

Senate proposal of amendment

H. 875

An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

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

Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

(a) This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2017 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 2017. 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, 2016. Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2017 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 2017.

(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 on June 30, 2017.

Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

(a) As used in 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 2017, 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 2017, federal funds available to the State of Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2016 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 2017 except for new positions authorized by the 2016 session. Limited service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to this restriction, nor shall positions created pursuant to the Position Pilot Program authorized in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100(d) as amended by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 74, and further amended by Sec. E.100.2 of this act.

Sec. A.108 LEGEND

(a) The bill is organized by functions of government. The sections between B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriations 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>
<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community Development</u>
<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
<u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other appropriation actions</u>

(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	2,942,679
Operating expenses	211,182
Total	3,153,861
Source of funds	
General fund	1,290,708

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,863,153</u>
Total	3,153,861
Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance	
Personal services	1,150,551
Operating expenses	132,430
Total	1,282,981
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	1,282,981
Total	1,282,981
Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
Personal services	1,109,499
Operating expenses	232,792
Total	1,342,291
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	1,342,291
Total	1,342,291
Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
Personal services	304,537
Operating expenses	62,108
Total	366,645
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	366,645
Total	366,645
Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
Personal services	21,565
Operating expenses	16,578
Total	38,143
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	38,143
Total	38,143
Sec. B.105 Information and innovation - communications and information technology	
Personal services	23,273,904
Operating expenses	16,514,093
Total	39,787,997
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	39,787,997
Total	39,787,997
Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	

Personal services	1,312,845
Operating expenses	252,190
Total	1,565,035
Source of funds	
General fund	1,133,838
Interdepartmental transfers	431,197
Total	1,565,035
Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
Personal services	2,365,616
Operating expenses	668,947
Total	3,034,563
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	3,034,563
Total	3,034,563
Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
Personal services	7,186,765
Operating expenses	937,445
Total	8,124,210
Source of funds	
General fund	1,823,395
Special funds	244,912
Internal service funds	5,518,595
Interdepartmental transfers	537,308
Total	8,124,210
Sec. B.108.1 Human Resources - VTHR Operations	
Personal services	1,746,553
Operating expenses	655,960
Total	2,402,513
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	2,402,513
Total	2,402,513
Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
Personal services	1,201,356
Operating expenses	578,585
Total	1,779,941
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	1,779,941
Total	1,779,941
Sec. B.110 Libraries	
Personal services	1,785,527

Operating expenses	1,439,081
Grants	175,512
Total	3,400,120
Source of funds	
General fund	2,337,163
Special funds	104,857
Federal funds	861,098
Interdepartmental transfers	97,002
Total	3,400,120
Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
Personal services	14,086,964
Operating expenses	3,775,766
Total	17,862,730
Source of funds	
General fund	16,349,276
Special funds	1,370,888
Interdepartmental transfers	142,566
Total	17,862,730
Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
Personal services	613,649
Operating expenses	103,560
Total	717,209
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	717,209
Total	717,209
Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
Personal services	2,797,007
Operating expenses	756,054
Total	3,553,061
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	3,553,061
Total	3,553,061
Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
Personal services	3,460,339
Operating expenses	1,260,232
Grants	33,000
Total	4,753,571
Source of funds	
General fund	677,224
Transportation fund	4,014,502

Special funds	61,845
Total	4,753,571
Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
Personal services	936,852
Operating expenses	190,281
Total	1,127,133
Source of funds	
General fund	1,127,133
Total	1,127,133
Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
Personal services	715,610
Operating expenses	114,736
Total	830,346
Source of funds	
General fund	83,221
Internal service funds	747,125
Total	830,346
Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
Personal services	660,219
Operating expenses	162,809
Total	823,028
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	823,028
Total	823,028
Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
Personal services	663,543
Operating expenses	222,056
Total	885,599
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	885,599
Total	885,599
Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
Personal services	24,386
Operating expenses	5,771
Total	30,157
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	30,157
Total	30,157
Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	

Personal services	107,634
Operating expenses	108,954
Total	216,588
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	216,588
Total	216,588
Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
Personal services	1,016,964
Operating expenses	1,131,458
Total	2,148,422
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	2,148,422
Total	2,148,422
Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
Personal services	15,088,221
Operating expenses	13,420,970
Total	28,509,191
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	28,509,191
Total	28,509,191
Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
Personal services	1,449,630
Operating expenses	436,716
Total	1,881,676
Source of funds	
General fund	1,695,176
Interdepartmental transfers	186,500
Total	1,881,676
Sec. B.125 Legislative council	
Personal services	3,278,142
Operating expenses	910,056
Total	4,188,198
Source of funds	
General fund	4,188,198
Total	4,188,198
Sec. B.126 Legislature	
Personal services	3,671,819
Operating expenses	3,592,956
Total	7,264,775
Source of funds	

General fund	7,264,775
Total	7,264,775
Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
Personal services	1,535,079
Operating expenses	113,801
Total	1,648,880
Source of funds	
General fund	1,648,880
Total	1,648,880
Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
Personal services	598,470
Operating expenses	72,904
Total	671,374
Source of funds	
General fund	671,374
Total	671,374
Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
Personal services	164,873
Operating expenses	29,614
Total	194,487
Source of funds	
General fund	194,487
Total	194,487
Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
Personal services	3,691,861
Operating expenses	151,915
Total	3,843,776
Source of funds	
General fund	418,307
Special funds	53,145
Internal service funds	3,372,324
Total	3,843,776
Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
Personal services	3,337,295
Operating expenses	265,138
Total	3,602,433
Source of funds	
General fund	1,022,452
Special funds	2,471,709
Interdepartmental transfers	108,272

Total	3,602,433
Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
Personal services	832,146
Operating expenses	293,555
Total	1,125,701
Source of funds	
Private purpose trust funds	1,125,701
Total	1,125,701
Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
Personal services	7,920,899
Operating expenses	1,266,225
Total	9,187,124
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	9,187,124
Total	9,187,124
Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
Personal services	2,649,446
Operating expenses	700,137
Total	3,349,583
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	3,349,583
Total	3,349,583
Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
Personal services	203,674
Operating expenses	43,645
Total	247,319
Source of funds	
General fund	237,743
Special funds	6,788
Interdepartmental transfers	2,788
Total	247,319
Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
Personal services	54,576
Operating expenses	18,646
Total	73,222
Source of funds	
General fund	36,611
Interdepartmental transfers	36,611
Total	73,222

Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
Grants	16,200,000
Total	16,200,000
Source of funds	
General fund	16,200,000
Total	16,200,000
Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
Grants	10,400,000
Total	10,400,000
Source of funds	
General fund	3,120,000
Education fund	7,280,000
Total	10,400,000
Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
Grants	3,425,000
Total	3,425,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	3,425,000
Total	3,425,000
Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
Grants	15,321,776
Total	15,321,776
Source of funds	
General fund	15,321,776
Total	15,321,776
Sec. B.141 Lottery commission	
Personal services	1,934,113
Operating expenses	1,309,216
Grants	150,000
Total	3,393,329
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	3,393,329
Total	3,393,329
Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
Grants	7,211,000
Total	7,211,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	7,211,000
Total	7,211,000

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

Grants	184,000
Total	184,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	184,000
Total	184,000

Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities

Grants	40,000
Total	40,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	40,000
Total	40,000

Sec. B.145 Total general government

Source of funds	
General fund	76,841,737
Transportation fund	4,014,502
Special funds	11,749,144
Education fund	10,705,000
Federal funds	861,098
Internal service funds	90,972,965
Interdepartmental transfers	9,165,235
Enterprise funds	3,423,486
Pension trust funds	12,536,707
Private purpose trust funds	1,125,701
Total	221,395,575

Sec. B.200 Attorney general

Personal services	8,900,530
Operating expenses	1,386,540
Grants	26,894
Total	10,313,964
Source of funds	
General fund	4,338,420
Special funds	1,967,408
Tobacco fund	530,790
Federal funds	1,067,909
Interdepartmental transfers	2,409,437
Total	10,313,964

Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion

Personal services	63,550
Operating expenses	500

Grants	1,996,483
Total	2,060,533
Source of funds	
General fund	1,396,486
Special funds	664,047
Total	2,060,533
Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
Personal services	10,329,892
Operating expenses	1,026,336
Total	11,356,228
Source of funds	
General fund	10,767,676
Special funds	588,552
Total	11,356,228
Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
Personal services	5,489,474
Operating expenses	49,819
Total	5,539,293
Source of funds	
General fund	5,539,293
Total	5,539,293
Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
Personal services	36,393,453
Operating expenses	8,552,590
Grants	76,030
Total	45,022,073
Source of funds	
General fund	39,433,856
Special funds	2,667,459
Tobacco fund	39,031
Federal funds	556,455
Interdepartmental transfers	2,325,272
Total	45,022,073
Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
Personal services	11,690,469
Operating expenses	1,945,843
Total	13,636,312
Source of funds	
General fund	10,990,771
Special funds	105,855

Federal funds	31,000
Interdepartmental transfers	2,508,686
Total	13,636,312
Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
Personal services	90,000
Operating expenses	1,100
Grants	1,750,000
Total	1,841,100
Source of funds	
General fund	1,841,100
Total	1,841,100
Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
Personal services	3,889,833
Operating expenses	425,800
Total	4,315,633
Source of funds	
General fund	4,315,633
Total	4,315,633
Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
Personal services	2,581,402
Operating expenses	2,517,522
Total	5,098,924
Source of funds	
General fund	2,805,505
Federal funds	270,726
Interdepartmental transfers	2,022,693
Total	5,098,924
Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
Personal services	51,937,925
Operating expenses	9,569,462
Grants	759,635
Total	62,267,022
Source of funds	
General fund	33,887,477
Transportation fund	21,550,000
Special funds	2,849,249
Federal funds	2,161,852
Interdepartmental transfers	1,818,444
Total	62,267,022
Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	

Personal services	8,605,625
Operating expenses	2,525,328
Grants	191,650
Total	11,322,603
Source of funds	
General fund	7,090,142
Special funds	1,941,138
Federal funds	1,327,086
Interdepartmental transfers	964,237
Total	11,322,603
Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management and homeland security	
Personal services	3,137,644
Operating expenses	1,458,342
Grants	17,207,831
Total	21,803,817
Source of funds	
General fund	502,542
Federal funds	21,113,661
Interdepartmental transfers	187,614
Total	21,803,817
Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
Personal services	6,263,825
Operating expenses	2,591,448
Grants	107,000
Total	8,962,273
Source of funds	
General fund	383,349
Special funds	8,179,056
Federal funds	354,868
Interdepartmental transfers	45,000
Total	8,962,273
Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
Personal services	708,516
Operating expenses	341,919
Grants	100,000
Total	1,150,435
Source of funds	
General fund	1,150,435
Total	1,150,435
Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	

Personal services	5,453,003
Operating expenses	1,026,294
Total	6,479,297
Source of funds	
General fund	552,185
Federal funds	5,927,112
Total	6,479,297
Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
Personal services	10,640,120
Operating expenses	6,883,650
Total	17,523,770
Source of funds	
Federal funds	17,523,770
Total	17,523,770
Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
Personal services	895,500
Operating expenses	626,874
Total	1,522,374
Source of funds	
General fund	1,512,374
Special funds	10,000
Total	1,522,374
Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
Personal services	2,169,931
Operating expenses	160,999
Grants	96,784
Total	2,427,714
Source of funds	
General fund	794,156
Special funds	109,718
Federal funds	1,523,840
Total	2,427,714
Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
Personal services	1,670,219
Operating expenses	269,420
Grants	11,155,252
Total	13,094,891
Source of funds	
General fund	1,264,140
Special funds	5,072,158

Federal funds	6,758,593
Total	13,094,891
Sec. B.221 Criminal justice training council	
Personal services	1,068,015
Operating expenses	1,327,800
Total	2,395,815
Source of funds	
General fund	2,317,482
Interdepartmental transfers	78,333
Total	2,395,815
Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
Personal services	1,433,951
Operating expenses	312,646
Grants	247,222
Total	1,993,819
Source of funds	
General fund	1,136,524
Special funds	520,239
Federal funds	337,056
Total	1,993,819
Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer protection	
Personal services	3,657,316
Operating expenses	713,308
Grants	2,750,000
Total	7,120,624
Source of funds	
General fund	2,593,189
Special funds	3,553,332
Federal funds	933,097
Global Commitment fund	34,006
Interdepartmental transfers	7,000
Total	7,120,624
Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
Personal services	1,181,771
Operating expenses	838,358
Grants	1,095,753
Total	3,115,882
Source of funds	
General fund	1,812,634

Special funds	582,764
Federal funds	676,266
Interdepartmental transfers	44,218
Total	3,115,882

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

Personal services	3,247,517
Operating expenses	737,336
Grants	1,203,080
Total	5,187,933
Source of funds	
General fund	2,052,525
Special funds	1,957,631
Federal funds	1,026,838
Global Commitment fund	56,272
Interdepartmental transfers	94,667
Total	5,187,933

Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Lab

Personal services	1,250,870
Operating expenses	515,342
Total	1,766,212
Source of funds	
General fund	724,653
Special funds	993,396
Interdepartmental transfers	48,163
Total	1,766,212

Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, Food and Markets - Clean Water

Personal services	998,344
Operating expenses	292,257
Grants	1,493,000
Total	2,783,601
Source of funds	
General fund	0
Special funds	2,783,601
Total	2,783,601

Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration

Personal services	1,919,911
Operating expenses	194,235
Total	2,114,146

Source of funds	
Special funds	2,114,146
Total	2,114,146
Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
Personal services	1,644,347
Operating expenses	350,156
Total	1,994,503
Source of funds	
Special funds	1,994,503
Total	1,994,503
Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
Personal services	4,538,399
Operating expenses	504,759
Total	5,043,158
Source of funds	
Special funds	4,975,958
Interdepartmental transfers	67,200
Total	5,043,158
Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
Personal services	4,070,007
Operating expenses	490,641
Total	4,560,648
Source of funds	
Special funds	4,560,648
Total	4,560,648
Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
Personal services	835,280
Operating expenses	179,328
Total	1,014,608
Source of funds	
Special funds	1,014,608
Total	1,014,608
Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
Personal services	10,038,201
Operating expenses	2,243,361
Total	12,281,562
Source of funds	
Special funds	10,544,858
Federal funds	1,661,704
Interdepartmental transfers	75,000

Total	12,281,562
Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
Personal services	10,567,119
Operating expenses	2,013,321
Grants	3,687,932
Total	16,268,372
Source of funds	
Special funds	14,551,869
Federal funds	1,002,268
ARRA funds	650,000
Interdepartmental transfers	41,667
Enterprise funds	22,568
Total	16,268,372
Sec. B.234 Public service board	
Personal services	3,099,507
Operating expenses	445,493
Total	3,545,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	3,545,000
Total	3,545,000
Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
Personal services	3,289,987
Operating expenses	294,843
Grants	720,000
Total	4,304,830
Source of funds	
Special funds	4,304,830
Total	4,304,830
Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
Personal services	454,052
Operating expenses	77,347
Total	531,399
Source of funds	
General fund	455,632
Federal funds	75,767
Total	531,399
Sec. B.237 Liquor control - administration	
Personal services	3,732,527
Operating expenses	478,007
Total	4,210,534

Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	4,210,534
Total	4,210,534
Sec. B.238 Liquor control - enforcement and licensing	
Personal services	2,519,794
Operating expenses	491,938
Total	3,011,732
Source of funds	
Special funds	151,119
Tobacco fund	213,843
Federal funds	312,503
Enterprise funds	2,334,267
Total	3,011,732
Sec. B.239 Liquor control - warehousing and distribution	
Personal services	1,006,762
Operating expenses	414,188
Total	1,420,950
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	1,420,950
Total	1,420,950
Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property	
Source of funds	
General fund	139,658,179
Transportation fund	21,550,000
Special funds	82,303,142
Tobacco fund	783,664
Federal funds	64,642,371
ARRA funds	650,000
Global Commitment fund	90,278
Interdepartmental transfers	12,737,631
Enterprise funds	7,988,319
Total	330,403,584
Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
Personal services	16,945,382
Operating expenses	5,927,510
Grants	5,130,433
Total	28,003,325
Source of funds	
General fund	6,422,158
Special funds	91,017

Tobacco fund	67,500
Federal funds	11,436,482
Global Commitment fund	8,187,337
Interdepartmental transfers	1,798,831
Total	28,003,325
Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
Operating expenses	5,529,495
Grants	1,670,840,164
Total	1,676,369,659
Source of funds	
General fund	325,548,779
Special funds	28,263,866
Tobacco fund	27,030,657
State health care resources fund	286,264,887
Federal funds	1,009,221,470
Interdepartmental transfers	40,000
Total	1,676,369,659
Sec. B.302 Rate setting	
Personal services	831,219
Operating expenses	98,596
Total	929,815
Source of funds	
Global Commitment fund	929,815
Total	929,815
Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
Personal services	261,555
Operating expenses	67,012
Grants	248,388
Total	576,955
Source of funds	
Federal funds	576,955
Total	576,955
Sec. B.304 Human services board	
Personal services	659,457
Operating expenses	89,986
Total	749,443
Source of funds	
General fund	208,383
Federal funds	112,844
Global Commitment fund	355,736

Interdepartmental transfers	72,480
Total	749,443
Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
Personal services	350,000
Operating expenses	4,650,000
Total	5,000,000
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	5,000,000
Total	5,000,000
Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
Personal services	158,019,792
Operating expenses	5,252,813
Grants	17,445,598
Total	180,718,203
Source of funds	
General fund	5,864,424
Special funds	799,894
Federal funds	97,756,139
Global Commitment fund	66,322,227
Interdepartmental transfers	9,975,519
Total	180,718,203
Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global commitment	
Grants	755,863,187
Total	755,863,187
Source of funds	
General fund	0
Global Commitment fund	755,863,187
Total	755,863,187
Sec. B.308 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - long term care waiver	
Grants	187,699,781
Total	187,699,781
Source of funds	
General fund	753,720
Federal funds	896,280
Global Commitment fund	186,049,781
Total	187,699,781
Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state only	

