238,498

Special funds	75,689,951
Tobacco fund	606,315
Federal funds	66,671,503
ARRA funds	1,479,429
Global Commitment fund	256,224
Interdepartmental transfers	8,326,823
Enterprise funds	<u>6,078,980</u>
Total	303,096,806

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

Personal services	10,337,270
Operating expenses	3,232,916
Grants	<u>5,503,998</u>
Total	19,074,184
Source of funds	
General fund	5,165,482
Special funds	91,017
Tobacco fund	291,127
Federal funds	9,843,546
Global Commitment fund	415,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,268,012</u>
Total	19,074,184

Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment

Grants	<u>1,208,745,075</u>
Total	1,208,745,075
Source of funds	
General fund	158,881,045
Special funds	20,795,259
Tobacco fund	35,743,693
State health care resources fund	267,531,579
Federal funds	725,753,499
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>40,000</u>
Total	1,208,745,075

Sec. B.302 Rate setting

Personal services	840,348
Operating expenses	<u>82,162</u>
Total	922,510
Source of funds	
Global Commitment fund	<u>922,510</u>
Total	922,510



Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council

Personal services	223,211
Operating expenses	58,633
Grants	<u>248,388</u>
Total	530,232
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>530,232</u>
Total	530,232

Sec. B.304 Human services board

Personal services	309,988
Operating expenses	<u>47,907</u>
Total	357,895
Source of funds	
General fund	117,962
Federal funds	153,851
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>86,082</u>
Total	357,895

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	122,057,685
Operating expenses	3,809,070
Grants	<u>26,367,955</u>
Total	152,234,710
Source of funds	
General fund	1,700,505
Special funds	3,625,432
Federal funds	90,687,335
Global Commitment fund	51,144,321
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,077,117</u>
Total	152,234,710

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

Grants	<u>658,195,658</u>
Total	658,195,658
Source of funds	
Global Commitment fund	<u>658,195,658</u>
Total	658,195,658
Sec. B.308 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - long term care waiver	
Grants	<u>201,375,033</u>
Total	201,375,033
Source of funds	
General fund	87,690,448
Federal funds	<u>113,684,585</u>
Total	201,375,033
Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state only	
Grants	<u>36,118,235</u>
Total	36,118,235
Source of funds	
General fund	29,000,408
Global Commitment fund	<u>7,117,827</u>
Total	36,118,235
Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver matched	
Grants	<u>43,923,308</u>
Total	43,923,308
Source of funds	
General fund	18,960,907
Federal funds	<u>24,962,401</u>
Total	43,923,308
Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
Personal services	6,012,508
Operating expenses	2,750,348
Grants	<u>3,465,000</u>
Total	12,227,856
Source of funds	
General fund	1,947,664
Special funds	1,019,232
Federal funds	5,259,091

Global Commitment fund	<u>4,001,869</u>
Total	12,227,856
Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
Personal services	33,615,712
Operating expenses	6,305,676
Grants	<u>36,843,272</u>
Total	76,764,660
Source of funds	
General fund	7,342,870
Special funds	10,931,733
Tobacco fund	2,393,377
Federal funds	36,266,649
Global Commitment fund	18,800,791
Interdepartmental transfers	1,004,240
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
Total	76,764,660
Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs	
Personal services	2,967,468
Operating expenses	391,758
Grants	<u>28,742,481</u>
Total	32,101,707
Source of funds	
General fund	3,022,339
Special funds	442,829
Tobacco fund	1,386,234
Federal funds	6,539,025
Global Commitment fund	20,361,280
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>350,000</u>
Total	32,101,707
Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
Personal services	22,230,696
Operating expenses	1,633,320
Grants	<u>175,623,941</u>
Total	199,487,957
Source of funds	
General fund	1,048,819
Special funds	6,836
Federal funds	6,093,289
Global Commitment fund	192,319,013

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>20,000</u>
Total	199,487,957
Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support services	
Personal services	40,229,665
Operating expenses	8,271,811
Grants	<u>1,242,519</u>
Total	49,743,995
Source of funds	
General fund	16,482,195
Special funds	633,798
Federal funds	15,366,271
Global Commitment fund	17,049,231
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>212,500</u>
Total	49,743,995
Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
Personal services	24,364,141
Operating expenses	3,285,261
Grants	<u>63,842,469</u>
Total	91,491,871
Source of funds	
General fund	21,918,167
Special funds	1,691,637
Federal funds	26,974,257
Global Commitment fund	40,743,756
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>164,054</u>
Total	91,491,871
Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
Personal services	3,518,830
Operating expenses	370,166
Grants	<u>68,147,170</u>
Total	72,036,166
Source of funds	
General fund	33,255,661
Special funds	1,820,000
Federal funds	26,781,519
Global Commitment fund	<u>10,178,986</u>
Total	72,036,166
Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	

Personal services	9,170,808
Operating expenses	<u>4,022,077</u>
Total	13,192,885
Source of funds	
General fund	3,135,551
Special funds	455,718
Federal funds	9,214,016
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
Total	13,192,885
Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and disabled	
Personal services	1,870,826
Grants	<u>11,445,414</u>
Total	13,316,240
Source of funds	
General fund	9,566,240
Global Commitment fund	<u>3,750,000</u>
Total	13,316,240
Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
Grants	<u>8,290,504</u>
Total	8,290,504
Source of funds	
General fund	6,486,713
Federal funds	1,111,320
Global Commitment fund	<u>692,471</u>
Total	8,290,504
Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
Grants	<u>26,813,146</u>
Total	26,813,146
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>26,813,146</u>
Total	26,813,146
Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
Operating expenses	253,242
Grants	<u>50,866,723</u>
Total	51,119,965
Source of funds	
General fund	21,195,902

Special funds	19,916,856
Federal funds	7,882,807
Global Commitment fund	<u>2,124,400</u>
Total	51,119,965
Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel assistance/LIHEAP	
Grants	<u>19,557,664</u>
Total	19,557,664
Source of funds	
General fund	7,900,000
Federal funds	<u>11,657,664</u>
Total	19,557,664
Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic opportunity	
Personal services	484,606
Operating expenses	67,957
Grants	<u>5,213,713</u>
Total	5,766,276
Source of funds	
General fund	1,458,486
Special funds	57,990
Federal funds	4,047,312
Global Commitment fund	<u>202,488</u>
Total	5,766,276
Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization assistance	
Personal services	241,413
Operating expenses	131,692
Grants	<u>11,613,465</u>
Total	11,986,570
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>11,986,570</u>
Total	11,986,570
Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - Woodside rehabilitation center	
Personal services	4,092,905
Operating expenses	<u>632,294</u>
Total	4,725,199

Source of funds	
General fund	891,786
Global Commitment fund	3,778,521
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>54,892</u>
Total	4,725,199
Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination services	
Personal services	4,493,121
Operating expenses	<u>1,138,949</u>
Total	5,632,070
Source of funds	
Federal funds	5,385,553
Global Commitment fund	<u>246,517</u>
Total	5,632,070
Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration & support	
Personal services	26,187,084
Operating expenses	<u>3,871,829</u>
Total	30,058,913
Source of funds	
General fund	7,785,111
Special funds	1,390,457
Federal funds	12,027,023
Global Commitment fund	6,322,467
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,533,855</u>
Total	30,058,913
Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and independent living grants	
Grants	<u>21,512,026</u>
Total	21,512,026
Source of funds	
General fund	8,277,315
Federal funds	7,640,264
Global Commitment fund	5,438,822
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>155,625</u>
Total	21,512,026
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>9,095,971</u>
Total	9,095,971
Source of funds	
General fund	1,535,695
Special funds	70,000
Federal funds	4,062,389
Global Commitment fund	7,500
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,420,387</u>
Total	9,095,971
Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental services	
Grants	<u>170,247,699</u>
Total	170,247,699
Source of funds	
General fund	155,125
Special funds	15,463
Federal funds	359,857
Global Commitment fund	169,659,254
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>58,000</u>
Total	170,247,699
Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and community based waiver	
Grants	<u>4,873,029</u>
Total	4,873,029
Source of funds	
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,873,029</u>
Total	4,873,029
Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
Personal services	2,097,495



Operating expenses	<u>226,070</u>
Total	2,323,565
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>2,323,565</u>
Total	2,323,565
Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
Personal services	257,161
Operating expenses	<u>70,819</u>
Total	327,980
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>327,980</u>
Total	327,980
Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
Personal services	3,794,353
Operating expenses	<u>530,774</u>
Total	4,325,127
Source of funds	
Education fund	3,929,242
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>395,885</u>
Total	4,325,127
Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
Personal services	103,240,653
Operating expenses	19,147,376
Grants	<u>8,706,735</u>
Total	131,094,764
Source of funds	
General fund	123,930,845
Special funds	483,963
Federal funds	470,962
Global Commitment fund	5,812,679
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
Total	131,094,764
Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services-out of state beds	
Personal services	<u>10,507,763</u>
Total	10,507,763
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>10,507,763</u>
Total	10,507,763

Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
Personal services	466,118
Operating expenses	<u>345,501</u>
Total	811,619
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>811,619</u>
Total	811,619
Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
Personal services	954,670
Operating expenses	<u>548,231</u>
Total	1,502,901
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>1,502,901</u>
Total	1,502,901
Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
Personal services	16,395,081
Operating expenses	<u>5,107,960</u>
Total	21,503,041
Source of funds	
General fund	1,344,225
Special funds	12,145,964
Federal funds	7,601,866
Global Commitment fund	<u>410,986</u>
Total	21,503,041
Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
Personal services	287,700
Operating expenses	<u>71,135</u>
Total	358,835
Source of funds	
General fund	353,835
Special funds	<u>5,000</u>
Total	358,835
Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
Grants	<u>151,096</u>
Total	151,096
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>151,096</u>
Total	151,096

Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board

Personal services	6,608,296
Operating expenses	<u>289,175</u>
Total	6,897,471
Source of funds	
General fund	473,118
Special funds	1,010,428
Global Commitment fund	2,360,462
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,053,463</u>
Total	6,897,471

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds	
General fund	594,698,887
Special funds	89,631,251
Tobacco fund	39,814,431
State health care resources fund	267,531,579
Education fund	3,929,242
Federal funds	1,187,818,672
Global Commitment fund	1,227,174,838
Internal service funds	1,502,901
Interdepartmental transfers	25,678,027
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
Total	3,437,804,828

Sec. B.400 Labor - programs

Personal services	24,553,334
Operating expenses	5,293,630
Grants	<u>1,781,436</u>
Total	31,628,400
Source of funds	
General fund	3,054,572
Special funds	3,363,869
Federal funds	23,846,533
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,363,426</u>
Total	31,628,400

Sec. B.401 Total labor

Source of funds	
General fund	3,054,572
Special funds	3,363,869
Federal funds	23,846,533

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,363,426</u>
Total	31,628,400
Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
Personal services	7,072,845
Operating expenses	2,019,419
Grants	<u>12,591,200</u>
Total	21,683,464
Source of funds	
General fund	3,007,875
Special funds	13,293,157
Education fund	892,795
Federal funds	3,624,185
Global Commitment fund	<u>865,452</u>
Total	21,683,464
Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
Personal services	12,643,713
Operating expenses	1,434,792
Grants	<u>124,242,308</u>
Total	138,320,813
Source of funds	
General fund	6,203,344
Special funds	2,578,228
Federal funds	<u>129,539,241</u>
Total	138,320,813
Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
Grants	<u>163,454,037</u>
Total	163,454,037
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>163,454,037</u>
Total	163,454,037
Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
Grants	<u>15,100,000</u>
Total	15,100,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>15,100,000</u>
Total	15,100,000
Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
Grants	<u>7,351,468</u>

Total	7,351,468
Source of funds	
General fund	787,995
Education fund	5,800,000
Federal funds	<u>763,473</u>
Total	7,351,468
Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
Grants	<u>1,223,114,508</u>
Total	1,223,114,508
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>1,223,114,508</u>
Total	1,223,114,508
Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
Grants	<u>16,726,497</u>
Total	16,726,497
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>16,726,497</u>
Total	16,726,497
Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants	
Grants	<u>7,491,286</u>
Total	7,491,286
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>7,491,286</u>
Total	7,491,286
Sec. B.508 Education - capital debt service aid	
Grants	<u>130,000</u>
Total	130,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>130,000</u>
Total	130,000
Sec. B.509 Education - tobacco litigation	
Personal services	145,029
Operating expenses	45,378
Grants	<u>576,134</u>
Total	766,541
Source of funds	
Tobacco fund	<u>766,541</u>
Total	766,541

Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
Grants	<u>6,141,155</u>
Total	6,141,155
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>6,141,155</u>
Total	6,141,155
Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
Grants	<u>13,018,754</u>
Total	13,018,754
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>13,018,754</u>
Total	13,018,754
Sec. B.512 Education - Act 117 cost containment	
Personal services	1,080,553
Operating expenses	154,437
Grants	<u>91,000</u>
Total	1,325,990
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>1,325,990</u>
Total	1,325,990
Sec. B.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund	
Grants	<u>288,921,564</u>
Total	288,921,564
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>288,921,564</u>
Total	288,921,564
Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
Personal services	7,277,783
Operating expenses	27,671,276
Grants	<u>71,783,200</u>
Total	106,732,259
Source of funds	
General fund	71,783,200
Pension trust funds	<u>34,949,059</u>
Total	106,732,259
Sec. B.515 Total general education	
Source of funds	

General fund	370,703,978
Special funds	17,197,375
Tobacco fund	766,541
Education fund	1,451,869,032
Federal funds	133,926,899
Global Commitment fund	865,452
Pension trust funds	<u>34,949,059</u>
Total	2,010,278,336
Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
Grants	<u>42,469,032</u>
Total	42,469,032
Source of funds	
General fund	38,462,876
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,006,156</u>
Total	42,469,032
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>24,300,464</u>
Total	24,300,464
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>24,300,464</u>
Total	24,300,464
Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
Grants	<u>1,149,998</u>
Total	1,149,998
Source of funds	
General fund	744,591
Global Commitment fund	<u>405,407</u>
Total	1,149,998
Sec. B.604 Vermont interactive technology	
Grants	<u>809,249</u>
Total	809,249
Source of funds	

General fund	<u>809,249</u>
Total	809,249
Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
Grants	<u>19,414,515</u>
Total	19,414,515
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>19,414,515</u>
Total	19,414,515
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	
Source of funds	
General fund	84,363,379
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,411,563</u>
Total	88,774,942
Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	
Personal services	3,176,914
Operating expenses	799,518
Grants	<u>45,510</u>
Total	4,021,942
Source of funds	
General fund	3,739,109
Special funds	55,343
Federal funds	30,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>197,490</u>
Total	4,021,942
Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment	



Operating expenses	<u>2,153,733</u>
Total	2,153,733
Source of funds	
General fund	1,732,233
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
Total	2,153,733
Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
Personal services	14,603,485
Operating expenses	4,946,802
Grants	<u>650,000</u>
Total	20,200,287
Source of funds	
General fund	4,328,935
Special funds	20,000
Fish and wildlife fund	8,914,102
Federal funds	6,742,250
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>195,000</u>
Total	20,200,287
Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
Personal services	1,266,011
Operating expenses	550,951
Grants	<u>1,806,971</u>
Total	3,623,933
Source of funds	
General fund	1,057,402
Special funds	1,307,878
Federal funds	1,169,535
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>89,118</u>
Total	3,623,933
Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
Personal services	4,947,666
Operating expenses	649,757
Grants	<u>521,500</u>
Total	6,118,923
Source of funds	
General fund	3,514,173
Special funds	975,000
Federal funds	1,500,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>129,750</u>

Total	6,118,923
Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
Personal services	6,251,094
Operating expenses	<u>2,299,709</u>
Total	8,550,803
Source of funds	
General fund	805,451
Special funds	<u>7,745,352</u>
Total	8,550,803
Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration	
Personal services	449,568
Operating expenses	<u>1,213,158</u>
Total	1,662,726
Source of funds	
General fund	403,521
Special funds	179,205
Federal funds	1,050,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>30,000</u>
Total	1,662,726
Sec. B.707 Forests, parks and recreation - youth conservation corps	
Grants	<u>522,702</u>
Total	522,702
Source of funds	
General fund	50,320
Special funds	188,382
Federal funds	94,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>190,000</u>
Total	522,702
Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest highway maintenance	
Personal services	95,000
Operating expenses	<u>84,925</u>
Total	179,925
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>179,925</u>
Total	179,925
Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services	
Personal services	4,745,461
Operating expenses	1,256,590

