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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 2017

Appropriations Act.

Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

(a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of State government during fiscal year 2017. It is the express intent of the General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments, divisions, boards, and commissions be limited to those which can be supported by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2016. Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2017 so as to meet this condition unless otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the General Assembly.

Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serve as the primary source and reference for appropriations for fiscal year 2017.

(b) The sums herein stated are appropriated for the purposes specified in the following sections of this act. When no time is expressly stated during

which any of the appropriations are to continue, the appropriations are single-year appropriations and only for the purpose indicated and shall be paid from funds shown as the source of funds. If in this act there is an error in either addition or subtraction, the totals shall be adjusted accordingly. Apparent errors in referring to section numbers of statutory titles within this act may be disregarded by the Commissioner of Finance and Management.

(c) Unless codified or otherwise specified, all narrative portions of this act apply only to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2017.

Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

(a) As used in this act:

(1) "Encumbrances" means a portion of an appropriation reserved for the subsequent payment of existing purchase orders or contracts. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the appropriateness of encumbrances.

(2) "Grants" means subsidies, aid, or payments to local governments, to community and quasi-public agencies for providing local services, and to persons who are not wards of the State for services or supplies and means cash or other direct assistance, including pension contributions.

(3) "Operating expenses" means property management, repair and maintenance, rental expenses, insurance, postage, travel, energy and utilities, office and other supplies, equipment, including motor vehicles, highway

materials, and construction, expenditures for the purchase of land and construction of new buildings and permanent improvements, and similar items.

(4) "Personal services" means wages and salaries, fringe benefits, per diems, and contracted third-party services, and similar items.

Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

(a) Except as specifically provided, this act shall not be construed in any way to negate or impair the full force and effect of existing laws.

Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In the absence of specific provisions to the contrary in this act, when total appropriations are offset by estimated receipts, the State appropriations shall control, notwithstanding receipts being greater or less than anticipated.

Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

(a) In fiscal year 2017, the Governor, with the approval of the Legislature or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the Legislature is not in session, may accept federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including block grants in lieu of or in addition to funds herein designated as federal. The Governor, with the approval of the Legislature or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the Legislature is not in session, may allocate all or any portion of such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the basic appropriations in this act have been made.

(b) If, during fiscal year 2017, federal funds available to the State of Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2016 session of the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for no more than 45 days prior to Legislative or Joint Fiscal Committee approval. Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if the Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's request for approval.

Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total number of authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(11), shall not be increased during fiscal year 2017 except for new positions authorized by the 2016 session. Limited service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to this restriction, nor shall positions created pursuant to the Position Pilot Program authorized in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100(d) as

amended by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 74, and furthered amended by Sec. E.100.2 of this act.

Sec. A.108 LEGEND

(a) The bill is organized by functions of government. The sections between B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriations of funds for the upcoming budget year. The sections between E.100 and E.9999 contain language that relates to specific appropriations or government functions, or both. The function areas by section numbers are as follows:

<u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
<u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons and Property</u>
<u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
<u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
<u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
<u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
<u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community</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	2,865,695
Operating expenses	<u>211,182</u>
Total	3,076,877

Source of funds

General fund	1,213,724
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,863,153</u>
Total	3,076,877

Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance

Personal services	1,150,551
Operating expenses	<u>132,430</u>
Total	1,282,981

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,282,981</u>
Total	1,282,981

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

Personal services	1,109,499
Operating expenses	<u>232,792</u>

Total	1,342,291
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>1,342,291</u>
Total	1,342,291
Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
Personal services	304,537
Operating expenses	<u>62,108</u>
Total	366,645
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>366,645</u>
Total	366,645
Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
Personal services	21,565
Operating expenses	<u>16,578</u>
Total	38,143
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>38,143</u>
Total	38,143
Sec. B.105 Information and innovation - communications and information technology	
Personal services	23,273,904

Operating expenses	<u>16,514,093</u>
Total	39,787,997
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>39,787,997</u>
Total	39,787,997
Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
Personal services	1,312,845
Operating expenses	<u>252,190</u>
Total	1,565,035
Source of funds	
General fund	1,133,838
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>431,197</u>
Total	1,565,035
Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
Personal services	2,365,616
Operating expenses	<u>668,947</u>
Total	3,034,563
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>3,034,563</u>
Total	3,034,563

Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations

Personal services	7,186,765
Operating expenses	<u>937,445</u>
Total	8,124,210

Source of funds

General fund	1,823,395
Special funds	244,912
Internal service funds	5,518,595
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>537,308</u>
Total	8,124,210

Sec. B.108.1 Human Resources - VTHR Operations

Personal services	1,746,553
Operating expenses	<u>655,960</u>
Total	2,402,513

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>2,402,513</u>
Total	2,402,513

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

Personal services	1,201,356
Operating expenses	<u>578,585</u>
Total	1,779,941

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>1,779,941</u>
Total	1,779,941

Sec. B.110 Libraries

Personal services	1,785,527
Operating expenses	1,439,081
Grants	<u>145,512</u>
Total	3,370,120

Source of funds

General fund	2,307,163
Special funds	104,857
Federal funds	861,098
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>97,002</u>
Total	3,370,120

Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection

Personal services	14,086,964
Operating expenses	<u>3,775,766</u>
Total	17,862,730

Source of funds

General fund	16,349,276
Special funds	1,370,888

Interdepartmental transfers 142,566

Total 17,862,730

Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration

Personal services 613,649

Operating expenses 103,560

Total 717,209

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers 717,209

Total 717,209

Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering

Personal services 2,797,007

Operating expenses 756,054

Total 3,553,061

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers 3,553,061

Total 3,553,061

Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers

Personal services 3,460,339

Operating expenses 1,260,232

Grants 33,000

Total 4,753,571

Source of funds	
General fund	677,224
Transportation fund	4,014,502
Special funds	<u>61,845</u>
Total	4,753,571
Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
Personal services	1,093,836
Operating expenses	<u>190,281</u>
Total	1,284,117
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,284,117</u>
Total	1,284,117
Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
Personal services	715,610
Operating expenses	<u>114,736</u>
Total	830,346
Source of funds	
General fund	83,221
Internal service funds	<u>747,125</u>
Total	830,346

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

Personal services	660,219
Operating expenses	<u>162,809</u>
Total	823,028

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>823,028</u>
Total	823,028

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

Personal services	663,543
Operating expenses	<u>222,056</u>
Total	885,599

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>885,599</u>
Total	885,599

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

Personal services	24,386
Operating expenses	<u>5,771</u>
Total	30,157

Source of funds

Enterprise funds	<u>30,157</u>
Total	30,157

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

Personal services	107,634
Operating expenses	<u>108,954</u>
Total	216,588

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>216,588</u>
Total	216,588

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

Personal services	1,016,964
Operating expenses	<u>1,131,458</u>
Total	2,148,422

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>2,148,422</u>
Total	2,148,422

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

Personal services	15,088,221
Operating expenses	<u>13,420,970</u>
Total	28,509,191

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>28,509,191</u>
Total	28,509,191

Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office

Personal services	1,627,847
Operating expenses	<u>460,416</u>
Total	2,088,263

Source of funds

General fund	1,695,176
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>393,087</u>
Total	2,088,263

Sec. B.125 Legislative council

Personal services	3,297,642
Operating expenses	<u>910,056</u>
Total	4,207,698

Source of funds

General fund	<u>4,207,698</u>
Total	4,207,698

Sec. B.126 Legislature

Personal services	3,671,819
Operating expenses	<u>3,592,956</u>
Total	7,264,775

Source of funds

General fund	<u>7,264,775</u>
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Total	7,264,775
Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
Personal services	1,535,079
Operating expenses	<u>113,801</u>
Total	1,648,880
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,648,880</u>
Total	1,648,880
Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
Personal services	598,470
Operating expenses	<u>72,904</u>
Total	671,374
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>671,374</u>
Total	671,374
Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
Personal services	164,873
Operating expenses	<u>29,614</u>
Total	194,487
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>194,487</u>

Total	194,487
Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
Personal services	3,691,861
Operating expenses	<u>151,915</u>
Total	3,843,776
Source of funds	
General fund	418,307
Special funds	53,145
Internal service funds	<u>3,372,324</u>
Total	3,843,776
Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
Personal services	3,337,295
Operating expenses	<u>265,138</u>
Total	3,602,433
Source of funds	
General fund	1,022,452
Special funds	2,471,709
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>108,272</u>
Total	3,602,433
Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
Personal services	832,146

Operating expenses	<u>293,555</u>
Total	1,125,701
Source of funds	
Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,125,701</u>
Total	1,125,701
Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
Personal services	7,920,899
Operating expenses	<u>1,266,225</u>
Total	9,187,124
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	<u>9,187,124</u>
Total	9,187,124
Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
Personal services	2,649,446
Operating expenses	<u>700,137</u>
Total	3,349,583
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	<u>3,349,583</u>
Total	3,349,583
Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
Personal services	203,674

Operating expenses	<u>43,645</u>
Total	247,319
Source of funds	
General fund	237,743
Special funds	6,788
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
Total	247,319
Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
Personal services	54,576
Operating expenses	<u>18,646</u>
Total	73,222
Source of funds	
General fund	36,611
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>36,611</u>
Total	73,222
Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
Grants	<u>16,200,000</u>
Total	16,200,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>16,200,000</u>
Total	16,200,000

Sec. B.138 Renter rebate

Grants 10,400,000

Total 10,400,000

Source of funds

General fund 3,120,000

Education fund 7,280,000

Total 10,400,000

Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments

Grants 3,425,000

Total 3,425,000

Source of funds

Education fund 3,425,000

Total 3,425,000

Sec. B.140 Municipal current use

Grants 15,321,776

Total 15,321,776

Source of funds

General fund 15,321,776

Total 15,321,776

Sec. B.141 Lottery commission

Personal services 1,934,113

Operating expenses	1,309,216
Grants	<u>150,000</u>
Total	3,393,329
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>3,393,329</u>
Total	3,393,329
Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
Grants	<u>7,100,000</u>
Total	7,100,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>7,100,000</u>
Total	7,100,000
Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier	
Grants	<u>270,000</u>
Total	270,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>270,000</u>
Total	270,000
Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
Grants	<u>65,000</u>
Total	65,000

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>65,000</u>
Total	65,000

Sec. B.145 Total general government

Source of funds

General fund	76,911,237
Transportation fund	4,014,502
Special funds	11,749,144
Education fund	10,705,000
Federal funds	861,098
Internal service funds	90,972,965
Interdepartmental transfers	9,165,235
Enterprise funds	3,423,486
Pension trust funds	12,536,707
Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,125,701</u>
Total	221,465,075

Sec. B.200 Attorney general

Personal services	8,782,030
Operating expenses	1,386,540
Grants	<u>26,894</u>
Total	10,195,464

Source of funds	
General fund	4,338,420
Special funds	1,848,908
Tobacco fund	530,790
Federal funds	1,067,909
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,409,437</u>
Total	10,195,464
Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
Personal services	63,550
Operating expenses	500
Grants	<u>1,996,483</u>
Total	2,060,533
Source of funds	
General fund	1,396,486
Special funds	<u>664,047</u>
Total	2,060,533
Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
Personal services	10,489,892
Operating expenses	<u>1,026,336</u>
Total	11,516,228