Grants	44,373,965
Total	44,373,965
Source of funds	
General fund	36,451,439
Global Commitment fund	7,922,526
Total	44,373,965
Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver matched	
Grants	46,362,233
Total	46,362,233
Source of funds	
General fund	17,804,538
Federal funds	28,557,695
Total	46,362,233
Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
Personal services	7,605,625
Operating expenses	2,974,444
Grants	3,185,000
Total	13,765,069
Source of funds	
General fund	2,156,700
Special funds	1,286,732
Federal funds	5,584,598
Global Commitment fund	4,737,039
Total	13,765,069
Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
Personal services	40,636,991
Operating expenses	9,221,544
Grants	38,431,111
Total	88,289,646
Source of funds	
General fund	5,496,552
Special funds	17,054,895
Tobacco fund	2,409,514
Federal funds	38,055,582
Global Commitment fund	24,126,242
Interdepartmental transfers	1,121,861
Permanent trust funds	25,000
Total	88,289,646
Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs	

Personal services	3,681,311
Operating expenses	295,122
Grants	47,410,480
Total	51,386,913
Source of funds	
General fund	2,755,862
Special funds	459,453
Tobacco fund	1,357,025
Federal funds	12,012,707
Global Commitment fund	34,801,866
Total	51,386,913

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services	28,694,403
Operating expenses	3,885,385
Grants	192,224,412
Total	224,804,200
Source of funds	
General fund	1,593,826
Special funds	434,904
Federal funds	3,620,435
Global Commitment fund	219,135,035
Interdepartmental transfers	20,000
Total	224,804,200

Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support services

Personal services	46,687,819
Operating expenses	9,938,078
Grants	3,828,592
Total	60,454,489
Source of funds	
General fund	24,616,096
Special funds	718,986
Federal funds	25,393,214
Global Commitment fund	8,881,150
Interdepartmental transfers	845,043
Total	60,454,489

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

Personal services	32,391,167
Operating expenses	4,701,495
Grants	74,996,824
Total	112,089,486

Source of funds	
General fund	33,821,991
Special funds	1,691,637
Federal funds	25,015,922
Global Commitment fund	51,423,882
Interdepartmental transfers	136,054
Total	112,089,486

Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development

Personal services	6,196,295
Operating expenses	833,601
Grants	76,403,172
Total	83,433,068

Source of funds	
General fund	31,564,569
Special funds	1,820,000
Federal funds	38,233,170
Global Commitment fund	11,815,329
Total	83,433,068

Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support

Personal services	10,226,408
Operating expenses	3,644,264
Total	13,870,672

Source of funds	
General fund	3,445,615
Special funds	455,718
Federal funds	9,581,739
Interdepartmental transfers	387,600
Total	13,870,672

Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and disabled

Personal services	2,221,542
Grants	11,367,424
Total	13,588,966

Source of funds	
General fund	9,688,636
Global Commitment fund	3,900,330
Total	13,588,966

Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance

Grants	7,087,010
Total	7,087,010

Source of funds	
General fund	5,680,025
Federal funds	1,111,320
Global Commitment fund	295,665
Total	7,087,010
Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
Grants	29,827,906
Total	29,827,906
Source of funds	
Federal funds	29,827,906
Total	29,827,906
Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
Operating expenses	95,202
Grants	37,367,735
Total	37,462,937
Source of funds	
General fund	7,895,372
Special funds	23,401,676
Federal funds	3,819,096
Global Commitment fund	2,346,793
Total	37,462,937
Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel assistance/LIHEAP	
Grants	17,351,664
Total	17,351,664
Source of funds	
Federal funds	17,351,664
Total	17,351,664
Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic opportunity	
Personal services	372,844
Operating expenses	28,119
Grants	9,315,255
Total	9,716,218
Source of funds	
General fund	4,667,495
Special funds	57,990
Federal funds	4,350,417
Global Commitment fund	640,316
Total	9,716,218

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

Personal services	289,008
Operating expenses	53,816
Grants	9,357,176
Total	9,700,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	8,700,000
Federal funds	1,000,000
Total	9,700,000

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

Personal services	4,795,936
Operating expenses	694,946
Total	5,490,882
Source of funds	
General fund	1,035,771
Global Commitment fund	4,358,111
Interdepartmental transfers	97,000
Total	5,490,882

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

Personal services	5,701,206
Operating expenses	527,556
Total	6,228,762
Source of funds	
Federal funds	5,963,048
Global Commitment fund	265,714
Total	6,228,762

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

Personal services	29,605,791
Operating expenses	5,211,053
Total	34,816,844
Source of funds	
General fund	11,637,389
Special funds	1,390,457
Federal funds	13,491,875
Global Commitment fund	7,230,839
Interdepartmental transfers	1,066,284
Total	34,816,844

Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and independent living grants

Grants	20,763,826
Total	20,763,826
Source of funds	
General fund	7,928,440
Federal funds	6,992,730
Global Commitment fund	5,842,656
Total	20,763,826

Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually impaired

Grants	1,411,457
Total	1,411,457
Source of funds	
General fund	349,154
Special funds	223,450
Federal funds	593,853
Global Commitment fund	245,000
Total	1,411,457

Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational rehabilitation

Grants	8,972,255
Total	8,972,255
Source of funds	
General fund	1,371,845
Special funds	70,000
Federal funds	4,552,523
Global Commitment fund	7,500
Interdepartmental transfers	2,970,387
Total	8,972,255

Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental services

Grants	198,878,034
Total	198,878,034
Source of funds	
General fund	155,125
Special funds	15,463
Federal funds	359,857
Global Commitment fund	198,347,589
Total	198,878,034

Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and community based waiver

Grants	5,647,336
Total	5,647,336
Source of funds	
Global Commitment fund	5,647,336
Total	5,647,336

Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration

Personal services	2,606,169
Operating expenses	215,943
Total	2,822,112
Source of funds	
General fund	2,822,112
Total	2,822,112

Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board

Personal services	245,629
Operating expenses	81,081
Total	326,710
Source of funds	
General fund	326,710
Total	326,710

Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education

Personal services	2,827,819
Operating expenses	510,128
Total	3,337,947
Source of funds	
Education fund	3,109,463
Interdepartmental transfers	228,484
Total	3,337,947

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

Personal services	110,418,338
Operating expenses	20,357,559
Grants	9,992,638
Total	140,768,535
Source of funds	
General fund	134,029,426
Special funds	483,963
Federal funds	470,962
Global Commitment fund	5,387,869
Interdepartmental transfers	396,315

Total	140,768,535
Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services-out of state beds	
Personal services	5,839,110
Total	5,839,110
Source of funds	
General fund	5,839,110
Total	5,839,110
Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
Personal services	556,422
Operating expenses	345,501
Total	901,923
Source of funds	
Special funds	901,923
Total	901,923
Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
Personal services	1,359,804
Operating expenses	548,231
Total	1,908,035
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	1,908,035
Total	1,908,035
Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
Personal services	17,571,664
Operating expenses	4,794,203
Total	22,365,867
Source of funds	
General fund	5,923,637
Special funds	8,655,269
Federal funds	7,375,975
Global Commitment fund	410,986
Total	22,365,867
Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
Personal services	280,633
Operating expenses	76,378
Total	357,011
Source of funds	
General fund	352,011
Special funds	5,000
Total	357,011

Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program

Grants	151,096
Total	151,096
Source of funds	
General fund	151,096
Total	151,096

Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board

Personal services	8,736,409
Operating expenses	835,995
Total	9,572,404
Source of funds	
General fund	1,243,276
Special funds	2,105,927
Federal funds	448,808
Global Commitment fund	4,281,832
Interdepartmental transfers	1,492,561
Total	9,572,404

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds	
General fund	699,035,507
Special funds	99,388,220
Tobacco fund	31,364,696
State health care resources fund	286,264,887
Education fund	3,109,463
Federal funds	1,403,765,266
Global Commitment fund	1,619,759,688
Internal service funds	1,908,035
Interdepartmental transfers	25,648,419
Permanent trust funds	25,000
Total	4,170,269,181

Sec. B.400 Labor - programs

Personal services	31,244,618
Operating expenses	9,723,007
Grants	225,000
Total	41,192,625
Source of funds	
General fund	3,314,311
Special funds	3,363,869
Federal funds	32,805,942
Interdepartmental transfers	1,708,503
Total	41,192,625

Sec. B.401 Total labor

Source of funds	
General fund	3,314,311
Special funds	3,363,869
Federal funds	32,805,942
Interdepartmental transfers	1,708,503
Total	41,192,625

Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration

Personal services	9,135,219
Operating expenses	2,507,191
Grants	15,810,700
Total	27,453,110
Source of funds	
General fund	3,621,946
Special funds	16,821,588
Education fund	1,014,007
Federal funds	5,036,834
Global Commitment fund	958,735
Total	27,453,110

Sec. B.501 Education - education services

Personal services	16,964,227
Operating expenses	1,406,432
Grants	122,039,206
Total	140,409,865
Source of funds	
General fund	4,916,711
Special funds	2,996,817
Tobacco fund	750,389
Federal funds	130,421,580
Interdepartmental transfers	1,324,368
Total	140,409,865

Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants

Grants	180,749,796
Total	180,749,796
Source of funds	
Education fund	180,749,796
Total	180,749,796

Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students

Grants	16,700,000
Total	16,700,000

Source of funds	
Education fund	16,700,000
Total	16,700,000
Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
Grants	3,351,468
Total	3,351,468
Source of funds	
General fund	787,995
Education fund	1,800,000
Federal funds	763,473
Total	3,351,468
Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
Grants	4,750,000
Total	4,750,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	0
Education fund	4,750,000
Total	4,750,000
Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
Grants	1,311,000,000
Total	1,311,000,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	1,311,000,000
Total	1,311,000,000
Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
Grants	18,240,000
Total	18,240,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	18,240,000
Total	18,240,000
Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants	
Grants	7,700,000
Total	7,700,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	7,700,000
Total	7,700,000
Sec. B.508 Education - capital debt service aid	
Grants	30,000
Total	30,000

Source of funds	
Education fund	30,000
Total	30,000
Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
Grants	6,400,000
Total	6,400,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	6,400,000
Total	6,400,000
Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
Grants	13,530,912
Total	13,530,912
Source of funds	
Education fund	13,530,912
Total	13,530,912
Sec. B.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund	
Grants	305,902,634
Total	305,902,634
Source of funds	
General fund	305,902,634
Total	305,902,634
Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
Grants	78,959,576
Total	78,959,576
Source of funds	
General fund	78,959,576
Total	78,959,576
Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system	
Personal services	8,174,982
Operating expenses	1,465,911
Total	9,640,893
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	9,640,893
Total	9,640,893
Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
Grants	22,022,584
Total	22,022,584
Source of funds	
General fund	22,022,584

Total	22,022,584
Sec. B.516 Total general education	
Source of funds	
General fund	416,211,446
Special funds	19,818,405
Tobacco fund	750,389
Education fund	1,561,914,715
Federal funds	136,221,887
Global Commitment fund	958,735
Interdepartmental transfers	1,324,368
Pension trust funds	9,640,893
Total	2,146,840,838
Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
Grants	42,509,093
Total	42,509,093
Source of funds	
General fund	38,462,876
Global Commitment fund	4,046,217
Total	42,509,093
Sec. B.601 Vermont Public Television	
Grants	271,103
Total	271,103
Source of funds	
General fund	271,103
Total	271,103
Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
Grants	24,300,464
Total	24,300,464
Source of funds	
General fund	24,300,464
Total	24,300,464
Sec. B.602.1 Vermont State Colleges - Supplemental Aid	
Grants	600,000
Total	600,000
Source of funds	
General fund	600,000
Total	600,000
Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
Grants	1,157,775

Total	1,157,775
Source of funds	
General fund	748,314
Global Commitment fund	409,461
Total	1,157,775
Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
Grants	19,414,588
Total	19,414,588
Source of funds	
General fund	19,414,588
Total	19,414,588
Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
Grants	84,000
Total	84,000
Source of funds	
General fund	84,000
Total	84,000
Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm	
Grants	1
Total	1
Source of funds	
General fund	1
Total	1
Sec. B.608 Total higher education	
Source of funds	
General fund	83,881,346
Global Commitment fund	4,455,678
Total	88,337,024
Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	
Personal services	3,517,448
Operating expenses	2,128,893
Grants	114,960
Total	5,761,301
Source of funds	
General fund	4,850,163
Special funds	472,400
Federal funds	275,000
Interdepartmental transfers	163,738
Total	5,761,301

Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment

Operating expenses	2,375,905
Total	2,375,905
Source of funds	
General fund	1,954,405
Interdepartmental transfers	421,500
Total	2,375,905

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

Personal services	16,280,543
Operating expenses	5,286,467
Grants	739,000
Total	22,306,010
Source of funds	
General fund	4,987,323
Special funds	77,955
Fish and wildlife fund	9,592,312
Federal funds	7,531,572
Interdepartmental transfers	115,848
Permanent trust funds	1,000
Total	22,306,010

Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration

Personal services	1,149,604
Operating expenses	667,688
Grants	1,963,413
Total	3,780,705
Source of funds	
General fund	1,154,294
Special funds	1,456,877
Federal funds	<u>1,169,534</u>
Total	3,780,705

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

Personal services	5,278,211
Operating expenses	729,049
Grants	450,000
Total	6,457,260
Source of funds	
General fund	4,231,560
Special funds	717,701
Federal funds	1,250,000
Interdepartmental transfers	257,999
Total	6,457,260

Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks

Personal services	7,326,858
Operating expenses	2,636,530
Total	9,963,388
Source of funds	
General fund	571,102
Special funds	9,392,286
Total	9,963,388

Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration

Personal services	536,452
Operating expenses	1,198,797
Total	1,735,249
Source of funds	
General fund	472,300
Special funds	171,199
Federal funds	1,073,000
Interdepartmental transfers	18,750
Total	1,735,249

Sec. B.707 Forests, parks and recreation - youth conservation corps

Grants	430,689
Total	430,689
Source of funds	
General fund	48,307
Special funds	188,382
Federal funds	94,000
Interdepartmental transfers	100,000
Total	430,689

Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest highway maintenance

Personal services	94,000
Operating expenses	85,925
Total	179,925
Source of funds	
General fund	179,925
Total	179,925

Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services

Personal services	5,854,115
Operating expenses	677,351
Grants	160,000
Total	6,691,466
Source of funds	

General fund	374,367
Special funds	385,773
Federal funds	724,194
Interdepartmental transfers	5,207,132
Total	6,691,466

Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management

Personal services	10,490,655
Operating expenses	8,220,578
Grants	1,949,993
Total	20,661,226
Source of funds	
General fund	90,472
Special funds	16,726,784
Federal funds	3,629,701
Interdepartmental transfers	214,269
Total	20,661,226

Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs

Personal services	17,147,245
Operating expenses	5,662,996
Grants	25,837,625
Total	48,647,866
Source of funds	
General fund	7,582,013
Special funds	11,979,402
Federal funds	27,890,186
Interdepartmental transfers	1,196,265
Total	48,647,866

Sec. B.712 Environmental conservation - tax-loss Connecticut river flood control

Operating expenses	34,700
Total	34,700
Source of funds	
General fund	3,470
Special funds	31,230
Total	34,700

Sec. B.713 Natural resources board

Personal services	2,504,516
Operating expenses	402,928
Total	2,907,444
Source of funds	

General fund	606,932
Special funds	2,300,512
Total	2,907,444
Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
Source of funds	
General fund	27,106,633
Special funds	43,900,501
Fish and wildlife fund	9,592,312
Federal funds	43,637,187
Interdepartmental transfers	7,695,501
Permanent trust funds	1,000
Total	131,933,134
Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce and community development - administration	
Personal services	2,960,194
Operating expenses	717,804
Grants	4,793,627
Total	8,471,625
Source of funds	
General fund	3,536,636
Special funds	3,599,800
Federal funds	1,200,000
Interdepartmental transfers	135,189
Total	8,471,625
Sec. B.801 Economic development	
Personal services	3,639,189
Operating expenses	667,420
Grants	1,994,836
Total	6,301,445
Source of funds	
General fund	4,600,379
Special funds	767,950
Federal funds	933,116
Total	6,301,445
Sec. B.802 Housing & community development	
Personal services	6,939,855
Operating expenses	882,101
Grants	1,357,213
Total	9,179,169
Source of funds	

General fund	2,623,306
Special funds	4,423,559
Federal funds	2,024,863
Interdepartmental transfers	107,441
Total	9,179,169
Sec. B.804 Community development block grants	
Grants	6,249,045
Total	6,249,045
Source of funds	
Federal funds	6,249,045
Total	6,249,045
Sec. B.805 Downtown transportation and capital improvement fund	
Personal services	94,328
Grants	335,151
Total	429,479
Source of funds	
Special funds	429,479
Total	429,479
Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
Personal services	1,167,103
Operating expenses	1,856,903
Grants	150,380
Total	3,174,386
Source of funds	
General fund	3,074,386
Interdepartmental transfers	100,000
Total	3,174,386
Sec. B.807 Vermont life	
Personal services	670,903
Operating expenses	61,465
Total	732,368
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	732,368
Total	732,368
Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
Grants	680,307
Total	680,307
Source of funds	
General fund	680,307
Total	680,307

Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
Grants	141,214
Total	141,214
Source of funds	
General fund	141,214
Total	141,214
Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
Grants	954,354
Total	954,354
Source of funds	
General fund	954,354
Total	954,354
Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
Grants	27,086,977
Total	27,086,977
Source of funds	
Special funds	12,297,808
Federal funds	14,789,169
Total	27,086,977
Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
Grants	217,959
Total	217,959
Source of funds	
General fund	217,959
Total	217,959
Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
Source of funds	
General fund	15,828,541
Special funds	21,518,596
Federal funds	25,196,193
Interdepartmental transfers	342,630
Enterprise funds	732,368
Total	63,618,328
Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
Personal services	11,650,431
Operating expenses	2,501,368
Grants	55,000
Total	14,206,799
Source of funds	