Grants	<u>113,780</u>
Total	6,115,831
Source of funds	
General fund	1,070,011
Special funds	167,258
Federal funds	192,691
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,685,871</u>
Total	6,115,831

Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management

Personal services	10,067,224
Operating expenses	8,246,278
Grants	<u>2,131,238</u>
Total	20,444,740
Source of funds	
General fund	683,446
Special funds	16,330,510
Federal funds	3,230,784
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>200,000</u>
Total	20,444,740

Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs

Personal services	14,753,079
Operating expenses	4,695,933
Grants	<u>1,929,702</u>
Total	21,378,714
Source of funds	
General fund	7,674,248
Special funds	6,028,489
Federal funds	6,828,349
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>847,628</u>
Total	21,378,714

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	2,431,059
Operating expenses	<u>364,618</u>
Total	2,795,677
Source of funds	
General fund	829,791
Special funds	<u>1,965,886</u>
Total	2,795,677
Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
Source of funds	
General fund	26,072,035
Special funds	34,994,533
Fish and wildlife fund	8,914,102
Federal funds	20,837,609
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>6,986,357</u>
Total	97,804,636
Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce and community development - administration	
Personal services	2,095,805
Operating expenses	656,454
Grants	<u>1,404,570</u>
Total	4,156,829
Source of funds	
General fund	2,986,829
Federal funds	1,100,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>70,000</u>
Total	4,156,829
Sec. B.801 Economic development	
Personal services	2,908,179
Operating expenses	801,097
Grants	<u>2,108,179</u>
Total	5,817,455
Source of funds	
General fund	4,456,655
Special funds	605,350
Federal funds	751,550
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,900</u>
Total	5,817,455
Sec. B.802 Housing & community development	

Personal services	6,288,668
Operating expenses	772,325
Grants	<u>2,454,341</u>
Total	9,515,334
Source of funds	
General fund	2,266,663
Special funds	3,754,534
Federal funds	3,435,337
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>58,800</u>
Total	9,515,334
Sec. B.803 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.804 Community development block grants	
Grants	<u>25,524,135</u>
Total	25,524,135
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>25,524,135</u>
Total	25,524,135
Sec. B.805 Downtown transportation and capital improvement fund	
Personal services	86,884
Grants	<u>297,082</u>
Total	383,966
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>383,966</u>
Total	383,966
Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
Personal services	1,079,788
Operating expenses	1,909,597
Grants	<u>238,500</u>
Total	3,227,885
Source of funds	
General fund	3,137,885
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>90,000</u>
Total	3,227,885

Sec. B.807 Vermont life	
Personal services	761,087
Operating expenses	<u>65,916</u>
Total	827,003
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>827,003</u>
Total	827,003
Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
Grants	<u>641,607</u>
Total	641,607
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>641,607</u>
Total	641,607
Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
Grants	<u>141,214</u>
Total	141,214
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>141,214</u>
Total	141,214
Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
Grants	<u>912,219</u>
Total	912,219
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>912,219</u>
Total	912,219
Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
Grants	<u>28,203,945</u>
Total	28,203,945
Source of funds	
Special funds	14,180,600
Federal funds	<u>14,023,345</u>
Total	28,203,945
Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
Grants	<u>217,959</u>
Total	217,959
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>217,959</u>

Total	217,959
Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
Source of funds	
General fund	14,761,031
Special funds	18,937,450
Federal funds	44,834,367
Interdepartmental transfers	222,700
Enterprise funds	<u>827,003</u>
Total	79,582,551
Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
Personal services	9,952,251
Operating expenses	1,973,579
Grants	<u>245,000</u>
Total	12,170,830
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	11,246,130
Federal funds	<u>924,700</u>
Total	12,170,830
Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
Personal services	3,628,764
Operating expenses	8,158,027
Grants	<u>185,000</u>
Total	11,971,791
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	4,542,791
Federal funds	<u>7,429,000</u>
Total	11,971,791
Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
Operating expenses	<u>2,873,000</u>
Total	2,873,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	993,000
TIB fund	<u>1,880,000</u>
Total	2,873,000
Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
Personal services	38,955,555
Operating expenses	261,265,552
Grants	<u>23,579,529</u>

Total	323,800,636
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	35,403,238
TIB fund	15,162,888
Federal funds	257,658,307
Interdepartmental transfers	4,019,000
Local match	1,169,703
TIB proceeds fund	<u>10,387,500</u>
Total	323,800,636
Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
Personal services	170,000
Operating expenses	<u>1,275,753</u>
Total	1,445,753
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	50,000
TIB fund	174,476
Federal funds	<u>1,221,277</u>
Total	1,445,753
Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
Personal services	39,744,134
Operating expenses	48,877,536
Grants	<u>75,000</u>
Total	88,696,670
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	78,151,670
Federal funds	10,445,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
Total	88,696,670
Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
Personal services	4,179,113
Operating expenses	1,610,228
Grants	<u>4,969,497</u>
Total	10,758,838
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	2,057,947
Federal funds	8,387,344
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>313,547</u>
Total	10,758,838
Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	



Personal services	4,883,127
Operating expenses	28,446,710
Grants	<u>1,600,000</u>
Total	34,929,837
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	12,432,950
TIB fund	2,970,667
Federal funds	<u>19,526,220</u>
Total	34,929,837
Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
Personal services	1,148,922
Operating expenses	125,062
Grants	<u>27,296,244</u>
Total	28,570,228
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	7,528,574
Federal funds	<u>21,041,654</u>
Total	28,570,228
Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
Personal services	3,931,872
Operating expenses	<u>16,388,084</u>
Total	20,319,956
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>20,319,956</u>
Total	20,319,956
Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
Personal services	15,927,083
Operating expenses	9,035,884
Grants	<u>158,000</u>
Total	25,120,967
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	23,085,000
Federal funds	<u>2,035,967</u>
Total	25,120,967
Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
Grants	<u>6,333,500</u>
Total	6,333,500
Source of funds	

Transportation fund	<u>6,333,500</u>
Total	6,333,500
Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway Vermont local roads	
Grants	<u>400,000</u>
Total	400,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	235,000
Federal funds	<u>165,000</u>
Total	400,000
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	3,800,000
Operating expenses	12,127,597
Grants	<u>639,000</u>
Total	16,566,597
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	1,123,394
TIB fund	933,963
Federal funds	13,495,630
Local match	<u>1,013,610</u>
Total	16,566,597
Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
Grants	<u>25,982,744</u>
Total	25,982,744
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>25,982,744</u>
Total	25,982,744
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: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
Total	1,150,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
Total	1,150,000
Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	
Grants	<u>3,600,000</u>
Total	3,600,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	400,000
Federal funds	<u>3,200,000</u>
Total	3,600,000
Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation grant program	
Grants	<u>1,551,000</u>
Total	1,551,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	440,000
Federal funds	<u>1,111,000</u>
Total	1,551,000
Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program	
Grants	<u>29,235,250</u>
Total	29,235,250
Source of funds	
Special funds	2,235,250
Federal funds	<u>27,000,000</u>
Total	29,235,250
Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
Personal services	181,114
Operating expenses	<u>18,886</u>
Total	200,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>200,000</u>
Total	200,000
Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	218,733,438

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

Sec. B.1000 Debt service

Operating expenses	<u>77,216,569</u>
Total	77,216,569
Source of funds	
General fund	70,521,584
Transportation fund	2,414,979
TIB debt service fund	2,397,816
Special funds	628,910
ARRA funds	<u>1,253,280</u>
Total	77,216,569

Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

Source of funds	
General fund	70,521,584
Transportation fund	2,414,979
TIB debt service fund	2,397,816
Special funds	628,910
ARRA funds	<u>1,253,280</u>
Total	77,216,569

Sec. B.1100 NEXT GENERATION; APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS

(a) In fiscal year 2014, \$3,293,000 is appropriated or transferred from the Next Generation Initiative Fund created in 16 V.S.A. § 2887 as prescribed below:

(1) Workforce development. The amount of \$1,377,500 as follows:

(A) Workforce Education and Training Fund (WETF). The amount of \$817,500 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

pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 544.

(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.

(C) The amount of \$200,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to issue performance grants to the University of Vermont and the Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies for patent development and commercialization of technology and to enhance the development of high technology businesses and Next Generation employment opportunities throughout Vermont.

(2) Loan repayment. The amount of \$330,000 as follows:

(A) Health care loan repayment. The amount 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. The amount of \$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.

(3) Scholarships and grants. The amount of \$1,444,500 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 amount of \$150,000 is appropriated to Military – administration to be transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational

Assistance Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856.

(C) Dual enrollment programs. The amount of \$800,000 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) Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Incentive. The amount of \$141,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for an incentive payment pursuant to 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 6.

Sec. B.1100.1 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECOMMENDATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 NEXT GENERATION FUND DISTRIBUTION

(a) The Department of Labor, in coordination with the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Agency of Human Services, and the Agency of Education, and in consultation with the Workforce Development Council, shall recommend to the Governor no later than November 1, 2013 how \$3,293,000 from the Next Generation Fund should be allocated or appropriated in fiscal year 2015 to provide maximum benefit to workforce development, participation in postsecondary education by underrepresented groups, and support for promising economic sectors in Vermont. The Department of Labor shall actively and publically promote the availability of these funds to eligible entities that have not previously been funded.

Sec. B.1101 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE INTEREST

(a) The amount of \$428,009 in general funds is appropriated in fiscal year 2014 to the Department of Labor for unemployment insurance interest payments to the federal government.

Sec. B.1102 WORKING LANDSCAPE APPROPRIATION

(a) The amount of \$1,175,000 in General Funds is appropriated in fiscal year 2014 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for transfer to the Vermont Working Lands Enterprise Special Fund established in 6 V.S.A. § 4605 for expenditure by the Working Lands Enterprise Board established in 6 V.S.A. § 4606 for direct grants and investments in food and forest systems pursuant to 6 V.S.A. § 4607 and consistent with the funding priorities in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 5, including grants that enable farmers' markets to accept electronic benefit transfer funds, and to continue to fund two (2) limited service working landscape staff positions in the Agency.

Sec. B.1103 DEPOSIT OF MORTGAGE PROCESSING SERVICES

SETTLEMENT; APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

(a) The amount of \$371,000 received from Lender Processing Services, Inc., et al., relating to improperly executed mortgage loan documents and deposited into the Fees and Reimbursement Special Fund (#21638) in the Office of the Attorney General, shall be transferred to the General Fund in fiscal year 2014.

(b) The amount of \$125,000 in General Funds is appropriated in fiscal year 2014 to the Department of Financial Regulation – Banking Division for grants providing continued support of the Home Ownership Centers, which provide foreclosure intervention, homeowner counseling, assistance to mobile home owners, and similar services.

(c) The amount of \$75,000 in General Funds is appropriated in fiscal year 2014 to the Department of Financial Regulation – Banking Division for a grant to Vermont Legal Aid to fund legal services for homeowners facing foreclosure.

Sec. B.1104 [DELETED]

Sec. B.1201 GENERAL FUND REDUCTION; AUTHORIZED POSITION COUNT

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall reduce general fund appropriations by the amount of \$200,000 within the executive branch of state government as a result of budgeted positions not being authorized in fiscal year 2014.

Sec. C.100 2012 Acts and Resolves, No. 162, Sec. B.1101 is amended to read:

Sec. B.1101 ONE-TIME ELECTIONS ~~EXPENSE APPROPRIATION~~ AND AUTOMATED BUSINESS REGISTRATION SYSTEM EXPENSES APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2013, there is appropriated to the ~~secretary of state~~ Secretary of State for 2012 primary and general elections:

General fund		\$135,000
Special fund	\$375,000	<u>\$240,000</u>

(b) In fiscal year 2013, notwithstanding 17 V.S.A. § 2856(a), there is appropriated to the Secretary of State from the Vermont Campaign Fund for expenses related to automating its business registration system:

<u>Special fund</u>		<u>\$135,000</u>
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Sec. C.100.1 SECRETARY OF STATE; VERMONT CAMPAIGN FUND

DEPOSIT; EXPENDITURES

(a) The amount of \$30,000 in civil penalties received by the Attorney General from the Republican Governors Association and \$10,000 in other receipts from the parties pursuant to a settlement with the Attorney General during 2013 shall be deposited into the Vermont Campaign Fund.

(b) The Secretary of State is authorized to expend up to \$50,000 from the Vermont Campaign Fund during fiscal year 2013 for development costs for campaign finance system development expenditures. No funds shall be expended until approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee.

Sec. C.101 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec. B.200, as amended by 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 1, Sec. 8, is further amended to read:

Sec. B.200 Attorney general		
Personal services	7,660,981	7,660,981
Operating expenses	<u>977,285</u>	<u>977,285</u>
Total	8,638,266	8,638,266
Source of funds		
General fund	3,943,997	3,943,997
Special funds	<del>1,278,455</del>	1,389,455
Tobacco fund	<del>459,000</del>	348,000
Federal funds	745,364	745,364
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,211,450</u>	<u>2,211,450</u>
Total	8,638,266	8,638,266

Sec. C.102 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec. B.240, as amended by 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 1, Sec. 15, is further amended to read:

Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property		
	282,833,185	282,833,185
Source of funds		
General fund	109,237,894	109,237,894
Transportation fund	25,238,498	25,238,498
Special funds	<del>67,957,274</del>	68,068,274
Tobacco fund	<del>790,816</del>	679,816
Federal funds	58,191,789	58,191,789
ARRA funds	5,160,681	5,160,681
Global Commitment fund	1,138,944	1,138,944
Interdepartmental transfers	8,701,945	8,701,945
Enterprise funds	<u>6,415,344</u>	<u>6,415,344</u>
Total	282,833,185	282,833,185

Sec. C.103 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec. B.903 as amended by 2013



Acts and Resolves No. 1, Sec. 51.1, is further amended to read:

Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development		
Personal services	36,309,069	36,309,069
Operating expenses	247,904,463	247,904,463
Grants	<u>37,369,326</u>	<u>37,369,326</u>
Total	321,582,858	321,582,858
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	34,178,585	34,178,585
TIB fund	16,673,911	16,673,911
Federal funds	256,588,181	256,588,181
Interdepartmental transfers	3,770,000	3,770,000
Transportation local fund	1,372,181	1,372,181
<u>TIB proceeds fund</u>		<u>9,000,000</u>
Total	<u>312,582,858</u>	321,582,858

Sec. C.104 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec. D.101(a)(3) is amended to read:

(3) 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 2014 transportation infrastructure bonds debt service: ~~\$1,764,213~~ \$1,702,378.

Sec. C.105 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Secs. B.1000 and B.1001 are amended to read:

Sec. B.1000 Debt service		
Operating expenses	<del>72,111,263</del>	71,962,178
Total	<del>72,111,263</del>	71,962,178
Source of funds		
General fund	63,667,340	63,667,340
General obligation bonds debt service fund	2,321,565	2,321,565
Transportation fund	2,482,442	2,482,442
TIB debt service fund	<del>1,758,486</del>	1,609,401
Special funds	628,150	628,150
ARRA funds	<u>1,253,280</u>	<u>1,253,280</u>
Total	<del>72,111,263</del>	71,962,178
Sec. B.1001 Total debt service		
Source of funds		
General fund	63,667,340	63,667,340
General obligation bonds debt service fund	2,321,565	2,321,565
Transportation fund	2,482,442	2,482,442
TIB debt service fund	<del>1,758,486</del>	1,609,401

Special funds	628,150	628,150
ARRA funds	<u>1,253,280</u>	<u>1,253,280</u>
Total	<u>72,111,263</u>	<u>71,962,178</u>

Sec. C.106 ADMINISTRATION OF IRENE RECOVERY CDBG GRANT;  
LIMITED SERVICE POSITION

(a) The establishment of one (1) new classified limited service position – Grants Specialist – is authorized in fiscal year 2013 in the Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

Sec. C.107 CARRY FORWARD REALLOCATION

(a) The Vermont Information Centers Division of the Department of Buildings and General Services shall transfer the amount of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2013 to the Department of Tourism and Marketing for a grant to the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum.