Source of funds

General fund	10,927,676
Special funds	<u>588,552</u>
Total	11,516,228

Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel

Personal services	5,489,474
Operating expenses	<u>49,819</u>
Total	5,539,293

Source of funds

General fund	<u>5,539,293</u>
Total	5,539,293

Sec. B.204 Judiciary

Personal services	36,350,769
Operating expenses	8,552,590
Grants	<u>76,030</u>
Total	44,979,389

Source of funds

General fund	39,391,172
Special funds	2,667,459
Tobacco fund	39,031
Federal funds	556,455

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,325,272</u>
Total	44,979,389
Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
Personal services	11,690,469
Operating expenses	<u>1,945,843</u>
Total	13,636,312
Source of funds	
General fund	10,990,771
Special funds	105,855
Federal funds	31,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,508,686</u>
Total	13,636,312
Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
Personal services	90,000
Operating expenses	1,100
Grants	<u>1,750,000</u>
Total	1,841,100
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,841,100</u>
Total	1,841,100

Sec. B.207 Sheriffs

Personal services	3,939,833
Operating expenses	<u>425,800</u>
Total	4,365,633

Source of funds

General fund	<u>4,365,633</u>
Total	4,365,633

Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration

Personal services	2,581,402
Operating expenses	<u>2,517,522</u>
Total	5,098,924

Source of funds

General fund	2,805,505
Federal funds	270,726
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,022,693</u>
Total	5,098,924

Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

Personal services	51,937,925
Operating expenses	8,269,462
Grants	<u>759,635</u>
Total	60,967,022

Source of funds

General fund	33,887,477
Transportation fund	20,250,000
Special funds	2,849,249
Federal funds	2,161,852
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,818,444</u>
Total	60,967,022

Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services

Personal services	8,605,625
Operating expenses	2,525,328
Grants	<u>191,650</u>
Total	11,322,603

Source of funds

General fund	7,090,142
Special funds	1,941,138
Federal funds	1,327,086
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>964,237</u>
Total	11,322,603

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

Personal services	3,137,644
Operating expenses	1,458,342

Grants	<u>17,207,831</u>
Total	21,803,817
Source of funds	
General fund	502,542
Federal funds	21,113,661
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>187,614</u>
Total	21,803,817
Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
Personal services	6,263,825
Operating expenses	2,591,448
Grants	<u>107,000</u>
Total	8,962,273
Source of funds	
General fund	383,349
Special funds	8,179,056
Federal funds	354,868
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
Total	8,962,273
Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
Personal services	708,516
Operating expenses	341,919

Grants	<u>100,000</u>
Total	1,150,435
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,150,435</u>
Total	1,150,435
Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
Personal services	5,453,003
Operating expenses	<u>1,026,294</u>
Total	6,479,297
Source of funds	
General fund	552,185
Federal funds	<u>5,927,112</u>
Total	6,479,297
Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
Personal services	10,640,120
Operating expenses	<u>6,883,650</u>
Total	17,523,770
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>17,523,770</u>
Total	17,523,770

Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance

Personal services	895,500
Operating expenses	<u>626,874</u>
Total	1,522,374

Source of funds

General fund	1,512,374
Special funds	<u>10,000</u>
Total	1,522,374

Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs

Personal services	2,169,931
Operating expenses	160,999
Grants	<u>96,784</u>
Total	2,427,714

Source of funds

General fund	794,156
Special funds	109,718
Federal funds	<u>1,523,840</u>
Total	2,427,714

Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services

Personal services	1,670,219
Operating expenses	269,420

Grants	<u>11,155,252</u>
Total	13,094,891
Source of funds	
General fund	1,264,140
Special funds	5,072,158
Federal funds	<u>6,758,593</u>
Total	13,094,891
Sec. B.221 Criminal justice training council	
Personal services	1,068,015
Operating expenses	<u>1,327,800</u>
Total	2,395,815
Source of funds	
General fund	2,317,482
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>78,333</u>
Total	2,395,815
Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
Personal services	1,433,951
Operating expenses	312,646
Grants	<u>212,222</u>
Total	1,958,819

Source of funds	
General fund	1,101,524
Special funds	520,239
Federal funds	<u>337,056</u>
Total	1,958,819

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

Personal services	3,657,316
Operating expenses	713,308
Grants	<u>2,750,000</u>
Total	7,120,624

Source of funds	
General fund	2,593,189
Special funds	3,553,332
Federal funds	933,097
Global Commitment fund	34,006
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,000</u>
Total	7,120,624

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

Personal services	1,230,962
Operating expenses	853,358

Grants	<u>1,140,562</u>
Total	3,224,882

Source of funds

General fund	1,921,634
Special funds	582,764
Federal funds	676,266
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>44,218</u>
Total	3,224,882

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

Personal services	3,247,517
Operating expenses	737,336
Grants	<u>1,203,080</u>
Total	5,187,933

Source of funds

General fund	2,052,525
Special funds	1,957,631
Federal funds	1,026,838
Global Commitment fund	56,272
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>94,667</u>
Total	5,187,933

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

Personal services	1,282,870
Operating expenses	<u>965,342</u>
Total	2,248,212
Source of funds	
General fund	782,059
Special funds	1,417,990
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>48,163</u>
Total	2,248,212

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

Personal services	998,344
Operating expenses	292,257
Grants	<u>1,525,000</u>
Total	2,815,601
Source of funds	
General fund	375,000
Special funds	<u>2,440,601</u>
Total	2,815,601

Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration

Personal services	1,919,911
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Operating expenses	<u>194,235</u>
Total	2,114,146
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>2,114,146</u>
Total	2,114,146
Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
Personal services	1,644,347
Operating expenses	<u>350,156</u>
Total	1,994,503
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>1,994,503</u>
Total	1,994,503
Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
Personal services	4,538,399
Operating expenses	<u>504,759</u>
Total	5,043,158
Source of funds	
Special funds	4,975,958
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>67,200</u>
Total	5,043,158

Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance

Personal services	4,070,007
Operating expenses	<u>490,641</u>
Total	4,560,648

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>4,560,648</u>
Total	4,560,648

Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities

Personal services	835,280
Operating expenses	<u>179,328</u>
Total	1,014,608

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>1,014,608</u>
Total	1,014,608

Sec. B.232 Secretary of state

Personal services	10,038,201
Operating expenses	<u>2,243,361</u>
Total	12,281,562

Source of funds

Special funds	10,544,858
Federal funds	1,661,704

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
Total	12,281,562
Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
Personal services	10,567,119
Operating expenses	2,013,321
Grants	<u>3,687,932</u>
Total	16,268,372
Source of funds	
Special funds	14,551,869
Federal funds	1,002,268
ARRA funds	650,000
Interdepartmental transfers	41,667
Enterprise funds	<u>22,568</u>
Total	16,268,372
Sec. B.234 Public service board	
Personal services	3,099,507
Operating expenses	<u>445,493</u>
Total	3,545,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>3,545,000</u>
Total	3,545,000

Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board

Personal services	3,289,987
Operating expenses	294,843
Grants	<u>720,000</u>
Total	4,304,830

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>4,304,830</u>
Total	4,304,830

Sec. B.236 Human rights commission

Personal services	454,052
Operating expenses	<u>77,347</u>
Total	531,399

Source of funds

General fund	455,632
Federal funds	<u>75,767</u>
Total	531,399

Sec. B.237 Liquor control - administration

Personal services	3,732,527
Operating expenses	<u>478,007</u>
Total	4,210,534

Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>4,210,534</u>
Total	4,210,534
Sec. B.238 Liquor control - enforcement and licensing	
Personal services	2,519,794
Operating expenses	<u>491,938</u>
Total	3,011,732
Source of funds	
Special funds	151,119
Tobacco fund	213,843
Federal funds	312,503
Enterprise funds	<u>2,334,267</u>
Total	3,011,732
Sec. B.239 Liquor control - warehousing and distribution	
Personal services	1,006,762
Operating expenses	<u>439,188</u>
Total	1,445,950
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>1,445,950</u>
Total	1,445,950

Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

General fund	140,331,901
Transportation fund	20,250,000
Special funds	82,266,236
Tobacco fund	783,664
Federal funds	64,642,371
ARRA funds	650,000
Global Commitment fund	90,278
Interdepartmental transfers	12,737,631
Enterprise funds	<u>8,013,319</u>
Total	329,765,400

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

Personal services	16,945,382
Operating expenses	5,927,510
Grants	<u>3,069,120</u>
Total	25,942,012

Source of funds

General fund	6,112,158
Special funds	91,017
Tobacco fund	67,500

Federal funds	11,436,482
Global Commitment fund	6,436,024
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,798,831</u>
Total	25,942,012

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

Operating expenses	5,529,495
Grants	<u>1,665,005,640</u>
Total	1,670,535,135

Source of funds

General fund	317,889,662
Special funds	28,263,866
Tobacco fund	27,530,657
State health care resources fund	290,768,571
Federal funds	1,006,042,379
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>40,000</u>
Total	1,670,535,135

Sec. B.302 Rate setting

Personal services	831,219
Operating expenses	<u>98,596</u>
Total	929,815

Source of funds	
Global Commitment fund	<u>929,815</u>
Total	929,815
Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
Personal services	261,555
Operating expenses	67,012
Grants	<u>248,388</u>
Total	576,955
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>576,955</u>
Total	576,955
Sec. B.304 Human services board	
Personal services	659,457
Operating expenses	<u>89,986</u>
Total	749,443
Source of funds	
General fund	208,383
Federal funds	112,844
Global Commitment fund	355,736
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>72,480</u>
Total	749,443

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	166,815,638
Operating expenses	5,252,813
Grants	<u>17,445,598</u>
Total	189,514,049

Source of funds

General fund	6,551,086
Special funds	799,894
Federal funds	99,758,443
Global Commitment fund	71,800,549
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>10,604,077</u>
Total	189,514,049

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

Grants	<u>753,359,676</u>
Total	753,359,676

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	<u>753,359,676</u>
Total	753,359,676

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

Grants	<u>187,293,862</u>
Total	187,293,862

Source of funds

General fund	753,720
Federal funds	896,280
Global Commitment fund	<u>185,643,862</u>
Total	187,293,862

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

Grants	<u>44,373,965</u>
Total	44,373,965

Source of funds

General fund	36,451,439
Global Commitment fund	<u>7,922,526</u>
Total	44,373,965

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

Grants	<u>46,362,233</u>
Total	46,362,233

Source of funds

General fund	17,804,538
Federal funds	<u>28,557,695</u>
Total	46,362,233

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services	7,605,625
Operating expenses	2,974,444
Grants	<u>3,185,000</u>
Total	13,765,069

Source of funds

General fund	2,156,700
Special funds	1,286,732
Federal funds	5,584,598

Global Commitment fund	<u>4,737,039</u>
Total	13,765,069
Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
Personal services	40,636,991
Operating expenses	9,221,544
Grants	<u>38,431,111</u>
Total	88,289,646
Source of funds	
General fund	5,496,552
Special funds	17,054,895
Tobacco fund	2,409,514
Federal funds	38,055,582
Global Commitment fund	24,126,242
Interdepartmental transfers	1,121,861
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
Total	88,289,646
Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs	
Personal services	3,681,311
Operating expenses	295,122
Grants	<u>47,410,480</u>
Total	51,386,913

Source of funds

General fund	2,755,862
Special funds	459,453
Tobacco fund	1,357,025
Federal funds	12,012,707
Global Commitment fund	<u>34,801,866</u>
Total	51,386,913

