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An act relating to fiscal year 2020 supplemental budget adjustments

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

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

Sec. B.138 Renter rebate

Grants	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>8,100,000</u>
Total	9,500,000	8,100,000
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>8,100,000</u>
Total	9,500,000	8,100,000

Sec. 2. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.145 is amended to read:

Sec. B.145 Total general government

Source of funds

General fund	<del>93,659,436</del>	92,266,436
Transportation fund	4,019,636	4,019,636
Special funds	14,959,116	14,959,116
Federal funds	1,116,678	1,116,678
Internal service funds	125,854,235	125,854,235
Interdepartmental transfers	7,215,255	7,215,255
Enterprise funds	23,052	23,052
Pension trust funds	9,704,432	9,704,432
Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,125,701</u>	<u>1,125,701</u>

Total	<del>257,677,541</del>	256,284,541
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Sec. 3. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.219 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 9 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs

Personal services	833,614	833,614
Operating expenses	173,955	173,955
Grants	<del>43,300</del>	<u>33,300</u>
Total	<del>1,050,869</del>	1,040,869

Source of funds

General fund	<del>803,651</del>	793,651
Special funds	147,218	147,218
Federal funds	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total	<del>1,050,869</del>	1,040,869

Sec. 4. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.240 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 10 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

General fund	<del>164,720,860</del>	164,710,860
Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
Special funds	88,767,278	88,767,278
Tobacco fund	561,843	561,843

Federal funds	54,587,748	54,587,748
ARRA funds	921,260	921,260
Interdepartmental transfers	14,655,414	14,655,414
Enterprise funds	<u>11,472,400</u>	<u>11,472,400</u>
Total	<del>355,936,803</del>	355,926,803

Sec. 5. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.301 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 12 is further amended to read:

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

Operating expenses	3,150,212	3,150,212
Grants	<del>1,630,119,013</del>	<u>1,629,912,361</u>
Total	<del>1,633,269,225</del>	1,633,062,573

Source of funds

General fund	<del>557,208,815</del>	513,632,278
Special funds	<del>34,969,169</del>	44,969,169
Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
State health care resources fund	<del>21,101,110</del>	22,601,110
Federal funds	<del>983,572,979</del>	1,015,442,864
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,367,779</u>	<u>15,367,779</u>
Total	<del>1,633,269,225</del>	1,633,062,573

Sec. 6. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.306 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 14 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration

Personal services	140,308,825	140,308,825
Operating expenses	29,905,859	29,905,859
Grants	<u>6,764,723</u>	<u>6,764,723</u>
Total	176,979,407	176,979,407

Source of funds

General fund	<del>32,242,529</del>	32,228,890
Special funds	6,096,108	6,096,108
Federal funds	<del>124,749,165</del>	124,735,526
Global Commitment fund	9,369,215	9,369,215
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,522,390</u>	<u>4,549,668</u>
Total	176,979,407	176,979,407

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

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

Personal services	547,983	547,983
Grants	<u>725,790,989</u>	<u>718,744,003</u>
Total	<del>726,338,972</del>	719,291,986

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	<u>726,338,972</u>	<u>719,291,986</u>
Total	<u>726,338,972</u>	719,291,986

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

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

Grants	<u>53,864,800</u>	<u>49,128,572</u>
Total	<u>53,864,800</u>	49,128,572

Source of funds

General fund	42,034,845	39,150,622
Global Commitment fund	<u>11,829,955</u>	9,892,450
Enterprise funds	<u>0</u>	<u>85,500</u>
Total	<u>53,864,800</u>	49,128,572

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

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

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

Source of funds

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

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

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

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

Source of funds

General fund	1,946,686	1,946,686
Special funds	1,170,177	1,170,177
Tobacco fund	949,917	949,917
Federal funds	17,574,970	17,574,970
Global Commitment fund	<del>34,516,089</del>	<u>33,293,928</u>
Total	<del>56,157,839</del>	54,935,678

Sec. 11. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.314 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 19 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services	<del>32,137,652</del>	32,342,021
Operating expenses	4,434,083	4,434,083

Grants	<del>237,094,507</del>	<u>237,759,022</u>
Total	<del>273,666,242</del>	274,535,126
Source of funds		
General fund	7,699,658	7,699,658
Special funds	<del>1,684,904</del>	1,480,535
Federal funds	<del>9,132,390</del>	10,205,643
Global Commitment fund	255,076,042	255,076,042
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>73,248</u>	<u>73,248</u>
Total	<del>273,666,242</del>	274,535,126

Sec. 12. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.318 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 22 is further amended to read:

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

Personal services	4,618,948	4,618,948
Operating expenses	1,031,325	1,031,325
Grants	<del>79,924,977</del>	<u>84,335,043</u>
Total	<del>85,575,250</del>	89,985,316
Source of funds		
General fund	39,843,744	39,843,744
Special funds	1,820,000	1,820,000
Federal funds	<del>33,144,045</del>	37,554,111
Global Commitment fund	10,744,961	10,744,961

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>22,500</u>	<u>22,500</u>
Total	<del>85,575,250</del>	89,985,316

