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2 Representative Emmons of Springfield moves that the House concur in the
3 Senate Proposal of Amendment with further proposal of amendment as
4 follows:

5 First: In Sec. 1, amending 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 2, in
6 subdivision (b)(13), by striking out “\$2,281,094.00” and inserting in lieu
7 thereof “\$2,181,094.00”, in (e)(2), in the first sentence, by striking out “may”
8 and inserting in lieu thereof “shall” and by striking out all after subsection (g)
9 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10	Appropriation – FY 2018	\$27,857,525.00	<u>\$25,038,619.00</u>
11	Appropriation – FY 2019	\$27,853,933.00	<u>\$28,131,610.00</u>
12	Total Appropriation – Section 2	\$55,711,458.00	<u>\$53,170,229.00</u>

13 Second: In Sec. 2, amending 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 3, by
14 striking out all after the ellipses and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

15 (b) ~~The sum of \$300,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the Department~~
16 ~~of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the~~
17 ~~projects described in subsection (a) of this section.~~ The following sums are
18 appropriated in FY 2019 to the Department of Buildings and General Services
19 for the Agency of Human Services:

20 (1) Statewide correctional facilities, cameras, locks, perimeter intrusion
21 at correctional facilities: \$300,000.00

1 (d) For the amount appropriated in subdivision (b)(3) of this section, the
2 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall consult with the
3 Secretary of Human Services on the design and construction documents.

4 (e) For the amount appropriated in subdivision (b)(4) of this section:

5 (1) The use of funds shall be restricted to capital renovations and fit-up
6 costs and shall not be used for any periodic lease payments, usage fees, or
7 other operating expenses.

8 (2)(A) The State of Vermont shall execute an agreement with the
9 Brattleboro Retreat for the renovation and fit-up project at the Brattleboro
10 Retreat. The agreement shall include the following provisions:

11 (i) the Brattleboro Retreat shall provide access to a minimum of an
12 additional 12 level-1 beds to the State for a period determined by the Secretary
13 to be in the best interests of the State;

14 (ii) the Brattleboro Retreat shall target a completion date for the
15 renovation and fit-up project of December 2019; and

16 (iii) terms and conditions that ensure the protection of State
17 investment of capital appropriations, including:

18 (I) an initial strategic plan for long-term reuse of renovated
19 facilities;

1 (II) authority for the Agency of Human Services to access
2 Brattleboro Retreat's financials to ensure the success of the strategic plan
3 described in subdivision (I) of this subdivision (2)(A)(iii); and

4 (III) a process for sharing information necessary to the
5 Department of Mental Health for its statutory oversight responsibilities.

6 (B) Prior to execution, the State Treasurer shall approve the
7 agreement described in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (2) to ensure that it
8 is in compliance with applicable tax-exempt bond requirements.

9 (3) The Department of Buildings and General Services shall not expend
10 funds until the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services and the
11 Secretary of Human Services have notified the Commissioner of Finance and
12 Management and the Chairs of the House Committees on Corrections and
13 Institutions and on Health Care, and of the Senate Committees on Health and
14 Welfare and on Institutions that the agreement described in subdivision (2)(A)
15 of this subsection (e) has been executed.

16 (4) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services and the
17 Secretary of Human Services may also propose draft legislation to the House
18 Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on Health Care, and the Senate
19 Committees on Health and Welfare and on Institutions that may be necessary
20 to fulfill the agreement.

1 (5)(A) On or before October 15, 2018, the Secretary of Human Services
2 shall notify the Chairs of the House Committees on Corrections and
3 Institutions and on Health Care, and of the Senate Committees on Health and
4 Welfare and on Institutions if an agreement between the Brattleboro Retreat
5 and the State of Vermont cannot be reached and shall submit to them an
6 alternative proposal for the 12 beds. With approval of the Speaker of the
7 House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, as appropriate, the House
8 Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on Health Care and the Senate
9 Committees on Health and Welfare and on Institutions may meet up to two
10 times when the General Assembly is not in session to evaluate, approve, or
11 recommend alterations to the proposal. Members of the House Committees on
12 Corrections and Institutions and on Health Care, and the Senate Committees on
13 Health and Welfare and on Institutions shall be entitled to receive a per diem
14 and expenses as provided in 2 V.S.A. § 406.

15 (B) The Secretary of Human Services shall submit a copy of the
16 alternative proposal described in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (5) to the
17 Joint Fiscal Committee.

18	Appropriation – FY 2018		\$300,000.00
19	Appropriation – FY 2019	\$300,000.00	<u>\$6,200,000.00</u>
20	Total Appropriation – Section 3	\$600,000.00	<u>\$6,500,000.00</u>

1 Third: In Sec. 4, amending 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 5, by
2 striking out all after subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

3 (d) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2019 to the Agency of
4 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described
5 in this subsection:

6 (1) Lake Champlain Maritime Museum:

7 (A) Underwater preserves: \$30,000.00

8 (B) Schooner Lois McClure, repairs and upgrades: \$25,000.00

9 (2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:

10 \$15,000.00 \$29,000.00

11 (3) VT Center for Geographic Information, digital orthophotographic
12 quadrangle mapping: \$125,000.00

13 (4) Civil War Heritage Trail, signs: \$30,000.00

14 (e) The amounts appropriated in subdivisions (a)(2) ~~and~~, (a)(3), (d)(1)(B),
15 and (d)(4) of this section shall be used as a one-to-one matching grant. The
16 funds shall become available after the Agency notifies the Department that the
17 funds have been matched.

