Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Pledge of Allegiance

The President then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

H. 3.

House bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and carrying an appropriation or requiring the expenditure of funds, under the rule, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

An act relating to ethnic and social equity studies standards for public schools

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate J.R.S. 15.

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and is as follows:

By Senator Ashe,

J.R.S. 15. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 15, 2019, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution Introduced

The Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Vermont designated as Proposal 5 was introduced, read the first time and referred:

By Senators Ashe, Balint, Lyons and Sears,

PROPOSAL 5

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

- (a) This proposal would amend the Constitution of the State of Vermont to ensure that every Vermonter is afforded personal reproductive liberty. The Constitution is our founding legal document stating the overarching values of our society. This amendment is in keeping with the values espoused by the current Vermont Constitution. Chapter I, Article 1 declares "That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights." Chapter I, Article 7 states "That government is, or ought to be, instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the people." The core value reflected in Article 7 is that all people should be afforded all the benefits and protections bestowed by the government, and that the government should not confer special advantages upon the privileged. This amendment would reassert the principles of equality and personal liberty reflected in Articles 1 and 7 and ensure that government does not create or perpetuate the legal, social, or economic inferiority of any class of people. This proposed constitutional amendment is not intended to limit the scope of rights and protections afforded by Article 7 or any other provision in the Vermont Constitution.
- (b) The right to reproductive liberty is central to the exercise of personal autonomy and involves decisions people should be able to make free from compulsion of the State. Enshrining this right in the Constitution is critical to ensuring equal protection and treatment under the law and upholding the right of all people to health, dignity, independence, and freedom.
- Sec. 2. Article 22 of Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution is added to read:

Article 22. [Personal reproductive liberty]

That the people are guaranteed the liberty and dignity to determine their own life's course. The right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty protected by this Constitution and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

The amendment set forth in Sec. 2 shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Vermont on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 2022 when ratified and adopted by the people of this State in accordance with the provisions of 17 V.S.A. chapter 32.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Bills Introduced

Senate bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred:

S. 93.

By Senator Pearson,

An act relating to the creation of an income tax deduction for union dues.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 94.

By Senators Hardy, Balint, Bray, Clarkson, Ingram, Lyons, Pearson, Perchlik and Pollina,

An act relating to expanding Medicaid beneficiaries' access to dental care and establishing the VDent dental assistance program.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 95.

By Senator Cummings,

An act relating to municipal utility capital investment.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 96.

By Senators Bray, Lyons, Balint and Starr,

An act relating to establishing a Clean Water Assessment to fund State water quality programs.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 97.

By Senator Rodgers,

An act relating to hearing protection while hunting.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 98.

By Senators Pearson and Westman,

An act relating to the deferral of property taxes for taxpayers 65 years of age or older.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 99.

By Senator White,

An act relating to spousal support and maintenance reform.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 100.

By Senator Pearson,

An act relating to prevailing wage requirements on State transportation construction and maintenance projects.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 101.

By Senators Campion, Balint, Bray, Clarkson, Ingram, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Pollina and Sears,

An act relating to requiring the use of safer alternatives to PFAS chemicals in food packaging.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Proposal of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered

H. 97.

Senator Kitchel, for the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to fiscal year 2019 budget adjustments.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.204 is amended to read:

Sec. B.204 Judiciary

40,424,989	40,624,989
9,550,786	10,120,786
76,030	76,030
50,051,805	50,821,805
43,911,694	44,681,694
3,174,315	3,174,315
640,524	640,524
	9,550,786 <u>76,030</u> 50,051,805 43,911,694 3,174,315

Interdepartmental transfers	2,325,272	2,325,272
Total	50,051,805	50,821,805

Sec. 2. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.209 is amended to read:

Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

Personal services	54,187,733	57,629,144
Operating expenses	10,167,293	10,167,293
Grants	<u>1,356,805</u>	1,356,805
Total	65,711,831	69,153,242
Source of funds		
General fund	36,604,914	40,046,325
Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
Special funds	2,984,667	2,984,667
Federal funds	3,798,422	3,798,422
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,073,828</u>	2,073,828
Total	65,711,831	69,153,242

Sec. 3. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.221 is amended to read:

Sec. B.221 Criminal justice training council

Personal services	1,193,040	1,332,687
Operating expenses	1,283,697	1,283,697
Total	2,476,737	2,616,384
Source of funds		
General fund	2,355,582	2,495,229
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>121,155</u>	121,155
Total	2,476,737	2,616,384

Sec. 4. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:

Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

General fund	152,235,965	156,587,023
Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
Special funds	86,673,285	86,673,285
Tobacco fund	561,843	561,843
Federal funds	54,930,811	54,930,811
ARRA funds	1,010,000	1,010,000
Interdepartmental transfers	14,681,856	14,681,856

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Enterprise funds Total	10,408,556 340,752,316	10,408,556 345,103,374
Sec. 5. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. read:	11, Sec. B.300 is	s amended to
Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human	services - secretar	ry's office
Personal services Operating expenses Grants Total Source of funds General fund Special funds Federal funds Global Commitment fund Interdepartmental transfers	25,198,739 7,387,754 91,017 16,056,135 453,000 1,210,833	5,646,282 6,978,181 21,145,908 7,996,653 135,517 11,581,340 453,000 979,398
Total Sec. 6. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. read:	25,198,739 11, Sec. B.301 is	, ,
Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitme	ent	
Operating expenses Grants Total	3,156,749 <u>1,585,123,038</u> <u>1</u> <u>1,588,279,787</u> 1	
Source of funds General fund Special funds Tobacco fund State health care resources fund Federal funds Interdepartmental transfers Total	283,423,430 27,902,465 20,299,373 284,480,725 955,341,512	547,692,210 34,179,290 20,299,373 18,546,502 972,451,716 15,367,779
Sec. 7. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. read:	11, Sec. B.302 is	s amended to
Sec. B.302 Rate setting		
Personal services Operating expenses Total Source of funds	916,668 96,744 1,013,412	23,906
General fund	506,706	268,898

Federal funds	506,706	268,898
Total	1,013,412	537,796

Sec. 8. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.303 is amended to read:

Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council

Personal services	402,333	402,333
Operating expenses	71,003	83,003
Grants	150,000	150,000
Total	623,336	635,336
Source of funds		
Special funds	0	12,000
Federal funds	<u>623,336</u>	623,336
Total	623,336	635,336