Transportation fund	13,262,499
Federal funds	944,300
Total	14,206,799
Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
Personal services	2,650,087
Operating expenses	17,110,961
Grants	274,000
Total	20,035,048
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	5,776,348
Federal funds	14,123,500
Local match	135,200
Total	20,035,048
Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
Operating expenses	2,000,000
Total	2,000,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	2,000,000
Total	2,000,000
Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
Personal services	45,052,065
Operating expenses	191,869,157
Grants	44,608,524
Total	281,529,746
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	39,913,669
TIB fund	8,365,345
Federal funds	232,275,066
Local match	975,666
Total	281,529,746
Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
Operating expenses	550,000
Total	550,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	60,000
Federal funds	490,000
Total	550,000
Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
Personal services	44,434,460
Operating expenses	45,739,029

Grants	1,383,280
Total	91,556,769
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	86,728,962
Federal funds	4,727,807
Interdepartmental transfers	100,000
Total	91,556,769
Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
Personal services	3,446,689
Operating expenses	675,519
Grants	5,864,950
Total	9,987,158
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	2,576,853
Federal funds	7,396,305
Interdepartmental transfers	14,000
Total	9,987,158
Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
Personal services	5,757,863
Operating expenses	28,123,741
Total	33,881,604
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	18,665,089
TIB fund	2,482,700
Federal funds	12,588,350
ARRA funds	90,899
Interdepartmental transfers	54,566
Total	33,881,604
Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
Personal services	1,147,270
Operating expenses	268,987
Grants	29,757,441
Total	31,173,698
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	7,928,915
Federal funds	23,244,783
Total	31,173,698
Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
Personal services	4,596,869
Operating expenses	15,134,918

Total	19,731,787
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	19,731,787
Total	19,731,787
Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
Personal services	18,539,423
Operating expenses	10,395,632
Total	28,935,055
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	27,416,335
Special funds	25,000
Federal funds	1,388,720
Interdepartmental transfers	105,000
Total	28,935,055
Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
Grants	6,333,500
Total	6,333,500
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	6,333,500
Total	6,333,500
Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
Grants	394,700
Total	394,700
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	239,700
Federal funds	155,000
Total	394,700
Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
Grants	7,248,750
Total	7,248,750
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	7,248,750
Total	7,248,750
Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
Personal services	5,206,279
Operating expenses	14,774,385
Grants	41,066
Total	20,021,730
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	1,232,953

TIB fund	1,421,331
Federal funds	16,162,896
Local match	1,204,550
Total	20,021,730
Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
Grants	25,982,744
Total	25,982,744
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	25,982,744
Total	25,982,744
Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
Grants	128,750
Total	128,750
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	128,750
Total	128,750
Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
Grants	1,150,000
Total	1,150,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	1,150,000
Total	1,150,000
Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	
Grants	1,280,000
Total	1,280,000
Source of funds	
Federal funds	1,280,000
Total	1,280,000
Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation grant program	
Grants	2,905,000
Total	2,905,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	1,240,000
Special funds	1,465,000
Federal funds	200,000
Total	2,905,000
Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program	
Operating expenses	640,000
Grants	10,300,000

Total	10,940,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	160,000
Special funds	300,000
Federal funds	10,000,000
Interdepartmental transfers	480,000
Total	10,940,000
Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
Personal services	198,657
Operating expenses	30,588
Total	229,245
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	229,245
Total	229,245
Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	248,274,312
TIB fund	12,269,376
Special funds	1,790,000
Federal funds	324,976,727
ARRA funds	90,899
Internal service funds	19,731,787
Interdepartmental transfers	753,566
Local match	2,315,416
Total	610,202,083
Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
Operating expenses	76,991,491
Total	76,991,491
Source of funds	
General fund	71,119,465
Transportation fund	1,884,089
Special funds	336,000
ARRA funds	1,150,524
TIB debt service fund	2,501,413
Total	76,991,491
Sec. B.1001 Total debt service	
Source of funds	
General fund	71,119,465
Transportation fund	1,884,089
Special funds	336,000

ARRA funds	1,150,524
TIB debt service fund	2,501,413
Total	76,991,491

Sec. B.1100 NEXT GENERATION; APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS

(a) In fiscal year 2017, \$2,909,900 is appropriated or transferred from the Next Generation Initiative Fund created in 16 V.S.A. § 2887 as prescribed:

(1) Workforce education and training. The amount of \$1,577,500 as follows:

(A) Workforce Education and Training Fund (WETF). The amount of \$1,017,500 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 education and training. Up to seven percent of the funds may be used for administration of the program. Of this amount, \$350,000 shall be allocated for competitive grants for internships through the Vermont Strong Internship Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 544.

(B) Adult Career Technical Education Programs. The amount of \$360,000 is appropriated to the Department of Labor in consultation with the State Workforce Investment Board. This appropriation is for the purpose of awarding competitive grants to regional technical centers and high schools to provide adult career 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 \$57,900 as follows:

(A) Large animal veterinarians' loan repayment. The amount of \$30,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for a loan repayment program for large animal veterinarians pursuant to 6 V.S.A. § 20.

(B) Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) incentive. The amount of \$27,900 is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for an incentive payment pursuant to 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 6, as amended by Sec. B.1100.2 of this act.

(3) Scholarships and grants. The amount of \$1,274,500 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 and need-based stipend. The amount of \$600,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Education for dual enrollment programs consistent with 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2) and \$30,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Education to be transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for need based stipends pursuant to Sec. E.605.1 of this act.

Sec. B.1100.1 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECOMMENDATION FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2018 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 State Workforce Investment Board, shall recommend to the Governor on or before December 1, 2016 how \$2,909,900 from the Next Generation Fund should be allocated or appropriated in fiscal year 2018 to provide maximum benefit to workforce education and training, participation in secondary or postsecondary education by underrepresented groups, and support for promising economic sectors in Vermont. The State agencies and departments listed herein shall promote actively and publicly the availability of the funds to eligible entities.

Sec. B.1100.2 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec 6 is amended to read:

Sec. 6. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND
MATHEMATICS (STEM) INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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~~(b)(4) The secretary shall award up to a maximum of \$75,000.00 per year for incentives in accordance with this section, which shall be made in the order in which they are claimed, as determined by the secretary in his or her discretion, and not to exceed a total program cap of \$375,000.00. [Repealed.]~~

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Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2017 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND
APPROPRIATIONS

(a) The sum of \$425,000 is appropriated to the Secretary of State for 2016 primary and general elections.

(b) The sum of \$65,000 is appropriated to the Department of Finance and Management for the Governor's transition. These funds are for costs incurred by the transition of the Executive Office. No funds shall be used for inaugural celebrations. Any unexpended portion of these funds shall revert to the General Fund at the end of fiscal year 2017.

(c) The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated to the Secretary of Administration for allocation across State government for security improvements as determined by the Secretary. The Secretary shall develop site specific workplace security and risk reduction plans for State office buildings. These plans shall enhance security through improved workplace management practices, employee training, and building security improvements, including parking lots. The Secretary shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in September 2016 on the status of these plans and the uses of this appropriation and potential need for adjustment to this appropriation in the fiscal year 2017 budget adjustment process.

Sec. B.1102 [DELETED]

Sec. B.1103 RISK MANAGEMENT SAVINGS

(a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall reduce General Fund expenditures by \$500,000 due to savings generated from improved risk management processes which are underway in the administration of workers compensation insurance.

Sec. B.1104 FISCAL YEAR 2017 ONE-TIME FIFTY-THIRD WEEK OF
MEDICAID COST FUNDING

(a) In fiscal year 2017, \$5,287,591 of General Fund is appropriated to the Agency of Administration for transfer to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment upon determination of the Commissioner of Finance and Management of the amount necessary to fund the 53rd week of Medicaid expenditures. Any remaining General Fund from this appropriation shall be placed in the 27/53 Reserve established as 32 V.S.A. § 308e by Sec. B.1105 of this act. As provided by 32 V.S.A. § 511, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may approve expenditures of Global Commitment and Federal Funds for the 53rd week of Medicaid.

(b) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in July 2016 on the status of funds appropriated in this section.

Sec. B.1105 32 V.S.A. § 308e is added to read:

§ 308e. 27/53 RESERVE

(a)(1) There is hereby created within the General Fund the 27/53 Reserve. The purpose of this reserve is to meet the liabilities of the recurring 27th State payroll and the 53rd week of Medicaid payments. These liabilities will be funded by reserving a prorated amount of General Fund each year, before the liability comes due.

(2) Beginning in September 2016 and annually thereafter at the September Joint Fiscal Committee meeting, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report on the anticipated liability for the next 27th payroll and 53rd week of Medicaid payments, provide the current reserve balance and a schedule of annual amounts needed to meet the obligation of these payments.

(b) As part of the Governor's budget submission under section 306 of this title, the amount prorated for the upcoming fiscal year identified in subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall be included as a budgeted transfer to the 27/53 Reserve.

(c) In a fiscal year where a 27th State payroll or 53rd week of Medicaid payment is due, the General Assembly shall appropriate the funds from the 27/53 Reserve to meet the expenditures within the year that these payments are due.

**Sec. B.1106 SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION; FISCAL YEAR 2017
EXEMPT PERSONNEL COST SAVINGS AND EXEMPT
POSITIONS**

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall identify exempt positions within the executive branch to be eliminated. The Secretary may consider the legal services evaluation report required by Sec.E.100.6 of this act, the agencies and departments that have experienced the greatest growth in exempt positions since 2011, the level of State funding associated with the position, the length of time a position has been in existence, and the ongoing need for the position within the agency. The Secretary shall report the exempt positions identified for elimination to the Joint Fiscal Committee in November 2016. The administration shall indicate which exempt positions require statutory change for elimination. As of January 7, 2017 all exempt positions identified for elimination that do not require statutory change are abolished.

(b) The Secretary of Administration shall reduce fiscal year 2017 appropriations and make transfers to the General Fund for a total of \$500,000 for savings associated with position abolished in subsection (a) and shall include the appropriation reductions and transfers in the report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in November 2016.

Sec. B.1107 APPROPRIATION FOR AGENCY OF HEALTH CARE
ADMINISTRATION AND AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES
RESTRUCTURE

(a) In fiscal year 2017 the sum of \$450,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration from the General Fund to be transferred to the Agency of Human Services as needed for costs associated with the transition and restructuring of the Agency of Human Services into an Agency of Health Care Administration and an Agency of Human Services as described in S.107 of 2016. Costs may include contracts for finance, accounting, federal funding and organization and operational restructuring consulting as needed.

Sec. C.100 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. B.1117, is amended to read:

Sec. B.1117 PSAP; TRANSITION FUNDING

(a) In addition to the PSAP funding in Sec. B.235 of this act, in fiscal year 2016, \$425,000 of ~~E-911 funds~~ Vermont Universal Service Funds held by the fiscal agent under 30 V.S.A. chapter 88 is appropriated to the Department of Public Safety for the purposes of Sec. E.208.1 of this act.

Sec. C.101 VERMONT INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES; SURPLUS
PROPERTY

(a) Pursuant to 29 V.S.A. chapter 59, all property owned by Vermont Interactive Technologies (VIT) that was funded in whole or in part by the State shall be transferred as surplus property to the Department of Buildings and General Services.

(b) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 1556, on or before June 30, 2016, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell any property described in subsection (a) of this section to an elementary school; secondary school; or public, educational, and government (PEG) channel that was a VIT hosting site, for \$1.00 per item.

Sec. C 102 215 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. B.300 as amended by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 68, Sec. 12 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office

Personal services	16,526,368	16,526,368
Operating expenses	3,860,717	3,860,717
Grants	<u>3,226,454</u>	<u>3,361,454</u>
Total	<u>23,613,539</u>	23,748,539
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>6,270,162</u>	6,405,162
Special funds	91,017	91,017
Tobacco fund	25,000	25,000
Federal funds	12,290,508	12,290,508
Global commitment fund	297,616	297,616

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,639,236</u>	<u>4,639,236</u>
Total	<u>23,613,539</u>	23,748,539

Sec. C.103 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. B.301, as amended by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 68, Sec. 13, is further amended to read:

Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment

Operating expenses	7,884,268	7,884,268
Grants	<u>1,434,250,041</u>	<u>1,434,250,041</u>
Total	1,442,134,309	1,442,134,309
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>217,281,414</u>	215,042,009
Special funds	27,899,279	27,899,279
Tobacco fund	28,079,458	28,079,458
State health care resources fund	<u>282,705,968</u>	284,945,373
Federal funds	886,128,190	886,128,190
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>
Total	1,442,134,309	1,442,134,309

Sec. C.104 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. B.346 as amended 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 68, Sec. Sec. 36, is further amended to read:

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds		
General fund	<u>677,913,668</u>	675,809,263
Special funds	97,129,681	97,129,681
Tobacco fund	31,952,069	31,952,069
State health care resources fund	<u>282,705,968</u>	284,945,373
Education fund	3,886,204	3,886,204
Federal funds	1,388,932,032	1,388,032,032
Global commitment fund	1,379,045,585	1,379,045,585
Internal service funds	1,816,195	1,816,195
Interdepartmental transfers	34,112,598	34,112,598
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total	<u>3,897,519,000</u>	3,897,654,000

Sec. C.105 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. B.505 is amended to read:

Sec. B.505 Education - adjustment education payment

Grants	<u>1,289,600,000</u>	<u>1,290,470,000</u>
Total	<u>1,289,600,000</u>	1,290,470,000
Source of funds		
Education fund	<u>1,289,600,000</u>	1,290,470,000

Sec. C.106 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:

Sec. B.516 Total general education

Source of funds		
General fund	401,590,419	401,590,419
Special funds	20,407,726	20,407,726
Tobacco fund	766,541	766,541
Education fund	1,537,744,842	1,538,614,842
Federal funds	128,546,812	128,546,812
Global commitment fund	938,187	938,187
Interdepartmental transfers	1,265,933	1,265,933
Pension trust funds	<u>9,304,818</u>	<u>9,304,818</u>
Total	2,100,565,278	2,101,435,278

Sec. C.107 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. B.905, as amended by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 68, Sec. 42 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system

Personal services	43,784,445	43,784,445
Operating expenses	42,482,222	<u>42,457,222</u>
Grants	95,000	95,000
Total	86,361,667	<u>86,336,667</u>
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	81,761,530	<u>81,736,530</u>
Federal funds	4,500,137	4,500,137
Interdepartmental transfer	100,000	100,000
Total	86,361,667	<u>86,336,667</u>

Sec. C.108 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. B.922, as amended by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 68, Sec. 50 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds		
Transportation fund	238,432,697	238,407,697
TIB fund	13,512,498	13,512,498
Special funds	1,990,000	1,990,000
Federal funds	345,005,346	345,005,346
Internal service funds	19,601,643	19,601,643
Interdepartmental transfers	130,000	130,000
Local match	<u>2,574,285</u>	<u>2,574,285</u>
Total	621,246,469	621,221,469

Sec.C.109 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 68, Sec. 53 is amended to read:

Sec. 53. FUND TRANSFERS

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2016:

(1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from the funds indicated:

21638	AG - Fees & Reimbursements - Court Order	3,383,514.00
22005	AHS Central Office earned federal receipts	16,216,920.00
50300	Liquor Control Fund	1,080,623.00
62100	Unclaimed Property Fund	2,799,843.00 <u>3,074,843.00</u>
21405	Bond Investment Earnings Fund	33,273.00
21928	Secretary of State Services Fund	1,636,419.00
21698	Public Service Department - Regulation/Energy Efficiency	134,946.00
21709	Public Service Board - Special Funds	75,426.00
21944	Vermont Enterprise Fund	1,424,697.00
	Caledonia Fair	5,000.00
	North Country Hospital Loan	24,250.00
<u>21678</u>	<u>Mosquito Control Fund</u>	<u>142,000.00</u>

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Sec. C.110 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 68, Sec. 54 is amended to read:

Sec. 54. REVERSIONS

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2016:

(1) The following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the accounts indicated:

1100891301	Secretary of Administration - Independent Review of the Vermont Veterans' Home	20,000.00
1140070000	Use Tax Reimbursement Program	302.39
1140330000	Renter Rebates	150,000.00
1240001000	Lieutenant Governor's Office	10,333.64
1250010000	State Auditor's Office	43,585.00
6120890802	FW-Non-motorized Boat Access	2,769.34
<u>3330010000</u>	<u>Green Mountain Care Board</u>	<u>146,004.00</u>
<u>1260010000</u>	<u>State Treasurer</u>	<u>115,000.00</u>
<u>3400891102</u>	<u>Agency of Human Services - replace legacy technology</u>	<u>1,900,000.00</u>

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Sec. C.111 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 68, Sec.55a is amended to read:

Sec. 55a. FISCAL YEAR 2016 CONTINGENT GENERAL FUND
APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2016, to the extent that the Commissioner of Finance and Management determines that General Fund revenues exceed the 2016 official revenue forecast and other fund receipts assumed for all previously authorized fiscal year 2016 appropriations and transfers necessary to ensure the stabilization reserve is at its maximum authorized level under 32 V.S.A. § 308, ~~\$10,300,000~~ the first \$12,803,500 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration in the following order:

(1) First, up to \$10,300,000 for transfer to the Agency of Human Services for Global Commitment upon determination of the Commissioner of Finance and Management of the amount necessary to fund the 53rd week of Medicaid expenditures: based on fiscal year 2016 end of the year Medicaid program closeout;

(2) Second, \$1,700,000 for transfer to the Department for Children and Families to provide low-income home energy assistance during the 2016-2017 heating season at a level not to exceed the estimated purchasing power of the average low-income home energy benefit provided during the 2015-2016 heating season;

(3) Finally, \$803,500 for transfer to the Department of Vermont Health Access for the most recently revised Medicare Part D Clawback payment.

(4) Any funds remaining from this \$10,300,000 appropriation after this 53rd week payment not used from the appropriation in subsection (a) shall revert to the General Fund and be distributed in accordance with the provisions of the same manner as prescribed in 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a).

