



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Representative Janet Ancel, Chair, House Committee on Ways & Means  
From: Representative Kitty Toll, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations *KT*  
Date: January 11, 2017  
Subject: Provisions in the Governor's Proposed FY 2017 Budget Adjustment

The House Appropriations Committee has started work on the Governor's proposed FY 2017 Budget Adjustment bill and would like to inform you about proposals related to appropriations in the language that reverts funding to the Education Fund from FY2016 carryforward in section 61; and additional funding to the Attorney General's Office for the Trans Canada hydro-dam grand list litigation in section 68.

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](mailto:tutton@leg.state.vt.us). If you would like to respond it would be helpful if you could do so by the end of the day on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

The House Appropriations Committee budget reporters for these subject areas are Representatives Maureen Dakin and Bernie Juskiewicz. Please let us know your committees budget liaison for coordination and communications between the two committees.

**Language Sections:**

**Sec. 61. REVERSIONS**

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

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**(2) The following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the accounts indicated:**

<u>5100040000</u>	<u>Special Education</u>	<u>9,212,026.11</u>
<u>5100050000</u>	<u>State Placed Students</u>	<u>593,810.48</u>
<u>5100090000</u>	<u>Education Grants</u>	<u>341,879.54</u>
<u>5100190000</u>	<u>Essential Early Education</u>	<u>209,218.79</u>

<u>5100120000</u>	<u>Capital Debt Services</u>	<u>100,447.00</u>
<u>5100200000</u>	<u>Technical Education</u>	<u>203,853.72</u>
<u>5100060000</u>	<u>Adult Education</u>	<u>1,397,949.90</u>

**EXPLANATION:** Funds carried forward from FY 2016 that can be reverted to the Education Fund. *Note: this section has also been sent to the House Committee on Education.*

**Sec. 68. GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE**

(a) Of the appropriation in 2016 Act and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.139, \$100,000 shall be transferred to the Attorney General. The funds transferred shall be reserved and used with any remaining funds from the amounts previously transferred for payment of expenses incurred by the department or towns in defense of grand list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and other property owned by TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. in the State of Vermont. Expenditures for this purpose shall be considered qualified expenditures under 16 V.S.A. § 4025(c).

**EXPLANATION:** Hydro-dam litigation with Trans Canada is costing more than expected. This language appropriates additional funds to Attorney General's office in accordance with the Emergency Board motion adopted on July 21, 2016. *Note: this section has also been sent to the House Committee on Education.*

Thank you for your review and consideration.