

1 H.953

2 Introduced by Committee on Appropriations

3 Date:

4 Subject: Supplemental budget adjustments; fiscal year 2020

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make
6 adjustments to the budget related to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
7 and effect on the fiscal year-end processes.

8 An act relating to fiscal year 2020 supplemental budget adjustments

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

10 Sec. 1. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.138 is amended to read:

11 Sec. B.138 Renter rebate

12	Grants	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>8,100,000</u>
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13	Total	9,500,000	8,100,000
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14 Source of funds

15	General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>8,100,000</u>
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16	Total	9,500,000	8,100,000
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17 Sec. 2. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.145 is amended to read:

18 Sec. B.145 Total general government

19 Source of funds

1	General fund	93,659,436	92,266,436
2	Transportation fund	4,019,636	4,019,636
3	Special funds	14,959,116	14,959,116
4	Federal funds	1,116,678	1,116,678
5	Internal service funds	125,854,235	125,854,235
6	Interdepartmental transfers	7,215,255	7,215,255
7	Enterprise funds	23,052	23,052
8	Pension trust funds	9,704,432	9,704,432
9	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,125,701</u>	<u>1,125,701</u>
10	Total	<u>257,677,541</u>	256,284,541
11	Sec. 3. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.219 as amended by 2020 Acts		
12	and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 9 is further amended to read:		
13	Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs		
14	Personal services	833,614	833,614
15	Operating expenses	173,955	173,955
16	Grants	<u>43,300</u>	<u>33,300</u>
17	Total	<u>1,050,869</u>	1,040,869
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	<u>803,651</u>	793,651
20	Special funds	147,218	147,218
21	Federal funds	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>

1	Total	1,050,869	1,040,869
2	Sec. 4. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.240 as amended by 2020 Acts		
3	and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 10 is further amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property		
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	164,720,860	164,710,860
7	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
8	Special funds	88,767,278	88,767,278
9	Tobacco fund	561,843	561,843
10	Federal funds	54,587,748	54,587,748
11	ARRA funds	921,260	921,260
12	Interdepartmental transfers	14,655,414	14,655,414
13	Enterprise funds	<u>11,472,400</u>	<u>11,472,400</u>
14	Total	355,936,803	355,926,803
15	Sec. 5. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.301 as amended by 2020 Acts		
16	and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 12 is further amended to read:		
17	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment		
18	Operating expenses	3,150,212	3,150,212
19	Grants	1,630,119,013	<u>1,629,912,361</u>
20	Total	1,633,269,225	1,633,062,573
21	Source of funds		

1	General fund	557,208,815	513,632,278
2	Special funds	34,969,169	44,969,169
3	Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
4	State health care resources fund	21,101,110	22,601,110
5	Federal funds	983,572,979	1,015,442,864
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,367,779</u>	<u>15,367,779</u>
7	Total	1,633,269,225	1,633,062,573
8	Sec. 6. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.306 as amended by 2020 Acts		
9	and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 14 is further amended to read:		
10	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration		
11	Personal services	140,308,825	140,308,825
12	Operating expenses	29,905,859	29,905,859
13	Grants	<u>6,764,723</u>	<u>6,764,723</u>
14	Total	176,979,407	176,979,407
15	Source of funds		
16	General fund	32,242,529	32,228,890
17	Special funds	6,096,108	6,096,108
18	Federal funds	124,749,165	124,735,526
19	Global Commitment fund	9,369,215	9,369,215
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,522,390</u>	<u>4,549,668</u>
21	Total	176,979,407	176,979,407

1 Sec. 7. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.307 as amended by 2020 Acts
2 and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 15 is further amended to read:

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

5 Personal services 547,983 547,983

6 Grants 725,790,989 718,744,003

7 Total 726,338,972 719,291,986

8 Source of funds

9 Global Commitment fund 726,338,972 719,291,986

10 Total 726,338,972 719,291,986

11 Sec. 8. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.309 as amended by 2020 Acts
12 and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 17 is further amended to read:

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

15 Grants 53,864,800 49,128,572

16 Total 53,864,800 49,128,572

17 Source of funds

18 General fund 42,034,845 39,150,622

19 Global Commitment fund 11,829,955 9,892,450

20 Enterprise funds 0 85,500

21 Total 53,864,800 49,128,572

1 Sec. 9. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.310 as amended by 2020 Acts
2 and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 18 is further amended to read:

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

5	Grants	<u>33,297,789</u>	<u>33,076,106</u>
6	Total	33,297,789	33,076,106

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	<u>12,140,974</u>	11,896,989
9	Federal funds	<u>21,157,815</u>	<u>21,179,117</u>
10	Total	33,297,789	33,076,106

11 Sec. 10. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.313 is amended to read:

12 Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs

13	Personal services	4,363,807	4,363,807
14	Operating expenses	255,634	255,634
15	Grants	<u>51,538,398</u>	<u>50,316,237</u>
16	Total	56,157,839	54,935,678

17 Source of funds

18	General fund	1,946,686	1,946,686
19	Special funds	1,170,177	1,170,177
20	Tobacco fund	949,917	949,917
21	Federal funds	17,574,970	17,574,970

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>34,516,089</u>	<u>33,293,928</u>
2	Total	56,157,839	54,935,678
3	Sec. 11. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.314 as amended by 2020 Acts		
4	and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 19 is further amended to read:		
5	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health		
6	Personal services	32,137,652	32,342,021
7	Operating expenses	4,434,083	4,434,083
8	Grants	237,094,507	<u>237,759,022</u>
9	Total	273,666,242	274,535,126
10	Source of funds		
11	General fund	7,699,658	7,699,658
12	Special funds	1,684,904	1,480,535
13	Federal funds	9,132,390	10,205,643
14	Global Commitment fund	255,076,042	255,076,042
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>73,248</u>	<u>73,248</u>
16	Total	273,666,242	274,535,126
17	Sec. 12. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.318 as amended by 2020 Acts		
18	and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 22 is further amended to read:		
19	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development		
20	Personal services	4,618,948	4,618,948
21	Operating expenses	1,031,325	1,031,325

1	Grants	<u>79,924,977</u>	<u>84,335,043</u>
2	Total	85,575,250	89,985,316
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	39,843,744	39,843,744
5	Special funds	1,820,000	1,820,000
6	Federal funds	33,144,045	37,554,111
7	Global Commitment fund	10,744,961	10,744,961
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>22,500</u>	<u>22,500</u>
9	Total	85,575,250	89,985,316
10	Sec. 13. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.325 as amended by 2020 Acts		
11	and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 26 is further amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic		
13	opportunity		
14	Personal services	522,340	522,340
15	Operating expenses	43,673	43,673
16	Grants	<u>10,137,256</u>	<u>12,471,323</u>
17	Total	10,703,269	13,037,336
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	5,037,111	5,037,111
20	Special funds	57,990	57,990
21	Federal funds	4,778,480	7,112,547

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>829,688</u>	<u>829,688</u>
2	Total	10,703,269	13,037,336
3	Sec. 14. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.346 as amended by 2020 Acts		
4	and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 34 is further amended to read:		
5	Sec. B.346 Total human services		
6	Source of funds		
7	General fund	1,007,088,907	960,370,523
8	Special funds	123,986,513	133,782,144
9	Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
10	State health care resources fund	21,101,110	22,601,110
11	Federal funds	1,424,376,911	1,464,072,845
12	Global Commitment fund	1,593,280,128	1,583,073,476
13	Internal service funds	2,035,610	2,035,610
14	Interdepartmental transfers	36,346,190	36,373,468
15	Permanent trust funds	25,000	25,000
16	Enterprise funds	0	<u>85,500</u>
17	Total	4,231,328,577	4,225,507,884
18	Sec. 15. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.711 is amended to read:		
19	Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs		
20	Personal services	21,732,819	21,732,819
21	Operating expenses	6,821,783	6,821,783

1	Grants	<u>32,104,881</u>	<u>31,354,321</u>
2	Total	60,659,483	59,908,923
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	7,994,351	7,994,351
5	Special funds	19,641,195	18,890,635
6	Federal funds	31,935,599	31,935,599
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,088,338</u>	<u>1,088,338</u>
8	Total	60,659,483	59,908,923
9	Sec. 16. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:		
10	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources		
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	29,608,969	29,608,969
13	Special funds	60,039,636	59,289,076
14	Fish and wildlife fund	9,236,567	9,236,567
15	Federal funds	54,971,917	54,971,917
16	Interdepartmental transfers	10,178,254	10,178,254
17	Permanent trust funds	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
18	Total	164,095,343	163,344,783
19	Sec. 17. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.802 is amended to read:		
20	Sec. B.802 Housing & community development		
21	Personal services	3,723,802	3,723,802