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Sec. C.112 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT;
CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Transportation Fund balance” means a positive balance of unreserved monies remaining in the Transportation Fund at the end of fiscal year 2016.

(2) “TIB Fund balance” means a positive balance of unreserved monies remaining in the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund at the end of fiscal year 2016.

(b) Subject to the funding of the Transportation Fund Stabilization Reserve in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308a and to the limitations of 19 V.S.A. § 11f (Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund), and notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c (Transportation Fund Balance Reserve), if a Transportation Fund balance,

TIB Fund balance, or balance in both funds exists at the end of fiscal year 2016, the appropriations in Sec. E.903 of this act shall be increased to the extent of the balance or balances, up to a total of \$1,594,040.00 in Transportation Funds or TIB funds, and by up to \$6,376,160.00 in matching federal funds.

Sec. C.113 AUTHORIZATION FOR VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION; REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.605.1, the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation may, in fiscal year 2016, reallocate up to \$10,000 of funds allocated for dual enrollment for the needs-based stipend to fund a stipend for eligible dual enrollment for spring and summer classes.

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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 Current Use 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 Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

(2) The sum of \$11,304,840 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts above \$11,304,840 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 \$3,760,599 is appropriated from the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts above \$3,760,599 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund. The \$3,760,599 shall be allocated as follows:

(A) \$2,924,417 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

(B) \$457,482 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

(C) \$378,700 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the Vermont Center for Geographic Information.

Sec. D.100.1 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 45, Sec. 37(10) is amended to read:

(10) Sec. 35 (repeal of the allocation of property transfer tax revenue) shall take effect on July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017.

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, 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 Next Generation Initiative Fund established by 16 V.S.A. § 2887: \$2,909,900.

(2) From the Clean Water Fund established by 10 V.S.A. § 1388 to the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund created under 6 V.S.A. § 4803: \$1,943,000.

(3) 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: \$423,966.

(4) From the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established by 19 V.S.A. § 11f to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund established by 32 V.S.A. § 951a for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2018 transportation infrastructure bonds debt service: \$2,503,738.

(5) From the Evidence Based Education and Advertising Fund established by 33 V.S.A. § 2004a to the General Fund, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the first \$500,000 of any cigarette tax receipts above the amount adopted in the forecast within the State Health Care Resources Fund in January 2016 by the Emergency Board for fiscal year 2016 shall be deposited in the Evidence Based Education and Advertising Fund: \$1,800,000.

(6) From the Pesticide Monitoring Fund (#21669) General Fund: \$275,000.

(7) From the Feed Seeds and Fertilizer Fund (#21668) to the General Fund: \$75,000.

(8) From the Agriculture Laboratory Testing Fund (#21667) to the General Fund: \$42,594.

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 2016 in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund established by 32 V.S.A. § 435a. shall remain for appropriation in fiscal year 2017.

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 2017 and any additional amount necessary to ensure the balance in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund at the close of fiscal year 2017 is not negative shall be transferred in fiscal year 2017 from the Tobacco Trust Fund established by 18 V.S.A. § 9502(a) to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund established by 32 V.S.A. § 435a.

Sec D.104 FISCAL YEARS 2017 and 2018 STATE EMPLOYEE
CONTRACT FUNDING

(a) As part of the fiscal year appropriations and revenue decisions, this act reserves sufficient monies to fully fund the VSEA contract obligations and related appropriations. It is the intention that specific appropriations and statutory language, once developed, will be incorporated in a specific pay act bill or, if necessary, be added to this Act.

(b) In order to fund the estimated \$24,882,472 fiscal year 2017 total contract cost, \$13,309,670 in federal funds and special funds or excess receipt authority will be combined with the following amounts reserved for appropriation:

(1) General Funds: \$9,522,802.

(2) Transportation Funds: \$1,850,000.

(c) In order to fund the estimated \$29,383,016 fiscal year 2018, total contract cost, \$15,798,760 in federal funds and special funds appropriation or excess receipt authority will be combined with the following amounts to be appropriated in fiscal year 2018:

(1) General Funds: \$11,410,506.

(2) Transportation Funds: \$2,173,750.

* * * GENERAL GOVERNMENT * * *

Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) The establishment of the following new permanent classified positions, intended to support the implementation of the All Payer Model is authorized in fiscal year 2017 only if the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) approves Vermont's request for a waiver.

(1) In the Green Mountain Care Board – one (1) Healthcare Statistical Information Administrator, one (1) Health Facility Senior Auditor & Rate Specialist, and two (2) Reimbursement Analyst.

(b) The establishment of the following new permanent exempt positions is authorized in fiscal year 2017 as follows:

(1) In the Office of the Defender General – two (2) Staff Attorney.

(2) In the Department of State's Attorneys – four (4) Deputy State's Attorney.

(c) The conversion of classified limited service positions to classified permanent status is authorized in fiscal year 2016 as follows:

(1) In the Office of Secretary of State – one (1) Elections Administrator I.

(d) The positions established in this section shall be transferred and converted from existing vacant positions in the Executive Branch of State government, and shall not increase the total number of authorized State positions, as defined in Sec. A.107 of this act.

Sec. E.100.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.100.2 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100(d), as amended by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 74, is further amended to read:

(d) Position Pilot Program. A Position Pilot is hereby created to assist participating departments in more effectively managing costs of overtime, compensatory time, temporary employees, and contractual work by removing the position cap with the goal of maximizing resources to the greatest benefit of Vermont taxpayers.

(1) Notwithstanding Sec. A.107 of this act, the Agency of Transportation, the Department for Children and Families, the ~~Department of Environmental Conservation~~ Agency of Natural Resources, and the Department of Buildings and General Services, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Corrections shall not be subject to the cap on positions for the duration of the Pilot. The Department of Corrections is authorized to add only Correctional Officer I and II positions.

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Sec. E.100.3 FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE ADVOCATE

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.100 of this act, \$1,457,406 shall be used for the contract with the Office of the Health Care Advocate.

Sec. E.100.4 ADMINISTRATION; PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING REPORT

(a) Pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 2222(a), the Secretary of Administration has issued Bulletin 3.5 establishing the general policy and minimum standards for soliciting, awarding, processing, executing and overseeing contracts for service, as well as managing contract compliance. This Bulletin shall apply to the procurements of goods, products, and services of all State agencies in the Executive Branch. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Executive

Branch complies with the requirements of Bulletin 3.5. It is also the intent that the State shall streamline its purchasing and contracting services.

(b) The Secretary of Administration, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, and interested stakeholders shall evaluate the State purchasing and contracting process. The evaluation shall include recommendations from the Chief Performance Officer, the Director of the Office of Purchasing and Contracting, the Commissioner of Finance and Management, and the Attorney General. As used in this subsection, "interested stakeholders" includes at least three vendors that regularly contract with the State, at least one Commissioner, and at least one Secretary.

(c) On or before November 15, 2016, the Secretary of Administration and the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a plan for the State's purchasing and contracting services that will result in improved State services and increased financial savings. The plan shall include recommendations for:

(1) creating a mechanism to enforce uniform compliance with State contracting law and procedures,

(2) achieving cost efficiencies, and

(3) implementing e-procurement and contract management systems.

(d) The plan described in subsection (c) of this section shall be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations and on Appropriations, to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

Sec. E.100.5 [DELETED]

Sec. E.100.6 LEGAL SERVICES; EVALUATION; REPORT

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall evaluate the use of State government legal service positions, including general counsels, assistant attorneys general, special assistant attorneys general, staff attorneys, and special counsels in the Executive Branch. The evaluation shall include the current number of positions, the change in the number of positions from 2006 to 2016, whether any positions duplicate services, and whether there are efficiencies to be gained by a different structure.

(b) On or before December 1, 2016, the Secretary of Administration shall submit a report based on the evaluation described in subsection (a) of this section to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

Sec. E.100.7 32 V.S.A. § 306 is added to read:

§ 306. BUDGET REPORT

(a) The Governor shall submit to the General Assembly, not later than the third Tuesday of every annual session, a budget which shall embody his or her estimates, requests, and recommendations for appropriations or other authorizations for expenditures from the State Treasury. In the first year of the biennium, the budget shall relate to the two succeeding fiscal years. In the second year of the biennium, it shall relate to the succeeding fiscal year. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection.

(1) The Governor shall develop and publish annually for public review as part of the budget report a current services budget, providing the public with an estimate of what the current level of services is projected to cost in the next fiscal year.

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(d) The Governor shall develop a process for public participation in the development of budget goals, as well as general prioritization and evaluation of spending and revenue initiatives.

Sec. E.100.8 REPEAL

(a) 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec. E.100.2 (purpose of State budget) is repealed.

Sec. E.100.9 REPORTING UNFUNDED BUDGET PRESSURES

(a) In an effort to better understand the current services obligations, as part of the budget report required under 32 V.S.A. 306(a)(1) the Governor shall include an itemization of current service liabilities including the total obligations and the current year funding requirement to fully fund them where an amortization schedule exist. These shall include but not be limited to the following liabilities projected for the start of the budget fiscal year:

(1) pension liabilities for the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System (VSERS) and the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS);

(2) other post-employment benefit liabilities under current law and relevant Government Accounting Standards Board standards for the systems in subdivision (1) of this subsection;

(3) child care fee scale funding requirements to bring total year funding to current market rates and current federal poverty levels;

(4) reach up funding full benefit obligations prior to any reductions made pursuant to 33 V.S.A. §1103(a) which is ensure that the expenditures for the programs shall not exceed appropriations;

(5) funding requirements to provide LIHEAP benefits at the level estimated for the prior fiscal year;

(6) statutory funding levels for the Vermont Housing Conservation Board, municipal and regional planning;

(7) clean water commitments and remediation of superfund sites;

(8) maintenance of transportation infrastructure at current levels;

(9) projected fund liabilities of the funds identified in Section A. 2 of the "Notes" section of the most recent CAFR, including the Workers' Compensation Fund, the State Liability Insurance fund, the Medical Insurance Fund and the Dental Insurance Fund;

(10) a summary of other non-major enterprise funds and internal service funds where deficits exist in excess of \$1,500,000, including: Vermont Life Magazine; the Copy Center Fund; the Postage Fund, the Facilities Operations Fund, and the Property Management Fund; and

(11) the cost of each one percent increase up to projected inflation from the prior year for master grant direct services agencies.

Sec. E.100.10 UNIVERSAL PRIMARY CARE; REPORT

(a) Regardless of any future developments in payment and delivery system reform, Vermont is likely to continue to have uninsured or underinsured residents. As expanding access to primary care services is a proven method for improving population health, the General Assembly intends to move forward with implementation of universal primary care for all Vermonters.

(b) In order to determine a path forward toward implementing universal primary care in Vermont, the Secretary of Administration or designee shall:

(1) conduct a literature review of any savings realized by universal health care programs over time that are attributable to the availability of universal access to primary care; and

(2) analyze the primary care payment models created through the development of the all-payer model in order to enable legislators to estimate appropriate reimbursement amounts for health care providers delivering primary care services.

(c) The Secretary or designee shall provide a detailed implementation timeline for universal primary care, including the recommended timing for conducting cost analyses; developing financing options; projecting impacts on insurance markets, individuals, households, businesses, and others; and estimating one-time and ongoing administrative costs.

(d) On or before December 15, 2016, the Secretary or designee shall report the results of the universal primary care study required by subsection (b) of this section, and the timeline developed pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, to the Health Reform Oversight Committee, the Joint Fiscal Committee, the House Committees on Health Care, on Appropriations, and on Ways and

Means, and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare, on Appropriations, and on Finance.

Sec. E.102 [DELETED]

Sec. E.106 3 V.S.A. § 2281 is amended to read:

§ 2281. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Department of Finance and Management is created in the Agency of Administration and is charged with all powers and duties assigned to it by law, including the following:

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~~(5) To maintain a central payroll office which shall be the successor to and continuation of the payroll functions of the Department of Human Resources. [Repealed.]~~

Sec. E.108 3 V.S.A. § 2283 is amended to read:

§ 2283. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

(a) The Department of Human Resources is created in the Agency of Administration. In addition to other responsibilities assigned to it by law, the Department is responsible for fulfilling the payroll functions and for the provision of centralized human resources management services for State government, including the administration of a classification and compensation system for State employees under chapter 13 of this title and the performance of duties assigned to the Commissioner of Human Resources under chapter 27 of this title. All agencies and departments of the State which receive services from the Department of Human Resources shall be charged for those services through an assessment payable to the Human Resources Internal Service Fund on a basis established by the Commissioner of Human Resources and with the approval of the Secretary of Administration.

(b) The Department of Human Resources shall maintain a central payroll office, which shall be the successor to and continuation of the payroll functions of the Department of Finance and Management.

(c)(1) There is established in the Department of Human Resources a Human Resource Services Internal Service Fund to consist of revenues from charges to agencies, departments, and similar units of Vermont State government and to be available to fund the costs of the consolidated human resource services in the Department of Human Resources.

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Sec. E.108.1 TRANSFER OF POSITIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS

(a) The rules of the Department of Finance and Management relating to payroll in effect on the effective date of this act shall be the rules of the

Department of Human Resources, until amended or repealed by that Department. All references in those rules to the “Commissioner” and the “Department of Finance and Management,” shall be deemed to refer to the “Commissioner of Human Resources” and the “Department of Human Resources.”

(b) All employees, professional and support staff, consultants, positions, and equipment and the remaining balances of all appropriation amounts for personal services and operating expenses for the payroll function are transferred to the Department of Human Resources.

Sec. E.108.2 GENERAL AMENDMENTS

(a) The words “Commissioner of Finance and Management” are amended to read “Commissioner of Human Resources” in the following statutes:

(1) 3 V.S.A. § 631(a)(6)–(7), and 32 V.S.A. § 1261(a).

Sec. E.108.3 3 V.S.A. § 309 is amended to read:

§ 309. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

(a) The Commissioner, as administrative head of the Department, shall direct and supervise all its administrative and technical activities. In addition to the duties imposed elsewhere in this chapter, it shall be the Commissioner’s duty:

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(20) To maintain a central payroll office, personnel earnings records, and records on authorized deductions.

(21) To certify, by voucher, to the Commissioner of Finance and Management all necessary and appropriate disbursements associated with the payroll function.

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Sec. E.108.4 CLASSIFICATION REPORT; UPDATE

(a) The Commissioner of Human Resources shall provide a status report to the Joint Fiscal Committee by November 1, 2016, regarding the State Employee Position Classification System consultant report required by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.100.1. The status report shall include preliminary information including:

(1) based on the consultant report, recommended next steps and anticipated timeline;

(2) anticipated costs and resources to implement recommendations;
and

(3) the total cost of the current classification system and number of positions impacted.

(b) The Commissioner of Human Resources shall provide a report to the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2017, as outlined in subsection (a) of this section, to include anticipated required changes to statute, policy, system, and structural changes necessary to implement recommendations, unless otherwise required by the Joint Fiscal Committee, in accordance with 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.100.1.

Sec. E.108.5 REVIEW OF POLICIES TO ADDRESS NON-PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY

(a) The Commissioner of Human Resources shall review the policies in place to address specific incidents when a non-public safety employee dies in the line of duty. The results of this review and any recommendations shall be provided to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and Government Operations on or before December 15, 2016.

(b) To the extent that funding is needed for any recommendations in fiscal year 2017 the funding shall come from the Security Appropriation in Sec. B. 1101(c) of this act.

Sec. E.111 Tax – administration/collection

(a) Of this appropriation, \$15,000 is from the Current Use Administration Special Fund established by 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c) and shall be appropriated for programming changes to the CAPTAP software used by municipalities for establishing property values and administering their grand lists.

Sec. E.113 Buildings and general services – engineering

(a) The \$3,553,061 interdepartmental transfer in this appropriation shall be from the General Bond Fund appropriation in the Capital Bill of the 2015 legislative session, as amended by the 2016 legislative session.

Sec. E.126 Legislature

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2016 funds appropriated to the Legislature and carried forward into fiscal year 2017, the amount of \$113,500 shall revert to the General Fund.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that funding for the Legislature in fiscal year 2017 be included at a level sufficient to support an 18-week legislative session.

Sec. E.126.1 3 V.S.A. § 637 is added to read:

§ 637. DENTAL COVERAGE; MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BUY-IN

(a) A member of the General Assembly and a session employee of the General Assembly or the Legislative Council shall be eligible to participate in any group dental insurance program negotiated in a collective bargaining agreement with State employees. Premiums shall be paid by the legislator or employee at the full actuarial rate with no contributions from the State and shall be deducted from compensation due for services rendered during the legislative session or assessed and paid directly by the legislator or employee.

(b) A person who elects to participate in the group dental insurance program pursuant to this section shall notify the program's administrator, in writing, of such election. The enrollment period for persons electing pursuant to this section shall correspond with the enrollment period for State employees.

Sec. E.126.2 LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

(a) The Legislative Departments are authorized to transfer funding from the Legislative Council budget to the Legislative budget for Legislative Operations and a new Information Technology Systems budget to the extent that such transfers are approved by the Legislative Council Committee or the Joint Rules Committee.

Sec. E.126.3 32 V.S.A. § 1051 is amended to read:

§ 1051. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; AND PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE; COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

(a) The Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be entitled to receive annual compensation of \$10,080.00 for the 2005 Biennial Session and thereafter to be paid in biweekly payments; provided that, beginning on January 1, 2007, the annual compensation shall be adjusted annually thereafter by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for State employees under the most recent collective bargaining agreement. In addition to the annual compensation, the Speaker and President Pro Tempore shall be entitled to receive:

(1) \$652.00 a week for the 2005 Biennial Session and thereafter, to be paid in biweekly payments during the regular and adjourned sessions of the General Assembly; provided that, beginning on January 1, 2007, the weekly compensation shall be adjusted annually thereafter by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for State employees under the most recent collective bargaining agreement;

(2) ~~\$130.00~~ a an amount equal to one-fifth of the annually adjusted weekly compensation set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, rounded up to the nearest dollar, per day during a special session of the General Assembly which is called at any time following the 2005 Biennial Session; provided that, beginning on January 1, 2007, the daily compensation shall be

~~adjusted annually thereafter by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for State employees under the most recent collective bargaining agreement; and~~

(3) mileage, meals, and rooms lodging expenses as provided to members of the General Assembly under subsection 1052(b) of this title during the biennial, adjourned, and special sessions of the General Assembly and in addition such other actual and necessary expenses incurred while engaged in duties imposed by law.

