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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Alice Emmons, Chair, House Committee on Corrections & Institutions

From: Representative Kitty Toll, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

Date: February 7, 2017

Subject: Provisions in the Governor's Proposed FY 2018 State Budget

The House Appropriations Committee has started work on the Governor's proposed FY 2018 State Budget bill and would like to inform you about proposals related areas of your subject area. A summary of these areas is listed on page 2 followed by the excerpts from the Administration proposed language.

The House Appropriations Committee welcomes and appreciates your input and would like to give you the opportunity to comment on any of the proposals; however, it is not necessary to respond to all of the proposals unless you have concerns or recommendations. If you do not wish to comment on any of the issues sent to your committee, please send a quick e-mail or note to the Committee through Theresa Utton-Jerman at tutton@leg.state.vt.us or the reporter of the subject area. If you would like to respond, it would be helpful if you could do so by the end of the day on March 1st. As a note, the Committee understands that there may be unanticipated policy changes after the deadline that may require additional discussions and recommendations by policy committees and we encourage those. Please keep the Committee apprised of any updates to earlier recommendations, through the reporter or Chair, as they develop.

There are several House Appropriations Committee budget reporters for these subject areas, please click [here](#) to review the list or go to the highlights section of the committee's webpage. If you have not already done so, please notify Theresa who your committee's budget liaison/s is for coordination and communications between the two committees.

Summary of Budget Review Sections

Numbers proposals:

- Savings from the closure of Southeast State Correctional Facility (SESCF) (page 35 of the Corrections budget)
- Home Detention/Electronic Monitoring proposal, \$500,000, with language in Sec. E.335.
- the movement of 10% of staff costs in engineering, \$355k, to the General Fund and out of the Capital Bill, see language Sec. E.113 (page 12 of the BGS budget)

Language proposals:

- appropriations of \$300k in the Secretary of Administration for improved security on State owned and occupied property, \$10.125 million to AHS, Department of Finance and Judiciary for costs for implementation of IT projects, in Sec. B.1101(c);
- an interdepartmental transfer to BGS engineering through the 2017 proposed capital bill in Sec. E.113;
- and authority to the Department of Corrections to contract electronic monitoring in Sec. E.335.

Budget Review Sections

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

(c) The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated to the Secretary of Administration for allocation across State government for security improvements as determined by the Secretary. The Secretary shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in September 2017 on the status of security plans and the use of this appropriation and potential need for adjustments to this appropriation in the fiscal year 2018 budget adjustment process. The Secretary may use these funds to match federal dollars where appropriate.

EXPLANATION: These funds will be used to improve security on state owned and occupied property.

(e) The sum of \$10,125,000 is appropriated to the following departments for the costs of implementing information technology projects:

(1) \$2,125,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Human Services;

(2) \$2,200,000 is appropriated to the Department of Finance and Management;

(3) \$5,800,000 is appropriated to the Judiciary.

EXPLANATION: IT projects were removed from the Capital bill, the above appropriations were planned for FY 2018. The above appropriations will support the integrated eligibility system at the Agency of Human Services, the statewide ERP system at Finance and Management, and the case management system at the judiciary.

Sec. E.113 Buildings and general services – engineering

(a) The \$3,182,525 interdepartmental transfer in this appropriation shall be from the General Bond Fund appropriation in the Capital Bill of the 2017 legislative session.

EXPLANATION: Interdepartmental transfer funds appropriated to BGS engineering are appropriated in the Governor's proposed 2017 capital bill.

Sec. E.335 ELECTRONIC MONITORING

(a) The Commissioner of Corrections may expend funds to contract for electronic monitoring in fiscal year 2018 in any region of the State where an electronic monitoring program is operational and would result in concurrent savings to the Department that at a minimum are sufficient to offset the costs of the contracts to the Department.

EXPLANATION: This language gives DOC the authority to contract for electronic monitoring throughout the state, both with private vendors and County Sheriff's Offices (through the SAS Office).