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An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

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

Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

(a) This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2020

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 2020. It is the express intent of the General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments, divisions, boards, and commissions be limited to those that can be supported by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2019. Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2020 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 serves as the primary source and reference for appropriations for fiscal year 2020.

(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, 2020.

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, and 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 2020, 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 2020, federal funds available to the State of Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2019 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 2020 except for new positions authorized by the 2019 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, by 2016 Acts and

Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.100.2, by 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85,
Sec. E.100.1, and by 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. E.100.1.

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>
<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other appropriation</u>
	<u>actions</u>

(b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year and the D sections contain fund transfers and reserve allocations for the upcoming budget year.

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

Personal services	901,632
Operating expenses	<u>209,988</u>
Total	1,111,620

Source of funds

General fund	886,620
Special funds	150,000
Internal service funds	<u>75,000</u>
Total	1,111,620

Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance

Personal services	1,251,050
Operating expenses	<u>128,367</u>
Total	1,379,417

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,379,417</u>
Total	1,379,417

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

Personal services	540,613
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Operating expenses	<u>229,050</u>
Total	769,663
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>769,663</u>
Total	769,663
Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
Personal services	589,805
Operating expenses	<u>67,265</u>
Total	657,070
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>657,070</u>
Total	657,070
Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
Personal services	16,891
Operating expenses	<u>15,284</u>
Total	32,175
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>32,175</u>
Total	32,175

Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information
technology

Personal services	48,324,719
Operating expenses	<u>23,980,357</u>
Total	72,305,076

Source of funds

General fund	179,238
Special funds	383,707
Internal service funds	<u>71,742,131</u>
Total	72,305,076

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

Personal services	1,425,403
Operating expenses	<u>207,736</u>
Total	1,633,139

Source of funds

General fund	1,286,501
Internal service funds	<u>346,638</u>
Total	1,633,139

Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations

Personal services	2,210,271
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Operating expenses	<u>651,353</u>
Total	2,861,624
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>2,861,624</u>
Total	2,861,624
Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
Personal services	8,421,206
Operating expenses	<u>1,267,123</u>
Total	9,688,329
Source of funds	
General fund	1,978,207
Special funds	277,462
Internal service funds	6,552,186
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>880,474</u>
Total	9,688,329
Sec. B.108.1 Human resources - VTHR operations	
Personal services	1,785,852
Operating expenses	<u>728,786</u>
Total	2,514,638
Source of funds	

Internal service funds	<u>2,514,638</u>
Total	2,514,638
Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
Personal services	1,022,285
Operating expenses	<u>587,816</u>
Total	1,610,101
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>1,610,101</u>
Total	1,610,101
Sec. B.110 Libraries	
Personal services	1,990,435
Operating expenses	1,157,389
Grants	<u>245,400</u>
Total	3,393,224
Source of funds	
General fund	2,062,056
Special funds	116,031
Federal funds	1,116,678
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>98,459</u>
Total	3,393,224

Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection

Personal services	15,677,138
Operating expenses	<u>5,511,905</u>
Total	21,189,043

Source of funds

General fund	19,475,589
Special funds	1,570,888
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>142,566</u>
Total	21,189,043

Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration

Personal services	684,803
Operating expenses	<u>90,379</u>
Total	775,182

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>775,182</u>
Total	775,182

Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering

Personal services	2,702,937
Operating expenses	<u>880,486</u>
Total	3,583,423

Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,583,423</u>
Total	3,583,423
Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
Personal services	3,482,685
Operating expenses	1,608,448
Grants	<u>35,750</u>
Total	5,126,883
Source of funds	
General fund	648,931
Transportation fund	4,019,636
Special funds	<u>458,316</u>
Total	5,126,883
Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
Personal services	1,060,809
Operating expenses	<u>186,998</u>
Total	1,247,807
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,247,807</u>
Total	1,247,807

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

Personal services	766,740
Operating expenses	<u>120,077</u>
Total	886,817

Source of funds

General fund	85,063
Internal service funds	<u>801,754</u>
Total	886,817

Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center

Personal services	797,852
Operating expenses	<u>137,298</u>
Total	935,150

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>935,150</u>
Total	935,150

Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services

Personal services	735,645
Operating expenses	<u>208,836</u>
Total	944,481

Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>944,481</u>
Total	944,481
Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
Personal services	14,945
Operating expenses	<u>8,107</u>
Total	23,052
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>23,052</u>
Total	23,052
Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	
Personal services	190,580
Operating expenses	<u>121,866</u>
Total	312,446
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>312,446</u>
Total	312,446
Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
Personal services	1,342,177
Operating expenses	<u>457,542</u>
Total	1,799,719

Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>1,799,719</u>
Total	1,799,719
Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
Personal services	16,518,501
Operating expenses	<u>14,082,725</u>
Total	30,601,226
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>30,601,226</u>
Total	30,601,226
Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
Personal services	1,372,645
Operating expenses	<u>472,437</u>
Total	1,845,082
Source of funds	
General fund	1,658,582
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>186,500</u>
Total	1,845,082
Sec. B.125 Legislative council	
Personal services	4,317,739

Operating expenses	<u>866,574</u>
Total	5,184,313
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>5,184,313</u>
Total	5,184,313
Sec. B.126 Legislature	
Personal services	4,234,740
Operating expenses	<u>3,884,632</u>
Total	8,119,372
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>8,119,372</u>
Total	8,119,372
Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
Personal services	1,858,779
Operating expenses	<u>164,274</u>
Total	2,023,053
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>2,023,053</u>
Total	2,023,053
Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
Personal services	785,233

Operating expenses	<u>77,971</u>
Total	863,204
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>863,204</u>
Total	863,204
Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
Personal services	231,651
Operating expenses	<u>31,482</u>
Total	263,133
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>263,133</u>
Total	263,133
Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
Personal services	3,477,063
Operating expenses	<u>157,985</u>
Total	3,635,048
Source of funds	
General fund	404,513
Special funds	53,145
Internal service funds	<u>3,177,390</u>
Total	3,635,048

Sec. B.131 State treasurer

Personal services	3,848,234
Operating expenses	<u>222,299</u>
Total	4,070,533

Source of funds

General fund	981,483
Special funds	2,968,779
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>120,271</u>
Total	4,070,533

Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property

Personal services	808,784
Operating expenses	<u>316,917</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	5,363,103
Operating expenses	<u>1,425,321</u>
Total	6,788,424

Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	<u>6,788,424</u>
Total	6,788,424
Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
Personal services	2,035,007
Operating expenses	<u>881,001</u>
Total	2,916,008
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	<u>2,916,008</u>
Total	2,916,008
Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
Personal services	218,630
Operating expenses	<u>50,179</u>
Total	268,809
Source of funds	
General fund	259,233
Special funds	6,788
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
Total	268,809
Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
Personal services	79,740

Operating expenses	<u>12,610</u>
Total	92,350
Source of funds	
General fund	46,175
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>46,175</u>
Total	92,350
Sec. B.136.1 Ethics Commission	
Personal services	102,584
Operating expenses	<u>18,259</u>
Total	120,843
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>120,843</u>
Total	120,843
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 9,500,000

Total 9,500,000

Source of funds

General fund 9,500,000

Total 9,500,000

Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments

Grants 3,303,324

Total 3,303,324

Source of funds

General fund 3,303,324

Total 3,303,324

Sec. B.140 Municipal current use

Grants 16,603,039

Total 16,603,039

Source of funds

General fund 16,603,039

Total 16,603,039

Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes

Grants 8,750,000

Total 8,750,000

Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>8,750,000</u>
Total	8,750,000
Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier	
Grants	<u>184,000</u>
Total	184,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>184,000</u>
Total	184,000
Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
Grants	<u>40,000</u>
Total	40,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
Total	40,000
Sec. B.145 Total general government	
Source of funds	
General fund	93,659,436
Transportation fund	4,019,636
Special funds	14,959,116
Federal funds	1,116,678

Internal service funds	125,854,235
Interdepartmental transfers	7,215,255
Enterprise funds	23,052
Pension trust funds	9,704,432
Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,125,701</u>
Total	257,677,541
Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
Personal services	10,353,687
Operating expenses	1,523,368
Grants	<u>26,500</u>
Total	11,903,555
Source of funds	
General fund	5,433,266
Special funds	2,015,281
Tobacco fund	348,000
Federal funds	1,256,355
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,850,653</u>
Total	11,903,555
Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
Personal services	2,970,189

Grants	<u>185,294</u>
Total	3,155,483
Source of funds	
General fund	2,715,486
Special funds	<u>439,997</u>
Total	3,155,483
Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
Personal services	11,968,678
Operating expenses	<u>1,107,989</u>
Total	13,076,667
Source of funds	
General fund	12,487,014
Special funds	<u>589,653</u>
Total	13,076,667
Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
Personal services	5,919,842
Operating expenses	<u>49,819</u>
Total	5,969,661
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>5,969,661</u>
Total	5,969,661

Sec. B.204 Judiciary

Personal services	42,107,083
Operating expenses	9,655,475
Grants	<u>121,030</u>
Total	51,883,588

Source of funds

General fund	45,651,954
Special funds	3,248,649
Federal funds	887,586
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,095,399</u>
Total	51,883,588

Sec. B.205 State's attorneys

Personal services	13,730,084
Operating expenses	<u>1,803,114</u>
Total	15,533,198

Source of funds

General fund	12,714,313
Special funds	121,240
Federal funds	31,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,666,645</u>
Total	15,533,198

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	4,245,584
Operating expenses	<u>415,279</u>
Total	4,660,863

Source of funds

General fund	<u>4,660,863</u>
Total	4,660,863

Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration

Personal services	3,686,993
Operating expenses	4,724,924
Grants	<u>200,000</u>
Total	8,611,917

Source of funds	
General fund	4,431,288
Special funds	175,000
Federal funds	441,300
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,564,329</u>
Total	8,611,917
Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
Personal services	56,917,271
Operating expenses	11,566,494
Grants	<u>1,302,805</u>
Total	69,786,570
Source of funds	
General fund	40,506,303
Transportation fund	20,250,000
Special funds	3,067,749
Federal funds	4,063,667
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,898,851</u>
Total	69,786,570
Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
Personal services	4,365,847

Operating expenses	<u>1,477,904</u>
Total	5,843,751
Source of funds	
General fund	3,147,212
Special funds	1,930,649
Federal funds	<u>765,890</u>
Total	5,843,751
Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management	
Personal services	2,764,385
Operating expenses	1,106,406
Grants	<u>5,111,905</u>
Total	8,982,696
Source of funds	
General fund	433,306
Special funds	230,000
Federal funds	<u>8,319,390</u>
Total	8,982,696
Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
Personal services	6,863,783
Operating expenses	3,383,347

Grants	<u>107,000</u>
Total	10,354,130
Source of funds	
General fund	477,905
Special funds	8,954,902
Federal funds	876,323
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
Total	10,354,130
Sec. B.213 Public safety - Forensic Laboratory	
Personal services	3,097,286
Operating expenses	<u>1,134,268</u>
Total	4,231,554
Source of funds	
General fund	3,177,547
Special funds	78,555
Federal funds	414,702
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>560,750</u>
Total	4,231,554
Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
Personal services	767,401
Operating expenses	480,758

Grants	<u>1,426,718</u>
Total	2,674,877
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>2,674,877</u>
Total	2,674,877
Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
Personal services	6,024,812
Operating expenses	<u>937,929</u>
Total	6,962,741
Source of funds	
General fund	581,730
Federal funds	<u>6,381,011</u>
Total	6,962,741
Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
Personal services	8,692,642
Operating expenses	<u>6,093,050</u>
Total	14,785,692
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>14,785,692</u>
Total	14,785,692

Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance

Personal services	820,735
Operating expenses	<u>687,573</u>
Total	1,508,308

Source of funds

General fund	1,448,308
Special funds	<u>60,000</u>
Total	1,508,308

Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs

Personal services	833,614
Operating expenses	173,955
Grants	<u>50,800</u>
Total	1,058,369

Source of funds

General fund	811,151
Special funds	147,218
Federal funds	<u>100,000</u>
Total	1,058,369

Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services

Personal services	2,251,106
Operating expenses	756,995

Grants	<u>13,281,115</u>
Total	16,289,216
Source of funds	
General fund	1,264,158
Special funds	5,342,728
Federal funds	<u>9,682,330</u>
Total	16,289,216
Sec. B.221 Criminal justice training council	
Personal services	1,294,952
Operating expenses	<u>1,397,689</u>
Total	2,692,641
Source of funds	
General fund	2,488,016
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>204,625</u>
Total	2,692,641
Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
Personal services	1,475,369
Operating expenses	438,811
Grants	<u>210,972</u>
Total	2,125,152

Source of funds	
General fund	979,008
Special funds	714,922
Federal funds	<u>431,222</u>
Total	2,125,152

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

Personal services	4,296,689
Operating expenses	752,772
Grants	<u>2,750,000</u>
Total	7,799,461

Source of funds	
General fund	2,895,182
Special funds	3,644,093
Federal funds	1,253,186
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,000</u>
Total	7,799,461

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

Personal services	1,717,913
Operating expenses	1,080,763
Grants	<u>1,394,875</u>

Total	4,193,551
Source of funds	
General fund	2,100,030
Special funds	688,828
Federal funds	<u>1,404,693</u>
Total	4,193,551

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

Personal services	2,446,869
Operating expenses	586,350
Grants	<u>223,334</u>
Total	3,256,553
Source of funds	
General fund	730,945
Special funds	1,816,068
Federal funds	454,022
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>255,518</u>
Total	3,256,553

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

Personal services	1,589,625
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Operating expenses	<u>932,332</u>
Total	2,521,957

Source of funds

General fund	921,265
Special funds	1,536,479
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>64,213</u>
Total	2,521,957

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

Personal services	2,909,421
Operating expenses	479,805
Grants	<u>3,117,000</u>
Total	6,506,226

Source of funds

General fund	1,205,080
Special funds	4,820,618
Federal funds	93,097
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,431</u>
Total	6,506,226

Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration

Personal services	1,949,236
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Operating expenses	<u>467,013</u>
Total	2,416,249
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>2,416,249</u>
Total	2,416,249
Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
Personal services	1,783,809
Operating expenses	<u>408,155</u>
Total	2,191,964
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>2,191,964</u>
Total	2,191,964
Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
Personal services	4,030,293
Operating expenses	<u>556,143</u>
Total	4,586,436
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>4,586,436</u>
Total	4,586,436
Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
Personal services	4,710,762

Operating expenses	<u>584,596</u>
Total	5,295,358
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>5,295,358</u>
Total	5,295,358
Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
Personal services	949,284
Operating expenses	<u>234,192</u>
Total	1,183,476
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>1,183,476</u>
Total	1,183,476
Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
Personal services	10,521,639
Operating expenses	2,875,930
Grants	<u>150,000</u>
Total	13,547,569
Source of funds	
Special funds	11,394,045
Federal funds	<u>2,153,524</u>
Total	13,547,569

Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy

Personal services	10,723,409
Operating expenses	1,443,544
Grants	<u>2,767,237</u>
Total	14,934,190

Source of funds

Special funds	13,407,207
Federal funds	532,983
ARRA funds	921,260
Interdepartmental transfers	50,000
Enterprise funds	<u>22,740</u>
Total	14,934,190

Sec. B.234 Public utility commission

Personal services	3,285,568
Operating expenses	<u>471,932</u>
Total	3,757,500

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>3,757,500</u>
Total	3,757,500

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

Personal services	3,803,802
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Operating expenses	388,612
Grants	<u>720,000</u>
Total	4,912,414
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>4,912,414</u>
Total	4,912,414
Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
Personal services	627,615
Operating expenses	<u>75,932</u>
Total	703,547
Source of funds	
General fund	628,256
Federal funds	<u>75,291</u>
Total	703,547
Sec. B.236.1 Liquor & Lottery Comm. Office	
Personal services	525,243
Operating expenses	<u>5,350</u>
Total	530,593
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>530,593</u>
Total	530,593

Sec. B.236.2 Lottery Operations

Personal services	1,733,694
Operating expenses	1,381,440
Grants	<u>100,000</u>
Total	3,215,134

Source of funds

Enterprise funds	<u>3,215,134</u>
Total	3,215,134

Sec. B.237 Liquor control - administration

Personal services	2,743,126
Operating expenses	<u>1,120,841</u>
Total	3,863,967

Source of funds

Enterprise funds	<u>3,863,967</u>
Total	3,863,967

Sec. B.238 Liquor control - enforcement and licensing

Personal services	2,238,782
Operating expenses	<u>453,153</u>
Total	2,691,935

Source of funds

Tobacco fund	213,843
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Federal funds	184,484
Interdepartmental transfers	5,000
Enterprise funds	<u>2,288,608</u>
Total	2,691,935

Sec. B.239 Liquor control - warehousing and distribution

Personal services	1,082,020
Operating expenses	<u>469,338</u>
Total	1,551,358

Source of funds

Enterprise funds	<u>1,551,358</u>
Total	1,551,358

Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

General fund	162,533,224
Transportation fund	20,250,000
Special funds	88,767,278
Tobacco fund	561,843
Federal funds	54,587,748
ARRA funds	921,260
Interdepartmental transfers	14,655,414

Enterprise funds	<u>11,472,400</u>
Total	353,749,167

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

Personal services	11,177,461
Operating expenses	6,805,654
Grants	<u>2,895,202</u>
Total	20,878,317

Source of funds

General fund	7,775,309
Special funds	135,517
Federal funds	11,555,036
Global Commitment fund	453,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>959,455</u>
Total	20,878,317

