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An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

(a) This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2016

Appropriations Act.

Sec. A.100.1 INTENT

(a) This fiscal year 2016 appropriations bill represents the beginning of a multiyear process to bend the trend of State spending and bring revenues and spending into a long-term balance. The fiscal year 2016 Appropriations Bill contains difficult choices; however, these types of decisions will continue to occur annually without a concerted effort to create a sustainable budget.

(b) It is the intent to move forward on the following goals:

(1) reduce the reliance on one-time funding for base budget needs;

(2) bend the rate of spending growth and bring the expenditure pressures in line with revenue growth to end the cycle of annual budget gaps;

(3) create an ongoing expectation that Administration and Legislative proposals for budget changes and new programs contain a multiyear analysis of what the changes will cost;

(4) move toward budgeting based on using less than 100 percent of forecasted revenue to build a reserve which can help offset the variability of

revenues that comes with a progressive tax system and the risk of reliance on federal funds; and

(5) explore moving to a two-year budgeting cycle where the interim year will be such as to allow time to be spent focusing on program performance, results-based analysis, and evidenced-based program evaluation.

Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

(a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of State government during fiscal year 2016. 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, 2015. Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2016 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 2016.

(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, 2016.

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 2016, 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 2016, federal funds available to the State of Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2015 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 2016 except for new positions authorized by the 2015 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).

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</u>
	<u>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</u>
	<u>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	3,054,675
Operating expenses	<u>132,239</u>
Total	3,186,914

Source of funds

General fund	1,371,774
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,815,140</u>
Total	3,186,914

Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance

Personal services	1,310,972
Operating expenses	<u>132,091</u>
Total	1,443,063

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,443,063</u>
Total	1,443,063

Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance

Personal services	1,218,587
Operating expenses	<u>282,937</u>

Total	1,501,524
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>1,501,524</u>
Total	1,501,524
Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
Personal services	243,597
Operating expenses	<u>63,231</u>
Total	306,828
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>306,828</u>
Total	306,828
Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
Personal services	13,677
Operating expenses	<u>19,263</u>
Total	32,940
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>32,940</u>
Total	32,940
Sec. B.104.1 Secretary of administration - VTHR operations	
Personal services	1,825,561
Operating expenses	<u>623,105</u>

Total	2,448,666
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>2,448,666</u>
Total	2,448,666
Sec. B.105 Information and innovation - communications and information technology	
Personal services	18,249,018
Operating expenses	<u>16,924,990</u>
Total	35,174,008
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>35,174,008</u>
Total	35,174,008
Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
Personal services	1,120,501
Operating expenses	<u>256,147</u>
Total	1,376,648
Source of funds	
General fund	1,109,412
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>267,236</u>
Total	1,376,648

Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations

Personal services	2,324,110
Operating expenses	<u>495,220</u>
Total	2,819,330

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>2,819,330</u>
Total	2,819,330

Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations

Personal services	7,205,166
Operating expenses	<u>1,074,570</u>
Total	8,279,736

Source of funds

General fund	1,863,255
Special funds	244,912
Internal service funds	5,634,261
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>537,308</u>
Total	8,279,736

Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness

Personal services	1,200,821
Operating expenses	<u>559,846</u>
Total	1,760,667

Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>1,760,667</u>
Total	1,760,667
Sec. B.110 Libraries	
Personal services	1,757,183
Operating expenses	1,658,074
Grants	<u>98,576</u>
Total	3,513,833
Source of funds	
General fund	2,275,682
Special funds	102,563
Federal funds	1,040,195
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>95,393</u>
Total	3,513,833
Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
Personal services	14,064,412
Operating expenses	<u>3,927,031</u>
Total	17,991,443
Source of funds	
General fund	16,477,989
Special funds	1,370,888

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>142,566</u>
Total	17,991,443
Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
Personal services	678,557
Operating expenses	<u>106,104</u>
Total	784,661
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>784,661</u>
Total	784,661
Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
Personal services	2,689,779
Operating expenses	<u>878,012</u>
Total	3,567,791
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,567,791</u>
Total	3,567,791
Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
Personal services	3,557,425
Operating expenses	1,208,041
Grants	<u>33,000</u>
Total	4,798,466

Source of funds	
General fund	680,248
Transportation fund	4,034,714
Special funds	<u>83,504</u>
Total	4,798,466
Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
Personal services	1,060,369
Operating expenses	<u>168,790</u>
Total	1,229,159
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,229,159</u>
Total	1,229,159
Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
Personal services	659,813
Operating expenses	<u>139,700</u>
Total	799,513
Source of funds	
General fund	83,221
Internal service funds	<u>716,292</u>
Total	799,513

Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center

Personal services	682,547
Operating expenses	<u>155,713</u>
Total	838,260

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>838,260</u>
Total	838,260

Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services

Personal services	811,437
Operating expenses	<u>185,822</u>
Total	997,259

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>997,259</u>
Total	997,259

Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property

Personal services	937
Operating expenses	<u>15,399</u>
Total	16,336

Source of funds

Enterprise funds	<u>16,336</u>
Total	16,336

Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property

Personal services	224,967
Operating expenses	<u>104,471</u>
Total	329,438

Source of funds

Internal service funds	305,454
Enterprise funds	<u>23,984</u>
Total	329,438

Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management

Personal services	1,010,552
Operating expenses	<u>1,175,607</u>
Total	2,186,159

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>2,186,159</u>
Total	2,186,159

Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space

Personal services	14,777,935
Operating expenses	<u>13,947,277</u>
Total	28,725,212

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>28,725,212</u>
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Total	28,725,212
Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
Personal services	1,599,215
Operating expenses	<u>473,014</u>
Total	2,072,229
Source of funds	
General fund	1,658,841
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>413,388</u>
Total	2,072,229
Sec. B.125 Legislative council	
Personal services	3,410,872
Operating expenses	<u>809,954</u>
Total	4,220,826
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>4,220,826</u>
Total	4,220,826
Sec. B.126 Legislature	
Personal services	3,725,991
Operating expenses	<u>3,435,835</u>
Total	7,161,826

Source of funds	
General fund	<u>7,161,826</u>
Total	7,161,826
Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
Personal services	1,508,581
Operating expenses	<u>112,793</u>
Total	1,621,374
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,621,374</u>
Total	1,621,374
Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
Personal services	565,389
Operating expenses	<u>71,767</u>
Total	637,156
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>637,156</u>
Total	637,156
Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
Personal services	155,084
Operating expenses	<u>30,380</u>
Total	185,464

Source of funds	
General fund	<u>185,464</u>
Total	185,464
Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
Personal services	3,523,421
Operating expenses	<u>159,831</u>
Total	3,683,252
Source of funds	
General fund	394,171
Special funds	53,145
Internal service funds	<u>3,235,936</u>
Total	3,683,252
Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
Personal services	3,194,143
Operating expenses	<u>250,778</u>
Total	3,444,921
Source of funds	
General fund	998,306
Special funds	2,338,561
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>108,054</u>
Total	3,444,921

Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property

Personal services	870,217
Operating expenses	<u>268,976</u>
Total	1,139,193

Source of funds

Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,139,193</u>
Total	1,139,193

Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system

Personal services	7,716,353
Operating expenses	<u>1,108,471</u>
Total	8,824,824

Source of funds

Pension trust funds	<u>8,824,824</u>
Total	8,824,824

Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system

Personal services	2,585,489
Operating expenses	<u>655,390</u>
Total	3,240,879

Source of funds

Pension trust funds	<u>3,240,879</u>
Total	3,240,879

Sec. B.135 State labor relations board

Personal services	197,431
Operating expenses	<u>43,972</u>
Total	241,403

Source of funds

General fund	231,827
Special funds	6,788
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
Total	241,403

Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board

Personal services	44,903
Operating expenses	<u>15,403</u>
Total	60,306

Source of funds

General fund	30,153
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>30,153</u>
Total	60,306

Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate

Grants	<u>18,200,000</u>
Total	18,200,000

Source of funds	
General fund	<u>18,200,000</u>
Total	18,200,000
Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
Grants	<u>9,700,000</u>
Total	9,700,000
Source of funds	
General fund	2,910,000
Education fund	<u>6,790,000</u>
Total	9,700,000
Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
Grants	<u>3,425,000</u>
Total	3,425,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>3,425,000</u>
Total	3,425,000
Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
Grants	<u>14,978,851</u>
Total	14,978,851
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>14,978,851</u>

Total	14,978,851
Sec. B.141 Lottery commission	
Personal services	1,882,272
Operating expenses	1,060,171
Grants	<u>150,000</u>
Total	3,092,443
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>3,092,443</u>
Total	3,092,443
Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
Grants	<u>6,400,000</u>
Total	6,400,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>6,400,000</u>
Total	6,400,000
Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier	
Grants	<u>184,000</u>
Total	184,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>184,000</u>
Total	184,000

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

Grants 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 78,319,535

Transportation fund 4,034,714

Special funds 10,824,361

Education fund 10,215,000

Federal funds 1,040,195

Internal service funds 86,682,796

Interdepartmental transfers 9,207,541

Enterprise funds 3,132,763

Pension trust funds 12,065,703

Private purpose trust funds 1,139,193

Total 216,661,801

Sec. B.200 Attorney general

Personal services 8,491,876

Operating expenses	<u>1,223,677</u>
Total	9,715,553
Source of funds	
General fund	4,232,072
Special funds	2,017,819
Tobacco fund	348,000
Federal funds	829,609
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,288,053</u>
Total	9,715,553
Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
Grants	<u>1,996,483</u>
Total	1,996,483
Source of funds	
General fund	1,396,486
Special funds	<u>599,997</u>
Total	1,996,483
Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
Personal services	9,875,845
Operating expenses	<u>1,027,999</u>
Total	10,903,844

Source of funds	
General fund	10,265,292
Special funds	<u>638,552</u>
Total	10,903,844
Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
Personal services	4,799,403
Operating expenses	<u>49,819</u>
Total	4,849,222
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>4,849,222</u>
Total	4,849,222
Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
Personal services	34,454,260
Operating expenses	8,683,467
Grants	<u>76,030</u>
Total	43,213,757
Source of funds	
General fund	37,707,850
Special funds	2,667,462
Tobacco fund	39,871
Federal funds	473,301

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,325,273</u>
Total	43,213,757
Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
Personal services	11,190,808
Operating expenses	<u>1,807,815</u>
Total	12,998,623
Source of funds	
General fund	10,328,495
Special funds	102,785
Federal funds	31,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,536,343</u>
Total	12,998,623
Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
Personal services	88,000
Grants	<u>1,590,000</u>
Total	1,678,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,678,000</u>
Total	1,678,000
Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
Personal services	3,827,009

Operating expenses	<u>445,493</u>
Total	4,272,502
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>4,272,502</u>
Total	4,272,502
Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
Personal services	2,495,022
Operating expenses	<u>2,669,588</u>
Total	5,164,610
Source of funds	
General fund	3,367,381
Federal funds	296,229
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,501,000</u>
Total	5,164,610
Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
Personal services	49,451,041
Operating expenses	8,542,245
Grants	<u>896,000</u>
Total	58,889,286
Source of funds	
General fund	29,298,898

Transportation fund	22,750,000
Special funds	2,965,856
Federal funds	2,294,098
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,580,434</u>
Total	58,889,286

Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services

Personal services	7,871,533
Operating expenses	<u>2,503,895</u>
Total	10,375,428

Source of funds

General fund	7,056,952
Special funds	1,719,236
Federal funds	1,240,065
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>359,175</u>
Total	10,375,428

Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management and homeland security

Personal services	3,935,145
Operating expenses	1,302,179
Grants	<u>14,754,210</u>
Total	19,991,534

Source of funds

General fund	621,885
Federal funds	19,189,575
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>180,074</u>
Total	19,991,534

Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety

Personal services	5,865,973
Operating expenses	2,071,159
Grants	<u>107,000</u>
Total	8,044,132

Source of funds

General fund	633,349
Special funds	7,028,803
Federal funds	356,980
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>25,000</u>
Total	8,044,132

Sec. B.214 Radiological emergency response plan

Personal services	352,238
Operating expenses	235,710
Grants	<u>1,051,195</u>
Total	1,639,143

Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>1,639,143</u>
Total	1,639,143
Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
Personal services	682,752
Operating expenses	<u>354,292</u>
Total	1,037,044
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,037,044</u>
Total	1,037,044
Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
Personal services	4,896,594
Operating expenses	<u>935,308</u>
Total	5,831,902
Source of funds	
General fund	471,320
Federal funds	<u>5,360,582</u>
Total	5,831,902
Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
Personal services	6,304,421
Operating expenses	<u>6,805,910</u>

Total	13,110,331
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>13,110,331</u>
Total	13,110,331
Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
Personal services	678,770
Operating expenses	<u>819,404</u>
Total	1,498,174
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,498,174</u>
Total	1,498,174
Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
Personal services	722,415
Operating expenses	184,693
Grants	<u>118,984</u>
Total	1,026,092
Source of funds	
General fund	796,084
Special funds	130,008
Federal funds	<u>100,000</u>
Total	1,026,092

Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services

Personal services	1,497,512
Operating expenses	253,927
Grants	<u>8,840,240</u>
Total	10,591,679

Source of funds

General fund	1,264,008
Special funds	4,914,287
Federal funds	<u>4,413,384</u>
Total	10,591,679

Sec. B.221 Criminal justice training council

Personal services	1,096,826
Operating expenses	<u>1,409,569</u>
Total	2,506,395

Source of funds

General fund	2,372,753
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>133,642</u>
Total	2,506,395

Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration

Personal services	1,324,661
Operating expenses	249,202

Grants	<u>94,722</u>
Total	1,668,585

Source of funds

General fund	849,681
Special funds	488,972
Federal funds	<u>329,932</u>
Total	1,668,585

Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer
protection

Personal services	3,586,427
Operating expenses	737,012
Grants	<u>2,600,000</u>
Total	6,923,439

Source of funds

General fund	2,696,919
Special funds	3,296,653
Federal funds	888,939
Global Commitment fund	34,006
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>6,922</u>
Total	6,923,439

Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development

Personal services	1,246,225
Operating expenses	690,516
Grants	<u>936,562</u>
Total	2,873,303
Source of funds	
General fund	1,743,909
Special funds	609,016
Federal funds	478,711
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>41,667</u>
Total	2,873,303

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

Personal services	3,279,314
Operating expenses	681,603
Grants	<u>1,203,080</u>
Total	5,163,997
Source of funds	
General fund	2,014,510
Special funds	1,793,932
Federal funds	1,071,852

Global Commitment fund	56,272
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>227,431</u>
Total	5,163,997

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

Personal services	1,298,702
Operating expenses	<u>508,830</u>
Total	1,807,532

Source of funds

General fund	776,525
Special funds	<u>1,031,007</u>
Total	1,807,532

Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration

Personal services	1,915,204
Operating expenses	<u>169,190</u>
Total	2,084,394

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>2,084,394</u>
Total	2,084,394

Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking

Personal services	1,617,418
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Operating expenses	<u>309,540</u>
Total	1,926,958
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>1,926,958</u>
Total	1,926,958
Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
Personal services	5,058,364
Operating expenses	<u>503,064</u>
Total	5,561,428
Source of funds	
Special funds	5,383,512
Federal funds	110,716
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>67,200</u>
Total	5,561,428
Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
Personal services	3,893,968
Operating expenses	<u>485,238</u>
Total	4,379,206
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>4,379,206</u>
Total	4,379,206

Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities

Personal services	768,759
Operating expenses	<u>176,701</u>
Total	945,460

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>945,460</u>
Total	945,460

Sec. B.232 Secretary of state

Personal services	7,843,350
Operating expenses	<u>2,158,749</u>
Total	10,002,099

Source of funds

Special funds	8,994,697
Federal funds	932,402
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
Total	10,002,099

Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy

Personal services	10,430,192
Operating expenses	2,047,077
Grants	<u>3,791,667</u>
Total	16,268,936

Source of funds	
Special funds	14,964,433
Federal funds	1,002,268
ARRA funds	238,000
Interdepartmental transfers	41,667
Enterprise funds	<u>22,568</u>
Total	16,268,936
Sec. B.234 Public service board	
Personal services	3,027,893
Operating expenses	<u>452,288</u>
Total	3,480,181
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>3,480,181</u>
Total	3,480,181
Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
Personal services	3,511,243
Operating expenses	283,587
Grants	<u>810,000</u>
Total	4,604,830
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>4,604,830</u>

Total	4,604,830
Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
Personal services	441,968
Operating expenses	<u>74,904</u>
Total	516,872
Source of funds	
General fund	450,152
Federal funds	<u>66,720</u>
Total	516,872
Sec. B.237 Liquor control - administration	
Personal services	3,529,058
Operating expenses	<u>497,522</u>
Total	4,026,580
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>4,026,580</u>
Total	4,026,580
Sec. B.238 Liquor control - enforcement and licensing	
Personal services	2,461,479
Operating expenses	<u>520,453</u>
Total	2,981,932

Source of funds

Special funds	154,500
Tobacco fund	218,444
Federal funds	254,841
Interdepartmental transfers	46,000
Enterprise funds	<u>2,308,147</u>
Total	2,981,932

Sec. B.239 Liquor control - warehousing and distribution

Personal services	1,041,590
Operating expenses	<u>457,706</u>
Total	1,499,296

Source of funds

Enterprise funds	<u>1,499,296</u>
Total	1,499,296

Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

General fund	131,679,463
Transportation fund	22,750,000
Special funds	78,561,699
Tobacco fund	606,315
Federal funds	52,831,535

ARRA funds	238,000
Global Commitment fund	90,278
Interdepartmental transfers	11,434,881
Enterprise funds	<u>7,856,591</u>
Total	306,048,762

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

Personal services	16,664,613
Operating expenses	3,866,535
Grants	<u>3,179,454</u>
Total	23,710,602

Source of funds

General fund	6,035,747
Special funds	91,017
Tobacco fund	25,000
Federal funds	12,396,153
Global Commitment fund	499,667
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,663,018</u>
Total	23,710,602

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

Operating expenses	8,041,736
Grants	<u>1,373,257,914</u>

Total	1,381,299,650
Source of funds	
General fund	210,670,951
Special funds	26,550,179
Tobacco fund	28,747,141
State health care resources fund	270,712,781
Federal funds	844,578,598
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>40,000</u>
Total	1,381,299,650
Sec. B.302 Rate setting	
Personal services	898,044
Operating expenses	<u>98,596</u>
Total	996,640
Source of funds	
Global Commitment fund	<u>996,640</u>
Total	996,640
Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
Personal services	246,454
Operating expenses	67,012
Grants	<u>248,388</u>
Total	561,854

Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>561,854</u>
Total	561,854
Sec. B.304 Human services board	
Personal services	693,325
Operating expenses	<u>89,986</u>
Total	783,311
Source of funds	
General fund	223,361
Federal funds	262,858
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>297,092</u>
Total	783,311
Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
Personal services	350,000
Operating expenses	<u>4,650,000</u>
Total	5,000,000
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,000,000</u>
Total	5,000,000
Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
Personal services	159,623,571

Operating expenses	4,538,736
Grants	<u>18,136,469</u>
Total	182,298,776

Source of funds

General fund	1,447,997
Special funds	797,332
Federal funds	84,243,588
Global Commitment fund	86,608,315
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>9,201,544</u>
Total	182,298,776

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

Grants	<u>657,725,183</u>
Total	657,725,183

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	<u>657,725,183</u>
Total	657,725,183

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

Grants	<u>210,124,188</u>
Total	210,124,188

Source of funds

General fund	94,492,829
Federal funds	<u>115,631,359</u>
Total	210,124,188

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

Grants	<u>39,415,040</u>
Total	39,415,040

Source of funds

General fund	31,425,153
Global Commitment fund	<u>7,989,887</u>
Total	39,415,040

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

Grants	<u>45,030,389</u>
Total	45,030,389

Source of funds

General fund	18,868,848
Federal funds	<u>26,161,541</u>
Total	45,030,389

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services	7,070,805
Operating expenses	3,280,471
Grants	<u>2,595,000</u>
Total	12,946,276

Source of funds

General fund	2,579,027
Special funds	1,022,719
Federal funds	5,668,282
Global Commitment fund	<u>3,676,248</u>
Total	12,946,276

Sec. B.312 Health - public health

Personal services	37,391,426
Operating expenses	8,229,404
Grants	<u>39,972,373</u>
Total	85,593,203

Source of funds

General fund	8,544,109
Special funds	16,854,895
Tobacco fund	2,461,377
Federal funds	38,184,687

Global Commitment fund	18,401,274
Interdepartmental transfers	1,121,861
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
Total	85,593,203

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

Personal services	3,995,245
Operating expenses	392,203
Grants	<u>43,932,842</u>
Total	48,320,290

Source of funds

General fund	2,873,238
Special funds	442,829
Tobacco fund	1,386,234
Federal funds	9,865,175
Global Commitment fund	<u>33,752,814</u>
Total	48,320,290

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services	28,575,903
Operating expenses	3,927,176
Grants	<u>188,266,046</u>
Total	220,769,125

Source of funds	
General fund	1,703,391
Special funds	434,904
Federal funds	4,881,255
Global Commitment fund	213,729,575
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>20,000</u>
Total	220,769,125

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

Personal services	45,539,991
Operating expenses	10,743,788
Grants	<u>1,342,998</u>
Total	57,526,777

Source of funds	
General fund	21,705,290
Special funds	638,986
Federal funds	21,060,049
Global Commitment fund	13,456,637
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>665,815</u>
Total	57,526,777

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

Personal services	27,279,227
Operating expenses	4,144,297
Grants	<u>68,190,537</u>
Total	99,614,061
Source of funds	
General fund	29,164,732
Special funds	1,691,637
Federal funds	23,442,723
Global Commitment fund	45,178,915
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>136,054</u>
Total	99,614,061

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

Personal services	6,160,505
Operating expenses	712,850
Grants	<u>74,243,412</u>
Total	81,116,767
Source of funds	
General fund	29,743,122
Special funds	1,820,000
Federal funds	38,248,914

Global Commitment fund	<u>11,304,731</u>
Total	81,116,767

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

Personal services	10,216,130
Operating expenses	<u>3,515,641</u>
Total	13,731,771

Source of funds

General fund	3,430,564
Special funds	455,718
Federal funds	9,457,889
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
Total	13,731,771

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

Personal services	2,221,542
Grants	<u>11,217,094</u>
Total	13,438,636

Source of funds

General fund	9,688,636
Global Commitment fund	<u>3,750,000</u>
Total	13,438,636

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

Grants	<u>6,087,010</u>
Total	6,087,010
Source of funds	
General fund	4,680,025
Federal funds	1,111,320
Global Commitment fund	<u>295,665</u>
Total	6,087,010

Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT

Grants	<u>28,217,770</u>
Total	28,217,770
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>28,217,770</u>
Total	28,217,770

Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up

Operating expenses	86,891
Grants	<u>42,534,036</u>
Total	42,620,927
Source of funds	
General fund	12,308,629
Special funds	23,401,676

Federal funds	4,152,222
Global Commitment fund	<u>2,758,400</u>
Total	42,620,927

Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel
assistance/LIHEAP

Grants	<u>17,351,664</u>
Total	17,351,664

Source of funds

Federal funds	<u>17,351,664</u>
Total	17,351,664

Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic
opportunity

Personal services	285,158
Operating expenses	28,069
Grants	<u>8,605,335</u>
Total	8,918,562

Source of funds

General fund	4,729,667
Special funds	57,990
Federal funds	3,928,417
Global Commitment fund	<u>202,488</u>

Total	8,918,562
Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization assistance	
Personal services	404,273
Operating expenses	53,717
Grants	<u>8,649,961</u>
Total	9,107,951
Source of funds	
Special funds	8,107,951
Federal funds	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total	9,107,951
Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - Woodside rehabilitation center	
Personal services	4,143,010
Operating expenses	<u>656,181</u>
Total	4,799,191
Source of funds	
General fund	913,411
Global Commitment fund	3,788,780
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>97,000</u>
Total	4,799,191

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

Personal services	5,691,593
Operating expenses	<u>524,133</u>
Total	6,215,726

Source of funds

Federal funds	5,959,659
Global Commitment fund	<u>256,067</u>
Total	6,215,726

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

Personal services	29,024,981
Operating expenses	<u>4,985,917</u>
Total	34,010,898

Source of funds

General fund	11,213,165
Special funds	1,390,457
Federal funds	12,992,255
Global Commitment fund	5,740,234
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,674,787</u>
Total	34,010,898

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

Grants	<u>20,560,309</u>
Total	20,560,309

Source of funds

General fund	7,862,665
Federal funds	6,992,730
Global Commitment fund	5,534,924
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>169,990</u>
Total	20,560,309

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

Grants	<u>1,411,457</u>
Total	1,411,457

Source of funds

General fund	349,154
Special funds	223,450
Federal funds	593,853
Global Commitment fund	<u>245,000</u>
Total	1,411,457

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

Grants	<u>8,972,255</u>
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	<u>2,970,387</u>
Total	8,972,255

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

Grants	<u>185,990,025</u>
Total	185,990,025
Source of funds	
General fund	155,125
Special funds	15,463
Federal funds	359,857
Global Commitment fund	<u>185,459,580</u>
Total	185,990,025

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

Grants	<u>5,647,336</u>
Total	5,647,336

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	<u>5,647,336</u>
Total	5,647,336

Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration

Personal services	2,335,909
Operating expenses	<u>218,683</u>
Total	2,554,592

Source of funds

General fund	<u>2,554,592</u>
Total	2,554,592

Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board

Personal services	241,447
Operating expenses	<u>80,783</u>
Total	322,230

Source of funds

General fund	<u>322,230</u>
Total	322,230

Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education

Personal services	3,252,135
Operating expenses	<u>530,774</u>
Total	3,782,909

Source of funds

Education fund	3,554,425
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>228,484</u>
Total	3,782,909

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

Personal services	109,869,570
Operating expenses	21,691,183
Grants	<u>9,822,638</u>
Total	141,383,391

Source of funds

General fund	134,508,672
Special funds	483,963
Federal funds	470,962
Global Commitment fund	5,523,479
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
Total	141,383,391

Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services - out of state beds

Personal services 8,009,061

Total 8,009,061

Source of funds

General fund 8,009,061

Total 8,009,061

Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation

Personal services 541,428

Operating expenses 345,501

Total 886,929

Source of funds

Special funds 886,929

Total 886,929

Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program

Personal services 1,267,964

Operating expenses 548,231

Total 1,816,195

Source of funds

Internal service funds 1,816,195

Total 1,816,195

Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services

Personal services	16,173,696
Operating expenses	<u>4,852,498</u>
Total	21,026,194

Source of funds

General fund	4,482,923
Special funds	8,732,204
Federal funds	7,400,081
Global Commitment fund	<u>410,986</u>
Total	21,026,194

Sec. B.343 Commission on women

Personal services	273,960
Operating expenses	<u>82,404</u>
Total	356,364

Source of funds

General fund	351,364
Special funds	<u>5,000</u>
Total	356,364

Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program

Grants	<u>151,096</u>
Total	151,096

Source of funds

General fund	<u>151,096</u>
Total	151,096

Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board

Personal services	8,508,778
Operating expenses	<u>637,600</u>
Total	9,146,378

Source of funds

General fund	921,851
Special funds	1,412,836
Federal funds	928,466
Global Commitment fund	3,154,685
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,728,540</u>
Total	9,146,378

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund	667,482,470
Special funds	95,668,135
Tobacco fund	32,619,752
State health care resources fund	270,712,781
Education fund	3,554,425

Federal funds	1,330,656,704
Global Commitment fund	1,316,095,010
Internal service funds	1,816,195
Interdepartmental transfers	30,798,487
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
Total	3,749,428,959

Sec. B.400 Labor - programs

Personal services	26,785,755
Operating expenses	7,609,922
Grants	<u>330,482</u>
Total	34,726,159

Source of funds

General fund	3,264,327
Special funds	3,363,869
Federal funds	26,941,460
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,156,503</u>
Total	34,726,159

Sec. B.401 Total labor

Source of funds

General fund	3,264,327
Special funds	3,363,869

Federal funds	26,941,460
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,156,503</u>
Total	34,726,159
Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
Personal services	8,452,624
Operating expenses	2,409,879
Grants	<u>15,811,200</u>
Total	26,673,703
Source of funds	
General fund	3,338,940
Special funds	16,656,256
Education fund	962,145
Federal funds	4,778,175
Global Commitment fund	<u>938,187</u>
Total	26,673,703
Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
Personal services	16,454,867
Operating expenses	1,382,706
Grants	<u>114,274,730</u>
Total	132,112,303

Source of funds	
General fund	5,415,726
Special funds	2,425,480
Federal funds	123,005,164
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,265,933</u>
Total	132,112,303
Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
Grants	<u>179,823,434</u>
Total	179,823,434
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>179,823,434</u>
Total	179,823,434
Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
Grants	<u>16,400,000</u>
Total	16,400,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>16,400,000</u>
Total	16,400,000
Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
Grants	<u>7,101,468</u>
Total	7,101,468

Source of funds	
General fund	787,995
Education fund	5,550,000
Federal funds	<u>763,473</u>
Total	7,101,468
Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
Grants	<u>1,290,500,000</u>
Total	1,290,500,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>1,290,500,000</u>
Total	1,290,500,000
Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
Grants	<u>17,734,913</u>
Total	17,734,913
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>17,734,913</u>
Total	17,734,913
Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants	
Grants	<u>7,615,000</u>
Total	7,615,000

Source of funds

Education fund 7,615,000

Total 7,615,000

Sec. B.508 Education - capital debt service aid

Grants 122,000

Total 122,000

Source of funds

Education fund 122,000

Total 122,000

Sec. B.509 Education - tobacco litigation

Personal services 101,707

Operating expenses 29,115

Grants 635,719

Total 766,541

Source of funds

Tobacco fund 766,541

Total 766,541

Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant

Grants 6,356,188

Total 6,356,188

Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>6,356,188</u>
Total	6,356,188
Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
Grants	<u>13,331,162</u>
Total	13,331,162
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>13,331,162</u>
Total	13,331,162
Sec. B.512 Education - Act 117 cost containment	
Personal services	1,086,783
Operating expenses	148,207
Grants	<u>91,000</u>
Total	1,325,990
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>1,325,990</u>
Total	1,325,990
Sec. B.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund	
Grants	<u>303,343,381</u>
Total	303,343,381

Source of funds	
General fund	<u>303,343,381</u>
Total	303,343,381
Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
Grants	<u>73,102,909</u>
Total	73,102,909
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>73,102,909</u>
Total	73,102,909
Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	
Personal services	7,978,983
Operating expenses	<u>1,325,835</u>
Total	9,304,818
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	<u>9,304,818</u>
Total	9,304,818
Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
Grants	<u>15,576,468</u>
Total	15,576,468
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>15,576,468</u>

Total	15,576,468
Sec. B.516 Total general education	
Source of funds	
General fund	401,565,419
Special funds	20,407,726
Tobacco fund	766,541
Education fund	1,543,469,548
Federal funds	128,546,812
Global Commitment fund	938,187
Interdepartmental transfers	1,265,933
Pension trust funds	<u>9,304,818</u>
Total	2,106,264,984
Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
Grants	<u>42,509,093</u>
Total	42,509,093
Source of funds	
General fund	38,462,876
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,046,217</u>
Total	42,509,093
Sec. B.601 Vermont Public Television	
Grants	<u>271,103</u>