18 (f) It is the intent of the General Assembly that any requests for capital
19 funds be submitted to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development
20 for inclusion in the Governor's annual consolidated capital budget request,
21 pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 309.

1	Appropriation – FY 2018		\$450,000.00
2	Appropriation – FY 2019	\$370,000.00	<u>\$539,000.00</u>
3	Total Appropriation – Section 5	\$820,000.00	<u>\$989,000.00</u>

4 Fourth: In Sec. 8, amending 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 11, in
5 subdivision (e)(1)(B), by striking out “\$1,500,000.00” and inserting in lieu
6 thereof “\$1,400,000.00”, in subdivision (f)(4), by striking out “subdivision (2)”
7 and inserting in lieu thereof “subdivisions (2)(A)–(2)(C)”, in subdivision
8 (g)(1)(B), by striking out “\$1,000,000.00” and inserting in lieu thereof
9 “\$1,200,000.00”, and in subsection (m), by striking out “\$200,000.00” and
10 inserting in lieu thereof “\$100,000.00”

11 Fifth: In Sec. 10, amending 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 13, by
12 striking out all after subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 (c)(1) The sum of \$4,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the
14 Department of Public Safety for the School Safety and Security Grant
15 Program.

16 (2) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the amount appropriated
17 in subdivision (1) of this subsection (c) shall be supported by an additional
18 \$1,000,000.00 in federal funds.

19	Appropriation – FY 2018		\$1,927,000.00
20	Appropriation – FY 2019	\$5,573,000.00	<u>\$11,458,000.00</u>
21	Total Appropriation – Section 13	\$7,500,000.00	<u>\$13,385,000.00</u>

1 (1) Grants shall be awarded competitively to schools for capital-eligible
2 expenses to implement safety and security measures identified in a security
3 assessment. Capital-eligible expenses may include video monitoring and
4 surveillance equipment, intercom systems, window coverings, exterior and
5 interior doors, locks, and perimeter security measures.

6 (2) Grants shall only be awarded after a security assessment has been
7 completed by the Agency of Education and Department of Public Safety.

8 (3) The Program is authorized to award one-to one matching capital
9 grants of up to \$25,000.00 per school. The required match shall be met
10 through dollars raised and not in-kind services.

11 (d) Administration. The Department of Public Safety, in coordination with
12 the Agency of Education, shall administer and coordinate capital grants made
13 pursuant to this section. Grant funds shall not be used to administer the
14 Program.

15 (e) Reporting. The Department of Public Safety shall provide notice of any
16 capital grants awarded under this section to the Chairs of the Senate
17 Committee on Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and
18 Institutions.

1 * * * Sunset of School Security Grant Program * * *

2 Sec. 36b. REPEAL OF SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

3 The School Safety and Security Grant Program established in Sec. 17 of this
4 act shall be repealed on July 1, 2019.

5 * * * School Safety Advisory Group * * *

6 Sec. 36c. SCHOOL SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP; REPORT

7 (a) Creation. There is created the School Safety Advisory Group to
8 develop statewide guidelines and best practices concerning school safety and
9 the prevention of school shootings.

10 (b) Membership. The Advisory Group shall be composed of the following
11 six members:

12 (1) the Secretary of Administration or designee;

13 (2) the Secretary of Education or designee;

14 (3) the Commissioner of Public Safety or designee;

15 (4) the Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association or
16 designee;

17 (5) the President of the Vermont-National Education Association or
18 designee; and

19 (6) a representative of the Vermont Principals' Association.

1 (c) Powers and duties. The Advisory Group shall study the following
2 issues and develop specific guidelines and best practices for Vermont schools
3 concerning them:

4 (1) improving security in and around school buildings and property;

5 (2) ensuring staff and students know what they should do in the event of
6 a school shooting or other incident;

7 (3) training for staff and students, including the type and frequency of
8 the training;

9 (4) sharing information with parents and community if an event
10 occurs; and

11 (5) gathering information on security measures implemented in schools
12 from corresponding State education and public safety departments in states
13 where school shootings have occurred.

14 (d) Assistance. The Advisory Group shall have the administrative,
15 technical, and legal assistance of the Agency of Education and the Department
16 of Public Safety.

17 (e) Report. On or before July 1, 2018, the Advisory Group shall submit a
18 written report to the General Assembly with its findings, including specific
19 guidelines and best practices, and any recommendations for legislative action
20 necessary to ensure that all schools in Vermont begin implementing those

1 guidelines and best practices and have a plan for compliance before the
2 beginning of the next school year.

3 (f) Meetings.

4 (1) The Secretary of Education shall call the first meeting of the
5 Advisory Group.

6 (2) The Commissioner of Public Safety or designee shall be the Chair.

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

8 (4) The Advisory Group shall cease to exist on July 1, 2019.

9 (g) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Advisory Group
10 who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise
11 compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem
12 compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for
13 meetings. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the
14 General Assembly.

15 Eighth: In Sec. 27, by striking out all after subdivision (d)(1) and inserting
16 in lieu thereof the following:

17 (2) On or before October 15, 2018, the Secretary shall present a
18 prioritized list of eligible projects, if any, to the Secretary of Administration for
19 inclusion in the Governor's annual consolidated capital budget request,
20 pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 309.