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

Operating expenses	3,150,212
Grants	<u>1,631,994,544</u>
Total	1,635,144,756

Source of funds

General fund	562,258,602
Special funds	34,969,169

Tobacco fund	21,049,373
State health care resources fund	16,915,501
Federal funds	984,584,332
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,367,779</u>
Total	1,635,144,756

Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council

Personal services	366,501
Operating expenses	94,962
Grants	<u>191,595</u>
Total	653,058

Source of funds

Special funds	12,000
Federal funds	<u>641,058</u>
Total	653,058

Sec. B.304 Human services board

Personal services	718,478
Operating expenses	<u>87,620</u>
Total	806,098

Source of funds

General fund	451,554
Federal funds	332,018

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>22,526</u>
Total	806,098
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	134,603,806
Operating expenses	29,905,859
Grants	<u>7,314,723</u>
Total	171,824,388
Source of funds	
General fund	29,222,317
Special funds	6,096,108
Federal funds	124,749,165
Global Commitment fund	4,214,196
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,542,602</u>
Total	171,824,388

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

Personal services	547,983
Grants	<u>737,800,525</u>
Total	738,348,508

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	<u>738,348,508</u>
Total	738,348,508

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

Grants	<u>213,712,634</u>
Total	213,712,634

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	<u>213,712,634</u>
Total	213,712,634

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

Grants	<u>49,211,558</u>
Total	49,211,558

Source of funds

General fund	37,605,920
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Global Commitment fund	<u>11,605,638</u>
Total	49,211,558

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

Grants	<u>32,435,074</u>
Total	32,435,074

Source of funds

General fund	11,425,047
Federal funds	<u>21,010,027</u>
Total	32,435,074

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services	5,464,580
Operating expenses	5,852,063
Grants	<u>4,040,881</u>
Total	15,357,524

Source of funds

General fund	2,867,817
Special funds	1,824,499
Federal funds	7,063,414
Global Commitment fund	3,510,576

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>91,218</u>
Total	15,357,524
Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
Personal services	44,859,249
Operating expenses	8,623,418
Grants	<u>36,469,334</u>
Total	89,952,001
Source of funds	
General fund	10,159,167
Special funds	18,230,647
Tobacco fund	1,088,918
Federal funds	46,234,807
Global Commitment fund	13,068,355
Interdepartmental transfers	1,145,107
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
Total	89,952,001
Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs	
Personal services	4,363,807
Operating expenses	255,634
Grants	<u>51,538,398</u>
Total	56,157,839

Source of funds

General fund	1,946,686
Special funds	1,170,177
Tobacco fund	949,917
Federal funds	17,574,970
Global Commitment fund	<u>34,516,089</u>
Total	56,157,839

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services	32,082,652
Operating expenses	4,434,083
Grants	<u>234,801,390</u>
Total	271,318,125

Source of funds

General fund	7,694,909
Special funds	1,184,904
Federal funds	9,132,390
Global Commitment fund	253,232,674
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>73,248</u>
Total	271,318,125

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

Personal services	41,876,642
Operating expenses	11,526,385
Grants	<u>1,342,620</u>
Total	54,745,647

Source of funds

General fund	25,920,417
Special funds	2,706,557
Federal funds	23,918,495
Global Commitment fund	1,981,083
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>219,095</u>
Total	54,745,647

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

Personal services	37,615,510
Operating expenses	4,931,546
Grants	<u>78,289,704</u>
Total	120,836,760

Source of funds

General fund	43,958,383
Special funds	877,587

Federal funds	27,412,577
Global Commitment fund	48,476,324
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>111,889</u>
Total	120,836,760

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

Personal services	4,718,950
Operating expenses	850,728
Grants	<u>79,671,975</u>
Total	85,241,653

Source of funds

General fund	39,136,315
Special funds	1,820,000
Federal funds	33,144,045
Global Commitment fund	11,118,793
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>22,500</u>
Total	85,241,653

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

Personal services	10,805,408
Operating expenses	<u>3,679,303</u>
Total	14,484,711

Source of funds	
General fund	4,306,156
Special funds	455,719
Federal funds	9,335,236
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
Total	14,484,711

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

Personal services	2,252,206
Grants	<u>10,298,023</u>
Total	12,550,229

Source of funds

General fund	8,649,899
Global Commitment fund	<u>3,900,330</u>
Total	12,550,229

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

Personal services	15,000
Grants	<u>7,112,360</u>
Total	7,127,360

Source of funds

General fund	6,730,025
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Federal funds	111,320
Global Commitment fund	<u>286,015</u>
Total	7,127,360
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	51,517
Grants	<u>31,639,481</u>
Total	31,690,998
Source of funds	
General fund	5,473,872
Special funds	21,079,984
Federal funds	2,455,524
Global Commitment fund	<u>2,681,618</u>
Total	31,690,998

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

Grants	<u>16,019,953</u>
Total	16,019,953
Source of funds	
Special funds	1,259,217
Federal funds	<u>14,760,736</u>
Total	16,019,953

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

Personal services	522,340
Operating expenses	43,673
Grants	<u>9,809,823</u>
Total	10,375,836
Source of funds	
General fund	5,065,004
Special funds	57,990
Federal funds	4,423,154
Global Commitment fund	<u>829,688</u>
Total	10,375,836

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

Personal services	326,525
Operating expenses	44,525
Grants	<u>12,038,018</u>
Total	12,409,068
Source of funds	
Special funds	7,812,978
Federal funds	<u>4,596,090</u>
Total	12,409,068

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

Personal services	5,164,274
Operating expenses	<u>715,868</u>
Total	5,880,142
Source of funds	
General fund	5,783,142
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>97,000</u>
Total	5,880,142

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

Personal services	6,276,032
Operating expenses	<u>419,984</u>
Total	6,696,016
Source of funds	
General fund	107,003
Federal funds	<u>6,589,013</u>
Total	6,696,016

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

Personal services	32,686,936
Operating expenses	<u>5,723,801</u>
Total	38,410,737
Source of funds	
General fund	17,049,356
Special funds	1,390,457
Federal funds	18,904,640
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>
Total	38,410,737

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

Grants	<u>19,611,505</u>
Total	19,611,505

Source of funds

General fund	7,623,375
Federal funds	7,148,466
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,839,664</u>
Total	19,611,505

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

Grants	<u>1,661,457</u>
Total	1,661,457

Source of funds

General fund	389,154
Special funds	223,450
Federal funds	743,853
Global Commitment fund	<u>305,000</u>
Total	1,661,457

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

Grants	<u>7,024,368</u>
Total	7,024,368

Source of funds

General fund	1,371,845
Federal funds	4,402,523
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>
Total	7,024,368

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

Grants	<u>232,748,868</u>
Total	232,748,868

Source of funds

General fund	155,125
Special funds	15,463
Federal funds	359,857
Global Commitment fund	232,173,423
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
Total	232,748,868

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

Grants	<u>5,788,057</u>
Total	5,788,057

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	<u>5,788,057</u>
Total	5,788,057

Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration

Personal services	3,108,496
Operating expenses	<u>238,644</u>
Total	3,347,140

Source of funds

General fund	<u>3,347,140</u>
Total	3,347,140

Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board

Personal services	333,919
Operating expenses	<u>81,081</u>
Total	415,000

Source of funds

General fund	<u>415,000</u>
Total	415,000

Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education

Personal services	3,366,460
Operating expenses	<u>244,932</u>
Total	3,611,392

Source of funds

General fund	3,462,608
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
Total	3,611,392

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

Personal services	113,866,882
Operating expenses	21,526,975
Grants	<u>8,474,287</u>
Total	143,868,144

Source of funds

General fund	137,048,955
Special funds	929,963
Federal funds	479,209
Global Commitment fund	5,013,702
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
Total	143,868,144

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

Personal services 6,226,759

Total 6,226,759

Source of funds

General fund 6,226,759

Total 6,226,759

Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation

Personal services 391,140

Operating expenses 455,845

Total 846,985

Source of funds

Special funds 846,985

Total 846,985

Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program

Personal services 1,509,826

Operating expenses 525,784

Total 2,035,610

Source of funds

Internal service funds 2,035,610

Total 2,035,610

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

Personal services	20,371,013
Operating expenses	<u>5,019,422</u>
Total	25,390,435

Source of funds

General fund	345,783
Special funds	15,990,205
Federal funds	<u>9,054,447</u>
Total	25,390,435

Sec. B.343 Commission on women

Personal services	333,046
Operating expenses	<u>60,085</u>
Total	393,131

Source of funds

General fund	390,631
Special funds	<u>2,500</u>
Total	393,131

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	7,620,589
Operating expenses	<u>360,199</u>
Total	7,980,788
Source of funds	
General fund	3,192,315
Special funds	<u>4,788,473</u>
Total	7,980,788
Sec. B.346 Total human services	
Source of funds	
General fund	997,706,686
Special funds	123,880,549
Tobacco fund	23,088,208
State health care resources fund	16,915,501
Federal funds	1,420,544,308
Global Commitment fund	1,590,055,367
Internal service funds	2,035,610
Interdepartmental transfers	39,446,402

Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
Total	4,213,697,631
Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
Personal services	29,542,710
Operating expenses	10,454,244
Grants	<u>4,575,300</u>
Total	44,572,254
Source of funds	
General fund	4,569,407
Special funds	7,049,772
Federal funds	31,540,700
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,412,375</u>
Total	44,572,254
Sec. B.401 Total labor	
Source of funds	
General fund	4,569,407
Special funds	7,049,772
Federal funds	31,540,700
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,412,375</u>
Total	44,572,254

Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration

Personal services	7,196,440
Operating expenses	3,695,315
Grants	<u>14,270,700</u>
Total	25,162,455

Source of funds

General fund	3,747,829
Special funds	15,218,303
Education fund	3,367,483
Federal funds	2,199,952
Global Commitment fund	260,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>368,888</u>
Total	25,162,455

Sec. B.501 Education - education services

Personal services	18,270,055
Operating expenses	1,405,450
Grants	<u>119,396,536</u>
Total	139,072,041

Source of funds

General fund	6,384,982
Special funds	3,414,114

Tobacco fund	750,388
Federal funds	<u>128,522,557</u>
Total	139,072,041
Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
Grants	<u>212,956,000</u>
Total	212,956,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>212,956,000</u>
Total	212,956,000
Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
Grants	<u>18,000,000</u>
Total	18,000,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>18,000,000</u>
Total	18,000,000
Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
Grants	<u>4,371,050</u>
Total	4,371,050
Source of funds	
General fund	3,605,000

Federal funds	<u>766,050</u>
Total	4,371,050
Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
Grants	<u>8,599,000</u>
Total	8,599,000
Source of funds	
General fund	892,500
Education fund	<u>7,706,500</u>
Total	8,599,000
Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
Grants	<u>1,428,800,000</u>
Total	1,428,800,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>1,428,800,000</u>
Total	1,428,800,000
Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
Grants	<u>19,800,000</u>
Total	19,800,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>19,800,000</u>
Total	19,800,000

Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants

Grants 8,400,000

Total 8,400,000

Source of funds

Education fund 8,400,000

Total 8,400,000

Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant

Grants 6,808,000

Total 6,808,000

Source of funds

Education fund 6,808,000

Total 6,808,000

Sec. B.511 Education - technical education

Grants 14,150,000

Total 14,150,000

Source of funds

Education fund 14,150,000

Total 14,150,000

Sec. B.511.1 State Board of Education

Personal services 25,000

Operating expenses	<u>55,845</u>
Total	80,845
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>80,845</u>
Total	80,845
Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
Grants	<u>120,247,389</u>
Total	120,247,389
Source of funds	
General fund	113,466,168
Education fund	<u>6,781,221</u>
Total	120,247,389
Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	
Personal services	5,305,211
Operating expenses	<u>1,673,583</u>
Total	6,978,794
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	<u>6,978,794</u>
Total	6,978,794

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

Grants 31,067,652

Total 31,067,652

Source of funds

General fund 31,067,652

Total 31,067,652

Sec. B.516 Total general education

Source of funds

General fund 159,244,976

Special funds 18,632,417

Tobacco fund 750,388

Education fund 1,726,769,204

Federal funds 131,488,559

Global Commitment fund 260,000

Interdepartmental transfers 368,888

Pension trust funds 6,978,794

Total 2,044,493,226

Sec. B.600 University of Vermont

Grants 42,509,093

Total 42,509,093

Source of funds	
General fund	40,485,359
Global Commitment fund	<u>2,023,734</u>
Total	42,509,093
Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
Grants	<u>29,800,464</u>
Total	29,800,464
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>29,800,464</u>
Total	29,800,464
Sec. B.602.1 Vermont state colleges - Supplemental Aid	
Grants	<u>700,000</u>
Total	700,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>700,000</u>
Total	700,000
Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
Grants	<u>1,157,775</u>
Total	1,157,775
Source of funds	
General fund	748,314

Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>
Total	1,157,775
Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
Grants	<u>19,978,588</u>
Total	19,978,588
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>19,978,588</u>
Total	19,978,588
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	91,796,726
Global Commitment fund	<u>2,433,195</u>
Total	94,229,921

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

Personal services	2,302,597
Operating expenses	1,079,841
Grants	<u>19,960</u>
Total	3,402,398

Source of funds

General fund	2,720,669
Special funds	581,818
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>99,911</u>
Total	3,402,398

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

Operating expenses	<u>2,561,955</u>
Total	2,561,955

Source of funds

General fund	2,140,455
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Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
Total	2,561,955
Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
Personal services	17,806,224
Operating expenses	5,476,943
Grants	<u>1,118,313</u>
Total	24,401,480
Source of funds	
General fund	6,088,870
Special funds	166,892
Fish and wildlife fund	9,236,567
Federal funds	8,789,226
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>119,925</u>
Total	24,401,480
Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
Personal services	957,931
Operating expenses	<u>994,054</u>
Total	1,951,985
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,951,985</u>
Total	1,951,985

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

Personal services	5,879,782
Operating expenses	796,027
Grants	<u>459,000</u>
Total	7,134,809
Source of funds	
General fund	4,873,880
Special funds	412,999
Federal funds	1,487,097
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>360,833</u>
Total	7,134,809

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

Personal services	8,900,714
Operating expenses	<u>2,563,470</u>
Total	11,464,184
Source of funds	
General fund	292,679
Special funds	11,111,505
Permanent trust funds	<u>60,000</u>
Total	11,464,184

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

Personal services	1,346,739
Operating expenses	1,384,647
Grants	<u>2,600,914</u>
Total	5,332,300
Source of funds	
General fund	853,114
Special funds	2,020,151
Federal funds	2,336,535
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>122,500</u>
Total	5,332,300

Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest and parks access roads

Personal services	65,425
Operating expenses	<u>114,500</u>
Total	179,925
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>179,925</u>
Total	179,925

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

Personal services	6,617,612
Operating expenses	3,781,860

Grants	<u>150,000</u>
Total	10,549,472

Source of funds

General fund	1,451,231
Special funds	572,936
Federal funds	809,608
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,715,697</u>
Total	10,549,472

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

Personal services	19,437,340
Operating expenses	8,660,985
Grants	<u>5,076,000</u>
Total	33,174,325

Source of funds

General fund	424,736
Special funds	22,886,187
Federal funds	9,613,852
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>249,550</u>
Total	33,174,325

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

Personal services	21,732,819
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Operating expenses	6,821,783
Grants	<u>32,104,881</u>
Total	60,659,483
Source of funds	
General fund	7,994,351
Special funds	19,641,195
Federal funds	31,935,599
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,088,338</u>
Total	60,659,483
Sec. B.713 Natural resources board	
Personal services	2,752,876
Operating expenses	<u>530,151</u>
Total	3,283,027
Source of funds	
General fund	637,074
Special funds	<u>2,645,953</u>
Total	3,283,027
Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
Source of funds	
General fund	29,608,969
Special funds	60,039,636

Fish and wildlife fund	9,236,567
Federal funds	54,971,917
Interdepartmental transfers	10,178,254
Permanent trust funds	<u>60,000</u>
Total	164,095,343

Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce
and community development - administration

Personal services	2,013,794
Operating expenses	1,331,369
Grants	<u>352,627</u>
Total	3,697,790

Source of funds

General fund	3,677,790
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>20,000</u>
Total	3,697,790

Sec. B.801 Economic development

Personal services	4,027,032
Operating expenses	1,102,979
Grants	<u>5,211,099</u>
Total	10,341,110

Source of funds	
General fund	4,942,394
Special funds	1,645,350
Federal funds	3,708,366
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
Total	10,341,110

Sec. B.802 Housing & community development

Personal services	3,723,802
Operating expenses	779,039
Grants	<u>11,773,050</u>
Total	16,275,891

Source of funds	
General fund	2,753,913
Special funds	5,185,233
Federal funds	7,883,744
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>453,001</u>
Total	16,275,891

Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing

Personal services	1,321,226
Operating expenses	1,644,599
Grants	<u>121,880</u>

Total	3,087,705
Source of funds	
General fund	3,083,118
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,587</u>
Total	3,087,705
Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
Grants	<u>718,589</u>
Total	718,589
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>718,589</u>
Total	718,589
Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
Grants	<u>141,214</u>
Total	141,214
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>141,214</u>
Total	141,214
Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
Grants	<u>984,956</u>
Total	984,956