Sec. C.108 CRISIS FUEL TRANSFER AUTHORITY

(a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Commissioner of Finance shall have the authority to transfer funds from the Energy and Regulation Fund (#21698) of the Public Service Department to meet fiscal year 2013 LIHEAP crisis fuel needs.

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 \$518,000 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 \$518,000 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 \$13,889,000 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 \$13,889,000 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 \$3,587,154 is appropriated from the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts above \$3,587,154 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General

Fund. The \$3,587,154 shall be allocated as follows:

(A) \$2,758,884 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

(B) \$449,570 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 other provision 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: \$735,000.

(B) Next Generation Initiative Fund established by 16 V.S.A. § 2887: \$3,293,000.

(C) Facilities Operations Fund established in 29 V.S.A. § 160a: \$1,862,785.

(D) Clean Energy Development Fund established in 30 V.S.A. § 8015: \$150,000.

(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: \$383,966.

(3) 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 transportation infrastructure bonds debt service for a new bond issue in fiscal year 2014 and to fund fiscal year 2015 transportation infrastructure bonds debt service: \$2,450,788.

(4) from the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund established in 20 V.S.A. § 45 to the General Fund: \$6,500,000.

#### 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 2013 in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund shall remain for appropriation in fiscal year 2014.

#### 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 2014 and any additional amount necessary to ensure the balance in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund at the close of fiscal year 2014 is not negative shall be transferred from the Tobacco Trust Fund to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund in fiscal year 2014.

#### Sec. D.104 DEPOSIT OF WITHHELD TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any payments to the State of Vermont, including principal and interest, that have been withheld beginning in fiscal year 2003, by the tobacco manufacturing companies pursuant to the Master Tobacco Settlement, shall be deposited in the Tobacco Trust Fund for the purpose of sustaining the Vermont Tobacco Prevention and Control Programs.

#### Sec. D.105 AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER (AEP) SETTLEMENT TO THE CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT FUND

(a) Any funds recovered by the Attorney General as a result of the American Electric Power Service Corporation settlement shall be deposited into the Clean Energy Development Fund established by 30 V.S.A. § 8015.

#### Sec. D.106 [DELETED]

#### Sec. D.107 CLARIFICATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2014 REQUIRED TRANSFERS

(a) 32 V.S.A. § 6075(b) requires a calculation of the increase in the amount of General Fund forecasted for fiscal year 2014 comparing the last official forecast to the forecast made in July 2013. Any increase in the forecasted available general fund under this calculation shall further be reduced by revenue growth attributable to changes in federal tax law such as contemplated under the Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013.

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#### Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH – POSITIONS AUTHORIZED IN FISCAL YEAR 2014

(a) The establishment of the following new classified positions is authorized in fiscal year 2014 as follows:

(1) In the Department of Information and Innovation – one (1) Enterprise Architect position – for work on the Judiciary’s information technology project.

(2) In the Treasurer’s Office – one (1) Financial Specialist.

(3) In the Department of Mental Health – seventeen (17) positions – for work at the new state hospital anticipated to be operational by April 2014. The specific position titles are to be established by the Department with approval by the Commissioner of Human Resources.

(4) In the Department for Children and Families – fourteen (14) Benefits Program Specialist.

(5) Nineteen (19) positions are established in the position pool of the executive branch. The Secretary of Administration in consultation with the Commissioner of Human Resources may assign pool positions to executive branch entities provided the requesting entities demonstrate both need for the position and the fiscal capacity to fund the requested positions. The administration may convert one of these positions to an exempt position if needed.

(b) The establishment of the following new limited service positions is authorized in fiscal year 2014 as follows:

(1) In the Department of Buildings and General Services – two (2) classified positions – for engineering-related work. The specific position titles are to be established by the Department with approval by the Commissioner of Human Resources.

(2) In the Department of Public Safety – two (2) classified positions and one (1) exempt position – for grant management and public assistance. The specific position titles are to be established by the Department with approval by the Commissioner of Human Resources.

(3) In the Department of Environmental Conservation – three (3) classified positions – relating to the Department reengineering initiative. The specific position titles are to be established by the Department with approval by the Commissioner of Human Resources.

(c) The Secretary of Administration and the Commissioner of Human Resources shall provide a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its November 2013 meeting on the status of positions authorized in this section and existing pool positions that have been assigned to date.

#### Sec. E.100.1 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at each of its scheduled meetings in fiscal year 2014 on funding received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program and associated emergency relief and assistance funds match for the damages due to Tropical Storm Irene. The report shall include:

(1) a projection of the total funding needs for the FEMA Public Assistance Program and to the extent possible, details about the projected funding by state agency or municipality;

(2) spending authority (appropriated and excess receipts) granted to date for the FEMA Public Assistance Program and the associated emergency relief and assistance funds match;

(3) information on any audit findings that may result in financial impacts to the State; and

(4) actual expenditures to date made from the spending authority granted and to the extent possible, details about the expended funds by state agency or municipality.

(b) Reports shall be posted on the legislative and administration websites after submission.

Sec. E.100.2 3 V.S.A. § 2222 is amended to read:

§ 2222. POWERS AND DUTIES; BUDGET AND REPORT

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(g)(1) ~~The secretary of administration~~ Secretary of Administration shall obtain independent expert review of any recommendation for any information technology activity initiated after July 1, 1996, as information technology activity is defined by subdivision (a)(10) of this section, when its total cost is ~~\$500,000.00~~ \$1,000,000.00 or greater or when required by the ~~state chief information officer~~ State Chief Information Officer. Documentation of this independent review shall be included when plans are submitted for review pursuant to subdivisions (a)(9) and (10) of this section. The independent review shall include:

(A) an acquisition cost assessment;

(B) a technology architecture review;

(C) an implementation plan assessment;

(D) a cost analysis and a model for benefit analysis; ~~and~~

(E) a procurement negotiation advisory services contract; and

(F) an impact analysis on net operating costs for the agency carrying out the activity.

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Sec. E.101 29 V.S.A. § 1401 is amended to read:

§ 1401. PURCHASE OF INSURANCE

The ~~commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Secretary of Administration shall secure insurance coverage for the benefit of the ~~state~~ State and its employees while performing official duties, in fire and casualty companies authorized to do business in this ~~state~~ State in such amounts and such coverages as deemed for the best interests of the ~~state~~ State. Insurance policies covering the ~~state~~ State shall provide that loss, if any, shall be payable to the ~~state~~ State. All policies shall be filed and kept in the office of the ~~commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Secretary of Administration. The cost of all insurance purchased and the cost of managing such purchases shall be borne by the department or board for whose benefit it is purchased.

Sec. E.101.1 REPEAL

(a) 29 V.S.A. § 1402 (preference to vermont companies, agents) is repealed.

Sec. E.101.2 29 V.S.A. § 1405 is amended to read:

§ 1405. INVENTORIES OF STATE PROPERTY

State departments, institutions, and agencies having property belonging to the ~~state~~ State or in their charge on or before February 1 in each ~~even numbered~~ even-numbered year shall render an inventory to the ~~commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Secretary of Administration of all such property, and its value, on hand on January 1 preceding, on such forms and in such detail as the ~~commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Secretary of Administration may require.

Sec. E.101.3 29 V.S.A. § 1406 is amended to read:

§ 1406. LIABILITY INSURANCE

(a) The ~~commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Secretary of Administration, on behalf of the ~~state~~ State, may contract or enter into agreements with any insurance company or companies or insurance corporation or corporations licensed to do business within the ~~state~~ State for the purpose of insuring the ~~state~~ State against liability or may ~~self-insure~~ self-insure against liability.

(b) The ~~commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Secretary of Administration is directed to charge back against individual departmental appropriations in all funds the proper amounts necessary to pay the cost of the insurance or ~~self-insurance~~ self-insurance referred to in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The ~~state liability self-insurance fund~~ State Liability Self-Insurance Fund is created to provide a program of ~~self-insuring~~ self-insuring liability coverages for all state agencies, legislature, departments, state colleges,

judiciary, quasi-state agencies, boards, commissions, and employees, as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 1101. All covered entities shall participate in the program and shall contribute to the ~~fund~~ Fund. The ~~fund~~ Fund shall be administered by the ~~commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Secretary of Administration to adjust claims, to pay judgments, and to reimburse contractors and state agencies for services rendered.

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Sec. E.101.4 29 V.S.A. § 1408 is amended to read:

§ 1408. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

(a) The ~~state employees' workers' compensation fund~~ State Employees' Workers' Compensation Fund is created to provide a program for self-insurance coverage for all officers and state employees, as defined in ~~section 3 V.S.A. § 1101 of Title 3,~~ of all state agencies, departments, boards, and commissions pursuant to ~~chapters 21 V.S.A. chapter 9 and 11 of Title 21.~~ All state agencies, departments, boards, and commissions shall participate in the program and contribute to the ~~fund~~ Fund. The ~~fund~~ Fund shall be administered by the ~~commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Secretary of Administration who:

(1) shall authorize payments from the ~~fund~~ Fund in accordance with the provisions of this section and ~~chapters 21 V.S.A. chapter 9 and 11 of Title 21;~~

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(c) ~~On February 1, 1990, the commissioner shall assess each program participant an amount to be deposited in the fund. The assessment shall be the greater of:~~

(1) ~~115 percent of the yearly average workers' compensation losses suffered by the program participant during the preceding four years, or during the years, not to exceed four, which are documented in the insurance section of the department of buildings and general service; or~~

(2) ~~50 percent of the standard workers' compensation premium based on the National Council on Compensation Insurance rate classifications for Vermont in effect on the first day of the preceding fiscal year for that program participant. [Repealed.]~~

(d) ~~In subsequent years, the commissioner~~ The Secretary shall annually assess each program participant an amount to be deposited in the ~~state employees' workers' compensation fund~~ State Employees' Workers' Compensation Fund. The ~~commissioner~~ Secretary may adjust the annual assessment to assure that the debts and obligations of the program are adequately funded.



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Sec. E.101.5 23 V.S.A. § 3214 is amended to read:

§ 3214. ALLOCATION OF FEES AND PENALTIES; LIABILITY INSURANCE; AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

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(b) VAST shall purchase a trails' liability insurance policy in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. The ~~state~~ State of Vermont shall be named an additional insured. The policy shall extend to all VAST affiliated snowmobile clubs and their respective employees and agents to provide for trails' liability coverage for development and maintenance of the statewide snowmobile trails program including groomer use and operation. The ~~department of buildings and general services~~ Office of the Secretary of Administration shall assist VAST with the procurement of trails liability and other related insurance.

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Sec. E.101.6 23 V.S.A. § 3217 is amended to read:

§ 3217. LIABILITY INSURANCE; TRAIL MAINTENANCE

The ~~state~~ State may extend coverage of its liability insurance to parties under contract with the ~~department of forests, parks and recreation~~ Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for development and maintenance of the snowmobile trail system. Insurance coverage shall match the ~~state's~~ State's current financial liability limits and shall be limited to those activities defined by the development and maintenance contract. The ~~department of buildings and general services~~ Secretary of Administration shall pay for this extended coverage with funds from snowmobile registration receipts.

Sec. E.101.7 23 V.S.A. § 3513 is amended to read:

§ 3513. LIABILITY INSURANCE; AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

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(b) The ~~department of buildings and general services~~ Office of the Secretary of Administration shall assist VASA with the procurement of trail liability and other related insurance.

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Sec. E.101.8 29 V.S.A. § 1902 is amended to read:

§ 1902. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER OF BUILDINGS AND GENERAL

## SERVICES

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(b) ~~The commissioner of buildings and general services shall purchase state insurance as provided in chapter 55 of this title.~~

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Sec. E.105 Information and innovation – communications and information technology

(a) Of this appropriation, \$735,000 is for a grant to the Vermont Telecommunications Authority established in 30 V.S.A. § 8061.

Sec. E.105.1 22 V.S.A. § 901 is amended to read:

§ 901. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND INNOVATION

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(C) to review and approve in accordance with ~~agency of administration~~ Agency of Administration policies the assignment of appropriate project managers for information technology activities within state government with a cost in excess of ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$1,000,000.00; and

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Sec. E.106 32 V.S.A. § 305a(a) is amended to read:

(a) On or about January 15 and again by July 31 of each year, and at such other times as the ~~emergency board~~ Emergency Board or the ~~governor~~ Governor deems proper, the ~~joint fiscal office~~ Joint Fiscal Office and the ~~secretary of administration~~ Secretary of Administration shall provide to the ~~emergency board~~ Emergency Board their respective estimates of state revenues in the general, transportation, transportation infrastructure bond, education, and state health care resources funds, ~~and revenues from the gross receipts tax under 33 V.S.A. § 2503.~~ The January revenue estimate shall be for the current and next two succeeding fiscal years, and the July revenue estimate shall be for the current and immediately succeeding fiscal years. Federal fund estimates shall be provided at the same times for the current fiscal year. Global Commitment fund estimates shall be provided in January for the current and immediately succeeding fiscal year and in July for the current fiscal year.

Sec. E.111 Tax – administration/collection

(a) Of this appropriation, \$30,000 is from the Current Use Application Fee Special Fund and shall be appropriated for programming changes to the CAPTAP software used by municipalities for establishing property values and administering their grand lists.

(b) The Tax Commissioner shall provide a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance on or before January 15, 2014 on compliance program revenue targets, collection trends, and program activities. The report shall include program outcomes and measures to evaluate program activity.

Sec. E.113 Buildings and general services – engineering

(a) The \$2,802,597 interdepartmental transfer in this appropriation shall be from the General Bond Fund appropriation in the Capital Appropriations Act of the 2013 session.

Sec. E.118 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 156, Sec. E.114(a), as amended by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 60 is further amended to read:

(a) The ~~commissioner of the department of buildings and general services~~ Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a report to the ~~house and senate committees on appropriations~~ House and Senate Committees on Appropriations by January 15th of each year through fiscal year 2015 detailing the number of state employees, by department, that exceeded a \$14,000 ~~14,000~~ mileage reimbursement amount for use of their private vehicle during the previous fiscal year.

Sec. E.118.1 Buildings and general services - fleet management services

(a) Any state employee that uses the standard mileage reimbursement rate for use of their private vehicle shall be required to use a state-owned or -leased vehicle if the mileage that is submitted for reimbursement exceeds 11,400 on a fiscal year basis. Exceptions may be made if the employee receives approval from his or her agency secretary or department head to exceed the 11,400 limit on mileage that is eligible for reimbursement for use of a private vehicle.

Sec. E.123 Geographic information system

(a) No transfer of functions of the Geographic Information System (GIS) program shall occur in fiscal year 2014 without legislative approval. The Executive Director of the GIS program shall report on or before November 30, 2013 to the Joint Fiscal Committee on potential options for administrative and business office functions to be supported by an appropriate state entity and any other recommendations for long-term financial sustainability of the program.

Sec. E.125 Legislative council

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2013 funds appropriated to the Legislative Council and carried forward into fiscal year 2014, the amount of \$25,000 shall revert to the General Fund.

Sec. E.126 Legislature

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2013 funds appropriated to the Legislature and carried forward into fiscal year 2014, the amount of \$375,000 shall revert to the General Fund.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that funding for the Legislature in fiscal year 2015 be included at a level sufficient to support an 18-week legislative session.

(c) Legislative members appointed to serve on study committees included in H.528, an act relating to revenue changes for fiscal year 2014 and fiscal year 2015, during adjournment of the General Assembly, shall be entitled to compensation and reimbursement for expenses as provided in 2 V.S.A. § 406.

(d) Other members appointed to serve on study committees included in H.528 who are not employees of the State of Vermont shall be reimbursed at the per diem rate set in 32 V.S.A. § 1010. The funds to pay the per diems for these committee members shall be paid from the lead agency's appropriation.

Sec. E.126.1 LAKE SHORELAND PROTECTION COMMISSION

(a) There is created a Lake Shoreland Protection Commission to:

(1) provide information regarding current laws or regulations in place to protect the waters of the State that are held in trust for the public.