Sec. 9. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

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

150,000,858	155,647,085
5,878,419	9,166,151
7,314,742	7,314,742
163,194,019	172,127,978
26,674,061	29,303,802
3,522,585	4,180,049
118,955,295	122,595,258
6,795,089	8,420,089
7,246,989	7,628,780
163,194,019	172,127,978
	5,878,419 7,314,742 163,194,019 26,674,061 3,522,585 118,955,295 6,795,089 7,246,989

Sec. 10. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.307 is amended to read:

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

Grants	730,388,202	731,836,651
Total	730,388,202	731,836,651
Source of funds		
Global Commitment fund	730,388,202	731,836,651
Total	730,388,202	731,836,651

Sec. 11. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.308 is amended to read:

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

Grants	<u>204,515,915</u>	209,074,560
Total	204,515,915	209,074,560
Source of funds		
Global Commitment fund	204,515,915	209,074,560
Total	204,515,915	209,074,560

Sec. 12. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:

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

Grants	<u>47,955,940</u>	52,546,833
Total	47,955,940	52,546,833
Source of funds		
General fund	39,074,163	40,951,636
Global Commitment fund	8,881,777	11,595,197
Total	47,955,940	52,546,833

Sec. 13. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:

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

Grants	31,345,248	32,446,297
Total	31,345,248	32,446,297
Source of funds		
General fund	11,400,406	11,406,688
Federal funds	19,944,842	21,039,609
Total	31,345,248	32,446,297

Sec. 14. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.311 is amended to read:

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services	5,369,099	5,369,099
Operating expenses	5,125,954	5,637,439
Grants	4,065,000	4,040,917
Total	14,560,053	15,047,455
Source of funds		
General fund	2,756,570	2,846,866
Special funds	1,737,815	1,758,275
Federal funds	6,577,531	6,904,918

Global Commitment fund	3,443,137	3,492,396
Interdepartmental transfers	45,000	45,000
Total	14,560,053	15,047,455

Sec. 15. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:

Sec. B.312 Health - public health

Personal services	42,670,151	42,670,151
Operating expenses	8,262,008	8,262,008
Grants	36,443,759	36,419,345
Total	87,375,918	87,351,504
Source of funds		
General fund	9,483,976	9,459,562
Special funds	17,368,655	17,368,655
Tobacco fund	1,088,918	1,088,918
Federal funds	45,853,114	45,853,114
Global Commitment fund	12,436,255	12,436,255
Interdepartmental transfers	1,120,000	1,120,000
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	25,000
Total	87,375,918	87,351,504

Sec. 16. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.313 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	4,228,751	4,228,751
Operating expenses	255,634	255,634
Grants	49,572,962	49,199,356
Total	54,057,347	53,683,741
Source of funds		
General fund	2,468,452	2,350,373
Special funds	1,163,962	1,163,962
Tobacco fund	949,917	949,917
Federal funds	14,495,543	14,495,543
Global Commitment fund	<u>34,979,473</u>	34,723,946
Total	54.057.347	53.683.741

Sec. 17. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services	30,983,975	31,803,025
Operating expenses	3,754,146	3,754,146

Grants	208,515,176	228,916,900
Total	243,253,297	264,474,071
Source of funds		
General fund	6,131,693	6,401,117
Special funds	434,904	1,184,904
Federal funds	8,782,053	9,485,683
Global Commitment fund	227,884,647	247,085,743
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>20,000</u>	316,624
Total	243,253,297	264,474,071

Sec. 18. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	39,883,238	41,316,060
Operating expenses	11,312,882	11,089,597
Grants	3,019,141	2,920,622
Total	54,215,261	55,326,279
Source of funds		
General fund	26,574,313	26,425,308
Special funds	2,591,557	2,531,557
Federal funds	22,956,549	24,228,031
Global Commitment fund	1,875,508	1,924,049
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>217,334</u>	217,334
Total	54,215,261	55,326,279

Sec. 19. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	33,519,525	34,621,892
Operating expenses	4,951,233	5,099,978
Grants	75,193,282	77,367,914
Total	113,664,040	117,089,784
Source of funds		
General fund	36,682,377	40,287,702
Special funds	967,587	877,587
Federal funds	27,125,458	27,457,860
Global Commitment fund	48,754,229	48,354,746
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>134,389</u>	<u>111,889</u>
Total	113,664,040	117,089,784

Sec. 20. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

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

4,373,097	4,591,300
666,405	701,709
78,641,229	78,352,587
83,680,731	83,645,596
33,309,452	33,047,380
1,820,000	1,820,000
37,067,384	37,067,384
11,483,895	11,688,332
$\underline{\underline{0}}$	22,500
83,680,731	83,645,596
	666,405 <u>78,641,229</u> 83,680,731 33,309,452 1,820,000 37,067,384 11,483,895

Sec. 21. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.319 is amended to read:

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

10,358,904	10,358,904
3,664,980	3,707,369
14,023,884	14,066,273
3,811,164	4,141,089
455,719	455,719
9,369,401	9,081,865
387,600	387,600
14,023,884	14,066,273
	3,664,980 14,023,884 3,811,164 455,719 9,369,401

Sec. 22. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	2,252,206	2,252,206
Grants	<u>11,298,023</u>	10,498,023
Total	13,550,229	12,750,229
Source of funds		
General fund	9,649,899	8,849,899
Global Commitment fund	3,900,330	3,900,330
Total	13,550,229	12,750,229

Sec. 23. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.321 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	15,000	15,000
Grants	<u>6,912,360</u>	6,992,083
Total	6,927,360	7,007,083
Source of funds		
General fund	6,530,025	6,609,748
Federal funds	111,320	111,320
Global Commitment fund	286,015	286,015
Total	6,927,360	7,007,083

Sec. 24. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:

Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up

51,519
160,502
212,021
822,579
177,984
529,840
681,618
212,021

Sec. 25. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.324 is amended to read:

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

Grants	<u>15,019,953</u>	16,375,827
Total	15,019,953	16,375,827
Source of funds		
Special funds	1,434,217	1,790,091
Federal funds	13,585,736	14,585,736
Total	15,019,953	16,375,827

Sec. 26. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.325 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	496,450	496,450
Operating expenses	43,133	43,458
Grants	9,610,253	10,089,823
Total	10,149,836	10,629,731
Source of funds		
General fund	4,767,340	4,962,665
Special funds	57,990	57,990
Federal funds	4,494,818	4,707,843
Global Commitment fund	829,688	829,688
Interdepartmental transfers	$\underline{\underline{0}}$	71,545
Total	10,149,836	10,629,731