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services	28,694,403
Operating expenses	3,885,385
Grants	<u>192,151,689</u>
Total	224,731,477

Source of funds

General fund	1,593,826
Special funds	434,904
Federal funds	3,620,435
Global Commitment fund	219,062,312
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>20,000</u>
Total	224,731,477

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

Personal services	37,891,973
Operating expenses	9,938,078
Grants	<u>3,828,592</u>
Total	51,658,643

Source of funds

General fund	23,929,434
Special funds	718,986
Federal funds	23,390,910
Global Commitment fund	3,402,828
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>216,485</u>
Total	51,658,643

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

Personal services	32,191,167
Operating expenses	4,701,495
Grants	<u>74,968,686</u>
Total	111,861,348

Source of funds

General fund	33,593,853
Special funds	1,691,637

Federal funds	25,015,922
Global Commitment fund	51,423,882
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>136,054</u>
Total	111,861,348

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

Personal services	6,196,295
Operating expenses	833,601
Grants	<u>76,203,172</u>
Total	83,233,068

Source of funds

General fund	31,364,569
Special funds	1,820,000
Federal funds	38,233,170
Global Commitment fund	<u>11,815,329</u>
Total	83,233,068

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

Personal services	10,226,408
Operating expenses	<u>3,644,264</u>
Total	13,870,672

Source of funds

General fund	3,445,615
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Special funds	455,718
Federal funds	9,581,739
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
Total	13,870,672

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

Personal services	2,221,542
Grants	<u>11,367,424</u>
Total	13,588,966

Source of funds

General fund	9,688,636
Global Commitment fund	<u>3,900,330</u>
Total	13,588,966

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

Grants	<u>7,087,010</u>
Total	7,087,010

Source of funds

General fund	5,680,025
Federal funds	1,111,320
Global Commitment fund	<u>295,665</u>
Total	7,087,010

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

Grants 29,827,906

Total 29,827,906

Source of funds

Federal funds 29,827,906

Total 29,827,906

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

Operating expenses 95,202

Grants 37,138,535

Total 37,233,737

Source of funds

General fund 7,666,172

Special funds 23,401,676

Federal funds 3,819,096

Global Commitment fund 2,346,793

Total 37,233,737

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

assistance/LIHEAP

Grants 17,351,664

Total 17,351,664

Source of funds

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

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

Personal services	372,844
Operating expenses	28,119
Grants	<u>9,315,255</u>
Total	9,716,218

Source of funds

General fund	4,667,495
Special funds	57,990
Federal funds	4,350,417
Global Commitment fund	<u>640,316</u>
Total	9,716,218

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

Personal services	289,008
Operating expenses	53,816
Grants	<u>10,857,176</u>
Total	11,200,000

Source of funds	
Special funds	9,000,000
Federal funds	1,000,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,200,000</u>
Total	11,200,000

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

Personal services	4,795,936
Operating expenses	<u>694,946</u>
Total	5,490,882

Source of funds	
General fund	1,035,771
Global Commitment fund	4,358,111
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>97,000</u>
Total	5,490,882

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

Personal services	5,701,206
Operating expenses	<u>527,556</u>
Total	6,228,762

Source of funds

Federal funds	5,963,048
Global Commitment fund	<u>265,714</u>
Total	6,228,762

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

Personal services	29,605,791
Operating expenses	<u>5,211,053</u>
Total	34,816,844

Source of funds

General fund	11,637,389
Special funds	1,390,457
Federal funds	13,491,875
Global Commitment fund	7,230,839
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>
Total	34,816,844

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	<u>5,704,914</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
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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>197,610,142</u>
Total	197,610,142

Source of funds

General fund	155,125
Special funds	15,463
Federal funds	359,857
Global Commitment fund	<u>197,079,697</u>
Total	197,610,142

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>
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Total	5,647,336
Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
Personal services	2,606,169
Operating expenses	<u>215,943</u>
Total	2,822,112
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>2,822,112</u>
Total	2,822,112
Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
Personal services	245,629
Operating expenses	<u>81,081</u>
Total	326,710
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>326,710</u>
Total	326,710
Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
Personal services	2,827,819
Operating expenses	<u>510,128</u>
Total	3,337,947
Source of funds	
Education fund	3,109,463

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>228,484</u>
Total	3,337,947

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

Personal services	110,418,338
Operating expenses	20,357,559
Grants	<u>9,872,638</u>
Total	140,648,535

Source of funds

General fund	133,909,426
Special funds	483,963
Federal funds	470,962
Global Commitment fund	5,387,869
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
Total	140,648,535

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

Personal services	<u>7,039,110</u>
Total	7,039,110

Source of funds

General fund	<u>7,039,110</u>
Total	7,039,110

Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation

Personal services	556,422
Operating expenses	<u>345,501</u>
Total	901,923

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>901,923</u>
Total	901,923

Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program

Personal services	1,359,804
Operating expenses	<u>548,231</u>
Total	1,908,035

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>1,908,035</u>
Total	1,908,035

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

Personal services	17,571,664
Operating expenses	<u>4,794,203</u>
Total	22,365,867

Source of funds

General fund	5,923,637
Special funds	8,655,269

Federal funds	7,375,975
Global Commitment fund	<u>410,986</u>
Total	22,365,867
Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
Personal services	280,633
Operating expenses	<u>76,378</u>
Total	357,011
Source of funds	
General fund	352,011
Special funds	<u>5,000</u>
Total	357,011
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	9,380,201
Operating expenses	<u>835,995</u>
Total	10,216,196

Source of funds

General fund	1,364,985
Special funds	2,341,434
Federal funds	448,808
Global Commitment fund	4,568,408
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,492,561</u>
Total	10,216,196

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund	692,110,761
Special funds	99,623,727
Tobacco fund	31,364,696
State health care resources fund	290,768,571
Education fund	3,109,463
Federal funds	1,400,586,175
Global Commitment fund	1,613,907,164
Internal service funds	1,908,035
Interdepartmental transfers	26,848,419
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
Total	4,160,252,011

Sec. B.400 Labor - programs

Personal services	31,744,618
Operating expenses	9,723,007
Grants	<u>225,000</u>
Total	41,692,625

Source of funds

General fund	3,814,311
Special funds	3,363,869
Federal funds	32,805,942
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,708,503</u>
Total	41,692,625

Sec. B.401 Total labor

Source of funds

General fund	3,814,311
Special funds	3,363,869
Federal funds	32,805,942
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,708,503</u>
Total	41,692,625

Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration

Personal services	9,210,219
Operating expenses	2,507,191

Grants	<u>15,810,700</u>
Total	27,528,110
Source of funds	
General fund	3,696,946
Special funds	16,821,588
Education fund	1,014,007
Federal funds	5,036,834
Global Commitment fund	<u>958,735</u>
Total	27,528,110
Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
Personal services	16,964,227
Operating expenses	1,406,432
Grants	<u>122,039,206</u>
Total	140,409,865
Source of funds	
General fund	4,916,711
Special funds	2,996,817
Tobacco fund	750,389
Federal funds	130,421,580
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,324,368</u>
Total	140,409,865

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

Grants 180,749,796

Total 180,749,796

Source of funds

Education fund 180,749,796

Total 180,749,796

Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students

Grants 16,700,000

Total 16,700,000

Source of funds

Education fund 16,700,000

Total 16,700,000

Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy

Grants 3,351,468

Total 3,351,468

Source of funds

General fund 787,995

Education fund 1,800,000

Federal funds 763,473

Total 3,351,468

Sec. B.504.1 Education - flexible pathways

Grants 4,750,000

Total 4,750,000

Source of funds

Education fund 4,750,000

Total 4,750,000

Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment

Grants 1,322,319,706

Total 1,322,319,706

Source of funds

Education fund 1,322,319,706

Total 1,322,319,706

Sec. B.506 Education - transportation

Grants 18,240,000

Total 18,240,000

Source of funds

Education fund 18,240,000

Total 18,240,000

Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants

Grants 7,700,000

Total 7,700,000

Source of funds

Education fund	<u>7,700,000</u>
Total	7,700,000

Sec. B.508 Education - capital debt service aid

Grants	<u>30,000</u>
Total	30,000

Source of funds

Education fund	<u>30,000</u>
Total	30,000

Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant

Grants	<u>6,400,000</u>
Total	6,400,000

Source of funds

Education fund	<u>6,400,000</u>
Total	6,400,000

Sec. B.511 Education - technical education

Grants	<u>13,530,912</u>
Total	13,530,912

Source of funds

Education fund	<u>13,530,912</u>
Total	13,530,912

Sec. B.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund

Grants 305,902,634

Total 305,902,634

Source of funds

General fund 305,902,634

Total 305,902,634

Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system

Grants 82,659,576

Total 82,659,576

Source of funds

General fund 82,659,576

Total 82,659,576

Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system

Personal services 8,174,982

Operating expenses 1,465,911

Total 9,640,893

Source of funds

Pension trust funds 9,640,893

Total 9,640,893

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

Grants 18,322,584

Total	18,322,584
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>18,322,584</u>
Total	18,322,584
Sec. B.516 Total general education	
Source of funds	
General fund	416,286,446
Special funds	19,818,405
Tobacco fund	750,389
Education fund	1,573,234,421
Federal funds	136,221,887
Global Commitment fund	958,735
Interdepartmental transfers	1,324,368
Pension trust funds	<u>9,640,893</u>
Total	2,158,235,544
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>25,100,464</u>
Total	25,100,464
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>25,100,464</u>
Total	25,100,464
Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
Grants	<u>1,157,775</u>
Total	1,157,775
Source of funds	
General fund	748,314
Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>
Total	1,157,775

Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

Grants 19,414,588

Total 19,414,588

Source of funds

General fund 19,414,588

Total 19,414,588

Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact

Grants 84,000

Total 84,000

Source of funds

General fund 84,000

Total 84,000

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

Grants 1

Total 1

Source of funds

General fund 1

Total 1

Sec. B.608 Total higher education

Source of funds

General fund 84,081,346

Global Commitment fund	<u>4,455,678</u>
Total	88,537,024

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

Personal services	3,517,448
Operating expenses	2,128,893
Grants	<u>114,960</u>
Total	5,761,301

Source of funds

General fund	4,850,163
Special funds	472,400
Federal funds	275,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>163,738</u>
Total	5,761,301

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

Operating expenses	<u>2,339,405</u>
Total	2,339,405

Source of funds

General fund	1,917,905
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
Total	2,339,405

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

Personal services	16,280,543
Operating expenses	5,286,467
Grants	<u>739,000</u>
Total	22,306,010

Source of funds

General fund	4,987,323
Special funds	77,955
Fish and wildlife fund	9,592,312
Federal funds	7,531,572
Interdepartmental transfers	115,848
Permanent trust funds	<u>1,000</u>
Total	22,306,010

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

Personal services	1,149,604
Operating expenses	667,688
Grants	<u>1,963,413</u>
Total	3,780,705

Source of funds

General fund	1,154,294
Special funds	1,456,877

Federal funds	<u>1,169,534</u>
Total	3,780,705

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

Personal services	5,278,211
Operating expenses	729,049
Grants	<u>450,000</u>
Total	6,457,260

Source of funds

General fund	4,231,560
Special funds	717,701
Federal funds	1,250,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>257,999</u>
Total	6,457,260