Source of funds	
General fund	<u>984,956</u>
Total	984,956
Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
Grants	<u>30,886,467</u>
Total	30,886,467
Source of funds	
Special funds	11,900,243
Federal funds	<u>18,986,224</u>
Total	30,886,467
Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
Grants	<u>217,959</u>
Total	217,959
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>217,959</u>
Total	217,959
Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
Source of funds	
General fund	16,519,933
Special funds	18,730,826
Federal funds	30,578,334

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>522,588</u>
Total	66,351,681
Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
Personal services	12,544,062
Operating expenses	2,898,007
Grants	<u>55,000</u>
Total	15,497,069
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	14,625,869
Federal funds	<u>871,200</u>
Total	15,497,069
Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
Personal services	3,714,895
Operating expenses	5,298,065
Grants	<u>231,676</u>
Total	9,244,636
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	4,749,136
Federal funds	<u>4,495,500</u>
Total	9,244,636

Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings

Operating expenses 907,746

Total 907,746

Source of funds

Transportation fund 907,746

Total 907,746

Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development

Personal services 53,367,048

Operating expenses 217,771,750

Grants 27,258,553

Total 298,397,351

Source of funds

Transportation fund 41,894,979

TIB fund 11,835,572

Federal funds 244,272,581

Interdepartmental transfers 191,790

Local match 202,429

Total 298,397,351

Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction

Personal services 40,000

Operating expenses	<u>639,706</u>
Total	679,706
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	99,280
Federal funds	<u>580,426</u>
Total	679,706
Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
Personal services	45,218,248
Operating expenses	48,430,691
Grants	<u>365,000</u>
Total	94,013,939
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	91,136,152
Federal funds	2,777,787
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
Total	94,013,939
Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
Personal services	4,281,699
Operating expenses	894,939
Grants	<u>6,015,583</u>
Total	11,192,221

Source of funds	
Transportation fund	2,921,480
Federal funds	8,238,741
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>32,000</u>
Total	11,192,221
Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
Personal services	5,252,055
Operating expenses	<u>29,683,296</u>
Total	34,935,351
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	18,237,032
TIB fund	760,000
Federal funds	15,019,569
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>918,750</u>
Total	34,935,351
Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
Personal services	1,526,070
Operating expenses	165,372
Grants	<u>32,132,957</u>
Total	33,824,399

Source of funds	
Transportation fund	8,056,111
Federal funds	<u>25,768,288</u>
Total	33,824,399
Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
Personal services	4,530,648
Operating expenses	<u>15,581,390</u>
Total	20,112,038
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>20,112,038</u>
Total	20,112,038
Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
Personal services	21,561,929
Operating expenses	<u>11,588,772</u>
Total	33,150,701
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	31,657,492
Federal funds	1,345,934
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>147,275</u>
Total	33,150,701

Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures

Grants 6,333,500

Total 6,333,500

Source of funds

Transportation fund 6,333,500

Total 6,333,500

Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program

Personal services 357,757

Operating expenses 48,550

Total 406,307

Source of funds

Transportation fund 106,307

Federal funds 300,000

Total 406,307

Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway

Grants 7,648,750

Total 7,648,750

Source of funds

Transportation fund 7,648,750

Total 7,648,750

Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges

Personal services	3,239,423
Operating expenses	10,143,100
Grants	<u>451,328</u>
Total	13,833,851

Source of funds

Transportation fund	1,304,648
TIB fund	701,815
Federal funds	10,887,721
Local match	<u>939,667</u>
Total	13,833,851

Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program

Grants	<u>26,017,744</u>
Total	26,017,744

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>26,017,744</u>
Total	26,017,744

Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants

Grants	<u>128,750</u>
Total	128,750

Source of funds

Transportation fund 128,750

Total 128,750

Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters

Grants 1,150,000

Total 1,150,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund 1,150,000

Total 1,150,000

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

Grants 180,000

Total 180,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund 20,000

Federal funds 160,000

Total 180,000

Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program

Operating expenses 204,000

Grants 2,694,000

Total 2,898,000

Source of funds	
Transportation fund	700,000
Special funds	770,000
Federal funds	<u>1,428,000</u>
Total	2,898,000
Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program	
Operating expenses	500,000
Grants	<u>3,640,000</u>
Total	4,140,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	100,000
Special funds	640,000
Federal funds	3,000,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>400,000</u>
Total	4,140,000
Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
Personal services	246,347
Operating expenses	<u>35,844</u>
Total	282,191

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>282,191</u>
Total	282,191

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds

Transportation fund	258,077,167
TIB fund	13,297,387
Special funds	1,410,000
Federal funds	319,145,747
Internal service funds	20,112,038
Interdepartmental transfers	1,789,815
Local match	<u>1,142,096</u>
Total	614,974,250

Sec. B.1000 Debt service

Operating expenses	<u>82,215,729</u>
Total	82,215,729

Source of funds

General fund	78,088,324
Transportation fund	560,231
ARRA funds	1,069,511

TIB debt service fund	<u>2,497,663</u>
Total	82,215,729

Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

Source of funds

General fund	78,088,324
Transportation fund	560,231
ARRA funds	1,069,511
TIB debt service fund	<u>2,497,663</u>
Total	82,215,729

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Sec. C.100 FISCAL YEAR 2019 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2019, funds are appropriated from the General Fund and shall be carried forward as follows:

(1) To the Agency of Digital Services: \$500,000 of which \$200,000 is allocated for network device upgrades to enhance network safety and \$300,000 is allocated for a network assessment.

(2) To the Department of Buildings and General Services: \$500,000 for the purpose of installing electric vehicle charging stations at State facilities and to support the purchase of fully electric vehicles for the State motor pool.

(3) To the Legislature: \$20,000 to hire consultant services for upgrades to the legislature's software program's appointment database.

(4) To the State Treasurer: \$65,000 for a pension group membership study.

(5) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets: \$75,000 for a grant to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for federal rural development grant writing assistance in fiscal year 2020.

(6) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets: \$1,000,000 for grants to be awarded through the Vermont Working Lands program, pursuant to 6 V.S.A. chapter 207, subchapter 2, of which \$500,000 is allocated for grants to dairy farms to provide assistance to:

(A) diversify agricultural and value-added products produced on the farm; or

(B) implement agricultural practices that improve soil health and improve water quality.

(7) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets: \$50,000 for mosquito control, pursuant to 6 V.S.A. chapter 211.

(8) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets: \$50,000 for Farm to School nutrition initiatives.

(9) To the Agency of Human Services: \$100,000 for the study required in Sec. 12 of H.524 of 2019.

(10) To the Agency of Human Services: \$1,500,000 to fund grants for the development of an electronic medical/health records system for the State's Designated Agency system.

(A) Vermont Care Partners and the Agency of Human Services shall present a plan for review and approval by the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July 2019 meeting. The plan shall summarize the development and implementation of the system and demonstrate that this project will support the goals set forth in the statewide Health Information Technology (HIT) Plan (defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9351) and meet, at a minimum, the connectivity requirements set forth in the statewide HIT plan and the requirements of the Centers for Medicaid Services (CMS). The plan shall support current payment reform initiatives and include the projected project timeline and total budget including the allocation of this appropriation. No funds shall be released prior to review and approval by the Joint Fiscal Committee.

(11) To the Department of Health for the Vermont Recovery Network: \$240,000 to be equally divided and granted directly to each of the 12 individual Recovery Centers.

(12) To the Department of Mental Health: \$60,000 for a grant to the Copeland Center for peer support services.

(13) To the Department of Mental Health: \$375,000 to provide one-time grant funding to Critical Access Hospitals, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, and Northwest Medical Center to build capacity to provide supervision in their Emergency Departments for people under the care and custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health to ensure the safety of patients and hospital staff within compliance with federal regulations. The Department of Mental Health will monitor grantees' use of these funds to ensure utilization follows best practices related to patient safety and supervision. Grant funding will be allocated based upon historic utilization trends within available funding.

(14) To the Department for Children and Families: \$500,000 to fund LIHEAP administration for one year as the Department transitions to lower cost methods for administering this program. The Department shall evaluate the allocation methodology of the program and whether it is being administered efficiently.

(15) To the Department for Children and Families, Office of Economic Opportunity: \$100,000 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.

(16) To the Department for Children and Families: \$1,000,000 for grants to the Parent Child Centers for infrastructure improvements.

(A) the Department shall report to the General Assembly on the use of these grant funds, including the recipients, grant amount and infrastructure projects.

(17) To the Department for Children and Families: \$1,000,000 to the Child Development Division to begin implementation of the plan established pursuant to Sec. E.318.4 of this act regarding information systems.

(18) To the Department for Children and Families: \$600,000 to the Child Development Division for the following:

(A) \$300,000 to facilitate the implementation of the Council for Professional Regulation's Child Development Associate Credential curriculum in technical centers throughout the State. Any unused funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be reserved to fund grants set forth in Sec. E.318.6 of this act for students who completed the Child Development Associate Credential at a Vermont technical center.

(B) \$300,000 for grants for incentivizing child care professionals consistent with Sec. E.318.5 of this act.

(19) To the Department for Children and Families, Woodside Rehabilitation Center: \$260,000 for costs associated with transitioning from a treatment facility to a detention facility.

(20) To the Department for Children and Families, Office of Economic Opportunity, Weatherization Assistance for bridge funding: \$1,300,000.

(21) To the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living: \$750,000. These funds shall be matched with federal Medicaid funds and expended in equal amounts over fiscal years 2020 through 2022. In each year these funds shall be for the statewide administration of the Support and Services at Home (SASH) program. The intent is for this portion of statewide administration funding to transition to the statewide ACO as additional Medicare covered lives are attributed to the ACO during this three-year period. These funds are in addition to other funding included in the Department's budget for SASH. The Department shall include a report on the SASH statewide administration with the fiscal year 2021 budget presentation.

(22) To the Department of Labor: \$70,000 to design a coordinated plan for an integrated postsecondary career and technical education system and to provide services and support for New Americans pursuant to requirements enacted during the 2019 legislative session.

(23) To the Vermont State Colleges: \$200,000 for Vermont Technical College to design and pilot Associates Degree Programs consistent with the provisions of H.533, Sec. 17 of 2019. Any program designed and implemented pursuant to this subdivision subsequent to the pilot, shall not be funded by the General Fund.

(24) To the Vermont State Colleges: \$500,000 which is intended as bridge funding to permit the Vermont State Colleges in collaboration with the University of Vermont to develop comprehensive strategies to increase retention and graduation rates pursuant to Secs. E.603.1 and E.603.2 of this act.

(25) To the Vermont State Colleges: \$120,000. The Vermont State Colleges shall be the repository for the Burlington College student records.

(26) To the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation: \$500,000 to be administered in a manner that is consistent with both the existing advancement grants program and the one-time nature of this appropriation.

(27) To the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation: \$100,000 for supplemental funding for the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative grants awarded in fiscal year 2020.

(28) To the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation: \$120,000 for logger safety and value-added forest products initiatives as follows:

(A) To support the costs of a request for proposal to develop at least three course curriculums and associated training materials for an accident prevention and safety training program for logging contractors.

(B) Grants for the purposes of providing financial assistance to reduce the total cost of the following programs for loggers:

(i) to the Vermont Logger Education to Advance Professionalism (LEAP) program for the purpose of providing financial assistance to logging contractors to reduce the total costs of logger safety training or continuing education in logger safety; and

(ii) to the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands for the purpose of cost-sharing in the certification of logging contractors in the Master Logger program.

(C) To provide grant funds of up to \$10,000 to applicants engaged in adding value to forest products within the State. These grants shall be used by the applicant to pay for expenses associated with State and local permit application costs, project consultation costs, engineering and siting costs, and expert witness analysis and testimony necessary for permitting.

(29) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development: \$25,000 to issue as a grant for the commissioning ceremony of the USS Vermont.

(30) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development: \$1,725,000 to fund the economic development initiatives pursuant to the provisions of H.533 of 2019.

(31) To the Department of Labor: \$275,000 to fund initiatives pursuant to the provisions of H.533 of 2019.

(32) To the Vermont Council on the Arts: \$5,000 to provide matching funds from the National Endowment for the Arts.

(33) To the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board: \$500,000 for acquisition of land that is of statewide importance.

(b) In fiscal year 2019, funds are appropriated from the AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order Fund (special fund number 21638) as follows:

(1) To the Attorney General: \$250,000. This appropriation shall carry forward for use in fiscal year 2020.

(2) To the Agency of Transportation: \$1,700,000 for vehicle incentive and emissions repair programs.

(c) In fiscal year 2019, \$400,000 is appropriated from the Evidence-Based Education and Advertising Fund (special fund number 21912) to the Department of Health for the Substance Misuse Prevention Advisory Council. A portion of these funds may be used for analysis and planning including an inventory of direct substance misuse prevention funding currently allocated in the State budget. The remaining funds shall be used to implement the comprehensive statewide substance misuse prevention plan developed by the Council.

Sec. C.101 FISCAL YEAR 2019 ONE-TIME FUND TRANSFER

(a) In fiscal year 2019, funds are transferred from the General Fund as follows:

(1) \$948,271 to the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund, established in 20 V.S.A. § 45(c).

Sec. C.102 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. D.101 as amended by 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Sec. 56 is further amended to read:

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, AND RESERVES

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(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2019:

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(2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred from the following funds to the General Fund in fiscal year 2019. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred from each fund and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency, office, or department reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory requirements.

21638	AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order	2,000,000.00	<u>4,488,000.00</u>
21928	Secretary of State Services Fund		2,607,923.00
62100	Unclaimed Property Fund	2,978,680.00	<u>4,178,680.00</u>

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(e) The following General Fund amount shall be reserved for appropriation or transfer in the fiscal year 2020 budget: ~~\$9,815,000~~ \$850,000.

Sec. C.102.1 CONTINGENT TRANSFERS

(a) In fiscal year 2019, of the unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year General Fund surplus remaining after satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c:

(1) First: fifty percent shall be transferred from the General Fund to the Vermont State Employees' Postemployment Benefits Trust Fund established by 3 V.S.A. § 479a;

(2) Second: an amount of \$9,400,000 shall be transferred to the AHS Federal Receipts Holding Account; and

(3) Third: any remaining unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year General Fund surplus shall be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve.

Sec. C.102.2 FISCAL YEAR 2019; SECRETARY OF STATE FUND

BALANCE

(a) Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 118(a), at the close of fiscal year 2019, the amount of \$2,607,923 shall be transferred to the General Fund pursuant to Sec. D.101 as amended by Sec. C.102 of this act. After this transfer, up to \$200,000 of any balance in the Secretary of State Services Fund number 21928, shall be appropriated and used by the Secretary of State for funding the

interactive Business Portal (BizPortal) to facilitate planning and implementation for an improved process for regulatory compliance with the State.

Sec. C.103 FISCAL YEAR 2019 TOBACCO LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

FUND TRANSFER AND YEAR END BALANCE

(a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. chapter 225, \$1,500,000 is transferred from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund to the General Fund in fiscal year 2019.

(b) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(b), the actual balances at the end of fiscal year 2019 in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund established by 32 V.S.A. § 435a shall remain in the Fund.

Sec. C.104 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.125 is amended to read:

Sec. B.125 Legislative council

Personal services	4,063,930	4,168,930
Operating expenses	<u>827,857</u>	<u>827,857</u>
Total	<u>4,891,787</u>	4,996,787
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>4,891,787</u>	<u>4,996,787</u>
Total	<u>4,891,787</u>	4,996,787

Sec. C.105 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.126 is amended
to read:

Sec. B.126 Legislature

Personal services	4,091,578	3,921,578
Operating expenses	<u>3,809,338</u>	<u>3,809,338</u>
Total	7,900,916	7,730,916

Source of funds

General fund	<u>7,900,916</u>	<u>7,730,916</u>
Total	7,900,916	7,730,916

Sec. C.106 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.127 is amended
to read:

Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee

Personal services	1,696,568	1,746,568
Operating expenses	<u>159,358</u>	<u>159,358</u>
Total	1,855,926	1,905,926

Source of funds

General fund	<u>1,855,926</u>	<u>1,905,926</u>
Total	1,855,926	1,905,926

Sec. C.107 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.128 is amended
to read:

Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms

Personal services	737,216	752,216
Operating expenses	<u>68,612</u>	<u>68,612</u>
Total	<u>805,828</u>	820,828
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>805,828</u>	<u>820,828</u>
Total	<u>805,828</u>	820,828

Sec. C.108 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.503 is amended to read:

Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students

Grants	<u>15,700,000</u>	<u>20,400,000</u>
Total	<u>15,700,000</u>	20,400,000
Source of funds		
Education fund	<u>15,700,000</u>	<u>20,400,000</u>
Total	<u>15,700,000</u>	20,400,000

Sec. C.108.1 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.507 is amended to read:

Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants

Grants	<u>7,600,000</u>	<u>7,800,000</u>
Total	<u>7,600,000</u>	7,800,000

Source of funds

Education fund	<u>7,600,000</u>	<u>7,800,000</u>
Total	7,600,000	7,800,000

Sec. C.109 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.516 as amended
by 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Sec. 40 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.516 Total general education

Source of funds

General fund	136,968,810	136,968,810
Special funds	19,483,091	19,483,091
Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
Education fund	1,650,519,334	1,655,419,334
Federal funds	138,281,079	138,281,079
Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
Interdepartmental transfers	4,204,714	4,204,714
Pension trust funds	<u>7,781,379</u>	<u>7,781,379</u>
Total	1,958,248,795	1,963,148,795

Sec. C.110 2018 (Sp. Session) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B. 514 is
amended to read:

Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system

Grants	<u>99,940,777</u>	<u>100,440,777</u>
Total	99,940,777	100,440,777

Source of funds		
General fund	92,241,519	92,741,519
Education fund	<u>7,699,258</u>	<u>7,699,258</u>
Total	99,940,777	100,440,777

Sec. C.111 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.515 is amended to read:

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

Grants	31,639,205	<u>31,139,205</u>
Total	31,639,205	31,139,205

Source of funds		
General fund	31,639,205	<u>31,139,205</u>
Total	31,639,205	31,139,205

Sec. C.112 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, 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 \$105,640,777 of which ~~\$99,940,777~~ \$100,440,777 shall be the State's contribution and ~~\$5,700,000~~ \$5,200,000 shall be contributed from local school systems or educational entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

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Sec. C.113 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, 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), ~~\$31,639,205~~ \$31,139,205 will be contributed to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits Fund.