Sec. 27. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.326 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	321,661	321,661
Operating expenses	43,448	43,448
Grants	10,554,220	12,641,596
Total	10,919,329	13,006,705
Source of funds		
Special funds	6,325,418	8,412,794
Federal funds	4,593,911	4,593,911
Total	10,919,329	13,006,705

Sec. 28. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.327 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	5,478,901	5,478,901
Operating expenses	717,907	717,998
Total	6,196,808	6,196,899
Source of funds		
General fund	1,134,164	6,099,899
Global Commitment fund	4,965,644	0
Interdepartmental transfers	97,000	97,000
Total	6,196,808	6,196,899

Sec. 29. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.328 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	5,978,035	6,428,035
Operating expenses	<u>411,111</u>	411,111
Total	6,389,146	6,839,146
Source of funds		
General fund	103,081	103,081
Federal funds	<u>6,286,065</u>	6,736,065
Total	6,389,146	6,839,146

Sec. 30. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.329 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	31,585,910	31,585,910
Operating expenses	5,477,387	5,594,492
Total	37,063,297	37,180,402
Source of funds		
General fund	16,304,973	16,379,241
Special funds	1,390,457	1,390,457
Federal funds	18,301,583	18,344,420
Interdepartmental transfers	1,066,284	1,066,284
Total	37,063,297	37,180,402

Sec. 31. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:

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

Grants	20,067,904	20,133,204
Total	20,067,904	20,133,204
Source of funds		
General fund	7,553,375	7,553,375
Federal funds	7,148,466	7,148,466
Global Commitment fund	5,366,063	5,431,363
Total	20,067,904	20,133,204

Sec. 32. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.331 is amended to read:

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

Grants	1,451,457	1,661,457
Total	1,451,457	1,661,457
Source of funds		
General fund	389,154	389,154
Special funds	223,450	223,450
Federal funds	593,853	743,853
Global Commitment fund	<u>245,000</u>	305,000
Total	1,451,457	1,661,457

Sec. 33. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.332 is amended to read:

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

Grants	7,174,368	7,024,368
Total	7,174,368	7,024,368
Source of funds		
General fund	1,371,845	1,371,845
Federal funds	4,552,523	4,402,523
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>	1,250,000
Total	7,174,368	7,024,368

Sec. 34. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.333 is amended to read:

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

Grants	221,097,985	221,124,954
Total	221,097,985	221,124,954
Source of funds		
General fund	155,125	155,125
Special funds	15,463	15,463
Federal funds	359,857	359,857
Global Commitment fund	220,522,540	220,549,509
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
Total	221,097,985	221,124,954

Sec. 35. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

Personal services	109,065,960	111,056,476
Operating expenses	21,128,473	21,379,399
Grants	<u>9,163,138</u>	8,893,128
Total	139,357,571	141,329,003

Source of funds		
General fund	132,472,462	134,443,894
Special funds	629,963	629,963
Federal funds	470,962	470,962
Global Commitment fund	5,387,869	5,387,869
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	396,315
Total	139,357,571	141,329,003

Sec. 36. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	18,756,245	18,756,245
Operating expenses	<u>4,949,905</u>	6,007,954
Total	23,706,150	24,764,199
Source of funds		
General fund	3,998,789	3,089,840
Special funds	11,281,346	13,248,344
Federal funds	8,426,015	8,426,015
Total	23,706,150	24,764,199

Sec. 37. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.346 is amended to read:

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds		
General fund	697,716,468	975,587,802
Special funds	104,751,216	116,925,713
Tobacco fund	22,338,208	22,338,208
State health care resources fund	284,480,725	18,546,502
Federal funds	1,385,140,068	1,406,513,246
Global Commitment fund	1,544,576,637	1,568,957,099
Internal service funds	1,973,584	1,973,584
Interdepartmental transfers	40,759,391	39,813,413
Permanent trust funds	25,000	25,000
Total	4,081,761,297	4,150,680,567

Sec. 38. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.500 is amended to read:

Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration

Personal services	7,569,932	7,569,932
Operating expenses	3,575,080	3,581,330

Grants	15,540,935	15,540,935
Total	26,685,947	26,692,197
Source of funds		
General fund	3,795,807	3,802,057
Special funds	16,280,409	16,280,409
Education fund	995,597	995,597
Federal funds	2,396,087	2,396,087
Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
Interdepartmental transfers	2,958,047	2,958,047
Total	26,685,947	26,692,197

Sec. 39. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.505 is amended to read:

Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment

Grants	<u>1,371,075,706</u> <u>1,372,931,462</u>
Total	1,371,075,706 1,372,931,462
Source of funds	
Education fund	1,371,075,706 1,372,931,462
Total	1,371,075,706 1,372,931,462

Sec. 40. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:

Sec. B.516 Total general education

Source of funds		
General fund	136,962,560	136,968,810
Special funds	19,483,091	19,483,091
Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
Education fund	1,648,663,578	1,650,519,334
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	7,781,379	7,781,379
Total	1,956,386,789	1,958,248,795

Sec. 41. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.702 is amended to read:

Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services

Personal services	17,559,395	17,674,395
Operating expenses	5,511,383	5,511,383
Grants	1,078,000	1,078,000
Total	24.148.778	24.263.778

Source of funds		
General fund	5,652,621	5,767,621
Special funds	196,212	196,212
Fish and wildlife fund	9,505,629	9,505,629
Federal funds	8,691,203	8,691,203
Interdepartmental transfers	93,102	93,102
Permanent trust funds	10,011	10,011
Total	24,148,778	24,263,778

Sec. 42. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.704 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	5,587,322	5,587,322
Operating expenses	761,503	794,103
Grants	500,000	500,000
Total	6,848,825	6,881,425
Source of funds		
General fund	4,610,156	4,642,756
Special funds	412,999	412,999
Federal funds	1,487,097	1,487,097
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>338,573</u>	338,573
Total	6,848,825	6,881,425

Sec. 43. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.709 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	6,288,392	6,340,265
Operating expenses	3,391,844	3,391,844
Grants	150,000	150,000
Total	9,830,236	9,882,109
Source of funds		
General fund	1,074,364	1,126,237
Special funds	457,591	457,591
Federal funds	744,676	744,676
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,553,605</u>	7,553,605
Total	9,830,236	9,882,109

Sec. 44. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.711 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	18,292,585	18,292,585
Operating expenses	6,676,548	6,676,548
Grants	23,754,400	23,804,400
Total	48,723,533	48,773,533
Source of funds		
General fund	7,815,563	7,815,563
Special funds	10,333,268	10,383,268
Federal funds	29,486,364	29,486,364
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,088,338</u>	1,088,338
Total	48,723,533	48,773,533