(2) take testimony regarding the regulation of disturbance, clearing and creation of impervious surfaces in the shorelands of lakes; and

(b) The Commission shall be composed of the current members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy and two members from the House appointed by the Speaker of the House.

(c) The Commission may conduct five public meetings in the State to provide information and collect public input regarding the proposed regulation of activities in the shorelands of lakes. The Commission shall collaborate with regional and municipal planning organizations. The Commission shall hold four of the five meetings in different regions of the State. The fifth meeting shall be held in Montpelier.

(d) The Commission, with the assistance of the Agency of Natural Resources, shall:

(1) summarize the scope and requirements of existing regulation of activities that preserve and improve water quality and avoid degradation, including a summary of the proposed rules to implement the antidegradation policy and the programs and requirements the State may need to implement in order to meet the Total Maximum Daily Load plan for Lake Champlain;

(2) summarize the findings of the Agency of Natural Resources' State Water Quality Remediation, Implementation, and Funding Report of 2012, as required by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 148, Sec. 19, including how Vermont ranks in relation to other states with regard to clean water protection;

(3) summarize the need for regulation in the shorelands of lakes as part of an integrated policy to preserve and protect clean water in the State;

(4) summarize how other states regulate activities in shoreland areas of lakes, including:

(A) what activities are regulated;

(B) how development, construction, or creation of nonvegetated surface in shoreland areas of lakes is regulated;

(C) whether activities in shoreland areas of lakes are regulated by the state, a local authority, or some combination of state and local authority;

(D) whether a buffer or other area of vegetated surface is required within a specified distance of a lake; and

(E) what activities in shoreland areas of lakes are exempt from regulation; and

(5) provide educational materials regarding shoreland protection, including copies of the Agency of Natural Resources' draft standards for the regulation of the shorelands of lakes and vegetation management.

(6) The Commission shall solicit and hear input and proposals from the public regarding, in response to the information provided under subdivisions (1)-(5) of this subsection, how the State of Vermont should protect water quality, aquatic habitat, and shoreland habitat while also preserving reasonable use of the property.

(e) For purposes of fulfilling its charge under this section, the Commission shall have technical services of the Agency of Natural Resources. The Office of Legislative Council shall provide legal and administrative services to the Commission. The Commission may request financial services from the Joint Fiscal Office.

(f) The Commission shall consider the public input and proposals provided under subsection (d) of this section and shall publish a report of the Commission's recommendations for legislative action for the protection of the shorelands of the lakes of the State. The Commission may make recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly. The report of the Commission shall be posted to the website of the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2014.

(g) In addition to the public meetings required under subsection (c) of this section, the Commission may meet no more than three times, and shall cease to exist on July 1, 2014.

(h) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, legislative members of the Commission shall be entitled to compensation and reimbursement for expenses as provided in 2 V.S.A. § 406.

Sec. E.126.2 32 V.S.A. § 1053 is amended to read:

§ 1053. OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

~~For each week of each session, the~~ The clerk of the house, the first assistant clerk of the house, the second assistant clerk of the house, the secretary of the senate and the assistant secretary of the senate shall be entitled to their necessary expenses and salaries as determined by the rules committee of the house or senate, as the case may be.

Sec. E.127 Joint fiscal committee

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2013 funds appropriated to the Joint Fiscal Committee and carried forward into fiscal year 2014, the amount of \$75,000 shall revert to the General Fund.

(b) Up to \$85,000 may be transferred from the legislative budget in fiscal year 2013 to help fund expected costs for a contract for evaluation of the health care exchange proposal, financial analysis for a Health Care Advisory group, and increased Fiscal Office revenue analysis staff capacity.

Sec. E.130 AUDITOR RECOMMENDATION ON SPECIAL EDUCATION PERFORMANCE AUDIT

(a) The State Auditor shall review the feasibility of conducting a performance audit of special education in Vermont. The Office of the State Auditor shall consider whether a performance audit could:

(1) identify differences and causes thereof, in special education services provided among Vermont school districts and other jurisdictions;

(2) identify opportunities to improve special education planning, budgeting and financial controls;

(3) evaluate educational outcomes for special education students;

(4) provide strategies for delivery of cost-effective special education services without compromising service quality.

(b) The State Auditor shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its September 2013 meeting on the items identified in subsection (a) of this section and define a scope and plan that could be used to guide the

performance audit process if one is determined to be feasible.

Sec. E.131 [DELETED]

Sec. E.131.1 VERMONT COMMUNITY LOAN FUND INVESTMENT

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 433, the State Treasurer is authorized to invest up to \$500,000 of short-term operating or restricted funds in the Vermont Community Loan Fund on terms acceptable to the Treasurer and consistent with 32 V.S.A. § 433(b).

Sec. E.131.2 24 V.S.A. § 1759(a) is amended to read:

(a) Any bond issued under this subchapter shall draw interest at a rate not to exceed the rate approved by the voters of the municipal corporation in accordance with section 1758 of this title, or if no rate is specified in the vote under that section, at a rate approved by the legislative branch of the municipal corporation, such interest to be payable semiannually. Such bonds or bond shall be payable serially, the first payment to be deferred not later than from one to five years after the issuance of the bonds and subsequent payments to be continued annually in equal or diminishing amounts so that the entire debt will be paid in not more than 20 years from the date of issue. In the case of bonds issued for the purchase or development of a municipal forest, the first payment may be deferred not more than 30 years from the date of issuance thereof. Thereafter such bonds or bond shall be payable annually in equal or diminishing amounts so that the entire debt will be paid in not more than 60 years from the date of issue. In the case of bonds issued for ~~improvements on public highways~~ any capital project that have has a useful life of at least 30 years ~~and that involve bridge construction or roadway reconstruction, including a bridge component~~, the entire debt will be paid in not more than 30 years from the date of issue.

Sec. E.133 Vermont state retirement system

(a) Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 473(d), in fiscal year 2014, investment fees shall be paid from the corpus of the fund.

Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

(a) The towns currently engaged in litigation regarding grand list appeals of the assessment of TransCanada hydroelectric property may submit to the Attorney General legal expenditures made by those towns as a result of this litigation, as those values were established by reference to information from the Department of Taxes, Division of Property Valuation and Review. The Attorney General shall review the submitted bills and, if reasonable, approve reimbursement up to the amount transferred in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) As the litigation may have a substantial impact on the education grand list, \$50,000 of the appropriation in Sec. B.139 of this act shall be transferred to the Attorney General and reserved for payment of expenses incurred by towns in defense of grand list appeals as provided herein. Expenditures for this purpose shall be considered qualified expenditures under 16 V.S.A. § 4025(c).

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.

(c) The Executive Director of the Vermont State Lottery Commission shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its November 2013 meeting on the operational, fiscal, and public policy issues of allowing Keno games in Vermont.

(d) The Executive Director of the Lottery Commission and the Secretary of Human Services shall submit recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on or before January 15, 2014 on the advisability of transferring the Problem Gambling Program from a grant program to a program performed by state employees.

Sec. E.142 Payments in lieu of taxes

(a) This appropriation is for state payments in lieu of property taxes under 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, 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), \$725,000 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

Sec. E.204 4 V.S.A. § 28(e) is added to read:

(e) Upon completion of the agreements authorized by this section, the remaining balance in the Fund shall be deposited in the Court Technology Special Fund pursuant to section 27 of this title.

Sec. E.207 32 V.S.A. § 1591 is amended to read:

§ 1591. SHERIFFS AND OTHER OFFICERS

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(2)(A) For necessary assistance in arresting or transporting prisoners, juveniles, or persons with mental illness the sum of ~~\$15.40~~ \$18.00 per hour for each deputy sheriff or assistant so required if the sheriff or constable makes oath that the deputy sheriff, assistant, or assistants were required giving the name of the assistant or assistants if there were more than one; provided, however, a full-time law enforcement officer shall not receive compensation under this subsection if otherwise compensated for the hours during which such transportation is performed. In addition to the rate established in this section, the sheriffs' department shall be reimbursed for the costs of the employers' contribution to Social Security and workers' compensation insurance attributable to services provided under this section. Reimbursement shall be calculated on an hourly basis; the sheriff's department shall also be reimbursed for the costs of employer contributions for unemployment compensation, when a claim is filed and the percentage owed from the sheriff's department to the ~~state~~ State can be accounted for under this section;

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Sec. E.207.1 BENNINGTON COUNTY TRANSPORT

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the transport contract for Bennington County shall be returned to the Office of the Bennington County Sheriff.

Sec. E.208 Public safety – administration

(a) The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a performance-based contract with Essex County Sheriff's Department to

provide law enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Sheriff.

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) \$405,000 is allocated for grants in support of the Drug Task Force and the Gang Task Force. \$190,000 of this amount 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 18 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any unobligated funds may be allocated by the Commissioner to fund the work of the Drug Task Force and to support the efforts of the Mobile Enforcement Team (Gang Task Force), or carried forward.

Sec. E.211 [DELETED]

Sec. E.212 Public safety – fire safety

(a) Of this General Fund appropriation, \$55,000 shall be granted to the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the purpose of designing dry hydrants.

Sec. E.214 Radiological emergency response plan

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.214 of this act, \$200,000 is for the American Red Cross as a sub-grantee of the Radiological Emergency Response Program Special Fund in order to enhance sheltering capacity in response to any potential future incident involving Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant. This is the first in a four-year plan to assess a total of \$770,000 for this purpose. Regardless of the operational or ownership status of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant, the assessment over the next three years shall include \$250,000 in fiscal year 2015, \$175,000 in fiscal year 2016, and \$145,000 in fiscal year 2017 respectively for this purpose.

Sec. E.215 Military – administration

(a) The amount of \$250,000 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational Assistance Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856. Of this amount, \$100,000 shall be General Funds from this appropriation, and \$150,000 shall be Next Generation

Special Funds, as appropriated in Sec. B.1100(a)(3)(B) of this act.

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.

(b) Of this General Fund appropriation, \$16,484 shall be deposited into the Armed Services Scholarship Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2541.

Sec. E.219.1 16 V.S.A. § 2538 is amended to read:

§ 2538. AMOUNT, DURATION, ~~RESIDENCE~~

(a) ~~An~~ Subject to subsection (c) of this section, an armed services scholarship shall pay tuition for ~~an approved program~~ academic credit at a Vermont postsecondary institution eligible for student assistance funds under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and leading to a an undergraduate certificate or degree ~~other than a postgraduate degree~~ as follows:

(1) ~~at a Vermont university, college, or technical institute supported in whole or in part by public funds appropriated from the state treasury; or~~ If the person attends the University of Vermont, the scholarship shall pay an amount equal to the actual tuition charged by the University to the person.

(2) ~~tuition expenses at a Vermont postsecondary institution up to an amount equal to the in-state tuition fee for that year at the Vermont state colleges~~ If the person attends a Vermont State College, the scholarship shall pay an amount equal to the actual tuition charged by the institution to the person.

(3) If the person attends any other postsecondary institution located in Vermont, the scholarship shall pay an amount equal to the actual tuition charged by the institution to the person, or an amount equal to that which the scholarship would have paid if the person attended the University of Vermont pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, whichever is less.

(b) An armed services scholarship ~~shall be tenable~~ may be used for a maximum of 130 academic credits ~~or less as may be necessary to complete requirements for graduation~~ an undergraduate certificate or degree.

(c) A person eligible and applying for an armed forces scholarship shall apply for a Federal Pell Grant. The amount of the armed services scholarship

awarded shall be the remaining tuition costs to be paid pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, following receipt of a Pell Grant.

(d) A person who has obtained a bachelor's degree is not eligible for an armed services scholarship.

Sec. E.219.2 16 V.S.A. § 2539(b) and (c) are amended to read:

(b) On being notified of ~~the~~ an eligible applicant's matriculation at an institution as specified in subsection 2538(a) of this title, the ~~adjutant general or office of veterans' affairs shall certify eligibility to the commissioner of finance and management who~~ Adjutant General or the Office of Veterans' Affairs shall provide funds from the special fund established in section 2541 of this title to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, which, upon verifying enrollment, shall disburse the scholarship award to the institution from the armed services scholarship fund established in section 2541 of this title.

(c) Application for renewal of an armed services scholarship shall be made annually with written endorsement by the proper officer of the institution attended that the holder of the scholarship has maintained satisfactory scholastic standing. On receipt of this certification, the ~~adjutant general or office of veterans' affairs shall forward it to the commissioner of finance and management who~~ Adjutant General or the Office of Veterans' Affairs shall provide funds from the special fund established in section 2541 of this title to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, which, upon verifying enrollment, shall disburse the scholarship award to the institution from the armed services scholarship fund established in section 2541 of this title.

Sec. E.219.3 16 V.S.A. § 2541 is amended to read:

#### § 2541. ARMED SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

(a) ~~An armed services scholarship fund~~ Armed Services Scholarship Fund is established ~~in the office of the state treasurer~~ to comprise appropriations made by the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly. The fund shall be managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available to the Military Department for the armed services scholarships established in section 2537 of this title.

~~(b) The state treasurer may invest the monies in the fund.~~

~~(c) Monies in the fund shall be used to fund armed services scholarships established in section 2537 of this title.~~

~~(d)~~ All balances in the ~~fund~~ Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward and used only for the purposes set forth in this section. Earnings of the ~~fund~~ Fund which are not withdrawn pursuant to this section

shall remain in the ~~fund~~ Fund.

Sec. E.219.4 20 V.S.A. § 1548 is amended to read:

§ 1548. VERMONT VETERANS' FUND

(a) There is created a special fund to be known as the Vermont ~~veterans' fund~~ Veterans' Fund. This ~~fund~~ Fund shall be administered by the ~~state treasurer~~ Military Department and shall be paid out in grants on the recommendations of a nine-member committee comprising:

(1) The ~~adjutant general~~ Adjutant General or designee;

(2) The Vermont ~~veterans home administrator~~ Veterans' Home Administrator or designee;

(3) The ~~commissioner of the department of labor~~ Commissioner of Labor or designee;

(4) The ~~secretary of the agency of human resources~~ Secretary of Human Services or designee;

(5) The ~~director~~ Director of the White River Junction VA medical center or designee;

(6) The ~~director~~ Director of the White River Junction VA benefits office, or designee; and

(7) Three members of the ~~governor's veterans' council~~ Governor's Veterans' Council to be appointed by that ~~council~~ Council.

(b) The purpose of this ~~fund~~ Fund shall be to provide grants or other support to individuals and organizations:

(1) For the long-term care of veterans.

(2) To aid homeless veterans.

(3) For transportation services for veterans.

(4) To fund veterans' service programs.

(5) To recognize veterans.

(c) The Vermont ~~veterans' fund~~ Veterans' Fund shall consist of revenues paid into it from the Vermont ~~veterans' fund~~ Veterans' Fund checkoff established in 32 V.S.A. § 5862e and from any other source. The Fund shall be managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available to the Military Department for the purposes in subsection (b) of this section.

(d) For purposes of this section, "veteran" means a resident of Vermont

who served on active duty in the United States ~~armed forces~~ Armed Forces or the Vermont ~~national guard~~ National Guard or Vermont ~~air national guard~~ Air National Guard and who received an honorable discharge.

Sec. E.220 Center for crime victims' services

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.220 of this act, \$30,000 is from the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund created in 13 V.S.A. § 5360 to be used as a grant from the Center for Crime Victims Services to the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence for the acquisition of a data collection system.

Sec. E.220.1 STUDY COMMITTEE ON FUTURE FUNDING FOR THE VERMONT CENTER FOR CRIME VICTIMS SERVICES

(a) There is created a Study Committee on Future Funding for the Vermont Center for Crime Victims Services (CCVS). The purpose of the Committee is to address an anticipated decrease in available revenue for CCVS and to develop a financial plan of action that will ensure that CCVS will be able to continue to provide the services that victims of crime need in order to recover from the physical, emotional, and financial aftermath of criminal victimization.

(b) The Committee shall be composed of:

(1) One Representative from each of the House Committees on Appropriations, on Judiciary, and on Ways and Means appointed by the Speaker of the House.