Total	271,103
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>271,103</u>
Total	271,103
Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
Grants	<u>24,300,464</u>
Total	24,300,464
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>24,300,464</u>
Total	24,300,464
Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
Grants	<u>1,520,775</u>
Total	1,520,775
Source of funds	
General fund	748,314
Global Commitment fund	<u>772,461</u>
Total	1,520,775
Sec. B.604 Vermont interactive technology	
Grants	<u>500</u>
Total	500

Source of funds

General fund	<u>500</u>
Total	500

Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

Grants	<u>19,414,588</u>
Total	19,414,588

Source of funds

General fund	<u>19,414,588</u>
Total	19,414,588

Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact

Grants	<u>84,000</u>
Total	84,000

Source of funds

General fund	<u>84,000</u>
Total	84,000

Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm

Grants	<u>1</u>
Total	1

Source of funds

General fund	<u>1</u>
Total	1

Sec. B.608 Total higher education

Source of funds

General fund	83,281,846
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,818,678</u>
Total	88,100,524

Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration

Personal services	3,450,486
Operating expenses	2,144,118
Grants	<u>125,510</u>
Total	5,720,114

Source of funds

General fund	4,701,176
Special funds	491,800
Federal funds	270,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>257,138</u>
Total	5,720,114

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

Operating expenses	<u>2,285,299</u>
Total	2,285,299

Source of funds

General fund	1,863,799
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Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
Total	2,285,299
Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
Personal services	16,199,539
Operating expenses	5,399,047
Grants	<u>2,145,000</u>
Total	23,743,586
Source of funds	
General fund	5,162,155
Special funds	100,000
Fish and wildlife fund	9,291,075
Federal funds	8,991,856
Interdepartmental transfers	197,500
Permanent trust funds	<u>1,000</u>
Total	23,743,586
Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
Personal services	1,090,003
Operating expenses	663,990
Grants	<u>1,822,730</u>
Total	3,576,723

Source of funds	
General fund	1,099,310
Special funds	1,307,878
Federal funds	<u>1,169,535</u>
Total	3,576,723
Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
Personal services	5,230,313
Operating expenses	685,288
Grants	<u>500,700</u>
Total	6,416,301
Source of funds	
General fund	3,848,398
Special funds	1,130,403
Federal funds	1,300,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>137,500</u>
Total	6,416,301
Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
Personal services	6,845,755
Operating expenses	<u>2,622,212</u>
Total	9,467,967

Source of funds	
General fund	637,328
Special funds	<u>8,830,639</u>
Total	9,467,967

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

Personal services	508,184
Operating expenses	<u>1,195,754</u>
Total	1,703,938

Source of funds	
General fund	437,559
Special funds	197,629
Federal funds	1,050,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>18,750</u>
Total	1,703,938

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

Grants	<u>520,689</u>
Total	520,689

Source of funds	
General fund	48,307
Special funds	188,382
Federal funds	94,000

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>190,000</u>
Total	520,689

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

Personal services	94,000
Operating expenses	<u>85,925</u>
Total	179,925

Source of funds

General fund	<u>179,925</u>
Total	179,925

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

Personal services	5,608,526
Operating expenses	790,399
Grants	<u>111,280</u>
Total	6,510,205

Source of funds

General fund	354,188
Special funds	445,630
Federal funds	1,110,742
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,599,645</u>
Total	6,510,205

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

Personal services	10,423,688
Operating expenses	8,315,978
Grants	<u>2,044,754</u>
Total	20,784,420
Source of funds	
General fund	442,163
Special funds	16,555,651
Federal funds	3,634,737
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>151,869</u>
Total	20,784,420

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

Personal services	16,578,032
Operating expenses	4,911,506
Grants	<u>1,672,015</u>
Total	23,161,553
Source of funds	
General fund	8,240,152
Special funds	6,864,180
Federal funds	6,722,123
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,335,098</u>

Total	23,161,553
Sec. B.712 Environmental conservation - tax-loss Connecticut river flood control	
Operating expenses	<u>34,700</u>
Total	34,700
Source of funds	
General fund	3,470
Special funds	<u>31,230</u>
Total	34,700
Sec. B.713 Natural resources board	
Personal services	2,733,698
Operating expenses	<u>236,618</u>
Total	2,970,316
Source of funds	
General fund	639,419
Special funds	<u>2,330,897</u>
Total	2,970,316
Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
Source of funds	
General fund	27,627,349
Special funds	38,474,319

Fish and wildlife fund	9,321,075
Federal funds	24,342,993
Interdepartmental transfers	7,309,000
Permanent trust funds	<u>1,000</u>
Total	107,075,736

Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce
and community development - administration

Personal services	2,794,805
Operating expenses	813,675
Grants	<u>4,322,627</u>
Total	7,931,107

Source of funds

General fund	3,391,307
Special funds	3,569,800
Federal funds	800,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>170,000</u>
Total	7,931,107

Sec. B.801 Economic development

Personal services	3,293,135
Operating expenses	1,016,566
Grants	<u>1,921,821</u>

Total	6,231,522
Source of funds	
General fund	4,563,634
Special funds	929,650
Federal funds	<u>738,238</u>
Total	6,231,522
Sec. B.802 Housing & community development	
Personal services	6,938,851
Operating expenses	892,571
Grants	<u>1,441,987</u>
Total	9,273,409
Source of funds	
General fund	2,536,040
Special funds	4,530,732
Federal funds	2,064,555
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>142,082</u>
Total	9,273,409
Sec. B.804 Community development block grants	
Grants	<u>6,174,938</u>
Total	6,174,938

Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>6,174,938</u>
Total	6,174,938
Sec. B.805 Downtown transportation and capital improvement fund	
Personal services	88,815
Grants	<u>335,151</u>
Total	423,966
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>423,966</u>
Total	423,966
Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
Personal services	1,220,033
Operating expenses	1,841,289
Grants	<u>147,530</u>
Total	3,208,852
Source of funds	
General fund	3,108,852
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
Total	3,208,852
Sec. B.807 Vermont life	
Personal services	806,790

Operating expenses	<u>61,990</u>
Total	868,780
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>868,780</u>
Total	868,780
Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
Grants	<u>645,307</u>
Total	645,307
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>645,307</u>
Total	645,307
Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
Grants	<u>141,214</u>
Total	141,214
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>141,214</u>
Total	141,214
Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
Grants	<u>947,620</u>
Total	947,620

Source of funds

General fund 947,620

Total 947,620

Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board

Grants 21,785,605

Total 21,785,605

Source of funds

Special funds 10,532,396

Federal funds 11,253,209

Total 21,785,605

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 15,551,933

Special funds 19,986,544

Federal funds 21,030,940

Interdepartmental transfers	412,082
Enterprise funds	<u>868,780</u>
Total	57,850,279
Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
Personal services	11,125,599
Operating expenses	2,359,830
Grants	<u>245,000</u>
Total	13,730,429
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	12,690,489
Federal funds	<u>1,039,940</u>
Total	13,730,429
Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
Personal services	2,669,668
Operating expenses	11,883,200
Grants	<u>204,000</u>
Total	14,756,868
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	4,667,668
Federal funds	9,954,000
Local match	<u>135,200</u>

Total	14,756,868
Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
Operating expenses	<u>2,000,000</u>
Total	2,000,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>2,000,000</u>
Total	2,000,000
Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
Personal services	45,225,656
Operating expenses	198,678,472
Grants	<u>35,813,117</u>
Total	279,717,245
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	37,861,065
TIB fund	11,033,002
Federal funds	229,708,772
Local match	<u>1,114,406</u>
Total	279,717,245
Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
Operating expenses	<u>625,000</u>
Total	625,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund	62,500
Federal funds	<u>562,500</u>
Total	625,000

Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system

Personal services	43,784,445
Operating expenses	43,190,139
Grants	<u>95,000</u>
Total	87,069,584

Source of funds

Transportation fund	82,469,447
Federal funds	4,500,137
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
Total	87,069,584

Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning

Personal services	3,209,333
Operating expenses	685,773
Grants	<u>6,112,542</u>
Total	10,007,648

Source of funds

Transportation fund	2,065,384
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Federal funds	<u>7,942,264</u>
Total	10,007,648
Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
Personal services	4,746,680
Operating expenses	30,032,151
Grants	<u>370,000</u>
Total	35,148,831
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	15,414,997
TIB fund	564,364
Federal funds	<u>19,169,470</u>
Total	35,148,831
Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
Personal services	1,100,718
Operating expenses	187,326
Grants	<u>25,833,991</u>
Total	27,122,035
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	7,669,114
Federal funds	<u>19,452,921</u>
Total	27,122,035

Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage

Personal services	4,508,403
Operating expenses	<u>15,801,157</u>
Total	20,309,560

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>20,309,560</u>
Total	20,309,560

Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles

Personal services	17,566,584
Operating expenses	<u>9,426,323</u>
Total	26,992,907

Source of funds

Transportation fund	25,303,741
Federal funds	<u>1,689,166</u>
Total	26,992,907

Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures

Grants	<u>9,483,500</u>
Total	9,483,500

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>9,483,500</u>
Total	9,483,500

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 4,250,000

Operating expenses 18,681,001

Grants 25,000

Total 22,956,001

Source of funds

Transportation fund 1,058,925

TIB fund 1,901,221

Federal funds	18,671,176
Local match	<u>1,324,679</u>
Total	22,956,001
Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
Grants	<u>25,982,744</u>
Total	25,982,744
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>25,982,744</u>
Total	25,982,744
Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
Grants	<u>128,750</u>
Total	128,750
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
Total	128,750
Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
Total	1,150,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
Total	1,150,000

Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters

Grants	<u>1,440,000</u>
Total	1,440,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	160,000
Federal funds	<u>1,280,000</u>
Total	1,440,000

Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation grant program

Grants	<u>650,000</u>
Total	650,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	440,000
Federal funds	180,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>30,000</u>
Total	650,000

Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program

Grants	<u>33,865,000</u>
Total	33,865,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	1,965,000
Federal funds	<u>31,900,000</u>

Total	33,865,000
Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
Personal services	193,548
Operating expenses	<u>30,886</u>
Total	224,434
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>224,434</u>
Total	224,434
Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	236,321,208
TIB fund	13,498,587
Special funds	1,965,000
Federal funds	346,205,346
Internal service funds	20,309,560
Interdepartmental transfers	130,000
Local match	<u>2,574,285</u>
Total	621,003,986
Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
Operating expenses	<u>73,569,975</u>
Total	73,569,975

Source of funds	
General fund	67,337,515
Transportation fund	1,946,969
TIB debt service fund	2,504,913
Special funds	628,420
ARRA funds	<u>1,152,158</u>
Total	73,569,975

Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

Source of funds	
General fund	67,337,515
Transportation fund	1,946,969
TIB debt service fund	2,504,913
Special funds	628,420
ARRA funds	<u>1,152,158</u>
Total	73,569,975

Sec. B.1100 NEXT GENERATION; APPROPRIATIONS AND
TRANSFERS

(a) In fiscal year 2016, \$2,943,000 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 \$1,502,500 as follows:

(A) Workforce Education and Training Fund (WETF). The amount of \$942,500 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 Career Internship Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 544.

(B) Adult Technical Education Programs. The amount of \$360,000 is appropriated to the Department of Labor 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 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 \$171,000 as follows:

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

(B) Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) incentive. The amount of \$141,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for an incentive payment pursuant to 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 6.

(3) Scholarships and grants. The amount of \$1,269,600 as follows:

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

(B) National Guard Educational Assistance. The amount of \$150,000 is appropriated to Military – administration to be transferred to the

Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational Assistance Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856.

(C) Dual enrollment programs. The amount of \$625,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges for dual enrollment programs consistent with 16 V.S.A. § 944, of which amount \$25,000 is transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation pursuant to Sec. E.605.1 of this act. The State Colleges shall develop a voucher program that will allow Vermont students to attend programs at a postsecondary institution other than the State College system when the student will be better served at a non-State college or when available programs are not geographically suited to student need.

Sec. B.1100.1 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECOMMENDATION FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2017 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, 2015 how \$3,293,000 from the Next Generation Fund should be allocated or appropriated in fiscal year 2017 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.1101 VERMONT VETERANS' HOME; TRANSITION FUNDING

(a) In fiscal year 2016, \$1,000,000 of general funds is appropriated to the Vermont Veterans' Home. The funds are intended to provide one-year bridge funding for the Vermont Veterans' Home as the home implements changes to meet the goal achieving self-sustaining fiscal operations and requiring no additional State support by 2018.

Sec. B.1102 SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR TAX COMPUTER
SYSTEMS

(a) The amount of \$15,500,000 is appropriated from the Tax Computer System Modernization Special Fund established pursuant to 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 282, as amended by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 63, Sec. C.103 and 2013 Acts and Resolves No.1, Sec. 65, and as further amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 95, Sec. 62. This appropriation shall carry forward through fiscal year 2024. The Commissioner of Finance and Management may anticipate receipts in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 588(4)(C).

Sec. B.1103 FISCAL YEAR 2016 STATEWIDE OPERATIONAL
REDUCTIONS

(a) Information Technology Charges: In fiscal year 2016 the Secretary of Administration shall reduce the general funds appropriated to the agencies and branches of State government by a total amount of \$400,000. This reduction reflects reductions in the internal services charged to agencies as a result of actions taken in the Department of Information and Innovation to provide general services or specific projects in a more cost-effective manner to its State government customers.

(b) Human Resources: In fiscal year 2016 the Secretary of Administration shall reduce the general funds appropriated to the agencies and branches of State government by a total amount of \$44,000. This reduction reflects the reduction in human resources internal services charged to agencies specifically related to maintaining the supervisory training unit at fiscal year 2015 staffing levels and postponing full implementation of this new initiative.

(c) Building and General Services: In fiscal year 2016 the Secretary of Administration shall reduce the general funds appropriated to the agencies and branches of State government by a total amount of \$470,000 from the internal services charged by the Department of Buildings and General Services programs as follows:

(1) Facilities operations efficient use of space \$300,000 of which \$120,000 is general fund: The Commissioner is authorized to undertake consolidations of owned or leased space, and the divestiture of State-owned lands or buildings not currently used and not slated for reuse. In fiscal year 2016, proceeds from the divestiture of State-owned real property made as a result of this section shall be reserved for future expenses identified within an overall State space/facilities strategic plan that aligns future space operating costs with a sustainable budget.

(2) Energy efficiency: Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law or Public Service Board order, monies raised by the energy efficiency charge under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d) applicable to multiple utility service territories shall be used by Efficiency Vermont to deliver energy efficiency measures and services to State buildings and facilities that, during fiscal year 2016, will reduce the State's energy costs by an amount not less than \$250,000 of which \$100,000 is general fund.

(3) Fleet \$625,000 of which \$250,000 is general fund: From more efficient management of the assets of the fleet program which may include longer life cycles for the assets, a lower cost basis for newly acquired assets, and management control of travel resulting in reduced mileage reimbursement.

Sec. B.1104 SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION; FISCAL YEAR 2016

PERSONNEL AND LABOR COST SAVINGS

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall reduce appropriations and make transfers to the General Fund for a total of \$5,000,000 from agreed-upon personnel or labor cost savings.

Sec. B.1105 2014 Acts and Resolves No.160, Sec. 9 is amended to read:

Sec. 9. PAY ACT APPROPRIATIONS

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(a)(2)(A) General Fund. The amount of ~~\$8,480,001.00~~ \$3,454,510.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to departments to fund the fiscal year 2016 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.

(B) Transportation Fund. The amount of ~~\$2,000,000.00~~ \$1,000,00.00 is appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to the Agency of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety to fund the fiscal year 2016 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.