Sec. C.114 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. C.1 is amended to read:

Sec. C.1. THE GREEN MOUNTAIN SECURE RETIREMENT PLAN

(a) The State of Vermont shall, consistent with federal law and regulation, ~~adopt design~~ and implement a voluntary ~~Multiple Employer Plan (MEP)~~ ERISA-covered public retirement plan, employing a multiple employer plan or aggregated single employer plans, which shall remain in compliance with federal law and regulations once implemented, and shall be called the "Green Mountain Secure Retirement Plan."

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(c) The Plan shall:

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(2) automatically enroll all employees of employers that choose to participate ~~in the MEP~~;

(3) allow employees the option of withdrawing their enrollment and ending their participation ~~in the MEP~~;

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~~(d) The State of Vermont shall implement the “Green Mountain Secure Retirement Plan” on or before January 15, 2019, based on the recommendations of the Public Retirement Plan Study Committee as set forth in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 157, Sec. F.1.~~

Sec. C.115 SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR TAX COMPUTER
SYSTEMS

(a) In fiscal year 2019, \$10,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Taxes from the Tax Computer System Modernization Special Fund established pursuant to 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 282, as amended by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 63, Sec. C.103, as amended by 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 1, Sec. 65, as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 95, Sec. 62, as amended by 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 47, as amended by 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. E.111.1, and as further amended by 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Sec. 102. This appropriation shall carry forward through fiscal year 2022.

Sec. C.116 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Sec. 88 is amended to read:

Sec. 88. FISCAL YEAR 2019 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS AND
TRANSFERS FROM THE GENERAL FUND

(a) The following appropriations are made from the General Fund in fiscal year 2019:

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(6) To the Joint Fiscal Office: \$275,000 to be allocated ~~as follows~~ for the following studies ~~that will be comprehensively defined in the fiscal year 2020 budget process:~~

(A) \$250,000 ~~to be reserved~~ to fund ~~contracted for~~ research and findings to identify and examine the factors contributing to Vermont's high rate of children entering the custody of the State. Such research shall study the preventive and upstream services and interventions provided to families and the extent to which these supports to families have demonstrated effectiveness in allowing children to remain with their families. Policy recommendations resulting from this research are intended to inform funding decisions regarding these services to ensure the safety of Vermont's vulnerable children and to enhance the long-term stability and well-being of these families.

(i) The Joint Fiscal Office is authorized to enter into a direct contract with the University of Vermont in lieu of a bid process. In the event that such a contract takes place, the payments shall be made in intervals of: twenty-five percent (25%) upon signing; thirty percent (30%) to be paid after approval of a final work plan by the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Human Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare Committee; thirty percent (30%) on agreed upon mid-contract term project status report or presentation; and

fifteen percent (15%) upon report completion and presentation to the
Legislature on or before January 30, 2020.

(ii) The Agency of Human Services and the Department for
Children and Families shall execute memoranda and provide available data in a
reasonably timely fashion and in a manner consistent with any State and
federal requirements as needed for this research project.

(B) \$25,000 ~~to be reserved~~ to fund, ~~contracted services~~ if necessary
as determined by the Joint Fiscal Committee, a direct contract with the Council
of State Governments Justice Center for a report to the General Assembly on
or before December 15, 2019 on research and findings related to:

(i) developing and implementing a systems-level, data-driven plan
to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses who are detained or
incarcerated; or

(ii) developing a comprehensive approach to expungement and
sealing of criminal history records to help individuals with a criminal record
overcome barriers to employment and licensing through clearing their
records; or

(iii) Vermont's population of incarcerated women, including the
types of offenses and risk of reoffense for which this population is incarcerated
and alternatives to incarceration available to this population to assist the State
in its planning for correctional facilities; or

(iv) the detention population of the Department of Corrections (DOC) and policy recommendations to reduce this population and/or reduce the need for DOC in-state bed capacity for this population. ~~The report shall be submitted to the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2019.~~

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Sec. C.117 LOAN AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING SOURCE

(a) Up to \$1,000,000 of the funds appropriated in 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.1000(a)(14) may be used in fiscal year 2019 for a bridge loan to Springfield Hospital. Repayment of these funds either through direct payment or withheld Medicaid claims shall be deposited into the General Fund.

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 \$10,804,840 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB). Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts above \$10,804,840 from the property transfer tax and surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a that are deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

(A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the affordable housing bond (10 V.S.A. § 314) is to be offset by the reduction of \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the VHCB and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2020 appropriation of \$10,804,840 to VHCB reflects the \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing bond and related property transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the appropriation to VHCB is intended to be restored.

(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 Digital Services for the Vermont Center for Geographic Information established in 10 V.S.A. § 122.

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS AND REVERSIONS

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

(1) From the Clean Water Fund established by 10 V.S.A. § 1388 to the following:

(A) Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund created under 6 V.S.A. § 4803: \$3,255,000.

(B) Lake in Crisis Response Program Fund created under 10 V.S.A. § 1315: \$50,000.

(2) 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.

(3) 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 funding fiscal year 2021 transportation infrastructure bonds debt service: \$2,502,613.

(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2020:

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

<u>22005</u>	<u>AHS Central Office earned federal receipts</u>	<u>15,874,593.00</u>
<u>50300</u>	<u>Liquor Control Fund</u>	<u>1,805,000.00</u>
<u>62100</u>	<u>Unclaimed Property Fund</u>	<u>2,505,143.00</u>
	<u>Caledonia Fair</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
	<u>North Country Hospital Loan</u>	<u>24,250.00</u>

(2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred from the following funds to the General Fund in fiscal year 2020. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred from each fund and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency, office, or department reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory requirements.

<u>21638</u>	<u>AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order</u>	<u>2,000,000.00</u>
<u>21928</u>	<u>Secretary of State Services Fund</u>	<u>2,032,817.00</u>

(3) In fiscal year 2020, notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.228, \$32,455,763 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) shall be transferred to the General Fund.

(c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2020:

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

<u>1210001000</u>	<u>Legislative Council</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>
<u>1210002000</u>	<u>Legislature</u>	<u>175,000.00</u>
<u>1220000000</u>	<u>Joint Fiscal Office</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>

Sec. D.101.1 FISCAL YEAR 2020 CONTINGENT TRANSFER FROM
GENERAL FUND TO RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH
AND MEDICAL BENEFITS FUND

(a) If the available General Fund forecast adopted by the Emergency Board in July 2019 for fiscal year 2020 (the "adopted forecast"), including the amount shifted into the General Fund from the merger with the Health Care Resources Fund, is greater than \$1,587,000,000 the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer 100 percent of the amount over \$1,587,000,000

to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits Fund established by 16 V.S.A. § 1944b.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section is designed and intended to provide an estimated \$20,000,000 for the fiscal year 2020 budget adjustment or other fiscal pressures in the fiscal year 2020 budget. Given this intent, the Emergency Board shall review the fiscal year 2020 available General Fund forecast and shall make any adjustments needed to the transfer authorized in subsection (a) of this section to accomplish this intent.

Sec. D.102 [Deleted.]

Sec. D.103 [Deleted.]

Sec. D.104 32 V.S.A. § 308b(c) is amended to read:

(c) The Human Services Caseload Reserve shall contain two sub-accounts:

(1) A sub-account for incurred but not reported Medicaid expenses.

Each year beginning with fiscal year 2020, the Department of Finance and Management shall adjust the amount reserved for incurred but not reported Medicaid expenses to equal the amount specified in the most recently completed Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ~~as of June 30th of the prior fiscal year~~ for the estimated amount of incurred but not reported Medicaid expenses associated with the current Medicaid Global Commitment waiver.

* * * GENERAL GOVERNMENT * * *

Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) The establishment of the following permanent classified positions is authorized in fiscal year 2020:

(1) In the Department for Children and Families' Family Services Division – seven (7) Family Services Worker, one (1) Family Services Supervisor, and three (3) Resource Coordinator.

(2) In the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living – one (1) Director of Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind Services.

(b) The establishment of the following permanent exempt position is authorized in fiscal year 2020:

(1) In the Department for Children and Families' Family Services Division – one (1) Assistant Attorney General to fill the position of a staff attorney.

(c) The conversion of classified limited service positions to classified permanent status is authorized in fiscal year 2020 as follows:

(1) In the Office of the Attorney General – one (1) Legal Assistant II (position #190071), two (2) Medicaid Analyst (position #190076 and #190080).

(d) The conversion of exempt limited service positions to exempt permanent status is authorized in fiscal year 2020 as follows:

(1) In the Office of the Attorney General – one (1) Assistant Attorney General (position #197053), two (2) Legal Division Chief (position #197054 and #197055) and one (1) Senior Assistant Attorney General (position #197059).

(e) The positions established in subsections (a) and (b) of 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 [Deleted.]

Sec. E.101 [Deleted.]

Sec. E.106 DETERMINATION OF PARAMETERS FOR THE

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL FUNDS AND SPECIAL
FUND REVIEW

(a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management, in consultation with the Legislative Joint Fiscal Office and with the assistance of the Office of Legislative Council, shall consider and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the circumstances under which a new special fund should be established and the parameters to which the new special fund should adhere.

(b) The Commissioner shall review existing special funds to determine if they are still viable and, if not, whether they should be eliminated.

(c) The Commissioner, in consultation with the Legislative Joint Fiscal Office shall develop a common multiyear reporting format for special funds and shall identify a group of funds to be presented in this format for the period of fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2019.

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.112 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.112 is amended to read:

Sec. E.112 ENERGY EFFICIENCY; STATE BUILDINGS AND
FACILITIES

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(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Title 30 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, Public Service Board order, or other provision of law to the contrary:

(1) The Department and Efficiency Vermont (EVT) shall augment the Program for a preliminary period of ~~four~~ eight years commencing in fiscal year 2016 under which EVT shall provide the Department with support for the Program to deliver cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation measures to State buildings and facilities. The Department and EVT may agree to

continue conducting this augmented Program in subsequent fiscal years, after considering recommendations for improvement based on evaluation of the preliminary period.

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(2) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this ~~section~~ subsection, the project shall include provision by EVT of support for personnel to implement the Program during fiscal years 2016 to ~~2019~~ 2023.

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(B) Under this subdivision (2), EVT shall provide up to \$290,000 during fiscal year 2016. For the remaining ~~three~~ seven fiscal years, EVT shall provide an additional amount sufficient to support annual salary and benefit adjustments. These funds shall be received in the Facilities Operations Fund established in 29 V.S.A. § 160a, and may be spent using excess receipts authority.

(3) The Public Service Board shall adjust any performance measures applicable to EVT to recognize the requirements of this section.

(c) The Department and EVT shall execute a new or amended memorandum of understanding to implement this section, which shall include targets for future energy savings, a process for determining how savings targets are met, and details of EVT's commitment for personnel over ~~a four~~ an eight-year time period.

(d) On or before October 1 of each year commencing in 2016 and ending in ~~2019~~ 2023, the Department and EVT shall provide a joint report on the implementation of this section.

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(5) The report to be submitted in 2019 and in 2023 shall contain an evaluation of the Program authorized under this section and any resulting recommendations, including recommendations related to Program continuation beyond 2023.

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Sec. E.113 Buildings and general services – engineering

(a) The \$3,583,423 interdepartmental transfer in this appropriation shall be from the fiscal year 2020 General Bond Fund appropriation in the Capital Bill of the 2019 legislative session.

Sec. E.124 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.

(1) ~~The~~ As part of the budget report, the Governor shall:

(A) develop and publish annually for public review as part of the budget report a current services budget, providing the public with an estimate of what the current level of services is projected to cost in the next fiscal year;

(B) provide an estimated cost of deferred infrastructure maintenance in the State's transportation system; and

(C) itemize current services liabilities, including the total obligations and the amount estimated for full funding in the current year in which an amortization schedule exists. These shall include the following liabilities projected for the start of the budget fiscal year:

(i) pension liabilities for the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System (VSERS) and the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS), and other postemployment benefit liabilities under current law and relevant Government Accounting Standards Board standards for these systems;

(ii) child care fee scale funding requirements pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 3512 to bring total year funding to current market rates and current federal poverty levels;

(iii) Reach Up funding full benefit obligations, including the standard of need for the current fiscal year, prior to any rateable reductions made pursuant to 33 V.S.A. §1103(a), which ensure that the expenditures for the programs shall not exceed appropriations;

(iv) statutory funding levels from the Property Transfer Tax;

(v) projected fund liabilities of the funds identified in the “Notes” section of the most recent Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), including the Workers’ Compensation Fund, the State Liability Insurance Fund, the Medical Insurance Fund, and the Dental Insurance Fund; and

(vi) a summary of other nonmajor enterprise funds and internal service funds where deficits exist in excess of \$1,500,000.

(2) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection.

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Sec. E.126 2 V.S.A. chapter 14 is added to read:

CHAPTER 14. JOINT LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

§ 451. CREATION OF COMMITTEE: PURPOSE

(a) Creation. There is created the Joint Legislative Management Committee. The Committee shall provide general oversight and management across the offices of the General Assembly and administrative services to the legislative offices and the legislature.

(b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following members:

(1) four members of the House, which shall include representatives of the Legislative Council Committee, the Joint Fiscal Committee, and the Rules Committee, and shall consist of:

(A) the Speaker of the House; and

(B) three members of the House appointed by the Speaker, not all from the same political party, and

(2) four members of the Senate, which shall include representatives of the Legislative Council Committee, the Joint Fiscal Committee, and the Rules Committee, and shall consist of:

(A) the President Pro Tempore; and

(B) three members of the Senate appointed by the Committee on Committees, not all from the same political party.

(c) Members shall serve a term of two years or until their successors are appointed. The term of a member shall end upon his or her ceasing to be a member of the General Assembly.

(d) Interim vacancies may be filled by appointment by the Committee on Committees or the Speaker of the House in the same manner as in subsection

(b) of this section.

(e) Initial appointments shall be made upon passage of this act, with initial terms concluding at the time new appointments to the Committee are made in January 2021.

(f) Subsequent appointments shall be made biennially at the same time as standing committees.

(g) The Committee shall meet immediately following the appointment of its membership to elect a chair and a vice chair and to organize and conduct its business. The Committee may meet as often as it deems necessary and a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Meetings may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the members.

(h) For attending a meeting of Committee when he or she is not receiving compensation as a member of the General Assembly, a member of the Committee shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and reimbursement for necessary expenses as provided members of standing committees under section 406 of this title.

Sec. E.126.1 JOINT LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE;

INITIAL DUTIES IN 2019

(a) The Joint Legislative Management Committee, established pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 451, shall consider and recommend the most appropriate

organization, structure, and oversight of the staff and staff offices of the General Assembly. The Committee shall:

(1) Consider the recommendations contained in the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) “Vermont General Assembly Legislative Branch Workforce Comparative Evaluation” March 2019 report.

(2) Consult with and consider the recommendations of:

(A) the Joint Fiscal Committee;

(B) the Legislative Council Committee;

(C) the Legislative Information Technology Committee;

(D) the Joint Rules Committee;

(E) the Chief Fiscal Officer, Director and Chief Counsel, House Clerk, Senate Secretary, and Sergeant at Arms;

(F) supervisors and employees of every staff office as the Committee deems appropriate;

(G) members of the General Assembly as the Committee deems appropriate; and

(H) any other person the Committee deems appropriate.

(b) Report. On or before November 1, 2019, the Committee shall submit to the General Assembly a written report setting forth detailed recommendations concerning the most appropriate organization, structure, and oversight of the staff and staff offices of the General Assembly.

(c) The report shall contain draft statutory language and draft budgetary changes necessary to implement the recommendations set forth in the Committee's report.

(d) Assistance. In carrying out the duties set forth in this section, the Committee shall have the assistance and support of the Joint Fiscal Office, the Office of Legislative Council, and the Sergeant at Arms.

Sec. E.126.2 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

(a) Legislature: The establishment of two (2) new permanent exempt Legislative Staff positions is authorized within the legislature in fiscal year 2020. The position titles will be determined by the Joint Legislative Management Committee.

(b) Joint Fiscal Office: The establishment of one (1) new permanent exempt Administrative Research Assistant position is authorized within the legislative Joint Fiscal Office in fiscal year 2020.

