

H.518

An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

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

Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

(a) This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2018

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 2018. 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, 2017. Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2018 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 2018.

(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, 2018.

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, 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 2018, 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 2018, federal funds available to the State of Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2017 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 2018 except for new positions authorized by the 2017 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, further amended by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.100.2, and as further amended by Sec. E.100.1 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>

B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199                      One-time and other appropriation  
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(b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year, the D sections contain fund transfers and reserve allocations for the upcoming budget year, and the F sections contain miscellaneous technical statute corrections.

Sec. B.100 Secretary of administration - secretary's office

Personal services	777,092
Operating expenses	<u>150,120</u>
Total	927,212
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>927,212</u>
Total	927,212

Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance

Personal services	1,187,190
Operating expenses	<u>153,789</u>
Total	1,340,979
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,340,979</u>
Total	1,340,979

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

Personal services	566,009
Operating expenses	<u>226,235</u>
Total	792,244

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>792,244</u>
Total	792,244

Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance

Personal services	445,807
Operating expenses	<u>43,958</u>
Total	489,765

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>489,765</u>
Total	489,765

Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance

Personal services	22,513
Operating expenses	<u>11,382</u>
Total	33,895

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>33,895</u>
Total	33,895

Sec. B.105 Information and innovation - communications and information  
technology

Personal services	24,540,424
Operating expenses	<u>15,675,832</u>
Total	40,216,256

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>40,216,256</u>
Total	40,216,256

Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management

Personal services	1,471,321
Operating expenses	<u>202,003</u>
Total	1,673,324

Source of funds

General fund	1,309,469
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>363,855</u>
Total	1,673,324

Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations

Personal services	2,374,631
Operating expenses	<u>619,703</u>
Total	2,994,334



Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>2,994,334</u>
Total	2,994,334

Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations

Personal services	7,612,746
Operating expenses	<u>1,377,239</u>
Total	8,989,985

Source of funds

General fund	1,968,777
Special funds	277,462
Internal service funds	6,206,438
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>537,308</u>
Total	8,989,985

Sec. B.108.1 Human Resources - VTHR Operations

Personal services	1,802,885
Operating expenses	<u>765,629</u>
Total	2,568,514

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>2,568,514</u>
Total	2,568,514

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

Personal services	1,070,140
Operating expenses	<u>581,803</u>
Total	1,651,943

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>1,651,943</u>
Total	1,651,943

Sec. B.110 Libraries

Personal services	1,759,682
Operating expenses	1,463,407
Grants	<u>148,400</u>
Total	3,371,489

Source of funds

General fund	2,329,975
Special funds	123,998
Federal funds	820,514
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>97,002</u>
Total	3,371,489

Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection

Personal services	14,471,939
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Operating expenses	<u>5,117,491</u>
Total	19,589,430
Source of funds	
General fund	18,075,976
Special funds	1,370,888
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>142,566</u>
Total	19,589,430
Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
Personal services	659,538
Operating expenses	<u>103,275</u>
Total	762,813
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>762,813</u>
Total	762,813
Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
Personal services	2,725,021
Operating expenses	<u>812,504</u>
Total	3,537,525
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,537,525</u>
Total	3,537,525

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

Personal services	3,247,710
Operating expenses	1,560,479
Grants	<u>35,750</u>
Total	4,843,939

Source of funds

General fund	632,642
Transportation fund	3,886,230
Special funds	<u>325,067</u>
Total	4,843,939

Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing

Personal services	1,052,452
Operating expenses	<u>197,598</u>
Total	1,250,050

Source of funds

General fund	<u>1,250,050</u>
Total	1,250,050

Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services

Personal services	741,125
Operating expenses	<u>116,121</u>
Total	857,246

Source of funds	
General fund	85,063
Internal service funds	<u>772,183</u>
Total	857,246
Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
Personal services	708,890
Operating expenses	<u>162,809</u>
Total	871,699
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>871,699</u>
Total	871,699
Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
Personal services	759,471
Operating expenses	<u>239,611</u>
Total	999,082
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>999,082</u>
Total	999,082
Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
Personal services	32,667

Operating expenses	<u>5,760</u>
Total	38,427
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>38,427</u>
Total	38,427
Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	
Personal services	142,751
Operating expenses	<u>109,881</u>
Total	252,632
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>252,632</u>
Total	252,632
Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
Personal services	1,025,441
Operating expenses	<u>864,228</u>
Total	1,889,669
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>1,889,669</u>
Total	1,889,669
Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
Personal services	15,282,330

Operating expenses	<u>14,081,331</u>
Total	29,363,661
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>29,363,661</u>
Total	29,363,661
Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
Personal services	1,412,803
Operating expenses	<u>468,873</u>
Total	1,881,676
Source of funds	
General fund	1,695,176
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>186,500</u>
Total	1,881,676
Sec. B.125 Legislative council	
Personal services	3,812,245
Operating expenses	<u>866,666</u>
Total	4,678,911
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>4,678,911</u>
Total	4,678,911

Sec. B.126 Legislature

Personal services	3,932,539
Operating expenses	<u>3,649,343</u>
Total	7,581,882

Source of funds

General fund	<u>7,581,882</u>
Total	7,581,882

Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee

Personal services	1,603,075
Operating expenses	<u>154,661</u>
Total	1,757,736

Source of funds

General fund	<u>1,757,736</u>
Total	1,757,736

Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms

Personal services	667,093
Operating expenses	<u>74,252</u>
Total	741,345

Source of funds

General fund	<u>741,345</u>
Total	741,345



Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor

Personal services	208,858
Operating expenses	<u>30,097</u>
Total	238,955

Source of funds

General fund	<u>238,955</u>
Total	238,955

Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts

Personal services	3,689,915
Operating expenses	<u>158,765</u>
Total	3,848,680

Source of funds

General fund	400,371
Special funds	53,145
Internal service funds	<u>3,395,164</u>
Total	3,848,680

Sec. B.131 State treasurer

Personal services	3,443,785
Operating expenses	<u>267,689</u>
Total	3,711,474

Source of funds	
General fund	1,006,452
Special funds	2,604,257
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,765</u>
Total	3,711,474
Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
Personal services	827,048
Operating expenses	<u>298,653</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	5,984,464
Operating expenses	<u>1,314,760</u>
Total	7,299,224
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	<u>7,299,224</u>
Total	7,299,224
Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
Personal services	2,096,238

Operating expenses	<u>751,569</u>
Total	2,847,807
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	<u>2,847,807</u>
Total	2,847,807
Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
Personal services	208,856
Operating expenses	<u>47,734</u>
Total	256,590
Source of funds	
General fund	247,014
Special funds	6,788
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
Total	256,590
Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
Personal services	74,662
Operating expenses	<u>13,543</u>
Total	88,205
Source of funds	
General fund	44,103

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>44,102</u>
Total	88,205
Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
Grants	<u>16,600,000</u>
Total	16,600,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>16,600,000</u>
Total	16,600,000
Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
Grants	<u>10,500,000</u>
Total	10,500,000
Source of funds	
General fund	3,150,000
Education fund	<u>7,350,000</u>
Total	10,500,000
Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
Grants	<u>3,460,000</u>
Total	3,460,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>3,460,000</u>
Total	3,460,000

Sec. B.140 Municipal current use

Grants 15,283,643

Total 15,283,643

Source of funds

General fund 15,283,643

Total 15,283,643

Sec. B.141 Lottery commission

Personal services 1,950,778

Operating expenses 1,321,236

Grants 150,000

Total 3,422,014

Source of funds

Enterprise funds 3,422,014

Total 3,422,014

Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes

Grants 7,600,000

Total 7,600,000

Source of funds

Special funds 7,600,000

Total 7,600,000

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

Grants	<u>184,000</u>
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Total	184,000
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Source of funds

Special funds	<u>184,000</u>
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Total	184,000
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Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities

Grants	<u>40,000</u>
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Total	40,000
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Source of funds

Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
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Total	40,000
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Sec. B.145 Total general government

Source of funds

General fund	80,004,752
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Transportation fund	3,886,230
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Special funds	12,585,605
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Education fund	10,810,000
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Federal funds	820,514
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Internal service funds	92,497,479
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Interdepartmental transfers	7,116,203
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Enterprise funds	3,460,441
Pension trust funds	10,147,031
Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,125,701</u>
Total	222,453,956
Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
Personal services	9,315,374
Operating expenses	1,382,078
Grants	<u>26,894</u>
Total	10,724,346
Source of funds	
General fund	4,931,409
Special funds	1,774,350
Tobacco fund	348,000
Federal funds	1,113,091
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,557,496</u>
Total	10,724,346
Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
Personal services	823,550
Operating expenses	500
Grants	<u>1,996,483</u>
Total	2,820,533

Source of funds	
General fund	2,156,486
Special funds	<u>664,047</u>
Total	3,820,533
Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
Personal services	10,815,479
Operating expenses	<u>1,058,134</u>
Total	11,873,613
Source of funds	
General fund	11,283,960
Special funds	<u>589,653</u>
Total	11,873,613
Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
Personal services	5,631,235
Operating expenses	<u>49,819</u>
Total	5,681,054
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>5,681,054</u>
Total	5,681,054
Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
Personal services	38,415,672



Operating expenses	9,358,344
Grants	<u>76,030</u>
Total	47,850,046
Source of funds	
General fund	42,300,859
Special funds	2,667,460
Federal funds	556,455
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,325,272</u>
Total	47,850,046
Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
Personal services	12,520,142
Operating expenses	<u>2,158,949</u>
Total	14,679,091
Source of funds	
General fund	11,813,829
Special funds	123,480
Federal funds	31,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,710,782</u>
Total	14,679,091
Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
Personal services	85,000

Operating expenses	1,100
Grants	<u>1,913,000</u>
Total	1,999,100
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,999,100</u>
Total	1,999,100
Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
Personal services	4,061,398
Operating expenses	<u>433,009</u>
Total	4,494,407
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>4,494,407</u>
Total	4,494,407
Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
Personal services	2,624,989
Operating expenses	<u>2,661,095</u>
Total	5,286,084
Source of funds	
General fund	2,896,171
Federal funds	279,160

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,110,753</u>
Total	5,286,084
Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
Personal services	52,941,680
Operating expenses	9,656,601
Grants	<u>759,635</u>
Total	63,357,916
Source of funds	
General fund	35,799,847
Transportation fund	20,250,000
Special funds	3,190,202
Federal funds	2,334,001
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,783,866</u>
Total	63,357,916
Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
Personal services	9,015,234
Operating expenses	2,346,270
Grants	<u>191,650</u>
Total	11,553,154
Source of funds	
General fund	7,006,967

Special funds	2,134,552
Federal funds	1,516,096
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>895,539</u>
Total	11,553,154

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

Personal services	3,398,216
Operating expenses	1,401,401
Grants	<u>10,100,000</u>
Total	14,899,617

Source of funds

General fund	516,797
Special funds	300,000
Federal funds	13,798,597
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>284,223</u>
Total	14,899,617

Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety

Personal services	6,442,511
Operating expenses	3,083,185
Grants	<u>107,000</u>
Total	9,632,696

Source of funds

General fund	426,712
Special funds	8,309,126
Federal funds	851,858
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
Total	9,632,696

Sec. B.215 Military - administration

Personal services	712,974
Operating expenses	359,195
Grants	<u>100,000</u>
Total	1,172,169

Source of funds

General fund	<u>1,172,169</u>
Total	1,172,169

Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract

Personal services	5,527,805
Operating expenses	<u>1,073,275</u>
Total	6,601,080

Source of funds

General fund	583,733
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Federal funds	<u>6,017,347</u>
Total	6,601,080
Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
Personal services	7,325,373
Operating expenses	<u>6,008,750</u>
Total	13,334,123
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>13,334,123</u>
Total	13,334,123
Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
Personal services	884,161
Operating expenses	<u>696,659</u>
Total	1,580,820
Source of funds	
General fund	1,520,820
Special funds	<u>60,000</u>
Total	1,580,820
Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
Personal services	762,092
Operating expenses	163,245

Grants	<u>94,380</u>
Total	1,019,717
Source of funds	
General fund	794,678
Special funds	125,310
Federal funds	<u>99,729</u>
Total	1,019,717
Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
Personal services	1,788,731
Operating expenses	312,067
Grants	<u>11,663,697</u>
Total	13,764,495
Source of funds	
General fund	1,264,140
Special funds	5,132,559
Federal funds	<u>7,367,796</u>
Total	13,764,495
Sec. B.221 Criminal justice training council	
Personal services	1,061,527
Operating expenses	<u>1,277,414</u>
Total	2,338,941

Source of funds

General fund	2,298,555
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>40,386</u>
Total	2,338,941

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

Personal services	1,654,766
Operating expenses	288,742
Grants	<u>307,972</u>
Total	2,251,480

Source of funds

General fund	1,133,695
Special funds	630,066
Federal funds	<u>487,719</u>
Total	2,251,480

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

protection

Personal services	3,939,183
Operating expenses	726,671
Grants	<u>2,750,000</u>
Total	7,415,854



Source of funds	
General fund	2,661,332
Special funds	3,672,807
Federal funds	1,074,715
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,000</u>
Total	7,415,854

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

Personal services	1,665,008
Operating expenses	1,016,357
Grants	<u>1,170,875</u>
Total	3,852,240

Source of funds	
General fund	1,953,127
Special funds	625,830
Federal funds	1,233,783
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>39,500</u>
Total	3,852,240

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

Personal services	3,344,918
Operating expenses	563,044

Grants	<u>587,000</u>
Total	4,494,962

Source of funds

General fund	1,852,119
Special funds	1,958,384
Federal funds	477,028
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>207,431</u>
Total	4,494,962

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

Environmental Lab

Personal services	1,356,637
Operating expenses	<u>757,396</u>
Total	2,114,033

Source of funds

General fund	848,119
Special funds	1,207,787
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>58,127</u>
Total	2,114,033