1	Operating expenses	779,039	779,039
2	Grants	<u>11,773,050</u>	<u>11,673,050</u>
3	Total	16,275,891	16,175,891
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	2,753,913	2,753,913
6	Special funds	5,185,233	5,085,233
7	Federal funds	7,883,744	7,883,744
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>453,001</u>	<u>453,001</u>
9	Total	16,275,891	16,175,891
10	Sec. 18. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.813 as amended by 2020 Acts		
11	and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 38 is further amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development		
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	16,529,933	16,529,933
15	Special funds	18,730,826	18,630,826
16	Federal funds	30,578,334	30,578,334
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>522,588</u>	<u>522,588</u>
18	Total	66,361,681	66,261,681
19	Sec. 19. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.902 is amended to read:		
20	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings		
21	Operating expenses	<u>907,746</u>	<u>307,746</u>

1	Total	907,746	307,746
2	Source of funds		
3	Transportation fund	<u>907,746</u>	<u>307,746</u>
4	Total	907,746	307,746
5	Sec. 20. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.903 as amended by 2020 Acts		
6	and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 39 is further amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development		
8	Personal services	53,367,048	53,367,048
9	Operating expenses	217,771,750	217,771,750
10	Grants	<u>27,258,553</u>	<u>27,258,553</u>
11	Total	298,397,351	298,397,351
12	Source of funds		
13	Transportation fund	40,775,234	41,675,234
14	TIB fund	12,955,317	12,055,317
15	Federal funds	244,272,581	244,272,581
16	Interdepartmental transfers	191,790	191,790
17	Local match	<u>202,429</u>	<u>202,429</u>
18	Total	298,397,351	298,397,351
19	Sec. 21. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.914 is amended to read:		
20	Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges		
21	Personal services	3,239,423	3,239,423

1	Operating expenses	10,143,100	9,843,100
2	Grants	<u>451,328</u>	<u>451,328</u>
3	Total	13,833,851	13,533,851
4	Source of funds		
5	Transportation fund	1,304,648	1,004,648
6	TIB fund	701,815	701,815
7	Federal funds	10,887,721	10,887,721
8	Local match	<u>939,667</u>	<u>939,667</u>
9	Total	13,833,851	13,533,851
10	Sec. 22. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.919 is amended to read:		
11	Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program		
12	Operating expenses	204,000	204,000
13	Grants	<u>2,694,000</u>	<u>2,576,515</u>
14	Total	2,898,000	2,780,515
15	Source of funds		
16	Transportation fund	700,000	700,000
17	Special funds	770,000	652,515
18	Federal funds	<u>1,428,000</u>	<u>1,428,000</u>
19	Total	2,898,000	2,780,515

1 Sec. 23. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.922 as amended by 2020 Acts
2 and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 42 is further amended to read:

3 Sec. B.922 Total transportation

4 Source of funds

5	Transportation fund	256,457,422	256,457,422
6	TIB fund	14,417,132	13,517,132
7	Special funds	1,410,000	1,292,515
8	Federal funds	319,145,747	319,145,747
9	Internal service funds	20,112,038	20,112,038
10	Interdepartmental transfers	1,789,815	1,789,815
11	Local match	<u>1,142,096</u>	<u>1,142,096</u>
12	Total	614,474,250	613,456,765

13 Sec. 24. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. E.219 as amended by 2020 Acts
14 and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 53 is further amended to read:

15 Sec. E.219 Military – veterans’ affairs

16 (a) Of this appropriation, \$1,000 shall be used for continuation of the
17 Vermont Medal Program; \$4,800 shall be used for the expenses of the
18 Governor’s Veterans’ Advisory Council; and \$5,000 shall be used for the
19 Military, Family, and Community Network; ~~and \$10,000 shall be granted to~~
20 ~~the American Legion for the Boys’ State and Girls’ State programs.~~

1 Sec. 25. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. E.905 as amended by 2020 Acts
2 and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 58 is further amended to read:

3 Sec. E.905 SUPPLEMENTAL MAINTENANCE OR PROJECT
4 SPENDING

5 ~~(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706 and the limits on program, project, or~~
6 ~~activity spending authority approved in the fiscal year 2020 Transportation~~
7 ~~Program, the Secretary of Transportation, with the approval of the Secretary of~~
8 ~~Administration and subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,~~
9 ~~may transfer up to \$3,000,000.00 in Transportation Fund appropriations, other~~
10 ~~than appropriations for the Town Highway State Aid, Structures, and Class 2~~
11 ~~roadway programs as follows:~~