Sec. E.126.3 JOINT LEGISLATIVE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT

COMMITTEE; 2019 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM

(a) During the 2019 legislative interim, the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee shall consider the following criminal justice reform strategies as part of an effort that will be called Justice Reinvestment II. These policies should be pursued in order to create a smarter criminal justice system that prevents avoidable incarceration, returns people to communities without

risking public safety, and reduces or eliminates the need for out-of-state prison placements or new prison bed capacity in Vermont:

(1) furlough reform, including the possible elimination of furlough;

(2) management of the detainee population;

(3) sentencing reforms, including the possible elimination of weekend and nighttime sentences, and the possible elimination of community work crew in favor of restorative justice and reentry planning;

(4) expansion of restorative justice programs including diversion and community justice centers;

(5) establishment of new transitional housing facilities and services to reintegrate offenders into the community;

(6) establishment of new treatment-centered facilities as an alternative to incarceration for certain drug and DUI offenses;

(7) parole reform, including presumptive parole and the role of the parole board; and

(8) the release of offenders for whom community-based treatment and services would be more appropriate.

(b) The Committee should utilize the expertise of the Justice Center of the Council on State Governments to the maximum extent possible, and shall report any recommendations in the form of proposed legislation to the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2019.

Sec. E.127 2 V.S.A. § 501(a) is amended to read:

(a) There is created a Joint Fiscal Committee whose membership shall be appointed ~~at the beginning~~ on or before January 15 of each biennial session of the General Assembly. The Committee shall consist of five Representatives and five Senators as follows:

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Sec. E.127.1 2 V.S.A. § 503 is amended to read:

§ 503. FUNCTIONS

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(b) The Joint Fiscal Committee shall:

(1) furnish research services and secretarial services of a fiscal nature to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Ways and Means, the House and Senate Committees on Transportation, and the Joint Fiscal Committee;

(2) carry on a continuing review of the fiscal operations of the State, including revenues, budgeting, and expenditures;

(3) accept grants and approve any related limited service positions, gifts, loans, or any other thing of value, approved by the Governor, under the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 5, when the General Assembly is not in session; and

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Sec. E.127.2 32 V.S.A. § 5 is amended to read:

§ 5. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS

(a) ~~No~~ Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) “Loan” means a loan that is interest free or below market value.

(2) “State agency” means an Executive Branch agency, department, commission, or board.

(b) Executive Branch approval.

(1) Approval required. A State agency shall not accept the original of any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money, or thing of value ~~may be accepted by any agency, department, commission, board, or other part of State government~~ except as follows:

(A) the State agency is granted approval pursuant to this subsection;

or

(B) Joint Fiscal Committee policies adopted pursuant to subsection (e) of this section do not require a State agency to obtain approval.

(2) Governor review.

~~(1) All such items must be submitted to the~~ The Governor who shall review each grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money, or thing of value and shall send a copy of the approval or rejection to the Joint Fiscal Committee through the Joint Fiscal Office together with the following information with respect to said these items:

- (A) the source of ~~the grant, gift, or loan~~ and value;
- (B) the legal and referenced ~~titles of the grant,~~ title, in the case of a grant;
- (C) the costs, direct and indirect, for the present and future years ~~related to such a grant~~;
- (D) the receiving department ~~and/or program which will utilize the grant,~~ or both;
- (E) a brief statement of purpose; and
- (F) any impact on existing programs if ~~grant there is not accepted a rejection.~~

~~(2)~~(3) Legislative review.

(A) The Governor's approval in subdivision (b)(2) of this section shall be final ~~unless~~ except as follows:

(i) When the General Assembly is not in session, within 30 days of receipt of such information the copy of an approval and related information required under subdivision (b)(2) of this section, a member of the Joint Fiscal Committee requests such grant, gift, loan, sum of money, or thing of value be placed on the Committee's agenda of the Joint Fiscal Committee; or,

(ii) when the General Assembly is in session, within 30 days of receipt of the copy of an approval and related information required under subdivision (b)(2) of this section, a member of the Committee requests that

such grant, gift, loan, sum of money, or thing of value be held for legislative approval. If a copy of an approval and related information is received when the General Assembly is in session, but before the members of the Joint Fiscal Committee are appointed, one of the statutorily appointed members of the Committee may request to hold a grant for legislative approval. Legislative approval under this subdivision may be granted by legislation or resolution.

(B) In the event of ~~such a~~ request to hold a grant made pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection, the grant shall not be accepted until approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee or the ~~Legislature~~ General Assembly.

(C) The 30-day period described in subdivision (3)(A)(i) of this subsection may be reduced where expedited consideration is warranted in accordance with ~~adopted~~ Joint Fiscal Committee policies adopted pursuant to subsection (e) of this section.

(D) ~~During the legislative session~~ Upon receipt of the copy of an approval and related information required under subdivision (b)(2) of this section while the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Fiscal Committee shall promptly file a notice with the House and Senate Clerks for publication in the respective calendars of any grant approval requests that are submitted by the administration.

(3)(4) Exceptions.

(A) General. ~~This~~ The review and approval process set forth in subsection (b) of 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, sums of money, or other things of value with a value of ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$15,000.00 or less, if the acceptance of those items will not incur additional expense to the State or create an ongoing requirement for funds, services, or facilities; or

(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 a legal settlement.~~

(B)(i) Notification required. The receiving agency shall promptly notify the Secretary of Administration and Joint Fiscal Office shall be promptly notified of the source, value, and purpose of any items received under this subdivision; provided, however, that no notification is required for an item received under this subdivision with a value of less than \$1,500.00.

(ii) The Joint Fiscal Office shall report all such items received under this subdivision to the Joint Fiscal Committee quarterly. The provisions of

2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this subdivision.

~~(4)~~(5) Transportation. With respect to acceptance of the original of a federal transportation earmark or of a discretionary federal grant for a transportation project, the provisions of ~~subdivisions~~ subdivision (1) ~~and (2)~~ of this subsection shall apply, except that in addition:

(A) notification of the Governor's approval or rejection shall also be made to the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Transportation;
and

(B) such grant or earmark shall be placed on the agenda, and shall be subject to the approval, of a committee comprising the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Transportation, if one of the Chairs or a member of the Joint Fiscal Committee so requests.

(c) Legislative and Judicial Branch approval.

(1) Approval required. The Legislative and Judicial Branches shall not accept the original of any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money, or thing of value except as follows:

(A) approval is granted pursuant to the process set forth in subdivision (b)(3) of this section if the item received has a value of more than \$15,000; and

(B) notification is sent to the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Secretary of Administration of the source, value, and purpose of the item received if the item has a value of \$1,500.00 or more.

(2) Exceptions. The review process set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of this section shall not apply to the approval of any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money, or thing of value received by the Legislative or Judicial Branches.

(b)(d) ~~In accordance with subsection (a) of this section, Limited service position. The Joint Fiscal Committee is authorized to approve a limited service position request in conjunction with a grant, a limited service position request for a~~ if the position is explicitly stated for a specific purpose in the grant, ~~may be authorized~~ and the position request is approved pursuant to the process set forth in subsection (b) of this section. The position shall terminate with the expiration of the grant funding unless otherwise funded by an act of the General Assembly. ~~Such authorized~~ A limited service ~~positions~~ position request shall ~~not be created until the appointing authority has certified~~ include a certification from the appointing authority to the Joint Fiscal Committee that there exists equipment and housing for the ~~positions~~ position or that funds are available to purchase equipment and housing for the ~~positions~~ position.

(e) Policies. The Joint Fiscal Committee is authorized to adopt policies to implement this section, including a policy on expedited review by the Joint Fiscal Committee when the General Assembly is not in session.

Sec. E.131 10 V.S.A. § 9 is amended to read:

§ 9. INVESTMENT IN VERMONT COMMUNITY LOAN FUND

Notwithstanding any provision of 32 V.S.A. § 433(a) to the contrary, the State Treasurer is authorized to invest up to ~~\$1,000,000.00~~ \$1,500,000.00 of short-term operating or restricted funds in the Vermont Community Loan Fund on terms acceptable to the Treasurer and consistent with prudent investment principles and guidelines pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 433(b)-(c).

Sec. E.133 Vermont state retirement system

(a) Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 473(d), in fiscal year 2020, 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 \$70,000 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. and its successor Great River Hydro, LLC 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.

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), \$1,390,500 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

Sec. E.204 RUTLAND ADULT TREATMENT COURT DOCKET

(a) In the event the Rutland Adult Treatment Court program does not achieve an average minimum of 20 participants per month during the months of July 2019 through June 2020, a Task Force shall meet before July 15, 2020 to discuss how to restore the number of Rutland Adult Treatment Court participants to historical levels and whether to consider the addition of a Family Treatment Court track. The Task Force established by this section shall consist of a representative appointed by the Chief Superior Judge, the Attorney General, the Defender General, and the Executive Director of the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs. The Task Force shall consult with Project Vision, and shall report its recommendations to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee on or before October 1, 2020. Failure to achieve a minimum of 20 participants per month shall result in the removal of State General Funds effective November 1, 2020.

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.208.1 SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM;
ADDISON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION

(a) The Department of Public Safety shall use \$82,000 of the amount
appropriated in Sec. 13 of the fiscal year 2020 Capital Construction and State
Bonding Act for the School Safety and Security Grant Program to reimburse
capital eligible expenses paid by the Addison-Rutland Supervisory Union to
implement safety and security measures at schools within the district.

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. 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 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 \$1,426,718 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational Assistance program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856 and the National Guard Tuition Benefit Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2857.

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.

Sec. E.219.1 [Deleted.]

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 \$49,253 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 \$594,000 in general funds is appropriated for expenditure by the Working Lands Enterprise Board established in 6 V.S.A. § 4606 for investments in food and forest system businesses and services 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 [Deleted.]

Sec. E.233.1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE TRANSFER FROM
RESERVES

(a) Notwithstanding 30 V.S.A. § 22(d)(1) and (3), on June 30 of fiscal year 2019, from any balance in the amount allocated to the Public Utility Commission from the special fund for the maintenance of engineering and accounting forces (special fund) pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 22(c), sufficient

monies shall be transferred to the Department of Public Service for the sole purpose of closing any special fund sub-account fund deficit in the Department of Public Service.

* * * HUMAN SERVICES * * *

Sec. E.300 Agency of Human Services – secretary’s office

(a) The Secretary of Human Services shall identify funds to support the Caring Dad’s Program within existing appropriations.

Sec. E.300.1 TRANSITION OF STATE HEALTH CARE RESOURCES
FUND REVENUES TO THE GENERAL FUND

(a) The Department of Finance and Management shall report the total statewide revenues received from each of the following revenue sources both historically and prospectively and compare those amounts to the total amount of State fund sources appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, as amended by 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6:

(1) all revenue from cigarette and tobacco products taxes levied pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 205;

(2) all revenue from health care provider assessments pursuant to 33 V.S.A. chapter 19, subchapter 2;

(3) all revenue from the Employers’ Health Care Fund contribution pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 245; and

(4) all revenue from health care claims assessments pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 10402.

(b) The State agency or department to which the revenue is remitted shall maintain the same level of accounting detail for each of the revenue sources listed in subdivisions (a)(1)–(4) of this section as was maintained prior to July 1, 2020.

Sec. E.300.2 DEPOSIT AND USE OF MASTER SETTLEMENT FUND

(a) Deposit of Master Tobacco Settlement receipts and appropriations of Tobacco Settlement funds in fiscal year 2020 are made, notwithstanding 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. D.104.

Sec. E.300.3 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.300.4 SPECIALIZED HOUSING VOUCHERS

(a) The Secretary of Human Services shall convene a working group to include one representative from each of the Departments of Mental Health, of Corrections, for Children and Families, of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, and of Housing and Community Development within the Agency of Commerce and Community Development; the Vermont State Housing Authority; and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to develop a

strategy to fully utilize available federal rental assistance funds for vulnerable populations in Vermont. This rental assistance, in the form of specialized and rapid rehousing vouchers, serves specialized, vulnerable populations, including homeless families with children, homeless youths, chronically homeless individuals with mental illness, and families that have lost or are at risk of losing a child to State custody. The working group shall consult with community-based housing and human services providers and examine the following:

(1) whether existing expenditures on case management or other services for this vulnerable population could be utilized as match to draw federal specialized voucher funds; and

(2) Vermont's current allocation of housing assistance funds to ensure that Vermont maximizes the ability of the State to draw federal voucher funds; and

(3) any other recommendations the working group may make to help avoid further loss of these specialized vouchers.

(b) On or before November 1, 2019, the Secretary of Human Services shall report the findings of the working group to the Secretary of Administration for possible inclusion in the Governor's 2021 budget request and concurrently to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on General, Housing, and Military Affairs and the Senate Committees on

Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on Economic Development,

Housing and General Affairs.

Sec. E.300.5 18 V.S.A. § 4653(a) is amended to read:

(a) On or before July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020, the Agency of Human Services shall submit a formal request to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for certification of the State's wholesale prescription drug importation program.

Sec. E.300.6 3 V.S.A. § 3028 is added to read:

§ 3028. WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION

PROGRAM

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall be responsible for the development and, upon approval from the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the implementation and administration of a wholesale prescription drug importation program that complies with the applicable requirements of 21 U.S.C. § 384, including the requirements regarding safety and cost savings.

(b) The Secretary of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 25 of this title as needed to develop, implement, and administer the program.

Sec. E.300.7 NEXT STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTING A WHOLESALE
PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall consult with the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) and with states pursuing or interested in pursuing a wholesale prescription drug importation program to identify opportunities to coordinate and work collaboratively in these efforts. On or before October 1, 2019, the Agency shall provide an update on its progress in obtaining federal approval for a wholesale prescription drug importation program pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4653, including the results of its consultations with NASHP and with other states, to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Ways and Means; the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on Finance; and the Joint Fiscal Committee.

(b) The Board of Pharmacy in the Office of Professional Regulation, in consultation with the Agency of Human Services, shall explore whether any new prescription drug wholesaler license categories would be necessary in order to operate a wholesale prescription drug importation program in this State. On or before January 15, 2020, the Board shall provide its findings and recommendations with respect to new prescription drug wholesaler license categories to the House Committees on Government Operations and on Health

Care and the Senate Committees on Government Operations and on Health and Welfare.

Sec. E.300.8 AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; STRATEGIC PLAN;
REPORT

(a) The Agency of Human Services, in order to respond effectively to dynamic and changing societal needs, shall identify emerging trends and develop a strategic plan for addressing the most challenging issues the Agency anticipates Vermont will face within the next five to 10 years.

(b) The Agency of Human Services shall analyze and determine:

(1)(A) projected changes in the demographics of the State;

(B) increasing or emerging trends that affect or are likely to affect human services needs in the State, including social risks to be addressed; and

(C) anticipated demands on the budgets of the Agency and its departments;

(2) whether current targeted investments are successfully achieving their anticipated outcomes and, if not, why not;

(3) the appropriate programmatic, policy, and organizational reconfigurations necessary to achieve the Agency's strategic plan; and

(4) such other issues as the Agency determines are relevant to developing and achieving the Agency's strategic plan.

(c) The Agency may, within available resources, contract with an independent consultant to assist it in developing the strategic plan, analyses, and determinations required by this section.

(d)(1) On or before November 1, 2019, the Agency of Human Services shall provide a progress update on its strategic plan, analyses, and determinations to the Joint Fiscal Committee, the Health Reform Oversight Committee, the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee, and the Government Accountability Committee.

(2) On or before January 15, 2020, the Agency of Human Services shall provide its final strategic plan, analyses, and determinations, including any recommendations for legislative action, to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Corrections and Institutions, on Government Operations, on Health Care, on Human Services, and on Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Government Operations, on Health and Welfare, on Institutions, and on Judiciary.

Sec. E.300.9 REPORT TO THE JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE ON FISCAL
PRESSURES

(a) The Secretary of Human Services shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its November 2019 meeting on the following fiscal issues:

(1) the most current estimate of timing related to the 12 beds being developed for State priority use at the Brattleboro Retreat and the fiscal year

2020 and 2021 funding implications. The Secretary shall estimate the additional needs for State funds and sources to provide funding the Administration is considering in the fiscal year 2021 budget presentation to the Legislature;

(2) the impact of the change in of Federal Children's Health Insurance match (CHIP) match on the fiscal year 2021 budget and what steps may be recommended to offset the loss of funds; and

(3) any other fiscal pressures due to changes in federal funds or other program-related changes in costs or caseloads.

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

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in Sec. B.103 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 \$26,348,983 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

(1) \$23,295,650 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under the Global Commitment. This amount combined with \$27,204,350 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) \$3,053,333 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

(c) Up to \$15,400,000 is transferred from the AHS Federal Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund consistent with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301 – Secretary’s Office – global commitment of this act.

Sec. E.301.1 GLOBAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER;

REPORT

(a) In order to facilitate the end-of-year closeout for fiscal year 2020, the Secretary of Human Services, with approval from the Secretary of Administration, may make transfers among the appropriations authorized for

Medicaid and Medicaid-waiver program expenses, including Global Commitment appropriations outside the Agency of Human Services. At least three business days prior to any transfer, the Agency shall submit to the Joint Fiscal Office a proposal of transfers to be made pursuant to this section. A final report on all transfers made under this section shall be made to the Joint Fiscal Committee for review at the September 2020 meeting. The purpose of this section is to provide the Agency with limited authority to modify the appropriations to comply with the terms and conditions of the Global Commitment for Health waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

Sec. E.301.2 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
WORKFORCE

(a) The \$1,500,000 allocated to the Agency of Human Services for fiscal year 2019 pursuant to 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106.1(b)(1) shall be carried forward to fiscal year 2020 and be used for loan repayment and tuition assistance to promote the recruitment and retention of high-quality providers of mental health and substance use disorder treatment services in Vermont. The funds shall be made available to individuals employed by a designated or specialized service agency in Vermont based on a three-year contractual obligation to provide mental health services or substance

use disorder treatment services, or both, at a designated or specialized service agency in Vermont, for the following uses:

(1) loan repayment for master's-level clinicians, bachelor's-level direct-service staff, and nurses; and

(2) tuition assistance for individuals pursuing degrees to become master's-level clinicians, bachelor's-level direct-service staff, and nurses.