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

Personal services	1,070,182
Operating expenses	266,190

Grants	<u>850,000</u>
Total	2,186,372
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>2,186,372</u>
Total	2,186,372
Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
Personal services	1,998,578
Operating expenses	<u>198,577</u>
Total	2,197,155
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>2,197,155</u>
Total	2,197,155
Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
Personal services	1,668,222
Operating expenses	<u>394,337</u>
Total	2,062,559
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>2,062,559</u>
Total	2,062,559
Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
Personal services	4,436,994

Operating expenses	<u>555,765</u>
Total	4,992,759
Source of funds	
Special funds	4,921,496
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>71,263</u>
Total	4,992,759
Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
Personal services	4,476,171
Operating expenses	<u>566,984</u>
Total	5,043,155
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>5,043,155</u>
Total	5,043,155
Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
Personal services	863,956
Operating expenses	<u>185,402</u>
Total	1,049,358
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>1,049,358</u>
Total	1,049,358

Sec. B.232 Secretary of state

Personal services	9,750,435
Operating expenses	<u>2,538,565</u>
Total	12,289,000

Source of funds

Special funds	11,007,000
Federal funds	1,207,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
Total	12,289,000

Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy

Personal services	10,273,714
Operating expenses	2,111,355
Grants	<u>3,883,867</u>
Total	16,268,936

Source of funds

Special funds	13,856,417
Federal funds	1,234,279
ARRA funds	1,120,000
Interdepartmental transfers	41,667
Enterprise funds	<u>16,573</u>
Total	16,268,936

Sec. B.234 Public service board

Personal services	3,166,727
Operating expenses	<u>481,111</u>
Total	3,647,838

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>3,647,838</u>
Total	3,647,838

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

Personal services	3,759,427
Operating expenses	362,937
Grants	<u>720,000</u>
Total	4,842,364

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>4,842,364</u>
Total	4,842,364

Sec. B.236 Human rights commission

Personal services	481,533
Operating expenses	<u>79,095</u>
Total	560,628

Source of funds

General fund	490,527
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Federal funds	<u>70,101</u>
Total	560,628
Sec. B.237 Liquor control - administration	
Personal services	3,864,134
Operating expenses	<u>600,485</u>
Total	4,464,619
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>4,464,619</u>
Total	4,464,619
Sec. B.238 Liquor control - enforcement and licensing	
Personal services	2,660,717
Operating expenses	<u>560,506</u>
Total	3,221,223
Source of funds	
Special funds	20,000
Tobacco fund	213,843
Federal funds	312,503
Enterprise funds	<u>2,674,877</u>
Total	3,221,223
Sec. B.239 Liquor control - warehousing and distribution	
Personal services	990,624

Operating expenses 522,578

Total 1,513,202

Source of funds

Enterprise funds 1,513,202

Total 1,513,202

Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

General fund 147,805,612

Transportation fund 20,250,000

Special funds 83,999,327

Tobacco fund 561,843

Federal funds 53,396,381

ARRA funds 1,120,000

Interdepartmental transfers 13,253,305

Enterprise funds 8,669,271

Total 329,055,739

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

Personal services 19,186,112

Operating expenses 5,427,146

Grants 7,444,843

Total 32,058,101



Source of funds	
General fund	10,014,889
Special funds	91,017
Tobacco fund	25,000
Federal funds	19,149,640
Global Commitment fund	453,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,324,555</u>
Total	32,058,101

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

Operating expenses	846,057
Grants	<u>1,582,593,210</u>
Total	1,583,439,267

Source of funds	
General fund	263,072,810
Special funds	31,496,422
Tobacco fund	21,269,352
State health care resources fund	293,176,780
Federal funds	956,383,903
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>18,040,000</u>
Total	1,583,439,267

Sec. B.302 Rate setting

Personal services	864,718
Operating expenses	<u>97,142</u>
Total	961,860

Source of funds

General fund	480,930
Federal funds	<u>480,930</u>
Total	961,860

Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council

Personal services	290,325
Operating expenses	67,012
Grants	<u>248,388</u>
Total	605,725

Source of funds

Federal funds	<u>605,725</u>
Total	605,725

Sec. B.304 Human services board

Personal services	682,525
Operating expenses	<u>88,308</u>
Total	770,833

Source of funds	
General fund	409,989
Federal funds	314,044
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>46,800</u>
Total	770,833
Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
Personal services	350,000
Operating expenses	<u>10,150,000</u>
Total	10,500,000
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>10,500,000</u>
Total	10,500,000
Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
Personal services	177,240,484
Operating expenses	5,542,033
Grants	<u>7,264,742</u>
Total	190,047,259
Source of funds	
General fund	31,518,780
Special funds	3,577,938
Federal funds	139,552,196

Global Commitment fund	7,915,736
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,482,609</u>
Total	190,047,259

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

Grants	<u>752,555,668</u>
Total	752,555,668

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	<u>752,555,668</u>
Total	752,555,668

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

Grants	<u>196,483,201</u>
Total	196,483,201

Source of funds

General fund	753,720
Federal funds	896,280
Global Commitment fund	<u>194,833,201</u>
Total	196,483,201

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

Grants	<u>50,175,082</u>
Total	50,175,082

Source of funds

General fund	40,507,054
Global Commitment fund	<u>9,668,028</u>
Total	50,175,082

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

Grants	<u>37,213,898</u>
Total	37,213,898

Source of funds

General fund	13,685,694
Federal funds	<u>23,528,204</u>
Total	37,213,898

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services	7,692,836
Operating expenses	2,999,965
Grants	<u>3,725,000</u>
Total	14,417,801

Source of funds	
General fund	2,646,995
Special funds	1,640,781
Federal funds	6,606,306
Global Commitment fund	3,478,719
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
Total	14,417,801

Sec. B.312 Health - public health

Personal services	41,822,394
Operating expenses	7,579,809
Grants	<u>36,081,485</u>
Total	85,483,688

Source of funds	
General fund	8,567,428
Special funds	17,443,570
Tobacco fund	1,063,918
Federal funds	44,857,697
Global Commitment fund	12,551,629
Interdepartmental transfers	974,446
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
Total	85,483,688

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

Personal services	3,763,900
Operating expenses	208,810
Grants	<u>49,363,212</u>
Total	53,335,922

Source of funds

General fund	2,908,535
Special funds	1,084,761
Tobacco fund	949,917
Federal funds	13,197,694
Global Commitment fund	<u>35,195,015</u>
Total	53,335,922

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services	29,838,587
Operating expenses	3,666,056
Grants	<u>199,368,140</u>
Total	232,872,783

Source of funds

General fund	4,864,021
Special funds	434,904
Federal funds	6,691,092

Global Commitment fund	220,862,766
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>20,000</u>
Total	232,872,783

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

Personal services	41,307,378
Operating expenses	10,464,802
Grants	<u>3,678,688</u>
Total	55,450,868

Source of funds

General fund	30,639,729
Special funds	655,548
Federal funds	23,274,906
Global Commitment fund	664,660
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>216,025</u>
Total	55,450,868

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

Personal services	31,887,814
Operating expenses	4,723,500
Grants	<u>75,838,377</u>
Total	112,449,691



Source of funds

General fund	33,280,421
Special funds	1,691,637
Federal funds	26,151,771
Global Commitment fund	51,191,608
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>134,254</u>
Total	112,449,691

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

Personal services	6,405,300
Operating expenses	802,146
Grants	<u>77,455,662</u>
Total	84,663,108

Source of funds

General fund	35,216,782
Special funds	1,820,000
Federal funds	36,142,431
Global Commitment fund	<u>11,483,895</u>
Total	84,663,108

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

Personal services	10,242,836
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Operating expenses	<u>3,632,098</u>
Total	13,874,934

Source of funds

General fund	3,478,675
Special funds	455,719
Federal funds	9,552,940
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
Total	13,874,934

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

Personal services	2,182,805
Grants	<u>11,367,424</u>
Total	13,550,229

Source of funds

General fund	9,649,899
Global Commitment fund	<u>3,900,330</u>
Total	13,550,229

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

Grants	<u>6,977,360</u>
Total	6,977,360

Source of funds	
General fund	5,580,025
Federal funds	1,111,320
Global Commitment fund	<u>286,015</u>
Total	6,977,360
Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
Grants	<u>29,827,906</u>
Total	29,827,906
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>29,827,906</u>
Total	29,827,906
Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
Operating expenses	95,202
Grants	<u>33,735,219</u>
Total	33,830,421
Source of funds	
General fund	6,717,098
Special funds	21,806,288
Federal funds	2,674,594
Global Commitment fund	<u>2,632,441</u>
Total	33,830,421

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

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

Source of funds

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

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

Personal services	452,430
Operating expenses	33,444
Grants	<u>9,673,747</u>
Total	10,159,621

Source of funds

General fund	4,483,212
Special funds	57,990
Federal funds	4,350,903
Global Commitment fund	<u>1,267,516</u>
Total	10,159,621

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

assistance

Personal services	333,097
Operating expenses	56,878
Grants	<u>10,529,067</u>
Total	10,919,042

Source of funds

Special funds	9,690,895
Federal funds	<u>1,228,147</u>
Total	10,919,042

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

center

Personal services	5,515,892
Operating expenses	<u>697,584</u>
Total	6,213,476

Source of funds

General fund	1,142,720
Global Commitment fund	4,973,756
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>97,000</u>
Total	6,213,476

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

Personal services	6,023,192
Operating expenses	<u>507,294</u>
Total	6,530,486

Source of funds

General fund	82,500
Federal funds	6,338,219
Global Commitment fund	<u>109,767</u>
Total	6,530,486

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

Personal services	31,147,704
Operating expenses	<u>5,194,746</u>
Total	36,342,450

Source of funds

General fund	15,894,860
Special funds	1,390,457
Federal funds	17,990,849
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>
Total	36,342,450

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

Grants	<u>21,162,885</u>
Total	21,162,885

Source of funds

General fund	8,403,232
Federal funds	7,148,466
Global Commitment fund	<u>5,611,187</u>
Total	21,162,885

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

Grants	<u>1,451,457</u>
Total	1,451,457

Source of funds

General fund	389,154
Special funds	223,450
Federal funds	593,853
Global Commitment fund	<u>245,000</u>
Total	1,451,457

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

Grants	<u>8,972,255</u>
Total	8,972,255

Source of funds

General fund	1,371,845
Special funds	70,000
Federal funds	4,552,523
Global Commitment fund	7,500
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,970,387</u>
Total	8,972,255

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

Grants	<u>209,279,068</u>
Total	209,279,068

Source of funds

General fund	155,125
Special funds	15,463
Federal funds	359,857
Global Commitment fund	<u>208,748,623</u>
Total	209,279,068



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

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

Source of funds

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

Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration

Personal services	2,761,226
Operating expenses	<u>238,644</u>
Total	2,999,870

Source of funds

General fund	<u>2,999,870</u>
Total	2,999,870

Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board

Personal services	259,000
Operating expenses	<u>81,081</u>
Total	340,081

Source of funds

General fund	<u>340,081</u>
Total	340,081

Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education

Personal services	3,001,014
Operating expenses	<u>510,128</u>
Total	3,511,142

Source of funds

Education fund	3,362,358
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
Total	3,511,142

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

Personal services	108,272,207
Operating expenses	22,048,934
Grants	<u>9,426,638</u>
Total	139,747,779

Source of funds

General fund	132,862,670
Special funds	629,963
Federal funds	470,962
Global Commitment fund	5,387,869
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
Total	139,747,779

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

Personal services 7,410,632

Total 7,410,632

Source of funds

General fund 7,410,632

Total 7,410,632

Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation

Personal services 447,785

Operating expenses 455,845

Total 903,630

Source of funds

Special funds 903,630

Total 903,630

Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program

Personal services 1,375,777

Operating expenses 565,784

Total 1,941,561

Source of funds

Internal service funds 1,941,561

Total 1,941,561

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

Personal services	18,740,073
Operating expenses	<u>4,687,334</u>
Total	23,427,407

Source of funds

General fund	6,365,116
Special funds	8,474,443
Federal funds	8,176,862
Global Commitment fund	<u>410,986</u>
Total	23,427,407

Sec. B.343 Commission on women

Personal services	300,078
Operating expenses	<u>70,983</u>
Total	371,061

Source of funds

General fund	<u>371,061</u>
Total	371,061

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	7,312,099
Operating expenses	<u>1,407,428</u>
Total	8,719,527

Source of funds

General fund	2,119,482
Special funds	3,587,883
Federal funds	226,574
Global Commitment fund	2,567,518
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>218,070</u>
Total	8,719,527

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund	688,536,130
Special funds	107,242,759
Tobacco fund	23,308,187
State health care resources fund	293,176,780
Education fund	3,362,358

Federal funds	1,409,788,458
Global Commitment fund	1,542,649,771
Internal service funds	1,941,561
Interdepartmental transfers	45,068,129
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
Total	4,115,099,133

Sec. B.400 Labor - programs

Personal services	30,803,543
Operating expenses	8,195,159
Grants	<u>1,500,000</u>
Total	40,498,702

Source of funds

General fund	3,282,129
Special funds	3,616,477
Federal funds	31,891,593
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,708,503</u>
Total	40,498,702

Sec. B.401 Total labor

Source of funds

General fund	3,282,129
Special funds	3,616,477

Federal funds	31,891,593
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,708,503</u>
Total	40,498,702

Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration

Personal services	8,778,194
Operating expenses	2,475,753
Grants	<u>17,087,879</u>
Total	28,341,826

Source of funds

General fund	3,475,789
Special funds	18,330,173
Education fund	1,015,606
Federal funds	2,714,811
Global Commitment fund	260,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,545,447</u>
Total	28,341,826

Sec. B.501 Education - education services

Personal services	18,581,101
Operating expenses	1,604,659
Grants	<u>125,444,492</u>
Total	145,635,252

Source of funds	
General fund	5,530,968
Special funds	3,808,374
Tobacco fund	750,388
Federal funds	133,477,859
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,062,663</u>
Total	145,635,252
Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
Grants	<u>180,749,796</u>
Total	180,749,796
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>180,749,796</u>
Total	180,749,796
Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
Grants	<u>16,700,000</u>
Total	16,700,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>16,700,000</u>
Total	16,700,000



Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy

Grants 4,254,045

Total 4,254,045

Source of funds

General fund 787,995

Education fund 2,700,000

Federal funds 766,050

Total 4,254,045

Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways

Grants 7,200,000

Total 7,200,000

Source of funds

Education fund 7,200,000

Total 7,200,000

Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment

Grants 1,352,200,000

Total 1,352,200,000

Source of funds

Education fund 1,352,200,000

Total 1,352,200,000

Sec. B.506 Education - transportation

Grants 18,745,381

Total 18,745,381

Source of funds

Education fund 18,745,381

Total 18,745,381

Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants

Grants 7,600,000

Total 7,600,000

Source of funds

Education fund 7,600,000

Total 7,600,000

Sec. B.508 Education - capital debt service aid

Grants 25,000

Total 25,000

Source of funds

Education fund 25,000

Total 25,000

Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant

Grants 6,442,927

Total 6,442,927

Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>6,442,927</u>
Total	6,442,927
Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
Grants	<u>13,613,512</u>
Total	13,613,512
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>13,613,512</u>
Total	13,613,512
Sec. B.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund	
Grants	<u>314,695,753</u>
Total	314,695,753
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>314,695,753</u>
Total	314,695,753
Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
Grants	<u>83,809,437</u>
Total	83,809,437
Source of funds	
General fund	75,912,816

Education fund	<u>7,896,621</u>
Total	83,809,437
Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system	
Personal services	6,192,879
Operating expenses	<u>1,494,552</u>
Total	7,687,431
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	<u>7,687,431</u>
Total	7,687,431
Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
Grants	<u>27,560,966</u>
Total	27,560,966
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>27,560,966</u>
Total	27,560,966
Sec. B.516 Total general education	
Source of funds	
General fund	428,039,287
Special funds	22,138,547
Tobacco fund	750,388
Education fund	1,614,888,843

Federal funds	136,958,720
Global Commitment fund	260,000
Interdepartmental transfers	4,608,110
Pension trust funds	<u>7,687,431</u>
Total	2,215,331,326
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>1</u>
Total	1
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1</u>
Total	1
Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
Grants	<u>28,300,464</u>
Total	28,300,464

Source of funds

General fund 28,300,464

Total 28,300,464

Sec. B.602.1 Vermont state colleges - Supplemental Aid

Grants 700,000

Total 700,000

Source of funds

General fund 700,000

Total 700,000

Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health

Grants 1,157,775

Total 1,157,775

Source of funds

General fund 748,314

Global Commitment fund 409,461

Total 1,157,775

Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

Grants 19,414,588

Total 19,414,588

Source of funds	
General fund	<u>19,414,588</u>
Total	19,414,588
Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
Grants	<u>84,000</u>
Total	84,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>84,000</u>
Total	84,000
Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm	
Grants	<u>1</u>
Total	1
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1</u>
Total	1
Sec. B.608 Total higher education	
Source of funds	
General fund	87,710,244
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,455,678</u>
Total	92,165,922

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

Personal services	3,930,773
Operating expenses	1,090,586
Grants	<u>34,960</u>
Total	5,056,319
Source of funds	
General fund	4,231,479
Special funds	554,112
Federal funds	15,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>255,728</u>
Total	5,056,319

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

Operating expenses	<u>2,493,229</u>
Total	2,493,229
Source of funds	
General fund	2,071,729
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
Total	2,493,229

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

Personal services	16,627,558
Operating expenses	5,223,271



Grants	<u>860,000</u>
Total	22,710,829

Source of funds

General fund	5,120,337
Special funds	266,350
Fish and wildlife fund	9,329,826
Federal funds	7,865,515
Interdepartmental transfers	127,801
Permanent trust funds	<u>1,000</u>
Total	22,710,829

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

Personal services	1,353,932
Operating expenses	785,612
Grants	<u>2,061,750</u>
Total	4,201,294

Source of funds

General fund	1,480,709
Special funds	1,447,050
Federal funds	1,263,535
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>10,000</u>
Total	4,201,294

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

Personal services	5,345,642
Operating expenses	772,756
Grants	<u>500,000</u>
Total	6,618,398
Source of funds	
General fund	4,638,604
Special funds	347,174
Federal funds	1,362,000
Interdepartmental transfers	195,999
Permanent trust funds	<u>74,621</u>
Total	6,618,398

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

Personal services	7,999,465
Operating expenses	<u>2,603,498</u>
Total	10,602,963
Source of funds	
General fund	555,654
Special funds	<u>10,047,309</u>
Total	10,602,963

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

Personal services	536,620
Operating expenses	<u>1,201,508</u>
Total	1,738,128

Source of funds

General fund	501,609
Special funds	144,769
Federal funds	1,073,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>18,750</u>
Total	1,738,128

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

Grants	<u>326,689</u>
Total	326,689

Source of funds

General fund	48,307
Special funds	188,382
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>90,000</u>
Total	326,689

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

Personal services	94,000
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Operating expenses 85,925

Total 179,925

Source of funds

General fund 179,925

Total 179,925

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

Personal services 5,671,296

Operating expenses 1,510,008

Grants 187,442

Total 7,368,746

Source of funds

General fund 931,187

Special funds 351,935

Federal funds 702,230

Interdepartmental transfers 5,383,394

Total 7,368,746

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

Personal services 12,163,522

Operating expenses 8,258,175

Grants 2,061,047

Total 22,482,744

Source of funds	
General fund	95,050
Special funds	18,252,862
Federal funds	3,944,591
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>190,241</u>
Total	22,482,744

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

Personal services	18,132,902
Operating expenses	5,531,907
Grants	<u>24,284,028</u>
Total	47,948,837

Source of funds	
General fund	7,564,123
Special funds	10,876,060
Federal funds	28,447,666
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,060,988</u>
Total	47,948,837

Sec. B.713 Natural resources board

Personal services	2,556,391
Operating expenses	410,259

Grants	<u>100,000</u>
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Total	3,066,650
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Source of funds

General fund	607,606
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Special funds	<u>2,459,044</u>
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Total	3,066,650
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Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

Source of funds

General fund	28,026,319
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Special funds	44,935,047
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Fish and wildlife fund	9,329,826
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Federal funds	44,673,537
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Interdepartmental transfers	7,754,401
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Permanent trust funds	<u>75,621</u>
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Total	134,794,751
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Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce and  
community development - administration

Personal services	3,175,456
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Operating expenses	1,206,988
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Grants	<u>3,537,627</u>
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Total	7,920,071
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Source of funds	
General fund	3,707,045
Special funds	4,059,800
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>153,226</u>
Total	7,920,071
Sec. B.801 Economic development	
Personal services	2,104,952
Operating expenses	930,788
Grants	<u>3,679,403</u>
Total	6,715,143
Source of funds	
General fund	4,602,224
Special funds	555,350
Federal funds	<u>1,557,569</u>
Total	6,715,143
Sec. B.802 Housing & community development	
Personal services	3,643,631
Operating expenses	786,231
Grants	<u>4,258,021</u>
Total	8,687,883

Source of funds	
General fund	2,627,105
Special funds	4,490,916
Federal funds	1,468,739
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>101,123</u>
Total	8,687,883
Sec. B.804 Community development block grants	
Grants	<u>6,326,320</u>
Total	6,326,320
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>6,326,320</u>
Total	6,326,320
Sec. B.805 Downtown transportation and capital improvement fund	
Personal services	98,581
Grants	<u>335,151</u>
Total	433,732
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>433,732</u>
Total	433,732
Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
Personal services	1,191,303



Operating expenses	1,792,070
Grants	<u>121,880</u>
Total	3,105,253
Source of funds	
General fund	3,075,253
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>30,000</u>
Total	3,105,253
Sec. B.807 Vermont life	
Personal services	715,174
Operating expenses	<u>47,849</u>
Total	763,023
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>763,023</u>
Total	763,023
Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
Grants	<u>675,307</u>
Total	675,307
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>675,307</u>
Total	675,307

Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra

Grants 149,687

Total 149,687

Source of funds

General fund 149,687

Total 149,687

Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society

Grants 996,945

Total 996,945

Source of funds

General fund 996,945

Total 996,945

Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board

Grants 30,839,032

Total 30,839,032

Source of funds

Special funds 12,150,447

Federal funds 18,688,585

Total 30,839,032

Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council

Grants 225,959

Total 225,959

Source of funds

General fund 225,959

Total 225,959

Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development

Source of funds

General fund 16,059,525

Special funds 21,690,245

Federal funds 28,041,213

Interdepartmental transfers 284,349

Enterprise funds 763,023

Total 66,838,355

Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration

Personal services 11,835,039

Operating expenses 2,732,631

Grants 55,000

Total 14,622,670

Source of funds

Transportation fund 13,520,910

Federal funds	<u>1,101,760</u>
Total	14,622,670
Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
Personal services	3,502,776
Operating expenses	14,029,319
Grants	<u>204,000</u>
Total	17,736,095
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	4,929,552
Federal funds	<u>12,806,543</u>
Total	17,736,095
Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
Operating expenses	<u>1,900,000</u>
Total	1,900,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>1,900,000</u>
Total	1,900,000
Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
Personal services	53,313,749
Operating expenses	193,926,320

Grants	<u>40,242,156</u>
Total	287,482,225

Source of funds

Transportation fund	39,895,056
TIB fund	8,198,136
Federal funds	238,291,275
Interdepartmental transfers	239,345
Local match	<u>858,413</u>
Total	287,482,225

Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction

Personal services	42,274
Operating expenses	<u>620,726</u>
Total	663,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund	79,774
Federal funds	<u>583,226</u>
Total	663,000

Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system

Personal services	43,638,652
Operating expenses	45,265,393

Grants	<u>421,780</u>
Total	89,325,825
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	87,376,083
Federal funds	1,849,742
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
Total	89,325,825
Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
Personal services	3,804,950
Operating expenses	707,135
Grants	<u>6,084,347</u>
Total	10,596,432
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	2,706,491
Federal funds	7,755,912
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>134,029</u>
Total	10,596,432
Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
Personal services	6,410,380
Operating expenses	<u>30,670,870</u>
Total	37,081,250

Source of funds	
Transportation fund	18,935,869
TIB fund	2,840,249
Federal funds	15,269,507
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>35,625</u>
Total	37,081,250
Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
Personal services	1,137,749
Operating expenses	120,263
Grants	<u>30,874,145</u>
Total	32,132,157
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	7,955,199
Federal funds	<u>24,176,958</u>
Total	32,132,157
Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
Personal services	4,459,194
Operating expenses	<u>15,595,717</u>
Total	20,054,911

Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>20,054,911</u>
Total	20,054,911
Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
Personal services	18,395,579
Operating expenses	<u>10,906,337</u>
Total	29,301,916
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	27,773,478
Federal funds	1,423,438
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>105,000</u>
Total	29,301,916
Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
Grants	<u>6,333,500</u>
Total	6,333,500
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>6,333,500</u>
Total	6,333,500
Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
Operating expenses	71,627



Grants	<u>329,066</u>
Total	400,693
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	100,693
Federal funds	<u>300,000</u>
Total	400,693
Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
Grants	<u>7,848,750</u>
Total	7,848,750
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>7,848,750</u>
Total	7,848,750
Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
Personal services	3,349,613
Operating expenses	13,074,396
Grants	<u>100,000</u>
Total	16,524,009
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	1,111,449
TIB fund	1,156,927
Federal funds	13,488,269

Local match	<u>767,364</u>
Total	16,524,009
Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
Grants	<u>25,982,744</u>
Total	25,982,744
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>25,982,744</u>
Total	25,982,744
Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
Grants	<u>128,750</u>
Total	128,750
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
Total	128,750
Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
Total	1,150,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
Total	1,150,000

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

Grants	<u>180,000</u>
Total	180,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	20,000
Federal funds	<u>160,000</u>
Total	180,000

Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program

Operating expenses	150,000
Grants	<u>7,632,342</u>
Total	7,782,342
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	1,240,000
Special funds	1,100,000
Federal funds	<u>5,442,342</u>
Total	7,782,342

Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program

Operating expenses	640,000
Grants	<u>5,000,000</u>
Total	5,640,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund	160,000
Special funds	2,000,000
Federal funds	3,000,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>480,000</u>
Total	5,640,000

Sec. B.921 Transportation board

Personal services	205,657
Operating expenses	<u>28,093</u>
Total	233,750

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>233,750</u>
Total	233,750

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds

Transportation fund	249,382,048
TIB fund	12,195,312
Special funds	3,100,000
Federal funds	325,648,972
Internal service funds	20,054,911
Interdepartmental transfers	1,093,999

Local match	<u>1,625,777</u>
Total	613,101,019
Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
Operating expenses	<u>80,833,039</u>
Total	80,833,039
Source of funds	
General fund	75,489,703
Transportation fund	1,709,452
ARRA funds	1,130,146
TIB debt service fund	<u>2,503,738</u>
Total	80,833,039
Sec. B.1001 Total debt service	
Source of funds	
General fund	75,489,703
Transportation fund	1,709,452
ARRA funds	1,130,146
TIB debt service fund	<u>2,503,738</u>
Total	80,833,039

Sec. B.1100 NEXT GENERATION; APPROPRIATIONS AND  
TRANSFERS

(a) In fiscal year 2018, \$2,909,900 is appropriated or transferred from the Next Generation Initiative Fund created in 16 V.S.A. § 2887 as prescribed:

(1) Workforce education and training. The amount of \$1,605,400 as follows:

(A) Workforce Education and Training Fund (WETF). The amount of \$1,045,400 is transferred to the 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 Development 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 \$30,000 as follows:

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

(3) Scholarships and grants. The amount of \$1,274,500 as follows:

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

(B) National Guard Educational Assistance. The amount of \$150,000 is appropriated to Military – administration to be transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational Assistance Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856.

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

Sec. B.1100.1 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECOMMENDATION FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2019 NEXT GENERATION FUND  
DISTRIBUTION

(a) The Department of Labor, in coordination with the Agencies of Commerce and Community Development, of Human Services, and of Education, and in consultation with the State Workforce Development Board, shall recommend to the Governor on or before December 1, 2017 how \$2,909,900 from the Next Generation Initiative Fund should be allocated or appropriated in fiscal year 2019 to provide maximum benefit to workforce education and training, participation in secondary or postsecondary education by underrepresented groups, and support for promising economic sectors in



Vermont. The State agencies and departments listed herein shall promote actively and publicly the availability of the funds to eligible entities.

Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2018 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

APPROPRIATIONS

(a) Agency of Commerce and Community Development: The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development for economic development initiatives.

(1) The funds appropriated in this subsection shall be used as follows:

(A) The sum of \$150,000.00 to the Vermont Small Business Development Center for the purpose of increasing the number of business advisors in the State, with priority for underserved regions.

(B) The sum of \$100,000.00 shall be transferred to the Office of Economic Opportunity for pass-through grants to the Community Action Agencies to provide funding for the regional Microbusiness Development Programs pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 3722.

(C) The sum of \$250,000 to expand Vermont's coordinated marketing efforts to implement the Department of Economic Development's economic development marketing plan.

(b) Department for Children and Families: The sum of \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department for Children and Families to be used to facilitate the development of two seasonal warming shelters, one in Rutland

and one in Barre to be in place for the 2017-2018 heating season. The Secretary of Human Services and the Commissioner for Children and Families shall work with hospitals and community organizations to access additional funding, matching funds, and in-kind contributions, and to facilitate siting to expand shelter availability throughout other regions of the State. A report on projected shelter availability for the 2017-2018 heating season shall be submitted to the Legislative Joint Fiscal Committee on or before November 15, 2017.

(c) Vermont State Colleges: The sum of \$880,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges to pay the second of three installments to support the unification of Johnson and Lyndon State Colleges into the new Northern Vermont University.

(d) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets: The sum of \$25,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to support the Farms 2+2 Program.

(e) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets: The sum of \$75,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for a grant to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for federal rural development grant writing assistance.

(f) Department of Buildings and General Services: The sum of \$27,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services to support

the operating expenses of the Bennington Welcome Center. For subsequent fiscal years, operating expenses of the Bennington Welcome Center shall not be supported with supplemental appropriations in addition to the amounts requested by the Department of Buildings and General Services and approved by the General Assembly in the annual appropriations bill.

Sec. B.1102 FISCAL YEAR 2018 MANAGEMENT SAVINGS

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall reduce fiscal year 2018 appropriations and make transfers to the General Fund for a total of \$5,000,000. The Administration is not limited to the following proposals to achieve this target, but shall analyze the following for fiscal year 2018 budgetary savings:

(1) the elimination of exempt positions;

(2) savings identified through improved business processes and administrative efficiencies;

(3) administrative or contractual reductions, including savings from improved systems of procurement;

(4) savings in State employee health care costs through increased price awareness as specified in the pilot project in Sec. E.108 of this act;

(5) the Agency of Human Services shall review and quantify savings from improved oversight and fiscal controls in order to prevent fraud and overpayment related to personal care services reimbursed by the Departments;

(6) review of statewide operating expenses that include:

(A) physical space needs statewide for potential reduction of leased space or divestment of owned real estate where appropriate,

(B) examination of the alignment of the cost control incentives or disincentives in the State's largest internal service fund programs, including fee for space, and innovation and information charges.

(C) telecommunication services, postage equipment, and other equipment rentals.

(b) The Department of Corrections shall be held harmless from the savings target above due to Corrections specific existing savings targets contained elsewhere in this act.

(c) Savings proposals identified by the Administration to meet the target in subsection (a) of this section shall be multi-year in nature to the greatest extent possible. The Administration shall provide the fully annualized savings for any proposals that require more time to be fully implemented:

(d) The Secretary shall submit a written report of the appropriations reductions and transfers to the Joint Fiscal Committee in November 2017. The report shall include:

(1) the proposed budgetary changes by agency and department and funding source.

(2) the short- and long-term implications to individuals, organizations, or State systems of each proposed change;

(3) if any identified savings are only one-time in nature, the associated longer term actions that the Secretary recommends to make the savings continue into future years or become permanent; and

(4) if any recommendations include specific statutory changes, these shall be summarized in the report and presented in full to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and other relevant standing committees during the 2018 legislative session.

Sec. B.1103 [DELETED]

Sec. B.1104 [DELETED]

Sec. B.1105 [DELETED]

Sec. B.1106 [DELETED]

Sec. B.1107 [DELETED]

Sec. C.100 FISCAL YEAR 2017 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$1,930,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Secretary of Administration to be carried forward into fiscal year 2018 for distribution to departments to provide funding for changes in employee classification occurring in fiscal year 2017 that are approved in accordance with the collective bargaining agreements.

(b) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$323,826 in general funds is appropriated to the Judiciary for retroactive docket clerk reclassification.

(c) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$245,246 in general funds is appropriated to the Attorney General to be carried forward into fiscal year 2018 for tobacco master settlement arbitration or litigation.

(d) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$100,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to be carried forward for fiscal year 2018 one-time expenditure by the Vermont Working Lands Enterprise Board established in 6 V.S.A. § 4606 for investments in food and forest system businesses and service providers 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.

(e) In fiscal year 2017, the Agency of Human Services shall reserve and carry forward to fiscal year 2018 \$1,250,000 of the general funds appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.301 as amended by 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 18. The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to adjust fiscal year 2017 Federal Fund and Global Commitment Fund appropriations in the Agency of Human Services and Department of Health Access to comport with this requirement.

(f) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$1,800,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Department of Public Safety to provide upfront funding to

purchase police cameras as part of the Vermont State Police Camera Project.

The full project will include equipment, maintenance, and warranty costs.

(g) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$300,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services to provide funds for activities to repurpose the Southeast State Correctional Facility located in Windsor, Vermont as presented in Sec. E. 35.1 of this act.

(h) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$250,000 in general funds to the Secretary of Administration for a one-time grant to the Vermont Law School. This grant will provide a State match toward the \$5,000,000 hybrid residential and online program designed to attract new groups of national and international students to enroll in Vermont-based programs.

Sec. C.101 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 60 is amended to read

Sec. 60. FUND TRANSFERS

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2017:

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

21054	Misc. Fines & Penalties	442,849.77
21065	Financial Institute Supervision	728,499.86
21405	Bond Investment Earnings Fund	161,100.90
21550	Land & Facilities Trust Fund	450,000.00

21641	AG – Administrative Special Fund	30,848.02
21638	AG – Fees & Reimbursements -Court Order	<u>(est.)</u> 2,400,000.00
22005	AHS Central Office earned federal receipts	28,040,542.00
50300	Liquor Control Fund	955,000.00
	Caledonia Fair	5,000.00
	North Country Hospital Loan	24,250.00

(2) All or a portion of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (Fund Number 21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (Fund Number 21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (Fund Number 21080) expected to be approximately ~~\$22,452,018~~ \$22,732,018 shall be transferred to the General Fund, provided that on or before July 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Financial Regulation certifies to the Joint Fiscal Committee that the transfer of such balances, or any smaller portion deemed proper by the Commissioner, will not impair the ability of the Department in fiscal year 2018 to provide thorough, competent, fair, and effective regulatory services, or maintain accreditation by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; and that the Joint Fiscal Committee does not reject such certification.

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

21275	<del>Environmental Contingency Fund</del>	500,000.00
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21555	Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund	<del>1,176,226.00</del>	<u>2,632,014.00</u>
59500	Single Audit Revolving Fund		196,169.00

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#### C.101.1 VOLKSWAGEN SETTLEMENT

(a) The multi-state settlement from Volkswagen of \$4,200,000 received by the State of Vermont in fiscal year 2017, or in a subsequent year, shall be transferred to the Environmental Fund (account 21275).

Sec. C.102 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 62 is amended to read:

#### Sec. 62. EXPENDITURE OF HUMAN SERVICES CASELOAD

##### MANAGEMENT RESERVE

~~(a) In fiscal year 2017, \$3,738,117 from the General Fund is appropriated to the Commissioner of Finance and Management for transfer to the Agency of Human Services—Global Commitment to ensure sufficient funding for Global Commitment during fiscal year 2017. Prior to the close of fiscal year 2017, the Commissioner shall determine the amount needed for transfer, and shall provide a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee of the determination and the amount transferred. Any funds remaining in this appropriation and not transferred shall revert to the General Fund in fiscal year 2017.~~

(b) The amount of funds appropriated in subsection (a) of this section shall be unreserved from the Human Services Caseload Reserve established in

~~32 V.S.A. § 308b. The funds reverted in subsection (a) of this section shall be reserved in the Human Services Caseload Reserve.~~

(a) The amount of \$3,738,117 general funds shall be unreserved from the Human Services Caseload Management reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b.

(b) At the close of fiscal year 2017 and after meeting the requirements of Sec. C.100(e) of this act, an amount up to \$3,738,117 of any unencumbered General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.301 of this act that would otherwise be authorized to carry forward shall revert to the General Fund and be reserved in the Human Services Caseload Management Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b.

Sec. C.103 FISCAL YEAR 2017 27/53 RESERVE FUNDING SOURCE  
TRANSFER

(a) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.1104 or any other provision of law to the contrary, any General Fund amount to be reserved in fiscal year 2017 in the 27/53 Reserve created in 32 V.S.A. § 308e shall be unreserved.

(b) In fiscal year 2017, \$5,287,591 shall be transferred from the Global Commitment Fund to the General Fund to be reserved in the 27/53 Reserve created in 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

Sec. C.103.1 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.301 as amended by  
2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 18 is further amended to read:

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

Operating expenses	5,529,495	5,529,495
Grants	<u>1,596,194,550</u>	<u>1,605,462,162</u>
Total	<del>1,601,724,045</del>	1,605,462,162

Source of funds

General fund	<del>284,257,664</del>	287,995,781
Special funds	28,263,866	28,263,866
Tobacco fund	29,716,875	29,716,875
State health care resources fund	297,599,293	297,599,293
Federal funds	961,846,347	961,846,347
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>
Total	<del>1,601,724,045</del>	1,605,462,162

Sec. C.104 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.345 as amended by 2017

Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board

Personal services	<del>8,736,409</del>	9,131,409
Operating expenses	<u>1,230,995</u>	<u>835,995</u>
Total	9,967,404	9,967,404

Source of funds

General fund	1,401,276	1,401,276
Special funds	2,342,927	2,342,927
Federal funds	448,808	448,808
Global Commitment fund	4,281,832	4,281,832
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,492,561</u>	<u>1,492,561</u>
Total	9,967,404	9,967,404

Sec. C.104.1 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.346 as amended by

2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 46 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund	<del>693,886,463</del>	697,624,580
Special funds	99,545,755	99,545,755
Tobacco fund	33,550,914	33,550,914
State health care resources fund	297,599,293	297,599,293
Education fund	3,109,463	3,109,463
Federal funds	1,391,826,777	1,391,826,777
Global Commitment fund	1,540,769,628	1,540,769,628
Internal service funds	1,908,035	1,908,035
Interdepartmental transfers	24,664,768	24,664,768

Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total	<del>4,086,886,096</del>	4,090,624,213

Sec. C.105 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.1000 as amended by 2017  
Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 58 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.1000 Debt service

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

Source of funds

General fund	71,120,080	71,120,080
Transportation fund	1,884,089	1,884,089
Special funds	336,000	336,000
ARRA funds	<del>1,149,919</del>	1,149,909
TIB debt service fund	<u>2,501,413</u>	<u>2,501,413</u>
Total	76,991,491	76,991,491

Sec. C.106 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.1001 as amended by 2017

Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 59 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

Source of funds

General fund	71,120,080	71,120,080
Transportation fund	1,884,089	1,884,089
Special funds	336,000	336,000

ARRA funds	<del>1,149,919</del>	1,149,909
TIB debt service fund	<u>2,501,413</u>	<u>2,501,413</u>
Total	76,991,491	76,991,491

Sec. C.107 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.514 is amended to read:

Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system

Grants	<del>78,959,576</del>	<u>78,659,576</u>
Total	<del>78,959,576</del>	78,659,576

Source of funds

General fund	<del>78,959,576</del>	78,659,576
Total	<del>78,959,576</del>	78,659,576

Sec. C.108 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.515 is amended to read:

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

Grants	<del>22,022,584</del>	<u>22,322,584</u>
Total	<del>22,022,584</del>	22,322,584

Source of funds

General fund	<del>22,022,584</del>	<u>22,322,584</u>
Total	<del>22,022,584</del>	22,322,584

Sec. C.109 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.514 is amended to read:

Sec. E.514 State teachers' retirement system

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

~~\$78,959,576~~ \$78,659,576 shall be the State's contribution and ~~\$3,700,000~~  
\$4,000,000 shall be contributed from local school systems or educational  
entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

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Sec. C.110 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.515 is amended to read:

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

(a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), ~~\$22,022,584~~ \$22,322,584  
will be contributed to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits plan.

Sec. C.111 32 V.S.A. § 131 is amended to read:

§ 131. COMPOSITION

There shall be an Emergency Board to consist of the Governor, the Chair of  
the Senate Committee on Finance, the Chair of the Senate Committee on  
Appropriations, the Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and  
the Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations; but the Chair of any one  
of such committees may designate a member of his or her committee who shall  
be a member of such Board in lieu of the Chair. The Board shall meet at the  
call of the Governor or a majority of the legislative members of the Board.

Sec. C.112 32 V.S.A. § 306 is amended to read:

§ 306. BUDGET REPORT

(a) The Governor shall submit to the General Assembly, not later than the  
third Tuesday of every annual session, a budget which shall embody his or her

estimates, requests, and recommendations for appropriations or other authorizations for expenditures from the State Treasury. In the first year of the biennium, the budget shall relate to the two succeeding fiscal years. In the second year of the biennium, it shall relate to the succeeding fiscal year. The budget shall be based upon the official State revenue estimates, including the Medicaid estimated caseloads and per-member per-month expenditures, adopted by the Emergency Board pursuant to section 305a of this title.