Sec. 45. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

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General fund	28,086,224	28,285,697
Special funds	48,971,225	49,021,225
Fish and wildlife fund	9,505,629	9,505,629
Federal funds	46,401,814	46,401,814
Interdepartmental transfers	9,907,827	9,907,827
Permanent trust funds	10,011	10,011
Total	142,882,730	$143,1\overline{32,203}$

Sec. 46. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.800 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	1,717,913	1,817,913
Operating expenses	1,373,839	1,373,839
Grants	<u>452,627</u>	352,627
Total	3,544,379	3,544,379
Source of funds		
General fund	3,524,379	3,524,379
Interdepartmental transfers	20,000	20,000
Total	3,544,379	3,544,379

Sec. 47. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.801 is amended to read:

3,512,700	3,512,700
903,397	903,397
<u>5,554,735</u>	5,669,735
9,970,832	10,085,832
4,563,197	4,678,197
2,625,350	2,625,350
2,782,285	2,782,285
9,970,832	10,085,832
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Sec. 48. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.810 is amended to read:

Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society

Grants	961,426	991,426
Total	961,426	991,426
Source of funds		
General fund	961,426	991,426
Total	961,426	991,426

Sec. 49. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.813 is amended to read:

Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development

Source of funds

General fund	15,902,584	16,047,584
Special funds	18,557,328	18,557,328
Federal funds	25,950,869	25,950,869
Interdepartmental transfers	110,751	110,751
Enterprise funds	650,605	650,605
Total	$61,\overline{172,137}$	61,317,137

Sec. 50. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.903 is amended to read:

Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development

Personal services	50,457,603	50,457,603
Operating expenses	216,263,480	218,063,480
Grants	34,168,390	34,168,390
Total	300,889,473	302,689,473
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	42,549,882	42,923,252
TIB fund	11,894,706	13,321,336

Federal funds	244,766,072	244,766,072
Interdepartmental transfers	239,345	239,345
Local match	1,439,468	1,439,468
Total	300,889,473	302,689,473

Sec. 51. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.905 is amended to read:

Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system

43,007,903	43,007,903
44,516,596	47,370,246
<u>371,780</u>	371,780
87,896,279	90,749,929
85,018,492	87,872,142
2,777,787	2,777,787
100,000	100,000
87,896,279	90,749,929
	44,516,596 371,780 87,896,279 85,018,492 2,777,787 100,000

Sec. 52. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.907 is amended to read:

Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail

Personal services	5,511,324	5,511,324
Operating expenses	24,087,727	24,549,401
Total	29,599,051	30,060,725
Source of funds		,,
Transportation fund	18,675,520	19,137,194
TIB fund	760,000	760,000
Federal funds	10,163,531	10,163,531
Total	29,599,051	30,060,725

Sec. 53. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.910 is amended to read:

Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles

19,894,921	21,499,266
11,465,811	11,465,811
31,360,732	32,965,077
29,760,414	31,364,759
1,458,768	1,458,768
141,550	141,550
31,360,732	32,965,077
	11,465,811 31,360,732 29,760,414 1,458,768 141,550

Sec. 54. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.919 is amended to read:

Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program

Operating expenses	200,000	200,000
Grants	8,882,342	6,482,342
Total	9,082,342	6,682,342
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	1,240,000	1,240,000
Special funds	2,400,000	0
Federal funds	5,442,342	5,442,342
Total	9,082,342	6,682,342

Sec. 55. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.922 is amended to read:

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds

Transportation fund	251,072,742	256,365,781
TIB fund	13,202,337	14,628,967
Special funds	3,819,457	1,419,457
Federal funds	318,917,135	318,917,135
Internal service funds	20,684,524	20,684,524
Interdepartmental transfers	1,053,100	1,053,100
Local match	2,131,800	2,131,800
Total	610,881,095	615,200,764

Sec. 56. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

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

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are transferred from the funds indicated:
- (1) From the General Fund to the Next Generation Initiative Fund established by 16 V.S.A. § 2887: \$3,055,900 \$3,453,807.

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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-Co	ourt Order	2,000,000.00
21928	Secretary of State Services Fund	d	2,607,923.00
62100	Unclaimed Property Fund	3,415,143.00	2,978,680.00

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(3) In fiscal year 2019, notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.228, \$30,014,057 \$30,657,910 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.

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- (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2019:
- (1) The following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the accounts indicated:

1130010000	Department of Libraries	234,209.00
<u>1130030000</u>	Department of Libraries	490,361.98
1120020000	Tuition Assistance Program	9,953.72
1120030000	Dependent Care Program	376.83
1150891701	SESCF Reuse	200,000.00
1210001000	Legislative Council	113,000.00
1210002000	Legislature	175,000.00
1220000000	Joint Fiscal Office	30,000.00
1240001000	Lieutenant Governor	1,063.83
1250010000	Auditor of Accounts	<u>2,576.48</u>
1260010000	Treasurer	35,000.00
<u>2130100000</u>	State's Attorneys	194,650.59
2130200000	<u>Sheriffs</u>	74,871.99
2200040000	Ag Resource Management	70,000.00

3330010000	Green Mountain Care Board	167,740.73
<u>5100010000</u>	Agency of Education – Administration	32,191.80
(2) The	following amounts shall revert to the Edu	cation Fund from the

(2) The following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the accounts indicated:

<u>1140330000</u>	Renter Rebates	1,382,973.79
<u>5100210000</u>	Ed-Flexible Pathways	637,262.50
<u>5100090000</u>	Education Grant	8,443,806.00
<u>5100100000</u>	Transportation	97,030.00
<u>5100110000</u>	Small School Grant	109,928.00
<u>5100120000</u>	Debt Service Aid	<u>25,000.00</u>
<u>5100190000</u>	Essential Early Educ Grant	89,450.88
<u>5100200000</u>	Education-Technical Education	160,914.23

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- (e) The following General Fund amount shall be reserved in the General Fund Rainy Day Reserve established by 32 V.S.A. § 308c: \$9,700,000.
- Sec. 57. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

Sec. B.1100 NEXT GENERATION; APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS

(a) In fiscal year 2019, \$3,055,900 \$3,453,807 is appropriated or transferred from the Next Generation Initiative Fund created in 16 V.S.A. § 2887 as prescribed:

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(3) Scholarships and grants. The amount of \$1,420,500 \$1,818,407 as follows:

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(C) Dual enrollment programs and need-based stipend. The amount of \$740,000 \$1,137,907 is appropriated to the Agency of Education for dual enrollment programs and \$36,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Education to be transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for need-based stipends pursuant to Sec. E.605.1 of this act.