Sec. 13. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.325 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 26 is further amended to read:

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

Personal services	522,340	522,340
Operating expenses	43,673	43,673
Grants	<u>10,137,256</u>	<u>12,471,323</u>
Total	<del>10,703,269</del>	13,037,336

Source of funds

General fund	5,037,111	5,037,111
Special funds	57,990	57,990
Federal funds	<del>4,778,480</del>	7,112,547
Global Commitment fund	<u>829,688</u>	<u>829,688</u>
Total	<del>10,703,269</del>	13,037,336

Sec. 14. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.346 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 34 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund	<del>1,007,088,907</del>	960,370,523
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Special funds	<del>123,986,513</del>	133,782,144
Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
State health care resources fund	<del>21,101,110</del>	22,601,110
Federal funds	<del>1,424,376,911</del>	1,464,072,845
Global Commitment fund	<del>1,593,280,128</del>	1,583,073,476
Internal service funds	2,035,610	2,035,610
Interdepartmental transfers	<del>36,346,190</del>	36,373,468
Permanent trust funds	25,000	25,000
Enterprise funds	0	<u>85,500</u>
Total	<del>4,231,328,577</del>	4,225,507,884

Sec. 15. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.711 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	21,732,819	21,732,819
Operating expenses	6,821,783	6,821,783
Grants	<del>32,104,881</del>	<u>31,354,321</u>
Total	<del>60,659,483</del>	59,908,923

Source of funds

General fund	7,994,351	7,994,351
Special funds	<del>19,641,195</del>	18,890,635
Federal funds	31,935,599	31,935,599
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,088,338</u>	<u>1,088,338</u>

Total	<del>60,659,483</del>	59,908,923
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Sec. 16. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

Source of funds

General fund	29,608,969	29,608,969
Special funds	<del>60,039,636</del>	59,289,076
Fish and wildlife fund	9,236,567	9,236,567
Federal funds	54,971,917	54,971,917
Interdepartmental transfers	10,178,254	10,178,254
Permanent trust funds	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
Total	<del>164,095,343</del>	163,344,783

Sec. 17. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.802 is amended to read:

Sec. B.802 Housing & community development

Personal services	3,723,802	3,723,802
Operating expenses	779,039	779,039
Grants	<del>11,773,050</del>	<u>11,673,050</u>
Total	<del>16,275,891</del>	16,175,891

Source of funds

General fund	2,753,913	2,753,913
Special funds	<del>5,185,233</del>	5,085,233
Federal funds	7,883,744	7,883,744

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>453,001</u>	<u>453,001</u>
Total	<del>16,275,891</del>	16,175,891

Sec. 18. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.813 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 38 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development

Source of funds

General fund	16,529,933	16,529,933
Special funds	<del>18,730,826</del>	18,630,826
Federal funds	30,578,334	30,578,334
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>522,588</u>	<u>522,588</u>
Total	<del>66,361,681</del>	66,261,681

Sec. 19. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.902 is amended to read:

Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings

Operating expenses	<u>907,746</u>	<u>307,746</u>
Total	<del>907,746</del>	307,746

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>907,746</u>	<u>307,746</u>
Total	<del>907,746</del>	307,746

Sec. 20. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.903 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 39 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development

Personal services	53,367,048	53,367,048
Operating expenses	217,771,750	217,771,750
Grants	<u>27,258,553</u>	<u>27,258,553</u>
Total	298,397,351	298,397,351

Source of funds

Transportation fund	40,775,234	41,675,234
TIB fund	<del>12,955,317</del>	12,055,317
Federal funds	244,272,581	244,272,581
Interdepartmental transfers	191,790	191,790
Local match	<u>202,429</u>	<u>202,429</u>
Total	298,397,351	298,397,351

Sec. 21. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.914 is amended to read:

Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges

Personal services	3,239,423	3,239,423
Operating expenses	<del>10,143,100</del>	9,843,100
Grants	<u>451,328</u>	<u>451,328</u>
Total	<del>13,833,851</del>	13,533,851

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<del>1,304,648</del>	1,004,648
TIB fund	701,815	701,815
Federal funds	10,887,721	10,887,721

Local match	<u>939,667</u>	<u>939,667</u>
Total	<del>13,833,851</del>	13,533,851

Sec. 22. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.919 is amended to read:

Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program

Operating expenses	204,000	204,000
Grants	<u><del>2,694,000</del></u>	<u>2,576,515</u>
Total	<del>2,898,000</del>	2,780,515

Source of funds

Transportation fund	700,000	700,000
Special funds	<del>770,000</del>	652,515
Federal funds	<u>1,428,000</u>	<u>1,428,000</u>
Total	<del>2,898,000</del>	2,780,515

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

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds

Transportation fund	256,457,422	256,457,422
TIB fund	<del>14,417,132</del>	13,517,132
Special funds	<del>1,410,000</del>	1,292,515
Federal funds	319,145,747	319,145,747
Internal service funds	20,112,038	20,112,038