(2) One Senator from each of the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Judiciary, and on Finance appointed by the Committee on Committees.

(3) One representative from the Agency of Administration, appointed by the Secretary of Administration.

(4) The Executive Director of the Vermont Center for Crime Victims Services.

(c) The members of the Committee shall elect a Chair, who shall convene meetings and set meeting agendas.

(d) The Committee shall:

(1) analyze the factors that affect the revenue generated by 13 V.S.A. § 7282 and deposited into the Victims' Compensation Fund and the Crime Victims' Restitution Fund;

(2) assess the trends that are affecting the revenue of these funds, and develop revenue projections for fiscal year 2015 and beyond, based on these trends;

(3) identify strategies the State can engage in that will maximize revenue from these funding sources;

(4) identify alternative or new funding sources, including the State's General Fund;

(5) review how other states fund victim services;

(6) review federal grant programs, identify impending cuts to federal funding, and develop a plan of action for implementing these cuts; and

(7) analyze victim service programs mandated by state statute and funded with state special funds and make recommendations that contain costs and achieve greater efficiencies.

(e) For purposes of its study of these issues, the Committee shall have the assistance of the Office of Legislative Council, the Joint Fiscal Office, the Department of Finance and Management, and the Center for Crime Victims Services.

(f) By January 15, 2014, the Committee shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Judiciary and on Ways and Means and Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Judiciary and on Finance on its findings and any legislative or administrative recommendations.

(g) The Committee shall meet no more than six times, and shall cease to exist upon filing its report. For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, legislative members of the Committee shall be entitled to compensation and reimbursement for expenses under 2 V.S.A. § 406.

#### Sec. E.221 Criminal justice training council

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from the fiscal year 2013 funds appropriated to the Criminal Justice Training Council and carried forward into fiscal year 2014, the amount of \$40,000 shall revert to the General Fund.

#### Sec. E.223 Agriculture, food and markets – food safety and consumer protection

(a) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall use the Global Commitment Funds appropriated in this section for the Food Safety and Consumer Protection Division to provide public health approaches and other innovative programs to improve the health outcomes, health status, and quality of life for uninsured, underinsured, and Medicaid-eligible individuals in Vermont.

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

(a) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall use the Global Commitment Funds appropriated in this section for the Administration Division to provide public health approaches and other innovative programs to improve the health outcomes, health status, and quality of life for uninsured, underinsured, and Medicaid-eligible individuals in Vermont.

Sec. E.228 Financial regulation – insurance

(a) The Department of Financial Regulation shall use the Global Commitment Funds appropriated in this section for the Insurance Division for the purpose of funding certain health-care-insurance-related Department of Financial Regulation programs, projects, and activities to increase the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sec. E.233 PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT; ELECTRIC GENERATION SITING; REPORT

(a) On or before November 15, 2013, the Department of Public Service shall submit a written report and recommendations, with proposed legislation, on each of the following:

(1) establishing a comprehensive planning process for the siting of electric generation plants that integrates state energy planning with local and regional land use planning and strengthens the role of local and regional plans in the siting review process;

(2) increasing the accessibility of the siting review process for electric generation plants to local and regional governments and concerned citizens;

(3) funding intervenors participating in the siting review process for electric generation plants; and

(4) establishing specific standards applicable to wind generation plants to address their impacts on public health, the environment, and land use, including noise limits and setback requirements.

(b) In performing its tasks under this section, the Department shall use the information and data collected by and consider the report and recommendations of the Governor’s Energy Siting Policy Commission created by Executive Order No. 10-12 dated October 2, 2012.

(c) In performing its tasks under this section, the Department shall have the assistance of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Agency of Natural Resources, the Department of Health, and regional planning commissions created under 24 V.S.A. chapter 117.

(d)(1) The Department shall give widespread public notice of the



assessment and report required by this section and shall maintain on its website a prominent page concerning this process that provides notice of all public meetings held and posts relevant information and documents.

(2) In performing the assessment and developing the report required by this section, the Department shall provide an opportunity for local legislative bodies, local planning commissions, affected businesses and organizations, and members of the public to submit relevant factual information, analysis, and comment.

(e) The Department shall submit the report, recommendations, and proposed legislation required by this section to the House and Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Energy, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, and the Joint Energy Committee under 2 V.S.A. chapter 17.

(f) During adjournment between the 2013 and 2014 sessions, the Joint Energy Committee shall meet no more than six times to review the conduct and content of the report required by this section and the report and recommendations of the Siting Policy Commission and to discuss potential legislation on any issue relating to the development, siting, and operation of electric generation plants. To this end, the Joint Energy Committee may require the Department to provide progress reports and call as witnesses personnel from the Department and the other entities listed in subsection (c) of this section, members of the Siting Policy Commission, and such other persons as it may direct.

#### Sec. E.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board

(a) Up to \$75,000 of the funds appropriated in Sec. B 235 of this act shall be used to ensure that on or before January 15, 2014, the Enhanced 911 Board, in coordination with the Secretary of Education, shall provide technical assistance and guidance to school districts to comply with the requirement in 30 V.S.A. § 7057 that accurate location information is associated with each landline telephone installed in a school. The General Assembly anticipates the Board will seek a budget adjustment if insufficient funds are available within this appropriation.

Sec. E.236 9 V.S.A. § 4504 is amended to read:

#### § 4504. RENTAL OF HOUSING; EXEMPTIONS

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(2) if the dwelling unit is in a building with three or fewer units and the owner or a member of the owner's immediate family resides in one of the units, provided any notice, statement, or advertisement with respect to the unit

complies with subdivision 4503(a)(3) of this title;

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\* \* \* HUMAN SERVICES \* \* \*

Sec. E.300 HOUSING SUBSIDY; AGENCY EVALUATION; REPORT

(a) Agency of Human Services spending, represented in the Agency's Housing Inventory, initiated in 2011 contains 193 discrete funding lines. It is in the interest of the State to systematically review the State's spending on all State housing subsidies funded in whole or in part by the General Fund.

(b) The Agency of Human Services shall continue its work on the Housing Inventory. As part of the review, the Secretary shall evaluate the eligibility criteria, duration of the subsidy, expected outcomes for those receiving financial support, and the possible overlaps in the programs.

(c) On or before November 15, 2013, the Secretary shall report findings to the Joint Fiscal Committee, the House Committee on Human Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare accompanied with recommendations to maximize the State's investment of funds and other supports that enhance the ability of Vermonters to achieve stability and independence in their living arrangements.

Sec. E.300.1 AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE CONTINUUM OF SERVICES; REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

(a) To ensure Agency programs serve persons with substance abuse and persons with co-occurring substance abuse, medical, and mental health conditions, the Secretary of Human Services shall report on the capacity of the system, including outpatient, inpatient, residential treatment, and recovery substance abuse, medical, and mental health services to address these needs. In addition to the resources of the Agency, the Secretary may seek the advice and consultation of independent persons with clinical case management and public policy expertise to assess current policies and resources available within the Agency and make recommendations to change current policies, change the allocations of resources, restructure payment systems, and prioritize future additional resources. The Secretary of Education, the Commissioner of Labor, the Administrative Judge in the Judiciary, and leaders in the State's law enforcement agencies are expected to be available as needed for consultation in this effort as well as the report on opioid addiction required in H.522 of the 2013 legislative session. The Secretary of Human Services shall report to the General Assembly with this assessment and recommendations by January 15, 2014.

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 entity, 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 \$27,761,422 is anticipated to be certified as state matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

(1) \$17,641,800 certified state match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under the Global Commitment. This amount combined with \$22,858,200 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) \$3,901,341 certified state match available from local education agencies for direct school-based health services, including school nurse services, that increase the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

(3) \$2,179,180 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) \$1,852,303 certified state match available via the University of Vermont's Child Health Improvement Program for quality improvement initiatives for the Medicaid program.

(5) \$2,186,798 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 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 60, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

Sec. 3. REQUEST FOR A WAIVER

By no later than July 1, 2012, the ~~agency of human services~~ Agency of Human Services shall include as a part of its application request for a

demonstration project from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to integrate care for dual eligible individuals the additional proposal of allowing the ~~state~~ State to provide for an “enhanced hospice access” benefit, whereby the definition of “terminal illness” is expanded from six months’ life expectancy to that of 12 months and participants may access hospice without being required to first discontinue curative therapy. Also, by no later than July 1, 2013, the ~~agency of human services~~ Agency of Human Services shall submit a Global Commitment Medicaid waiver ~~amendment~~ renewal application to provide funding for the same enhanced hospice access benefit.

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

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the first quarter of state fiscal year 2014, the Division of Rate Setting shall calculate payment rates for private nonmedical institutions (PNMI) providing residential child care services as 100 percent of each program’s final per diem rate in effect on June 30, 2013.

(1) For programs whose final per diem rate as of June 30, 2013 includes an approved rate adjustment, the per diem rate for the first quarter of state fiscal year 2014 will include provisions from the Division of Rate Setting’s rate adjustment order.

(2) For programs whose final per diem rate as of June 30, 2013 is categorized as a start-up rate, the per diem rate for the first quarter of state fiscal year 2014 will include provisions from the Division of Rate Setting’s final order on the start-up rate.

(b) The Division of Rate Setting shall propose a rule to set rates effective October 1, 2013 for PNMI facilities providing residential child care services based on actual historical costs in a base year.

Sec. E.306 32 V.S.A. § 305a(c) is amended to read:

(c) The January estimates shall include estimated caseloads and estimated ~~per member per month~~ per-member per-month expenditures for the current and next succeeding fiscal years for each Medicaid enrollment group as defined by the ~~agency~~ Agency and the ~~joint fiscal office~~ Joint Fiscal Office for state health care assistance programs or premium assistance programs supported by the state health care resources and Global Commitment funds, ~~for VermontRx~~, and for the programs under ~~the Choices for Care~~ any Medicaid Section 1115 waiver. For Board consideration, there shall be provided two versions of the next succeeding fiscal year’s estimated per-member per-month expenditures, one shall include an increase in Medicaid provider reimbursements in order to ensure that the expenditure estimates reflect amounts attributable to health care

inflation as required by subdivisions 307(d)(5) and (d)(6) of this title and one shall be without the inflationary adjustment. For VPharm, the January estimates shall include estimated caseloads and estimated per-member per-month expenditures for the current and next succeeding fiscal years by income category. The January estimates shall include the expenditures for the current and next succeeding fiscal years for the Medicare Part D phased-down state contribution payment and for the disproportionate share hospital payments. In July, the ~~administration~~ Administration and the ~~joint fiscal office~~ Joint Fiscal Office shall make a report to the ~~emergency board~~ Emergency Board on the most recently ended fiscal year for all Medicaid and Medicaid-related programs, including caseload and expenditure information for each Medicaid eligibility group. Based on this report, the ~~emergency board~~ Emergency Board may adopt revised estimates for the current fiscal year and estimates for the next succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. E.306.1 32 V.S.A. § 307(d) is amended to read:

(d) The ~~governor's~~ Governor's budget shall include his or her recommendations for an annual budget for Medicaid and all other health care assistance programs administered by the ~~agency of human services~~ Agency of Human Services. The ~~governor's~~ Governor's proposed Medicaid budget shall include a proposed annual financial plan, and a proposed five-year financial plan, with the following information and analysis:

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(5) health care inflation trends consistent with provider reimbursements approved under 18 V.S.A. § 9376 and hospital budgets approved by the Green Mountain Care Board under 18 V.S.A. chapter 221, subchapter 7;

(6) recommendations for funding provider reimbursement at levels sufficient to ensure reasonable access to care, and at levels at least equal to Medicare reimbursement;

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Sec. E.307 33 V.S.A. § 1802(9) is added to read:

(9) "Modified adjusted gross income" shall have the same meaning as in 26 U.S.C. § 36B(d)(2)(B).

Sec. E.307.1 33 V.S.A. § 1812 is added to read:

§ 1812. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS

(a)(1) An individual or family eligible for federal premium tax credits under 26 U.S.C. § 36B with income less than or equal to 300 percent of federal poverty level shall be eligible for premium assistance from the State of

Vermont.

(2) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall establish a premium schedule on a sliding scale based on modified adjusted gross income for the individuals and families described in subdivision (1) of this subsection. The Department shall reduce the premium contribution for these individuals and families by 1.5 percent below the premium amount established in 26 U.S.C. § 36B.

(3) Premium assistance shall be available for the same qualified health benefit plans for which federal premium tax credits are available.

(b)(1) An individual or family with income at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guideline shall be eligible for cost-sharing assistance, including a reduction in the out-of-pocket maximums established under Section 1402 of the Affordable Care Act.

(2) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall establish cost-sharing assistance on a sliding scale based on modified adjusted gross income for the individuals and families described in subdivision (1) of this subsection. Cost-sharing assistance shall be established as follows:

(A) for households with income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL): 94 percent actuarial value;

(B) for households with income above 150 percent FPL and at or below 200 percent FPL: 87 percent actuarial value;

(C) for households with income above 200 percent FPL and at or below 250 percent FPL: 77 percent actuarial value;

(D) for households with income above 250 percent FPL and at or below 300 percent FPL: 73 percent actuarial value.

(3) Cost-sharing assistance shall be available for the same qualified health benefit plans for which federal cost-sharing assistance is available and administered using the same methods as set forth in Section 1402 of the Affordable Care Act.

(c) To the extent feasible, the Department shall use the same mechanisms provided in the Affordable Care Act to establish financial assistance under this section in order to minimize confusion and complication for individuals, families, and health insurers.

#### Sec. E.307.2 REDUCTION IN MEDICAID COST-SHIFT

(a) Beginning October 1, 2013, the Agency of Human Services shall increase Medicaid reimbursements to participating providers for services provided by an amount equal to three percent of fiscal year 2012 expenditures

for those services.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Agency of Human Services increase Medicaid reimbursement methodologies in fiscal year 2014 across all programs and services, except as follows:

(1) providers with an existing process for rate inflation, such as nursing homes and private nonmedical institutions (PNMI), should not receive an additional increase;

(2) managed care organization (MCO) investments will be reviewed individually by the appropriate Department within the Agency of Human Services; and

(3) the Department of Vermont Health Access will not implement increases to primary care case management payments until the Department creates a new attribution model that more accurately identifies which providers should receive these payments.

(c) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall establish a mechanism that connects increases to payments for inpatient and outpatient hospital services with achieving high-quality outcomes.

(d) The Agency of Human Services shall allocate inflation increases to Medicaid reimbursement rates for fiscal years after 2014 in a manner that is consistent with Vermont's payment reform strategic plan.

(e) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall implement a new attribution model for primary care case management payments to ensure that providers seeing Medicaid patients for primary care receive those payments.

#### Sec. E.307.3 ANALYSIS OF METHODS TO HELP HIGH OUT-OF-POCKET COST SUBSCRIBERS

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that low- and middle-income individuals purchasing health insurance through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange) have financial protection from large out-of-pocket costs. The State of Vermont should analyze the potential enhanced cost-sharing subsidies available in the Exchange if federal financial participation is available by funding the subsidies as a managed-care entity investment through the Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 Medicaid waiver. The Department shall specifically estimate the fiscal potential to modify the cost-sharing subsidy established in 33 V.S.A. § 1812(b) as follows:

(1) Cost-sharing assistance established in 18 V.S.A. § 1812(b)(2)(C) for households with income above 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) and at or below 250 percent FPL shall be increased from 77 percent to 83 percent actuarial value.

(2) Cost-sharing assistance established in 18 V.S.A. § 1812(b)(2)(D) for households with income above 250 percent FPL and at or below 300 percent FPL shall be increased from 73 percent to 77 percent actuarial value.

(3) Cost-sharing assistance shall be established for households with income above 300 percent FPL and at or below 350 percent FPL at 73 percent actuarial value.

(b) The analysis above shall be compared to the cost analysis, financial, and administrative potential to establish a high-risk pool or acquisition of secondary insurance to address the financial hardship of high out-of-pocket subscribers.

(c) The Department shall also report on the financial impact of low- and middle-income individuals purchasing health insurance through the Exchange who transition to Medicare coverage and recommendations for how these impacts, if burdensome, might be addressed.