Sec. 58. EXPANDING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE PLAN – PLAN APPROVAL POSTPONEMENT

(a) Release of funds in fiscal year 2019 under the provisions of 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106.1 (b)(1) shall be pursuant to plan review and approval upon passage in the fiscal year 2020 budget bill.

Sec. 59. GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO THE 27/53 RESERVE

(a) The amount of \$1,880,000 in General Funds shall be transferred and reserved in the 27/53 Reserve in fiscal year 2019. This action is the fiscal year 2020 contribution to the 27th payroll reserve as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

Sec. 60. INSTITUTIONS FOR MENTAL DISEASE; GLOBAL COMMITMENT WAIVER AMENDMENT

(a) It is the public policy of the State of Vermont to develop a fully integrated continuum of mental health services. In recognition that Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs) are an essential part of the current continuum of care, the Secretary of Human Services may seek approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend Vermont's Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 waiver as it relates to the phase out of coverage of treatment for serious mental illness provided in IMDs.

Sec. 61. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. E.301 is amended to read:

Sec. E.301 Secretary's office - Global Commitment

- (a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in Sec. B.103 B.301 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 \$26,413,016 \$26,394,678 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

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(2) \$3,076,966 \$3,058,628 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

Sec. 62. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. E.318 is amended to read:

Sec. E.318 EARLY CARE AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT; ADDITIONAL CHILD CARE EXPENDITURES

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- (d) The Department for Children and Families Child Development Division shall allocate funds appropriated in fiscal year 2019 for the following one-time purposes:
- (1) \$800,000 to be carried forward into fiscal year 2020 to fund the estimated program cost related to changes to the Federal Poverty Rate calculations; and
- (2) \$1,400,000 to create one-time grants to new or existing licensed child care programs, at a minimum to maintain capacity, particularly for vulnerable children and underserved areas of the State.

Sec. 63. CONTINGENCY FUNDING FOR THE ACO CLAIMS TAIL

(a) To the extent that the Agency of Human Services and the Department of Finance and Management find the budgeted amount in the Global Commitment appropriations in fiscal year 2019 are not sufficient to cover the one-time costs incurred during fiscal year 2019 specifically attributable to the overlapping timing of Medicaid claims incurred prior to January 1, 2019 and prospective payments made to an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) for approximately 32,000 Medicaid beneficiaries newly attributed to an ACO on or after January 1, 2019, up to \$7,840,000 is unreserved from the Human Services Caseload Reserve and appropriated to the Agency of Human Services' Global Commitment appropriation as State matching General Funds in 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.301 as amended by Sec. 6 of this act. There shall be a corresponding appropriation for Federal Funds in 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.301 as amended by Sec. 6 of this act, as required by the concurrent Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate. The commensurate gross Global Commitment spending authority shall be appropriated as needed to respective departments and may be effectuated among the adjustments to Global Commitment appropriations pursuant to 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. E.301.2. The Agency and the Department shall provide a report on the findings and the amount appropriated pursuant to this provision to the Joint Fiscal Office and as part of the fiscal year 2019 close out to the Joint Fiscal Committee.

Sec. 64. TRANSITION OF STATE HEALTH CARE RESOURCES FUND REVENUES TO THE GENERAL FUND

- (a) The Department of Finance and Management shall report upon request 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 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.301, as amended by this act:
- (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 employer health care premium 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, 2019.
- Sec. 65. 33 V.S.A. § 1901d is amended to read:

§ 1901d. STATE HEALTH CARE RESOURCES FUND

- (a) The State Health Care Resources Fund is established in the State Treasury as a special fund to be a source of financing for health care coverage for beneficiaries of the State health care assistance programs under the Global Commitment to Health waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act and a source of financing for the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange established in chapter 18, subchapter 1 of this title.
 - (b) Into the Fund shall be deposited:
- (1) all revenue from the tobacco products tax and from the cigarette tax levied pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 205; [Repealed.]
- (2) revenue from health care provider assessments pursuant to subchapter 2 of chapter 19 of this title; [Repealed.]
- (3) revenue from the employer health care premium contribution pursuant to 21 V.S.A. chapter 25; [Repealed.]

- (4) revenue from health care claims assessments pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 10402; [Repealed.]
- (5) premium amounts paid by individuals unless paid directly to the insurer; and
- (6) the proceeds from grants, donations, contributions, taxes, <u>recoveries</u>, and any other sources of revenue as may be provided by statute, rule, <u>agreement</u>, or act of the General Assembly; <u>and</u>.
- (7) any remaining balance in the terminated Catamount Fund as of June 30, 2012. [Repealed.]

* * *

- (d) All monies received by or generated to the Fund shall be used only as allowed by appropriation of the General Assembly for the administration and delivery of health care covered through State health care assistance programs administered by the Agency under the Global Commitment for Health Medicaid Section 1115 waiver, the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange established in chapter 18, subchapter 1 of this title, immunizations under 18 V.S.A. § 1130, and the development and implementation of the Blueprint for Health under 18 V.S.A. § 702.
- Sec. 66. 2 V.S.A. § 693(b) is amended to read:

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(2) If applicable, the Secretary shall submit an electronic report to the Joint Fiscal Office for distribution to members of the Committee that summarizes any plans or actions taken by the Executive Branch to delay health care reform project schedules as a result of:

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(B) changes in the consensus revenue forecast of the Health Care Resources Fund; [Repealed.]

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Sec. 67. 8 V.S.A. § 4518 is amended to read:

§ 4518. TAX EXEMPTION

A hospital service corporation shall be exempt from all forms of taxation except the health care claims tax assessed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 10402.

Sec. 68. 8 V.S.A. § 4590 is amended to read:

§ 4590. TAX EXEMPTION

A medical service corporation shall be exempt from all forms of taxation except the health care claims tax assessed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 10402.

Sec. 69. 32 V.S.A. § 305a is amended to read:

§ 305a. OFFICIAL STATE REVENUE ESTIMATE

(a) On or about January 15 and again by July 31 of each year, and at such other times as the Emergency Board or the Governor deems proper, the Joint Fiscal Office and the Secretary of Administration shall provide to the Emergency Board their respective estimates of State revenues in the General, Transportation, Transportation Infrastructure Bond, and Education, and State Health Care Resources Funds. The January revenue estimate shall be for the current and next two succeeding fiscal years, and the July revenue estimate shall be for the current and immediately succeeding fiscal years. Federal fund estimates shall be provided at the same times for the current fiscal year. Global Commitment Fund estimates shall be provided in January for the current and immediately succeeding fiscal year and in July for the current fiscal year.