Interdepartmental transfers	1,789,815	1,789,815
Local match	<u>1,142,096</u>	<u>1,142,096</u>
Total	<del>614,474,250</del>	613,456,765

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

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

Sec. E.905 ~~SUPPLEMENTAL MAINTENANCE OR PROJECT~~  
~~SPENDING~~

~~(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706 and the limits on program, project, or activity spending authority approved in the fiscal year 2020 Transportation Program, the Secretary of Transportation, with the approval of the Secretary of Administration and subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, may transfer up to \$3,000,000.00 in Transportation Fund appropriations, other~~

~~than appropriations for the Town Highway State Aid, Structures, and Class 2 roadway programs as follows:~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 26. CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC RESPONSE HUMAN SERVICES –  
FEDERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATION

(a) In fiscal year 2020, the amount of \$6,117,944 of federal funds is appropriated to the Agency of Human Services for expenses incurred related to Coronavirus Pandemic and COVID-19 emergency response. These expenses include the provision of emergency food assistance and costs for establishing isolation housing and recovery options for vulnerable populations with potential COVID-19 disease or exposure. These expenses include rent, staffing, security, supplies, and telemedicine capacity. This appropriation is made in anticipation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursing the State for incurred expenditures. The Agency of Human Services shall report on the status of this anticipated reimbursement and use of this appropriation to the Joint Fiscal Committee in August 2020.

Sec. 27. APPROPRIATION USE REPORTING REQUIREMENT

(a) The Agency of Human Service shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in August 2020 on the use the funds appropriated from the AHS

Central Office earned federal receipts Special Fund appropriated in Sec. 5 of this act by further amending 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. 301.

Sec. 28. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. D.101 as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 45 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 2020:

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

<u>21405</u>	<u>Bond Investment Earnings</u>		<u>2,738,248.00</u>
21923	Historic Property Stab & Rehab		32,917.00
22005	AHS Central Office earned federal receipts		15,874,593.00
50300	Liquor Control Fund	<del>18,370,000.00</del>	<u>23,000,000.00</u>
<u>50400</u>	<u>Vermont Life Magazine Fund</u>		<u>375,000.00</u>
62100	Unclaimed Property Fund	<del>2,889,512.00</del>	<u>3,470,512.00</u>
	Caledonia Fair		5,000.00
	North Country Hospital Loan	<del>24,250.00</del>	24,047.30

(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.

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~~2,000,000.00~~ 4,000,000.00

21928 Secretary of State Services Fund

~~2,032,817.00~~ 2,432,817.00

(3) In fiscal year 2020, notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.228, ~~\$33,104,193~~ \$36,104,193 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.

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

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

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

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

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~~(f) The following General Fund amount shall be reserved in fiscal year 2020 for fiscal year 2021 budget expenditures: \$18,365,715. These funds shall be unreserved in fiscal year 2021. In fiscal year 2020, any unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year General Fund surplus remaining after satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308 and notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c shall remain in the General Fund and available for appropriation in fiscal year 2021.~~

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

FINANCIAL CLOSE OUT

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 30. APPLICATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 DEFERRED TAX

PAYMENTS COLLECTED IN FISCAL YEAR 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706, in order to facilitate fiscal year 2020 financial closure of the State, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may, upon approval of the Governor, transfer fiscal year 2020 balances of appropriations up to \$250,000, and, upon approval of the Emergency Board, transfer fiscal year 2020 balances at or over \$250,000 made under any appropriation act for the support of the government from one component of an agency, department, or other unit of the Executive Branch of State government, to any component of the same agency, department, or unit. The

Commissioner shall provide a report on all transfers made under the provisions of this subsection to the Joint Fiscal Committee in August 2020.

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

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

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

APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2020, the sum of \$370,000 is appropriated to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to departments to provide funding for the fiscal year 2020 change to the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System's employer contribution rate.

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

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

Sec. 33. VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION; INTENT

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

\* \* \* Coronavirus Relief Fund \* \* \*

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

APPROPRIATIONS

(a) The following appropriations are authorized on a one-time basis in fiscal year 2020 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) established under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to address necessary expenditures with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency. These expenditures were not accounted for in the State budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 and were incurred during the period that began on March 1, 2020, in accordance with Department of Treasury's April 22, 2020 interpretation of limitations on the permissible use of fund payments. These appropriations shall carry forward to fiscal year 2021 as needed.

(1) Joint Fiscal Committee: \$500,000 is appropriated to the Joint Fiscal Committee for transfer to appropriation units within the General Assembly as necessary to reimburse necessary fiscal 2020 expenditures. The Joint Fiscal Office shall send a list of approved expenditures and related documentation to

the Joint Legislative Management Committee, the Joint Fiscal Committee, and the Commissioner of Finance and Management on or before July 30, 2020.

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

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

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

(4) The Vermont State Colleges (VSC): \$5,117,792 is appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges to cover the cost of rooms and meals refunds

provided to students due to campus closures during the spring 2020 semester due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

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

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

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

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

Sec. 36. EFFECTIVE DATE

(a) This act shall take effect on passage.