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Sec. E.126.4 32 V.S.A. § 1052 is amended to read:

§ 1052. MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

(a)(1) Each member of the General Assembly, other than the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, is entitled to a weekly salary of \$589.00 for the 2005 Biennial Session and thereafter; provided that, beginning on January 1, 2007, the weekly compensation shall be adjusted annually thereafter by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for State employees under the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The salary of members shall be paid in biweekly installments.

(2) During a special session, a member is entitled to ~~\$118.00 a day~~ an amount equal to one-fifth of the annually adjusted weekly compensation set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, rounded up to the nearest dollar, for each day of a special session which is called at any time following the 2005 biennial session for each day on which the House of which he or she is a member shall sit.

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Sec. E.127 Joint fiscal committee

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2016 funds appropriated to the Joint Fiscal Committee and carried forward into fiscal year 2017, the amount of \$50,000 shall revert to the General Fund.

Sec. E.127.1 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE

(a)(1) The Joint Fiscal Office (JFO), in collaboration with one or more independent third parties pursuant to contracts negotiated for that purpose, shall conduct an analysis for the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2016 regarding the current functionality and long-term sustainability of the technology for Vermont Health Connect.

(2) The analysis shall include a review of the outstanding deficiencies in Vermont Health Connect functionality and customer support, an analysis of the Agency of Human Service's plans and actions to address these deficiencies,

and a determination as to whether those plans and actions are likely to be effective.

(3) The analysis shall include an evaluation of the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of maintaining Vermont Health Connect either as a stand-alone system or as part of the technology for a larger, integrated eligibility system, including a comparison of these costs to those of other state-based exchanges. This analysis shall include a review of licensing costs and issues as they apply to both the commercial components and the software that make up Vermont Health Connect.

(4) The analysis shall provide a comparison of the costs of alternative approaches required to ensure a sustainable, effective state-based exchange and, to the extent possible, shall provide specific recommendations and action steps for legislative consideration. Alternative approaches shall include any opportunity to build on other states' exchange technology, as well as a fully or partially federally facilitated exchange. Factors to be analyzed include required technological change, ease of transition, short-term and long-term costs for both the transition and the operation of the alternative, and implications for future developments of the Vermont health care system.

(5) Any options presented in this analysis shall be scored based upon the factors in subdivision (a)(4) of this section.

(b) In conducting the analysis pursuant to this section, and in preparing any requests for proposals from independent third parties, the JFO shall consult with health insurers offering qualified health plans on Vermont Health Connect.

(c) The Secretary of Administration, the Secretary of Human Services, and the Chief Information Officer shall provide the JFO access to reviews conducted to evaluate Vermont Health Connect and any other information required to complete this analysis. The Executive Branch shall provide other assistance as needed. If necessary, the JFO shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Executive Branch relating to any reviews or other information that shall protect security and confidentiality.

(d) Of the amounts appropriated in fiscal year 2017 from State funds to the Department of Vermont Health Access for the operation of Vermont Health Connect, the amount of \$250,000 is transferred from the Department to the JFO for the purpose of implementing this section.

Sec. E.128 Sergeant at arms

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2016 funds appropriated to the Sergeant at Arms and carried forward into fiscal year 2017, the amount of \$10,000 shall revert to the General Fund.

Sec. E.128.1 2 V.S.A. § 63 is amended to read:

§ 63. SALARY

~~(a) The base salary for the a newly-elected Sergeant at Arms shall be \$47,917.00 as of January 1, 2015 provided that, beginning on July 1, 2015 set by the Joint Rules Committee and annually thereafter, this compensation shall be adjusted by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for State employees under the most recent collective bargaining agreement in accordance with any annual increase provided for legislative employees, unless otherwise determined by the Joint Rules Committee.~~

~~(b) The Joint Rules Committee may establish the starting salary for the Sergeant at Arms, ranging from the base salary to a salary that is 30 percent above the base salary. The maximum salary for the Sergeant at Arms shall be 50 percent above the base salary.~~

Sec. E.131 STATE TREASURER; TEACHERS' RETIREMENT PRESENTATION

(a) The State Treasurer shall work with the actuaries for the State Teachers' Retirement System and the State Employees' Retirement System and report to the General Assembly on the following:

(1) the percentage increase in the teachers and State employee salaries paid and the impact on the State Retirement Systems' funding assumptions; and

(2) the impact assessment for the current year contribution and the change to the long-term system obligation.

(b) Based on information provided by the Secretary of Education, the State Treasurer shall estimate the value of the teachers' contracts negotiated above 110% of the statewide average and calculate the impact of these contracts on the current year and future year payments of the Teachers' Retirement Fund.

(c) This report shall be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, Education and Government Operations as part of the State Treasurer's 2018 budget submission.

Sec. E.133 Vermont state retirement system

(a) Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 473(d), in fiscal year 2017, investment fees shall be paid from the corpus of the Fund.

Sec. E.133.1 3 V.S.A. § 473(c) is amended to read:

(c) Employer contributions, earnings, and payments.

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(4) Beginning July 1, 2008, Until until the unfunded accrued liability is liquidated, the basic accrued liability contribution shall be the annual payment

required to liquidate the unfunded accrued liability over a closed period of 30 years ending on June 30, 2038, from July 1, 2008 provided that:

(A) From July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2019, the amount of each annual basic accrued liability contribution after June 30, 2009, shall be determined by amortization of the unfunded liability over the remainder of the closed 30-year period in installments increasing at a rate of five percent greater than the preceding annual basic accrued liability contribution per year;

(B) Beginning July 1, 2019 and annually thereafter, the amount of each annual basic accrued liability contribution shall be determined by amortization of the unfunded liability over the remainder of the closed 30-year period in installments increasing at a rate of three percent per year; and

(C) Any variation in the contribution of normal, basic, unfunded accrued liability or additional unfunded accrued liability contributions from those recommended by the actuary and any actuarial gains and losses shall be added or subtracted to the unfunded accrued liability and amortized over the remainder of the closed 30-year period.

Sec. E.141 REPEALS

(a) 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 57, Sec. 97 (amending the Lottery Commission's rulemaking authority with respect to lottery product sales locations) is repealed.

(b) 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 57, Sec. 99(15) (effective date for amendment to the Lottery Commission's rulemaking authority with respect to lottery product sales locations) is repealed.

Sec. E.141.1 31 V.S.A. § 654 is amended to read:

§ 654. POWERS AND DUTIES

The Commission shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25, governing the establishment and operation of the State Lottery. The rules may include the following:

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(7) ~~Ticket~~ Lottery product sales locations, which may include ~~state~~ State liquor stores and liquor agencies; private business establishments; fraternal, religious, and volunteer organizations; town clerks' offices; and ~~state~~ State fairs, race tracks and other sporting arenas;

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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. Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

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), \$997,000 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

Sec. E.204 PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION; EXTENSION OF DATE

(a) Notwithstanding 9 V.S.A. § 3048(b), a consumer may not, prior to July 1, 2017, bring a private cause of action under 9 V.S.A. chapter 63, subchapter 1, for a violation of the requirements of 9 V.S.A. chapter 82a.

Sec. E.208 Public safety – administration

(a) The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a performance-based contract with the Essex County Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Sheriff.

(b) The Department of Public Safety shall continue to provide 911 call-taking services unless otherwise directed by legislative enactment.

Sec. E.208.1 20 V.S.A. § 2063(c) is amended to read:

(c)(1) The Criminal History Record Check Fund is established and shall be managed by the Commissioner of Public Safety in accordance with the provisions of 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5. The ~~first \$200,000.00 of~~ fees paid each year under this section shall be placed in the ~~fund~~ Fund and used for personnel and equipment related to the processing, maintenance, and

dissemination of criminal history records. The Commissioner of Finance and Management may draw warrants for disbursements from this Fund in anticipation of receipts.

~~(2) After the first \$200,000.00 of fees paid each year under this section are placed in the Criminal History Record Check Fund, all~~ At the end of each fiscal year, any undesignated surplus in the Fund ~~additional fees paid during that year under this section shall go~~ be transferred to the General Fund.

Sec. E.208.2 CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS; REVIEW

(a) The Joint Justice Oversight Committee shall review the State and federal requirements for criminal history background checks, the costs incurred by local social service entities in obtaining the checks, and the cost incurred by the State in providing them. The Vermont Crime Information Center shall provide the Committee financial, performance and statistical information as needed to conduct this review. The Committee shall determine if there are changes or processes that could be implemented that maintain public safety while increasing cost effectiveness, giving particular consideration to changes that could reduce the financial burden on local social agencies conducting multiple background checks on the same person within a short time span. The Oversight Committee shall provide any recommendations for legislation to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary on or before January 15, 2017.

Sec. E.209 Public safety – state police

(a) Of this appropriation, \$35,000 in special funds shall be available for snowmobile law enforcement activities and \$35,000 in general funds shall be available to the Southern Vermont Wilderness Search and Rescue Team, which comprises State Police, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, county sheriffs, and local law enforcement personnel in Bennington, Windham, and Windsor Counties, for snowmobile enforcement.

(b) Of this appropriation, \$405,000 is allocated for grants in support of the Drug Task Force and the Gang Task Force. Of this amount, \$190,000 shall be used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town task force officers. These town task force officers shall be dedicated to enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 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.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.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, \$1,000 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; \$5,000 shall be used for the Military, Family, and Community Network; and \$10,000 shall be granted to the American Legion for the Boys’ State and Girls’ State programs.

(b) Of this General Fund appropriation, \$39,484 shall be deposited into the Armed Services Scholarship Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2541.

Sec. E.220 Center for crime victims services

(a) Notwithstanding 20 V.S.A. § 2365(c), the Vermont Center for Crime Victims Services shall transfer \$55,021 from the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund established in 13 V.S.A. § 5360 to the Criminal Justice Training Council for the purpose of funding one-half the costs of the Domestic Violence Trainer position. The other half of the position will be funded with an appropriation to the Criminal Justice Training Council.

Sec.E.222 ONE-TIME FUNDING; 2 PLUS 2 FARM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

(a) Included in the appropriation for the 2 Plus 2 Farm Scholarship Program in Sec. B.222 of this act is \$35,000 in one-time funds to provide funding in a time frame that allows newly accepted freshman students to consider all of the student aid offers available to them concurrently.

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.224 Agriculture, food and markets – agricultural development

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.224 of this act, the amount of \$711,490 in general funds is appropriated for expenditure by the Working Lands Enterprise Board established in 6 V.S.A. § 4606 for administrative expenses, 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, as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.224.1.

(b) No more than 20 percent of the funds appropriated to the Working Lands Enterprise Board in this section shall be used to support administration and operating expenses of the grant program.

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 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 [DELETED]

Sec. E.232 RECORDS RETENTION AND ARCHIVING

(a) The State Archivist shall, in consultation with representatives of statewide criminal justice agencies, develop recommendations and action plans for these agencies to meet their records retention and evidence requirements. These recommendations and action plans shall consider industry best practice and cost efficiency and security, including available options for digital records.

(b) The State Archivist, in consultation with the Department of Information and Innovation, shall develop best practices for how and when to destroy electronic records that are no longer required to be maintained by State agencies and departments.

Sec. E.233 30 V.S.A. § 20 is amended to read:

§ 20. PARTICULAR PROCEEDINGS AND ACTIVITIES; PERSONNEL

(a)(1) The Board or the Department of Public Service may authorize or retain legal counsel, official stenographers, expert witnesses, advisors, temporary employees, and other research, scientific, or engineering services:

~~(i)~~(A) To assist the Board or Department in any proceeding listed in subsection (b) of this section.

~~(ii)~~(B) To monitor compliance with any formal opinion or order of the Board.

~~(iii)~~(C) In proceedings under section 248 of this title, to assist other State agencies that are named parties to the proceeding where the Board or Department determines that they are essential to a full consideration of the petition, or for the purpose of monitoring compliance with an order resulting from such a petition.

~~(iv)~~(D) In addition to the ~~above~~ services in subdivisions (1)(A)–(C) of this subsection (a), in proceedings under subsection 248(h) of this title, by contract with the regional planning commission of the region or regions affected by a proposed facility, to assist in determining conformance with local and regional plans and to obtain the ~~emissions~~ commission's data, analysis, and recommendations on the economic, environmental, historic, or other impact of the proposed facility in the region.

~~(v)~~(E) To assist in monitoring the ongoing and future reliability and the postclosure activities of any nuclear generating plant within the State. ~~For the purpose of~~ In this subdivision section, “postclosure activities” includes planning for and implementation of any action within the State’s jurisdiction that shall or will occur when the plant permanently ceases generating electricity.

(2) The Agency of Natural Resources may authorize or retain legal counsel, official stenographers, expert witnesses, advisors, temporary employees, and other research, scientific, or engineering services to:

(A) Assist the Agency of Natural Resources in any proceeding under section 248 of this title.

(B) Monitor compliance with an order issued under section 248 of this title.

(C) Assist the Board or the Department of Public Service in any proceedings described in subdivisions (b)(9) (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) and (11) (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) of this section. Allocation of Agency of Natural Resources costs under this subdivision (C) shall be in the same manner as provided under subdivisions (b)(9) and (11) of this section. The Agency of Natural Resources shall report annually to the Joint Fiscal Committee all costs incurred and expenditures charged under the authority of this subsection with respect to proceedings under subdivision (b)(9) of this section and the purpose for which such costs were incurred and expenditures made.

(D) Assist in monitoring the postclosure activities of any nuclear generating plant within the State.

(3) The Department of Health may authorize or retain legal counsel, official stenographers, expert witnesses, advisors, temporary employees, and

other research, scientific, or engineering services to assist in monitoring the postclosure activities of any nuclear generating plant within the State.

(4) The personnel authorized by this section shall be in addition to the regular personnel of the Board or the Department of Public Service or other State agencies; and in the case of the Department of Public Service or other State agencies may be retained only with the approval of the Governor and after notice to the applicant or the ~~public-service~~ company or companies involved. The Board or the Department of Public Service shall fix the amount of compensation and expenses to be paid such additional personnel, except that the Agency of Natural Resources or the Department of Health, respectively, shall fix the amount of compensation and expenses to be paid to additional personnel that it retains under ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions (2) or (3) of this subsection.

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Sec. E.233.1 30 V.S.A. § 21 is amended to read:

§ 21. PARTICULAR PROCEEDINGS AND ACTIVITIES; ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

(a) ~~The Board, the Department, or the Agency of Natural Resources~~ An agency may allocate the portion of the expense incurred or authorized by it in retaining additional personnel ~~for the particular proceedings authorized in pursuant to section 20 of this title to the applicant or the public-service company or companies involved in those proceedings.~~ In this section, “agency” means an agency, board, or department of the State enabled to authorize or retain personnel under section 20 of this title.

(1) The Board shall upon petition of an applicant or ~~public-service~~ company to which costs are proposed to be allocated, review and determine, after opportunity for hearing, having due regard for the size and complexity of the project, the necessity and reasonableness of such costs, and may amend or revise such allocations. Nothing in this section shall confer authority on the Board to select or decide the personnel, the expenses of whom are being allocated, unless such personnel are retained by the Board. Prior to allocating costs, the Board shall make a determination of the purpose and use of the funds to be raised hereunder, identify the recipient of the funds, provide for allocation of costs among companies to be assessed, indicate an estimated duration of the ~~proceedings~~ retention of personnel whose costs are being allocated, and estimate the total costs to be imposed. With the approval of the Board, such estimates may be revised as necessary. From time to time during the progress of the work of such additional personnel, the ~~Board, the Department, or the Agency of Natural Resources~~ agency retaining the personnel shall render to the company detailed statements showing the amount of money expended or contracted for in the work of such personnel, which

statements shall be paid by the applicant or the ~~public service~~ company into the State Treasury at such time and in such manner as the ~~Board, the Department, or the Agency of Natural Resources~~ agency may reasonably direct.

(2) In any proceeding under section 248 of this title, the Agency of Natural Resources may allocate the portion of the expense incurred in retaining additional staff authorized in subsection 21(a) of this title only if the following apply:

(A) the Agency of Natural Resources does not have the expertise and the retention of such expertise is required to fulfill ~~the Agency's~~ its statutory obligations in the proceeding; and

(B) the Agency of Natural Resources allocates only that portion of the cost for such expertise that exceeds the fee paid by the applicant under section 248b of this title.

(b) When regular employees of ~~the Board, the Department, or the Agency of Natural Resources~~ an agency are employed in the particular proceedings and activities described in section 20 of this title, the ~~Board, the Department, or the Agency of Natural Resources~~ agency may also allocate the portion of ~~their~~ its costs and expenses to the applicant or the ~~public service~~ company or companies involved ~~in the proceedings~~. The costs of regular employees shall be computed on the basis of working days within the salary period. The manner of assessment and of making payments shall otherwise be as provided for additional personnel in subsection (a) of this section. However, with respect to proceedings under section 248 of this title, the Agency of Natural Resources shall not allocate the costs of regular employees.

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(e) ~~On or before January 15, 2011, and annually thereafter, the Agency of Natural Resources~~ Annually, on or before January 15, each agency shall report to the Senate and House Committees on Natural Resources and Energy the total amount of expenses allocated under this section during the previous fiscal year. The report shall include the name of each applicant or ~~public service~~ company to whom expenses were allocated and the amount allocated to each applicant or company.

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(g) ~~The Board, or the Department with the approval of the Governor,~~ An agency may allocate such portion of expense incurred or authorized by it in compensating persons retained in the monitoring of postclosure activities of a nuclear generating plant pursuant to subdivision 20(a)(1)(v) subsection 20(a) of this title to the ~~nuclear generating~~ plant whose activities are being monitored. Except for the Board, the agency shall obtain the approval of the Governor before making such an allocation.