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(b)(2)(B) Fiscal Year 2016. The amount of ~~\$1,044,585.00~~ \$425,369.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal year 2015 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.

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(c)(2) Fiscal Year 2016. The amount of ~~\$283,000.00~~ \$115,286.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Branch.

Sec. B.1106 FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERSONNEL AND LABOR COST

SAVINGS; RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) For purposes of carrying out the personnel and labor cost reductions provided for in sections B.1104 and B.1105 of this act as it relates to the Executive Branch of State government, the General Assembly encourages the Administration to do the following:

(1) target positions for layoff that are distributed proportionally across management, supervisory, and line positions and across exempt and classified positions in any reduction in force;

(2) provide limited or no salary increases to higher wage exempt employees;

(3) reduce the amount of employee travel and encourage telephone and video conferencing whenever possible;

(4) reduce the amount of overtime that State employees are permitted to work;

(5) reduce bottled water allowances for State agencies and departments and encourage the replacement of bottled water with water bottle filling stations located at drinking fountains; and

(6) identify opportunities to reduce personnel costs through increasing or decreasing the number of State employees or the use of outsourcing.

Sec. B.1107 COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN RESOURCES; REPORT:

STATE EMPLOYEE POSITION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

(a) On or before January 15, 2016, the Commissioner of Human Resources shall report to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations regarding recommended changes to the position classification system applicable to State employees and the rules governing such system as prescribed by 3 V.S.A. § 310. In addition to any analysis the Commissioner deems relevant, the Commissioner will address the following:

(1) Whether the current position classification system, which is based upon a point factor comparison method of job evaluation, effectively serves the needs of State government.

(2) Alternatives to the current position classification system and an analysis of the impacts of implementing such alternatives.

(b) In conducting this analysis, the Commissioner shall consult with the Vermont State Employees' Association and the Vermont Troopers' Association.

Sec. B.1108 32 V.S.A. § 1282 is added to read:

§ 1282. OFFICER COMPENSATION; VOLUNTARY DECREASE

An officer whose compensation is established by this chapter may choose to be compensated at a lower rate.

Sec. B.1109 32 V.S.A. § 1002 is amended to read:

§ 1002. SALARY OF GOVERNOR-ELECT

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(b) The Governor-Elect shall be entitled to receive a salary of 70 percent of the regular weekly salary of the Governor for the period before a new Governor qualifies for office. This amount shall be reduced by the amount the Governor-Elect receives from the State during this period for services performed in fulfilling the duties of any office to which he or she was elected or appointed.

Sec. B.1110 32 V.S.A. 1003 is amended to read:

§ 1003. STATE OFFICERS

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(c) The ~~annual salaries of the~~ officers of the Judicial Branch named below shall be entitled to annual salaries as follows:

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Sec. B.1111 32 V.S.A. § 1012 is amended to read:

§ 1012. PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

The ~~annual salary of the Chairperson~~ Chair of the Public Service Board shall be entitled to an annual salary that is the same as fixed for annual salary to which each Superior Court judge is entitled. The ~~annual salary of each of the~~ other members of the Public Service Board, each of whom shall serve on a part-time basis, shall be entitled to an annual salary equal to two-thirds of ~~that of the annual salary to which the Chairperson~~ Chair is entitled. The annual salary of the clerk of such Board shall be fixed by the Board with the approval of the Governor.

Sec. B.1112 32 V.S.A. § 1051 is amended to read:

§ 1051. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

(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:

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Sec. B.1113 32 V.S.A. § 1141 is amended to read:

§ 1141. ASSISTANT JUDGES

(a)(1) ~~The compensation of each~~ Each assistant judge of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive compensation in the amount of \$156.49 a day as of July 13, 2014 and \$161.65 a day as of July 12, 2015 for time spent in the performance of official duties and necessary expenses as allowed to classified State employees. Compensation under this section shall be based on a two-hour minimum and hourly thereafter.

(2)(A) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this section shall be paid by the State except as provided in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (2).

(B) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this section shall be paid by the county at the State rate established in subdivision (a)(1) of this section when an assistant judge is sitting with a presiding Superior judge in the Civil or Family Division of the Superior Court.

(b) Assistant judges of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive pay for such days as they attend Court when it is in actual session, or during a Court recess when engaged in the special performance of official duties.

Sec. B.1114 32 V.S.A. § 1142 is amended to read:

§ 1142. PROBATE JUDGES

(a) The ~~annual salaries of the~~ Probate judges in the several Probate Districts shall be entitled to receive the following annual salaries, which shall be paid by the State in lieu of all fees or other compensation, ~~shall be as follows:~~

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(b) Probate judges shall be entitled to be paid by the State for their actual and necessary expenses under the rules and regulations pertaining to classified State employees. The compensation for the Probate judge of the Chittenden District shall be for full-time service.

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Sec. B.1115 32 V.S.A. § 1182 is amended to read:

§ 1182. SHERIFFS

(a) The ~~annual salaries of the~~ sheriffs of all counties except Chittenden shall be entitled to receive salaries in the amount of \$72,508.00 as of July 13, 2014 and \$74,901.00 as of July 12, 2015. The ~~annual salary of the sheriff~~ Sheriff of Chittenden County shall be entitled to an annual salary in the amount of \$76,732.00 as of July 13, 2014 and \$79,264.00 as of July 12, 2015.

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Sec. B.1116 32 V.S.A. § 1183 is amended to read:

§ 1183. STATE'S ATTORNEYS

(a) The ~~annual salaries~~ of State's Attorneys shall be entitled to receive annual salaries as follows:

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Sec. B.1117 PSAP; TRANSITION FUNDING

(a) In fiscal year 2016, \$425,000 of E-911 funds is appropriated to the Department of Public Safety for the purposes of Sec. E.208.1 of this act.

Sec. C.101 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON COST AND FINANCING

OPTIONS FOR HIGH QUALITY AFFORDABLE CHILD
CARE

(a) Creation. The Secretary of Administration shall establish a Blue Ribbon Commission on Financing High Quality, Affordable Child Care.

(b) Purpose. The purposes of the Commission are as follows:

(1) to identify the totality of State, federal, and grant money currently being expended on child care in Vermont, to examine the costs, affordability, and availability of funding for high quality child care for children ages birth through five; and

(2) to make recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor on the most effective use of existing public funding, whether a gap

exists between what is needed for adequate public funding and what is being provided at the present time, and recommendations regarding a potential gap.

(c) The Blue Ribbon Commission will meet and support goals and strategies within the Vermont Early Childhood Framework and the accompanying Vermont Early Childhood Action Plan, especially goals three and four.

(d) The goals of the Commission are as follows:

(1) To determine the total costs of providing equal access to voluntary, high quality, early care and education for all Vermont children, ages birth through five. The Commission shall consider the needs and preferences of families, which may range along a continuum from partial day or partial year services to full day or full year services and include nontraditional work hours as well as usual business hours or a combination of these.

(2) To work in coordination with the ongoing efforts of Vermont's Early Learning Challenge – Race to the Top grant, Vermont's PreK Expansion Grant, and Vermont's implementation of Act 166 – Universal PreK.

(3) To examine current policies in Vermont's Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP) in relation to national trends and innovation in subsidy practice, as well as the relationship between CCFAP and other public benefits taking into consideration the overall impact on families, and

recommend changes to maximize the use of CCFAP to support affordable access to high quality, early care and education for eligible families.

(4) To consider various family compositions and income levels, to recommend the amount that families should pay toward the costs of high quality, early care and education, and to identify methods for reducing the costs for families paying more than what has been established as affordable.

(5) To determine capacity of current funding mechanisms for high quality, affordable early care and education and assess the need for expansion.

(6) To review and identify the sources of any potentially available funding from the State and federal government for high quality, affordable early care and education.

(7) To investigate the current economic impact of the child care industry, including its importance for the role it plays in enabling parents to be in the workforce.

(8) To review and identify potentially available public and private funding sources, other than the federal government, for high quality, affordable early care and education.

(9) To review and identify innovative funding mechanisms used to finance high quality, affordable early care and education in other states and countries.

(10) To explore possible various funding sources for equal access to voluntary, high quality, early care and education for all of Vermont children, ages birth through five, including:

(A) expansion of existing available child care tax credits for both families and businesses, and investigation of other tax credits, deductions and exemptions for families and businesses;

(B) development of a system for “Pay for Success” financing such as “Social Impact Bonds”;

(C) identification of available revenue from health care reform and establishing requirements for designating those savings for use in funding early care and education;

(D) identification of possible available revenue from changes in the education system or funding and establishing requirements for designating those savings for use in funding early care and education;

(E) identification of possible systems to generate funding sources, such as fees, when new community or commercial development will create increased demand for high quality, affordable early care and education;

(F) analysis of current State allocation of tax and fee revenues and identification of possible reallocation, additional new revenue, and any other possible source of funds in the existing tax structure; and

(G) evaluation of the long-term sustainability of the funding sources.

(11) To determine the return on investment by assessing future cost savings to the State.

(12) To develop a specific plan and timeline for the implementation of these recommendations.

(e) Membership. The Commission shall consist of members to be selected as follows:

(1) the Secretary of Education or designee;

(2) the Secretary of Administration or designee;

(3) the Secretary of Human Services or designee;

(4) the following members appointed by the Governor:

(A) a representative from the Agency of Human Services' Child Development Division;

(B) a representative from higher education;

(C) three representatives of the Vermont business community;

(D) a representative of the financial services industry in the State;

(E) a representative of licensed and registered home-based early learning and development programs in the State;

(F) a representative of licensed center-based early learning and development programs in the State;

(G) a representative of Head Start;

(H) a representative of the Parent Child Centers;

(I) a representative of Early Educators United;

(J) two parents of children enrolled in an early care and education program in the State, one of whom is serving in the military;

(K) a representative of a child advocacy group; and

(L) a representative from the Building Bright Futures State Council.

(f) The Commission shall be appointed as soon as possible after this act takes effect. The panel shall elect a chair and a vice chair from among its members. The first meeting of the Commission shall be held on or before July 15, 2015. The Commission shall hold subsequent meetings at times and locations determined by the Commission.

(g) The Commission shall hold meetings across the State and actively seek input from a broad spectrum of stakeholders.

(h) Members of the Commission that are not State employees shall receive per diem compensation and reimbursement for expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

(i) The Commission shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Secretary of Administration.

(j) The Commission is authorized to accept funding to offset costs related to this study.

(k) The Commission shall report on its findings to the Governor and to the Senate Committees on Education, on Finance, and on Health and Welfare and

to the House Committees on Education, on Human Services, and on Ways and Means on or before November 1, 2016.

Sec. C.102 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 61(a)(4) is amended to read:

(4) The following amounts shall be transferred to the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund from the Transportation Fund:

~~3,150,000.00~~ 2,500,000.00

Sec. C.103 32 V.S.A. § 704 is amended to read:

§ 704. INTERIM BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS

(a) The General Assembly recognizes that acts of appropriations and their sources of funding reflect the priorities for expenditures of public funds enacted by the Legislature, and that major reductions or ~~adjustments~~ transfers, when required by reduced State revenues or other reasons, ought to be made whenever possible by an act of the Legislature reflecting its revisions of those priorities. Nevertheless, if the General Assembly also recognizes that when it is not in session, it may be necessary to reduce or transfer authorized appropriations and their sources of funding ~~may be adjusted and~~ to address deficits and maintain a balanced State budget. Under these limited circumstances, it is the intent of the General Assembly that funds may be reduced and transferred when the General Assembly is not in session pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(b)(1) ~~If the official State revenue estimates of the Emergency Board for the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds, determined under section 305a of this title have been reduced by one percent or more from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the general appropriations act or budget adjustment act, and if the General Assembly is not in session, in order to adjust appropriations and their sources of funding under this subdivision, the Secretary shall prepare a plan for approval by the Joint Fiscal Committee, and authorized appropriations and their sources of funding may be adjusted and funds transferred pursuant to a plan approved under this section~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of this section, in each instance that the official State revenue estimate for the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds has been reduced by one percent or more from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the current fiscal year's general appropriations, the Secretary shall prepare an expenditure reduction plan for approval by the Joint Fiscal Committee, provided that any reductions and transfers in appropriations are not greater than the reductions in the official State revenue estimate.

(2) ~~If the Secretary of Administration determines that the current fiscal year revenues for the General Fund, Transportation Fund, or federal funds are likely to be reduced from the official revenue estimates by less than one percent, the Secretary may prepare and implement an expenditure reduction~~

~~plan, and implement appropriations reductions in accordance with the plan.~~
~~The Secretary may implement a plan under this subdivision without the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee if reductions to any individual appropriation do not exceed five percent of the appropriation's amount for personal services, operating expenses, grants, and other categories, and provided that the plan is designed to minimize any negative effects on the delivery of services to the public, and shall not have any undue disproportionate effect on any single function, program, service, benefit, or county. Plans not requiring the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee shall be filed with the Joint Fiscal Office prior to implementation. If the Secretary's plan consists of disproportionate reductions greater than five percent in any line item, such plan shall not be implemented without the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee~~ In each instance that the official State revenue estimate for the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds has been reduced by less than one percent from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the current fiscal year's general appropriations, the Secretary of Administration may prepare and implement an expenditure reduction plan without the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee. The Secretary may implement an expenditure reduction plan under this subdivision if plan reductions to the total amount appropriated in any section or subsection do not exceed more than five percent, the plan is designed to minimize any negative

effects on the delivery of services to the public, and the plan does not have any unduly disproportionate effect on any single function, program, service, benefit, or county. Plans not requiring the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee shall be filed with the Joint Fiscal Office prior to implementation. If the Secretary's plan consists of disproportionate reductions greater than five percent to the total amount appropriated in any section or subsection, such plan shall only be implemented in the manner provided for in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(c) ~~A~~ An expenditure reduction plan prepared by the Secretary shall indicate:

(1) the amounts to be ~~adjusted~~ reduced or transferred in each appropriation, ~~and~~ by funding source;

(2) in personal services, operating expenses, grants, and other categories, ~~shall indicate~~ the effect of each ~~adjustment~~ reduction or transfer in appropriations and their sources of funding, and each fund transfer, on the primary purposes of the program, ~~and~~;

(3) ~~shall indicate~~ how it is designed to minimize any negative effects on the delivery of services to the public; and

(4) any unduly disproportionate effect the plan may have on any single function, program, service, benefit, or county.

(d) An expenditure reduction plan implemented under subdivision (b)(2) of this section shall not include any reduction or transfer in:

(1) appropriations authorized and necessary to fulfill the State's debt obligations;

(2) appropriations authorized for the Judicial or Legislative Branch, except that the plan may recommend reductions for consideration by the Judicial or Legislative Branch; or

(3) appropriations for the salaries of elected officers of the Executive Branch listed in subsection 1003(a) of this title.

(e)(1) The Joint Fiscal Committee shall have 21 days from the date of submission of a any expenditure reduction plan under subdivision (b)(1) of this section to consider the plan, and may approve or disapprove the plan upon a vote of a majority of the members of the Committee. If the Committee vote results in a tie, the plan shall be deemed disapproved; and if the Committee fails for any other reason to take final action on such plan within 21 days of its submission to the Committee, it shall be deemed to be disapproved. During the 21-day period for consideration of the plan, the Committee shall conduct a public hearing and provide an opportunity for public comment on the plan.

(2) If the plan is disapproved, then in order to communicate the priorities of the General Assembly, the Committee shall make recommendations to the Secretary for amendments to the plan. Within seven

days after the Committee notifies the Secretary of its disapproval of a plan, the Secretary may submit a final plan to the Committee. The Committee shall have 14 days from the date of submission of a final plan to consider that plan and to vote by a majority of the members of the Committee to approve or disapprove the plan; but if the Committee fails to approve or disapprove the plan by a majority vote, the plan shall be deemed disapproved. If the Secretary's final plan includes any changes from the original plan other than those recommended by the Committee, then during the 14-day period for consideration of the final plan, the Committee shall conduct a public hearing and provide an opportunity for public comment, with the scope of the hearing and the comments limited to the changes from the original plan.

