## General Fund Context

Presentation for House Corrections and Institutions Committee

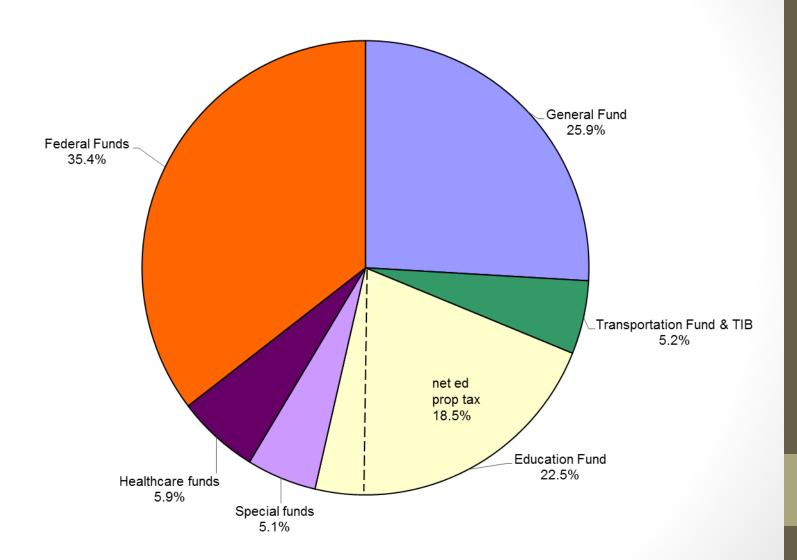
Joint Fiscal Office October 25, 2013

### **Basic Budget Dynamics**

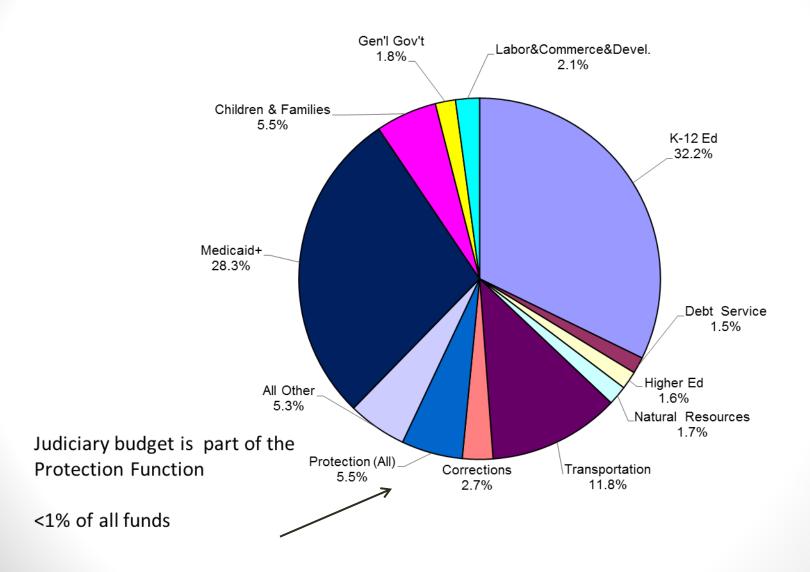
- > Total was \$4.1B in FY08 now to \$5.2B in FY14
  - ➤ Average annual growth 3.6% since FY09
- ➤ GF is now 26% of total (down from 30%)
  - > GF growth has averaged 3.4% since FY09
- > Federal funds now 35% of total (up from 30%)
  - > Base FF growth has averaged 6.4% since FY09
- > EF local spending decisions state fund pressure
- >TF system needs grow constant revenue challenge

Gross State Product avg. growth 1.3% (projected @ 3% in '14)