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Sec. C.113 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 68(a) is amended to read:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval of the Secretary of Administration, General, Transportation, Transportation Infrastructure Bond, ~~and~~ Education Fund, Clean Water Fund (Fund 21932), and Agricultural Water Quality Fund (Fund 21933) appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2017 in the Executive Branch of State government shall be carried forward and shall be designated for expenditure.

Sec. C.114 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.1106(b) as amended by 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 70 is further amended to read:

(b) The Secretary of Administration shall reduce fiscal year 2017 appropriations and make transfers to the General Fund for a total of \$343,369. Savings in the amount of \$206,631 are included in the fiscal year 2017 budget adjustment for a total savings of \$550,000. The remaining appropriations and



transfers for savings ~~associated with positions abolished in subsection (a) of this section~~ shall be made prior to close out of fiscal year 2017 and be reported to the Joint Fiscal Committee at the July 2017 meeting.

Sec. C 115 GENERAL FUND YEAR END CLOSE OUT

(a) In fiscal years 2017 and 2018, after satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, and after other reserve requirements have been met, the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a)(1)-(3) shall not be applied, and any remaining unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year General Fund surplus shall be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve.

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, established in 10 V.S.A. § 122.

Sec. D.100.1 REPEAL

(a) 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 45, Secs. 35 (repeal of change in allocation of property transfer tax revenue) and 37(10), as amended by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. D.100.1 (effective date of change in allocation of property transfer tax revenue) are repealed.

Sec. D.100.2 CONTINGENT BOND AUTHORITY

(a) If a housing bond is authorized based on appropriate revenue, then specific language may be presented to the Joint Fiscal Committee for review prior to budget adjustment.

Sec. D.101 FISCAL YEAR 2018 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS,  
AND RESERVES

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

(1) From the General Fund to the Next Generation Initiative Fund established by 16 V.S.A. § 2887: \$2,909,900.

(2) From the Clean Water Fund established by 10 V.S.A. § 1388 to the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund created under 6 V.S.A. § 4803: \$1,225,000.

(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 2019 transportation infrastructure bonds debt service: \$2,504,688.

(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year

2018:

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

<u>21550</u>	<u>Land &amp; Facilities Trust Fund</u>	<u>429,000.00</u>
<u>21638</u>	<u>AG-Fees &amp; Reimbursements-Court Order</u>	<u>2,000,000.00</u>
<u>21909</u>	<u>Tax Computer System Modernization</u>	<u>798,808.00</u>
<u>21937</u>	<u>GMCB Regulatory and Admin Fund</u>	<u>850,000.00</u>
<u>22005</u>	<u>AHS Central Office earned federal receipts</u>	<u>32,165,542.00</u>
<u>50300</u>	<u>Liquor Control Fund</u>	<u>955,000.00</u>
	<u>Caledonia Fair</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
	<u>North Country Hospital Loan</u>	<u>24,250.00</u>

(c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year

2018:

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

<u>1210001000</u>	<u>Legislative Council</u>	<u>150,000.00</u>
<u>1210002000</u>	<u>Legislature</u>	<u>385,000.00</u>
<u>1230001000</u>	<u>Sergeant at Arms</u>	<u>19,000.00</u>
<u>7120890704</u>	<u>International Trade Commission</u>	<u>7,711.88</u>

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 2017 in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund established by 32 V.S.A. § 435a shall remain for appropriation in fiscal year 2018.

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 2018 and any additional amount necessary to ensure the balance in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund at the close of fiscal year 2018 is not negative shall be transferred in fiscal year 2018 from the Tobacco Trust Fund established by 18 V.S.A. § 9502(a) to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund established by 32 V.S.A. § 435a.

Sec. D.104 HUMAN SERVICES CASELOAD MANAGEMENT RESERVE

(a) The sum of \$12,000,000 shall be reserved from the General Fund in the Human Services Caseload Management Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b.

Sec. D.105 [DELETED]

Sec. D.106 USE OF HEALTH IT FUND BALANCE

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 10301(a), the Agency of Human Services may expend \$2,000,000 of Health IT-Funds as State match for Global Commitment program expenditures in fiscal year 2018 and the sum of

\$500,000 is transferred from the Health IT-Fund to the Rainy Day Reserve. It is the intent of the General Assembly to expend an additional \$2,000,000 from the Health IT-Fund as State match for Global Commitment program expenditures in fiscal year 2019.

Sec. D.107 FISCAL YEAR 2018 TRANSFER TO THE 27/53 RESERVE

(a) In fiscal year 2018, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in order to meet the Medicaid 53rd week reserve requirement of the 27/53 Reserve, the sum of \$1,700,000 shall be transferred from the Global Commitment Fund to the General Fund to be reserved in the 27/53 Reserve created in 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

\* \* \* GENERAL GOVERNMENT \* \* \*

Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) The establishment of the following new permanent classified positions is authorized in fiscal year 2018:

(1) In the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets – one (1) Microbiologist.

(2) In the Department of Taxes – two (2) Tax Examiner.

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

(1) In the Department of State's Attorneys – one (1) Labor Relations Manager. This position shall be transferred and converted from existing vacant position number 267186 within the Department of State's Attorneys.

(c) The establishment of the following new classified limited services positions is authorized in fiscal year 2017:

(1) In the Department of Military – three (3) Security Guard.

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

Sec. E.100.1 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100(d), as amended by 2015 Acts and Resolves No.4, Sec. 74, and 2016 Acts and Resolves No.172, Sec. E.100.2, 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 Agency of Natural Resources, the Department of Buildings and General Services, the

Department of Labor, ~~and~~ the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Public Safety 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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(7) This Pilot shall sunset on July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018, unless extended or modified by the General Assembly.

(8) On or before January 15, 2018 the Commissioner of Human Resources shall provide a report by department on the total number of positions created under the authority of this section to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. The Commissioner shall include in the report a recommendation on whether this program should be expanded and continue and, if so, should it be extended but remain in session law or be made permanent by codification in statute.

Sec. E.100.2 REPEAL

(a) 3 V.S.A. § 2222a is repealed.

Sec. E.108 PILOT PROGRAM FOR HIGH-QUALITY, LOWER-COST

HEALTH CARE SERVICES; STATE EMPLOYEES' HEALTH  
BENEFIT PLAN

(a) The Department of Human Resources, in consultation with the Vermont State Employees' Association, shall establish a pilot program in calendar year



2018 to encourage State employees and their dependents who are enrolled in the State employees' health benefit plan to use high-quality, lower-cost health care providers. The pilot program shall:

(1) identify 10 nonemergency health care services for which members of the State employees' health benefit plan have high utilization rates and for which there are significant variations in prices among high-quality providers in Vermont and neighboring states;

(2) provide financial incentives to encourage State employees and their dependents to voluntarily select health care providers for the identified health care services that are located within a reasonable driving distance of the employee's or dependent's home or office and that offer high-quality services at a lower cost than other providers in the same geographic region; and

(3) use tools available through the administrator of the State employees' health benefit plan to assist employees and their dependents in selecting high-quality providers located within a reasonable driving distance that offer the relevant services at lower costs.

(b) On or before January 15, 2019, the Commissioner of Human Resources shall report the results of the pilot program and recommendations for further study or implementation to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance.

Sec. E.108.1 CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM PLANNING

(a) As a continuation of classification system analysis begun pursuant to 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.100.1, the Department of Human Resources shall issue an RFI for consultant services to assist the Department with needs assessment, expertise, and project planning necessary to procure a new Classification and Compensation system.

(b) A new Classification and Compensation system shall allow the State to:

(1) develop a broader classification system, utilizing fewer job classifications;

(2) utilize a more modern, flexible, transparent system for managing job evaluation and placement within the classified system; and

(3) provide a contemporary, flexible, easy to understand system for managing pay that effectively combines recognition of competencies, experience or longevity, or both, market parity, and excellence in performance.

(c) The Department shall submit a status report to the General Assembly not later than January 31, 2018 that identifies progress in planning for the development and implementation of a new Classification and Compensation system.

Sec. E.108.2 3 V.S.A. § 310(a) is amended to read:

(a) The Department of Human Resources shall adopt a uniform and equitable plan of classification for each position within State service, now or

hereafter created, including positions within the Department of Public Safety, except those positions expressly excluded by section 311 of this title or by other provisions of law. For purposes of internal position alignment and assignment of positions to salary ranges, the plan shall be based upon a ~~point factor~~ job content comparison method of job evaluation. As used in this section, “~~point factor~~ job content comparison method” means a system under which positions are assigned to salary ranges based on a scale of values against which job evaluations of individual positions are compared.

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.111.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.113 Buildings and general services – engineering

(a) The \$3,537,525 interdepartmental transfer in this appropriation shall be from the General Bond Fund appropriation in the Capital Bill of the 2017 legislative session.

Sec. E.126 [DELETED]

Sec. E.126.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.127 [DELETED]

Sec. E.127.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.133 Vermont state retirement system

(a) Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 473(d), in fiscal year 2018, investment fees shall be paid from the corpus of the Fund.

Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

(a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.139 of this act, \$9,000 shall be transferred to the Attorney General and \$26,000 shall be transferred to the Department of Taxes, Division of Property Valuation and Review and reserved and used with any remaining funds from the amount previously transferred for final payment of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of grand list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and other property owned by TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. in the State of Vermont. Expenditures for this purpose shall be considered qualified expenditures under 16 V.S.A. § 4025(c).

Sec. E.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.

(b) Total payments in lieu of property taxes under 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, in fiscal year 2018 to be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709 include the appropriation of \$7,211,000 in Sec. B.142 of this act, the appropriation of \$184,000 for the City of Montpelier in Sec. B.143 of this act, the appropriation of \$40,000 for correctional facilities in Sec. B.144 of this act, and the appropriation of \$146,000 for the supplemental facility payments from the Department of Corrections to the City of Newport and the Town of Springfield in Sec. B.338 of this act.

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

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

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

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

\* \* \* PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY \* \* \*

Sec. E.200 Attorney general

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

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

(b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A. § 2458(b)(4), \$1,115,500 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

Sec. E.204 REPEAL; EXTENSION

(a) 2016 Acts and Resolves No.167, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

Sec. 2. REPEAL

4 V.S.A. § 38 (Judicial Masters) shall be repealed on July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020.

Sec. E.204.1 Vermont Rule of Criminal Procedure 43(a) is amended to read:

(a) Presence Required.

(1) The defendant shall be present at the arraignment, at any subsequent time at which a plea is offered, at every stage of the trial including the impaneling of the jury and the return of the verdict, and at the imposition of sentence, except as otherwise provided by this rule.

(2) Arraignments shall be in person and shall be on the record and shall not be performed by video conferencing or other electronic means unless the defendant consents. Notwithstanding this subdivision, video conferencing may be used to effect the appearance of the defendant at status conferences, calendar calls, and other proceedings where the presence of the defendant is not required by this rule.

Sec. E.204.2 JUDICIAL BRANCH POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) In the Judiciary, there is established the following new permanent classified positions:

(1) Two (2) Docket Clerk B.

(b) In the Judiciary there is established the following new permanent exempt position:

(1) One (1) Judicial Master pursuant to 4 V.S.A. § 38.

Sec. E.207 SHERIFFS' HOURLY PAYMENT PILOT

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 1591(2)(A), during fiscal years 2018 and 2019 the Executive Director of the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs may negotiate reimbursement rates for necessary assistance in arresting or transporting prisoners, juveniles, or persons with mental illness above \$18 per hour, but not to exceed \$22 per hour, provided that the fiscal year 2018 and 2019 budget amount for these expenses shall not exceed \$441,688 each year. This shall include the full actual costs of per diem deputies, including the hourly rate, Social Security expense, FICA, worker compensation, retirement, related unemployment costs, and other indirect expenses.

(b) On or before January 12, 2019, the Executive Director of the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Appropriations as to the

actual monies spent, the impact on prison transport and the Departmental budget, and specific recommendations for proposed statutory changes and budgeted expenditures for the following fiscal years.

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.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 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 victim services

(a) Notwithstanding 20 V.S.A. § 2365(c), the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services shall transfer \$39,895 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 of 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.224 Agriculture, food and markets – agricultural development

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.224 of this act, the amount of \$805,352 in general funds is appropriated for expenditure by the Vermont Working Lands Enterprise Board established in 6 V.S.A. § 4606 for administrative expenses, and investments in food and forest system businesses and service providers 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.233 ENERGY PLANNING SUPPORT; ALLOCATION OF COSTS

(a) During fiscal year 2018, the Commissioner of Public Service, in consultation with the Commissioner of Housing and Community Development, shall award the amount of \$300,000 to regional planning

commissions established under 24 V.S.A. chapter 117 and to municipalities for the purpose of providing training under 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 174.

(b) In awarding funds under this section, the Commissioners shall consider the need and size of a municipality or region and the availability, if any, of other assistance, expertise, or funds to a municipality or region to implement 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 174.

(c) The Commissioner of Public Service shall allocate costs under subsection (a) of this section to the electric distribution utilities subject to its supervision under Title 30 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated based on their pro rata share of total Vermont retail kilowatt-hour sales for the previous fiscal year. Each of these utilities shall pay its allocation into the State Treasury at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner may direct.

Sec. E.234 [DELETED]

Sec. E.237 LIQUOR CONTROL WAREHOUSE; PRIVATIZATION;  
MORATORIUM

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Liquor Control Board and the Commissioner of Liquor Control shall not, prior to fiscal year 2019, enter into a privatization contract, as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 341, for the operation of the Liquor Control warehouse.

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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 2018 are made, notwithstanding 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. D.104.

Sec. E.300.1 POSITION TRANSFER

(a) The Director of Health Care Reform established in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 48 Sec. 3b(e) is transferred from the Agency of Administration to the Agency of Human Services.

Sec. E.300.2 3 V.S.A. § 3027 is added to read:

§ 3027. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM REFORM; IMPROVING QUALITY  
AND AFFORDABILITY

The Director of Health Care Reform in the Agency of Human Services shall be responsible for the coordination of health care system reform efforts among Executive Branch agencies, departments, and offices, and for coordinating with the Green Mountain Care Board established in 18 V.S.A. chapter 220.