(3) In determining whether to approve a plan submitted by the Secretary under this subsection, the Committee shall consider whether the plan minimizes any negative effects on the delivery of services to the public, and whether the plan will have any unduly disproportionate effect on any single function, program, service, benefit, or county.

(4) Any plan disapproved under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall not be implemented.

(5) For purposes of this section, the Committee shall be convened at the call of the Chair or at the request of at least three members of the Committee.

(f) In the event of a reduction in the official revenue estimate of one percent or more and the Joint Fiscal Committee does not approve the Secretary's final expenditure reduction plan prepared under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the Secretary may implement an expenditure reduction plan in the manner provided for in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, provided that the reduction in appropriations is not greater than one percent of the prior official revenue estimate. If the Secretary implements an expenditure reduction plan under the authority of this subsection, any subsequent expenditure reduction plan that is required to address the remaining deficit under the current official State revenue estimate may only be implemented in the manner provided for in subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

(g) No expenditure reduction plan may be approved or implemented under this section which:

(1) ~~would reduce appropriations from any fund by more than the cumulative reductions in the official State revenue estimates of the Emergency Board for the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds, determined under section 305a of this title, from the estimate originally determined and assumed for purposes of the general appropriations act or budget adjustment act; minus the total reductions in appropriations already taken under this section in that fund in the fiscal year;~~

~~(2)~~ would result in ~~total reductions under this section in appropriations in the fiscal year from any fund~~ or transfers to the total amount appropriated in any section or subsection by more than four percent of the estimate originally determined and assumed for purposes of the current fiscal year's general appropriations act or budget adjustment act; or

~~(3)~~(2) would ~~adjust~~ reduce or transfer revenues or expenditures of the Education Fund as prescribed by law.

(h) ~~The provisions of this section shall apply to each~~ An expenditure reduction plan may only be implemented under subsection (b) of this section subsequent to an official State revenue estimate of the Emergency Board in the fiscal year and when the General Assembly is not in session.

(i) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the plan to be made under this section.

(j) Annually, in each instance that cumulative revenue collections during the month of September or October are four percent or more below the respective cumulative monthly revenue targets, the Emergency Board shall convene in the manner provided for in subsection 305a(b) of this title to determine whether to revise the official State revenue estimate.

(k) As used in this section:

(1) “Cumulative monthly revenue targets” means monthly revenue targets adopted based on the most current official State revenue estimates, as agreed upon by the Legislative Joint Fiscal Office and the Secretary.

(2) “Expenditure Reduction Plan” means a rescission plan that includes reducing, transferring, and adjusting funds, and their sources of funding, that are authorized in the current fiscal year’s general appropriations.

(3) “Official State revenue estimates” means a revenue estimate determined by the Emergency Board or the Governor, as provided in section 305a of this title. An official State revenue estimate does not mean cumulative monthly revenue targets.

Sec. C.104 FISCAL YEAR 2015 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

(a) The amount of \$1,000,000 of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. settlement proceeds that had been reserved for attorney’s fees and other related expenditures shall be transferred to the General Fund and distributed as follows:

(1) The amount of \$289,912 shall be appropriated in fiscal year 2015 to the Secretary of Administration for a grant to the Town of Westminster for Tropical Storm Irene-related work expenses not reimbursed by FEMA but undertaken based on guidance of State officials.

(2) The amount of \$210,088 shall be appropriated to the Secretary of Administration in fiscal year 2015 to be utilized to reimburse costs to facilitate the implementation of video conferencing and other actions to reduce the long-term spending needs of the Judiciary and other components of the criminal justice system.

(3) The amount of \$500,000 shall be appropriated to the Judiciary in fiscal year 2015 to be reserved for use in fiscal year 2016. These funds shall be used by the Judiciary as bridge funding as the Branch and its partners implement changes that result in cost reductions that align the Judiciary's future funding needs with a sustainable budget.

Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

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

(1) The sum of \$518,000 is appropriated from the Property Valuation and Review Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c), amounts above \$518,000 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the Property Valuation and Review Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

(2) The sum of \$9,404,840 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 \$9,404,840 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 LIHEAP CONTINGENT FUNDING

(a) At the close of fiscal year 2015, the first five million dollars, after satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308 and 32 V.S.A. § 308c, that would otherwise be deposited in the Rainy Day fund shall be appropriated and held by the Secretary of Administration to meet LIHEAP funding needs.

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: \$2,943,000.

(2) From the Transportation Fund to the Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvement Fund established by 24 V.S.A. § 2796 to be used by the Vermont Downtown Development Board for the purposes of the Fund: \$423,966.

(3) From the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established by 19 V.S.A. § 11f to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2017 transportation infrastructure bonds debt service: \$2,501,413.

(4) From the Department of Public Safety blood and breath alcohol fund to the General Fund: \$167,000.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2016 the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the accounts indicated:

(1) Department of Labor: \$293,000.

(2) Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs: \$41,372.

(3) Lumberjack Fund #40900: \$20,000.

Sec. D.102 TOBACCO LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUND BALANCE

(a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(b), the actual balances at the end of fiscal year 2015 in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund shall remain for appropriation in fiscal year 2016.

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 2016 and any additional amount necessary to ensure the balance in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund at the close of fiscal year 2016 is not negative shall be transferred from the Tobacco Trust Fund to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund in fiscal year 2016.

* * * GENERAL GOVERNMENT * * *

Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) The establishment of the following new permanent classified positions is authorized in fiscal year 2016 as follows:

(1) In the Department of Information and Innovation – one (1) IT Security Analyst and one (1) IT Security Specialist.

(2) In the Department of Buildings and General Services – one (1) Buildings Project Manager, two (2) Security Guard, five (5) Custodian, one (1) Custodial Supervisor, one (1) Maintenance Specialist, one (1) Electrician, three (3) Maintenance Mechanic and two (2) HVAC Specialist.

(3) In the Military Department – one (1) Plant Maintenance Supervisor and one (1) Maintenance Mechanic.

(4) In the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets – one (1) Dairy Product Specialist and one (1) Water Quality Specialist.

(5) In the Department of Financial Regulation – one (1) Captives Insurance Examiner.

(6) In the Office of the Secretary of State – one (1) Deputy Director of Professional Regulation.

(7) In the Department of Public Service – two (2) Telecommunications Infrastructure Project Manager and one (1) Financial Manager.

(8) In the Department of Liquor Control – one (1) Administrative Secretary, one (1) Administrative Assistant, and two (2) Warehouse Worker.

(b) The establishment of the following new permanent exempt positions is authorized in fiscal year 2016 as follows:

(1) In the Agency of Natural Resources – one (1) Attorney.

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

Sec. E.100.1 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100(d) is 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, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Buildings and General Services shall not be subject to the cap on positions for the duration of the Pilot.

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Sec. E.100.2 3 V.S.A. § 2222(j) is added to read:

(j) Notwithstanding the provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 903(a), the Agency of Administration will administer an Equipment Revolving Fund to be used for internal lease purchase of equipment for State agencies. The Secretary of Administration will establish criteria for equipment purchased through this Fund, including types of equipment, limiting amounts for specific equipment, and the useful life of the equipment.

(1) Agencies or departments acquiring such equipment shall repay the Fund through their regular operating budgets according to an amortization schedule established by the Commissioner of Finance and Management. Repayment shall include charges for the administrative costs of the purchase and estimated administrative inflation over the term of the payback.

(2) The Commissioner of Finance and Management may anticipate receipts to this Fund and issue warrants based thereon.

Sec. E.100.3 REPEAL

(a) 29 V.S.A. § 903(e) (administration of the equipment revolving fund) is repealed.

Sec. E.100.4 SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION; PROMOTION OF
EFFICIENT OPERATIONS

(a) All branches and agencies of State government can expect to face a multiyear horizon of State resources growing at rates lower than previously experienced. In order to achieve fiscal sustainability, the Secretary of Administration shall review opportunities for changes that result in efficiency and savings in the form of reduced resource need or reduced cost trend pressure, or both, within the State budget.

(b) The Secretary is authorized to implement changes in operational practices as specified in this subsection or additional areas that fall within the Secretary's authority and that do not require statutory amendment.

(1) the contracting process of State government to identify methods of streamlining the process of approval and evaluation while preserving and strengthening the pay for performance aspects of contracting;

(2) reduction in the number of audits and reports internally required of agencies and contractors and grantees to avoid duplication and unnecessary cost;

(3) the expansion of the LEAN program to additional agencies and departments to improve processes and operations of departments; and

(4) the exploration of the use of contracts where payments are dependent on the provision of departments and State operational entities with offsetting efficiency savings.

(c) The proposals shall be developed and presented to the Legislature during the budget adjustment process.

(1) Proposed elimination or consolidation of legislative reporting requirements to free up staff productivity while preserving effective oversight.

(2) Opportunities for possible elimination or consolidation of boards and commissions, and opportunities for more efficient use of space by these entities. Entity colocation should be pursued to enable shared services reducing costs.

(3) Proposals to restructure of agencies and departments to identify opportunities for merger and consolidation to streamline management and coordination and reduce the need for high level State positions.

(d) At the 2015 September and November Joint Fiscal Committee meetings, the Secretary shall provide a written report on the status of system reviews or process changes implemented. These reports shall also be sent to the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations and on Appropriations.

Sec. E.111 Tax – administration/collection

(a) Of this appropriation, \$30,000 is from the Current Use Application Fee Special Fund and shall be appropriated for programming changes to the CAPTAP software used by municipalities for establishing property values and administering their grand lists.

Sec. E.111.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.113 Buildings and general services – engineering

(a) The \$3,567,791 interdepartmental transfer in this appropriation shall be from the General Bond Fund appropriation in the Capital Bill of the 2015 legislative session.

Sec. E.113.1 2013 Acts and Resolves No.1, Sec. 100(c), as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.113.1, is further amended to read:

(c) Sec. 97 (general obligation debt financing) shall take effect on ~~July 1, 2015~~ July 1, 2017.

Sec. E.125 Legislative council

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2015 funds appropriated to the Legislative Council and carried forward into fiscal year 2016, the amount of \$30,000 shall revert to the General Fund.

Sec. E.126 Legislature

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2015 funds appropriated to the Legislature and carried forward into fiscal year 2016, the amount of \$215,376 shall revert to the General Fund.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that funding for the Legislature in fiscal year 2016 be included at a level sufficient to support an 18-week legislative session.

Sec. E.127 Joint fiscal committee

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2015 funds appropriated to the Joint Fiscal Committee and carried forward into fiscal year 2016, the amount of \$19,623 shall revert to the General Fund.

Sec. E.133 Vermont state retirement system

(a) Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 473(d), in fiscal year 2016, investment fees shall be paid from the corpus of the Fund.

Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

(a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.139 of this act, \$100,000 shall be transferred to the Attorney General and \$50,000 shall be transferred to Department of Taxes', Division of Property Evaluation and Review reserved and used with any remaining funds from the amounts previously transferred for payment of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of grand list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and other property owned by TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. in the State of Vermont. Expenditures for this purpose shall be considered qualified expenditures under 16 V.S.A. § 4025(c).

Sec. E.141 Lottery commission

(a) From this appropriation, the Lottery Commission shall fund the gambling addiction program.

(b) The Vermont Lottery Commission will continue to provide financial support and recommendations to provide and promote problem gambling services for Vermont's citizens, to include production of media marketing, printed material, and other methods of communication.

Sec. E.142 Payments in lieu of taxes

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

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

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

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

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

* * * PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY * * *

Sec. E.200 Attorney general

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Office of the Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit, is authorized to retain, subject to appropriation, one-half of the State share of any recoveries from Medicaid fraud settlements, excluding interest, that exceed the State share of restitution to the Medicaid Program. All such designated additional recoveries retained shall be used to finance Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit activities.

(b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A.

§ 2458(b)(4), \$997,000 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

Sec. E.204 SUSPENSION OF VIDEO ARRAIGNMENTS; REPEAL

(a) 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 41, Sec. 9 (suspension of video arraignments) is repealed.

Sec. E.204.1 4 V.S.A. § 466 is amended to read:

§ 466. PROCEDURE

(a) A proceeding before a magistrate shall, in cases involving child support, be initiated by the filing of a petition. If a proceeding for divorce, annulment, or separation has been commenced before the Family Division of the Superior Court, the magistrate shall have jurisdiction to determine a temporary amount of child support on the basis of the complaint or petition filed in the Family Division of the Superior Court.

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(e) The ~~Family Division of the Superior Court clerk~~ petitioner shall provide for personal service or shall mail to the respondent, ~~at one or more of the addresses supplied by the respondent,~~ by certified mail, return receipt requested and delivery restricted to the addressee, the expense being paid by the petitioner, a notice signed by the ~~clerk~~ petitioner. If acceptance of service is refused, the ~~clerk~~ petitioner may serve the notice on the respondent by sending it to the respondent by ordinary first class mail and by certifying that

such service has been made. In the alternative, the ~~clerk~~ petitioner may provide for mail service as provided in Rule 4(l) of the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure.

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Sec. E.204.2 33 V.S.A. § 5223 is amended to read:

§ 5223. FILING OF PETITION

(a) When notice to the child is provided by citation, the State's Attorney shall file the petition and supporting affidavit at least 10 days prior to the date for the preliminary hearing specified in the citation.

(b) The ~~Court~~ State's Attorney shall send or deliver a copy of the petition and affidavit to all persons required to receive notice, including the noncustodial parent, as soon as possible after the petition is filed and at least five days prior to the date set for the preliminary hearing.

Sec. E.204.3 33 V.S.A. § 5224 is amended to read:

§ 5224. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT PRELIMINARY HEARING

If a child or custodial parent, guardian, or custodian fails to appear at the preliminary hearing as directed by a citation, the Court may issue a summons to appear, an order to have the child brought to Court, or a warrant as provided in section 5108 of this title. The summons, order, or warrant shall be served by the State's Attorney.

Sec. E.204.4 CONSIDERATION OF ON-THE-RECORD APPEALS

(a) The House Committee on Judiciary and other committees with affected jurisdiction shall consider the appropriate use of on-the-record appeals in executive, administrative, judicial, and other matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Each committee shall evaluate how on-the-record appeals may be employed to improve efficiency and reduce expense while preserving access to justice for Vermonters.

Sec. E.204.5 ACHIEVING EFFICIENCIES IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM;
WORKING GROUP; REPORT

(a) Creation. There is created an Achieving Efficiencies in the Justice System Working Group (“Working Group”) to propose ways to increase efficiencies and reduce costs in all aspects of the justice system.

(b) Membership. The Working Group shall be composed of the following eight members:

- (1) the Chief Justice or designee, who shall serve as Chair;
- (2) the Secretary of Administration or designee;
- (3) the Defender General or designee;
- (4) the Attorney General or designee;
- (5) the Commissioner of Corrections or designee;
- (6) the Executive Director of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs or designee;

(7) the Executive Director of the Vermont Bar Association or designee; and

(8) the Commissioner for Children and Families or designee.

(c) Powers and duties. The Working Group shall study and make specific recommendations on the following within all aspects of the justice system:

(1) How to increase efficiencies.

(2) How to reduce costs, eliminate redundancies, and streamline processes.

(3) Current and future filing fees and their relationship to access to justice and funding of the Judiciary.

(4) Consolidation of contracts for courthouse security.