(d) The Department shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its next scheduled meeting after notice from the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access of approval from the Centers For Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Commissioner's assessment of the State's financial capacity for new investments and comparative analysis. The Committee shall review the relevant information to determine whether the CMS approval to consolidate the waivers did create sufficient financial capacity to include the subsidy as an investment and shall review the comparative analysis for establishing a high-risk pool or secondary insurance.

Sec. E.307.4 33 V.S.A. § 1901d is amended to read:

§ 1901d. STATE HEALTH CARE RESOURCES FUND

(a) ~~The state health care resources fund~~ State Health Care Resources Fund is established in the ~~treasury~~ Treasury as a special fund to be a source of financing health care coverage for beneficiaries of the state health care assistance programs under the Global Commitment to ~~health~~ Health waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act ~~and for the Catamount Health assistance program under subchapter 3A of chapter 19 of this title~~ and a source of financing for the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange established in chapter 18, subchapter 1 of this title.

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(d) All monies received by or generated to the ~~fund~~ Fund shall be used only as allowed by appropriation of the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly for the administration and delivery of health care covered through state health care



assistance programs administered by the ~~agency~~ Agency under the Global Commitment for Health Medicaid Section 1115 waiver, ~~the Catamount Health assistance program under subchapter 3A of chapter 19 of this title, employer-sponsored insurance premium assistance under section 1974 of this title, the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange established in chapter 18, subchapter 1 of this title,~~ immunizations under 18 V.S.A. § 1130, and the development and implementation of the Blueprint for Health under 18 V.S.A. § 702.

Sec. E.307.5 NOTIFICATIONS TO PHARMACY PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES

(a) The Department shall ensure that at least once a year a notification is included in a written correspondence to beneficiaries of pharmacy programs to inform the beneficiary that it may be advisable to consult with local community service organizations or state program eligibility officials to review the financial advisability of continuing enrollment in the program. The Department shall submit the notification for review to the Health Care Oversight Committee and the Joint Fiscal Committee not later than November 1, 2013.

Sec. E.308 Department of Vermont health access – Medicaid program - long term care

(a) Choices for Care is the program administered by the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living through a long-term care Medicaid Section 1115 waiver that offers participants a choice of settings for long-term services and supports. The rules for operation of the program under this Section 1115 waiver include criteria and standards for eligibility, levels of assistance, assessments, reviews, and the appeal and fair hearing process.

(b) The state has applied for and anticipates combining the Choices for Care waiver into the Global Commitment or its successor broader Medicaid waiver. The state shall continue to operate and administer the program in a manner that is the same or similar as is federally allowed to current practice. Funding for the Choices for Care program shall continue to be appropriated distinctly from the broader Medicaid waiver and the Department shall continue to report monthly on actual expenditures of the program compared to budgeted expenditure expectations.

(c) Savings in the Choices for Care program means the difference between the annual amount of funds appropriated for the program and the sum of expended and obligated funds remaining at the conclusion of the fiscal year. Any funds appropriated for the program shall be used for long-term services and supports to recipients. In using these funds, the Department shall give priority to services to individuals assessed as having high and highest needs and meeting the terms and

conditions of the waiver as approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Any savings in the program at the close of a fiscal year may be used for other long-term services and supports and shall be allocated and spent in ways that are sustainable into the future and that do not create an unsustainable base budget or shall be spent as one-time reinvestments that do not require continued funding into the future. Excluding appropriations allocated for the provision of acute services, any unexpended and unobligated state General or Special Fund appropriation at the close of a fiscal year shall be carried over to the next fiscal year. The Department shall not obligate funds for the purpose of reducing the calculation of savings in any fiscal year or to reduce the base funding needed in a subsequent fiscal year.

(d) Caseload and utilization for Choices for Care shall be included in the analysis conducted under the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 305a.

#### Sec. E.312 Health – public health

##### (a) AIDS/HIV funding:

(1) In fiscal year 2014 and as provided in this section, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000, of which \$135,000 is state General Funds and \$340,000 is AIDS Medication Rebates Special Funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations for client-based support services. It is the intent of the General Assembly that if the AIDS Medication Rebates Special 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, \$120,281;

(B) HIV/HCV Resource Center, \$38,063;

(C) VT CARES, \$219,246;

(D) Twin States Network, \$45,160;

(E) People with AIDS Coalition, \$52,250.

(2) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont Medication Assistance Program (VMAP) 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) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in VMAP 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 VMAP medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.

(B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services shall work in collaboration with the VMAP 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 2014, 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; and anti-stigma campaigns. 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) Funding for the tobacco programs in fiscal year 2014 shall consist of the \$2,393,377 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.

Sec. E.312.1 33 V.S.A. § 2004 is amended to read:

§ 2004. MANUFACTURER FEE

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(b) Fees collected under this section shall fund collection and analysis of information on pharmaceutical marketing activities under 18 V.S.A. §§ 4632 and 4633, analysis of prescription drug data needed by the ~~attorney general's office~~ Office of the Attorney General for enforcement activities, the Vermont prescription monitoring system established in 18 V.S.A. chapter 84A, ~~and the evidence-based~~ evidence-based education program established in 18 V.S.A. chapter 91, subchapter 2, and any opioid-antagonist education and training

program operated by the Department of Health or its agents. The fees shall be collected in the evidence-based education and advertising fund established in section 2004a of this title.

Sec. E.312.2 33 V.S.A. § 2004a is amended to read:

§ 2004a. EVIDENCE-BASED EDUCATION AND ADVERTISING FUND

(a) The ~~evidence-based education and advertising fund~~ Evidence-Based Education and Advertising Fund is established in the ~~treasury~~ State Treasury as a special fund to be a source of financing for activities relating to fund collection and analysis of information on pharmaceutical marketing activities under 18 V.S.A. §§ 4632 and 4633, for analysis of prescription drug data needed by the ~~attorney general's office~~ Office of the Attorney General for enforcement activities, for the Vermont prescription monitoring system established in 18 V.S.A. chapter 84A, ~~and~~ and for the evidence-based education program established in 18 V.S.A. chapter 91, subchapter 2, and for the support of any opioid-antagonist education and training program operated by the Department of Health or its agents. Monies deposited into the ~~fund~~ Fund shall be used for the purposes described in this section.

Sec. E.312.3 18 V.S.A. § 9708 is amended to read:

§ 9708. AUTHORITY AND OBLIGATIONS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, AND RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES REGARDING DO-NOT-RESUSCITATE ORDERS AND CLINICIAN ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT

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(f) The ~~department of health~~ Department of Health shall adopt by rule no later than ~~March 1, 2013~~ July 1, 2014, criteria for individuals who are not the patient, agent, or guardian, but who are giving informed consent for a DNR/COLST order. The rules shall include the following:

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(h) A clinician who issues a DNR order shall authorize issuance of a DNR identification to the patient. Uniform minimum requirements for DNR identification shall be determined by rule by the ~~department of health~~ Department of Health no later than ~~March 1, 2012~~ July 1, 2014.

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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 on 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) The Department of Health shall compile and maintain a waitlist containing the unduplicated number of individuals in the State who are in need of substance abuse treatment.

(d) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.313 of this act, \$100,000 in General Funds is intended for increasing the capacity across the continuum of substance abuse prevention and treatment services. The use of these funds shall be determined by the Secretary of Human Services subsequent to the report required in Sec. E.300.1 (Substance Abuse Continuum) of this act. The proposed use of these funds shall be included with the fiscal year 2014 budget adjustment proposal made by the Agency.

Sec. E.314 [DELETED]

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Sec. E.314.2 LEVEL 1 PSYCHIATRIC CARE EVALUATION

(a)(1) The Mental Health Oversight Committee and the Health Care Oversight Committee shall hold a joint meeting in November 2013 for the

purpose of evaluating the capacity needed to treat patients in the care and custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health, specifically regarding the capacity needed within the Level 1 system of care as established in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 79. The evaluation shall include:

(A) an assessment of the census trends for the Level 1 system of care during the last fiscal year;

(B) the status of the census capacity at Rutland Regional Medical Center and Brattleboro Retreat's Level 1 unit;

(C) the status of the construction at the state-owned and -operated psychiatric hospital in Berlin;

(D) the status of the census capacity at the intensive and secure residential recovery programs; and

(E) an assessment of whether the budget provides adequate capacity for Level 1 treatment through the end of the 2014 fiscal year and the estimated budget need for the duration of the 2015 fiscal year.

(2) The evaluation shall include a projection of the daily census need for Level 1 inpatient care in excess of the six beds projected to operate at the Rutland Regional Medical Center and the 14 beds projected to operate at the Brattleboro Retreat as of April 1, 2014. The Committees shall solicit input from those hospitals providing Level 1 care that will be discontinued once the state-owned and -operated hospital is opened. The Committees' evaluation shall be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on or before December 15, 2013.

(3) The evaluation shall assess the number and type of personnel necessary to staff the state-owned and -operated hospital in Berlin as of April 1, 2014. On or before December 15, 2013, the Mental Health Oversight Committee and the Health Care Oversight Committee shall make a recommendation to the Joint Fiscal Committee as to the number and type of personnel needed to operate the state-owned and -operated hospital on April 1, 2014.

(4) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the 2015 fiscal year budget provide adequate resources to fund fully the community programs as funded in fiscal year 2014 and inpatient capacity established in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 79, including the 25 beds at the state-owned and -operated hospital in Berlin. If the Mental Health Oversight Committee and the Health Care Oversight Committee in their evaluation and recommendation to the Joint Fiscal Committee find that less need exists than anticipated, the Joint Fiscal Committee may recommend reconsideration by the General Assembly.

(b) Each month between June and December 2013, the Department of Mental Health shall provide the following information to the Mental Health Oversight Committee and the Health Care Oversight Committee:

(1) The number of Level 1 patients receiving acute inpatient care in a hospital setting other than the renovated unit at Rutland Regional Medical Center, the renovated unit at the Brattleboro Retreat, and the Green Mountain Psychiatric Center in Morrisville, including the number of individuals treated in each setting and the single combined one-day highest number each month;

(2) The number of individuals waiting for admission to a Level 1 psychiatric inpatient unit after the determination of need for admission to emergency departments, correctional facilities, or any other identified settings is made and the number of days individuals are waiting;

(3) The total census capacity and average daily census of new intensive recovery residence beds opened in accordance with 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 79, and the annual daily census of the secure residential recovery facility in Middlesex. The census capacity shall not include a duplicate count for beds that replace those currently in operation elsewhere.

#### Sec. E.314.3 SUICIDE PREVENTION

(a) The funds appropriated to the Department of Mental Health for suicide prevention shall be used in accordance with best practices to enhance coordination in youth and adult suicide prevention programs, including the creation of a unified grant process for a single entity with prior experience implementing statewide prevention initiatives.

#### Sec. E.314.4 STANDARDIZED LEVEL OF CARE

(a) Contracts with designated hospitals participating in the no refusal system, as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 7101, for the treatment of Level 1 patients shall include standards of care equivalent to those developed and provided at the state-owned and -operated hospital.

#### Sec. E.314.5 RATE INCREASE

(a) Revenue generated from the Medicaid rate increases in this act shall be used by Designated and Specialized Service Agencies to provide a commensurate increase in compensation for direct care workers. Each Designated Agency will report to the Agency of Human Services how they complied with this provision.

Sec. E.316 [DELETED]

Sec. E.317 [DELETED]

Sec. E.321 HOUSING ASSISTANCE BENEFITS; FLEXIBILITY

## PROGRAM

(a) For state fiscal year 2014, the Agency of Human Services may continue 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 being served with the same amount of General Assistance funds. The program shall operate in a consistent manner within existing statutes and rules and new policies to be effective on July 1, 2013 and may create programs and provide services consistent with these policies. Eligible activities shall include, among others, the provision of shelter, overflow shelter, case management, transitional housing, deposits, down payments, rental assistance, upstream prevention, and related services that ensure 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. The Agency shall establish outcomes and procedures for evaluating the program overall, and for each district in which the Agency operates the program, it shall establish procedures for evaluating the district program and its effects.

(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 HOUSING

(a) Not more than \$1,000,000 of the funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in the General Assistance program in fiscal year 2014 may be used for emergency housing in catastrophic situations. Up to \$500,000 of the funds appropriated for General Assistance may, with supervisory approval, be used for emergency housing for vulnerable populations as defined in subsection (c) of this section.

(b) Except as described in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the Agency may only provide General Assistance emergency housing benefits in catastrophic situations as defined in rules adopted pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25. All emergency and temporary housing policies and guidelines issued by the Agency in effect as of June 30, 2013 shall be rescinded, except that the cold weather exemption issued by the Economic Services Division dated October 25, 2012, and any succeeding amendments to it, shall remain in effect.

(c) The Department shall adopt emergency rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.



§ 844 to take effect July 1, 2013 regarding the provision of emergency housing, subject to available funds and supervisory review and approval, for vulnerable populations without a catastrophic need. Vulnerable populations are defined as:

(1) households with a member who is 65 years of age or older,

(2) living with a disability as determined by the Social Security Administration for Social Security or Supplemental Security Income;

(3) a child under the age of 6 years,

(4) persons in the third trimester of pregnancy.

(d) During fiscal year 2014, the Agency, in consultation with interested stakeholders, including both statewide organizations and local agencies, shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to clarify eligibility for General Assistance housing, including rules defining when the Agency may provide emergency housing subject to available funds to vulnerable populations as defined in subsection (c) of this section without a catastrophic need.

#### Sec. E.321.2 EMERGENCY HOUSING; REPORTS

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall develop the following systems with respect to General Assistance emergency housing services:

(1) an intake system for individuals and families receiving emergency housing services, including collecting basic statistical information about the clients served;

(2) a system to track payments to motels; and

(3) a system for ensuring the safety and health of clients who are housed in motels.

(b) On or before January 15, 2014, the Agency of Human Services shall report to the House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations regarding the development and implementation of the systems required by subsection (a) of this section.

(c) On or before January 15 and July 15 of each year beginning in 2014, the Agency of Human Services shall report statewide statistics related to the use of emergency housing vouchers during the preceding calendar quarter, including demographic information, deidentified client data, shelter and motel usage rates, clients' primary stated cause of homelessness, average lengths of stay in emergency housing by demographic group and by type of housing, and such other relevant data as the Secretary deems appropriate. When the General

Assembly is in session, the Agency shall provide its report to the House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. When the General Assembly is not in session, the Agency shall provide its report to the Joint Fiscal Committee.

Sec. E.323 33 V.S.A. § 1107 is amended to read:

§ 1107. CASE MANAGEMENT; FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PLANS;  
COORDINATED SERVICES

(a)(1) ~~the commissioner~~ Commissioner shall provide all Reach Up services to participating families through a case management model informed by knowledge of the family's home, community, employment, and available resources. Services may be delivered in the district office, the family's home, or community in a way that facilitates progress toward accomplishment of the family development plan. Case management may be provided to other eligible families. The case manager, with the full involvement of the family, shall recommend, and ~~the commissioner~~ Commissioner shall modify as necessary a family development plan established under the Reach First or Reach Up program for each participating family, with a right of appeal as provided by section 1132 of this title. A case manager shall be assigned to each participating family as soon as the family begins to receive financial assistance. If administratively feasible and appropriate, the case manager shall be the same case manager the family was assigned in the Reach First program. The applicant for or recipient of financial assistance, under this chapter, shall have the burden of demonstrating the existence of his or her condition.

(2) In addition to periodic reviews by a case manager pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the Commissioner shall provide for a mandatory case review for each participating family with a district director or the district director's designee when the family reaches 18 and 36 months of enrollment in the Reach Up Program to assess whether the participating family:

(A) is in compliance with a family development plan or work requirement;

(B) is properly claiming a deferment, if applicable; and

(C) has any unaddressed barriers to self-sufficiency and, if so, how those barriers may be better addressed by the Department for Children and Families or other state programs.