(b)(1) Loan repayment and tuition assistance funds shall be available to employees of designated and specialized service agencies as set forth in subsection (a) of this section for bachelor's- and master's-level degree programs offered through accredited institutions of higher education, including online programs.

(2) The Agency may contract with Area Health Education Centers or the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation or both to administer these programs.

(c) The fiscal year 2020 appropriation pursuant to 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106.1(b)(2) shall be reserved to be addressed in the fiscal year 2020 budget adjustment or fiscal year 2021 budget processes.

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 State and federal law and guidance. The Agency may use the emergency rules

process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 prior to June 30, 2020, but only in the event that new State or federal law or guidance require Vermont to amend or adopt its rules in a time frame that cannot be accomplished under the traditional rulemaking 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. chapter 19, subchapter 4 is added to read:

Subchapter 4. Coverage for Dental Services

§ 1991. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Dental hygienist” means an individual licensed to practice as a dental hygienist under 26 V.S.A. chapter 12.

(2) “Dental services” means preventive, diagnostic, or corrective procedures related to the teeth and associated structures of the oral cavity.

(3) “Dental therapist” means an individual licensed to practice as a dental therapist under 26 V.S.A. chapter 12.

(4) “Dentist” means an individual licensed to practice dentistry under 26 V.S.A. chapter 12.

§ 1992. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR ADULT DENTAL SERVICES

(a) Vermont Medicaid shall provide coverage for medically necessary dental services provided by a dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist working within the scope of the provider's license as follows:

(1) Up to two visits per calendar year for preventive services, including prophylaxis and fluoride treatment, with no co-payment. These services shall not be counted toward the annual maximum benefit amount set forth in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

(2) Diagnostic, restorative, and endodontic procedures, to a maximum of \$1,000.00 per calendar year, provided that the Department of Vermont Health Access may approve expenditures in excess of that amount when exceptional medical circumstances so require.

(3) Other dental services as determined by the Department by rule.

(b) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall develop a reimbursement structure for dental services in the Vermont Medicaid program that encourages dentists, dental therapists, and dental hygienists to provide preventive care.

Sec. E.306.2 AMENDMENT TO MEDICAID STATE PLAN

(a) If necessary, the Secretary of Human Services shall request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to

Vermont's Medicaid State Plan to include the expanded Medicaid dental benefits set forth in 33 V.S.A. § 1992.

Sec. E.306.3 DENTAL ACCESS AND REIMBURSEMENT WORKING
GROUP; REPORT

(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access, in consultation with the Board of Dental Examiners and the Vermont State Dental Society, shall convene a working group of interested stakeholders to:

(1) evaluate current Medicaid reimbursement rates to dentists, dental therapists, and other providers of dental services and determine the amount of fiscally responsible increases to the rates for specific services that would be needed in order to attract additional providers to participate in the Vermont Medicaid program;

(2) determine the feasibility of and costs associated with establishing a State dental assistance program to provide access to affordable dental services for Vermont residents who have lower income and are enrolled in Medicare;

and

(3) explore opportunities to further expand access to dental care in Vermont, including:

(A) examining the potential to reimburse dentists, dental therapists, and dental hygienists for teledentistry services; and

(B) exploring the possible integration of dental services into the scope of services provided through accountable care organizations.

(b)(1) On or before November 1, 2019, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare the working group's findings and recommendations regarding the feasibility and costs of creating a dental assistance program for Medicare beneficiaries as described in subdivision (a)(2) of this section and on opportunities to further expand access to dental care as described in subdivision (a)(3) of this section. The report shall also include the amount of funding that would be needed to achieve the reimbursement rates determined by the working group pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) of this section.

(2) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall report on the amount of funding necessary to achieve the reimbursement rates determined by the working group pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) of this section as part of the Department's fiscal year 2021 budget presentation.

Sec. E.308 LONG TERM CARE APPROPRIATION; TRANSFER

(a) In fiscal year 2020, the Administration is authorized to transfer the appropriation in Sec. B.308 of this act from the Department of Vermont Health Access to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living. This change shall be reflected in future budget recommendations.

(b) The Secretary of Human Services shall review and assess the appropriation structure for funding licensed residential care facilities and make recommendations in the Agency's fiscal year 2021 budget proposal.

Sec. E.308.1 PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE RESET

(a) The amount of the State supplement for Medicaid beneficiaries who reside in a nursing home and receive Supplemental Security Income shall increase by \$25 per person per month on January 1, 2020.

Sec. E.312 Health – public health

(a) AIDS/HIV funding:

(1) In fiscal year 2020 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 2020, 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 2020, 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 2020. Grant reporting shall include outcomes and results.

Sec. E.312.1 REPORT; PROMOTION OF IMMUNIZATION

(a) On or before July 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Health shall submit a report to the House Committee on Health Care and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare summarizing the Department's efforts to promote immunization in Vermont in accordance with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendations. The report shall specifically address:

(1) existing efforts by the Department to promote immunization in Vermont, as well as the funding source and annual funding amount used for each effort;

(2) the availability of additional federal funds to enhance Vermont's efforts to promote immunizations; and

(3) the number of individuals under 18 years of age, between 2015 and 2018, who were granted exemptions from immunizations, and the type of exemptions granted.

Sec. E.312.2 DISTRIBUTION OF FENTANYL TESTING STRIPS

(a) The Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs shall allocate \$50,000 of special funds appropriated in fiscal year 2020 for the distribution of fentanyl testing strips through active syringe service programs in the State. Priority should be given to syringe service programs that do not currently distribute testing strips to areas of the State with the highest overdose death rates and highest percentage of fentanyl involvement, and to pregnant and parenting women. The amount expended shall not exceed available funds. The Department shall establish participation requirements for the syringe service programs receiving strips under this pilot.

Sec. E.313 33 V.S.A. § 2004 is amended to read:

§ 2004. MANUFACTURER FEE

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(b) Fees collected under this section shall fund collection and analysis of information on pharmaceutical marketing activities under 18 V.S.A. §§ 4632 and 4633; analysis of prescription drug data needed by the Office of the Attorney General for enforcement activities; the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System established in 18 V.S.A. chapter 84A; the evidence-based education program established in 18 V.S.A. chapter 91, subchapter 2; statewide unused prescription drug disposal initiatives; prevention of prescription drug misuse, abuse, and diversion; the Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council established in 18 V.S.A. § 4803; treatment of substance use disorder; exploration of nonpharmacological approaches to pain management; a hospital antimicrobial program for the purpose of reducing hospital-acquired infections; the purchase and distribution of fentanyl testing strips; the purchase and distribution of naloxone to emergency medical services personnel; and any opioid-antagonist education, training, and distribution program operated by the Department of Health or its agents. The fees shall be collected in the Evidence-Based Education and Advertising Fund established in section 2004a of this title.

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Sec. E.313.1 33 V.S.A. § 2004a is amended to read:

§ 2004a. EVIDENCE-BASED EDUCATION AND ADVERTISING FUND

(a) The Evidence-Based Education and Advertising Fund is established in the State Treasury as a special fund to be a source of financing for activities relating to fund collection and analysis of information on pharmaceutical marketing activities under 18 V.S.A. §§ 4632 and 4633; for analysis of prescription drug data needed by the Office of the Attorney General for enforcement activities; for the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System established in 18 V.S.A. chapter 84A; for the evidence-based education program established in 18 V.S.A. chapter 91, subchapter 2; for statewide unused prescription drug disposal initiatives; for the prevention of prescription drug misuse, abuse, and diversion; for the Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council established in 18 V.S.A. § 4803; for treatment of substance use disorder; for exploration of nonpharmacological approaches to pain management; for a hospital antimicrobial program for the purpose of reducing hospital-acquired infections; for the purchase and distribution of fentanyl testing strips; for the purchase and distribution of naloxone to emergency medical services personnel; and for the support of any opioid-antagonist education, training, and distribution program operated by the Department of Health or its agents. Monies deposited into the Fund shall be used for the purposes described in this section.

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Sec. E.314 MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

(a) \$1,560,800 of the funds provided to the Department of Mental Health shall be utilized to create up to 12 supported housing arrangements for Community Rehabilitation and Treatment (CRT) individuals whose acuity and particular needs have been prohibitive to community reentry. The intent of this funding is reduced inpatient use by individuals who have limited discharge options.

(b) A total of \$5,202,688 is provided to increase rates and payments to the Designated Agencies and other specialized service providers for mental health and developmental disability services and is intended to be allocated proportionally to the Departments of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living. The \$2,601,344 provided to the Department of Mental Health for this purpose includes Designated Agencies and specialized service agencies.

Sec. E.314.1 SUCCESS BEYOND SIX; REVIEW

(a) The Success Beyond Six program is based on agreements between the Designated Agencies and local schools, supervisory unions, or districts. The Agency of Human Services does not play a role in funding decisions, however the overall program spending is part of the Medicaid program and impacts overall Medicaid spending and the budget neutrality cap.

(b) Given the limited room in the Global Commitment Medicaid budget neutrality cap, the Agency of Human Services (AHS), the Agency of Education (AOE), and Department of Mental Health (DMH) shall assess and determine how to evaluate Success Beyond Six program spending against other competing priorities in the Medicaid program.

(c) AHS, AOE, and DMH shall report to the General Assembly on Success Beyond Six evaluation and oversight not later than January 15, 2020. The report shall include:

(1) an inventory of existing methods for providing school-based mental health services;

(2) analysis of the trend in school-based mental health programming that is funded through the Success Beyond Six program fiscal mechanism;

(3) evaluation of the program attributes;

(4) determination, in partnership with the Designated Agencies, of metrics for evaluating program outcomes; and

(5) a proposal for how AHS, AOE, and DMH should participate in Success Beyond Six spending decisions.

Sec. E.316 REPORT ON ECONOMIC SERVICES DIVISION; SERVICE
DELIVERY INNOVATION PILOTS

(a) On or before January 15, 2020, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall submit a report to the House Committee on Human Services and

to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare summarizing any economic service delivery pilot programs implemented as a result of authority granted by 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. E.316. The report shall summarize the components of the pilot including any rules that were temporarily waived during the pilot and any recommendations resulting from the pilot.

Sec. E.316.1 [Deleted.]

Sec. E.317 [Deleted.]

Sec. E.318 33 V.S.A. § 3512 is amended to read:

§ 3512. CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

ELIGIBILITY

(a)(1) The Child Care Financial Assistance Program is established to subsidize, to the extent that funds permit, the costs of child care for families that need child care services in order to obtain employment, to retain employment, or to obtain training leading to employment. Families seeking employment shall ~~not~~ be entitled to participate in the Program for ~~a period in excess of one month, unless that period is extended by~~ up to three months and the Commissioner may further extend that period.

(2) The subsidy authorized by this subsection shall be on a sliding scale basis. The scale shall be established by the Commissioner, by rule, and shall bear a reasonable relationship to income and family size. The lower limit of

the fee scale shall include families whose gross income is up to and including 100 percent of the current federal poverty guidelines. The upper income limit of the fee scale shall be neither less than 200 percent of the current federal poverty guidelines nor more than 100 percent of the State median income, adjusted for the size of the family. The scale shall be structured so that it encourages employment. If the federal poverty guidelines decrease in a given year, the Division shall maintain the previous year's federal poverty guidelines for the purpose of determining eligibility and benefit amount under this subsection.

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(4) After September 30, 2021, a regulated center-based child care program or family child care home as defined by the Department in rule shall not receive funds pursuant to this subsection that are in excess of the usual and customary rate for services at the center-based child care program or family child care home.

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Sec. E.318.1 CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(a) In fiscal year 2020 the Department for Children and Families' Child Development Division shall adjust the sliding fee scale and reimbursement rates as follows:

(1) to ensure that families whose gross income is up to 100 percent of the current federal poverty guidelines receive 100 percent of the available benefit and that families whose gross income is between 100 and 300 percent of the current federal poverty guidelines receive between 99 and 10 percent of the available financial assistance benefit, scaling between set eligibility levels as follows:

(A) 95 percent of the available financial assistance benefit for families at 125 percent of the current federal poverty guidelines;

(B) 75 percent of the available financial assistance benefit for families at 150 percent of the current federal poverty guidelines;

(C) 50 percent of the available financial assistance benefit for families at 200 percent of the current federal poverty guidelines; and

(D) 10 percent of the available financial assistance benefit for families at 300 percent of the current federal poverty guidelines; and

(2) align rates of reimbursement for preschool and school age children participating in the Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP) in fiscal year 2020 with the market rates reported on the 2014 Vermont Market Rate Survey and maintain rates of reimbursement for infants and toddlers participating in CCFAP in fiscal year 2020 aligned with the market rates reported on the 2017 Vermont Market Rate Survey.

Sec. E.318.2 EARLY CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
CESSATION

(a) The Early Care and Child Development Grant Program shall cease operation on June 30, 2019.

Sec. E.318.3 CHILD CARE PROVIDER STABILIZATION GRANTS

(a) Of the funds provided in fiscal year 2020 in Sec. B.318, \$1,000,000 is allocated for the dual purposes of:

(1) enhancing supports to child care and early learning programs that maintain the enrollment of children receiving support through the Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP) at a level of at least 50 percent of total enrollment; and

(2) expanding infant and toddler child care capacity.

(b) The Division shall award grants to eligible applicants. An eligible applicant shall:

(1) be a new or existing regulated, privately operated center-based child care program or family child care home in good regulatory standing;

(2) participate in CCFAP;

(3) provide year-round, full-day child care and early learning services;

(4) provide child care and early learning services for infants and toddlers; and

(5) participate in the SStep Ahead Recognition System (STARS).

(c) Center-based child care programs or family child care homes receiving a grant pursuant to this section shall remain in compliance with the Division's rules, continue participation in STARS, and maintain enrollment of children supported by CCFAP.

Sec. E.318.4 BRIGHT FUTURES INFORMATION SYSTEM;

MODERNIZATION PLAN

(a) The \$1,000,000 one-time funding provided in Sec. C100(a)(17) of this act is for the purpose of developing and implementing a modernization plan for the Bright Futures Information System; of which \$100,000 shall be designated for developing the modernization plan and the remainder shall be designated for implementing the plan.

(b) On or before December 1, 2019, the Commissioner shall submit a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare providing:

(1) an initial project plan and timeline;

(2) a fiscal analysis of the plan; and

(3) the project team tasked with overseeing the project's implementation.

Sec. E.318.5 CHILD CARE WORKFORCE; GRANTS INCENTIVIZING
PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT AND CONTINUING
EDUCATION

(a)(1) The \$300,000 of funding provided in Sec. C.100(a)(18)(B) is to fund incentive grants for eligible individuals employed in a regulated privately operated center-based child care program or family child care home. The incentive grants shall be used to either foster job retention through hiring or retention bonuses or fund tuition assistance for continuing education. The program shall provide grants for tuition assistance, hiring or retention awards for eligible individuals employed in regulated, privately operated center-based child care programs and family child care homes.

(2) An eligible individual shall:

(A) commit to three years of employment in a privately operated center-based child care program or family child care home that is regulated by the Division for at least an average of 30 hours per week for 48 weeks of the year;

(B) receive an annual salary of not more than \$40,000; and

(C) have previously completed, or be enrolled in, courses leading to credits in early childhood development or that are related directly to working with children birth through eight years of age.

(b)(1) The Division shall administer the incentive grants set forth in this section or contract for their administration. It shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

(2) Incentive grants shall be available pursuant to this section on a first-come, first-served basis until appropriated funds are depleted.

Sec. E.318.6 TECHNICAL CENTER; CHILD DEVELOPMENT

ASSOCIATE CREDENTIAL

(a) The \$300,000 of funding provided in Sec. C. 100(a)(18)(A) is to facilitate the implementation of the Council for Professional Regulation's Child Development Associate Credential curriculum in technical centers throughout the State.

(b) Any funds unused in subsection (a) of this section shall be reserved to fund stipends or paid internship opportunities for students who have completed, or are in the process of completing, the Child Development Associate Credential at a Vermont technical center or for the Division to develop a paid internship program for such students or both.

Sec. E.318.7 REPORT; EVALUATION OF EXPENDITURES AND

PROGRAMS

(a) On or before January 1, 2024, the Commissioner for Children and Families, in consultation with stakeholders, shall submit a report to the House

Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare:

(1) evaluating the effectiveness of the expenditures resulting from the Child Care Financial Assistance Program rate and subsidy changes enacted for fiscal year 2020 as set forth in Sec. E.318.1 of this act, the incentive grants set forth in Sec. E.318.5 of this act, and the stipend or paid internship opportunities for individuals completing the Child Development Associate Credential at a Vermont technical center set forth in Sec. E.318.6 of this act;

(2) making recommendations as to whether the programs and expenditures set forth in Secs. E.318.1, E.318.5, and E.318.6 should continue; and

(3) evaluating how the programs and expenditures set forth in Secs. E.318.1, E.318.5, and E.318.6 contribute to Vermont's children and young people reaching their potential pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 2311.