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

Personal services	7,326,858
Operating expenses	<u>2,636,530</u>
Total	9,963,388

Source of funds

General fund	571,102
Special funds	<u>9,392,286</u>
Total	9,963,388

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

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

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

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

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

Personal services	94,000
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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	5,854,115
Operating expenses	677,351
Grants	<u>160,000</u>
Total	6,691,466
Source of funds	
General fund	374,367
Special funds	385,773
Federal funds	724,194
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,207,132</u>
Total	6,691,466
Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
Personal services	10,490,655
Operating expenses	8,220,578
Grants	<u>1,949,993</u>
Total	20,661,226

Source of funds	
General fund	90,472
Special funds	16,726,784
Federal funds	3,629,701
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>214,269</u>
Total	20,661,226

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

Personal services	17,347,245
Operating expenses	5,662,996
Grants	<u>26,312,625</u>
Total	49,322,866

Source of funds	
General fund	7,582,013
Special funds	12,654,402
Federal funds	27,890,186
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,196,265</u>
Total	49,322,866

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	2,504,516
Operating expenses	<u>402,928</u>
Total	2,907,444
Source of funds	
General fund	606,932
Special funds	<u>2,300,512</u>
Total	2,907,444
Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
Source of funds	
General fund	27,070,133
Special funds	44,575,501
Fish and wildlife fund	9,592,312
Federal funds	43,637,187
Interdepartmental transfers	7,695,501
Permanent trust funds	<u>1,000</u>
Total	132,571,634

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

Personal services	2,960,194
Operating expenses	717,804
Grants	<u>4,768,627</u>
Total	8,446,625

Source of funds

General fund	3,511,636
Special funds	3,599,800
Federal funds	1,200,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>135,189</u>
Total	8,446,625

Sec. B.801 Economic development

Personal services	3,639,189
Operating expenses	667,420
Grants	<u>1,994,836</u>
Total	6,301,445

Source of funds

General fund	4,600,379
Special funds	767,950
Federal funds	<u>933,116</u>

Total	6,301,445
Sec. B.802 Housing & community development	
Personal services	6,939,855
Operating expenses	882,101
Grants	<u>1,357,213</u>
Total	9,179,169
Source of funds	
General fund	2,623,306
Special funds	4,423,559
Federal funds	2,024,863
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>107,441</u>
Total	9,179,169
Sec. B.804 Community development block grants	
Grants	<u>6,249,045</u>
Total	6,249,045
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>6,249,045</u>
Total	6,249,045
Sec. B.805 Downtown transportation and capital improvement fund	
Personal services	94,328
Grants	<u>335,151</u>

Total	429,479
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>429,479</u>
Total	429,479
Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
Personal services	1,167,103
Operating expenses	1,856,903
Grants	<u>150,380</u>
Total	3,174,386
Source of funds	
General fund	3,074,386
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
Total	3,174,386
Sec. B.807 Vermont life	
Personal services	670,903
Operating expenses	<u>61,465</u>
Total	732,368
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>732,368</u>
Total	732,368

Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts

Grants 645,307

Total 645,307

Source of funds

General fund 645,307

Total 645,307

Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra

Grants 141,214

Total 141,214

Source of funds

General fund 141,214

Total 141,214

Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society

Grants 954,354

Total 954,354

Source of funds

General fund 954,354

Total 954,354

Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board

Grants 27,086,977

Total 27,086,977

Source of funds

Special funds	12,297,808
Federal funds	<u>14,789,169</u>
Total	27,086,977

Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council

Grants	<u>217,959</u>
Total	217,959

Source of funds

General fund	<u>217,959</u>
Total	217,959

Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development

Source of funds

General fund	15,768,541
Special funds	21,518,596
Federal funds	25,196,193
Interdepartmental transfers	342,630
Enterprise funds	<u>732,368</u>
Total	63,558,328

Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration

Personal services	11,650,431
Operating expenses	2,501,368

Grants	<u>55,000</u>
Total	14,206,799
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	13,262,499
Federal funds	<u>944,300</u>
Total	14,206,799
Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
Personal services	2,650,087
Operating expenses	17,110,961
Grants	<u>274,000</u>
Total	20,035,048
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	5,776,348
Federal funds	14,123,500
Local match	<u>135,200</u>
Total	20,035,048
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	45,052,065
Operating expenses	199,839,357
Grants	<u>44,608,524</u>
Total	289,499,946
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	41,433,591
TIB fund	8,439,463
Federal funds	238,651,226
Local match	<u>975,666</u>
Total	289,499,946
Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
Operating expenses	<u>550,000</u>
Total	550,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	60,000
Federal funds	<u>490,000</u>
Total	550,000
Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
Personal services	44,434,460

Operating expenses	45,739,029
Grants	<u>1,383,280</u>
Total	91,556,769
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	86,728,962
Federal funds	4,727,807
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
Total	91,556,769
Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
Personal services	3,446,689
Operating expenses	675,519
Grants	<u>5,864,950</u>
Total	9,987,158
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	2,576,853
Federal funds	7,396,305
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,000</u>
Total	9,987,158
Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
Personal services	5,757,863
Operating expenses	<u>28,123,741</u>

Total	33,881,604
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	18,665,089
TIB fund	2,482,700
Federal funds	12,588,350
ARRA funds	90,899
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>54,566</u>
Total	33,881,604
Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
Personal services	1,147,270
Operating expenses	268,987
Grants	<u>29,757,441</u>
Total	31,173,698
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	7,928,915
Federal funds	<u>23,244,783</u>
Total	31,173,698
Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
Personal services	4,596,869
Operating expenses	<u>15,134,918</u>
Total	19,731,787

Source of funds

Internal service funds 19,731,787

Total 19,731,787

Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles

Personal services 18,539,423

Operating expenses 10,370,632

Total 28,910,055

Source of funds

Transportation fund 27,416,335

Federal funds 1,388,720

Interdepartmental transfers 105,000

Total 28,910,055

Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures

Grants 6,333,500

Total 6,333,500

Source of funds

Transportation fund 6,333,500

Total 6,333,500

Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program

Grants 394,700

Total 394,700

Source of funds

Transportation fund	239,700
Federal funds	<u>155,000</u>
Total	394,700

Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway

Grants	<u>7,248,750</u>
Total	7,248,750

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>7,248,750</u>
Total	7,248,750

Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges

Personal services	5,206,279
Operating expenses	14,774,385
Grants	<u>41,066</u>
Total	20,021,730

Source of funds

Transportation fund	1,232,953
TIB fund	1,421,331
Federal funds	16,162,896
Local match	<u>1,204,550</u>
Total	20,021,730

Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program

Grants 25,982,744

Total 25,982,744

Source of funds

Transportation fund 25,982,744

Total 25,982,744

Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants

Grants 128,750

Total 128,750

Source of funds

Transportation fund 128,750

Total 128,750

Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters

Grants 1,150,000

Total 1,150,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund 1,150,000

Total 1,150,000

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

Grants 1,280,000

Total 1,280,000

Source of funds

Federal funds	<u>1,280,000</u>
Total	1,280,000

Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation grant program

Grants	<u>2,905,000</u>
Total	2,905,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund	1,440,000
Special funds	<u>1,465,000</u>
Total	2,905,000

Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program

Operating expenses	640,000
Grants	<u>10,300,000</u>
Total	10,940,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund	160,000
Special funds	300,000
Federal funds	10,000,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>480,000</u>
Total	10,940,000

Sec. B.921 Transportation board

Personal services	198,657
Operating expenses	<u>30,588</u>
Total	229,245

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>229,245</u>
Total	229,245

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds

Transportation fund	249,994,234
TIB fund	12,343,494
Special funds	1,765,000
Federal funds	331,152,887
ARRA funds	90,899
Internal service funds	19,731,787
Interdepartmental transfers	753,566
Local match	<u>2,315,416</u>
Total	618,147,283

Sec. B.1000 Debt service

Operating expenses	<u>76,991,491</u>
Total	76,991,491

Source of funds	
General fund	71,119,465
Transportation fund	1,884,089
Special funds	336,000
ARRA funds	1,150,524
TIB debt service fund	<u>2,501,413</u>
Total	76,991,491

Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

Source of funds	
General fund	71,119,465
Transportation fund	1,884,089
Special funds	336,000
ARRA funds	1,150,524
TIB debt service fund	<u>2,501,413</u>
Total	76,991,491

Sec. B.1100 NEXT GENERATION; APPROPRIATIONS AND
TRANSFERS

(a) In fiscal year 2017, \$2,904,900 is appropriated or transferred from the Next Generation Initiative Fund created in 16 V.S.A. § 2887 as prescribed:

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

(A) Workforce Education and Training Fund (WETF). The amount of \$1,017,500 is transferred to the Vermont Workforce Education and Training Fund created in 10 V.S.A. § 543 and subsequently appropriated to the Department of Labor for workforce education and training. Up to seven percent of the funds may be used for administration of the program. Of this amount, \$350,000 shall be allocated for competitive grants for internships through the Vermont Strong Internship Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 544.

(B) Adult Career Technical Education Programs. The amount of \$360,000 is appropriated to the Department of Labor in consultation with the State Workforce Investment Board. This appropriation is for the purpose of awarding competitive grants to regional technical centers and high schools to provide adult career technical education, as that term is defined in 16 V.S.A. § 1522, to unemployed and underemployed Vermont adults.

(C) The amount of \$200,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to issue performance grants to the University of Vermont and the Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies for patent development and commercialization of technology and to enhance the development of high technology businesses and Next Generation employment opportunities throughout Vermont.

(2) Loan repayment. The amount of \$57,900 as follows:

(A) Large animal veterinarians' loan 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 \$27,900 is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for an incentive payment pursuant to 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 6, as amended by Sec. B.1100.2 of this act.

(3) Scholarships and grants. The amount of \$1,269,500 as follows:

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

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

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

(C) Dual enrollment programs and need-based stipend. The amount of \$600,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Education for dual enrollment programs consistent with 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2) and \$25,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Education to be transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for need based stipends pursuant to Sec. E.605.1 of this act.

Sec. B.1100.1 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECOMMENDATION FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2018 NEXT GENERATION FUND

DISTRIBUTION

(a) The Department of Labor, in coordination with the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Agency of Human Services, and the Agency of Education, and in consultation with the State Workforce Investment Board, shall recommend to the Governor on or before December 1, 2016 how \$2,904,900 from the Next Generation Fund should be allocated or appropriated in fiscal year 2018 to provide maximum benefit to workforce education and training, participation in secondary or postsecondary education by underrepresented groups, and support for promising economic sectors in Vermont. The State agencies and departments listed herein shall promote actively and publicly the availability of the funds to eligible entities.

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

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

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

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

(a) In fiscal year 2017, \$425,000 is appropriated to the Secretary of State for 2016 primary and general elections.

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

(c) The sum of \$350,000 is appropriated to the Department of Taxes for the purchase and implementation of Tax IT security system.

(d) The sum of \$140,000 is appropriated to the Secretary of Administration to support the Dr. Dynasaur expansion study and report pursuant to Sec. C.100 of this act.

Sec. B.1102 FISCAL YEAR 2017; ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

APPROPRIATION; HOMELESSNESS STUDY; REPORT

(a) The sum of \$40,000 is appropriated to the Department for Children and Families for a homelessness study. This appropriation represents funding for partial cost of the study and the remaining funding shall be provided by partner organizations.