(d) Report. The Committee shall report regularly to the Criminal Justice Oversight Committee during calendar year 2015. On or before November 6, 2015, the Working Group shall submit a written report to the General Assembly with its findings and recommendations, including any suggested statutory language.

(e) Meetings.

(1) The Chief Justice or designee shall call the first meeting of the Working Group.

(2) The Working Group shall cease to exist on November 6, 2015.

Sec. E.204.6 4 V.S.A. § 38 is added to read:

§ 38. COLLECTION OF PENALTIES, FINES, AND FEES

The Judiciary shall employ all reasonable measures authorized by law to collect monetary penalties, fines, and fees ordered by a court. To encourage timely compliance with court-ordered payments, the Judiciary shall ensure that a person who is ordered to pay may satisfy the judgment by cash, check, debit card, or credit card, or may establish a payment schedule to discharge the judgment at the time and place the penalty, fine, or fee is ordered.

Sec. E.204.7 PAYMENT REPORT

(a) The Court Administrator shall conduct a review regarding collection of monetary penalties, fines, and fees by the Judiciary to determine successful strategies, as well as existing impediments, to efficient collections. The Court Administrator shall report his or her findings and recommendations to increase efficiency in collection and encourage compliance with court-ordered payments to the Joint Fiscal Committee on or before November 1, 2015.

Sec. E.204.8 JUDICIAL BRANCH MILEAGE REPORT

(a) The Court Administrator shall consult with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services and the Secretary of Administration regarding how judges and other employees of the Judicial Branch are compensated for mileage and other expenses and how to reduce these expenses. The Court

Administrator shall report his or her findings and recommendations to the Joint Fiscal Committee on or before November 1, 2015.

Sec. E.204.9 CUSTODIAL TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS

(a) The Agency of Human Services, in consultation with the Auditor of Accounts, shall review the contracts for custodial transportation of persons between a correctional facility and a courthouse, and for the transportation by sheriffs of mental health patients under the care and custody of the State, for the purpose of identifying the most efficient and cost-effective ways to provide such services. The Secretary shall report his or her findings and recommendations to the Joint Fiscal Committee on or before November 1, 2015.

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.

Sec. E.208.1 DISPATCH FUNDING

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall use \$425,000 of funds held by the fiscal agent under 30 V.S.A. chapter 88 to continue funding the operation of the four

public safety answering points in Derby, Rockingham, Rutland, and Williston at current levels until September 15, 2015.

Sec. E.208.2 911 CALL TAKING

(a) By September 1, 2015, the Vermont Enhanced 911 Board shall meet and report to the Secretary of Administration and the Joint Fiscal Committee on:

(1) the number of 911 call centers in the State necessary to meet the current requirements of the Enhanced 911 system;

(2) the number of 911 call seats necessary to meet the current requirements of the Enhanced 911 system;

(3) the average cost per 911 call seat; and

(4) ways to provide 911 services to the State that optimize performance and cost-effectiveness to meet Vermont's needs.

Sec. E.208.3 DISPATCH REQUIREMENTS

(a) By May 15, 2015, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on the costs required to support the current level of dispatching services at the four State-operated public safety answering points in Derby, Rockingham, Rutland, and Williston. For the purposes of this section, costs required to support the current level of dispatching services shall not include any costs associated with taking 911 calls, but shall include the following types of dispatch calls: police departments, excluding the Vermont

State Police; constabularies; emergency medical services; and fire and rescue departments. This information shall be made available to the municipalities that rely on dispatch services from the four State-operated public safety answering points.

Sec. E.208.4 CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES

(a) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall meet with regional groups to determine if those groups want to contract for State dispatch services. As used in this subsection, "regional groups" include the State legislators, assistant judges, municipal officials, and emergency service representatives for the areas served by the dispatching functions of the State-operating public safety answering points. The Commissioner shall work with each regional group to calculate the cost of desired dispatch services, and determine whether each regional group would like to contract for dispatch services with the State.

(b) If agreement is reached with a regional group on or before September 15, 2015, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall contract with the assistant judges, acting on behalf of a county of the State under this section, to provide dispatching functions, at a public safety answering point, paid for at the local level as part of the county budget. Funds received by the Commissioner under contracts entered into under this section shall be deposited in a special fund called the Dispatch Fund, created in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available to provide full

funding of the operation of public safety answering points. The cost of contracts entered into by a county under this section shall be considered an expense and obligation of the county under 24 V.S.A. § 133(e).

(c) In order to reach an agreement under this section, the Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to lease, rent, or otherwise convey any personal property, real property, fixtures, or intangible rights currently held by the State for the provision of dispatch services at a public safety answering point.

(d) The Commissioner shall obtain the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee for the contract amounts to be entered into for fiscal year 2016 and after.

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.212.1 HAZMAT COOPERATION MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT

(a) The National Guard shall assist the Department of Public Safety with its HAZMAT responsibilities under 20 V.S.A. § 33. The Department of Public Safety and the National Guard shall develop a memorandum of understanding to provide for this assistance to offset the reduction in funding in the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Public Safety.

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, \$2,500 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 \$55,435 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.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 \$696,136 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.

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.225.1 VERMONT AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL
LABORATORY

(a) Effective July 1, 2015, the functions of the Department of Environmental Conservation environmental laboratory and the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets agricultural laboratory are consolidated in the Vermont Agricultural and Environmental Laboratory, under the direction of the Agency and separately appropriated there. The environmental laboratory positions in the Department and positions in the Agency associated with agricultural laboratory operations are transferred to that appropriation.

(b) The Department of Environmental Conservation shall utilize the Agricultural and Environmental Laboratory for chemical analytical samples unless any of the following apply:

(1) The Agricultural and Environmental Laboratory cannot perform the analysis being requested by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

(2) The Agricultural and Environmental Laboratory cannot process the samples within the time frame established by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

(3) The fees charged by the Agricultural and Environmental Laboratory are 120 percent or greater than for comparable analyses performed by a private environmental laboratory.

(c) On or before July 1, 2015, the Agencies of Agriculture, Food and Markets and Natural Resources shall enter into a memorandum of understanding for the purpose of establishing principles for governance and operations of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory, including creation of a governance board with equal representation from both agencies that shall provide oversight and establish strategic priorities for the collaborative Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory.

Sec. E.225.2 6 V.S.A. § 121 is amended to read:

§ 121. CREATION AND PURPOSE

There is created within the ~~agency of agriculture, food and markets~~ Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets a central testing laboratory for the purpose of ~~assisting the agency in the performance of the duties required of it by law~~ providing agricultural and environmental testing services.

Sec. E.225.3 6 V.S.A. § 122 is amended to read:

§ 122. FEES

Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 603, the ~~agency~~ Agency shall establish fees ~~for any tests conducted~~ providing agricultural and environmental testing services at the request of private individuals and State agencies. The fees shall

cover the costs of the tests and any administrative work performed in conjunction with the test, including but not limited to collection costs be reasonably related to the cost of providing the services. Fees collected under this chapter shall be credited to a special fund which shall be established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and which shall be available to the Agency to offset the cost of providing the services.

Sec. E.225.4 REPEAL

(a) 3 V.S.A. § 2822(n) (environmental testing laboratory services) is repealed.

(b) The balance in the Environmental Conservation – Laboratory Receipts Special Fund (SF#21861) is transferred to the Agriculture, Food and Markets – Laboratory Testing Special Fund (SF#21667).

Sec. E.233 CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVE FUNDING

(a) Of the amount of monies determined by the fiscal agent as available to the Connectivity Initiative, as prescribed by 30 V.S.A. § 7516, \$270,000.00 shall be for staffing and administering the Connectivity Initiative established in 30 V.S.A. § 7515b.

* * * 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 2016 are made, notwithstanding 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. D.104.

Sec. E.300.1 EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION REVIEW; REPORT

(a) On or before November 1, 2015, each designated agency and specialized service agency in the State shall submit to the Agency of Human Services the following:

(1) the compensation packages received by its executives over the course of the previous 10 years; and

(2) the anticipated compensation packages for its current executives.

(b) The Agency of Human Services shall compile the information received pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and conduct a comparison of designated agency and specialized service agency executive compensation packages with compensation packages of high ranking State officials. Both the information collected from the designated agencies and specialized service agencies and the results of the Agency's comparison shall be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on or before January 15, 2016.

Sec. E.300.2 LEGAL AID; INTENT

(a) The \$47,000 reduction in general funds for Legal Aid shall not be accompanied by a reduction in federal funds.

Sec. E.300.3 [DELETED]

Sec. E.300.4 [DELETED]

Sec. E.300.5 [DELETED]

Sec. E.300.6 [DELETED]

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 \$28,995,359 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

(1) \$18,212,850 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under the Global Commitment. This amount combined with \$22,287,150 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) \$4,027,624 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) \$1,830,081 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible services as allowed by federal regulation for early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment programs for school-aged children.

(4) \$2,653,915 certified State match available via the University of Vermont's Child Health Improvement Program for quality improvement initiatives for the Medicaid program.

(5) \$2,270,889 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

Sec. E.301.1 REVIEW OF VERMONT MEDICAID BENEFITS

(a) The Director of Health Care Reform in the Agency of Administration, in consultation with the Department for Vermont Health Access, shall analyze the covered services available to beneficiaries in Vermont's Medicaid program and those offered in major medical health insurance plans in which Vermont residents are enrolled to determine which services Medicaid covers that are not covered by most health insurance plans and which services health insurance plans cover that are not covered under Medicaid. For each service identified for which Medicaid provides coverage and most health insurance plans do not, the Director shall determine whether federal law would allow Vermont to discontinue Medicaid coverage for that service and, if so, estimate the potential cost savings associated with discontinuing coverage. For each service identified for which health insurance plans provide coverage and Medicaid does not, the Director shall determine whether federal law would allow Vermont to provide Medicaid coverage for that service and, if so, estimate the potential cost increases associated with providing coverage.

(b) On or before December 1, 2015, the Director of Health Care Reform shall provide a list of the services identified, including the services that currently are or are not available under Medicaid for which modification would not be allowed and the estimates of cost savings and cost increases associated with services for which adding or discontinuing coverage is permitted, to the

House Committees on Appropriations and on Health Care, the Senate
Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on Finance, and
the Health Reform Oversight Committee.

Sec. E.306 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.306.1 is amended to read:

Sec. E.306.1 EMERGENCY RULES

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 prior to June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016 to conform Vermont's rules regarding operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to federal guidance and regulations implementing the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by the federal Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152. The rules shall be adopted to achieve timely compliance with federal laws and guidance and shall be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of emergency rules required pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

Sec. E. 306.2 HOME HEALTH AGENCY ASSESSMENT REVIEW

(a) By November 15, 2015, the Visiting Nurse Associations of Vermont, in consultation with Bayada Home Health Care, the Department of Vermont Health Access, and the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, shall study and develop recommendations regarding the home health agency assessment as established in 33 V.S.A. § 1955a. The study shall include a review of the base and tax revenue generated by the home health

agency assessment and shall recommend revisions to ensure that the assessment is equitable to all home health agencies. These recommendations shall be reported to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Finance.

Sec. E.306.3 MEDICAID PROGRAM SAVINGS INITIATIVES

(a) Autism: The Agency of Human Services, with the Departments of Health, of Vermont Health Access, of Mental Health, and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall review the scope and delivery method of autism services to ensure these are consistent with the scope and methods covered under private insurance.

(b) Geriatric Psyche Alternative: The Agency of Human Services, with the Departments of Health, of Vermont Health Access, of Mental Health, and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living is authorized to implement service alternatives that reduce length of hospital stay for geriatric psyche patients who would otherwise be discharged but for a lack of placement alternative to meet their needs. The Agency shall consult with community providers, including nursing homes, hospitals, and designated agencies in implementing a service alternative for this population.

Sec. E.307 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 53(d), as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.307, is further amended to read:

(d) Secs. 31 (Healthy Vermonters) and 32 (VPharm) shall take effect on January 1, 2014, except that the Department of Vermont Health Access may continue to calculate household income under the rules of the Vermont Health Access Plan after that date if the system for calculating modified adjusted gross income for the Healthy Vermonters and VPharm programs is not operational by that date, but no later than December 31, ~~2015~~ 2016.

Sec. E.307.1 33 V.S.A. Sec. 2001(c) is amended to read:

(c) The Commissioner of Vermont Health Access shall report ~~quarterly~~ annually on or before August 31 to the ~~Health Care Reform~~ Health Care Reform Oversight Committee concerning ~~the following aspects of~~ the Pharmacy Best Practices and Cost Control Program:

~~(1) the efforts undertaken to educate health care providers about the preferred drug list and the Program's utilization review procedures;~~
~~(2) the number of prior authorization requests made; and~~
~~(3) the number of utilization review events (other than prior authorization requests).~~ Topics covered in the report will 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.

Sec. E.307.2 33 V.S.A. § 1901f is amended to read:

§ 1901f. MEDICAID PROGRAM ENROLLMENT AND EXPENDITURE
REPORTS

By ~~January 30, April 30, July 30~~ March 1, June 1, September 1, and ~~October 30~~ December 1 of each year, the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access or designee shall submit to the General Assembly a quarterly report on enrollment and total expenditures by Medicaid eligibility group for all programs paid for by the Department of Vermont Health Access during the preceding calendar quarter and for the fiscal year to date. Total expenditures for Medicaid-related programs paid for by other departments within the Agency of Human Services shall be included in this report by Medicaid eligibility group to the extent such information is available.

Sec. E.307.3 MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL PLANS FOR DUAL

ELIGIBLE MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES

(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall explore the use of State or Global Commitment funds to purchase Medicare supplemental insurance plans for individuals eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, including the feasibility of federal financial participation, the estimated savings to the State with and without federal financial participation, and the benefits

both of providing Medicare supplemental plans to the entire population of dual eligible individuals and of providing the plans to only a subset of the highest utilizers of all or a specific set of services.

(b) If the Department determines that savings can be achieved, then as part of its recommendations for fiscal year 2016 budget adjustment the Department shall propose a plan for implementing the purchase of Medicare supplemental insurance plans for the dual eligibles in a manner that is the most cost-effective to the State and that provides the greatest benefits to the dual eligible population.

Sec. E.307.4 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307.5 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307.6 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307.7 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307.8 [DELETED]

Sec. E.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 2015 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 2015 year total Choices for Care

expenditure. The one-percent shall function as a reserve to be used in the event of a fiscal need to freeze Moderate Needs Group enrollment. 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 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. 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.

(B) Savings either shall be one-time investments or shall be used in ways that are sustainable into the future. Excluding appropriations allocated

for acute services, 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) 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 annual 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, 2015, 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, 2016, 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 Medicaid Section 1115 waiver.

Sec. E.312 Health – public health

(a) AIDS/HIV funding:

(1) In fiscal year 2016 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 as follows:

(A) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont, \$120,281;

(B) HIV/HCV Resource Center, \$38,063;

(C) VT CARES, \$219,246;

(D) Twin States Network, \$45,160;

(E) People with AIDS Coalition, \$52,250.

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

(3)(A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in VMAP to assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to VMAP medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.

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

(4) In fiscal year 2016, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$100,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for community-based HIV prevention programs and services. These funds shall be used for HIV/AIDS prevention purposes, including improving the availability of confidential and anonymous HIV testing; prevention work with at-risk groups such as women, intravenous drug users, and people of color; and anti-stigma campaigns. No more than 15 percent of the funds may be used for the administration of such services by the recipients of these funds. The

method by which these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

Sec. E.312.1 LADIES FIRST PROGRAM

(a) The Commissioner of Health shall develop a marketing plan for Ladies First, a health screening program for women, to increase awareness of the available services provided to eligible women. In addition, the Commissioner shall provide a plan to be submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee on or before September 1, 2015, that details how the Ladies First program will be implemented.