12 ~~(1) to the Transportation—Maintenance State System (8100002000)~~
13 ~~appropriation, for the specific purpose of addressing the overall cost of~~
14 ~~highway maintenance during fiscal year 2020.~~

15 ~~(2) to the Transportation—Program Development (8100001100)~~
16 ~~appropriation, for the specific purpose of averting delays to project schedules.~~

17 ~~(b)(1) If a contemplated transfer of an appropriation would not~~
18 ~~significantly delay the planned work schedule of a project, the Secretary may~~
19 ~~execute the transfer and shall give prompt notice thereof to the Joint Fiscal~~
20 ~~Office and to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation when the~~
21 ~~General Assembly is in session and, when the General Assembly is not in~~

1 ~~session, to the Joint Fiscal Office and the Joint Transportation Oversight~~
2 ~~Committee.~~

3 ~~(2) If a contemplated transfer of an appropriation would, by itself,~~
4 ~~significantly delay the planned work schedule of a project, the Secretary:~~

5 ~~(A) when the General Assembly is in session, may execute the~~
6 ~~transfer, but shall give the House and Senate Committees on Transportation~~
7 ~~advance notice of at least 10 business days prior to executing the transfer; or~~

8 ~~(B) when the General Assembly is not in session, may execute the~~
9 ~~transfer, but shall give prompt notice of the transfer to the Joint Fiscal Office~~
10 ~~and the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee.~~

11 ~~(c) In July 2020, the Secretary of Administration shall report all~~
12 ~~appropriations reductions made under the authority of this section to the Joint~~
13 ~~Fiscal Office, the Joint Fiscal Committee, and the Joint Transportation~~
14 ~~Oversight Committee. [Repealed.]~~

15 Sec. 26. CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC RESPONSE HUMAN SERVICES –

16 FEDERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATION

17 (a) In fiscal year 2020, the amount of \$6,117,944 of federal funds is
18 appropriated to the Agency of Human Services for expenses incurred related to
19 Coronavirus Pandemic and COVID-19 emergency response. These expenses
20 include the provision of emergency food assistance and costs for establishing
21 isolation housing and recovery options for vulnerable populations with

1 potential COVID-19 disease or exposure. These expenses include rent,
2 staffing, security, supplies, and telemedicine capacity. This appropriation is
3 made in anticipation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency
4 reimbursing the State for incurred expenditures. The Agency of Human
5 Services shall report on the status of this anticipated reimbursement and use of
6 this appropriation to the Joint Fiscal Committee in August 2020.

7 Sec. 27. APPROPRIATION USE REPORTING REQUIREMENT

8 (a) The Agency of Human Service shall report to the Joint Fiscal
9 Committee in August 2020 on the use the funds appropriated from the AHS
10 Central Office earned federal receipts Special Fund appropriated in Sec. 5 of
11 this act by further amending 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. 301.

12 Sec. 28. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. D.101 as amended by 2020
13 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 45 is further amended to read:

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

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16 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
17 2020:

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

20	<u>21405 Bond Investment Earnings</u>	<u>2,738,248.00</u>
21	21923 Historic Property Stab & Rehab	32,917.00

1	22005 AHS Central Office earned federal receipts		15,874,593.00
2	50300 Liquor Control Fund	18,370,000.00	<u>23,000,000.00</u>
3	<u>50400 Vermont Life Magazine Fund</u>		<u>375,000.00</u>
4	62100 Unclaimed Property Fund	2,889,512.00	<u>3,470,512.00</u>
5	Caledonia Fair		5,000.00
6	North Country Hospital Loan	24,250.00	24,047.30

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

14	21638 AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order		
15		2,000,000.00	<u>4,000,000.00</u>
16	21928 Secretary of State Services Fund	2,032,817.00	<u>2,432,817.00</u>

17 (3) In fiscal year 2020, notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves
18 No. 172, Sec. E.228, ~~\$33,104,193~~ \$36,104,193 of the unencumbered balances
19 in the Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (Fund Number 21075), the
20 Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (Fund Number 21085),

1 and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (Fund Number 21080)
2 shall be transferred to the General Fund.