(1) The Commissioner shall contract with a nationally recognized organization with expertise in analyzing homelessness expenditures to conduct a comprehensive analysis of current State expenditures on homelessness. The analysis shall also examine savings in other program expenditures resulting from the provision of homelessness services, including savings in health care expenditures. The analysis shall also include a comprehensive plan for substantially reducing homelessness in Vermont, including necessary strategic investments.

(2) On or before January 15, 2017, the Commissioner shall submit this report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and Health and Welfare.

Sec. B.1103 SECURITY PLAN AND FUNDING

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall develop site specific workplace security and risk reduction plans for State office buildings. These plans shall enhance security through improved workplace management practices, employee training, and building security improvements, including parking lots.

(b) The funds necessary to carry out these plans shall be requested as part of the fiscal year 2017 budget adjustment process.

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

(a) In fiscal year 2017, \$7,606,911 of General Fund is appropriated to the Agency of Administration for transfer to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment upon determination of the Commissioner of Finance and Management of the amount necessary to fund the 53rd week of Medicaid expenditures. Any remaining General Fund from this appropriation shall be placed in the 27/53 Reserve established as 32 V.S.A. § 308e by Sec. B.1105 of this act. As provided by 32 V.S.A. § 511, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may approve expenditures of Global Commitment and Federal Funds for the 53rd week of Medicaid.

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

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

§ 308e. 27/53 RESERVE

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

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

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

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

Sec. C.100 DR. DYNASAUR EXPANSION STUDY; REPORT

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall analyze the financial implications of expanding Dr. Dynasaur, the State's children's Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program, to all Vermont residents up to 26 years of age. The Secretary may contract with other individuals and entities as needed to provide actuarial services, economic modeling, and any other assistance the Secretary requires in carrying out the analysis described in this act.

(b)(1) Estimated program costs shall include the cost of coverage, one-time and ongoing operating costs, administrative costs, and reserves or reinsurance to the extent they are deemed advisable.

(2) The cost estimates shall be for a period of five years beginning on January 1, 2019, and shall assume a reasonable rate of health care spending growth.

(3) Estimated costs shall be offset by any cost reductions to State government spending and by any avoided State or federal tax liability that the State of Vermont would otherwise incur as an employer.

(4) The cost estimates shall include an analysis of any cost increases or reductions anticipated for municipalities and school districts, including impacts on projected education spending.

(5) The cost estimates shall project increasing provider reimbursement rates at regular intervals from 100 percent of Medicare rates up to commercial

rates. Medicare and commercial rates shall be determined based on claims data from the Vermont's all-payer claims database.

(c)(1) On or before January 15, 2017, the Secretary shall submit a report to the House Committees on Health Care, on Appropriations, and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare, on Appropriations, and on Finance comprising its analysis of the costs of expanding Dr. Dynasaur to all Vermont residents up to 26 years of age and potential plans for financing the expansion. The financing plans shall be consistent with the principles of equity expressed in 18 V.S.A. § 9371(11), which states that financing of health care in Vermont must be sufficient, fair, predictable, transparent, sustainable, and shared equitably. In developing the financing plans, the Secretary shall consider the following:

(A) all current sources of funding for State government, including taxes, fees, and assessments;

(B) existing health care revenue sources, including the claims tax levied pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 243, the provider assessments imposed pursuant to 33 V.S.A. chapter 19, subchapter 2, and the employer assessment required pursuant to 21 V.S.A. chapter 25 to determine whether they are suitable for preservation or expansion to fund the program expansion;

(C) new revenue sources such as a payroll tax, gross receipts tax, or business enterprise tax, or a combination of them;

(D) expansion or reform of existing taxes;

(E) opportunities and challenges presented by federal law, including the Internal Revenue Code; Section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152; and Titles XIX (Medicaid) and XXI (SCHIP) of the Social Security Act, and by State tax law; and

(F) anticipated federal funds that may be used for health care services, including consideration of methods to maximize receipt of federal funds available for this purpose.

(2) The Secretary's report shall also include information on the impacts of the coverage and proposed tax changes on individuals, households, businesses, public sector entities, and the nonprofit community, including migration of coverage, insurance market impacts, financial impacts, federal tax implications, and other economic effects. The impact assessment shall cover the same five-year period as the cost estimates.

(d)(1) Agencies, departments, boards, and similar units of State government, including the Agency of Human Services, Department of Financial Regulation, Department of Labor, Director of Health Care Reform, and Green Mountain Care Board shall provide information and assistance

requested by the Secretary and its contractors to enable them to conduct the analysis required by this act.

(2) To the extent necessary to conduct the analysis required by this act, a health insurer licensed to do business in Vermont shall provide any information requested by the Secretary or its contractors within 30 days of the request. The Secretary may enter into a confidentiality agreement with an insurer if the data requested includes personal health information or other confidential material.

Sec. C.101 VERMONT INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES; SURPLUS

PROPERTY

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

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

(c) The VIT Coordinating Council is authorized to use any remaining operating funds to reimburse for damage incurred when property owned by

VIT was removed from any school or nonprofit organization that was a VIT hosting site.

Sec. C.102 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. B.301, as amended by
2016 Acts and Resolves No. 68, Sec. 13, is further amended to read:

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

Operating expenses	7,884,268	7,884,268
Grants	<u>1,434,250,041</u>	<u>1,434,250,041</u>
Total	1,442,134,309	1,442,134,309

Source of funds

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

Sec. C.103 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. B.346 as amended 2016 Acts
and Resolves No. 68, Sec. Sec. 36, is further amended to read:

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund	677,913,668	675,674,263
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Special funds	97,129,681	97,129,681
Tobacco fund	31,952,069	31,952,069
State health care resources fund	282,705,968	284,945,373
Education fund	3,886,204	3,886,204
Federal funds	1,388,932,032	1,388,032,032
Global commitment fund	1,379,045,585	1,379,045,585
Internal service funds	1,816,195	1,816,195
Interdepartmental transfers	34,112,598	34,112,598
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total	3,897,519,000	3,897,519,000

Sec.C.104 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 68, Sec. 53 is amended to read:

Sec. 53. FUND TRANSFERS

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

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

<u>21638</u>	<u>AG - Fees & Reimbursements - Court Order</u>	<u>3,383,514.00</u>
<u>22005</u>	<u>AHS Central Office earned federal receipts</u>	<u>16,216,920.00</u>
<u>50300</u>	<u>Liquor Control Fund</u>	<u>1,080,623.00</u>
<u>62100</u>	<u>Unclaimed Property Fund</u>	<u>2,799,843.00 3,074,843.00</u>
<u>21405</u>	<u>Bond Investment Earnings Fund</u>	<u>33,273.00</u>

<u>21928</u>	<u>Secretary of State Services Fund</u>	<u>1,636,419.00</u>
<u>21698</u>	<u>Public Service Department - Regulation/Energy</u>	
	<u>Efficiency</u>	<u>134,946.00</u>
<u>21709</u>	<u>Public Service Board - Special Funds</u>	<u>75,426.00</u>
<u>21944</u>	<u>Vermont Enterprise Fund</u>	<u>1,424,697.00</u>
	<u>Caledonia Fair</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
	<u>North Country Hospital Loan</u>	<u>24,250.00</u>
<u>21678</u>	<u>Mosquito Control Fund</u>	<u>142,000.00</u>

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Sec. C.105 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 68, Sec. 54 is amended to read:

Sec. 54. REVERSIONS

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

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

<u>1100891301</u>	<u>Secretary of Administration - Independent Review of the</u>	
	<u>Vermont Veterans' Home</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>
<u>1140070000</u>	<u>Use Tax Reimbursement Program</u>	<u>302.39</u>
<u>1140330000</u>	<u>Renter Rebates</u>	<u>150,000.00</u>
<u>1240001000</u>	<u>Lieutenant Governor's Office</u>	<u>10,333.64</u>
<u>1250010000</u>	<u>State Auditor's Office</u>	<u>43,585.00</u>

<u>6120890802</u>	<u>FW-Non-motorized Boat Access</u>	<u>2,769.34</u>
<u>333001000</u>	<u>Green Mountain Care Board</u>	<u>36,684.00</u>

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Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

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

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

(2) The sum of \$11,304,840 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts above \$11,304,840 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

(3) The sum of \$3,760,599 is appropriated from the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts above \$3,760,599 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the

Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund. The \$3,760,599 shall be allocated as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, AND RESERVES

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are transferred from the funds indicated:

(1) From the General Fund to the Next Generation Initiative Fund established by 16 V.S.A. § 2887: \$2,904,900.

(2) From the Clean Water Fund established by 10 V.S.A. § 1388 to the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund created under 6 V.S.A. § 4803: \$1,975,000.

(3) From the Transportation Fund to the Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvement Fund established by 24 V.S.A. § 2796 to be used

by the Vermont Downtown Development Board for the purposes of the Fund:
\$423,966.

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

Sec. D.102 TOBACCO LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUND BALANCE

(a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(b), the actual balances at the end of
fiscal year 2016 in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund established by
32 V.S.A. § 435a. shall remain for appropriation in fiscal year 2017.

Sec. D.103 TRANSFER OF TOBACCO TRUST FUNDS

(a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(a)(3) and (4), the actual amount of
investment earnings of the Tobacco Trust Fund at the end of fiscal year 2017
and any additional amount necessary to ensure the balance in the Tobacco
Litigation Settlement Fund at the close of fiscal year 2017 is not negative shall
be transferred in fiscal year 2017 from the Tobacco Trust Fund established by
18 V.S.A. § 9502(a) to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund established by
32 V.S.A. § 435a.

* * * GENERAL GOVERNMENT * * *

Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. E.100.1 SHIFT DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
PILOT POSITIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT
HEALTH ACCESS

(a) Notwithstanding 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100(d)(3), positions at the Department for Children and Families Health Access Eligibility Unit established through the position pilot by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100(d)(1) shall be transferred to the Department of Vermont Health Access.

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

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

(1) Notwithstanding Sec. A.107 of this act, the Agency of Transportation, the Department for Children and Families, the ~~Department of Environmental Conservation~~ Agency of Natural Resources, ~~and the Department of Buildings and General Services,~~ and the Department of Corrections shall not be subject to the cap on positions for the duration of the

Pilot. The Department of Corrections is authorized to add only Correctional Officer I and II positions.

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

ADVOCATE

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

Sec. E.100.4 ADMINISTRATION; PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING

REPORT

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

(b) The Secretary of Administration, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, and interested stakeholders shall evaluate the State purchasing and contracting process. The evaluation shall include recommendations from the Chief Performance Officer, the Director of the

Office of Purchasing and Contracting, the Commissioner of Finance and Management, and the Attorney General. As used in this subsection, “interested stakeholders” includes at least three vendors that regularly contract with the State, at least one Commissioner, and at least one Secretary.

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

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

(2) achieving cost efficiencies, and

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

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

Sec. E.100.5 AUDIT FINDINGS REMEDIATION

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall ensure that within the annual budget documents presented to the legislature, all agencies and departments

include a brief description of and remediation plans for any existing or pending audits findings.