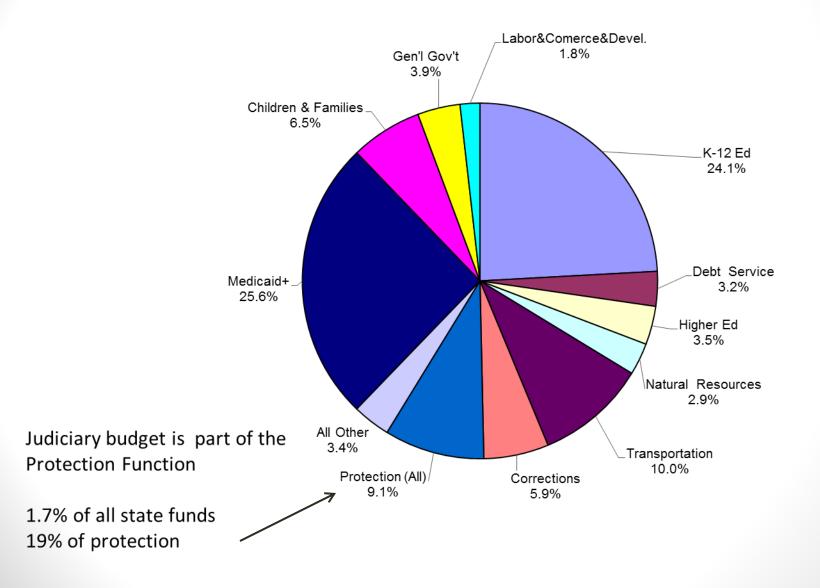
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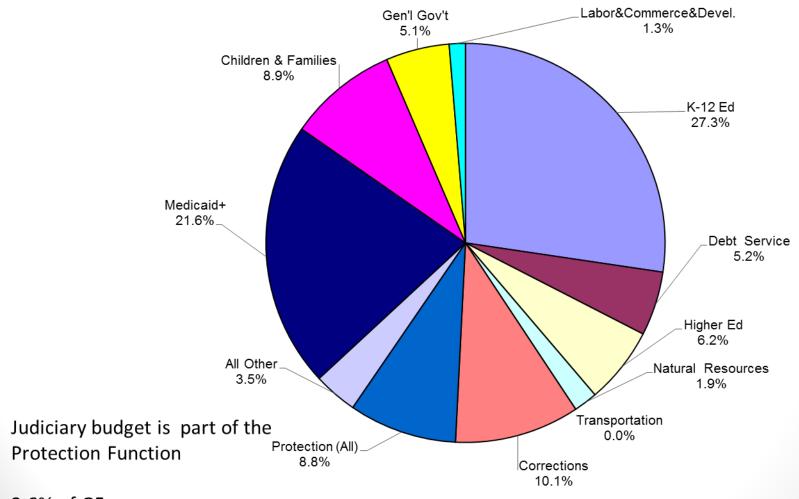
### FY14 Budget As Passed - All Funds Uses =\$5.23 Billion Includes Net Ed Property Tax and Federal Funds



### FY14 Budget As Passed - All State Funds = \$2.4 Billion Excludes Federal Funds and Net Ed Property Tax



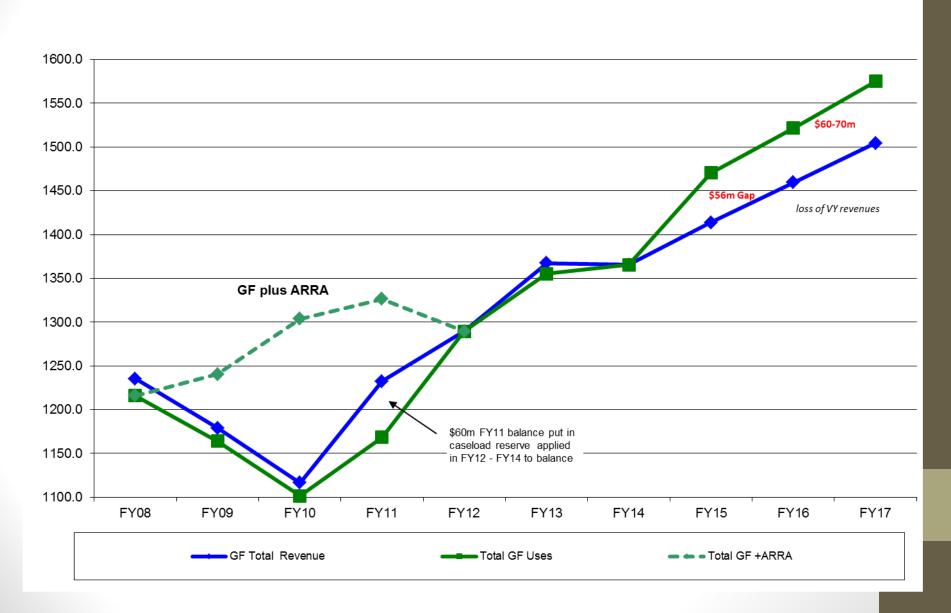
#### FY14 Budget As Passed - General Fund = \$1.355 Billion