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

5	21370 Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund	1,500,000.00
6	21555 Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund	1,476,322.00
7	56100 Workers' Compensation Fund	2,715,144.00
8	56200 State Liability Insurance Fund	2,323,899.00
9	56300 Risk Management – all other insurance	128,000.00
10	58600 Equipment Revolving Fund	581,928.00

11 (A) Of the amount transferred to the Emergency Relief and
12 Assistance Fund, \$865,000 is intended to meet additional projected funding
13 needs for fiscal year 2020, and the remainder is to be applied toward
14 prefunding projected needs for fiscal year 2021.

15 (B) Of the amount transferred to the Equipment Revolving Fund,
16 \$581,928 shall be for the intended purpose of establishing revolving loans for
17 Information Technology needs and shall be tracked and reported separately
18 from other Equipment Revolving Fund activity.

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20 (f) ~~The following General Fund amount shall be reserved in fiscal year~~
21 ~~2020 for fiscal year 2021 budget expenditures: \$18,365,715. These funds~~

1 shall be unreserved in fiscal year 2021. In fiscal year 2020, any unreserved
2 and undesignated end of fiscal year General Fund surplus remaining after
3 satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308 and notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.
4 § 308c shall remain in the General Fund and available for appropriation in
5 fiscal year 2021.

6 Sec. 29. USE OF GENERAL FUND RESERVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

7 FINANCIAL CLOSE OUT

8 (a) To the extent funds are required to close the General Fund in balance
9 for fiscal year 2020, the following amounts are unreserved:

10 (1) First, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c, up to \$31,553,274 is
11 unreserved from the General Fund Balance Reserve (aka Rainy Day Fund).

12 (2) Second, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A § 308, up to \$79,823,411 is
13 unreserved from the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve.

14 (3) Finally, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c, up to \$98,236,983 is
15 unreserved from Human Services Caseload Reserve.

16 (b) Should federal fiscal assistance to states become available, including
17 the ability for utilization of interfund borrowing from the Coronavirus Relief
18 Fund that would allow for the use of such federal funding to be directly
19 applied to the General Fund or applied to fiscal year 2020 General Fund
20 expenditures, such funds shall be applied as allowed to reduce or eliminate the
21 need to utilize the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

1 Sec. 30. APPLICATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 DEFERRED TAX

2 PAYMENTS COLLECTED IN FISCAL YEAR 2021

3 (a) To the extent that tax payments that were due to the State in fiscal year
4 2020 but were deferred as a result of state and federal emergency action taken
5 in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic are received into the General Fund
6 through August 31, 2020, funds from such payments shall be reserved as
7 follows:

8 (1) First, to the extent any interfund loan was made from the
9 Coronavirus Relief Fund under the provision of Sec. 29(b) of this act, in an
10 amount to repay the balance of the interfund loan.

11 (2) Second, in the Human Services Caseload Reserve, in an amount to
12 bring this reserve balance up to \$98,236,983.

13 (3) Third, in the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve, in an
14 amount to bring this reserve balance up to \$81,472,791.

15 (4) Fourth, in General Fund Balance Reserve (aka Rainy Day Fund), in
16 an amount to bring this reserve balance up to \$31,553,274.

17 (5) Finally, any additional amounts received from such payments shall
18 remain available in the General Fund for appropriation in fiscal year 2021.

1 Sec. 31. FISCAL YEAR 2020 CLOSE OUT APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

2 AUTHORITY

3 (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706, in order to facilitate fiscal year 2020
4 financial closure of the State, the Commissioner of Finance and Management
5 may, upon approval of the Governor, transfer fiscal year 2020 balances of
6 appropriations up to \$250,000, and, upon approval of the Emergency Board,
7 transfer fiscal year 2020 balances at or over \$250,000 made under any
8 appropriation act for the support of the government from one component of an
9 agency, department, or other unit of the Executive Branch of State
10 government, to any component of the same agency, department, or unit. The
11 Commissioner shall provide a report on all transfers made under the provisions
12 of this subsection to the Joint Fiscal Committee in August 2020.

13 (b) Notwithstanding any other act or provision of law, the Legislative
14 Branch of State government, in order to facilitate fiscal year 2020 financial
15 closure of the Legislative Branch budgets, may transfer up to \$250,000
16 between appropriation units within the Legislative Branch.