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* * * HUMAN SERVICES * * *

Sec. E.300 DEPOSIT AND USE OF MASTER SETTLEMENT FUND

(a) Deposit of Master Tobacco Settlement receipts and appropriations of Tobacco Settlement funds in fiscal year 2017 are made, notwithstanding 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. D.104.

Sec. E.300.1 3 V.S.A. § 3022a is added to read:

§ 3022a. IMPROVING GRANTS MANAGEMENT FOR RESULTS-BASED PROGRAMS

(a) The Secretary of Human Services shall compile a grants inventory using the Department of Finance and Management's master list of all grants awarded during the prior fiscal year by the Agency or any of its Departments to any public and private entities. The inventory should reflect:

- (1) the date and title of the grant;
- (2) the amount of federal and State funds committed during the prior fiscal year;
- (3) a summary description of each grant;
- (4) the recipient of the grant;
- (5) the department responsible for making the award;
- (6) the major Agency program served by the grant;
- (7) the existence or nonexistence in the grant of performance measures;
- (8) the scheduled expiration date of the grant;
- (9) the number of people served by each grant;
- (10) the length of time the entity has had the grant; and
- (11) the indirect rate of the entity.

(b) Annually, on or before January 15, the Agency shall submit the inventory to the General Assembly in an electronic format.

(c) The Secretary of Human Services and the Chief Performance Officer shall report to the Government Accountability Committee in September of each year and to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations annually, on or before January 15, regarding the progress of the Agency in improving grant management in regard to:

- (1) compilation of the inventory required in subsection (a) of this section;

(2) establishing a drafting template to achieve common language and requirements for all grant agreements, to the extent that it does not conflict with Agency of Administration Bulletin 5 – Policy for Grant Issuance and Monitoring or federal requirements contained in 2 C.F.R. Chapter I, Chapter II, Part 200, including:

(A) a specific format covering expected goals and clear concise performance measures that demonstrate results and which are attached to each goal; and

(B) providing both community organizations and the Agency the same point of reference in assessing how the grantees are meeting expectations in terms of performance;

(3) executing Designated Agency Master Grant agreements using the new drafting template;

(4) executing grant agreements with other grantees using the new drafting template; and

(5) progress in improving the overall timeliness of executing agreements.

Sec. E.300.2 REDUCING DUPLICATION OF AHS SERVICES;
PROGRESS REPORT

(a) On or before November 15, 2016, the Agency of Human Services shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare regarding its progress in implementing the recommendations in the areas of case management, medication management, and diagnostic assessment and evaluation contained in the report on reducing duplication of services that the Agency submitted to the General Assembly on January 15, 2016 pursuant to 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. 25.

Sec. E.300.3 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 158 is amended to read:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 4801 is amended to read:

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Sec. 13. REPORTS

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(d) On or before November 30, 2016, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living and the Department of Corrections shall report to the Health Reform Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on the Departments' examination of the implications of this act and the Departments' proposals for strengthening the act to help ensure its successful implementation. The report shall include

recommendations for defining traumatic brain injury for purposes of determining when one may challenge a defendant's sanity at the time of the alleged offense or a defendant's mental competency to stand trial for the alleged offense. The report shall also identify appropriate treatment options and venues for this population and shall assess the funding that would be required to implement the legislation as drafted or, in the alternative, to develop and support the report's recommendations.

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Sec. 16. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) Secs. 1-12 shall take effect on July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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Sec. E.300.4 SUSTAINABILITY OF TOBACCO PROGRAMS AND PLAN TO REPLACE LOSS OF STRATEGIC CONTRIBUTION FUNDS

(a) The Secretary of Administration or designee, the Secretary of Human Services or designee, the Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board, and participating stakeholders in the implementation of the tobacco control programs shall develop an action plan for tobacco program funding at a level necessary to maintain the gains made in preventing and reducing tobacco use that have been accomplished since their inception. In addition, the plan shall consider utilizing a percentage of tobacco revenues and the inclusion of monies that have been withheld by tobacco manufacturers but which may be received by the State of Vermont in future years.

(b) The Secretary of Human Services shall present this plan to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its November 2016 meeting.

Sec. E.300.5 DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES; RATE INCREASE

(a) The funds allocated in this act shall be to increase the amounts paid to designated agencies and specialized service agencies and shall be used by those agencies to increase total compensation for direct care workers and non-executive level staff. For the purposes of this section, direct care workers shall include case managers, service coordinators and independent direct care support workers. Up to 10% of the funds may be used for administrative expenditures such as hiring, training and performance management systems. Each designated and specialized service agency shall report to the Agency of Human Services how it has complied with this provision.

Sec. E.300.6 RATE INCREASE FOR NONDESIGNATED SERVICE PROVIDERS

(a) Of the Global Commitment Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services Central office, \$1,751,313 shall be used to provide an across-the-board reimbursement rate increase not to exceed 2 percent for nondesignated service providers that include choices for care home and community based providers, area agencies on aging and group home providers in the Department for Children and Families. This appropriation shall be transferred to the respective departments upon determination of the appropriate amounts for transfer.

(b) The Agency may use any funds unallocated in subsection (a) of this section to establish a method of short term financial assistance for home health agencies at risk of insolvency and closure where such relief would allow an agency to transition to long term financial viability.

(c) Agencies receiving funds allocated as result of subsection (a) of this section, shall utilize the funds to increase total compensation for direct care workers and non-executive level staff. For the purposes of this section, direct care workers shall include case managers, service coordinators and independent direct care support workers. Up to 10% of the funds may be used for administrative expenditures such as hiring, training and performance management systems.

Sec. E.300.7 VERMONT LAW SCHOOL; LEGAL CLINIC SUPPORT

(a) The Secretary shall issue grants of \$135,000 in the last quarter of fiscal year 2016 and the first quarter of fiscal year 2017 to the Vermont Law School Legal Clinic to support its legal services programs and strengthen its services in domestic violence and veterans-related issues.

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 \$29,633,326 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

(1) \$18,500,400 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under the Global Commitment. This amount combined with \$21,999,600 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) \$4,091,214 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) \$1,883,273 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-age children.

(4) \$2,731,052 certified State match available via the University of Vermont's Child Health Improvement Program for quality improvement initiatives for the Medicaid program.

(5) \$2,427,387 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

Sec. E.304 3 V.S.A. § 3091(h) is amended to read:

(h)(1) Notwithstanding subsections (d) and (f) of this section, the Secretary shall review all Board decisions and orders concerning TANF, TANF-EA, Office of Child Support Cases, ~~and~~ Medicaid, and the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange. The Secretary shall:

(A) adopt a Board decision or order, except that the Secretary may reverse or modify a Board decision or order if:

(i) the Board's findings of fact lack any support in the record; or

(ii) the decision or order implicates the validity or applicability of any Agency policy or rule.

(B) issue a written decision setting forth the legal, factual, or policy basis for reversing or modifying a Board decision or order.

(2) Notwithstanding subsections (d) and (f) of this section, a Board decision and order concerning TANF, TANF-EA, Office of Child Support, ~~or~~ Medicaid, and the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange shall become the final and binding decision of the Agency upon its approval by the Secretary. The Secretary shall either approve, modify, or reverse the Board's decision and order within 15 days of the date of the Board decision and order. If the Secretary fails to issue a written decision within 15 days as required by this subdivision, the Board's decision and order shall be deemed to have been approved by the Secretary.

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Sec. E.306 18 V.S.A. § 9351 is amended to read:

§ 9351. HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLAN

(a) The Secretary of Administration or designee shall be responsible for the overall coordination of Vermont's statewide Health Information Technology Plan. The Plan shall be updated every five years to create a strategic vision for clinical health information technology. The Secretary or designee shall administer ~~and update~~ the Plan as ~~needed~~, which shall include the implementation of an integrated electronic health information infrastructure for the sharing of electronic health information among health care facilities, health care professionals, public and private payers, and patients. The Plan shall include standards and protocols designed to promote patient education, patient privacy, physician best practices, electronic connectivity to health care data, and, overall, a more efficient and less costly means of delivering quality health care in Vermont.

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(c) The Secretary of Administration or designee ~~shall~~ may update the ~~plan annually~~ Plan as needed to reflect emerging technologies, the State's changing needs, and such other areas as the Secretary or designee deems appropriate. The Secretary or designee shall solicit recommendations from Vermont Information Technology Leaders, Inc. (VITL) and other entities in order to update the Health Information Technology Plan pursuant to this section, including applicable standards, protocols, and pilot programs, and may enter into a contract or grant agreement with VITL or other entities to update some or all of the Plan. Upon approval by the Secretary, the updated Plan shall be distributed to the Commissioner of Information and Innovation; the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access; the Secretary of Human Services; the Commissioner of Health; the Commissioner of Mental Health; the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living; the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare; the House Committee on Health Care; affected parties; and interested stakeholders. Unless major modifications are required, the Secretary may present updated information about the Plan to the Green Mountain Care Board and legislative committees of jurisdiction in lieu of creating a written report.

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(f) ~~Qualified applicants may seek grants to invest in the infrastructure necessary to allow for and promote the electronic exchange and use of health information from federal agencies, including the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Federal~~

~~Communications Commission. The Secretary of Administration or designee shall require applicants for grants authorized pursuant to Section 13301 of Title XXX of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, to submit the application for State review pursuant to the process established in federal Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs. Grant applications shall be consistent with the goals outlined in the strategic plan developed by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and the statewide Health Information Technology Plan. [Repealed.]~~

Sec. E.306.1 18 V.S.A. § 9352(h) is amended to read:

~~(h) Loan and grant programs. VITL shall solicit recommendations from the Secretary of Administration or designee, health insurers, the Vermont Association of Hospitals & Health Systems, Inc., the Vermont Medical Society, Bi-State Primary Care Association, the Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services, the Behavioral Health Network, the Vermont Health Care Association, the Vermont Assembly of Home Health Agencies, other health professional associations, and appropriate departments and agencies of State government, in establishing a financing program, including loans and grants, to provide electronic health records systems to providers, with priority given to Blueprint communities and primary care practices serving low income Vermonters. Health information technology systems acquired under a grant or loan authorized by this section shall comply with data standards for interoperability adopted by VITL and the State Health Information Technology Plan. An implementation plan for this loan and grant program shall be incorporated into the State Health Information Technology Plan. [Repealed.]~~

Sec. E.306.2 18 V.S.A. § 706(c) and (d) are amended to read:

(c)(1) The Blueprint payment reform methodologies shall include per-person per-month payments to medical home practices by each health insurer and Medicaid for their attributed patients and for contributions to the shared costs of operating the community health teams. Per-person per-month payments to practices shall be based on the official National Committee for Quality Assurance's Physician Practice Connections–Patient Centered Medical Home (NCQA PPC-PCMH) score to the extent practicable and shall be in addition to their normal fee-for-service or other payments.

(2) Consistent with the recommendation of the Blueprint expansion design and evaluation committee, the director of the Blueprint may ~~implement~~ recommend to the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access changes to the payment amounts or to the payment reform methodologies described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, including by providing for enhanced payment to health care professional practices which operate as a medical home, including primary care naturopathic physicians' practices; payment toward the shared costs for community health teams; or other payment

methodologies required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for participation by Medicaid or Medicare.

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(d) An insurer may appeal a decision ~~of the director~~ to require a particular payment methodology or payment amount to the ~~commissioner of Vermont health access~~ Commissioner of Vermont Health Access, who shall provide a hearing in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25. An insurer aggrieved by the decision of the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may appeal to the ~~superior court~~ Superior Court for the Washington district within 30 days after the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner issues his or her decision.

Sec. E.306.3 [DELETED]

Sec. E.306.4 [DELETED]

Sec. E.306.5 33 V.S.A. § 1901e(c) is amended to read:

(c) ~~At the close of the fiscal year~~ Annually, on or before October 1, the Agency shall provide a detailed report to the Joint Fiscal Committee which describes the managed care organization's investments under the terms and conditions of the Global Commitment for Health Medicaid Section 1115 waiver, including the amount of the investment and the agency or departments authorized to make the investment.

Sec. E.306.6 33 V.S.A. § 1901h is amended to read:

§ 1901h. PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT; HOME HEALTH SERVICES

(a) On or before ~~July 1, 2016~~ July 1, 2017 and upon approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall modify reimbursement methodologies to home health agencies, as defined in section 1951 of this title, in order to implement prospective payments for the medical services paid for by the Department under the Global Commitment to Health waiver, and to replace fee-for-service payment methodologies. The Department shall determine an appropriate schedule for determining a revised base calculation for the payment.

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Sec. E.306.7 33 V.S.A. § 1908 is amended to read:

§ 1908. MEDICAID; PAYER OF LAST RESORT; RELEASE OF INFORMATION

(a) Any clause in an insurance contract, plan, or agreement which limits or excludes payments to a recipient is void.

(b) Medicaid shall be the payer of last resort to any insurer which contracts to pay health care costs for a recipient.

(c) Every applicant for or recipient of Medicaid under this subchapter is deemed to have authorized all third parties to release to the Agency all information needed by the Agency to secure or enforce its rights under this subchapter. The Agency shall inform an applicant or recipient of the provisions of this subsection at the time of application for Medicaid benefits.

~~(d) At the Agency's request, an insurer shall provide the Agency with the information necessary to determine whether an applicant or recipient of Medicaid under this subchapter is or was covered by the insurer and the nature of the coverage, including the member, subscriber, or policyholder information necessary to determine third party liability and other information required under 18 V.S.A. § 9410(h). The Agency may require the insurer to provide the information electronically~~ On and after July 1, 2016, an insurer shall accept the Agency's right of recovery and the assignment of rights and shall not charge the Agency or any of its authorized agents fees for the processing of claims or eligibility requests. Data files requested by or provided to the Agency shall provide the Agency with eligibility and coverage information that will enable the Agency to determine the existence of third-party coverage for Medicaid recipients, the period during which Medicaid recipients may have been covered by the insurer, and the nature of the coverage provided, including information such as the name, address, and identifying number of the plan.

(e)(1) Upon request, to the extent permitted under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and other federal privacy laws and notwithstanding any State privacy law to the contrary, an insurer shall transmit to the Agency, in a manner prescribed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or as agreed between the insurer and the Agency, an electronic file of all of the insurer's identified subscribers or policyholders and their dependents.

(2) An insurer shall comply with a request under the provisions of this subsection no later than 60 days following the date of the Agency's request and shall be required to provide the Agency with only the information required by this section.

(3) The Agency shall request the data from an insurer once each month. The Agency shall not request subscriber or policyholder enrollment data that precede the date of the request by more than three years.

(4) The Agency shall use the data collected pursuant this section solely for the purposes of determining whether a Medicaid recipient also has or has had coverage with the insurer providing the data.

(5) The Agency shall ensure that all data collected and maintained pursuant to this section are collected and stored securely and that such data are stored no longer than necessary to determine whether Medicaid benefits may be coordinated with the insurer, or as otherwise required by law.

Insurers shall not be liable for any security incidents caused by the Agency in the collection or maintenance of the data.

(f)(1) Each insurer shall submit a file containing information required to coordinate benefits, such as the name, address, group policy number, coverage type, Social Security number, and date of birth of each subscriber or policyholder and each dependent covered by the insurer, including the policy effective and termination dates, claims submission address, and employer's mailing address.

(2) The Agency shall adopt rules governing the exchange of information pursuant to this section. The rules shall be consistent with laws relating to the confidentiality or privacy of personal information and medical records, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

(g) From funds recovered pursuant to this subchapter, the federal government shall be paid a portion equal to the proportionate share originally provided by the federal government to pay for medical assistance to a recipient or minor.

Sec. E.306.8 33 V.S.A. § 111(a) is amended to read:

(a)(1) The names of or information pertaining to applicants for or recipients of assistance or benefits, including information obtained under section 112 of this title, shall not be disclosed to anyone, except for the purposes directly connected with the administration of the Department or when required by law.

(2) Names of or information pertaining to applicants for or recipients of Medicaid shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions set forth in section 1902a of this title.

Sec. E.306.9 33 V.S.A. § 1902a is added to read:

§ 1902a. CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEDICAID APPLICATIONS AND RECORDS; DISCLOSURE TO AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

(a) All applications submitted and records created under the authority of this chapter concerning any applicant for or recipient of Medicaid are confidential and shall be made available only to persons authorized by the Agency, the State, or the United States for purposes directly related to plan administration. In addition, the Agency shall maintain a process to allow a Medicaid applicant or recipient or his or her authorized representative to have access to confidential information when necessary for an eligibility determination and the appeals process.

(b) Applications and records considered confidential are those that disclose:

(1) the name and address of the applicant or recipient;

- (2) medical services provided;
- (3) the applicant's or recipient's social and economic circumstances;
- (4) the Agency's evaluation of personal information;
- (5) medical data, including diagnosis and past history of disease or disability; and
- (6) any information received for the purpose of verifying income eligibility and determining the amount of medical assistance payments.

(c) A person found to have violated this section may be assessed an administrative penalty of not more than \$1,000.00 for a first violation and not more than \$2,000.00 for any subsequent violation.

(d) As used in this section:

(1) "Authorized representative" means any person designated by a Medicaid applicant or recipient to review confidential information about the Medicaid applicant or recipient pertaining to the eligibility determination and the appeals process.

(2) "Purposes directly related to plan administration" means establishing eligibility, determining the amount of medical assistance, providing services to recipients, conducting or assisting with an investigation or prosecution, and civil or criminal proceedings, or audits, related to the administration of the State Medicaid program.

Sec. E.306.10 33 V.S.A. § 2001 is amended to read:

§ 2001. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

(a) In connection with the Pharmacy Best Practices and Cost Control Program, the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access shall report for review by the ~~Health Care Oversight Committee, prior to initial implementation, and House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services~~ and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare prior to any ~~subsequent~~ modifications:

(1) the compilation that constitutes the preferred drug list or list of drugs subject to prior authorization or any other utilization review procedures;

(2) any utilization review procedures, including any prior authorization procedures; and

(3) the procedures by which drugs will be identified as preferred on the preferred drug list, and the procedures by which drugs will be selected for prior authorization or any other utilization review procedure.