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Sec. E.323.1 33 V.S.A. § 1108 is amended to read:

§ 1108. ~~OBLIGATION TO ASSIST ELIGIBLE FAMILIES WITH~~  
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DEPENDENT CHILDREN LIMITS ON FAMILY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

~~Except as specifically authorized herein, the commissioner shall not adopt any rule that would result in the termination of financial assistance to a participating family, including a dependent child, on the basis of an adult family member's having received TANF funded financial assistance, as an adult, for 60 or more months in his or her lifetime. This provision shall not prevent the commissioner from adopting rules that impose limitations on how many months that families, including a parent who has received an associate or bachelor's degree while receiving support from the postsecondary education program authorized by section 1121 of this chapter, may receive financial assistance authorized by this chapter in the five year period immediately following the receipt of such associate or bachelor's degree.~~

(a) Except for grants to children in the care of persons other than their parents, only participating families who have received fewer than 60 cumulative months of financial assistance, including those months in which any type of cash assistance funded by a TANF block grant was received in other states or territories of the United States, shall be eligible for benefits under the Reach Up Program.

(b) Deferment granted for the following reasons shall not count toward the Reach Up Program's cumulative 60-month lifetime eligibility period:

(1) The participant is not able-to-work.

(2) The participant is a parent or caretaker who is caring for a child pursuant to subdivision 1114(b)(3) of this chapter.

(3) The participant is affected by domestic violence pursuant to subdivision 1114(b)(9) of this chapter.

(c) The cumulative 60-month lifetime eligibility period shall not begin to toll until the parent or parents of a participating family have reached the age of 18.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a participating family that does not have a qualifying deferment under section 1114 of this title and that has exceeded the cumulative 60-month lifetime eligibility period set forth in subsection (a) of this section shall qualify for a hardship exemption that allows the adult member of the participating family to receive:

(1) a wage equivalent to that of the participating family's cash benefit under the Reach Up Program for participation in community service employment; or

(2) supplemental benefits to the wages of the adult member of the

participating family if the work requirement is otherwise being met.

Sec. E.323.2 33 V.S.A. § 1114 is amended to read:

§ 1114. DEFERMENTS, MODIFICATIONS, AND REFERRAL

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(b) The work requirements shall be either modified or deferred for:

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(3) A primary caretaker parent in a two-parent family in which one parent is able-to-work-part-time or unable-to-work, a single parent, or a caretaker who is caring for a child who has not attained ~~24 months~~ one year of age for no more than ~~24~~ 12 months of the parent's or caretaker's lifetime receipt of financial assistance. To qualify for such deferment, a parent or caretaker of a child older than the age of six months but younger than ~~24 months~~ one year shall cooperate in the development of and participate in a family development plan.

(4) An individual who has exhausted the ~~24~~ 12 months of deferment provided for in subdivision (3) of this subsection and who is caring for a child who is not yet 13 weeks of age or a primary caretaker parent in a family with two parents who are able-to-work if the primary caretaker is caring for a child under 13 weeks of age and is otherwise subject to a work requirement because the other parent in the family is being sanctioned in accordance with section 1116 of this title.

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(d) Absent an apparent condition or claimed physical, emotional, or mental condition, participants are presumed to be able-to-work. A participant shall have the burden of demonstrating the existence of the ~~circumstances or~~ condition asserted as the basis for a deferral or modification of the work requirement. A deferral or modification of the work requirement exceeding 60 days due to the existence of conditions rendering the participant unable-to-work shall be confirmed by the independent medical review of one or more physicians designated by the Secretary of Human Services prior to receipt of continued financial assistance under the Reach Up Program.

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Sec. E.323.3 INTERIM REACH UP CASE MANAGEMENT

(a) During the interim between passage of this act and the implementation of the cumulative 60-month lifetime eligibility period pursuant to section E.323 of this act on May 1, 2014, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall:

(1) ensure that each participating family has a designated case manager who is primarily accountable for the family's progress in the Reach Up Program; and

(2) conduct a case review of each participating family that has reached the cumulative 60-month lifetime eligibility period pursuant to section E.323 of this act, beginning with families under sanction, to understand better the profile of families receiving long-term assistance.

(b) On or before January 15, 2014, the Commissioner shall submit a written report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare regarding:

(1) the Department's preparedness to implement the cumulative 60-month lifetime eligibility period pursuant to Sec. E.323 of this act;

(2) the aggregated profile of participating families receiving long-term assistance from the Reach Up Program pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section, including any common barriers that prevent participating families from moving to self-sufficiency;

(3) the anticipated impact on participating families reaching the cumulative 60-month lifetime eligibility period pursuant to section E.323 of this act; and

(4) the fiscal impact of changes made to the Reach Up Program in accordance with this act.

Sec. E.323.4 33 V.S.A. § 1116(e) is amended to read:

~~(e) Any family that has received 60 or more cumulative months of financial assistance that also has one or more adult participants who have been sanctioned for 12 or more cumulative months, and who are currently being sanctioned shall have their grant reduced by \$225.00 per month for each adult sanctioned under this subsection. [Repealed.]~~

Sec. E.323.5 REACH UP POLICY WORK GROUP

(a) It is the policy of the State of Vermont that:

(1) parents and guardians take primary responsibility for the care and financial support of their children;

(2) parents and guardians model self-sufficient behavior and personal responsibility for their children by availing themselves of employment and educational opportunities when possible; and

(3) the system of aid and services to needy families with children shall

recognize clearly defined reciprocal responsibilities and obligations on the part of both parents and government.

(b) The Commissioner for Children and Families shall convene a work group to examine public policy options for restructuring the Reach Up Program in a manner that emphasizes participant responsibility for receipt of benefits. The Work Group shall:

(1) identify programmatic strengths or weaknesses in the Reach Up Program, including a review of and recommendations pertaining to the State's existing sanction policies, work requirements for two-parent families, and deferment standards to ensure statewide consistency in application;

(2) assess the efficacy of case management services provided to Reach Up participants;

(3) examine the Reach Up Program's alignment with the Agency of Human Services' Integrated Family Services initiative;

(4) survey successful models used by other states' Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs that emphasize participant responsibility;

(5) consider the feasibility and effectiveness of incorporating restorative justice principles into the Reach Up Program through the involvement of Vermont's community justice centers; and

(6) evaluate the coordination between the Reach Up Program and other state and community services that provide assistance pertaining to housing, employment, transportation, or mental health and substance abuse.

(c)(1) The Commissioner, who shall serve as Chair, shall select individuals with policy expertise related to TANF, child welfare, substance abuse, and workforce development issues from within the Department for Children and Families to serve on the Work Group, as well as a current or former participating parent of the Reach Up Program. The Commissioner may also select national consultants or experts to serve on or assist the Work Group. The Work Group shall seek input from Vermont advocates for children and families prior to finalizing its findings and recommendations.

(2) The Commissioner shall convene the first meeting of the Work Group on or before July 15, 2013.

(d) On or before November 1, 2013, the Work Group shall submit a written report to the General Assembly containing its findings and recommendations on each of the issues identified in subsection (b) of this section. The report shall also contain a proposal for restructuring the Reach Up Program in a manner that is cost-effective, consistent with federal law, and empowers

participants to attain self-sustaining employment. Thereafter, the Work Group shall cease to exist.

(e) Members of the Work Group who are not state employees and who are not otherwise compensated by their employment or association for their participation shall be entitled to per diem compensation as provided in 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

#### Sec. E.323.6 REACH UP; REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

(a) Up to \$150,000 of funds currently budgeted within the Reach Up program for transfer to Vocation Rehabilitation and then subsequently to the Department of Labor may be reallocated by the Commissioner for Children and Families to address substance abuse treatment and prevention needs of Reach Up participants. The Department may seek further reallocation of these resources in the budget adjustment process if such reallocation comports with the recommendations required by Sec. E.300.1 (Substance Abuse Continuum) and Sec. E.323.5 (Reach Up Policy Work Group) of this act.

#### Sec. E.324 HOME HEATING FUEL ASSISTANCE/LIHEAP

(a) For the purpose of a crisis set-aside, for seasonal home heating fuel assistance through December 31, 2013, 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 2013–2014 crisis set-aside and for seasonal home heating fuel assistance through December 31, 2013 and if LIHEAP funds awarded as of December 31, 2013 for fiscal year 2014 do not exceed \$2,550,000, subsequent payments under the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program shall not be made prior to January 30, 2014. 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, 2013, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may anticipate receipts into the Home Weatherization Assistance Trust Fund.

(b) In addition to funds transferred in subsection (a) of this section, unless precluded by a maintenance of effort agreement, and notwithstanding any other provisions of law, up to an additional \$1,000,000 of fiscal year 2014 weatherization funds shall be transferred to allow the fiscal year 2014 LIHEAP benefit to be substantially similar to the fiscal year 2013 level. The

Commissioner of Finance and Management may anticipate receipts into the home weatherization assistance trust fund to enable this transfer to be made.

Sec. E.324.1 33 V.S.A. § 2502(d) is amended to read:

(d) Amounts raised by the gross receipts tax on retail sales of fuel imposed Subject to budgetary approval by the General Assembly, or approval by the Emergency Board, amounts in the Home Weatherization Assistance Trust Fund created by section 2503 2501 of this title may be transferred to the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Trust Fund created by section 2603 of this title, and used for energy assistance to low income persons, provided that such transfer does not reduce the fiscal capacity of the state office of economic opportunity State Office of Economic Opportunity to meet the budgetary obligations of the weatherization program as set forth in this chapter, and that in the event of approval by the Emergency Board, the Emergency Board so certifies.

Sec. E.324.2 REPEAL

(a) 33 V.S.A. § 2502(e) (use of amounts raised by the gross receipts tax, for home heating fuel assistance) is repealed.

Sec. E.324.3 REDESIGNATION BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(a) The Legislative Council is directed to remove the word “trust” from the name “home weatherization assistance trust fund” and from the name “home heating fuel assistance trust fund” wherever it appears in the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Sec. E.324.4 33 V.S.A. § 2602 is amended to read:

§ 2602. ADMINISTRATION

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(d) The Secretary shall require that an applicant to the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program submit the approximate number of square feet of the household’s dwelling unit. For those households that receive a Home Heating Fuel Assistance benefit, the Secretary shall provide the dwelling unit bedroom count and each household’s heating fuel consumption for the previous year to the Administrator of the Home Weatherization Assistance Program established under chapter 25 of this title.

Sec. E.324.5 33 V.S.A. § 2604 is amended to read:

§ 2604. ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES; REQUIREMENTS

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(b) Fuel cost requirements. ~~The secretary of human services~~ Secretary of



Human Services or designee shall by procedure establish a table that contains amounts that will function as a proxy for applicant households' annual heating fuel cost for the previous year. The seasonal fuel expenditure estimates contained within such table shall closely approximate the actual home heating costs experienced by participants in the ~~home heating fuel assistance program~~ Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program. Data on actual heating costs collected pursuant to subsection 2602(d) of this title shall be used in lieu of the proxy table when available. Such table shall be revised no less frequently than every three years based on data supplied by certified fuel suppliers, the ~~department of public service~~ Department of Public Service, and other industry sources to the office of home heating fuel assistance. The ~~secretary~~ Secretary or designee shall provide a draft of the table to the ~~home energy assistance task force~~ Home Energy Assistance Task Force established pursuant to subsection 2501a(c) of this title and solicit input from the task force prior to finalizing the table.

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Sec. E.324.6 33 V.S.A. § 2605 is amended to read:

#### § 2605. BENEFIT AMOUNTS

(a) The ~~secretary of human services~~ Secretary of Human Services or designee shall by rule establish a table that specifies maximum percentages of applicant households' annual heating fuel costs, based on the proxy table established pursuant to subsection 2604(b) of this title and, when available, the data collected pursuant to subsection 2602(d) of this title, that can be authorized for payment as annual home heating fuel assistance benefits for the following year. The maximum percentages contained within this table shall vary by household size and annual household income. In no instance shall the percentage exceed 90 percent.

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Sec. E.324.7 33 V.S.A. § 2608 is amended to read:

#### § 2608. WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM AGREEMENTS

The ~~director~~ Director of the ~~home energy assistance program~~ Home Energy Assistance Program shall inform the ~~administrator~~ Administrator of the ~~home weatherization assistance program~~ Home Weatherization Assistance Program, established under chapter 25 of this title, of all participants in the ~~home heating fuel assistance program~~ Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program and of the information required by subsection 2602(d) of this chapter. The ~~agency of human services~~ Agency of Human Services shall provide all participants in the ~~home heating fuel assistance program~~ Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program with information regarding the efficiency utility established under 30 V.S.A.

§ 209. All participants in the ~~home heating fuel assistance program~~ Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program shall be deemed to comply with any income requirements of the ~~home weatherization program~~ Home Weatherization Program, but to receive weatherization services, recipients shall be required to meet any other eligibility requirements of the ~~weatherization program~~ Home Weatherization Program. As a condition of receipt of benefits under the ~~home heating fuel assistance program~~ Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program, a recipient shall consent to receive services of the ~~home weatherization assistance program~~ Home Weatherization Assistance Program. The Home Weatherization Assistance Program shall use the information required by subsection 2602(d) of this chapter to determine the number of British thermal units (Btus) needed to heat a square foot of space for each participant in the Home Energy Assistance Program. The ~~home weatherization assistance program~~ The Home Weatherization Assistance Program shall give the highest priority to providing services to participants ~~with high energy consumption within the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program and, among those participants, to those who require the most Btus to heat a square foot of space.~~

Sec. E.324.8 FUEL PURCHASING; HOME HEATING FUEL ASSISTANCE

(a) Under 33 V.S.A. chapter 26 (home heating fuel assistance), a system of fuel purchasing shall be developed that ensures that the recipients of such assistance are offered the lowest possible fuel prices.

(b) On or before August 1, 2013, the Secretary of Human Services shall adopt a revised system of fuel purchasing under 33 V.S.A. chapter 26 that meets the standard set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. E.324.9 33 V.S.A. § 2609 is amended to read:

§ 2609. CRISIS RESERVES; ELIGIBILITY AND ASSISTANCE

(a) Annually, the ~~secretary of human services~~ Secretary of Human Services or designee shall determine an appropriate amount of funds in the home heating fuel assistance fund to be set aside for expenditure for the crisis fuel assistance component of the home heating fuel program. The ~~secretary~~ Secretary or designee shall also adopt rules to define crisis situations for the expenditure of the home heating fuel crisis funds, and to establish the income and asset eligibility requirements of households for receipt of crisis home heating fuel assistance, provided that no household shall be eligible whose gross household income is greater than 200 percent of the federal poverty level or is in excess of income maximums established by LIHEAP based on the income of all persons residing in the household. To the extent allowed by federal law, the ~~secretary~~ Secretary or designee shall establish by rule a

calculation of gross income based on the same rules used in 3SquaresVT, except that the ~~secretary~~ Secretary or designee shall include additional deductions or exclusions from income required by LIHEAP.

(b) Crisis fuel grants shall be limited per winter heating season to one grant for households that are income-eligible and have received a seasonal fuel assistance grant and meet all eligibility requirements for crisis fuel assistance, or to two grants for households that are not income-eligible for seasonal fuel assistance and meet all eligibility requirements for crisis fuel assistance.

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

(a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$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 Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness.

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

(a) Of the Special Fund appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act, \$750,000 is for the replacement and repair of home heating equipment.

Sec. E.326.1 33 V.S.A. § 2502 is amended to read:

§ 2502. HOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(a) The ~~director~~ Director of the ~~state office of economic opportunity~~ State Office of Economic Opportunity shall administer a ~~home weatherization assistance program~~ Home Weatherization Assistance Program under such rules, regulations, funding, and funding requirements as may be imposed by federal law.

(b) In addition, the ~~director~~ Director shall supplement, or supplant, any federal program with a ~~state home weatherization assistance program~~ State Home Weatherization Assistance Program.

(1) The state program shall provide an enhanced weatherization assistance amount exceeding the federal per unit limit allowing amounts up to an average of ~~\$6,000.00~~ \$8,000.00 per unit allocated on a cost-effective basis. In units where costs exceed the allowable average by more than 25 percent, prior approval of the ~~director~~ Director of the ~~state economic opportunity office~~ State Economic Opportunity Office shall be required before work commences. This amount shall be adjusted annually by increasing the last year's amount by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for the previous year.