Sec. E.318.8 EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENTIAL VARIANCE

(a) For individuals operating or employed in a registered family child care home or as a director or teacher associate in a center-based program for 10 or more years prior to September 1, 2016, the Commissioner for Children and Families or designee may issue a variance to the Child Development Division's rule regarding educational and experiential requirements to allow an individual to maintain employment in that same role regardless of whether the

family child care provider, family child care assistant, director, or teacher associate intends to attain the otherwise necessary educational requirements. To be eligible for a variance, the family child care provider, family child care assistant, director, or teacher associate shall:

(1) work continuously in a regulated program with a full license in good standing; and

(2) meet the Division's educational and experiential requirements in place prior to the adoption of the new rule, which was effective beginning on September 1, 2016.

(b) The Commissioner or designee shall review any violation occurring in a regulated program where a family child care provider, family child care assistant, director, or teacher associate is under variance and may revoke the variance granted by this section depending upon the seriousness and circumstances of the violation.

(c) Any variance granted under this section shall be terminated on July 1, 2024, and extensions shall not be granted beyond that date.

Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING

(a) Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in the General Assistance program in fiscal year 2020 may be used for temporary housing in catastrophic situations and for vulnerable populations, as defined in rules adopted by the Agency. The Commissioner for Children and Families may, by

policy, provide temporary housing for a limited duration in adverse weather conditions when appropriate shelter space is not available.

Sec. E.321.1 HOUSING ASSISTANCE BENEFITS; FLEXIBILITY

PROGRAM; COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES

TO GENERAL ASSISTANCE TEMPORARY HOUSING

(a) For fiscal year 2020, 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

shall 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.323 REACH UP CASE MANAGEMENT REVIEW AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(a) On or before October 2019, the Secretary of Human Services shall report to Joint Legislative Child Protection Oversight Committee and make recommendations on how Reach Up Case Management services can be more effectively directed to strengthen families and promote parental responsibilities. This report shall:

(1) outline the current components of the statutorily required

Individualized Family Development Plan;

(2) identify what modifications are required to ensure a comprehensive assessment of the family's strengths and service needs is completed so that the family's individualized plan adequately addresses the nurturing and care of the children;

(3) review how families at risk of involvement in the child welfare system are identified and protocols for providing the preventive and upstream services to so that children can remain safely at home; and

(4) examine current practices of serving Reach Up families such as home visiting and referrals to enhance parental care and family stability.

(b) It is legislative intent that, within the Department for Children and Families, Reach Up case management engage with community-based service providers, including parent child centers, in a manner consistent with the principles referenced in 1994 Acts and Resolves No. 106.

Sec. E.323.1 33 V.S.A. § 1103 is amended to read:

§ 1103. ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFIT LEVELS

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(c) The Commissioner shall adopt rules for the determination of eligibility for the Reach Up program and benefit levels for all participating families that include the following provisions:

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(9) The amount of ~~\$115.00~~ \$77.00 of the Supplemental Security Income payment received by a parent excluding payments received on behalf of a child shall count toward the determination of the amount of the family's financial assistance grant.

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Sec. E.323.2 33 V.S.A. § 1101 is amended to read:

§ 1101. DEFINITIONS

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(15) "Parent" means ~~a biological parent, stepparent, adoptive parent, or pregnant individual;~~

(A) the same as in 15C V.S.A. § 102(16);

(B) stepparents; and

(C) pregnant individuals.

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Sec. E.323.3 VACANT REACH UP CASE MANAGER POSITIONS

(a) In the event that any Reach Up Case Manager positions are vacant at the start of fiscal year 2020 or become vacant during fiscal year 2020, up to two of them may be transferred from the Economic Services Division, along with the funds budgeted to support them, to the Family Services Division and reclassified as determined by the Family Services Division.

Sec. E.324 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.326.1 [Deleted.]

Sec. E.326.2 33 V.S.A. § 2502 is amended to read:

§ 2502. HOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(a) The Director of the State Office of Economic Opportunity shall administer the Home Weatherization Assistance Program under such rules, regulations, funding, and funding requirements as may be imposed by federal law.

(b) In addition, the Director shall supplement, or supplant, any federal program with the State Home Weatherization Assistance Program.

(1) The State program shall provide an enhanced weatherization assistance amount exceeding the federal per unit limit allowing amounts up to an average of ~~\$8,000.00~~ \$8,500.00 per unit allocated on a cost-effective basis. The allowable average per unit may be adjusted to account for the lower cost per unit of multifamily buildings. In units where costs exceed the allowable average by more than 25 percent, prior approval of the Director of the State Economic Opportunity Office shall be required before work commences. This amount shall be adjusted annually by increasing the last year's amount by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for the previous year.

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Sec. E.327 WOODSIDE JUVENILE REHABILITATION CENTER;

REPORT

(a) The Secretary of Human Services shall develop an alternative proposal for long-term secure beds for delinquent youth. The proposal shall take into account the report required pursuant to 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 201, Sec. 12 and how therapeutic needs can be met.

(b) On or before January 15, 2020, the Secretary of Human Services shall submit a copy of the proposal to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Corrections and Institutions, on Human Services, and on Judiciary, and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, on Institutions, and on Judiciary.

Sec. E.329 TRANSFER OF NURSING HOME LICENSED BEDS;

REVIEW PROCESS

(a) The Secretary of Human Services shall develop a process for reviewing and approving the transfer of licensed beds from one nursing home to another nursing home, provided the transfer does not result in an increase in the total number of licensed nursing home beds in the State.

Sec. E.329.1 18 V.S.A. § 9434 is amended to read:

§ 9434. CERTIFICATE OF NEED; GENERAL RULES

(a) A health care facility other than a hospital shall not develop or have developed on its behalf a new health care project without issuance of a

certificate of need by the Board. For purposes of this subsection, a “new health care project” includes the following:

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(2)(A) A change from one licensing period to the next in the number of licensed beds of a health care facility through addition or conversion, or through relocation from one physical facility or site to another.

(B) Notwithstanding subdivision (A) of this subdivision (2), the transfer of licensed beds from one nursing home to another nursing home shall not be considered a new health care project for purposes of this subchapter if the transfer would not result in an increase in the total number of licensed nursing home beds in this State.

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Sec. E.329.2 18 V.S.A. § 9434 is amended to read:

§ 9434. CERTIFICATE OF NEED; GENERAL RULES

(a) A health care facility other than a hospital shall not develop or have developed on its behalf a new health care project without issuance of a certificate of need by the Board. For purposes of this subsection, a “new health care project” includes the following:

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~~(2)(A)~~ A change from one licensing period to the next in the number of licensed beds of a health care facility through addition or conversion, or through relocation from one physical facility or site to another.

~~(B) Notwithstanding subdivision (A) of this subdivision (2), the transfer of licensed beds from one nursing home to another nursing home shall not be considered a new health care project for purposes of this subchapter if the transfer would not result in an increase in the total number of licensed nursing home beds in this State.~~

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Sec. E.333 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICE PAYMENT
REFORM UPDATE

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall submit an update to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare Committee on the progress made on developmental disability service delivery and payment reform model on or before January 15, 2020. The update shall provide information on the decisions made to date on the proposed model for developmental disabilities payment and service delivery reform and shall include information on:

(1) anticipated costs to both providers and the State of any potential changes and any identified funding strategies;

- (2) the plan to use a standardized assessment tool;
- (3) how the proposed model addresses individualized services and community inclusion;
- (4) stakeholder engagement, including how their feedback was incorporated into the plan;
- (5) a description of how the model works in relation to payment and sustainability of the system and its workforce;
- (6) how the model covers the costs of high-needs individuals;
- (7) the continuation of person-centered care planning and services;
- (8) maintaining choice of provider, service management, and service options; and
- (9) how it will hold providers accountable for service expenditures and individual recipient outcomes.

Sec. E.333.1 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FUNDING

ALLOCATION

(a) A total of \$5,202,688 is provided to increase rates and payments to the Designated Agencies and other specialized service providers for mental health and developmental disability services and is intended to be allocated proportionally to the Departments of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living. \$2,601,344 provided to the Department of

Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living for this purpose includes the specialized service agencies.

Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER; REPORT

(a) In fiscal year 2020, the Secretary of Administration may, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Human Services, transfer unexpended funds between the respective appropriations for correctional services and for correctional services out-of-state beds. 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 scheduled meeting.

Sec. E.335.1 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT ALLOCATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Department of Corrections shall redirect any budgetary savings in contracted services or caseload reductions in any area of corrections services and out-of-state bed need to the following justice reinvestment priorities:

(1) court diversion, community justice programs, and nonincarcerative treatment options for those suffering from either mental health or addiction problems;

(2) community organizations that develop transitional or long-term housing for offenders reentering the community; and

(3) programs operated by the Department or partner organizations serving reentering offenders regarding employment, reliable transportation, education or vocational training, substance use disorder recovery, peer support, and housing.

Sec. E.335.2 COMMUNITY WORK CREW PROGRAM RESTRUCTURE

(a) On or before October 15, 2019, the Department of Corrections shall report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee regarding whether the Department should contract with local community justice programs to oversee the work crew sentence requirements of any individual with work crew obligations under the Department's supervision. The report shall consider the cost and public safety implications, as well as any anticipated effect on recidivism rates, of any such contractual approach to work crew supervision.

Sec. E.338 Corrections - correctional services

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the special funds appropriation of \$152,000 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 [Deleted.]

Sec. E.338.2 28 V.S.A. § 801b is amended to read:

§ 801b. MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT IN CORRECTIONAL
FACILITIES

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(e) ~~Any counseling~~ Counseling or behavioral therapies shall be provided in conjunction with the use of medication for medication-assisted treatment shall be medically necessary, as provided for in the Department of Health’s “Rule Governing Medication-Assisted Therapy for Opioid Dependence for: (1) Office-Based Opioid Treatment Providers Prescribing Buprenorphine; and (2) Opioid Treatment Providers.”

Sec. E.338.3 CORRECTIONS HEALTH CARE; REPORT

(a) On or before November 15, 2019, the Department of Corrections shall provide an interim report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee regarding the Department’s Peer Review of the medication-assisted treatment policy, procedure, and clinical guidelines.

Sec. E.338.4 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 131, Sec. 135, as amended by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 71 and 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. E.338.2 and 2018 Acts and Resolves No.87, Sec. 51, is further amended to read:

Sec. 135. ~~EFFECTIVE DATES~~

~~This act shall take effect on passage, except that Secs. 118a and 118b (amending 18 V.S.A. § 4808 and adding 18 V.S.A. § 4809) shall take effect on July 1, 2021. [Repealed.]~~

Sec. E.342 20 V.S.A. § 1716 is amended to read:

§ 1716. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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(11) ~~Report annually on or before July 1 to the Secretary of Administration and the Senate Committee on Appropriations on the number of employees who work at the Vermont Veterans' Home for 16 hours or fewer per week. [Repealed.]~~

Sec. E.342.1 VERMONT VETERANS' HOME SAFETY AND ACCESS
CONTROL UPGRADES

(a) The Vermont Veterans' Home is authorized to use \$918,750 as 35 percent State match for its VA grant to address safety and access control. An additional \$140,049 shall be reserved for further use with the approval of the General Assembly.

Sec. E.342.2 VERMONT VETERANS' HOME; PHARMACY SAVINGS

(a) The Administrator of the Vermont Veterans' Home shall coordinate with the staff of Vermont's U.S. Senate delegation who have expertise relevant to the prescription drug supply system of the U.S. Veterans' Administration (VA). The Administrator shall determine the feasibility of reducing the cost of prescription medications provided by the VA and report findings, recommendations, and actions to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on or before January 15, 2020. A guiding principle when

developing recommendations shall be patient safety and the reduction of medication error rates.

* * * LABOR * * *

Sec. E.400 LABOR PROGRAMS

(a) \$1,335,900 of the General Funds appropriated in Sec. B.400 of this act are workforce education and training funds formerly allocated through the Next Generation Fund. Up to 10 percent of these funds may be allocated for administration and the remaining funds are allocated in fiscal year 2020 as follows:

(1) \$350,000 for infrastructure and grants for internships through the Vermont Internship Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 544.

(2) \$400,000 for Adult Career Technical Education Programs for the purpose of awarding grants to regional technical centers and high schools to provide adult career technical education as the term is defined in 16 V.S.A. § 1522. Each of the seventeen (17) regional Career Technical Education (CTE) Centers that provides Adult CTE programs shall be awarded a base grant of \$20,000. These grants may be used to support adult program staff or instructor salaries, scholarships for eligible adult CTE students, or curriculum development for adult CTE courses. The remaining \$60,000 is to support the coordination and organization of the State's regional adult career technical education programs.

(3) \$100,000 to support the Vermont Returnship Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 545. The Department of Labor may award a performance grant to assist in the coordination, outreach, and implementation of the Program.

(4) \$75,000 to support workforce education and training activities for Vermont inmates in the State's correctional facilities that are consistent with their reentry plan. The Department may fund these activities in coordination with the Department of Corrections, a local restorative justice center, a regional Career Technical Education Center, or other qualified training provider. Training opportunities funded with this allocation will be aligned with an identified employment need, and when possible, should result in an industry-recognized credential.

(5) \$277,310 to support of demand-driven trainings or programs aimed at meeting employment needs throughout the State. High-priority sectors include health care, construction, manufacturing, transportation, hospitality, and business services. Grants may be awarded to training providers, businesses, or service providers who help out-of-school youth, veterans, dislocated workers, mature workers, individuals in recovery, or geographically isolated job seekers to overcome barriers to employment.

Sec. E.400.1 VERMONT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

(a) On or before September 1, 2019, the Department of Labor shall design and begin implementation of the Vermont Youth Employment Program, the

purpose of which shall be to provide paid work experiences and paid or unpaid internships for Vermont youth with individualized preemployment, academic, occupational, and technical skill development supports available as needed. In coordination with existing federal youth education, training, and employment programs, the Vermont Youth Employment Program shall include:

(1) a summer youth employment program for individuals 15–24 years of age; and

(2) a nonseasonal youth employment program for out-of-school youth as defined in 20 CRF § 681.210 or individuals 18-24 years of age who are not pursuing a post-secondary degree or credential.

(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 approximately 150 individual Vermonters annually, and it shall be designed to support opportunities that are easily replicable throughout the State if the program is expanded in future years.

(d) Of the General Funds appropriated to the Department of Labor, \$150,000 is allocated to support the program and may be used for program administration, wages for non-WIOA eligible youth, academic or skill

instruction, participant transportation, or other non-federally fundable expenses.

(e) The Department shall collect the following information and make it available to the General Assembly upon request:

(1) the number of youth enrolled and that have completed the program;

(2) the age and town of residence of youth at the time of enrollment;

(3) the number and types of certificates or credentials granted to participants;

(4) employment or post-secondary enrollment outcomes of participants in the second and fourth quarter of the year after enrollment;

(5) the total allocation of funding from federal, State, private, and philanthropic sources that is used to support the program; and

(6) any identified barriers that impede the success of the program either at the program or individual participant level.

* * * K-12 EDUCATION * * *

Sec. E.500 32 V.S.A. § 6075a is amended to read:

§ 6075a. ~~EDUCATION FINANCIAL SYSTEMS FUND~~

~~There is created a special fund to be called the "Education Financial Systems Fund." The purpose of the Fund is to provide for implementation of a uniform chart of accounts by the Agency of Education as provided in 2014~~

~~Acts and Resolves No. 179, Secs. E.500.2 and E.500.3, and Sec. E.500.1 as amended by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.500.1. [Repealed.]~~

Sec. E.500.1 16 V.S.A. § 4025 is amended to read:

§ 4025. EDUCATION FUND

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(b) Monies in the Education Fund may be used for the following:

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(5) To make payments for contracted services to support statewide administrative education systems, including the costs of the statewide school finance and financial management data system to complete the reporting required by subdivision 242(4) of this title and pursuant to 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. E.500.1.

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Sec. E.500.2 EDUCATION FINANCIAL SYSTEMS FUND BALANCE
TRANSFER

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on July 1, 2019, any unencumbered balance in the Education Financial Systems Fund, established by 32 V.S.A. § 6075a, fund number 21244, shall be transferred to the Education Fund.

Sec. E.500.3 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.500.4 EDUCATION FINANCIAL SYSTEMS FUND BALANCE
TRANSFER USE

(a) \$600,000 of the unencumbered balance transferred to the Education Fund from the Education Financial Systems Fund by Sec. E.500.2 of this act shall be used for additional support to provide contractor assistance and on-site trainings.

Sec. E.500.5 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 11 (Sp. Sess.), Sec. E.500.1 is amended to read:

Sec. E.500.1 ~~UNIFORM CHART OF ACCOUNTS~~ SCHOOL FINANCE
AND FINANCIAL DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

(a) Not later than July 1, ~~2020~~ 2022, all Vermont supervisory unions, supervisory districts, school districts, and independent tech center districts shall utilize the same school finance and financial data management system. The system shall be selected by the Agency of Education per State procurement guidelines.

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~~(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, supervisory unions with districts that are merging into a new governance structure as of July 1, 2018 and that have executed a contract on or before May 1, 2018 to acquire a new school finance and financial data system other than the management system selected by the Agency of Education to serve the merged system may delay adoption of the system selected by the Agency until July 1, 2021. [Repealed.]~~

~~(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a supervisory union or a supervisory district that entered into a contract for a school finance and financial data management system on or after July 1, 2017, may delay adoption of the system selected by the Agency until July 1, 2021 or upon expiration of the current contract, whichever is earlier. [Repealed.]~~

Sec. E.501 Education – education services

(a) \$75,000 of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.501 of this act shall increase State match payments to schools participating in the national school lunch program to increase the purchase of locally produced foods.