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(c)(1)(A) The January estimates shall include estimated caseloads and estimated per-member per-month expenditures for the current and next succeeding fiscal years for each Medicaid enrollment group as defined by the Agency and the Joint Fiscal Office for State Health Care Assistance Programs or premium assistance programs supported by the State Health Care Resources and Global Commitment Funds, Fund and for the programs under any Medicaid Section 1115 waiver.

* * *

Sec. 70. 32 V.S.A. § 7823 is amended to read:

§ 7823. DEPOSIT OF REVENUE

The revenue generated by the taxes imposed under this chapter shall be credited to the State Health Care Resources Fund established by 33 V.S.A. § 1901d General Fund.

Sec. 71. 32 V.S.A. § 9533(e) is amended to read:

(e) Upon the receipt of the full amount of the tax, the Commissioner shall deposit receipts from the transferor tax in into the Health Care Resources Fund established pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 1901d General Fund.

Sec. 72. 32 V.S.A. § 10402 is amended to read:

§ 10402. HEALTH CARE CLAIMS TAX

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- (b) Revenues paid and collected under this chapter shall be deposited as follows:
- (1) 0.199 of one percent of all health insurance claims into the Health IT-Fund established in section 10301 of this title; and
- (2) 0.8 of one percent of all health insurance claims into the State Health Care Resources Fund established in 33 V.S.A. § 1901d General Fund.
- (c) The annual cost to obtain Vermont Healthcare Claims Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System (VHCURES) data, pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9410, for use by the Department of Taxes shall be paid from the Vermont Health IT-Fund and the State Health Care Resources General Fund in the same proportion as revenues are deposited into those Funds.

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Sec. 73. 32 V.S.A. § 10402 is amended to read:

§ 10402. HEALTH CARE CLAIMS TAX

* * *

- (b) Revenues paid and collected under this chapter shall be deposited as follows: into the General Fund.
- (1) 0.199 of one percent of all health insurance claims into the Health IT-Fund established in section 10301 of this title; and
- (2) 0.8 of one percent of all health insurance claims into the General Fund.
- (c) The annual cost to obtain Vermont Healthcare Claims Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System (VHCURES) data, pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9410, for use by the Department of Taxes shall be paid from the Vermont Health IT-Fund and the General Fund in the same proportion as revenues are deposited into those Funds.

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Sec. 74. 32 V.S.A. § 10503 is amended to read:

§ 10503. HEALTH CARE FUND CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT

- (a) The Commissioner of Taxes shall assess and an employer shall pay a quarterly Health Care Fund contribution for each full-time equivalent uncovered employee employed during that quarter in excess of four full-time equivalent employees.
- (b) The amount of the contribution shall be \$158.77 for each full-time equivalent employee in excess of four. Starting in calendar year 2018, the

amount of the contribution shall be adjusted <u>annually</u> by a percentage equal to any percentage change in premiums for the second lowest-cost <u>of all</u> silver-level <u>plan health benefit plans</u>, <u>whether offered</u> in <u>or outside</u> the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange.

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(d) Revenues from the Health Care Fund contributions collected shall be deposited into the State Health Care Resources Fund established under 33 V.S.A. § 1901d General Fund.

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Sec. 75. 33 V.S.A. § 1951 is amended to read:

§ 1951. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter:

* * *

(4) "Fund" means the State Health Care Resources Fund consisting in part of assessments from health care providers under this subchapter. [Repealed.]

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Sec. 76. 33 V.S.A. § 1956 is amended to read:

§ 1956. PROCEEDS FROM ASSESSMENTS

All assessments, including late-payment assessments, from health care providers under this subchapter shall be deposited in the State Health Care Resources Fund established in section 1901d of this title General Fund. No provision of this subchapter shall permit the State to reduce the level of State funds expended on the nursing home Medicaid program in any fiscal year below the level expended in fiscal year 1991 from the General Fund for the nursing home Medicaid program.

Sec. 77. VERMONT VETERANS' HOME

(a) Prior to expending funds for the security upgrade and the biomass project, the Vermont Veterans' Home shall present a plan on or before March 15, 2019 to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, and the Senate Committee on Institutions that details the total cost of the projects, the timeline for completion, and the funding source over the term of the projects.

Sec. 78. REIMBURSEMENT FOR WINDSOR SOUTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Agency of Education shall pay \$13,205 from the adjusted education payment in 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. B.505, as amended by Sec. 39 of this act, in addition to other education payments to the Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union for fiscal year 2019, to compensate them for Act 46 of 2015 merger activities that resulted in a voluntary merger, for payments that were not received due to timing issues.

Sec. 79. CARRY FORWARD AUTHORITY

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval of the Secretary of Administration, General, Transportation, Transportation Infrastructure Bond, Education Fund, Clean Water Fund (Fund 21932), and Agricultural Water Quality Fund (Fund 21933) appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2019 in the Executive Branch of State government shall be carried forward and shall be designated for expenditure.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, General Fund appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2019 in the Legislative and Judicial branches of State government shall be carried forward and shall be designated for expenditure.

Sec. 80. SUPPLEMENTAL MAINTENANCE SPENDING

- (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706 and the limits on program, project, or activity spending authority approved in the fiscal year 2019 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 \$2,500,000 in Transportation Fund appropriations, other than appropriations for the Town Highway State Aid, Structures, and Class 2 roadway programs, to the Transportation Maintenance State System (8100002000) appropriation, for the specific purpose of addressing the overall cost of highway maintenance during fiscal year 2019.
- (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 2019, 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.
- Sec. 81. 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 201, Sec. 20 is amended to read:

Sec. 20. FUNDING

To the extent the <u>The sum of \$200,000.00</u> is appropriated in fiscal year 2019 from the <u>General Tobacco Litigation Settlement</u> Fund to the Department for Children and Families, <u>pursuant to 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Act and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.105.1(a)(10). Accordingly, the Department shall prepare for the expansion of services to juvenile offenders 18 and 19 years of age pursuant to 33 V.S.A. chapters 52 and 52A beginning in fiscal year 2021, and shall carry forward any unexpended funds.</u>