2.6% of GF30% of Protection GF

**GF Out Year Picture** 

July 2013 Revenue - 5-Year Revenue Forecast FY14 onetime added - 3.5% Average Annual Growth Rate



### Big GF chunks in FY 2014

	5 yr growth

Education Fund	\$289M
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# FY 2009 – FY 2014 – GF High Growth Items:

		FY 2014	5 year growth	1 year %
Teachers retirement	\$ 72M		16.4%	12.8%
<b>Correctional Services</b>	\$131M		4.5%	3.3%
Fee for Space	\$ 28M		1.0%	7.3%
Current Use	\$ 13 M		6.6%	6.5%
State Police	\$ 25M		5.1%	18%
[reducing burden on TF]				

## FY 2015 GF GAP Analysis - Current Services Budget Needs

- \$55M of one-time resources balanced FY14
- Retirement obligations
- Pay Act costs roll out plus new contract
- Federal Fund Issues (FMAP 15.9, other)
- Other Human Service
- Education Finance expectations
- Debt Service
- Technology Funding run rate problem \$10 M plus
- Build Reserves \$12 million in rainy day fund will be used for FY 2014 budget adjustment needs

#### FY 2015 GF Growth outliers

State and Teachers Retirement +/- \$10M

State Police – reduction of TF

FMAP Replacement

\$15.9M

Other federal issues?

- Veterans Home Pressures
- Fee For Space ?? [Buildings coming on line]?
  - State Hospital coming on line

\$ 4 - 13M

[More if Morrisville does not go off line]

Debt Service \$ 4.0M

Exchange Funding \$ 8.0 M

• IT investments ??

## Focus: Teachers Retirement Health Care -1

- Vermont Teachers retirement system is 60.5% funded.
  Addressing this is a challenge.
- More so because Vermont pays for retired teachers' health care out of teachers' retirement pension funds.
- The added health care costs create an expense to the system that reduces the value of the contribution to teachers retirement funding and thereby increases the unfunded liability.
- In FY 2014 the GF appropriation was \$71.783M
  - Recommended contributions FY 2015 + 5.5M
    - FY 2014 \$68,352,825 About \$3.4M extra toward retiree health care
    - FY 2015 \$73,859,170
  - Retiree Health Care Costs were estimated at \$26.5M of that amount

### Focus: Teachers Retirement Health Care - 2

The cost of teachers retiree health care:

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• 2001 $ 4.1M
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2003 \$ 6.6M

2008 \$15.2M

• 2013 \$22.5M

2014 \$26.5M Budgeted

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- 2020 projection \$38.3 M
- 2040 projection \$77.4 M
- [Dec 2009 Retirement Commission Report)

### Focus: Teachers Retirement Health Care - 3

- This makes gaining ground on the teachers retirement funding level tough
- For contemplation...
  - With the health care reform move from employer funding to state funding. The retirement system stands to lose a major part of this obligation – good for retirement system
  - The reformed health care system would pick up costs
  - If the funding is based on payroll tax, what does this say about the impact of retiree health costs on the state's reform efforts? Likely to be multiple funding sources.

## So Why Does Institutions Care About GF Growth Pressures?

- Many General Fund issues and concerns are general legislative concerns – context important
- Institution Committee actions impact General Fund fee for space, Corrections, cost allocations, debt service
- Shared responsibility items IT costs, school construction, engineering costs, conservation expenditures, water quality.