Sec. E.501.1 BUILDING SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS FOR
STUDENTS

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$60,000 from the General Fund to the Agency of Education shall be used for a pass-through grant to

Outright Vermont to provide funding for training and support of building safe, supportive, and healthy environments for all students.

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 \$3,764,490 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2020 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).

Sec. E.502.1 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 173, Sec. 16 is amended to read:

Sec. 16. RULEMAKING

The Agency of Education shall recommend to the State Board proposed rules that are necessary to implement this act and, on or before ~~November~~ August 1, 2019 2020, the State Board of Education shall ~~adopt~~ initiate rules that are necessary to implement this act. The State Board and the Agency of Education shall consult with the Census-based Funding Advisory Group established under Sec. 9 of this act in developing the State Board rules. The State Board rules shall include rules that establish processes for reporting, monitoring, and evaluation designed to ensure:

(1) the achievement of the goal under this act of enhancing the effectiveness, availability, and equity of services provided to all students who require additional support in Vermont’s school districts; and

(2) that supervisory unions are complying with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. chapter 33.

Sec. E.502.2 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 173, Sec. 23 is amended to read:

Sec. 23. EFFECTIVE DATES

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(b) Sec. 5 (16 V.S.A. chapter 101) shall take effect on July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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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.

(b) Education services provided to long-term residents at Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center shall be eligible for reimbursement.

Sec. E.504.1 [Deleted.]

Sec. E.504.2 Education – flexible pathways

(a) Of this appropriation, \$3,026,500 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) \$850,000 is available for dual enrollment programs and the amount of \$42,500 is available for need-based stipends pursuant to Sec. E.605.2(a) 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 \$2,148,000 for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 946.

(b) Of this appropriation, \$850,000 from general funds is available for dual enrollment programs and the amount of \$42,500 from the General Fund is available for need-based stipends pursuant to Sec. E.605.2(a) of this act.

Sec. E.505 INTERSTATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$25,000 of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.505 of this act shall be granted to the Stamford school district for continued study of the formation of an interstate school district that would combine the Stamford school district with the Clarksburg, Massachusetts school district.

Sec. E.507 SMALL SCHOOLS GRANTS; PRESERVING ELIGIBILITY;

PROHIBITING DUPLICATE GRANTS

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 16 V.S.A. § 4015 to the contrary, a district shall be eligible for a small schools grant under that section if:

(1) two or more school districts voluntarily merged to form a unified union school district that will become operational on July 1, 2019;

(2) one or more of these merging school districts was an “eligible school district” as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 4015, as in effect on June 30, 2019, that received a small schools support grant under that section in fiscal year 2019;
and

(3) the unified union school district is not eligible for incentives under 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 153, 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 156, or 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, each as amended.

(b) In determining whether a school district is an eligible school district under 16 V.S.A. § 4015(a)(1)(B)(ii)(III), under which the State Board considers a school’s student-to-staff ratio in assessing its operational efficiency, the State Board shall not count a person who works in a school as a member of that school’s staff if:

(1) the person is employed by the supervisory union for the school district or by another member school district;

(2) the member school districts of the supervisory union have a reciprocity agreement under which they allow resident students of one member school district to attend a school in another member school district;

(3) a student who is a resident of a member school district attends the school in another member school district under the reciprocity agreement for the purpose of receiving special education services; and

(4) the person is working in the school in the other member school district to support the student receiving special education services.

(c) A union school district that receives a merger support grant pursuant to 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 153, 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 156, or 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 46, each as amended, shall not be eligible also to receive a small schools grant under this section; provided, however, that if a union school district that received a merger support grant is enlarged to include a district that received a small school grant in fiscal year 2019 (the “new member”) and the operational date of the union district as enlarged by the new member is July 1, 2019, then the union school district may apply for a small school grant pursuant to the provisions of 16 V.S.A. § 4015 in connection with any school located within the new member.

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 \$126,197,389 of which \$120,247,389 shall be the State’s contribution and \$5,950,000 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, \$7,116,765 is the “normal contribution,” and \$119,080,624 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), \$31,067,652 will be contributed to the Retired Teachers’ Health and Medical Benefits Fund.

Sec. E.515.1 PREFUNDING OF THE RETIRED TEACHERS’ HEALTH
CARE AND MEDICAL BENEFITS FUND

(a) Of the amount appropriated in Sec. B.515 of this act, \$2,400,000 is intended to prefund the Retired Teachers’ Health and Medical Benefits Fund at the earliest possible date.

* * * 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 shall 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.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.

Sec. E.602.1 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES TUITION

(a) Of the amount appropriated in Sec. B.602 of this act, \$2,500,000 is intended to mitigate tuition increases for one year.

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.603.1 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND VERMONT STATE
COLLEGES SYSTEM EFFICIENCIES AND IMPROVED
RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

(a) The University of Vermont (UVM) and the Vermont State Colleges System (VSCS) shall:

(1) collaborate to identify cost efficiencies that would benefit both institutions. Such efficiencies may include costs related to employee health care benefits, purchasing, and the processing of accounts payable, accounts receivable, and payroll; and

(2) collaborate to implement strategies to increase retention and graduation rates at the University of Vermont and each of the colleges in the VSCS.

(b) UVM and the VSCS shall submit an interim report to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations and the Senate and House Committees on Education on or before October 15, 2019. This report shall include:

(1) preliminary recommendations for efficiencies that should be pursued;

(2) the estimated amount of annual savings;

(3) any one-time funds needed to implement the efficiencies;

(4) any further efficiencies that should be explored; and

(5) preliminary recommendations regarding strategies to increase retention and graduation rates.

(c) If the interim report is not submitted or when submitted does not include any recommendations pursuant to subdivisions (b)(1) and (b)(5) of this section, a new working group shall immediately be created as defined in Sec. E.603.2 of this act.

Sec. E.603.2 UVM AND VSCS EFFICIENCIES AND IMPROVED
RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES
WORKING GROUP

(a) In the event that the provisions of Sec. E.603.1 of this act do not occur there shall be established a UVM and VSCS Efficiencies and Improved Retention and Graduation Rates Working Group as follows:

(b) Membership. The Working Group shall consist of seven members as follows:

(1) two members of the Senate, one each from the Committees on Appropriations and Education, appointed by the Committee on Committees;

(2) two members of the House, one each from the Committees on Appropriations and Education, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Commissioner of Finance and Management or designee;

(4) one person representing the University of Vermont, selected by the President of the University; and

(5) one person representing the Vermont State Colleges System, selected by the Chancellor.

(c) Meetings. The Working Group may meet up to four times. For attending a meeting of the Working Group when he or she is not receiving compensation as a member of the General Assembly, a member of the Working Group who is a member of the General Assembly shall be entitled to

the same per diem compensation and reimbursement for necessary expenses as provided members of standing committees under 2 V.S.A. § 406.

(d) Report. The Working Group shall submit a report to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations and the Senate and House Committees on Education on or before December 15, 2019. This report shall include:

- (1) recommendations for efficiencies that should be pursued;
- (2) the estimated amount of annual savings;
- (3) any one-time funds needed to implement the efficiencies;
- (4) any further efficiencies that should be explored; and
- (5) recommendations regarding strategies to increase retention and graduation rates.

Sec. E.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

(a) Of this appropriation, \$25,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation to be deposited into the Trust Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2845.

(b) Of this appropriation, not more than \$200,000 may be used by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a student aspirational pilot initiative to serve one or more high schools.

(c) Of the appropriated amount remaining after accounting for subsections (a) and (b) of this section, not less than 93 percent of this appropriation shall be used for direct student aid.

Sec. E.605.1 [Deleted.]

Sec. E.605.2 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND
EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

(a) The sum of \$85,000 shall be transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) from Sec. E.504.2(a)(1) and (b) of this act (flexible pathways funds appropriated for need-based stipend purposes) 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. § 946 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.

(b) 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, 2020.

* * * NATURAL RESOURCES * * *

Sec. E.700 24 V.S.A. § 4752 is amended to read:

§ 4752. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

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(20) “Hardship municipality” means a municipality served by a municipally owned public community water system that:

(A) has a residential population of 250 or less;

(B) has an annual household user cost that exceeds \$1,000.00 or 1.5 percent of the median household income after construction of the water supply improvements project as determined by the Secretary; and

(C) requires improvements to address an imminent public health hazard or a substantial threat to public health as determined by the Secretary.

Sec. E.700.1 24 V.S.A. § 4769 is added to read:

§ 4769. LOANS TO HARDSHIP MUNICIPALITIES

(a) Waiver of bond vote. A hardship municipality may receive a loan for an eligible project that includes a loan subsidy of up to \$200,000.00 in the form of 100 percent principal forgiveness with no interest or administrative fee from funds authorized in 24 V.S.A § 4753(a)(3), subject to the availability of such loan subsidy. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 4755(a)(3) of this title, the loan is not required to be evidenced by a municipal bond up to the amount to be forgiven.

(b) Waiver of reimbursement method required in statute. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 4755(b) of this title, loan funds may be disbursed to a hardship municipality for its approved project upon receipt by the

Department of eligible project invoices without prior payment by the municipality.

Sec. E.700.2 LOANS TO HARDSHIP MUNICIPALITIES; REPORT

(a) For loans to hardship municipalities described in Sec. E.700.1 of this act, on or before January 15, 2020, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall submit a report to the Senate Committees on Institutions and on Appropriations and to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on Appropriations with the projected demand, municipal eligibility, long-term impact on availability of loan subsidy for other purposes, and a recommendation on options for prioritizing projects.

(b) The State shall work with any hardship municipality that receives a loan under 24 V.S.A. § 4769 to develop a State approved asset management plan that includes a capital improvement plan.

Sec. E.702 WATER QUALITY TREATMENT AND TESTING:

SALISBURY FISH HATCHERY

(a) The Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Environmental Conservation shall review the water quality treatment and testing currently implemented at the Salisbury fish hatchery. On or before January 15, 2022, the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, where appropriate, shall modify the water quality treatment and testing requirements at the hatchery in order to bring the

hatchery into compliance with the Vermont water quality standards. The review conducted by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Environmental Conservation shall include evaluation of:

- (1) modifications to the discharge point of compliance at the hatchery;
- (2) rate of discharge from the hatchery;
- (3) the placement of the discharge output for the hatchery;
- (4) potential discharge treatment systems designed to bring the hatchery

into compliance with the Vermont water quality standards; and

(5) an evaluation of the appropriate monitoring and sampling protocols of the receiving State waters.

(b) Beginning on January 15, 2020, and annually thereafter until January 15, 2023, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, after consultation with the Department of Environmental Conservation, shall report to the House Committees on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, on Corrections and Institutions, on Appropriations, and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Energy, on Institutions, on Finance, and on Appropriations regarding implementation of the modifications resulting from the review required under subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. E.711 ENVIRONMENTAL CONTINGENCY FUND; BENNINGTON
WATER LINE EXTENSION

(a) In fiscal year 2019, there is transferred \$2,500,000 from the General Fund from a settlement with multiple gasoline refiners related to contamination from the gasoline additive methyl tertiary-butyl ether to the Environmental Contingency Fund established pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1283 for the purpose of extending municipal water to contaminated properties in the Town of Bennington.

Sec. E.711.1 BENNINGTON WATER LINE EXTENSION

(a) Waiver of bond vote. The Town of Bennington shall receive a loan for the Operational Unit C / Chapel Road Project in an amount of up to \$1,500,000 to receive a loan subsidy in the form of 100 percent principal forgiveness with no interest or administrative fee from funds authorized in 24 V.S.A. § 4753(a)(3). Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 4755(a)(3), the loan is not required to be evidenced by a municipal bond.

(b) Waiving reimbursement method required in statute. Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 4755(b), loan funds may be disbursed to the Town of Bennington for Operational Unit C / Chapel Road Project upon receipt by the Agency of Natural Resources of eligible project invoices without prior payment by the Town.

(c) Cost recovery of loan funds. The loan provided pursuant to this section is to implement a remedial action approved by the Agency of Natural Resources and shall be recoverable from any person responsible for the release of a hazardous material in the same manner as funds spent pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1283.

Sec. E.711.2 10 V.S.A. § 1283 is amended to read:

§ 1283. CONTINGENCY FUND

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(b) Disbursements under this subsection may be made for emergency purposes or to respond to other than emergency situations; provided, however, that disbursements in response to an individual situation that is not an emergency situation shall not exceed \$100,000.00 for costs attributable to each of the subdivisions of this subsection, unless the Secretary has received the approval of the General Assembly, or the Joint Fiscal Committee, in case the General Assembly is not in session. Furthermore, the balance in the Fund shall not be drawn below the amount of \$100,000.00, except in emergency situations. If the balance of the Fund becomes insufficient to allow a proper response to one or more emergencies that have occurred, the Secretary shall appear before the Emergency Board, as soon as possible, and shall request that necessary funds be provided. Within these limitations, disbursements from the Fund may be made:

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(6) to pay administrative and field supervision costs incurred by the Secretary or by a municipality at the direction of the Secretary in carrying out the provisions of this subchapter. Annual disbursements, for these costs, to the Department of Environmental Conservation under this subdivision shall not exceed ~~2.0~~ 2.5 percent of annual revenues;

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* * * TRANSPORTATION * * *

Sec. E.903 Transportation – program development

(a) Of the Transportation Funds appropriated in Sec. B.903 of this act, \$300,000 shall be allocated for vehicle incentive and emissions repair programs. This funding allocation in combination with the appropriation in Sec. C.100(b)(2) of this act provides a total funding amount of \$2,000,000 for vehicle incentive and emissions repair programs.

(b) If the Agency of Transportation’s fiscal year 2019 maintenance of effort requirement is attained and toll credits are approved by the Federal Highway Administration in fiscal year 2020, then the appropriation of Transportation Funds in Sec. B.903 of this act is decreased by \$845,416 and the appropriation of federal funds is increased by \$845,416.

Sec. E.903.1 [Deleted.]

Sec. E.915 Transportation – town highway aid program

(a) This appropriation is authorized notwithstanding the provisions of 19 V.S.A. § 306(a).

(b) If the Agency of Transportation’s fiscal year 2019 maintenance of effort requirement is attained and toll credits are approved by the Federal Highway Administration in fiscal year 2020, then spending authority and appropriation of Transportation Funds for grants is increased by \$645,416.

Sec. E.919 Transportation – municipal mitigation assistance program

(a) Notwithstanding Sec. 6(a) of 2019 H.529, an act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation, spending authority for grants in the Municipal Mitigation Assistance Program in the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Transportation Program (Revised February 21, 2019) is increased by \$770,000 in special funds from the Clean Water Fund as appropriated in Sec. B.919 of this act.

(b) If the Agency of Transportation’s fiscal year 2019 maintenance of effort requirement is attained and toll credits are approved by the Federal Highway Administration in fiscal year 2020, then spending authority and the appropriation of Transportation Funds is increased by \$200,000.

* * * MISCELLANEOUS * * *

Sec. F.100 MEALS AND ROOMS TAX ALLOCATION FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2020

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2020 only, any revenue from the meals and rooms taxes in excess of \$7,500,000 that would be deposited in the Clean Water Fund under 10 V.S.A. § 1388(a)(4) shall instead be deposited in the General Fund.

* * * EFFECTIVE DATES * * *

Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. C.100 (fiscal year 2019 one-time appropriations), C.101 (fiscal year 2019 one-time transfer), C.102 (fiscal year 2019 fund transfers, reversions and reserves), C.102.1 (fiscal year 2019 contingent transfers and appropriations), C.102.2 (fiscal year 2019 Secretary of State fund balance), C.103 (fiscal year Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund transfer and yearend balance), C.104-C.107 (fiscal year 2019 budget adjustments; Legislative Branch), C.108-C.109 (fiscal year 2019 budget adjustments, Agency of Education), C.110-C.113 (fiscal year 2019 budget adjustments, teachers' retirement system and health and medical benefits), C.114 (Green Mountain Secure Retirement Plan), C.116 (fiscal year 2019 budget adjustment, one-time appropriations), C.117 (loan authorization and funding source), E.112 (energy efficiency; State buildings and facilities), E.127–E.127.2 (Joint Fiscal

Committee, grants acceptance language), E.233.1 (Public Service transfer), E.301.2 (mental health and substance use disorder workforce), E.312.1 (report; promotion of immunization), E.318.2 (early childcare and development program cessation), E.318.4 (Bright Futures Information System), E.318.5 (child care workforce grants, continuing education), E.318.6 (child care curriculum), E.329 (transfer of nursing home licensed beds; review process), E.329.1 (18 V.S.A. § 9434(a); licensed nursing home beds exception) E.507 (small schools grant, preserving eligibility, prohibiting duplicate grants), and E.711–E.711.1 (Bennington water line funding and extension), shall take effect upon passage.

(b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. C.115 (special fund appropriation for tax computer systems) shall take effect on passage and shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2019.

(c) Sec. E.308.1 (personal needs allowance reset) shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

(d) Sec. E.329.2 (18 V.S.A. § 9434(a); repeal of licensed nursing home beds exception) shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

(e) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2019.