Sec. E.100.6 LEGAL SERVICES; EVALUATION; REPORT

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

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

Sec. E.102 SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION; WORKERS

COMPENSATION INSURANCE REPORT

(a) The Office of Risk Management shall present to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its November 2016 meeting a report on activities pursuant to 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. B.1106 (a)(6). The report shall include:

(1) activities taken to change the Risk Management function within the Workers' Compensation Insurance Division of the Secretary of

Administration's Office, how any change will improve the level and quality of service, and any potential savings;

(2) specific actions to increase safety coordination staff or service provision as suggested in the Risk Management Loss Prevention Study conducted in 2003; and

(3) specific actions taken to address the State Auditor's recommendations stemming from the 2013 performance audit on worker's compensation (Rpt. No. 13-05).

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

§ 2281. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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

* * *

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

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

§ 2283. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

(a) The Department of Human Resources is created in the Agency of Administration. In addition to other responsibilities assigned to it by law, the

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

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

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

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Sec. E.108.1 TRANSFER OF POSITIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS

(a) The rules of the Department of Finance and Management relating to payroll in effect on the effective date of this act shall be the rules of the Department of Human Resources, until amended or repealed by that department. All references in those rules to the “Commissioner” and the “Department of Finance and Management,” shall be deemed to refer to the “Commissioner of Human Resources” and the “Department of Human Resources.”

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

Sec. E.108.2 GENERAL AMENDMENTS

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

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

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

§ 309. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

(a) The Commissioner, as administrative head of the Department, shall direct and supervise all its administrative and technical activities. In addition

to the duties imposed elsewhere in this chapter, it shall be the Commissioner's duty:

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

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

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Sec. E.111 Tax – administration/collection

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

Sec. E.113 Buildings and general services – engineering

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

Sec. E.126 Legislature

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2016 funds appropriated to the Legislature and carried forward into fiscal year 2017, the amount of \$133,000 shall revert to the General Fund.

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

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

§ 637. DENTAL COVERAGE; MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL

ASSEMBLY

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

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

Sec. E.127 Joint fiscal committee

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

Sec. E.127.1 VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE

TECHNOLOGY; SUSTAINABILITY ANALYSIS; REPORT

(a) The Joint Fiscal Office, through a contract with an independent third party, shall provide a report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2016 with an analysis of the current functionality and long-term sustainability of the technology for Vermont's Health Benefit Exchange, including a review of the deficiencies in Vermont Health Connect functionality and the integration, connectivity, and business logic of each as they pertain to both the back-end systems and the user interface of Vermont Health Connect. The analysis shall provide recommendations for improving the function, efficiency, reliability, operations, and customer experience of the technology going forward. The report shall include an evaluation of the investment value of existing components of the Exchange technology and the contractor's assessment of the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of leveraging existing components of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange as part of the technology for a larger, integrated eligibility system, including reviewing changes other states have made to the Exchange components of their technology

infrastructure. The analysis and report shall provide a comparison of the investments required to ensure a sustainable State-based Exchange through further investment in Vermont Health Connect's current technology, including any opportunities to build on other states' Exchange technology, with the estimated investments that would be required to transition to a fully or partially federally facilitated Exchange.

(b) In preparing its request for proposal, the Joint Fiscal Office shall consult with health insurers offering qualified health plans on Vermont Health Connect.

(c) The General Assembly shall provide ongoing oversight and review of the analysis and report.

(d) The provisions of this section shall only take effect if direct funding is appropriated during the fiscal year 2016 legislative session.

Sec. E.128 Sergeant at arms

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

Sec. E.133 Vermont state retirement system

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

Sec. E.142 Payments in lieu of taxes

(a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

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

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

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

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

* * * PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY * * *

Sec. E.200 Attorney general

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

retained shall be used to finance Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit activities.

(b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A. § 2458(b)(4), \$997,000 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

Sec. E.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.204 JUDICIARY AND VERMONT BAR ASSOCIATION

WORK GROUP; ANALYSIS OF CHILD PROTECTION
SYSTEM

(a) The Judiciary and the Vermont Bar Association shall convene a work group of stakeholders from Franklin and Grand Isle Counties, including judges, attorneys representing parents, attorneys representing children, State's Attorneys, guardians ad litem, social workers from the Family Services Division of the Department for Children and Families, and the Defender General or designee to undertake an analysis of how to improve the child protection system and how better to manage the child abuse and neglect caseload within the Judiciary. The work group's analysis shall include:

(1) examining whether the addition of special masters or other judicial adjuncts could increase the case-clearing rate of the existing pool of judges;

(2) examining whether the current deployment of judges to treatment court is increasing dockets and decreasing access to justice; and

(3) determining whether the addition of a Superior Court judge is the most critical need within the system.

(b) The Court Administrator shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Judiciary on recommendations arising from the work group's analysis by April 22, 2016.

(c) The appropriation in Sec. B.204 of this act that funds one new Superior Court judge shall be contingent on the recommendation of the work group.

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

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

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

Sec. E.208.2 REPORT; CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS COSTS

(a) On or before January 15, 2017, the Department of Public Safety shall report to the House Committee on Appropriations concerning the costs over each of the last five fiscal years associated with processing, maintaining, and disseminating criminal history records pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 2063.

Sec. E.209 Public safety – state police

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

(b) Of this appropriation, \$405,000 is allocated for grants in support of the Drug Task Force and the Gang Task Force. Of this amount, \$190,000 shall be used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town task force officers. These town task force officers shall be dedicated to enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the

diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any unobligated funds may be allocated by the Commissioner to fund the work of the Drug Task Force and to support the efforts of the Mobile Enforcement Team (Gang Task Force), or carried forward.

Sec. E.212 Public safety – fire safety

(a) Of this General Fund appropriation, \$55,000 shall be granted to the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the purpose of designing dry hydrants.

Sec. E.215 Military – administration

(a) The amount of \$250,000 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational Assistance Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856. Of this amount, \$100,000 shall be general funds from this appropriation, and \$150,000 shall be Next Generation special funds, as appropriated in Sec. B.1100(a)(3)(B) of this act.

Sec. E.219 Military – veterans' affairs

(a) Of this appropriation, \$1,000 shall be used for continuation of the Vermont Medal Program; \$4,800 shall be used for the expenses of the Governor's Veterans' Advisory Council; \$7,500 shall be used for the Veterans' Day parade; \$5,000 shall be granted to the Vermont State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America to fund the Service Officer Program; \$5,000 shall be used for the Military, Family, and Community Network; and \$10,000

shall be granted to the American Legion for the Boys' State and Girls' State programs.

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

Sec. E.220 Center for crime victims services

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

Sec. E.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 \$900,490 in general funds is appropriated for expenditure by the Working Lands Enterprise Board established in 6 V.S.A. § 4606 for administrative expenses, direct grants, and investments in food and forest systems pursuant to 6 V.S.A. § 4607 and consistent with the funding priorities in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 5, as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.224.1.

Sec. E.225 Agriculture, food and markets – laboratories, agricultural resource management and environmental stewardship

(a) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall use the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section to provide public health approaches and other innovative programs to improve the health outcomes, health status, and quality of life for uninsured, underinsured, and Medicaid-eligible individuals in Vermont.

Sec. E.228 INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND;
PROJECTIONS; BALANCE TRANSFER; DISTRIBUTION
PILOT

(a) Notwithstanding 8 V.S.A. § 80(d):

(1) In September 2018, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall project the two-year balance in the Insurance Regulatory and Supervision

Fund (Insurance Fund) for fiscal years 2019 and 2020. Half of the projected balance shall be transferred from the Insurance Fund to the General Fund in fiscal year 2019, and half shall be transferred from the Insurance Fund to the General Fund in fiscal year 2020.

(2) In September 2020, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall project the two-year balance in the Insurance Fund for fiscal years 2021 and 2022. Half of the projected balance shall be transferred from the Insurance Fund to the General Fund in fiscal year 2021, and half shall be transferred from the Insurance Fund to the General Fund in fiscal year 2022.

(b) This section shall expire on June 30, 2022.

Sec. E.232 RECORDS RETENTION AND ARCHIVING

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

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

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

§ 20. PARTICULAR PROCEEDINGS AND ACTIVITIES; PERSONNEL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b)(9) of this section and the purpose for which such costs were incurred and expenditures made.

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

(3) The Department of Health may authorize or retain legal counsel, official stenographers, expert witnesses, advisors, temporary employees, and other research, scientific, or engineering services to assist in monitoring the postclosure activities of any nuclear generating plant within the State.

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

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

§ 21. PARTICULAR PROCEEDINGS AND ACTIVITIES; ASSESSMENT
OF COSTS

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

(1) The Board shall upon petition of an applicant or ~~public service~~
company to which costs are proposed to be allocated, review and determine,
after opportunity for hearing, having due regard for the size and complexity of
the project, the necessity and reasonableness of such costs, and may amend or
revise such allocations. Nothing in this section shall confer authority on the
Board to select or decide the personnel, the expenses of whom are being
allocated, unless such personnel are retained by the Board. Prior to allocating
costs, the Board shall make a determination of the purpose and use of the funds
to be raised hereunder, identify the recipient of the funds, provide for
allocation of costs among companies to be assessed, indicate an estimated
duration of the ~~proceedings~~ retention of personnel whose costs are being

allocated, and estimate the total costs to be imposed. With the approval of the Board, such estimates may be revised as necessary. From time to time during the progress of the work of such additional personnel, the ~~Board, the Department, or the Agency of Natural Resources~~ agency retaining the personnel shall render to the company detailed statements showing the amount of money expended or contracted for in the work of such personnel, which statements shall be paid by the applicant or the ~~public-service~~ company into the State Treasury at such time and in such manner as the ~~Board, the Department, or the Agency of Natural Resources~~ agency may reasonably direct.

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

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

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

(b) When regular employees of ~~the Board, the Department, or the Agency of Natural Resources~~ an agency are employed in the particular proceedings and

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

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

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(g) ~~The Board, or the Department with the approval of the Governor,~~ An agency may allocate such portion of expense incurred or authorized by it in compensating persons retained in the monitoring of postclosure activities of a

nuclear generating plant pursuant to ~~subdivision 20(a)(1)(v)~~ subsection 20(a)
of this title to the ~~nuclear generating~~ plant whose activities are being
monitored. Except for the Board, the agency shall obtain the approval of the
Governor before making such an allocation.

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

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

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

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

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

(1) the date and title of the grant;

(2) the amount of federal and State funds committed during the prior
fiscal year;

(3) a summary description of each grant;

(4) the recipient of the grant;

(5) the department responsible for making the award;

(6) the major Agency program served by the grant;

(7) the existence or nonexistence in the grant of performance measures;

(8) the scheduled expiration date of the grant;

(9) the number of people served by each grant;

(10) the length of time the entity has had the grant; and

(11) the indirect rate of the entity.

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

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

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

(2) establishing a drafting template to achieve common language and requirements for all grant agreements, to the extent that it does not conflict with Agency of Administration Bulletin 5 – Policy for Grant Issuance and

Monitoring or federal requirements contained in 2 C.F.R. Chapter I, Chapter II,

Part 200, including:

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. E.300.2 REDUCING DUPLICATION OF AHS SERVICES;

PROGRESS REPORT

(a) On or before November 15, 2016, the Agency of Human Services shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare regarding its progress in implementing the recommendations in the areas of case management, medication management, and diagnostic

assessment and evaluation contained in the report on reducing duplication of services that the Agency submitted to the General Assembly on January 15, 2016 pursuant to 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. 25.