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

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

(b)(1) In accordance with federal law, the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs may use the following criteria to determine whether to enroll a State-supported Medicaid and uninsured population substance abuse program

in the Division's network of designated providers, as described in the State plan:

(A) The program is able to provide the quality, quantity, and levels of care required under the Division's standards, licensure standards, and accreditation standards established by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, or the Commission on Accreditation for Family Services.

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

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

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

Sec. E.314 18 V.S.A. § 7511 is amended to read:

§ 7511. TRANSPORTATION

(a) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall ensure that all reasonable and appropriate measures consistent with public safety are made to transport or escort a person subject to this chapter to and from any inpatient setting, including escorts within a designated hospital or the Vermont State Hospital or

its successor in interest or otherwise being transported under the jurisdiction of the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner in any manner ~~which~~ that:

- (1) prevents physical and psychological trauma;
- (2) respects the privacy of the individual; and
- (3) represents the least restrictive means necessary for the safety of the

patient.

(b) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall have the authority to designate the professionals or law enforcement officers who may authorize the method of transport of patients under the ~~commissioner's~~ Commissioner's care and custody.

(c) The Commissioner shall establish standards for reimbursement for the transport of patients that ensure statutory compliance with this chapter, including the following:

(1) the necessary training that a professional or law enforcement officer shall complete prior to receiving the Commissioner's designation to transport patients;

(2) the authorization process for transporting patients, including the necessary documentation and with whom the documentation shall be filed;

(3) the specific requirements and timelines for reporting the transport of patients to the Department; and

(4) the manner of payment for designated professionals and law enforcement officers transporting patients.

(d) When a professional or law enforcement officer designated pursuant to subsection (b) of this section decides an individual is in need of secure transport with mechanical restraints, the reasons for such determination shall be documented in writing.

~~(d)~~(e) It is the policy of the ~~state~~ State of Vermont that mechanical restraints are not routinely used on persons subject to this chapter unless circumstances dictate that such methods are necessary.

Sec. E.314.1 MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET PRESENTATION

(a) In order for the General Assembly to evaluate whether the State is meeting the goals in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 79 of increasing community supports, decreasing inpatient care, and moving toward a less coercive system and to evaluate the outcomes of the systemwide investments made as the result of Act 79, the Departments of Mental Health and of Vermont Health Access shall in consultation with the State's Chief Performance Officer, as designee of the Secretary of Administration, provide a longitudinal capacity, caseload, expenditure, and utilization analysis with the fiscal year 2017 budget presentation for:

(1) Inpatient services by the following funding categories:

(A) Level 1 inpatient psychiatric services;

(B) other involuntary inpatient psychiatric services;

(C) inpatient psychiatric services for community rehabilitation and treatment clients;

(D) inpatient psychiatric services for other Medicaid patients; and

(E) emergency department wait times for an acute inpatient psychiatric bed for minors and adults.

(2) Residential services by categories of service, including:

(A) Intensive Recovery;

(B) Crisis Residential and Hospital Diversion;

(C) group homes;

(D) supported independent living; and

(E) secure residential.

(3) Community mental services by categories of service, including:

(A) community rehabilitation and treatment;

(B) crisis programs;

(C) outpatient clinics; and

(D) peer support programs.

(4) Other mental health support services and administration.

Sec. E.314.2 UNIFIED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

(a) As part of their 2017 budget presentations, the Departments of Mental Health and of Vermont Health Access shall present an implementation plan for a unified service and financial allocation for publically funded mental health services as part of an integrated health care system. The implementation plan shall contain a projected timeline for moving toward the goals presented therein.

(b) On or before both August 1, 2015 and October 1, 2015, the Departments of Mental Health and of Vermont Health Access shall present a status update on the development of the implementation plan required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the Health Reform Oversight Committee.

Sec. E.316 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; REVISED

APPROPRIATIONS STRUCTURE

(a) As part of its fiscal year 2016 budget presentation, the Department for Children and Families shall propose a revised appropriations structure for fiscal year 2017. The House and Senate Committees on Appropriations may provide their endorsement of the revised structure.

Sec. E. 316.1 2006 Acts and Resolves No. 180, Sec. 3 as amended by 2008 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. 23 and 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 19, Sec. 1 is further amended to read:

Sec. 3. DATA COLLECTION

(a) On or before January 31, ~~2013~~ 2016, ~~and January 31, 2015~~, the ~~commissioner of the department for children and families~~ Commissioner for Children and Families shall report to the ~~house committee on human services and the senate committee on health and welfare~~ House Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare data for the preceding ~~two years~~ year regarding the transportation of children in the custody of the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner by a sheriff, ~~or~~ deputy sheriff, or other professional. The data shall include the number and gender of children transported to various locations and geographic distribution of the use of such transports, and what type of restraint was used, if any. The Commissioner shall also submit recommendations aimed at improving the transport of children and reducing the number of children transported in restraints.

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Sec. E.316.2 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; GRANT
REVIEW

(a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee shall undertake a comprehensive review of the grants provided by the Department

for Children and Families in order to compile an inventory of all current and anticipated grants to public and private entities. On or before January 15, 2016, the Commissioner or designee shall provide the inventory, including a detailed description of each grant, to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare.

Sec. E.318 33 V.S.A. § 3505 is amended to read:

§ 3505. SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CARE GRANTS

(a)(1) The Commissioner for Children and Families may reserve up to one-half of one percent of the child care programs that are at risk of closing due to financial hardship. The Commissioner shall develop guidelines for providing assistance and shall prioritize extraordinary financial relief to child care programs in areas of the State with high poverty and low access to high quality child care. If the Commissioner determines a child care program is at risk of closure because its operations are not fiscally sustainable, he or she may provide assistance to transition children served by the child care operator in an orderly fashion and to help secure other child care opportunities for children served by the program in an effort to minimize a disruption of services. The Commissioner has the authority to request tax returns and other financial documents to verify the financial hardship and ability to sustain operations.

(2) Annually on or before January 15, the Commissioner shall report to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and to the House Committee on Human Services regarding any funds distributed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection. Specifically, the report shall address how funds were distributed and used. It shall also address outcomes related to any distribution of funds.

(b) In instances in which extraordinary financial relief will not maintain ongoing access to high quality child care, the Department for Children and Families may provide additional support to ensure access to high-quality, comprehensive child care that meets the needs of working parents in high-poverty areas of Vermont. Licensed child care centers may be considered for this additional financial support to help ensure ongoing access to high-quality child care in areas of the State where none exists, as determined by the Commissioner. Financial assistance may be granted, at the discretion of the Commissioner, if the child care center meets the following criteria:

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Sec. E.318.1 33 V.S.A. § 3512 is amended to read:

§ 3512. CHILD CARE SERVICES PROGRAMS; ELIGIBILITY

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(b)(1) An Enhanced Child Care Services Subsidy Program is established for families participating in the Reach Ahead program.

(2) The Enhanced Child Care Services Subsidy Program established by this subsection shall be administered by the Department's Child Development Division. The Commissioner shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of the Program pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.

(3) The subsidy authorized by this subsection shall be no greater than 100 percent of the subsidy provided in subsection (a) of this section.

(4) A participating family shall remain eligible for the Enhanced Child Care Services Subsidy Program between 12 and 24 months as long as one or more dependent children of a working parent or parents are receiving child care services. The Commissioner for Children and Families may extend the subsidy beyond 24 months if the Commissioners for Children and Families and of Finance and Management determine jointly that an extension can be accommodated within appropriated resources.

(5) The Enhanced Child Care Services Subsidy Program shall be funded through savings resulting from caseload reductions in the Reach Up program, but no more than the amount appropriated for this purpose in fiscal year 2016. If there are insufficient savings from caseload reductions to fund the Program, the Program shall be suspended or modified.

Sec. E.321 HOUSING ASSISTANCE BENEFITS; FLEXIBILITY

PROGRAM

(a) For State fiscal year 2016, 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 outcomes and procedures for evaluating the program overall, and for each district in which

the Agency operates the program, it shall establish procedures for evaluating the district program and its effects.

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

Sec. E.321.1 GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING

(a) Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in the General Assistance program in fiscal year 2016 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 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) is amended to read:

(c) On or before ~~January 15~~ January 31 and ~~July 15~~ July 31 of each year beginning in ~~2014~~ 2015, the Agency of Human Services shall report statewide statistics related to the use of emergency housing vouchers during the preceding calendar half-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.321.3 9 V.S.A. § 4452(8) is added to read:

(8) transient occupancy in a hotel, motel, or lodgings during the time the occupant is a recipient of General Assistance or Emergency Assistance temporary housing assistance, regardless of whether the occupancy is subject to a tax levied under 32 V. S.A. chapter 225.

Sec. E.323 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 of the Supplemental Security Income payment received by a parent shall count toward the determination of the amount of the family's financial assistance grant.

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

§ 1134. PROGRAM EVALUATION

(a) 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 ~~implementing Reach First, Reach Up, and Reach Ahead~~ and achieving the goals of the programs provided for in sections 1002, 1102, and 1202 of this title. The report shall include:

(1) the types of barriers facing Reach Up families seeking economic self-sufficiency, the number of families with each type of barrier, the frequency of occurrence of each type of barrier, and how support services and incentives assist in overcoming barriers;

(2) documentation of participant outcomes, including specific information relating to the number of persons employed, by occupation, industry, and wage; the types of subsidized and unsubsidized jobs secured by participants; any available information about outcomes for children who have participated in the programs, including objective indicators of improved conditions; the number of participating families involved in training programs; and whether the support services and incentives assist in keeping families employed;

(3) data about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participation of households who have left the programs during the last fiscal year, including the number of households, adults, and children participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program three months after leaving the applicable program, broken down by reason for termination or leaving, and the Department's plan to identify and assist eligible households to apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits;

(4) data about the enrollment of individuals who have left the programs during the last fiscal year in a Health Care Assistance Program, including the number of adults and children enrolled in a Health Care Assistance Program three months after leaving the applicable program, broken down by reason for termination or leaving, and the Department's plan to identify and assist eligible households to apply for health care assistance;

(5) a summary of all interim and final reports submitted by independent evaluation contractors to the Agency or the Department relating to the programs;

(6) a description of the work participation rates, including the method of calculating the caseload reduction credit, for the most recent federal fiscal year;

(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 summary of the analysis done under subsection (b) of this section.~~

~~(b) On or before January 15, 2010 for the analysis of Reach First and on or before January 15, 2012 for the analysis of all programs, the Department shall analyze the effectiveness of the programs and shall consider the following indicators:~~

~~(1) for Reach First, the types of crises presented by applicants; the type and duration of case management necessary to respond to a crisis; and the impact of the services on the family, including the actual and perceived outcomes and material indicators of stability;~~

~~(2) for Reach Up, the type and duration of case management provided; and the impact of the services on the family; the family's achievement of the goals in the family development plan; the types of employment engaged in by families; the duration of employment; and actual and perceived outcomes and material indicators of stability and well being;~~

~~(3) for Reach Ahead, the types of employment engaged in by families; the duration of employment; the type and duration of services necessary to maintain employment; the duration of time the family received food assistance and services in the program; and the impact of the services on the family;~~

~~including the actual and perceived well-being of the family and material indicators of well-being; and~~

~~(4) whether the programs are effectively integrated and transitions between programs are simple, and the number of families who choose not to participate, and why.~~

~~(c) Beginning on or before January 15, 2008, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner shall report to the House Committees on Human Services and on Appropriations and Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations on families' long-term receipt of financial assistance authorized by this chapter. Such reports shall include:~~

~~(1) the number of families receiving financial assistance in the most recent federal fiscal year that included an adult family member who has received TANF-funded financial assistance, as an adult, 60 or more months in his or her lifetime;~~

~~(2) the average proportion of the monthly TANF-funded caseload during the same fiscal year that such families represent;~~

~~(3) when such proportion exceeds 20 percent, the sufficiency of general funds appropriated to support financial assistance authorized by this chapter to fund financial assistance for those families in excess of 20 percent while, at the same time, providing financial assistance and services, supported solely by general funds, to other families as authorized by this chapter; and~~

~~(4) when appropriated general funds are insufficient to fund financial assistance for all such families, the modifications in policy, appropriated general funds, or combination thereof that the Commissioner recommends to support families receiving financial assistance under this chapter in their achievement of self-sufficiency and to protect the children in these families.~~
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.

Sec. E.323.2 33 V.S.A. § 1205 is amended to read:

§ 1205. REQUIRED SERVICES TO PARTICIPATING FAMILIES

(a) The Commissioner shall provide participating families Reach Ahead services, case management services if necessary, and referral to any agencies or programs, including workforce development, that provide the services needed by participating families to improve the family's prospects for employment retention. Reach Ahead services shall be provided for 24 months.

(b) ~~A~~ To the extent funds are available, a participating family shall be eligible for an Enhanced Child Care Services Subsidy during its 12th through 24th months on the Reach Ahead program pursuant to subsection 3512(b) of this title.

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, 2015, 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 2015–2016 crisis set-aside and for seasonal home heating fuel assistance through December 31, 2015 and if LIHEAP funds awarded as of December 31, 2015 for fiscal year 2016 do not exceed \$2,550,000, subsequent payments under the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program shall not be made prior to January 30, 2016. 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, 2015, 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. 324.2 LIHEAP AND WEATHERIZATION

(a) Notwithstanding 33 V.S.A. §§ 2603 and 2503, in fiscal year 2016, the Secretary of Administration may, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Human Services, transfer up to 15 percent of the federal fiscal year 2016 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 2016. An equivalent appropriation transfer shall be made to Sec. B.324, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, from the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund in Sec. B.326 to provide home heating fuel benefits in State fiscal year 2016. 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 scheduled 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.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living – developmental services

(a) If adequate caseload funds are not available to meet new needs in developmental services during the 2016 fiscal year, the welfare of existing consumers should be prioritized over expanding services to new individuals.

The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living should establish a waitlist of people seeking services, triage criteria, and a methodology for people to come off the waitlist as funds become available to serve more people.

Sec. E.335 2 V.S.A. chapter 23 is redesignated to read:

CHAPTER 23. JOINT LEGISLATIVE ~~CORRECTIONS~~ CRIMINAL
JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Sec. E.335.1 2 V.S.A. § 801 is amended to read:

§ 801. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

(a) There is created a ~~joint legislative corrections oversight committee~~ Joint Legislative Criminal Justice Oversight Committee whose membership shall be appointed each biennial session of the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly.

The ~~committee~~ Committee shall exercise oversight over the ~~department of corrections~~ Department of Corrections and work with and provide assistance to other legislative committees on matters related to ~~corrections~~ criminal justice policies.

(b) The ~~committee~~ Committee shall be composed of 10 members: five members of the ~~house of representatives~~ House of Representatives, who shall not all be from the same party, appointed by the ~~speaker of the house~~ Speaker of the House; and five members of the ~~senate~~ Senate, who shall not all be from the same party, appointed by the ~~committee on committees~~ Committee on

Committees. In addition to one member-at-large appointed from each chamber, one appointment shall be made from each of the ~~following house and senate~~ House and Senate Committees: ~~appropriations, judiciary, institutions on Appropriations and on Judiciary, the senate committee on health and welfare, and the house committee on human services~~ Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Institutions, and the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on Human Services.

(c) The ~~committee~~ Committee shall elect a chair, vice chair, and clerk from among its members and shall adopt rules of procedure. The ~~chair~~ Chair shall rotate biennially between the ~~house~~ House and the ~~senate~~ Senate members. The ~~committee~~ Committee shall keep minutes of its meetings and maintain a file thereof. A quorum shall consist of six members.

