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An act relating to the Reach Up and Reach Ahead pilot program

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. REACH UP AND REACH AHEAD PILOT PROGRAM

In fiscal year 2020, the Department for Children and Families shall provide the Good News Garage with an additional \$434.00, beyond the \$6,000.00 purchase price, for each personal car purchased by the Department for a participant in the Reach Up or Reach Ahead programs. The \$434.00 shall be transferred by the Good News Garage to the participant in the Reach Up or Reach Ahead program for whom the Department purchased the personal car to cover the costs of the motor vehicle sales and use tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 8903 and the registration fee for the first year pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 361.

Sec. 2. REACH UP AND REACH AHEAD PILOT PROGRAM REPORT

The Department for Children and Families, in consultation with the Good News Garage and the Departments of Motor Vehicles and of Taxes, shall file a written report on the pilot program established in Sec. 1 of this act with the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare on or before March 1, 2020. The report shall address the number of personal cars purchased by the Department for Children and Families for participants in the Reach Up and Reach Ahead programs in fiscal year 2020 through January 31, 2020, the number of those personal cars subsequently

registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles, whether the sales and use tax was paid on each of those personal cars, any difficulties or successes with the implementation of the pilot program, and anything else the Department for Children and Families wishes to address.

Sec. 3. SPENDING AUTHORITY

The Department for Children and Families is authorized to spend \$26,040.00 from any vacancy savings associated with bringing on new employees in the Family Services Division in fiscal year 2020 for the purpose of implementing the pilot program established in Sec. 1 of this act.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.