Sec. E.301 Secretary's office – Global Commitment:

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in this section for payment of the actuarially certified premium required under the intergovernmental agreement between the Agency of Human Services and the managed care entity, the Department of Vermont Health Access, as provided for in the Global Commitment for Health Waiver (Global Commitment) approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

(b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in this section, a total estimated sum of \$29,633,326 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

(1) \$18,500,400 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under the Global Commitment. This amount combined with \$21,999,600 of federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act equals a total estimated expenditure of \$40,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment

Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A.

§ 2959a.

(2) \$4,091,214 certified State match available from local education agencies for direct school-based health services, including school nurse services, that increase the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

(3) \$1,883,273 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible services as allowed by federal regulation for early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment programs for school-age children.

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

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

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

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

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

- (i) the Board's findings of fact lack any support in the record; or
- (ii) the decision or order implicates the validity or applicability of any Agency policy or rule.

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

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

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

§ 9351. HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLAN

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(b) The Health Information Technology Plan shall:

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(5) recommend funding mechanisms for the ongoing development and maintenance costs of a statewide health information system, including funding options ~~and an implementation strategy for a loan and grant program;~~

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(7) integrate the information technology components of the Blueprint for Health established in chapter 13 of this title, the Agency of Human Services' Enterprise Master Patient Index, and all other Medicaid management information systems being developed by the Department of Vermont Health Access, information technology components of the quality assurance system, ~~the program to capitalize with loans and grants electronic medical record systems in primary care practices,~~ and any other information technology initiatives coordinated by the ~~Secretary~~ Director of Health Care Reform in the Agency of Administration pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 2222a; and

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(c) The Secretary of Administration or designee shall update the plan annually to reflect emerging technologies, the State's changing needs, and such other areas as the Secretary or designee deems appropriate. The Secretary or designee shall solicit recommendations from Vermont Information Technology Leaders, Inc. (VITL) and other entities in order to update the Health Information Technology Plan pursuant to this section, including applicable

standards, protocols, and pilot programs, and may enter into a contract or grant agreement with VITL or other entities to update some or all of the Plan. Upon approval by the Secretary, the updated Plan shall be distributed to the Commissioner of Information and Innovation; ~~the Commissioner of Financial Regulation;~~ the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access; the Secretary of Human Services; the Commissioner of Health; the Commissioner of Mental Health; the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living; the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare; the House Committee on Health Care; affected parties; and interested stakeholders.

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(f) ~~Qualified applicants may seek grants to invest in the infrastructure necessary to allow for and promote the electronic exchange and use of health information from federal agencies, including the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Federal Communications Commission. The Secretary of Administration or designee shall require applicants for grants authorized pursuant to Section 13301 of Title XXX of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, to submit the application for State review pursuant to the~~

~~process established in federal Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs. Grant applications shall be consistent with the goals outlined in the strategic plan developed by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and the statewide Health Information Technology Plan. [Repealed.]~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. E.306.3 2014 Acts and Resolves No.179, Sec. E.306.1 as amended by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.306, is further 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, ~~2016~~ 2017 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.306.4 33 V.S.A. § 1811(l) is added to read:

(l) To the extent permitted under federal law, a registered carrier shall allow for the enrollment of a pregnant individual, and of any individual who is eligible for coverage under the terms of the health benefit plan because of a relationship to the pregnant individual, at any time after the commencement of the pregnancy. Coverage shall be effective as of the first of the month following the individual's selection of a health benefit plan.

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

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

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

§ 1901h. PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT; HOME HEALTH SERVICES

(a) On or before ~~July 1, 2016~~ July 1, 2017 and upon approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall modify reimbursement methodologies to home health agencies, as defined in section 1951 of this title, in order to implement prospective payments for the medical services paid for by the Department

under the Global Commitment to Health waiver, and to replace fee-for-service payment methodologies. The Department shall determine an appropriate schedule for determining a revised base calculation for the payment.

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

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

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

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

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

(d) ~~At the Agency's request, an insurer shall provide the Agency with the information necessary to determine whether an applicant or recipient of Medicaid under this subchapter is or was covered by the insurer and the nature of the coverage, including the member, subscriber, or policyholder information necessary to determine third party liability and other information required~~

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

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

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

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

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

(5) The Agency shall ensure that all data collected and maintained pursuant to this section are collected and stored securely and that such data are stored no longer than necessary to determine whether Medicaid benefits may be coordinated with the insurer, or as otherwise required by law. Insurers shall not be liable for any security incidents caused by the Agency in the collection or maintenance of the data.

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

(2) The Agency shall adopt rules governing the exchange of information pursuant to this section. The rules shall be consistent with laws relating to the

confidentiality or privacy of personal information and medical records,
including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) All applications submitted and records created under the authority of this chapter concerning any applicant for or recipient of Medicaid are confidential and shall be made available only to persons authorized by the

Agency, the State, or the United States for purposes directly related to plan administration. In addition, the Agency shall maintain a process to allow a Medicaid applicant or recipient or his or her authorized representative to have access to confidential information when necessary for an eligibility determination and the appeals process.

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

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

(2) medical services provided;

(3) the applicant or recipient's social and economic circumstances;

(4) the Agency's evaluation of personal information;

(5) medical data, including diagnosis and past history of disease or disability; and

(6) any information received for the purpose of verifying income eligibility and determining the amount of medical assistance payments.

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

(d) As used in this section:

(1) "Authorized representative" means any person designated by a Medicaid applicant or recipient to review confidential information about the

Medicaid applicant or recipient pertaining to the eligibility determination and the appeals process.

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

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

§ 2001. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

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

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

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

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

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

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

Board in relation to both drug utilization review efforts and the placement of drugs on the Department's preferred drug list.

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

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

Sec. E.306.12 APPROPRIATION; AMBULANCE PROVIDER

REIMBURSEMENT RATES

(a) The sum of \$2,300,000 in Global Commitment funds is appropriated to the Department of Vermont Health Access in fiscal year 2017 for the purpose of increasing reimbursement rates to ambulance agencies beginning on July 1, 2016 for services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sec. E.306.13 HOME HEALTH AGENCY MEDICAID COMPENSATION;

REPORT

(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall design one or more mechanisms to provide additional reimbursement or compensation to home health agencies that serve a greater percentage of Medicaid patients than the median of home health agencies in this State. The Department shall use \$750,000 of the funds appropriated for payments to hospitals for Medicaid inpatient services to increase reimbursement or compensation to the home health agencies serving a greater percentage of Medicaid patients than the median using the mechanism or mechanisms designed for this purpose pursuant to this section.

(b) On or before December 1, 2016, the Department shall report its designs and any related recommendations to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, on Human Services, and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on Finance.

Sec. E.307 OUTPATIENT PSYCHOTHERAPY; UTILIZATION REVIEW

(a) Following a Medicaid beneficiary's 20th outpatient psychotherapy visit in the same calendar year, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall review the individual's case to determine whether he or she may benefit from enhanced case management services in order to ensure that the individual is

receiving appropriate, high-quality, coordinated care that is tailored to the individual's specific health care needs.

Sec. E.307.1 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 2017 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 for the State and that provides the greatest benefits for the dual eligible population.

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

(a) In the Choices for Care program, “savings” means the difference remaining at the conclusion of fiscal year 2016 between the amount of funds appropriated for Choices for Care, excluding allocations for the provision of acute care services, and the sum of expended and obligated funds, less an amount equal to one percent of the fiscal year 2016 total Choices for Care expenditure. The one percent shall function as a reserve to 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 program within the Global Commitment waiver.

(2)(A) First priority for the use of any savings from the long-term care appropriation after the needs of all individuals meeting the terms and conditions of the waiver have been met shall be given to home- and community-based services. 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 assessment of the adequacy of the provider system for delivery of home- and community-based services and nursing home services. On or before October 1, 2016, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall report the results of this assessment to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on

Appropriations and on Health and Welfare in order to inform the reinvestment of savings during the budget adjustment process.

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

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

Sec. E.312 Health – public health

(a) AIDS/HIV funding:

(1) In fiscal year 2017 and as provided in this section, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory Group (CAG) with current information and data relating to service initiatives. The funds shall be allocated according to an RFP process.

(2) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont Medication Assistance Program (VMAP) shall be distributed in accordance

with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or services funded solely by State general funds.

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

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

(4) In fiscal year 2017, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$100,000 in General Funds to Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for community-based HIV prevention programs and services. These funds shall be used for HIV/AIDS prevention purposes, including syringe exchange programs, improving the availability of confidential and anonymous HIV testing; prevention work with at-risk groups such as women, intravenous drug

users, and people of color; and anti-stigma campaigns. No more than 15 percent of the funds may be used for the administration of such services by the recipients of these funds. The method by which these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

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

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

Sec. E.318 CHILD CARE SERVICES PROGRAM; WAITLIST

(a) Prior to implementing a waitlist or cap on the number of subsidized child care slots in fiscal year 2017, the Department for Children and Families

shall report at the November 2016 meeting of the Joint Fiscal Committee on the status of the case load, the caseload projection, and available funding.

Sec. E.321 HOUSING ASSISTANCE BENEFITS; FLEXIBILITY
PROGRAM

(a) For State fiscal year 2017, the Agency of Human Services may continue a housing assistance program within the General Assistance program to create flexibility to provide these General Assistance benefits. The purpose of the program is to mitigate poverty and serve applicants more effectively than they are currently being served with General Assistance funds. The program shall operate in a consistent manner within existing statutes and rules and policies effective on July 1, 2013, and any succeeding amendments thereto, and may create programs and provide services consistent with these policies. Eligible activities shall include, among others, the provision of shelter, overflow shelter, case management, transitional housing, deposits, down payments, rental assistance, upstream prevention, and related services that ensure that all Vermonters have access to shelter, housing, and the services they need to become safely housed. The Agency may award grants to homeless and housing service providers for eligible activities. The assistance provided under this section is not an entitlement and may be discontinued when the appropriation has been fully spent.

(b) The program may operate in up to 12 districts designated by the Secretary of Human Services. The Agency shall establish goals and procedures for evaluating the program overall, including performance measures that demonstrate program results, and for each district in which the Agency operates the program, it shall establish procedures for evaluating the district program and its effects.

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

Sec. E.321.1 GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING

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

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

(c) On or before ~~January 31~~ and July 31 of each year beginning in 2015 2016, the Agency of Human Services shall report statewide statistics related to the use of emergency housing vouchers during the preceding ~~calendar~~

~~half year~~ State fiscal year, including demographic information, deidentified client data, shelter and motel usage rates, clients' primary stated cause of homelessness, average lengths of stay in emergency housing by demographic group and by type of housing, and such other relevant data as the Secretary deems appropriate. When the General Assembly is in session, the Agency shall provide its report to the House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. When the General Assembly is not in session, the Agency shall provide its report to the Joint Fiscal Committee.

Sec. E.323 33 V.S.A. § 1106 is amended to read:

§ 1106. REQUIRED SERVICES TO PARTICIPATING FAMILIES

(a) The Commissioner shall provide participating families case management services, periodic reassessment of service needs and the family development plan, and referral to any agencies or programs that provide the services needed by participating families to improve the family's prospects for job placement and job retention, including the following:

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(3) Career counseling, education, and training, and job search assistance consistent with the purposes of this chapter, including detailed information on the postsecondary education program pursuant to section 1122 of this chapter.

