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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Rep. Emmons, Chair, House Committee on Corrections and Institutions

From: Rep. Heath, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

Date: April 30, 2014

Subject: Review of Provisions added to Senate Passed Budget

The Conference Committee on the budget has been appointed and is in the process of reviewing provisions added, deleted, or changed by the Senate. It would be very helpful if you could review the sections below and provide me with your feedback by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6th, or earlier if possible. Thank you for your help with these issues.

**Sec. E.112 USE OF STATE SPACE; CLARIFICATION**

(a) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 165(h) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall extend through June 30, 2015 the lease for space for the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations at current payment rates. For fiscal year 2016 and beyond, the Commissioner shall consult with the Director of States' Attorneys and Sheriffs and the Director of the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations and develop a long-term lease or fee-for-space arrangement. In the event such arrangements include a payment below prevailing market prices, it shall be presented to the Joint Fiscal Committee as required by 29 V.S.A. § 165(h) for approval at a regularly scheduled Joint Fiscal Committee meeting after September 1, 2014.

**Sec. E.337 COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL OF VERMONT**

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

- (1) a detailed description of the School's programs, curriculum, and outcomes;
- (2) data and projections on the student population, including the total number of students enrolled at the School, the number of students who are currently incarcerated, student ages, and the current cost per student;

(3) a comparison of the School's current cost per student with statewide education spending per student; and

(4) an analysis of the use of more efficient delivery systems, including technology.

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

The language highlighted above was added by the Senate.

Please note that the following language that was in Sec. 337 (a)(4) of the House passed budget was removed by the Senate and replaced with the new (4) above.

(4) an analysis of whether the School may enroll students who are not in the custody of the Commissioner and who have not completed secondary education if space is available and no budget increase would be required; and