- Sec. 82. 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 194, Sec. 26a(b) is amended to read:
- (b) In fiscal years 2019 and 2020, the Clean Energy Development Fund shall transfer from the Clean Energy Development Fund to the General Education Fund the amount of the tax expenditure resulting from the sales tax exemption under 32 V.S.A. § 9741(52) on advanced wood boilers up to a maximum of \$200,000.00 for both fiscal years combined. The Department of Taxes shall deposit 64 percent of the monies transferred from the Clean Energy Development Fund into the General Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 435 and 36 percent of the monies in the Education Fund under 16 V.S.A. § 4025.
- Sec. 83. 16 V.S.A. § 4026(e) is amended to read:
- (e) The enactment of this chapter and other provisions of the Equal Educational Opportunity Act of which it is a part have been premised upon estimates of balances of revenues to be raised and expenditures to be made under the act for such purposes as adjusted education payments, categorical State support grants, provisions for property tax income sensitivity, payments in lieu of taxes, current use value appraisals, tax stabilization agreements, the stabilization reserve established by this section and for other purposes. If the stabilization reserve established under this section should in any fiscal year be less than 3.5 5.0 percent of the prior fiscal year's appropriations from the

Education Fund, as defined in subsection (b) of this section, the Joint Fiscal Committee shall review the information provided pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5402b and provide the General Assembly its recommendations for change necessary to restore the stabilization reserve to the statutory level provided in subsection (b) of this section.

Sec. 84. HOLD HARMLESS; PREKINDERGARTEN EQUALIZED PUPIL COUNT

- (a) The Agency of Education shall adjust the long-term membership of a school district under 16 V.S.A. § 4010, which is used in determining the district's equalized pupil count, for a school district that:
- (1) in school year 2017–2018 erroneously paid public dollars to a prekindergarten program that was ineligible under 16 V.S.A. § 829 to receive public funds and as a result overreported its average daily membership prekindergarten count for that year to the Agency of Education; and
- (2) corrected for this overreporting by correspondingly decreasing its 2017–2018 school year average daily membership prekindergarten count in a subsequent report to the Agency of Education.
- (b) The Agency of Education shall adjust the long-term membership of a school district that qualifies under subsection (a) of this section by increasing its average daily membership prekindergarten count for the 2017–2018 school year by the amount it overreported for the 2017–2018 school year.
- Sec. 85. 16 V.S.A. § 2857 is amended to read:
- § 2857. VERMONT NATIONAL GUARD TUITION BENEFIT PROGRAM

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(c) Eligibility. To be eligible for the Program, an individual, whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

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- (6) have exhausted any <u>used available</u> post-September 11, 2001 tuition benefits and other federally funded military tuition assistance; provided, however, that this subdivision shall not apply to:
- (A) tuition benefits and other federally funded military tuition assistance for which the individual has not yet earned the full amount of the benefit or tuition;
 - (B) Montgomery GI Bill benefits;
- (C) post-September 11, 2001 educational program housing allowances;

- (D) federal educational entitlements;
- (E) National Guard scholarship grants,
- (F) loans under section 2856 of this title; and
- (G) other nontuition benefits; and

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Sec. 86. 32 V.S.A. § 6066 is amended to read:

§ 6066. COMPUTATION OF ADJUSTMENT

(a) An eligible claimant who owned the homestead on April 1 of the year in which the claim is filed shall be entitled to an adjustment amount determined as follows:

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(5) In no event shall the credit provided for in subdivision (3) or (4) of this subsection exceed the amount of the reduced property tax. The adjustments under subdivisions (3) and subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be calculated considering only the tax due on the first \$400,000.00 in equalized housesite value.

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Sec. 87. FEDERAL SHUTDOWN IMPACT; RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) The General Assembly is concerned about the risks of further federal shutdowns that could impact the health, safety, nutrition, and housing needs of Vermonters; and the risk of federal funding for State and local governmental activities.
- (b) The State Treasurer and the Secretary of Administration shall monitor such impacts on Vermonters and on federally funded programs and identify any direct or indirect impacts. They shall further develop joint recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on or before March 7, 2019 with strategies to minimize these impacts.

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:
- (1) To the Agency of Digital Services: \$1,800,000 to be apportioned as follows:
 - (A) \$1,300,000 for firewalls;

- (B) \$500,000 to invest in hardware for the data storage of State devices.
- (2) To the Department of Health: \$2,400,000 to fund the testing for lead content in schools' and licensed child care centers' drinking water consistent with the program established in S.40 of 2019. These funds are allocated as follows:
- (A) \$125,000 to fund the limited service program position established in S.40 of 2019.
- (B) \$150,000 to fund program start-up and data management costs for the program.
 - (C) \$1,265,000 to fund the initial testing and retesting costs.
- (D) \$860,000 to fund the estimated 50 percent State share of tap remediation costs.
- (3) To the Department of Environmental Conservation: \$125,000 to fund the limited service remediation position established in S.40 of 2019.
- (4) To the Attorney General: \$22,662 for the increased diversion and pre-trial services caseload increases in fiscal year 2019.
- (5) To Department of Public Safety: \$196,812 for the cost of replacement holsters, sidearm lighting, communications equipment, and less lethal weapons.
- (6) To the Joint Fiscal Office: \$275,000 to be allocated as follows for studies that will be comprehensively defined in the fiscal year 2020 budget process:
- (A) \$250,000 to be reserved to fund contracted services for research and findings, related to families of children and the services and interventions provided to those families who are or have been in the custody of the Commissioner of the Department for Children and Families; and policy recommendations resulting from this research.
- (B) \$25,000 to be reserved to fund contracted services for research and findings related to 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.
- (b) The following transfers are made from the General Fund in fiscal year 2019:
- (1) State Treasurer: \$22,200,000 from the General Fund to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits Fund to repay-in-full in fiscal year

- 2019 the interfund loan obligation authorized by 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(e). This transfer shall be recognized as an additional contribution to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Fund in fiscal year 2019.
- (2) State Treasurer: \$3,293,817 from the General Fund to the Vermont Teachers' Retirement Fund, established pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944. This amount reflects an additional contribution above the actuarily determined employer contribution and the VSTRS Board of Trustees' request for fiscal year 2020. This amount shall be transferred in fiscal year 2019.
- Sec. 89. 32 V.S.A. § 308c is amended to read:
- § 308c. GENERAL FUND AND TRANSPORTATION FUND BALANCE RESERVES
- (a) There is hereby created within the General Fund a General Fund Balance Reserve, also known as the "Rainy Day Reserve." After satisfying the requirements of section 308 of this title, and after other reserve requirements have been met, any remaining unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year General Fund surplus shall be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve. The General Fund Balance Reserve shall not exceed five percent of the appropriations from the General Fund for the prior fiscal year without legislative authorization.