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

§ 1134. PROGRAM EVALUATION

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

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

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

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

(B) the number of families that became ineligible for the Reach Up program pursuant to subsection 1108(a) of this title, and the types of income

and financial assistance received by those families that did not return to the Reach Up program within 90 days of becoming ineligible;

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

(10) a description of how the inclusion of \$125.00 of Supplemental Security Income for the purpose of calculating Reach Up eligibility and benefit levels pursuant to subdivision 1103(c)(9) of this title has affected participating families.

Sec. E.324 HOME HEATING FUEL ASSISTANCE/LIHEAP

(a) For the purpose of a crisis set-aside, for seasonal home heating fuel assistance through December 31, 2016, and for program administration, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer \$2,550,000 from the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund to the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Fund to the extent that federal LIHEAP or similar federal funds are not available. An equivalent amount shall be returned to the Home Weatherization Fund from the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Fund to the extent that federal LIHEAP or similar federal funds are received. Should a transfer of funds from the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund be necessary for the 2016–2017 crisis set-aside and for seasonal home heating fuel assistance through December 31, 2016 and if LIHEAP funds awarded as of December 31, 2016

for fiscal year 2017 do not exceed \$2,550,000, subsequent payments under the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program shall not be made prior to January 30, 2017. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, payments authorized by the Department for Children and Families' Economic Services Division shall not exceed funds available, except that for fuel assistance payments made through December 31, 2016, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may anticipate receipts into the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund.

Sec. E.324.1 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

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

Sec. E.324.2 LIHEAP AND WEATHERIZATION

(a) Notwithstanding 33 V.S.A. §§ 2603 and 2501, in fiscal year 2017, the Secretary of Administration may, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Human Services, transfer up to 15 percent of the federal fiscal year 2017 federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) block grant from the federal funds appropriation in Sec. B.324 of this act to the Home

Weatherization Assistance appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act to be used for weatherization in State fiscal year 2017. An equivalent appropriation transfer less \$1,200,000 shall be made to Sec. B.324 of this act, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, from the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund in Sec. B.326 of this act to provide home heating fuel benefits in State fiscal year 2017. At least three days prior to any such transfer being made, the Secretary of Administration shall report the intended transfer to the Joint Fiscal Office and shall report any completed transfers to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its next meeting.

Sec. E.325 Department for children and families – office of economic opportunity

(a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$1,092,000 shall be granted to community agencies for homeless assistance by preserving existing services, increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide. These funds may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions Grants funds. Grant decisions shall be made with assistance from the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness.

Sec. E.326 Department for children and families – OEO – weatherization assistance

(a) Of the Special Fund appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act, \$750,000 is for the replacement and repair of home heating equipment.

Sec. E.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~~ to provide educational, vocational, and risk reduction services to persons who have not completed secondary education and who are committed to under the custody of the Commissioner who are eligible or required to participate in the program pursuant to subsection (h) of this section.

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

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

(d) Curriculum. The education program shall offer a minimum course of study, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 906, and special education programs as required in 16 V.S.A. chapter 101 ~~at each correctional facility and Department service center, but is not required to offer a driver training course or a physical educational course.~~

(e) [Repealed]

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

(g) [Repealed]

(h) ~~Required participation~~ Participation. ~~All persons~~ Any person under the custody of the Commissioner is eligible to participate in the education program described in subsection (a) of this section; provided, however, that participation is mandatory for all persons who are under the age of 23 years of age and have not received a high school diploma shall participate in an education program unless exempted by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may approve the participation of other students, including individuals who are enrolled in an alternative justice or diversion program.

Sec. E.338 CALEDONIA COUNTY WORK CAMP; ELIGIBILITY

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Corrections shall continue to utilize the North Unit of the Caledonia County

Work Camp (CCWC) for offenders who are work camp eligible under
28 V.S.A. § 817.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of
Corrections shall utilize 50 beds within the CCWC South Unit for
offenders who:

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. E.345 Green mountain care board

(a) The Green Mountain Care Board shall use the Global Commitment
funds appropriated in this section to encourage the formation and maintenance

of public-private partnerships in health care, including initiatives to support and improve the health care delivery system.

* * * LABOR * * *

Sec. E.400 WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STUDY

COMMITTEE

(a) Intent and purpose:

(1) 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 1 created a Workforce Development Work Group charged with the duty to research, inventory, and collect certain data concerning workforce education and training programs and activities in Vermont. The Work Group met several times and worked diligently and cooperatively with State entities involved in workforce education and training programs but ultimately had insufficient time and resources to complete a full inventory. The purpose of this section is to continue and complete the work of the 2013 Work Group.

(b) There is created a Workforce Education and Training Study

Committee composed of the following members:

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

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

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

(4) the Commissioner of Labor or designee;

(5) the Secretary of Education or designee; and

(6) one member appointed by the State Workforce Development Board.

(c) The Committee shall:

(1) coordinate with the State Workforce Development Board, the Department of Labor, and other entities that are gathering the data and information specified in this section;

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

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

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

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

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

(7) identify overlaps in existing workforce education and training programs and activities;

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

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

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

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

(12) undertake any other research and gather other data and information as the Work Group deems necessary and appropriate to complete its work consistent with this act;

(13) evaluate the efficacy of consolidating all State-funded workforce education and training programs within the Department of Labor.

(d)(1) The Committee shall convene its first meeting no later than June 15, 2016.

(2) The Committee shall have the administrative, legal, and fiscal support of the Department of Labor, Office of Legislative Council, and the Joint Fiscal Office.

(e)(1) In order to perform its duties pursuant to this act, the Committee shall have the authority to request and gather data and information as it determines is necessary from entities that conduct workforce education and training programs and activities, including agencies, departments, and programs within the Executive Branch and from nongovernmental entities that receive State-controlled funding.

(2) Unless otherwise exempt from public disclosure pursuant to State or federal law, a workforce education and training provider shall provide the data and information requested by the Committee within a reasonable time period.

(3) On or before January 15, 2017, the Committee shall submit its findings and work product to the House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on Appropriations, and to the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Appropriations.

(4) Legislative members of the Committee shall be eligible for per diem compensation, mileage reimbursement, and other necessary expenses as provided in 2 V.S.A. § 406.

* * * K-12 EDUCATION * * *

Sec. E.500 Education – finance and administration

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

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

(a) Of the appropriation authorized in this section, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed \$3,566,029 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2017 as funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the Secretary shall not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c) and (d). In addition to funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6), up to \$192,805 may be used by the Agency of Education for its participation in the higher education partnership plan.

Sec. E.503 Education – state-placed students

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

Sec. E.504.1 Education – adult education and literacy

(a) Of this appropriation, \$4,000,000 from the Education Fund shall be distributed to school districts for reimbursement of high school completion services pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 943(c). Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b), of this Education Fund appropriation, the amount of:

(1) \$600,000 is available for dual enrollment programs consistent with 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2), and the amount of \$25,000 is available for use pursuant to Sec. E.605.1(a)(2) of this act; and

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

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

(2) For each fiscal year, the amount of the general funds appropriated ~~or~~ and transferred to the Education Fund shall be ~~\$277,400,000.00~~ \$305,900,000.00, to be increased annually beginning for fiscal year 2018 by the ~~most recent New England economic project cumulative price index, as of November 15, for state and local government purchases of goods and services from fiscal year 2012~~ consensus of the Joint Fiscal Office and Administration

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

Sec. E.513.1 Appropriation and transfer to education fund

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

Sec. E.514 State teachers' retirement system

(a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) shall be \$82,659,576.

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

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

(a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), \$18,322,584 will be contributed to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits plan.

* * * HIGHER EDUCATION * * *

Sec. E.600 University of Vermont

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

(b) Of this appropriation, \$380,326 shall be transferred to EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) for the purpose of complying with State matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds, or both.

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

(d) The University of Vermont will use the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section to support Vermont physician training. The University of Vermont prepares students, both Vermonters and out-of-state, and awards approximately 100 medical degrees annually. Graduates of this program, currently representing a significant number of physicians practicing in Vermont, deliver high quality health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries and to the uninsured or underinsured persons, or both, in Vermont and across the nation.

Sec. E.600.1 REPEAL; UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT 40 PERCENT RULE

(a) 16 V.S.A. § 2282 (limit on tuition for Vermont students) is repealed on July 1, 2016.

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 or uninsured or underinsured persons, or both.

Sec. E.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

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

(b) Of the appropriated amount remaining after accounting for subsections (a) and (d) of this section, not less than 93 percent of this appropriation shall be used for direct student aid.

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

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

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

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 and need-based stipend purposes).

(2) \$25,000 from Sec. E.504(a)(1) (adult education and literacy funds appropriated for dual enrollment and need-based stipend purposes).

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

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

* * * NATURAL RESOURCES * * *

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As used in this subchapter:

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

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

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

(b) The State shall annually pay to each municipality a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) that shall be the base payment as set forth herein, for all ANR

land, excluding buildings or other improvements thereon, as of April 1 of the current year.

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

(1) On parcels acquired before April 1, 2016, 0.55 percent of the fair market value as appraised by the Director of Property Valuation and Review as of April 1 of fiscal year 2015;

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

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

(e) Any adjustment to the acreage of any existing ANR parcel will result in the change of the base payment for the year in which the change occurs. A per acre payment will be determined for the parcel. This per acre payment will be

either added or subtracted from the base payment as necessary for the number of acres that need to be adjusted.

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

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

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

(a) Notwithstanding the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 3708(c)(1) to the contrary, for purposes of payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for lands ~~held~~ acquired by the Agency of Natural Resources before April 1, 2016, the State shall pay to each municipality:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. E.701.2 REPEAL

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

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

(a) This Special Fund appropriation shall be authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 2807(c)(2).

Sec. E.706 Forests, parks and recreation – lands administration

(a) This Special Fund appropriation shall be authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 2807(c)(2).

Sec. E.709 AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURES AT ELIZABETH

MINE SUPERFUND SITE

(a) Notwithstanding the \$100,000 limitation on the expenditure of funds from the Environmental Contingency Fund established pursuant to 10 V.S.A.

§ 1283, the Secretary of Natural Resources may expend funds to accomplish activities authorized under 10 V.S.A. § 1283(b)(9) at the Elizabeth Mine Superfund Site.

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

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

* * * COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT * * *

Sec. E.804 Community development block grants

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

* * * TRANSPORTATION * * *

Sec. E.909 Transportation – central garage

(a) Of this appropriation, \$7,390,351 is appropriated from the Transportation Equipment Replacement Account within the Central Garage Fund for the purchase of equipment as authorized in 19 V.S.A. § 13(b).

Sec. E.915 Transportation – town highway aid program

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

* * * EFFECTIVE DATES * * *

Sec. F.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. C.100 (Dr. Dynasaur expansion study, report), Sec. C.101 (VIT surplus property), C.102 (fiscal year 2016 budget adjustment, AHS-Secretary's office–Global Commitment), C.103 (fiscal year 2016 budget adjustment, AHS function total), C.104 (fiscal year 2016 budget adjustment, General Fund transfers), C.105 (fiscal year 2016 General Fund reversions), E.106, E.108, E.108.1, E.108.2, and E.108.3 (transfer for payroll duties from the Department of Finance and Management to the Department of Human Resources), E.126.1 (legislative dental coverage), E.400 (Workforce Education and Training Study Committee), and E.701.2 (2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.701.1) shall take effect on passage.

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