(b) The ~~Health Care Oversight Committee~~ Committees shall closely monitor implementation of the preferred drug list and utilization review

procedures to ensure that the consumer protection standards enacted pursuant to section 1999 of this title are not diminished as a result of implementing the preferred drug list and the utilization review procedures, including any unnecessary delay in access to appropriate medications. ~~The Committee~~ Committees shall ensure that all affected interests, including consumers, health care providers, pharmacists, and others with pharmaceutical expertise have an opportunity to comment on the preferred drug list and procedures reviewed under this subsection.

(c) The Commissioner of Vermont Health Access shall report annually on or before ~~August 31~~ October 30 to the ~~Health Reform Oversight Committee~~ House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare concerning the Pharmacy Best Practices and Cost Control Program. Topics covered in the report shall include issues related to drug cost and utilization; the effect of national trends on the pharmacy program; comparisons to other states; and decisions made by the Department's Drug Utilization Review Board in relation to both drug utilization review efforts and the placement of drugs on the Department's preferred drug list.

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Sec. E.306.11 PRESCRIBING PRACTICES; CLINICAL UTILIZATION REVIEW BOARD; REPORT

(a) The Clinical Utilization Review Board in the Department of Vermont Health Access shall analyze data from prescriptions dispensed to Medicaid beneficiaries, including prescriptions written to treat mental health conditions, to determine whether health care providers routinely follow the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's recommended dosage amounts. On or before January 15, 2017, the Clinical Utilization Review Board shall report its findings and any recommendations to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare.

Sec. E.306.12 APPROPRIATION; AMBULANCE PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT RATES

(a) Of the funds appropriated to the Department, \$2,300,000 in fiscal year 2017 shall be allocated for the purpose of increasing reimbursement rates to ambulance agencies beginning on July 1, 2016 for services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries.

(b) As part of the fiscal year 2017 budget adjustment the Department shall report on the impact of this reimbursement change and status of implementation and collection of the ambulance provider tax enacted in fiscal year 2017.

Sec. E.306.13 PRIMARY CARE REALLOCATION

(a) Beginning in hospital budget year 2017 the Department of Vermont Health Access shall use up to \$4,000,000 to increase reimbursement rates to Medicaid participating providers for Medicaid primary care services delivered on or after October 1, 2016. The purpose of the increase shall be to restore in part the primary care rate increase that was provided with federal funds through the Affordable Care Act and that expired on December 31, 2014.

(b) To offset the increases required by subsection (a) of this section within the resources appropriated to the Department of Vermont Health Access by this act, the Department is authorized to adjust as needed the rates of payments for inpatient care, outpatient care, professional services, and other Medicaid-covered services at academic medical centers providing tertiary care beginning on October 1, 2016.

(c) On or before November 1, 2016, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide a report on its implementation of this section to the Health Reform Oversight Committee and the Joint Fiscal Committee.

Sec. E.306.14 APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall, in consultation with interested parties, examine its current network of providers of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services to Vermonters with autism spectrum disorders and determine if the reimbursement rates currently in place are sufficient to sustain a provider network large enough to allow access to all Medicaid enrollees eligible to receive ABA services.

Sec. E.306.15 MEDICAID NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION

(a) In fiscal year 2017, when the General Assembly is not in session, prior to executing a contract to provide Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation services, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide to the Joint Fiscal Committee for review and approval a detailed analysis that executing such a contract shall not compromise any State policy, including the coordinated delivery of transportation services of the Elderly and Disabled program and the Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation program, that there will be no degradation of service to eligible individuals, and that the financial stability of the State's public transportation systems will be maintained. The analysis shall also include the impact of the Agency of Transportation investments in vehicles, technology, and other capital investments in the coordinated care delivery model.

Sec. E.307 GROUP THERAPY ANALYSIS

(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall, in consultation with interested parties, analyze utilization trends of individual and group psychotherapy to determine if the reimbursement rates currently in place for

group therapy are sufficient to sustain access to cost-effective and appropriate psychotherapy services to all Medicaid enrollees eligible to receive services.

Sec. E.307.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.308 CHOICES FOR CARE; SAVINGS, REINVESTMENTS, AND SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

(a) In the Choices for Care program, “savings” means the difference remaining at the conclusion of fiscal year 2016 between the amount of funds appropriated for Choices for Care, excluding allocations for the provision of acute care services, and the sum of expended and obligated funds, less an amount equal to one percent of the fiscal year 2016 total Choices for Care expenditure. The one percent shall function as a reserve to the Choices for Care - Long Term Care base budget to be used to cover unanticipated expenditure trends thus potentially preventing or delaying the need to impose a High Needs waitlist. Savings shall be calculated by the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and reported to the Joint Fiscal Office.

(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living only obligate funds for expenditures approved under current law.

(b)(1) Any funds appropriated for long-term care under the Choices for Care program shall be used for long-term services and supports to recipients. In using these funds, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall give priority for services to individuals assessed as having high and highest needs and meeting the terms and conditions of the Choices for Care program within the Global Commitment waiver.

(2)(A) First priority for the use of any savings from the long-term care appropriation after the needs of all individuals meeting the terms and conditions of the waiver have been met shall be given to home- and community-based services.

(B) Savings either shall be one-time investments or shall be used in ways that are sustainable into the future. Any unexpended and unobligated State General Fund or Special Fund appropriation remaining at the close of a fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

(C) Subsequent to the assessment required by subsection (c) of this section, the Department shall recommend the allocation of savings between increased rates or base funding support for home and community based providers but shall be no greater than 20 % of total savings, an allocation to bring equity in funding and moderate needs group capacity across the adult day providers, and an allocation for increasing capacity to accommodate higher caseload needing home and community based services.

(D) Savings may also be used for quality improvement purposes in nursing homes but shall not be used to increase nursing home rates under 33 V.S.A. § 905.

(E) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall not reduce the base funding needed in a subsequent fiscal year prior to calculating savings for the current fiscal year.

(c) The Department, in collaboration with Choices for Care participants, participants' families, and long-term care providers, shall conduct an assessment of the adequacy of the provider system for delivery of home- and community-based services and nursing home services. On or before October 1, 2016, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall report the results of this assessment to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare in order to inform the reinvestment of savings during the budget adjustment process.

(d) On or before January 15, 2017, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall propose reinvestment of the savings calculated pursuant to this section to the General Assembly as part of the Department's proposed budget adjustment presentation.

(e) Concurrent with the procedures set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 305a, the Joint Fiscal Office and the Secretary of Administration shall provide to the Emergency Board their respective estimates of caseloads and expenditures for programs under the Choices for Care program.

Sec. E.308.1 CHOICES FOR CARE; HOME-DELIVERED MEALS

(a) The Secretary of Human Services shall request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to Vermont's Global Commitment to Health waiver that allows home-delivered meals to be a reimbursable covered service under the Choices for Care program when the meals:

(1) are part of a participant's service plan of care; and

(2) meet the Vermont's area agencies on aging's nutrition requirements in accordance with the Older Americans Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 3001–30058ff.

(b) Participants of the Choices for Care program receiving home-delivered meals pursuant to a service plan of care shall not have their personal care hours reduced as a result of receiving home-delivered meals.

Sec. E.311 RULEMAKING

(a) The Commissioner of Health shall amend the Department's rules pertaining to food service establishments pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to define "occasional" as it pertains to registered charitable nonprofit

organizations to mean not more than four times a month and not more than 12 days in total in any calendar year.

Sec. E.312 Health – public health

(a) AIDS/HIV funding:

(1) In fiscal year 2017 and as provided in this section, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations for client-based support services. 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 according to an RFP process.

(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 2017, 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 syringe exchange programs, 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.

(5) In fiscal year 2017, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$150,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for syringe exchange programs. The method by which these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of Health, the Vermont AIDS service organizations, and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The performance period for these grants will be State fiscal year 2017. Grant reporting shall include outcomes and results.

(b) The funding for tobacco cessation and prevention activities in fiscal year 2017 shall include funding for tobacco cessation programs that serve pregnant women.

Sec. E.318 CHILD CARE SERVICES PROGRAM; WAITLIST

(a) Prior to implementing a waitlist or cap on the number of subsidized child care slots in fiscal year 2017, the Department for Children and Families shall report at the November 2016 meeting of the Joint Fiscal Committee on the status of the caseload, the caseload projection, and available funding. Regardless of a subsidy waitlist or cap implementation, the Department shall report on the inventory and availability of subsidized child care slots and whether access is limited in any region of the State.

Sec. E.318.1 SUBSIDIZED INFANT CHILD CARE RATE ADJUSTMENT

(a) The Commissioner is authorized to adjust rates as needed for subsidized infant child care to ensure adequate client access and provider viability within the existing appropriation for the child care financial assistance program.

Sec. E.321 HOUSING ASSISTANCE BENEFITS; FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM

(a) For State fiscal year 2017, 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 General Assistance funds. The program shall operate in a consistent manner within existing statutes and rules and policies effective on July 1, 2013, and any succeeding amendments thereto, 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 Agency may award grants to homeless and housing service providers for eligible activities. 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 goals and procedures for evaluating the program overall, including performance measures that demonstrate program results, 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 HOUSING

(a) Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in the General Assistance program in fiscal year 2017 may be used for temporary housing in catastrophic situations and for vulnerable populations, as defined in rules adopted by the Agency. The cold weather exception policy issued by the Department for Children and Families' Economic Services Division dated October 25, 2012, and any succeeding amendments to it, shall remain in effect.

Sec. E.321.2 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. E.321.2(c), as amended by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.321.2, is further amended to read:

(c) On or before ~~January 31~~ and July 31 of each year beginning in ~~2015~~ 2016, the Agency of Human Services shall report statewide statistics related to the use of emergency housing vouchers during the preceding ~~calendar half-year~~ State fiscal year, 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. § 1108(d) is amended to read:

(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 any of the work activities listed in subsection (28) of section 1101 of this title, with the exception of subsection (28)(L); or

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Sec. E.323.1 33 V.S.A. § 1134 is amended to read:

§ 1134. PROGRAM EVALUATION

On or before January 31 of each year, the Commissioner shall design and implement procedures to evaluate, measure, and report to the Governor and the General Assembly the Department's progress in achieving the goals of the programs provided for in sections 1002, 1102, and 1202 of this title. The report shall include:

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(7) a description of the current basic needs budget and housing allowance, the current maximum grant amounts, and the basic needs budget and housing allowance adjusted to reflect an annual cost-of-living increase; ~~and~~

(8) a description of the families, during the last fiscal year, that included an adult family member receiving financial assistance for 60 or more months in his or her lifetime, including:

(A) the number of families and the types of barriers facing these families; and

(B) the number of families that became ineligible for the Reach Up program pursuant to subsection 1108(a) of this title, and the types of income and financial assistance received by those families that did not return to the Reach Up program within 90 days of becoming ineligible; and

(9) a description of the families in the postsecondary education program pursuant to section 1122 of this title, including the number of participating families and any barriers to their further participation.

Sec. E.323.2 33 V.S.A. § 1103(c) is amended to read:

(c) The Commissioner shall adopt rules for the determination of eligibility for the Reach Up program and benefit levels for all participating families that include the following provisions:

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(9) The amount of ~~\$125.00~~ \$105.00 of the Supplemental Security Income payment received by a parent excluding payments received on behalf of a child shall count toward the determination of the amount of the family's financial assistance grant.

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, 2016, and for program administration, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer \$2,550,000 from the Home Weatherization Assistance 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 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 Fund be necessary for the 2016–2017 crisis set-aside and for seasonal home heating fuel assistance through December 31, 2016 and if LIHEAP funds awarded as of December 31, 2016 for fiscal year 2017 do not exceed \$2,550,000, subsequent payments under the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program shall not be made prior to January 30, 2017. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, payments authorized by the Department for Children and Families’ Economic Services Division shall not exceed funds available, except that for fuel assistance payments made through December 31, 2016, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may anticipate receipts into the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund.

Sec. E.324.1 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

(a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee may authorize crisis fuel assistance to those income-eligible households that have applied for an expedited seasonal fuel benefit but have not yet received it, if the benefit cannot be executed in time to prevent them from running out of fuel. The crisis fuel grants authorized pursuant to this section count toward the one crisis fuel grant allowed per household for the winter heating season pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 2609(b).

Sec. E.324.2 LIHEAP AND WEATHERIZATION

(a) Notwithstanding 33 V.S.A. §§ 2603 and 2501, in fiscal year 2017, the Secretary of Administration may, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Human Services, transfer up to 15 percent of the federal fiscal year 2017 federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) block grant from the federal funds appropriation in Sec. B.324 of this act to the Home Weatherization Assistance appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act to be used for weatherization in State fiscal year 2017. An equivalent appropriation transfer shall be made to Sec. B.324 of this act, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, from the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund in Sec. B.326 of this act to provide home heating fuel benefits in State fiscal year 2017. At least three days prior to any such transfer being made, the Secretary of Administration shall report the intended transfer to the Joint Fiscal Office and shall report any completed transfers to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its next meeting.

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, \$1,092,000 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 Emergency Solutions Grants 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.335 ELECTRONIC MONITORING

(a) The Commissioner of Corrections may expend funds to contract for electronic monitoring in fiscal year 2017 in any region of the State where an electronic monitoring program is operational and would result in concurrent savings to the Department that at a minimum is sufficient to offset the costs of the contracts to the Department.

Sec. E.337 28 V.S.A. § 120 is amended to read:

§ 120. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS EDUCATION PROGRAM;
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

(a) Authority. An education program is established within the Department of Corrections for the education of persons who have not completed secondary education or are assessed to have a moderate-to-high criminogenic need by one or more corrections risk assessments and who are committed to the custody of the Commissioner.

(b) Applicability of education provisions. The education program shall be approved by the State Board of Education as an independent school under 16 V.S.A. § 166, ~~shall comply with the education quality standards provided by 16 V.S.A. § 165,~~ and shall be coordinated with adult education, special education, and career technical education.

(c) Program supervision. The Commissioner of Corrections shall appoint a ~~Director of Corrections Education, who shall be~~ licensed as an administrator under 16 V.S.A. chapter 51; to serve as the ~~Superintendent of the Community High School of Vermont~~ Headmaster of Correction Education and coordinate use of other education programs by persons under the supervision of the Commissioner.

(d) Curriculum. The education program shall offer a minimum course of study, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 906, and special education programs as

~~required in 16 V.S.A. chapter 101 at each correctional facility and Department service center, but is not required to offer a driver training course or a physical educational course in accordance with the program description used for independent school approval.~~

(e) [Repealed.]

(f) Reimbursement payments. The provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4012, relating to payment for State-placed students, shall not apply to the Corrections education program.

(g) [Repealed.]

(h) Required participation. All persons under the custody of the Commissioner who are under the age of 23 and have not received a high school diploma, or are assessed to have a moderate-to-high criminogenic need and are within 24 months of re-entry shall participate in an education program unless exempted by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may approve the participation of other students, including individuals who are enrolled in an alternative justice or diversion program.

Sec. E.338 CALEDONIA COUNTY WORK CAMP; ELIGIBILITY

(a) The Department will seek to reach an agreement with the community in which:

(1) Department of Corrections continues to utilize the North Unit of the Caledonia County Work Camp (CCWC) for offenders who are work camp eligible under 28 V.S.A. § 817; and

(2) Department of Corrections achieves full utilization of the facility by assigning no more than 50 beds in the South Unit for offenders who:

(A) are classified as minimum custody as scored by the Department's custody level instrument;

(B) have completed their minimum sentence and are eligible for furlough or parole, but lack appropriate housing; and

(C) an offender who is serving time for a sex offense conviction shall not be deemed to satisfy the criteria set forth in this subdivision of this section unless the offender is a resident of St. Johnsbury.

(3) There are mutually acceptable resolutions to community concerns regarding:

(A) security cameras and fencing;

(B) the annual community facility hosting payment from the State;

and

(C) the educational and training programs for inmates at the facility who will be re-entering the community. Such programs may include high school completion studies, ServSafe kitchen certification, lead abatement training, OSHA certification and a partnership with the Agency of Transportation for a transportation academy.

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.

(b) The executive director shall provide a written report to Joint Fiscal Committee in November 2016 that provides information on the overall census, the call out rate, use of overtime for State employees, and the use of temporary employees and contractors for State fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015 and a status update on these issues for fiscal year 2017 to date.

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 GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD; ALL PAYER MODEL AGREEMENT

(a) In the event that an agreement is reached with the federal government for an All Payer Model (APM) for the State of Vermont prior to the 2017 legislative session, the Emergency Board is authorized to transfer General Funds of up to \$155,540 to the Green Mountain Care Board or Agency of Human Services. If sufficient matching funds are transferred, excess receipts of up to \$247,585 in Global Commitment Funds and \$63,665 in Special Funds can be authorized by the Commissioner of Finance for additional analysis and contracting necessary to create the additional regulatory infrastructure required to ensure consumer protection and to comply with the terms of the agreement. The amount of General Funds transferred shall be restored as needed in the budget adjustment process.

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Sec. E.400 [DELETED]

* * * 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 increase the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

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

(a) Of the appropriation authorized in this section, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed \$3,566,029 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2017 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 \$192,805 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.504.1 Education – flexible pathways

(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. § 943(c). Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b), of this Education Fund appropriation, the amount of:

(1) \$600,000 is available for dual enrollment programs consistent with 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2), and the amount of \$30,000 is available for use pursuant to Sec. E.605.1(a)(2) of this act; and

(2) \$100,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual Learning Collaborative at the River Valley Regional Technical Center School District.