Sec. E.300.3 18 V.S.A. § 9491(a) is amended to read:

(a) ~~The director of health care reform~~ Director of Health Care Reform in the ~~agency of administration~~ Agency of Human Services shall oversee the development of a current health care workforce development strategic plan that continues efforts to ensure that Vermont has the health care workforce

necessary to provide care to all Vermont residents. The ~~director of health care reform~~ Director of Health Care Reform may designate an entity responsible for convening meetings and for preparing the draft strategic plan. The Green Mountain Care ~~board~~ Board established in chapter 220 of this title shall review the draft strategic plan and shall approve the final plan and any subsequent modifications.

Sec. E.300.4 18 V.S.A. § 9602(a) is amended to read:

(a) The Agency of ~~Administration~~ Human Services shall ~~establish~~ maintain the Office of the Health Care Advocate by contract with any nonprofit organization.

Sec. E. 300.5 18 V.S.A. § 9607(b)(3) is amended to read:

(3) The Green Mountain Care Board shall administer the bill back authority created in this subsection on behalf of the Agency of ~~Administration~~ Human Services in support of the Agency's contract with the Office of the Health Care Advocate pursuant to section 9602 of this title to carry out the duties set forth in this chapter.

Sec. E.300.6 18 V.S.A. § 9603(c) is amended to read:

(c) The Office of the Health Care Advocate shall be able to speak on behalf of the interests of health care and health insurance consumers and to carry out all duties prescribed in this chapter without being subject to any retaliatory action; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall limit the

authority of the Agency of ~~Administration~~ Human Services to enforce the terms of the contract.

Sec. E.300.7 18 V.S.A. § 9604 is amended to read:

§ 9604. DUTIES OF STATE AGENCIES

All State agencies shall comply with reasonable requests from the Office of the Health Care Advocate for information and assistance. The Agency of ~~Administration~~ Human Services may adopt rules necessary to ensure the cooperation of State agencies under this section.

Sec. E.300.8 FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE

ADVOCATE

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.300 of this act, \$1,457,406 shall be used for the contract with the Office of the Health Care Advocate.

Sec. E.300.9 [DELETED]

Sec. E.300.10 [DELETED]

Sec. E.300.11 [DELETED]

Sec. E.300.12 [DELETED]

Sec. E.300.13 [DELETED]

Sec. E.300.14 REPEALS

(a) 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 158, Secs. 1–12 (relating to commitment of criminal defendant who is incompetent to stand trial because of traumatic brain injury) are repealed on July 1, 2017.

(b) 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.300.3.1 (delaying effective date for 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 158, Secs. 1-12 until July 1, 2018) is repealed on July 1, 2017.

Sec. E.300.15 COMMISSION ON OFFENDERS WITH MENTAL  
ILLNESS; REPORT

(a) On or before September 15, 2018, the Commission on Offenders with Mental Illness shall report to the Justice Oversight Committee recommendations regarding how to define traumatic brain injury for purposes of determining whether as the result of such an injury a criminal defendant was insane at the time of the offense or is incompetent to stand trial. The Commission's report shall identify appropriate treatment options and venues for criminal defendants with traumatic brain injury and shall include the amount of funding required to implement the Commission's recommendations.

Sec. E.300.16 AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; ALIGNMENT OF CARE  
COORDINATION EFFORTS

(a) The Secretary of Human Services shall conduct a comprehensive review of the Agency's care coordination efforts, including the Vermont Chronic Care Initiative, the Blueprint for Health, the pediatric High Tech Home Care program, and Community Rehabilitation and Treatment, in order to align care coordination services across the Agency's programs and initiatives, reduce duplication of efforts, and ensure that care coordination

services are delivered in a consistent manner in order to achieve the best results for Vermonters and to use resources efficiently.

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

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act 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 \$27,258,791 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

(1) \$23,371,400 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under the Global Commitment. This amount combined with \$27,128,600 of federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act equals a total estimated expenditure of \$50,500,000. 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) \$2,387,391 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

(3) \$1,500,000 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for costs consistent with S.133 of 2017, An Act Relating to Examining Mental Health Care and Care Coordination.

Sec. E.301.1 FISCAL YEAR 2018 UNENCUMBERED GENERAL FUND

APPROPRIATION

(a) At the close of fiscal year 2018, an amount up to \$10,000,000 of any unencumbered General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.301 of this act that would otherwise be authorized to carryforward shall revert to the General Fund and be reserved in the Human Services Caseload Management Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b.

Sec. E.306 VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE RULES

(a) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to conform Vermont's rules regarding health care eligibility and enrollment and the operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to federal guidance and regulations. The Agency may use the emergency rules

process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 prior to June 30, 2018, but only in the event that new federal guidance or regulations require Vermont to amend or adopt its rules in a time frame that cannot be accomplished under the traditional rule-making process. An emergency rule adopted under these exigent circumstances shall be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of emergency rules required pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

Sec. E.306.1 33 V.S.A. § 1998(f)(3) is amended to read:

(3) To the extent feasible, the Board shall review all drug classes included in the preferred drug list at least every ~~12~~ 24 months and may recommend that the Commissioner make additions to or deletions from the preferred drug list.

Sec. E.306.2 MEDICAID PAYMENT ALIGNMENT

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that alignment of the various Medicaid provider payments, as funded in this act, support access to primary care, including access to independent primary care practices and appropriate mental health services statewide.

(b) In order to accomplish this, the Department of Vermont Health Access is authorized to make adjustments and transfers within the related appropriated amounts of fiscal year 2018 general funds for these line items in the aggregate as follows:

(1) Adjust the total DSH amount to a level no lower than \$27,488,781.

(2) Set a specific limit for annual DSH payments to an in-state academic postgraduate teaching facility within the DSH formula.

(3) Review and adjust current facility-based payments, and specifically evaluate any Medicaid payments that are above the payment from Medicare for the same service in order to further enhance primary care payments in fiscal year 2018.

(c) The Department of Vermont Health Care Access shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in September and November 2017 on any adjustments and transfers made under this authority.

Sec. E.307 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 53(d), as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.307, as amended by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.307, as amended by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.307.3, is further amended to read:

(d) Secs. 31 (Healthy Vermonters) and 32 (VPharm) shall take effect on January 1, 2014, except that the Agency of Human Services may continue to calculate household income under the rules of the Vermont Health Access Plan after that date if the system for calculating modified adjusted gross income for the Healthy Vermonters and VPharm programs is not operational by that date, but ~~no~~ not later than December 31, ~~2017~~ 2018.

Sec. E.308 NURSING HOME MEDICAID RATES; CASE-MIX SCORES

(a) In order to ensure that eligible Vermont Medicaid beneficiaries have access to high-quality care nursing home services, the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and the Director of the Division of Rate Setting in the Agency of Human Services shall review the Medicaid case-mix scores of nursing homes in Vermont in order to:

(1) determine their overall effectiveness in allocating Medicaid funds to nursing homes fairly; and

(2) assess the extent to which the case-mix scores adequately and appropriately reimburse nursing homes for caring for patients who exhibit challenging behaviors but who have little or no need for assistance with activities of daily living.

(b) The Commissioner and Director shall provide the findings from their assessment and any recommended changes to nursing home rate calculations to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare as part of the Agency of Human Services' fiscal year 2019 budget.

Sec. E.308.1 CHOICES FOR CARE

(a) In the Choices for Care program, "savings" means the difference remaining at the conclusion of fiscal year 2017 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 2017 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.

(B) Savings either shall be one-time investments or shall be used in ways that are sustainable into the future. Any unexpended and unobligated

State General Fund or Special Fund appropriation remaining at the close of a fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

(C) As part of its fiscal year 2018 budget adjustment presentation, the Department shall make recommendations regarding the allocation of any savings between home- and community-based provider rates, base funding to expand capacity to accommodate additional enrollees in home- and community-based services, and equitable funding of adult day providers, including whether some amount, up to 20 percent of the total savings, should be used to increase provider rates.

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

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

(c) The Department, in collaboration with Choices for Care participants, participants' families, and long-term care providers, shall conduct an assessment of the adequacy of the provider system for delivery of home- and community-based services and nursing home services. On or before October 1, 2017, 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) The Commissioner shall determine how to allocate any Choices for Care program savings available at the end of fiscal year 2017 and shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at the regularly scheduled September 2017 meeting on these allocations.

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

Sec. E.308.2 [DELETED]

Sec. E.310 [DELETED]

Sec. E.312 Health – public health

(a) AIDS/HIV funding:

(1) In fiscal year 2018 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 not 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 2018, 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. Not 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 2018, 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 2018. Grant reporting shall include outcomes and results.

(b) Improving outcomes for pregnant women:

(1) Statistics from the Department of Health indicate that rates of women who smoke during pregnancy in Vermont are approximately twice the

national average. Although the rates of pregnant women who smoke in Vermont decreased slightly between 2009 and 2014, there is opportunity to make additional progress on this very important health indicator. The Commissioner shall prioritize funding for tobacco cessation to address the rates of smoking among pregnant women by utilizing evidence-based best practices. Not less than \$50,000 of the funding for tobacco cessation and prevention activities in fiscal year 2018 shall be used to implement or expand evidence-based interventions intended to reduce tobacco use among pregnant women. The Commissioner shall report on the specific expenditure of this allocation by functional activity as part of the fiscal year 2019 budget presentation to the General Assembly.

(2) In consultation with Hunger Free Vermont, and representatives from community food shelf or nutrition focused organizations, prenatal and postnatal health care providers, and child care providers, the Commissioner of Health shall develop and implement an outreach plan to Vermonters who are eligible but not enrolled in the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program.

(3) The Commissioner shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare during fiscal year 2019 budget testimony on the progress made toward reducing the rates of pregnant women

who smoke during pregnancy and improving the number of eligible WIC clients who enroll for services.

Sec. E.314 TRANSPORTING PATIENTS

(a) Beginning on July 1, 2017, any new or renewed contracts entered into by the Agency of Human Services with designated professionals or law enforcement officers for transport of persons pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 7511 or the transport of children pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 5123 shall include the requirement to comply with the Agency's policies on the use of restraints.

Sec. E.314.1 FISCAL YEAR 2018 INCREASED FUNDING

SPECIFICATION

(a) The addition of \$9,800,000 is made consistent with S.133 of 2017 and shall be allocated to the Designated and Specialized Service Agencies (DA/SSA) to help stabilize the care delivery system and workforce employed by the DA/SSA, with \$2,784,000 allocated for crisis response. Funding shall be directed to the DA/SSA workforce, including those DAs that are preferred providers.

(b) The intent of the additional funding is to:

(1) improve access to services and utilization of programs when fully resourced;

(2) reduce reliance on emergency department use for nonemergent care;

(3) appropriately divert lower levels of care to community-based service programs that can effectively meet individual needs if fully resourced; and

(4) support improved outcomes for individuals and populations served.

(c) There is recognition that distinct populations served may present with co-occurring diagnoses and complex service needs that cross programs or departments within the Agency of Human Services. It is the expectation that the Departments of Mental Health (DMH); Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL); and Health - Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (VDH/ADAP) will work, within a co-occurring treatment framework, to collaboratively coordinate the delivery of mental health, developmental, or substance abuse treatment services where and when appropriate.

Sec. E.314.2 DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED SERVICES AGENCY

MASTER GRANTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

(a) The Department of Mental Health shall use a portion of the additional funds appropriated by this act to develop new funding agreements with the designated and specialized service agencies or to modify existing funding agreements with those agencies to establish the parties' expectations with respect to the delivery of high-quality mental health services to Vermont residents and to identify measurable outcomes that the agencies shall be expected to achieve. Master grant agreements with the designated and

specialized service agencies and all additional funding directed toward mental health treatment shall address the following:

(1) improving individual and population outcomes based on the Centers of Excellence framework developed by the designated and specialized service agencies, pending approval of the framework by the Agency of Human Services;

(2) training in and delivery of high-quality evidence-based, evidence-informed, and best practice clinical services and practices known to enhance professional development and that are intended to reduce overreliance on service delivery systems and on a paraprofessional workforce;

(3) increasing the focus on rehabilitation, recovery, and resilience-building for individuals and families, including wellness activities proven to improve health outcomes;

(4) developing and promoting training and competency expectations for the paraprofessional workforce and clinical staff who provide direct care services, as well as establishing clinical supervision thresholds for supervisory staff that support those expectations;

(5) expanding the integration of funding and service delivery for children's mental health and developmental disabilities among the designated and specialized service agencies and between the Departments of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living;

(6) reducing direct care staff turnover in order to enhance programmatic stability for individuals receiving services;

(7) tracking turnover rates for direct care, clinical, and administrative staff using benchmark data to the extent available and establishing reliable trend analyses to inform future workforce development; and

(8) establishing benchmarks measuring progress toward integrating the designated and specialized service agencies and their services into health care reform efforts.

#### Sec. E.314.3 FUNDING OF DESIGNATED AGENCIES' EMERGENCY

##### SERVICES

(a) On or before January 15, 2018, the Commissioners of Mental Health, Vermont Health Access, and Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall submit a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Health Care and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare addressing how designated agencies fund emergency services for the purpose of ensuring that designated agencies' emergency services achieve maximum efficiency and are available to all individuals within a specific designated agency's catchment area. The report shall identify:

(1) any funding gaps, including methodologies of payment;

(2) capacity of payment;

(3) third party payers; and

(4) unfunded services.

Sec. E.314.4 [DELETED]

Sec. E.316 ECONOMIC SERVICES DIVISION; INNOVATION IN  
DELIVERY OF SERVICES

(a) For the purpose of exploring innovative approaches to the administration of programs within the Department for Children and Families' Economic Services Division, the Commissioner may authorize pilot programs within specific regions of the State that waive Division rules adopted pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 in a manner that does not impact program eligibility or benefits. Temporarily waiving some existing rules for a prescribed period of time shall enable the Division to test innovative ideas for improving the delivery of services with the specific goal of achieving more responsive client services and operational efficiencies.