(d) When the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly is in session, the ~~committee~~ Committee shall meet at the call of the ~~chair~~ Chair. The ~~committee~~ Committee may meet six times during adjournment, and may meet more often subject to approval of the ~~speaker of the house~~ Speaker of the House and the ~~president pro tempore of the senate~~ President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(e) For attendance at a meeting when the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly is not in session, members of the ~~committee~~ Committee shall be entitled to compensation for services and reimbursement of expenses as provided under subsection 406(a) of this title.

(f) The professional and clerical services of the ~~joint fiscal office~~ Joint Fiscal Office and the ~~legislative council~~ Office of Legislative Council shall be available to the ~~committee~~ Committee.

Sec. E.335.2 2 V.S.A. § 802 is amended to read:

§ 802. DUTIES

(a) In addition to the general responsibilities set forth in subsection 801(a) of this title, the Committee shall:

(1) ~~Review~~ review and make recommendations regarding the Department of Corrections' strategic, operating, and capital plans;

(2) ~~Review~~ review and make recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations regarding departmental budget proposals;

(3) ~~Provide~~ provide general oversight on departmental policy development;

(4) ~~Encourage~~ encourage improved communication between the ~~department~~ Department and other relevant components of the administrative branch and the criminal justice system;

(5) evaluate the statewide system of pretrial services, court diversion programs, community justice center services, and other relevant programs and services, and determine whether there is variation in policies, procedures, practices, and outcomes between different areas of the State and the causes of any such variation;

(6) make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the creation of a consistent and cost-efficient statewide criminal justice system;

(7) review and make recommendations to the General Assembly to ensure the criminal justice statutes reflect principles of restorative justice; and

(8) review and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the timeliness of judicial proceedings.

~~(b) At least annually, the Committee shall report its activities, together with recommendations, if any, to the General Assembly. The provisions of subsection 20(d) (expiration of required reports) of this title shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection.~~ The Committee shall report any proposed legislation on or before January 15, 2016 to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions, on Judiciary, and on Human Services, and the Senate Committees on Institutions, on Judiciary, and on Health and Welfare.

Sec. E.335.3 JOINT LEGISLATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE; MEMBERSHIP

(a) The membership of the Joint Legislative Corrections Oversight Committee appointed for the 2015-2016 biennial session of the General Assembly shall also be the first appointed membership of the Joint Legislative Criminal Justice Oversight Committee, as established in Sec. E.335.1 of this act.

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 and who are committed to the custody of the Commissioner.

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(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.

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Sec. E.338 SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;
TRANSITION

(a) In fiscal year 2016, the Commissioner of Corrections shall use \$750,000 of the funds appropriated to the Department of Corrections in Sec. B.339 of this act to provide housing and substance abuse and other support services to facilitate the transition of 100 offenders to the community. Of this amount, \$60,984 is the State fund match transferred to the Global Commitment fund, \$135,610 of Global Commitment funds shall be transferred

to the Department of Mental Health for the Washington County Mental Health Collaborative Solutions Integration Project.

(b) In fiscal year 2017, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Southeast State Correctional Facility shall cease operations.

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

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

Sec. E.342.1 REPEAL

(a) 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.342.2 (eliminating classified employee position on Vermont Veterans' Home Board of Trustees) is repealed.

Sec. E.342.2 WORKING GROUP ON THE VERMONT VETERANS'

HOME GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING

(a) Creation. There is created a Working Group on the Vermont Veterans' Home Governance and Funding.

(b) Membership. The Working Group shall be composed of the following nine members:

(1) a current member of the House of Representatives who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) a current member of the Senate who shall be appointed by the
Committee on Committees;

(3) a member of the Vermont Veterans' Home Board of Trustees;

(4) the Administrator of the Vermont Veterans' Home or designee;

(5) a classified employee of the Vermont Veterans' Home;

(6) the Adjutant and Inspector General or designee;

(7) the Director of the White River Junction VA Medical Center or
designee;

(8) a representative of the Bennington County business community to be
appointed by the Governor; and

(9) the Attorney General or designee.

(c) Powers and duties. The Working Group shall study solutions to the
Vermont Veterans' Home's ongoing governance and funding challenges that
will result in the elimination of the ongoing General Fund subsidy for the
Home by fiscal year 2018, including the following issues:

(1) the current governance structure of the Home;

(2) alternative governance structures for the Home, including
privatization or a public-private partnership, and the potential costs and
benefits of adopting each alternative governance structure;

(3) alternatives to the current funding model for the Home that would
eliminate the need for ongoing General Fund subsidies by fiscal year 2018;

(4) alternative uses for the Home and its property that would benefit veterans; and

(5) options for repurposing portions of the Home's facilities and property for alternative uses that would benefit veterans.

(d) The Working Group shall consult with the Vermont Congressional delegation, veterans' advocacy groups, and members of the Bennington business community.

(e) Assistance. The Working Group shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Vermont Veterans' Home and the Vermont Office of Veterans' Affairs as necessary.

(f) Report. On or before January 15, 2016, the Working Group shall submit a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on General, Housing and Military Affairs and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations with its findings and a plan that will enable the Vermont Veterans' Home to no longer require a subsidy from the General Fund by fiscal year 2018.

(g) Meetings.

(1) The Administrator of the Vermont Veterans' Home shall call the first meeting of the Working Group to occur on or before July 15, 2015.

(2) The Working Group shall select a chair from among its members at the first meeting.

(3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

(4) The Working Group shall cease to exist on January 30, 2016.

(h) Reimbursement.

(1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, legislative members of the Working Group shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406 for no more than six meetings.

(2) Other members of the Working Group who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for no more than six meetings.

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.

* * * K-12 EDUCATION * * *

Sec. E.500 Education – finance and administration

(a) The Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section for school health services, including school nurses, shall be used for the purpose of funding certain health-care-related projects. It is the goal of these projects to

reduce the rate of uninsured or underinsured persons, or both, in Vermont and to increase the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sec. E.500.1 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.500.1 is amended to read:

Sec. E.500.1 UNIFORM CHART OF ACCOUNTS COMPLETION,
TRANSITION, TRAINING AND SUPPORT

(a) ~~On or before June 30, 2015,~~ A GASB compliant Uniform Chart of Accounts and Financial Reporting requirements shall be established by the Agency of Education which shall:

(1) be comprehensive in respect to compliance with federal funds reporting requirements; and

(2) provide the financial information necessary for State and local education decision makers in regard to specific program costs and evaluation of student outcomes.

(b) The Agency of Education shall hire a contractor or contractors through the State's procurement process to assist them in the establishment and completion of the requirements of subsection (a) of this section. Contract deliverables shall include ~~but not be limited to:~~

- (1) a comprehensive accounting manual, with related business rules;
- (2) specifications for school financial software; ~~and~~

(3) a detailed transition and support plan that ensures local reporting entities required to record and report information consistent with requirements of subsection (a) of this section can fully comply on or before July 1, 2017; and

(4) the requirements of subsection (a) of this section shall be in effect by July 1, 2017.

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 \$3,646,521 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2016 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 \$181,438 may be used by the Agency of Education for its participation in the higher education partnership plan.

Sec. E.503 Education – state-placed students

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

Sec. E.504 Education – adult education and literacy

(a) Of this appropriation, \$3,225,000 from the Education Fund shall be distributed to school districts for reimbursement of high school completion services pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1049a(c). Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b), of this Education Fund appropriation, the amount of:

(1) \$625,000 is available for dual enrollment programs consistent with 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2), of which amount \$25,000 is transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation pursuant to Sec. E.605.1 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.504.1 16 V.S.A. § 944 is amended to read:

§ 944. DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

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(f) Tuition and funding

(1) Tuition shall be paid to public postsecondary institutions in Vermont as follows:

(A) For any course for which the postsecondary institution pays the instructor, ~~the student's school district of residence shall pay~~ tuition shall be paid to the postsecondary institution in an amount equal to the tuition rate charged by the Community College of Vermont (CCV) at the time the dual

enrollment course is offered; provided however, that tuition paid to CCV under this subdivision (A) shall be in an amount equal to 90 percent of the CCV rate.

(B) For any course that is taught by an instructor who is paid as part of employment by a secondary school, ~~the student's school district of residence shall pay tuition~~ shall be paid to the postsecondary institution in an amount equal to 20 percent of the tuition rate charged by the Community College of Vermont at the time the dual enrollment course is offered.

(2) ~~Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection requiring the district of residence to pay tuition, the~~ The State shall pay 50 percent of the tuition owed to public postsecondary institutions under subdivision (1)(A) of this subsection from the Next Generation Initiative Fund created in section 2887 of this title; provided, however, that the total amount paid by the State in any fiscal year shall not exceed the total amount of General Fund dollars the General Assembly appropriated from the Fund in that year for dual enrollment purposes plus any balance carried forward from the previous fiscal year; and further provided that, notwithstanding subdivision (b)(2) of this section, the cumulative amount to be paid by school districts under subdivision (1)(A) in any fiscal year shall not exceed the amount available to be paid by General Fund dollars in that year, and 50 percent from funds appropriated from the Education Fund, notwithstanding subsection 4025(b) of this title.

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Sec. E.512 Education – Act 117 cost containment

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

Sec. E.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund

(a) Pursuant to Sec. B.513 and 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2), there is appropriated in fiscal year 2016 from the General Fund for transfer to the Education Fund the amount of \$303,343,381.

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 \$73,102,909.

(b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution, \$10,384,106 is the “normal contribution,” and \$65,718,803 is the “accrued liability contribution.”

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

(a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), \$15,576,468 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.602 Vermont state colleges

(a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to pay one-twelfth of this appropriation to the Vermont State Colleges on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

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

Sec. E.603 Vermont state colleges – allied health

(a) If Global Commitment fund monies are unavailable, the total grant funding for the Vermont State Colleges shall be maintained through the General Fund or other State funding sources.

(b) The Vermont State Colleges shall use the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section to support the dental hygiene, respiratory therapy, and nursing programs which graduate approximately 315 health care providers annually. These graduates deliver direct, high-quality health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries and uninsured or underinsured persons, or both.

(c) Of the Global Commitment funds appropriated in Sec. B.603 of this act, \$363,000 shall be to make payments to Vermont Interactive Technologies for health education and training services.

Sec. E.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

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

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

(c) Funds available to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation pursuant to Sec. E.215(a) of this act shall be used for the purposes of 16 V.S.A. § 2856. Any unexpended funds from this allocation shall carry forward for this purpose.

(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.

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

(a) The sum of \$50,000 shall be transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) as follows:

(1) \$25,000 from Sec. B.1100(a)(3)(C) (Next Generation funds appropriated for dual enrollment purposes).

(2) \$25,000 from Sec. E.504(a) (adult education and literacy funds appropriated for dual enrollment 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, 2016.

* * * NATURAL RESOURCES * * *

Sec. E.701 AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES PAYMENT IN LIEU
OF TAXES

(a) Appraisal moratorium. For the purpose of payments in lieu of taxes to municipalities in fiscal year 2016, lands held by the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 3708(a)(1) shall be appraised at the fair market value of the land in fiscal year 2014, as certified by the Director of Property Valuation and Review, provided that in fiscal year 2016, such lands held by ANR shall be appraised at 102 percent of the fair market value of the land in fiscal year 2014. For lands held by ANR and subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 3708(a)(2), payments in lieu of taxes to municipalities in fiscal year 2016 shall be made as specified in 32 V.S.A.

§ 3708(a)(2). Payments with respect to parcels acquired or reconfigured after June 30, 2014 shall be based on values established using the methodology applied to other parcels in fiscal year 2015.

(b) Appeals of appraisal. During the moratorium established under subsection (a) of this section, there shall be no right, in fiscal year 2015, for a municipality to appeal the appraised values of ANR lands certified by the Director of Property Valuation and Review in fiscal year 2014.

(c) Repeal. Subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be repealed on July 1, 2016.

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.713 Natural resources board

(a) As part of budget testimony in the 2015 legislative session, the Agency of Natural Resources in conjunction with the Natural Resources Board shall on or before March 31, 2015 submit a plan to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations for sharing of administrative services in order to achieve a General Fund appropriation reduction of at least \$200,000 in fiscal year 2016.

* * * COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT * * *

Sec. E.802 REPEAL

(a) 3 V.S.A. § 2471c (Office of Creative Economy) is repealed.

Sec. E.804 Community development block grants

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

Sec. E.805 24 V.S.A. § 2796 is amended to read:

§ 2796. DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT FUND

(a) There is created a ~~downtown transportation and related capital improvement fund~~ Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvement Fund, to be also known as the ~~fund~~ Fund, which shall be a special fund created under 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 ~~of chapter 7 of Title 32~~, to be administered by the Vermont ~~downtown development board~~ Downtown Development Board in accordance with this chapter to aid municipalities with designated downtown districts in financing capital transportation and related improvement projects to support economic development.

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(c) Any municipality with a designated downtown development district may apply to the Vermont ~~downtown development board~~ Downtown

Development Board for financial assistance from the ~~fund~~ Fund for capital transportation and related improvement projects within or serving the district. The ~~board~~ Board may award to any municipality grants in amounts not to exceed \$250,000.00 annually, loans, or loan guarantees for financing capital transportation projects, including ~~but not limited to~~ construction or alteration of roads and highways, parking facilities, and rail or bus facilities or equipment, or for the underground relocation of electric utility, cable and telecommunications lines, but shall not include assistance for operating costs. Grants awarded by the ~~board~~ Board shall not exceed ~~50~~ 80 percent of the overall cost of the project. The approval of the ~~board~~ Board may be conditioned upon the repayment to the ~~fund~~ Fund of some or all of the amount of a loan or other financial benefits and such repayment may be from local taxes, fees, or other local revenues sources. The ~~board~~ Board shall consider geographical distribution in awarding the resources of the ~~fund~~ Fund.

(d) ~~Each fiscal year, \$40,000.00 of the fund~~ The Fund shall be available to the ~~department of housing and community affairs~~ Department of Housing and Community Development for the reasonable and necessary costs of administering the fund Fund. The amount projected to be spent on administration shall be included in the Department's fiscal year budget presentations to the General Assembly.

Sec. E.806 [DELETED]

* * * TRANSPORTATION * * *

Sec. E.900 19 V.S.A. § 11a is amended to read:

§ 11a. TRANSPORTATION FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

No transportation funds shall be appropriated for the support of government other than for the Agency, the Board, Transportation Pay Act Funds, construction of transportation capital facilities, transportation debt service, the operation of information centers by the Department of Buildings and General Services, and the Department of Public Safety. The amount of transportation funds appropriated to the Department of Public Safety shall not exceed:

- (1) \$25,250,000.00 in fiscal year 2014;
- (2) \$22,750,000.00 in fiscal ~~year~~ years 2015 and 2016; and
- (3) \$20,250,000.00 in fiscal year ~~2016~~ 2017 and in succeeding fiscal

years.

Sec. E.909 Transportation – central garage

(a) Of this appropriation, \$7,123,455 is appropriated from the Transportation Equipment Replacement Account within the Central Garage Fund for the purchase of equipment as authorized in 19 V.S.A. § 13(b).

Sec. E.915 Transportation – town highway aid program

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

Sec. F.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. C.101 (Blue Ribbon Commission on Cost and Financing Options for High Quality Affordable Child Care), C.102 (fiscal year 2015 transfer to the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund), C.103 (Rescission process), C.104 (fiscal year 2015 one-time appropriations), D.102 (tobacco litigation settlement fund balance), E.225.1(c) (Agriculture/Natural Resources lab MOU/governance), E.308 (Choices for Care), E.316 (Department for Children and Families revised appropriations structure), E.500.1 (Agency of Education uniform chart of accounts), E.713 (ANR - NRB plan to achieve savings), and E.802 (Office of Creative Economy) of this act shall take effect on passage.

(b) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2015.