Sec. E.505 Education - adjusted education payment

(a) Of this appropriation, \$15,000 shall be used to provide grants to K-12 public schools in the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union which are initiating programs through the International Baccalaureate program in an effort to maintain the viability of its educational programs and to enhance enrollment. Grants under this subsection may be made only for professional training and necessary materials.

Sec. E.513 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) For each fiscal year, the amount of the general funds appropriated ~~or~~ and transferred to the Education Fund shall be ~~\$277,400,000.00~~ \$305,900,000.00, to be increased annually beginning for fiscal year 2018 by the most recent New England economic project cumulative price index, as of November 15, for state and local government purchases of goods and services

from fiscal year 2012 consensus Joint Fiscal Office and Administration determination of the National Income and Product Accounts (NIPA) Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Consumption Expenditures and Gross Investment as reported by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis through the fiscal year for which the payment is being determined, plus an additional one-tenth of one percent.

Sec. E.513.1 Appropriation and transfer to education fund

(a) Pursuant to Sec. B.513 of this act and 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2) as amended by Sec. E.513 of this act, there is appropriated in fiscal year 2017 from the General Fund for transfer to the Education Fund the amount of \$305,902,634.

Sec. E.514 State teachers' retirement system

(a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) shall be \$82,659,576 of which \$78,959,576 shall be the State's contribution and \$3,700,000 shall be contributed from local school systems or educational entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

(b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution, \$8,327,249 is the "normal contribution," and \$74,332,327 is the "accrued liability contribution."

Sec. E.514.1 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c) is amended to read:

(c) State contributions, earnings, and payments.

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(4) It is the policy of the State of Vermont to liquidate fully the unfunded accrued liability to the System. Beginning July 1, 2008, ~~Until~~ until the unfunded accrued liability is liquidated, the accrued liability contribution shall be the annual payment required to liquidate the unfunded accrued liability over a closed period of 30 years ending June 30, 2038, from July 1, 2008, provided that:

(A) From July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2019, the amount of each annual basic accrued liability contribution after June 30, 2009, shall be determined by amortization of the unfunded liability over the remainder of the closed 30-year period in installments increasing at a rate of five percent greater than the preceding annual basic accrued liability contribution per year;

(B) Beginning July 1, 2019 and annually thereafter, the amount of each annual basic accrued liability contribution shall be determined by amortization of the unfunded liability over the remainder of the closed 30-year period in installments increasing at a rate of three percent per year; and

(C) Any variation in the contribution of normal or unfunded accrued liability contributions from those recommended by the actuary and any actuarial gains and losses shall be added or subtracted to the unfunded accrued liability and amortized over the remainder of the closed 30-year period.

Sec. E.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits

(a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), \$22,022,584 will be contributed to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits plan.

* * * 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 THREE YEAR SUSPENSION; UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
40 PERCENT RULE

(a) 16 V.S.A. § 2282 (limit on tuition for Vermont students) is suspended for the three-academic-year period from 2017-2018 through 2019 -2020.

(b) The University of Vermont shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and Education with its fiscal year 2018 budget submission on the planned in-state and out-of-state tuition charged for the fall and spring semesters of the 2017/2018 academic year and the proposed tuitions for subsequent semesters through the Spring semester of 2020.

Sec. E.600.2 16 V.S.A. § 2885 is amended to read:

§ 2885. VERMONT HIGHER EDUCATION ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND

(a) A Vermont Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund is established in the ~~office~~ Office of the State Treasurer to comprise the following:

(1) appropriations made by the General Assembly;

(2) in any fiscal year in which a General Fund surplus exists and the General Fund Stabilization Reserve is funded to its required statutory level, funds raised by the estate tax levied under 32 V.S.A. chapter 190 that are more than ~~125~~ 115 percent of the amount projected by the Emergency Board in the July annual forecast made pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 305a; and

(3) contributions from any other sources.

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.602.1 Vermont state colleges – supplemental aid

(a) Of this appropriation, \$600,000 shall be used to increase aid and support to Vermont students with social and economic barriers to enrollment and completion. The Chancellor shall provide a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in November 2016 on how these funds are used for this purpose for the 2016-2017 school year and the plan to continue use of these funds for this purpose in future years.

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 315 health care providers annually. These graduates deliver direct, high quality health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries or 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) Of the appropriated amount remaining after accounting for subsections (a) and (d) of this section, not less than 93 percent of this appropriation 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.

(d) Of this appropriation, not more than \$100,000 may be used by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a student aspirational pilot initiative to serve one or more high schools.

(e) The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation shall conduct a review of the Non-Degree Grant program utilizing the Results Based Accountability approach. This review shall be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations as part of the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation fiscal year 2018 budget submission.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 45, Secs. 2-4, codified at subchapter 8 of chapter 87 of Title 16, the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation shall not be required to establish the Vermont Universal Children's Higher Education Savings Account Program until sustainable sources of annual funding have been identified and secured in amounts sufficient to provide meaningful initial and matching deposits for eligible families to open and make ongoing contributions to a children's savings account.

Sec. E.605.1 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

(a) The sum of \$60,000 shall be transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) as follows:

(1) \$30,000 from Sec. B.1100(a)(3)(C) (Next Generation funds appropriated for dual enrollment and need-based stipend purposes).

(2) \$30,000 pursuant to Sec. E.504.1(a)(1) (flexible pathways funds appropriated for dual enrollment and need-based stipend purposes).

(b) The sums transferred to VSAC in this section shall be used to fund a flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for financially needy students enrolled in a dual enrollment course pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in early college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4011(e) to be used for the purchase of books, cost of transportation, and payment of fees. VSAC shall establish the criteria for program eligibility. Funds shall be granted to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are depleted.

(c) VSAC shall report on the program to the House and Senate Committees on Education and on Appropriations on or before January 15, 2017.

* * * NATURAL RESOURCES * * *

Sec. E.701 32 V.S.A. § 3708 is amended to read:

§ 3708. PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR LANDS HELD BY THE
AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

~~(a) All ANR land, excluding buildings or other improvements thereon, shall be appraised at fair market value by the Director of Property Valuation and Review and listed separately in the grand list of the town in which it is located. Annually, the State shall pay to each municipality an amount which is the lesser of:~~

~~(1) one percent of the Director's appraisal value for the current year for ANR land; or~~

~~(2) one percent of the current year use value of ANR land enrolled by the Agency of Natural Resources in the Use Value Appraisal Program under chapter 124 of this title before January 1999; except that no municipality shall receive in any taxable year a State payment in lieu of property taxes for ANR land in an amount less than it received in the fiscal year 1980.~~

~~(b) "ANR land" in this section means lands held by the Agency of Natural Resources.~~

~~(c) "Municipality" in this section means an incorporated city, town, village, or unorganized town, grant or gore in which a tax is assessed for noneducational purposes.~~

~~(d) "Fair market value" in this section shall be based upon the value of the land at its highest and best use determined without regard to federal conservation restrictions on the parcel or any conservation restrictions under a state agreement made with respect to the parcel.~~

~~(e) The Selectboard of a town aggrieved by the appraisal of property by the Division of Property Valuation and Review under this section may, within 21 days after the receipt by the town listers of notice of the appraisal of its property by the Division of Property Valuation and Review, appeal from that appraisal to the Superior Court of the district in which the property is situated
As used in this subchapter:~~

(1) "ANR land" in this section means lands held by the Agency of Natural Resources.

(2) "Fair market value" in this section shall be based upon the value of the land at its highest and best use determined without regard to federal conservation restrictions on the parcel or any conservation restrictions under a State agreement made with respect to the parcel.

(3) "Municipality" in this section means an incorporated city, town, village, or unorganized town, grant, or gore in which a tax is assessed for noneducational purposes.

(b) The State shall annually pay to each municipality a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) that shall be the base payment as set forth herein, for all ANR land, excluding buildings or other improvements thereon, as of April 1 of the current year.

(c) The State shall establish the base payment for all ANR land, excluding buildings or other improvements thereon, as follows:

(1) On parcels acquired before April 1, 2016, 0.60 percent of the fair market value as appraised by the Director of Property Valuation and Review as of April 1 of fiscal year 2015;

(2) On parcels acquired after April 1, 2016, the municipal tax rate of the fair market value as assessed on April 1 in the year of acquisition by the municipality in which it is located.

(d) Beginning in fiscal year 2022, and thereafter in periods of no less than three years and no greater than five years, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall recommend an adjustment to update the base payments established under subsection (c) of this section consistent with the statewide municipal tax rate or other appropriate indicators. For years that the Secretary of Natural Resources recommends an adjustment under this subsection, a request for funding the adjustment shall be included as part of the budget report required under section 306 of this title.

(e) Any adjustment to the acreage of any existing ANR parcel will result in the change of the base payment for the year in which the change occurs. A per acre payment will be determined for the parcel. This per acre payment will be either added or subtracted from the base payment as necessary for the number of acres that need to be adjusted.

(f) The selectboard of a town aggrieved by the appraisal of property by the Division of Property Valuation and Review under subdivision (c)(1) of this section may, within 21 days after the receipt by the town lists of notice of the appraisal of its property by the Division of Property Valuation and Review in fiscal year 2017 only, appeal that appraisal to the Superior Court of the district in which the property is situated.

Sec. E.701.1 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.701.2 is amended to read:

Sec. E.701.2. PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR AGENCY OF
NATURAL RESOURCES LANDS IN FISCAL YEARS
2017, ~~AND~~ 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021

(a) Notwithstanding the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 3708(c)(1) to the contrary, for purposes of payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for lands held

acquired by the Agency of Natural Resources before April 1, 2016, the State shall pay to each municipality:

(1) in fiscal year 2017, the PILOT amount received by the municipality in fiscal year 2016 plus or minus ~~one-third~~ one-fourth of the difference between the PILOT amount the municipality received in fiscal year 2016 and the PILOT amount the municipality would receive under 32 V.S.A. ~~§ 3708, as amended by Sec. E.701.1 of this act~~ § 3708(c)(1); and;

(2) in fiscal year 2018, the PILOT amount received by the municipality in fiscal year 2016 plus or minus ~~two-thirds~~ one-half of the difference between the PILOT amount the municipality received in fiscal year 2016 and the PILOT amount the municipality would receive under 32 V.S.A. ~~§ 3708, as amended by Sec. E.701.1 of this act~~ § 3708(c)(1); and

(3) in fiscal year 2019, the PILOT amount received by the municipality in fiscal year 2016 plus or minus three-fourths of the difference between the PILOT amount the municipality received in fiscal year 2016 and the PILOT amount the municipality would receive under 32 V.S.A. § 3708(c)(1).

(b) If the Agency of Natural Resources acquires land in a municipality after April 1, ~~2015~~ 2016, the State shall make a PILOT payment on the newly acquired land to the municipality under ~~Sec. E.701.1 of this act~~ 32 V.S.A. § 3708(c)(2), and the newly acquired land shall not be subject to this section.

(c) If the PILOT amount to be received by a municipality under 32 V.S.A. § 3708(c)(1), as of April 1, 2016, is:

(1) more than \$25,000 less than that municipality's PILOT payment in fiscal year 2016, the municipality will receive an additional payment of \$3,000 in fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021;

(2) between \$25,000 and \$20,000 less than that municipality's PILOT payment in fiscal year 2016, the municipality will receive an additional payment of \$2,500 in fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021;

(3) between \$19,999 and \$15,000 less than that municipality's PILOT payment in fiscal year 2016, the municipality will receive an additional payment of \$2,000 in fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021;

(4) between \$14,999 and \$10,000 less than that municipality's PILOT payment in fiscal year 2016, the municipality will receive an additional payment of \$1,500 in fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021;

(5) between \$9,999 and \$7,500 less than that municipality's PILOT payment in fiscal year 2016, the municipality will receive an additional payment of \$1,000 in fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021;

(6) between \$7,499 and \$5,000 less than that municipality's PILOT payment in fiscal year 2016, the municipality will receive an additional payment of \$500 in fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021;

(7) more than \$25,000 more than that municipality's PILOT payment in fiscal year 2016, the municipality will receive \$3,000 less in fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021;

(8) between \$24,999 and \$20,000 more than that municipality's PILOT payment in fiscal year 2016, the municipality will receive \$2,500 less in fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021;

(9) between \$19,999 and \$15,000 more than that municipality's PILOT payment in fiscal year 2016, the municipality will receive \$2,000 less in fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021;

(10) between \$14,999 and \$10,000 more than that municipality's PILOT payment in fiscal year 2016, the municipality will receive \$1,500 less in fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021;

(11) between \$9,999 and \$7,500 more than that municipality's PILOT payment in fiscal year 2016, the municipality will receive \$1,000 less in fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021;

(12) between \$7,499 and \$5,000 more than that municipality's PILOT payment in fiscal year 2016, the municipality will receive \$500 less in fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Sec. E.701.2 REPEAL

(a) 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.701.1 is repealed.

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 AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURES AT ELIZABETH MINE SUPERFUND SITE

(a) Notwithstanding the \$100,000 limitation on the expenditure of funds from the Environmental Contingency Fund established pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1283, the Secretary of Natural Resources may expend funds to accomplish activities authorized under 10 V.S.A. § 1283(b)(9) at the Elizabeth Mine Superfund Site.

Sec. E.709.1 AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE RELATED TO
PFOA DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATION

(a) Notwithstanding the \$100,000 limitation on the expenditure of funds from the Environmental Contingency Fund established pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1283, the Secretary of Natural Resources may expend funds to accomplish activities authorized under 10 V.S.A. § 1283(b) to address PFOA drinking water contamination.

Sec. E.709.2 24 V.S.A. § 4753(a) is amended to read:

(a) There is hereby established a series of special funds to be known as:

(5) The Vermont Drinking Water Planning Loan Fund which shall be used to provide loans to municipalities and privately owned, nonprofit community water systems, ~~with populations of less than 10,000,~~ for conducting feasibility studies and for the preparation of preliminary engineering planning studies and final engineering plans and specifications for improvements to public water systems in order to comply with State and federal standards and to protect public health. The Secretary may forgive up to \$50,000.00 of the unpaid balance of a loan made from the Vermont Drinking Water Planning Loan Fund to municipalities after project construction is substantially completed. The Secretary shall establish amounts, eligibility, policies, and procedures for loan forgiveness in the annual State Intended Use Plan (IUP) with public review and comment prior to finalization and submission to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Sec. E.712 AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURES; CONNECTICUT
RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

(a) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 1158, the Department of Environmental Conservation may make payment up to \$2,500 in any one year to the Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission for the purposes set forth in 10 V.S.A. § 1158.

* * * COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT * * *

Sec. E.800 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; BENNINGTON COUNTY

(a) The Secretary shall have flexibility in awarding a grant of \$25,000 to Bennington County for economic development and marketing efforts with the objective of providing maximum benefit to the region.

Sec. E.801 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. G.100(b), as amended by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. G.9, is amended to read:

(b) Sec. E.100.6 (wood products manufacture incentive) shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2014 and apply to tax years 2014, ~~and 2015,~~ and 2016.

Sec. E.804 Community development block grants

(a) Community Development Block Grants shall carry forward until expended.

Sec. E.807 VERMONT LIFE MAGAZINE DEFICIT AND OPERATIONAL REVIEW

(a) The Vermont Life Magazine Fund deficit was reported at \$2,840,146 in the June 30, 2015 Comprehensive Annual Report. The deficit is projected to grow during the 2016 and 2017 fiscal years. The Secretary of Administration and the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development shall submit a joint review of Vermont Life, which will include other operational models and a plan relative to the magazine's future which will address the growing shortfall of the enterprise.

(b) If the proposal envisions a continued operating deficit, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development shall propose a plan to eliminate the operating deficit within two fiscal years.

(c) The operating deficit plan and any proposals shall be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations as part of the fiscal year 2018 budget.

Sec. E.808 Vermont council on the arts

(a) Notwithstanding 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec. 23, the Department of Buildings and General Services may continue to charge the Vermont Council on the Arts a below market rent provided that the Council continues to receive a federal match for value between the rent charged and the market rate.

(b) This provision shall take effect on passage and continue through June 30, 2019.

* * * TRANSPORTATION * * *

Sec. E.909 Transportation – central garage

(a) Of this appropriation, \$7,390,351 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).

* * * EFFECTIVE DATES * * *

Sec. F.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. C.100 (technical correction, PSAP, transition funding), C.101 (VIT surplus property), C.102 (fiscal year 2016 budget adjustment, AHS Secretary's office), C.103 (fiscal year 2016 budget adjustment, AHS-Secretary's office-Global Commitment), C.104 (fiscal year 2016 budget adjustment, AHS function total), C.105 (fiscal year 2016 budget adjustment, Education-adjusted education payment), C.106 (fiscal year 2016 budget adjustment, General Education function total), C.107 (fiscal year 2016 budget adjustment, Transportation, maintenance state system), C.108 (fiscal year 2016 budget adjustment, AOT function total), C.109 (fiscal year 2016 budget adjustment, General Fund transfers), C.110 (fiscal year 2016 General Fund reversions), C.111 (fiscal year 2016 contingent General Fund appropriations), C.112 (contingent Transportation Fund appropriations), C.113 (VSAC, reallocation of funds authorization), E.100(c) (Secretary of State, conversion of limited service position), E.106, E.108, E.108.1, E.108.2, and E.108.3 (transfer for payroll duties from the Department of Finance and Management to the Department of Human Resources), E.126.1 (legislative dental coverage, buy in), E.141 (Lottery Commission rulemaking authority, lottery product sales locations), E.300.7 (Vermont Law School, legal clinic support), E.308.1 (Choices for Care waiver, home delivered meals), E.311 (Health Department rulemaking clarification), E.701.2 (Repeal of 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.701.1) E.709.1 (authorization for expenditure related to PFOA drinking water contamination), E.709.2 (removal of population cap on Vermont Drinking Water Planning Loan Fund), and E.808 (Vermont council on the arts) shall take effect on passage.

(b) Secs. E.126.3 (Speaker and President Pro Tempore compensation and expense reimbursement) and E.126.4 (General Assembly compensation and expense reimbursement) shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

(c) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2016.