(b) During fiscal year 2018, the Division may propose pilot programs in accordance with the goals described in subsection (a) of this section to the Commissioner for approval. Each proposal shall outline the targeted service area, efficiencies sought, rules to be waived, duration of the program, and evaluation criteria. Notice shall be given to clients affected by a pilot program prior to the commencement of the pilot program, including a description of how benefit delivery will be affected, length of the program, and right to a fair hearing.

(c) On or before January 15, 2019, the Commissioner shall submit a report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare summarizing the pilot programs implemented pursuant to this section and any findings and recommendations. In the event a particular pilot program is successful at improving the delivery of services to clients, the Commissioner may seek to amend the Division's rules in conformity with the approach used by the pilot program pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.

Sec. E.317 USE OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

(a) At the November 2017 scheduled meeting of the Joint Justice Oversight Committee, the Commissioner for Children and Families with the assistance of the Departments of Mental Health, and of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, and the Agency of Education shall present a report on the use of out-of-state and in-state residential placements, including Woodside. The report shall include the following:

(1) Utilization for fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017 including the number and age of children placed by facility and the total bed days utilized.

(2) For each facility, the average daily costs for specific levels of service or treatment acuity in fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017 and the total amount paid to each facility by department and by funding source in fiscal years 2015, 2016 and 2017.



(3) Measures used by the Department to determine outcomes for the children placed in these facilities and the cost effectiveness of these facilities, including length of stay, intensity of services provided, reunification of children with their family or home community, or both, relapse or readmittance rates, or subsequent involvement with the criminal justice system or both.

(4) The specific steps taken over the past three years by the Departments and the Agency to increase community-based supports for youths in custody while reducing use of residential care.

(b) The report shall also be provided to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Judiciary, on Human Services, and on Corrections and Institutions and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Judiciary, on Health and Welfare, and on Institutions.

Sec. E.318 EARLY CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING

(a) Of the additional \$3,000,000 in general funds appropriated in Sec. B.318 of this act:

(1) an amount shall be allocated as needed to bring the baseline year used to determine eligibility for the Child Care Financial Assistance Program from the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) that was in place in 2016 to the 2017 FPL, which is the most current FPL for State fiscal year 2018; and

(2) the remaining amount shall be used for the Early Care and Development program as specified in Sec. E.318.1 of this act.

Sec. E.318.1 EARLY CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT

(a) In fiscal year 2018, and thereafter, the Department for Children and Families shall award 70 percent of funds designated for the Early Care and Development Program Grants to center-based child care and preschool programs participating in the Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS) and 30 percent of the designated funds to family child care homes participating in STARS in accordance with the formula described in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) The Department's Child Development Division shall calculate eligibility for Early Care and Development Program Grants on a quarterly basis. In determining eligibility, the Division shall consider:

(1) the percent of enrollees receiving a Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP) subsidy as compared to a center-based child care and preschool program of a family child care home's licensed capacity at a weight of 70 percent;

(2) the average number of enrollees at a center-based child care and preschool program or family child care home receiving a CCFAP subsidy at a weigh of 15 percent; and

(3) the average number of infants and toddlers enrolled in a center-based child care and preschool program or family child care home at a weight of 15 percent.

(c) The Division shall provide Early Care and Development Program Grants to eligible child care and preschool programs or family child care homes as funds allow. Center-based child care and preschool programs or family child care homes receiving Early Care and Development Program Grants shall remain in compliance with the Department's rules, continue participation in STARS, and maintain high enrollment of children receiving a CCFAP subsidy.

Sec. E.321 HOUSING ASSISTANCE BENEFITS; FLEXIBILITY

PROGRAM; COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES TO

GENERAL ASSISTANCE TEMPORARY HOUSING

(a) For fiscal year 2018, the Agency of Human Services may continue to fund housing assistance programs within the General Assistance program to create flexibility to provide General Assistance benefits, as well as grants to support the establishment of community-based alternatives for temporary housing as part of the effort to reduce the number of individuals temporarily housed by the General Assistance program. The purpose of these housing assistance programs and community-based alternatives is to mitigate poverty and serve applicants more effectively than they are currently being served with General Assistance funds. Eligible activities shall include, among other things, 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. Where such housing assistance programs and grants are provided and community-based programs are established, the General Assistance rules will not apply. The assistance provided under this section is not an entitlement and may be discontinued when the appropriation has been fully spent.

(b) The housing assistance and community-based programs 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 housing assistance programs and community-based alternatives to General Assistance temporary housing.

#### Sec. E.321.1 GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING

(a) Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in the General Assistance program in fiscal year 2018 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 33 V.S.A. § 2115 is amended to read:

§ 2115. GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT

On or before ~~January 15~~ September 1 of each year, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall submit a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee; the House Committees on Appropriations, on General, Housing and Military Affairs, and on Human Services; and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare ~~containing~~. The report will contain the following:

- (1) an evaluation of the General Assistance program during the previous fiscal year;
- (2) any recommendations for changes to the program; ~~and~~
- (3) a plan for continued implementation of the program;
- (4) statewide statistics using deidentified data related to the use of emergency housing vouchers during the preceding State fiscal year, including demographic information, 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
- (5) other information the Commissioner deems appropriate.

Sec. E.324 LIHEAP AND WEATHERIZATION

(a) Notwithstanding 33 V.S.A. § 2501, in fiscal year 2018, the Secretary of Administration may, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Human Services, transfer up to 15 percent of the federal fiscal year 2018 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 2018. An equivalent appropriation transfer shall be made to Sec. B.324 of this act, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, from the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund in Sec. B.326 of this act to provide home heating fuel benefits in State fiscal year 2018. 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.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.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.327 WOODSIDE GLOBAL COMMITMENT FUNDING

(a) Upon any notification by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or upon determination by the Agency of Human Services that Medicaid funding will not be available to the State for the operation of Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center in fiscal year 2018, the Secretary of Human Services and the Commissioner for Children and Families shall:

(1) immediately inform the Joint Fiscal Committee, the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary, the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, and the Senate Committee on Institutions of such notification or determination; and

(2) within 30 days of such notification or determination, develop and submit a proposal to the Committees named in subdivision (1) of this subsection that includes:

(A) a plan to suspend operations at the Woodside facility while ensuring alternative placements are made that meet the service needs for the delinquent youths currently placed there; and

(B) a fiscal impact analysis that includes fiscal year 2018 and long term fiscal cost estimates.

Sec. E.335 [DELETED]

Sec. E.335.1 REPURPOSING OF SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL  
FACILITY

(a) Plan. Funding for the Department of Corrections reflects the cessation of operation of the Southeast State Correctional Facility, and it is the intent of the General Assembly that, on or before January 2, 2018, the facility be repurposed to provide secure transitional housing for inmates preparing to reenter the community, and be at full capacity on or before July 1, 2018.



(b) Population. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the repurposed facility be available for the following populations:

- (1) inmates on the Lack of Housing (B1) list;
- (2) moderate to high risk inmates who are either past their minimum release date or within 90 days of their release date;
- (3) inmates who are eligible for reintegration furlough; and
- (4) inmates who have served a significant sentence and are within six months of their release date.

(c) Services. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the repurposed facility provide the following prerelease services:

- (1) acquisition of identification;
- (2) housing identification;
- (3) employment readiness and retention;
- (4) planning to address transportation barriers;
- (5) money management;
- (6) transition and reentry case planning;
- (7) substance abuse treatment;
- (8) work release; and
- (9) information technology skills development.

(d) Coordination of services. The Department of Corrections shall coordinate with the community justice centers statewide and the Department of Labor to ensure inmates successfully transition back to society.

(e) Report. The Department of Corrections shall provide a report on the plan to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee on or before November 1, 2017.

Sec. E.338 Corrections - correctional services

(a) The special funds appropriation of \$146,000 for the supplemental facility payments to Newport and Springfield shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

Sec. E.338.1 2008 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. 22(a), as amended by 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 157, Sec. 14, by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104, Sec. 38, by 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 41, Sec. 1a, and by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 194, Sec. 15, is further amended to read:

(a) Secs. 11 and 12 shall take effect on July 1, ~~2017~~ 2021.

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

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

Sec. E.342.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.345 Green mountain care board

(a) The Green Mountain Care Board shall use the Global Commitment Funds appropriated in Sec. B.345 of this act to encourage the formation and maintenance of public-private partnerships in health care, including initiatives to support and improve the health care delivery system.

Sec. E.345.1 FAIR REIMBURSEMENT REPORT

(a) Utilizing funds appropriated in Section B.345 of this act, the Green Mountain Care Board shall report to the Health Reform Oversight Committee by October 1, 2017 describing what substantial changes have been put into effect to achieve the site-neutral, fair reimbursements for medical services as envisioned in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 144, Sec. 19, 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. 23, and 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 143, Sec. 5.

\* \* \* LABOR \* \* \*

Sec. E.400 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; RESTRICTION ON TRANSFER  
OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no authorized positions in the Department of Labor or appropriations for authorized positions in the Department of Labor shall be transferred to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development without the approval of the General Assembly or, if the General Assembly is not in session, of the Joint Fiscal Committee.

Sec. E.400.1 APPRENTICESHIP AND YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

(a) On or before October 1, 2017, the Department of Labor shall design and begin implementation of the Apprenticeship and Youth Mentoring Program, the purpose of which shall be to provide paid work experiences and paid or unpaid internships for Vermont youths, working with mentoring professionals, that have academic and occupational education as a component, including:

(1) a summer youth employment program for high school juniors and seniors; and

(2) nonseasonal employment, preapprenticeship programs, and on-the-job training, for an at-risk youth employment program targeted for at-risk individuals 18 to 24 years of age.

(b) The Department shall implement the Program using funds from the State's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, and other State and federal sources, to the extent allowed under applicable law.

(c) The Department shall design the Program to serve 150 individual Vermonters.

\* \* \* K-12 EDUCATION \* \* \*

Sec. E.500 Education – finance and administration

(a) The Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section will be used for physician claims for determining medical necessity of Individualized

Education Program (IEPs). It is the goal of these services to increase the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sec. E.500.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.500.2 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b)(4) is added to read:

(4) To make payments to the Vermont Teachers' Retirement Fund for normal contribution in accordance with subsection 1944(c) of this title.

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 2018 as funding for 16 V.S.A.

§ 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the Secretary shall not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c) and (d). In addition to funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6), up to \$192,805 may be used by the Agency of Education for its participation in the higher education partnership plan.

Sec. E.503 Education – state-placed students

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

Sec. E.504.1 Education – flexible pathways

(a) Of this appropriation, \$4,120,000 from the Education Fund shall be distributed to school districts for reimbursement of high school completion services pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 943(c). Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b), of this Education Fund appropriation, the amount of:

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

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

(3) \$200,000 is available for secondary school reform grants; and

(4) \$450,000 is available for the Vermont Academy of Science and Technology and \$1,700,000 for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4011(e).

E.504.2 ADULT DIPLOMA FUNDING

(a) Payments amounts made in section B.504 for the adult diploma program are made notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 40119(f).

Sec. E.505 EXCESS SPENDING PENALTY WAIVER

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2018 only, a qualifying school district shall not incur an excess spending penalty under 32 V.S.A. § 5401(12) and 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6).

(b) As used in this section, a “qualifying school district” means a school district that:

(1) has entered into a contract or contracts with another school district to jointly operate kindergarten through grade 12; and

(2) on or before July 1, 2017, received approval by its electorate to consolidate with another school district under 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 153, 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 156, or 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, each as amended.

Sec. E.513 Appropriation and transfer to education

(a) Pursuant to Sec. B.513 of this act and 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2), there is appropriated in fiscal year 2018 from the General Fund for transfer to the Education Fund the amount of \$314,695,753.

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 \$88,409,437 of which \$83,809,437 shall be the State’s contribution and \$4,600,000 shall be contributed from local school systems or educational entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

(b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution, \$8,346,261 is the “normal contribution,” and \$80,063,176 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), \$27,560,966 will be contributed to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits plan.

Sec. E.515.1 16 V.S.A. § 1944b is amended to read:

§ 1944b. RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH AND MEDICAL BENEFITS  
FUND

(a) There is established a Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits Fund (Benefits Fund) to pay retired teacher health and medical benefits, including prescription drug benefits, when due in accordance with the terms established by the Board of Trustees of the State Teachers' Retirement System of Vermont pursuant to subsection 1942(p) and subdivision 1944(c)(12) of this title. The Benefits Fund shall be administered by the Treasurer.

(b) The Benefits Fund shall consist of:

(1) all monies remitted to the State on behalf of the members of the State Teachers' Retirement System of Vermont for prescription drug plans pursuant to the Employer Group Waiver Plan with Wrap pursuant to the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003;

(2) any monies appropriated by the General Assembly for the purpose of paying the health and medical benefits for retired members and their dependents provided by subsection 1942(p) and subdivision 1944(c)(12) of this title;



(3) any monies pursuant to subsection (e) of this section; and

(4) ~~any monies the General Assembly transfers from the Supplemental Property Tax Relief Fund pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 6075; and [Repealed.]~~

(5) any monies pursuant to section 1944d of this title.

(c) No employee contributions shall be deposited in the Benefits Fund.

(d) Interest earned shall remain in the Benefits Fund, and all balances remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be carried over to the following year; provided, however, that any amounts received in repayment of interfund loans established under subsection (e) of this section may be reinvested by the State Treasurer.

(e)(1) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the State Treasurer is authorized to use interfund loans from the General Fund for payment into the Benefits Fund, which monies shall be identified exclusively for the purposes of payments of retired teacher health and medical benefits pursuant to this section. Any monies borrowed through an interfund loan pursuant to this section shall be paid from monies in the Benefits Fund or from other funds legally available for this purpose. It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate sufficient General Fund revenue, after consideration of all other revenue and disbursements, such that the interfund loan shall be paid in full on or before June 30, 2023. The Governor shall include in the annual budget request an amount sufficient to repay any interfund borrowing according to a

schedule developed by the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall pay the interest and principal as due in accordance with authority granted under 32 V.S.A. § 902(b). The State Treasurer shall assess a rate of interest on the outstanding balance of the interfund loan comparable to the rate paid by private depositories of the State's monies, or to the yield available on investments made pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 433. No interfund loans made under this authority shall, in the aggregate, exceed ~~\$30,000,000.00~~ \$28,500,000.00.