17 Sec. 32. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 49 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 49. FISCAL YEAR 2020 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

19 APPROPRIATIONS

20 (a) In fiscal year 2020, the sum of \$370,000 is appropriated to the
21 Secretary of Administration for distribution to departments to provide funding

1 for the fiscal year 2020 change to the Vermont State Employees' Retirement
2 System's employer contribution rate.

3 (b) ~~In fiscal year 2020, the sum of \$25,000 is appropriated to the Agency~~
4 ~~of Commerce and Community Development for the commissioning of the~~
5 ~~USS Vermont.~~

6 (e) In fiscal year 2020, the sum of \$450,000 is appropriated to the
7 Secretary of State for calendar year 2020 general election expenditures.

8 Sec. 33. VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION; INTENT

9 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly in fiscal year 2021 to fund the
10 Vermont Student Assistance Corporation base appropriation at the level of
11 \$19,978,588 for the 2020–2021 academic year.

12 * * * Coronavirus Relief Fund * * *

13 Sec. 34. ONE-TIME CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF)

14 APPROPRIATIONS

15 (a) The following appropriations are authorized on a one-time basis in
16 fiscal year 2020 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) established under
17 the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to
18 address necessary expenditures with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019
19 (COVID-19) public health emergency. These expenditures were not accounted
20 for in the State budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 and were
21 incurred during the period that began on March 1, 2020, in accordance with

1 Department of Treasury's April 22, 2020 interpretation of limitations on the
2 permissible use of fund payments. These appropriations shall carry forward to
3 fiscal year 2021 as needed.

4 (1) Joint Fiscal Committee: \$500,000 is appropriated to the Joint Fiscal
5 Committee for transfer to appropriation units within the General Assembly as
6 necessary to reimburse necessary fiscal 2020 expenditures. The Joint Fiscal
7 Office shall send a list of approved expenditures and related documentation to
8 the Joint Legislative Management Committee, the Joint Fiscal Committee, and
9 the Commissioner of Finance and Management on or before July 30, 2020.

10 (2) Legislature: \$750,000 is appropriated to the Legislature for costs
11 incurred beyond the budgeted 18-week legislative session in fiscal year 2020
12 due to the response to the Coronavirus pandemic, which includes delays and
13 extension to legislative work necessitated in the transition to remote or
14 partially remote work for the Legislature. Any unexpended funds shall carry
15 forward and be applied to similar legislative expenses incurred in fiscal year
16 2021.

17 (3) Judiciary: \$4,910,500 is appropriated to the Judiciary for costs
18 directly related to impacts from the pandemic. These funds enable Judicial
19 operations to resume in a safe manner, including the support of remote
20 operations, expenditures for hazard pay for public-facing staff, and

1 expenditures to expediently address the backlog of cases resulting from
2 reduced Judicial operations during the pandemic.

3 (A) The establishment of sixteen (16) exempt limited service
4 positions is authorized, as needed. Given the time frame faced in establishing
5 the pandemic response work, use of temporary positions or contracts may be
6 utilized as an alternative to filling new limited service positions.

7 (4) The Vermont State Colleges (VSC): \$5,117,792 is appropriated to
8 the Vermont State Colleges to cover the cost of rooms and meals refunds
9 provided to students due to campus closures during the spring 2020 semester
10 due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

11 (5) The University of Vermont (UVM): \$5,016,300 is appropriated to
12 the University of Vermont to cover the cost of rooms and parking refunds
13 provided to students due to campus closure during the spring 2020 semester
14 due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

15 (6) The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC): \$5,100,000
16 is appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for increased
17 tuition grants to students as a result of reduced household income in the 2020
18 calendar year, as well as increased demand for skills enhancement grants due
19 to the economic impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic.

1 Sec. 35. FULL COST ACCOUNTING OF CORONAVIRUS PERSONAL
2 SERVICE EXPENSES

3 (a) The State Treasurer shall make a determination of the impact on State
4 Retirement System actuarial obligations of any personnel expenses, hazard
5 pay, overtime, or other personal services costs that are incurred due to the
6 Coronavirus Pandemic and is authorized to transfer said amount from the
7 Coronavirus Relief Fund to the State Retirement System. The State Treasurer
8 shall report the amount transferred under this authority to the Joint Fiscal
9 Committee and the Commissioner of Finance and Management.

10 Sec. 36. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 (a) This act shall take effect on passage.