(2) The state program shall provide amounts for ~~low-income~~ low-income customers utilizing any high operating cost fuel, to convert to another fuel source under rules adopted by the ~~director~~ Director based on the cost effectiveness of the converted facility over the life cycle of the equipment.

(3) The ~~director~~ Director, in collaboration with the weatherization service providers and other stakeholders, shall develop the state program so that it will include:

(A) Facilitating the development and implementation of a statewide common energy-audit tool or tools that work well on all Vermont housing, including multi-family buildings.

(B) With regard to multi-family buildings, requiring either of the following requirements to be met:

(i) at least 25 percent or more of the tenants in the building are eligible for the ~~weatherization program~~ Program; or

(ii) at least 50 percent of the units are weatherization affordable, and at least one tenant of the building has applied for the ~~weatherization program~~ Program and has been determined to be eligible. For purposes of this subdivision, “weatherization affordable” means a unit having a rent that is established at less than 30 percent of the income level established by computing ~~60~~ 80 percent of the area median income level or ~~60~~ 80 percent of the ~~state~~ State median income level, whichever is higher, for the relevant household size. Relevant household size means the number of bedrooms in the unit, plus one.

(C) Establishing ~~program~~ Program eligibility levels at ~~60~~ 80 percent of the area median income, or ~~60~~ 80 percent of the ~~state~~ State median income, whichever is higher. Subject to the priority under section 2608 of this title given to participants in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program, the state program shall, when weighing factors to assign priority to buildings or units eligible for weatherization assistance, assign the greatest weight to those buildings and units that require the most Btus to heat a square foot of space.

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(G) With respect to multi-family buildings housing recipients of home heating fuel assistance under chapter 26 of this title, targeted outreach efforts to ensure the highest weatherization participation rates by owners of such buildings.

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Sec. E.328 [DELETED]

Sec. E.329 VERMONT VETERANS’ HOME; REGIONAL BED  
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## 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.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental services

(a) There is created a Developmental Services Task Force comprised of the following seven members:

(1) the Secretary of Human Services or designee, who shall be chair:

(2) the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living or designee;

(3) The Director of Developmental Services, or designee

(4) two members appointed by the Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services;

(5) two members appointed the Developmental Disabilities Council who may be any combination of a parent of, a family member of, or a person living with a disability.

(b) The members of the Task Force shall be appointed as soon as is practicable following the effective date of this section.

(c) Members of the Task Force who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated by their employer or association for their participation in the Work Group shall be reimbursed at the per diem rate set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

(d) The Task Force shall identify and review an appropriate random sample of identity protected individual developmental services case files from each of the designated service providers to assess whether the methods of case planning and oversight should be revised and whether alternate practices could be identified resulting in more cost effective utilization of the resources available for developmental services.

(e) The Task Force shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on its findings and recommendations following this review by September 30, 2013.

(f) It is the expectation of the General Assembly that the Department and developmental service providers will work to manage the service needs within the appropriated funds, this may include changes that result in more cost effective program administration, however no modifications to the system of

care plan or rescissions can be applied before 60 days after September 30, 2013, or after the conclusion of the work of the Task Force if completed prior to September, 30, 2103.

(g) The Department, the Agency of Human Services, the Department of Finance and Management, and the Joint Fiscal Office shall review the methodology for forecasting both the caseload and utilization for the development disabilities programs and shall report any recommendations for changing this methodology to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its September 2013 meeting. This same group shall recommend a consensus estimate for the Developmental Disabilities fiscal year 2015 caseload, utilization and budget to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its November 2013 meeting.

Sec. E.335 JOINT CORRECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; HOME DETENTION; HOME CONFINEMENT

(a) The Joint Committee on Corrections Oversight, in consultation with the Commissioner of Corrections and other stakeholders, shall develop a proposal to increase the use of home detention and home confinement in lieu of incarceration in a correctional facility. The Committee shall consider the following:

(1) establishment of a unit that provides 24-hour electronic monitoring of detainees and offenders, the costs associated with such a unit, including any costs to communities, and whether services could be contracted with another state or entity currently operating a similar program;

(2) revisions to the statutes concerning bail and conditions of release; and

(3) alternatives to detention or incarceration for persons charged with nonviolent misdemeanors.

(b) The Committee shall report its recommendations to the Joint Fiscal Committee prior to its regularly scheduled November meeting for consideration for inclusion in the Budget Adjustment Act.

Sec. E.335.1 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; FISCAL YEAR 2013 CARRYFORWARD APPROPRIATIONS REPORT

(a) The Department shall report to the Joint Committee on Corrections Oversight in September 2013 on the amount of General Fund appropriations that have been carried forward from fiscal year 2013 into fiscal year 2014. The Department shall identify the amount of these funds that are unobligated, and of that unobligated amount, the amount of funds that could be available for ongoing justice reinvestment initiatives and the amount of funds that could be available for one-time expenditures. If such funds are available for ongoing or

one-time investment, the Committee shall include its recommendations for such expenditure in the fiscal year 2014 budget adjustment process and or in the fiscal year 2015 budget process.

Sec. E.338 Corrections – correctional services

(a) The Steering Committee of the Vermont Community Justice Network and the Association of Vermont Court Diversion Programs, in consultation with their funders, stakeholders, and other providers of community-based restorative justice, shall report to the Joint Committee on Corrections Oversight by October 15, 2013, on the work they are doing to strengthen the coordination of and access to the community-based restorative justice delivery system.

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

(a) 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.

Sec. E.345 Green mountain care board

(a) The Green Mountain Care Board shall use the Global Commitment Funds appropriated in this section to encourage the formation and maintenance of public-private partnerships in health care, including initiatives to support and improve the health care delivery system.

Sec. E.345.1 COST SHIFT ACCOUNTABILITY

(a) As part of the fiscal year 2014 budget proposal, \$16,000,000, which will be annualized at \$20,000,000, is being appropriated in the Global Commitment and Choices for Care waivers to reduce the State cost shift to private insurers. The Administration shall develop consistent reportable measures to be accountable for the results of this and subsequent cost shift reduction investments. Specifically:

(1) The Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB) shall maintain and report as part of its “GMCB’s Vermont Health Dashboard of Key Indicators”:

(A) a comparison of the difference between Medicaid and Medicare provider reimbursement rates;

(B) Additional measures as determined to create standard transparent measurement of a reduced costs shift.

(2) The Green Mountain Care Board shall submit to the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2014 a report on how this investment in fiscal year 2014 is projected to influence current or future rate setting and how

it will be incorporated into the rate review process.

(3) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall use its developing information system capacity with the “Blueprint” system and other initiatives to develop and prepare annual reports on the impacts of these and other investments on the cost shift. As part of the fiscal year 2015 budget submission, measurement methodologies and baseline information shall be in place and be part of that submission.

\* \* \* 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.501 Education - education services

(a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4014(f), in fiscal year 2014, the Secretary may use up to \$100,000 of the early education grant appropriation for grants to increase the capacity of districts to start early education programs that do not currently have them.

Sec. E.501.1 16 V.S.A. § 1262a is amended to read:

§ 1262a. AWARD OF GRANTS

(a)(1) ~~The state board of education~~ State Board may, from funds appropriated for this subsection to the ~~department of education~~ Agency, award grants to:

(A) supervisory unions for the use of member school boards that establish and operate food programs;

(B) independent school boards that establish and operate food programs; and

(C) approved education programs, as defined in subdivision 11(a)(34) of this title and operating under private nonprofit ownership as defined in the National School Lunch Act, that establish and operate food programs for students engaged in a teen parent education program or students enrolled in a Vermont public school.

(2) The amount of any grant awarded under this subsection shall not be more than the amount necessary, in addition to ~~the charge made for the meal~~



and any reimbursement from federal funds, to pay the actual cost of the meal.

(b) The ~~state board~~ State Board may, from funds available to the ~~department of education~~ Agency for this subsection, award grants to supervisory unions consisting of one or more school districts that need to initiate or expand food programs in order to meet the requirements of section 1264 of this title and that seek assistance in meeting the cost of initiation or expansion. The amount of the grants shall be limited to 75 percent of the cost deemed necessary by the ~~commissioner~~ Secretary to construct, renovate, or acquire additional facilities and equipment to provide lunches to all ~~pupils~~ students, and shall be reduced by the amount of funds available from federal or other sources, including those funds available under section 3448 of this title. The ~~state board~~ State Board, upon recommendation of the ~~commissioner~~ Secretary, shall direct supervisory unions seeking grants under this section to share facilities and equipment within the supervisory union and with other supervisory unions for the provision of lunches wherever more efficient and effective operation of food programs can be expected to result.

(c) On a quarterly basis, from state funds appropriated to the ~~department of education~~ Agency for this subsection, the ~~state board~~ State Board shall award to each supervisory union, independent school board, and approved education program as described in subsection (a) of this section a sum equal to the amount that would have been the student share of the cost of all breakfasts and lunches actually provided in the district during the previous quarter to students eligible for a ~~reduced-price~~ reduced-price breakfast under the federal school breakfast program and students eligible for a reduced-price lunch under the federal school lunch program.

Sec. E.501.2. 16 V.S.A. § 1264(c) is amended to read:

(c) The state shall be responsible for the student share of the cost of breakfasts provided to all students eligible for a ~~reduced-price~~ reduced-price breakfast under the federal school breakfast program and for the student share of the cost of lunches provided to all students eligible for a reduced-price lunch under the federal school lunch program.

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 \$3,447,584 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2014 as funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the Secretary 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 \$176,840 may be used by the Agency 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, \$4,000,000 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) Pursuant to Sec. B.513, there is appropriated in fiscal year 2014 from the General Fund for transfer to the Education Fund the amount of \$288,921,564.

Sec. E.514 State teachers’ retirement system

(a) The annual contribution to the Vermont State Teachers’ Retirement System shall be \$73,102,825, of which \$68,352,825 shall be contributed in accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2) and an additional \$4,750,000 in General Funds.

(b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution, \$11,259,501 is the “normal contribution,” and \$57,093,324 is the “accrued liability contribution.”

(c) A combination of \$71,783,200 in General Funds and an estimated \$1,319,625 of Medicare Part D reimbursement funds is used to achieve funding at \$4,750,000 above the actuarially recommended level of \$68,352,825.

\* \* \* 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 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND VERMONT STATE COLLEGES – INCREASE TO BASE APPROPRIATIONS

(a) The General Fund increase from fiscal year 2013 to fiscal year 2014 to the base appropriations for University of Vermont and the Vermont State Colleges shall be used for Vermont students.

#### 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) Funds available to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation pursuant to Sec. E.215(a) of this act shall be used for the purposes of 16 V.S.A. § 2856. Any unexpended funds from this allocation shall carry forward for this purpose.

\* \* \* NATURAL RESOURCES \* \* \*

Sec. E.700 30 V.S.A. § 255 is amended to read:

§ 255. REGIONAL COORDINATION TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES

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(c) Allocation of tradable carbon credits.

(1) ~~The secretary of natural resources~~ Secretary of Natural Resources, by rule, shall establish a set of annual carbon budgets for emissions associated with the electric power sector in Vermont that are consistent with the 2005 RGGI MOU, including any amendments to that MOU and any reduced carbon cap resulting from a subsequent program review by RGGI, and that are on a reciprocal basis with the other states participating in the RGGI process.

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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.706 Forests, parks and recreation – lands administration

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

Sec. E.709 [DELETED]

Sec. E.711 [DELETED]

\* \* \* COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT \* \* \*

Sec. E.800 VERMONT TRAINING PROGRAM

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Secretary is

authorized to renew or continue in fiscal year 2014 any grants made under the provisions of the 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec.E.800.5(a), but shall not issue any new grants or awards under this provision.

Sec. E.801 [DELETED]

Sec. E.802 [DELETED]

Sec. E.802.1 32 V.S.A. § 1003(b)(1) is amended to read:

(1) Heads of the following departments and agencies:

Base Salary as of July 1, 2012

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(J) ~~Economic housing, and community development~~ Economic Development 76,953

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(Q) ~~[Repealed]~~ Housing and Community Development 76,953

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Sec. E.804 Community development block grants

(a) Community Development Block Grants shall carry forward until expended.

\* \* \* TRANSPORTATION \* \* \*

Sec. E.909 Transportation – central garage

(a) Of this appropriation, \$6,688,735 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. F.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. C.100 (fiscal year 2013 budget adjustment, Secretary of State), C.100.1 (RGA settlement; Secretary of State), C.101 (fiscal year 2013 budget adjustment, Attorney General), C.102 (fiscal year 2013 budget adjustment, protection function total), C.103 (fiscal year 2013 budget adjustment, Transportation – program development), C.104 (fiscal year 2013 budget adjustment, Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service), C.105 (fiscal year 2013 budget adjustment, Debt service and Debt service function total), C.106 (limited service position, ACCD), C. 107 (carry forward

reallocation), C.108 (crisis fuel transfer authority), D.102 (tobacco litigation settlement fund balance) , E.127(b) (Legislative fund transfer to Joint Fiscal), E.126.2 (Officers of General Assembly), E.233 (Public Service Department-Electric Generation Siting; Report), E.321.1(b)and (c) (General Assistance emergency housing), E.323 (interim Reach Up case management), E.323.5 (Reach Up Policy Work Group), and E.333 (DAIL-developmental services) of this act shall take effect upon passage.

(b) Sec. E.802.1 shall take effect upon passage and shall apply as of the effective date of Executive Order No. 01-13.

(c) Secs. E.307 (modified adjusted gross income) and E.307.1 (exchange financial assistance) of this act shall take effect on October 1, 2013 to allow for their application to insurance plans with coverage beginning on January 1, 2014.

(d) Sec. E.307.2 (reduction in Medicaid cost-shift) shall take effect on July 1, 2013, except that subsection (e) of that section shall take effect on passage.

(e) Sec. E.323.1 (Reach Up limits on family financial assistance) and E.323.3 (Reach Up sanctions) shall take effect on May 1, 2014.

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

(For text see House Journal 3/28/2013 and 3/29/2013 )

### **Consent Calendar**

#### **Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16a**

The following concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before today's adjournment. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Secretary's office and/or the House Clerk's office, respectively. For text of resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar and Senate Calendar of 5/2/2013.

#### **H.C.R. 123**

House concurrent resolution designating April 25, 2013 as Victims' Awareness Day

#### **H.C.R. 124**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Vermont senior forensic chemist Marcia J. LaFountain

**H.C.R. 125**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the sestercentennial anniversary of the Town of Sudbury

**H.C.R. 126**

House concurrent resolution honoring *Burlington Free Press* reporter Candace Page for her outstanding journalism career

**H.C.R. 127**

House concurrent resolution designating April 27 as Vermont Youth Appreciation Day

**H.C.R. 128**

House concurrent resolution designating June 22, 2013 as Town Hall Theater Day in Vermont

**H.C.R. 129**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Vermont Prudential Spirit of Community Award Winners

**H.C.R. 130**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Hartland Winter Trails on the 40th anniversary of its system of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails

**H.C.R. 131**

House concurrent resolution honoring the career and community service of Dr. Walter J. Griffiths of Bellows Falls

**H.C.R. 132**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Essex Hornets' state gymnastics champions

**H.C.R. 133**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the designation of Birsky-Wyman Field in Springfield

**H.C.R. 134**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Hildene Lincoln Essay Competition Winners

**H.C.R. 135**

House concurrent resolution honoring West Rutland municipal official Jayne Pratt

**H.C.R. 136**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of the Lothrop School

**H.C.R. 137**

House concurrent resolution honoring David Clark for his outstanding leadership as Director of the Ilsley Library in Middlebury

**H.C.R. 138**

House concurrent resolution honoring the 2013 winners of the Working Forests Essay Contest

**H.C.R. 139**

House concurrent resolution designating May as Older Americans Month in Vermont

**H.C.R. 140**

House concurrent resolution designating May 1, 2013 as Poverty Awareness Day in Vermont

**S.C.R. 24**

Senate concurrent resolution designating September 2013 as River Green Up Month