(2) For the purposes of this chapter, calculation of the interfund loan limit shall include long-term receivables and payables but shall not include accruals for federal reimbursement of employer group waiver plan receivables pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(1), receivables due from local school systems pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944d, or any short-term accruals.

(f) It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate the required contributions necessary to pay retired teacher health and medical benefits by combining annual increases in base appropriations, but not from the Education Fund, and surplus revenues as they become available, so that the full cost of retired teacher health and medical benefits payments shall be met in base appropriations by fiscal year ~~2024~~ 2023. To the extent that other revenue sources are identified, the General Fund obligation shall not be reduced, until all annual disbursements to repay the interfund loan in subsection (e) of this

section are satisfied. Contributions to the Benefits Fund shall be irrevocable and it shall be impossible at any time prior to the satisfaction of all liabilities, with respect to employees and their beneficiaries, for any part of the corpus or income of the Benefits Fund to be used for, or diverted to, purposes other than the payment of retiree postemployment benefits to members and their beneficiaries and reasonable expenses of administering the Benefits Fund and related benefit plans.

(g) The Treasurer shall report on the status of the interfund loan balance allowed under this section as part of the annual budget presentation to the General Assembly.

\* \* \* 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 uninsured or underinsured persons, or both, in Vermont and across the nation.

Sec. E.600.1 INCREASING VERMONT'S PRIMARY CARE

WORKFORCE

(a) Of the Global Commitment funds allocated to the University of Vermont College of Medicine pursuant to this act, at least \$750,000.00 shall be used to support the College of Medicine's new rural medicine health track, which embeds medical students in a rural community for a year-long longitudinal integrated clerkship during which they will be trained in clinical care while engaging with the local community and conducting population health studies. The goal of the rural medicine health track is to encourage

more students to choose careers in primary care in underserved areas of Vermont.

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.

(c) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.602 of this act, up to \$200,000 shall be used in partnership with the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the purpose of counseling and advising Vermont students in order to support retention and the graduation of students in the Vermont State College System.

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 Education 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.

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

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

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

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

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

(c) VSAC shall report on the program to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Commerce and Economic Development and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs on or before January 15, 2018.

Sec. E.608 [DELETED]

Sec. E.608.1 [DELETED]

\* \* \* NATURAL RESOURCES \* \* \*

Sec. E.700 32 V.S.A. § 5(a)(3)(A) is amended to read:

(3)(A) This section shall not apply to the following items, if the acceptance of those items will not incur additional expense to the State or create an ongoing requirement for funds, services, or facilities:

(i) the acceptance of grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value with a value of \$5,000.00 or less;

(ii) the acceptance by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and the Department of Fish and Wildlife of grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value with a value of \$15,000.00 or less; or

(iii) the acceptance by the Vermont Veterans' Home of grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value with a value of \$10,000.00 or less.

Sec. E.700.1 10 V.S.A. § 1389a is amended to read:

§ 1389a. CLEAN WATER INVESTMENT REPORT

(a) Beginning on January 15, 2017, and annually thereafter, the ~~Clean Water Fund Board~~ Secretary of Administration shall publish a Clean Water Investment Report. The Report shall summarize all investments, including their cost-effectiveness, made by the Clean Water Fund Board and other State agencies for clean water restoration over the ~~past~~ prior calendar year. The Report shall include expenditures from the Clean Water Fund, the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, and any other State expenditures for clean water restoration, regardless of funding source.

(b) The Report shall ~~document progress or shortcomings in meeting established indicators for clean water restoration.~~ The Report shall include;

(1) Documentation of progress or shortcomings in meeting established indicators for clean water restoration.



(2) a A summary of additional funding sources pursued by the Board, including whether those funding sources were attained; if it was not attained, why it was not attained; and where the money was allocated from the Fund.

(3) A summary of water quality problems or concerns in each watershed basin of the State, a list of water quality projects identified as necessary in each basin of the State, and how identified projects have been prioritized for implementation. The water quality problems and projects identified under this subdivision shall include programs or projects identified across State government and shall not be limited to projects listed by the Agency of Natural Resources in its watershed projects database.

(4) A summary of any changes to applicable federal law or policy related to the State's water quality improvement efforts, including any changes to requirements to implement total maximum daily load plans in the State;

(5) A summary of available federal funding related to or for water quality improvement efforts in the State.

(c) The Report may also provide an overview of additional funding necessary to meet objectives established for clean water restoration and recommendations for additional revenue to meet those restoration objectives. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report required by this section.

~~(b)~~(d)(1) The ~~Board~~ Secretary of Administration shall develop and use a results-based accountability process in publishing the annual report required by subsection (a) of this section.

(2) The Secretary of Administration shall develop user-friendly issue briefs, tables, or executive summaries that make the information required under subdivision (b)(3) available to the public separately from the report required by this section.

(3) On or before September 1 of each year, the Secretary of Administration shall submit to the Joint Fiscal Committee an interim report regarding the information required under subdivision (b)(5) of this section relating to available federal funding.

\* \* \* COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT \* \* \*

Sec. E.800 VERMONT LIFE MAGAZINE

(a) The Secretary of Administration with the assistance of the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development shall issue an RFP by June 30, 2017 that seeks bids from interested media parties by September 30, 2017 to maximize the State benefit of Vermont Life magazine by:

(1) sale of Vermont Life magazine as an operating enterprise, or sale of any identifiable Vermont Life assets after the suspension of publication by the state to offset in whole or in part the magazine's existing debt, or

(2) licensing arrangements with entities that would result in payments to the State that reduce over time the magazine's existing debt, or

(3) partnership or operating proposals that continue publication without additional State support and have a high likelihood of eventual positive revenue streams to the State that reduce over time the magazine's existing debt or would result in a future sale of the enterprise sufficient to offset the debt, or both; or

(4) other media and publishing proposals that offset in whole or in part the magazine's existing debt.

(b) Departments of the State are not precluded from submitting bids, but the primary determination of the proposals will be the financial benefit to the State.

(c) The Secretary of Administration in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development will analyze the bids received and make a determination of acceptance. The Secretary of Administration, with the approval of the Emergency Board, is authorized to execute a contract regarding the sale, licensing, partnership, or other proposal for Vermont Life to maximize the State benefit.

(d) If no acceptable bids are identified, the Secretary of Administration is authorized to specify a date certain for the orderly suspension of publishing

operations, notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 2473a or any other provision of law to the contrary.

(e) Any remaining outstanding financial obligation after the actions taken in this section shall be presented to the General Assembly as part of the report required under 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.100.9.

Sec. E.800.1 VERMONT EB-5 REGIONAL CENTER; PLAN FOR  
REORGANIZATION; REPORT; BUDGET PROPOSAL

(a) On or before December 15, 2017, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development shall consider and adopt and plan for the reorganization and operation of the Vermont EB-5 Regional Center.

(b) The plan shall address specific steps the Agency will take to ensure the Center successfully connects Vermont businesses with investors, and effectively markets and promotes economic development opportunities in Vermont.

(c) The Agency shall include in the Governor's budget proposal for fiscal year 2019 a detailed assessment and request for the funding necessary to implement the plan of reorganization required by this section.

Sec. E.804 Community development block grants

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

\* \* \* TRANSPORTATION \* \* \*

Sec. E.904 [DELETED]

Sec. E.909 Transportation – central garage

(a) Of this appropriation, \$7,904,353 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).

\* \* \* MISCELLANEOUS TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS \* \* \*

Sec. F.1 33 V.S.A. § 2604(b) is amended to read:

(b) Fuel cost requirements. The Secretary of Human Services or designee shall by procedure establish a table that contains amounts that will function as a proxy for applicant households' annual heating fuel cost for the previous year. The seasonal fuel expenditure estimates contained within the table shall closely approximate the actual home heating costs experienced by participants in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program. ~~Data on actual heating costs collected pursuant to subsection 2602(d) of this title shall be used in lieu of the proxy table when available.~~ The table shall be revised no less frequently than every three years based on data supplied by certified fuel suppliers, the Department of Public Service, and other industry sources to the Office of

Home Heating Fuel Assistance. The Secretary or designee shall provide a draft of the table to the Home Energy Assistance Task Force established pursuant to subsection 2602a(c) of this title and solicit input from the Task Force prior to finalizing the table.

Sec. F.2 33 V.S.A. § 2605(a) is amended to read:

(a) The Secretary of Human Services or designee shall by rule establish a table that specifies maximum percentages of applicant households' annual heating fuel costs, based on the proxy table established pursuant to subsection 2604(b) of this title ~~and, when available, the data collected pursuant to subsection 2602(d) of this title~~, that can be authorized for payment as annual home heating fuel assistance benefits for the following year. The maximum percentages contained within this table shall vary by household size and annual household income. In no instance shall the percentage exceed 90 percent.

Sec. F.3 33 V.S.A. § 2608 is amended to read:

§ 2608. WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM AGREEMENTS

The Director of the Home Energy Assistance Program shall inform the Administrator of the Home Weatherization Assistance Program, established under chapter 25 of this title, of all participants in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program ~~and of the information required by subsection 2602(d) of this title~~. The Agency of Human Services shall provide all participants in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program with information regarding the

efficiency utility established under 30 V.S.A. § 209. All participants in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program shall be deemed to comply with any income requirements of the Home Weatherization Program, but to receive weatherization services, recipients shall be required to meet any other eligibility requirements of the Home Weatherization Program. As a condition of receipt of benefits under the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program, a recipient shall consent to receive services of the Home Weatherization Assistance Program. ~~The Home Weatherization Assistance Program shall use the information required by subsection 2602(d) of this title to determine the number of British thermal units (Btus) needed to heat a square foot of space for each participant in the Home Energy Assistance Program.~~ The Home Weatherization Assistance Program shall give the highest priority to providing services to participants within the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program and, among those participants, to those who require the ~~most BTUs to heat a square foot of space~~ highest energy usage.

Sec. F.4 33 V.S.A. § 2502(b)(3)(C) is amended to read:

(C) Establishing Program eligibility levels at 80 percent of the area median income, or 80 percent of the State median income, whichever is higher. Subject to the priority under section 2608 of this title given to participants in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program, the State program shall, when weighing factors to assign priority to buildings or units eligible for

weatherization assistance, assign the greatest weight to those buildings and units that require the ~~most Btus to heat a square foot of space~~ highest energy usage.

Sec. F.5 33 V.S.A. § 2609(a) is amended to read:

(a) Annually, the Secretary of Human Services or designee shall determine an appropriate amount of funds ~~in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance fund~~ to be set aside for expenditure for the crisis fuel assistance component of the Home Heating Fuel Program. The Secretary or designee shall also adopt rules to define crisis situations for the expenditure of the home heating fuel crisis funds, and to establish the income ~~and asset~~ eligibility requirements of households for receipt of crisis Home Heating Fuel Assistance, provided that no household shall be eligible whose gross household income is greater than 200 percent of the federal poverty level ~~or is in excess of income maximums established by LIHEAP~~ based on the income of all persons residing in the household. To the extent allowed by federal law, the Secretary or designee shall establish by rule a calculation of gross income based on the same rules used in 3SquaresVT, except that the Secretary or designee shall include additional deductions or exclusions from income required by LIHEAP.

Sec. F.6 33 V.S.A. § 2502(d) is amended to read:

(d) Subject to budgetary approval by the General Assembly, or approval by the Emergency Board, amounts in the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund



created by section 2501 of this title may be transferred to the Home Heating Fuel Assistance ~~Fund created by section 2603 of this title~~ program, and used for energy assistance to low income persons, provided that such transfer does not reduce the fiscal capacity of the State Office of Economic Opportunity to meet the budgetary obligations of the Weatherization Program as set forth in this chapter, and that in the event of approval by the Emergency Board, the Emergency Board so certifies.

Sec. F.7 33 V.S.A. § 2502(c) is amended to read:

(c) The Secretary of Human Services shall by rule establish rent stabilization agreements and provisions to recapture amounts expended for weatherization of a rental unit which exceed the amount of energy cost reductions projected to be obtained by eligible tenants of the unit. The time periods established for rent stabilization and recapture shall be set taking into account the size of benefits received by tenants and landlords as well as the effect on program participation. Funds recaptured under this section shall be deposited into the Home Weatherization Assistance ~~Trust~~ Fund established under section 2501 of this title.

\*\*\* EFFECTIVE DATES \*\*\*

Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. C.100 (fiscal year 2017 carry forward appropriations), C.101 (fiscal year 2017 fund transfers), C.101.1 (Volkswagen

settlement), C.102 (expenditure of Human Services Caseload Management Reserve), C.103 (fiscal year 2017 27/53 Reserve, transfer), C.103.1 (fiscal year 2017 Secretary' office, Global Commitment adjustment), C.104 (fiscal year 2017 Green Mountain Care Board adjustment), C.104.1 (fiscal year 2017 Human Services function total adjustment), C.105–C.106 (fiscal year 2017 Debt service adjustments), C.107–C.110 (fiscal year 2017 teachers' retirement system and health care and medical benefits adjustments) C.111 (Emergency Board composition) C.112 (budget report), C.113 (fiscal year 2017 carry forward authority), C.114 (fiscal year 2017 cost savings), C. 115 (General Fund year end close out), E.100(b)(1) (Labor Relations Manager position), E.100(c)(1) (Security Guard positions), E.100.1(d)(7) (position pilot program, extension), E.100.2, and E.300.1–E.300.8 (transfer Director of Health Care Reform and duties to the Agency of Human Services), E.327 (Woodside Global Commitment funding), and F.1-F.7 (miscellaneous technical statute corrections) shall take effect on passage.

(b) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

And by renumbering all of the sections of the bill to be numerically correct (including internal references) and adjusting all of the totals to be arithmetically correct.