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(3) Of the funds that would otherwise be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve under this subsection, 50 percent of any such funds shall be reserved as necessary and transferred from the General Fund to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits Fund established by 16 V.S.A. § 1944b to reduce any outstanding balance of any interfund loan authorized by the State Treasurer from the General Fund. Upon joint determination by the Commissioner of Finance and Management and the State Treasurer that there is no longer any outstanding balance, no further transfers in accordance with this subdivision shall occur Vermont State Employees' Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund established by 3 V.S.A. § 479a.

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Sec. 90. 16 V.S.A. § 1944b is amended to read:

§ 19446b. RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH AND MEDICAL BENEFITS FUND

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(d) Interest earned shall remain in the Benefits Fund, and all balances remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be carried over to the following year;

provided, however, that any amounts received in repayment of interfund loans established under subsection (e) of this section may be reinvested by the State Treasurer.

- (e)(1) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the State Treasurer is authorized to use interfund loans from the General Fund for payment into the Benefits Fund, which monies shall be identified exclusively for the purposes of payments of retired teacher health and medical benefits pursuant to this section. Any monies borrowed through an interfund loan pursuant to this section shall be paid from monies in the Benefits Fund or from other funds legally available for this purpose. It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate sufficient General Fund revenue, after consideration of all other revenue and disbursements, such that the interfund loan shall be paid in full on or before June 30, 2023. The Governor shall include in the annual budget request an amount sufficient to repay any interfund borrowing according to a schedule developed by the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall pay the interest and principal as due in accordance with authority granted under 32 V.S.A. § 902(b). The State Treasurer shall assess a rate of interest on the outstanding balance of the interfund loan comparable to the rate paid by private depositories of the State's monies, or to the yield available on investments made pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 433. No interfund loans made under this authority shall, in the aggregate, exceed \$28,500,000.00.
- (2) For the purposes of this chapter, calculation of the interfund loan limit shall include long-term receivables and payables but shall not include accruals for federal reimbursement of employer group waiver plan receivables pursuant to subdivision 1944b(b)(1) of this title, receivables due from local school systems pursuant to section 1944d of this title, or any short-term accruals. [Repealed.]
- (f) It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate the required contributions necessary to pay retired teacher health and medical benefits by combining annual increases in base appropriations, but not from the Education Fund, and surplus revenues as they become available, so that the full cost of retired teacher health and medical benefits payments shall be met in base appropriations by fiscal year 2023. To the extent that other revenue sources are identified, the General Fund obligation shall not be reduced, until all annual disbursements to repay the interfund loan in subsection (e) of this section are satisfied. Contributions to the Benefits Fund shall be irrevocable and it shall be impossible at any time prior to the satisfaction of all liabilities, with respect to employees and their beneficiaries, for any part of the corpus or income of the Benefits Fund to be used for, or diverted to, purposes other than the payment of retiree postemployment benefits to members and their

beneficiaries and reasonable expenses of administering the Benefits Fund and related benefit plans.

- (g) The Treasurer shall report on the status of the interfund loan balance allowed under this section as part of the annual budget presentation to the General Assembly. [Repealed.]
- Sec. 91. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106 is amended to read:

Sec. C.106 CHINS CASES SYSTEM-WIDE REFORM

- (a) The sum of \$7,000,000 is appropriated from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund to the Judiciary in fiscal year 2018 and shall carry forward for the uses and based on the allocations set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of this section. The purpose of the funds is to make strategic investments to transform the adjudication of CHINS cases in Vermont.
- (b) The sum appropriated from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund in subsection (a) of this section shall be allocated as follows:
- (1) \$1,250,000 for use in fiscal year 2019, which shall not be distributed until the group defined in subsection (c) of this section provides proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2019 budget adjustment request. or to be carried forward as follows:
- (A) \$125,000 in fiscal year 2019 for the CHINS workgroup to contract with an entity with expertise in justice reform to review and propose changes to the systems by which CHINS cases are processed and adjudicated. Models used in other countries, states, or cities shall be considered and a proposal to provide holistic reform, procedural justice, and strategies to reduce the need for intervention by DCF and the courts shall be submitted to the General Assembly. In developing the proposal, the consultant shall seek input from community members, service providers, and people involved in family court proceedings. The proposal shall recommend a budget and evaluation system and a specific evaluation methodology for determining the long term continuation of the Judicial Masters pilot programs funded in subdivision (1)(C) of this subsection.
- (B) \$25,000 in fiscal year 2019 for the CHINS workgroup to engage a consultant of to evaluate existing home visiting models, including a review of programs currently offered in Vermont and those offered in other states and countries, particularly those that focus on public health and the social welfare of the whole family, including housing, employment, mental health and substance use disorders. The consultant shall recommend model pilots in two or more districts for testing the proposal. The proposal shall include a two-year budget and a proposal for evaluation, for funding in fiscal year 2020.

- (C) \$400,000 in fiscal year 2019 to the Judiciary for a two-district judicial master pilot to encourage parents to follow case plans/remain engaged in treatment and would weigh in on any nonevidentiary proceedings including but not limited to: parent-child contact; status conferences; screening cases for mediation or restorative processes such as family group conferencing; and preliminary hearings
- (D) \$700,000 allocated in fiscal year 2019 and carried forward to fiscal year 2020 pending submission of a proposal. The CHINS workgroup shall continue its evaluation of strategic reforms to the CHINS system and may submit proposals upon which they have reached agreement to the General Assembly for approval. These proposals may include the use of judicial masters, alternative dispute resolution, and peer navigators. The proposals shall have a budget and proposed method of evaluation.
- (2) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2020, for which the group shall provide proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2020 budget request or budget adjustment request, or both;
- (3) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2021, for which the group shall provide proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2021 budget request or budget adjustment request, or both; and
 - (4) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2022 or after as needed.

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Sec. 92. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPLEX LITIGATION SPECIAL FUND; EFFECTIVE DATE

(a) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214 or any provision of 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. G.100 to the contrary, the Complex Litigation Special Fund established in 3 V.S.A. § 167a by 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. E.200.1 shall be treated, for purposes of receiving the funds appropriated by 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.105(a)(3), as though it had taken effect on June 30, 2018.

Sec. 93. VIDEO RECORDS RETENTION POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) On or before March 15, 2019, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Appropriations on proposed video records retention policies for the Vermont State Police (or Vermont law enforcement agencies). The proposed policies shall address:

- (1) the length of time to maintain standard video records that are unrelated to a particular case or incident and were recorded by a dash-mounted or body-mounted camera;
- (2) the process for members of the public to request that records be retained for longer than the standard retention period, and a recommended duration for extensions of the standard period;
- (3) the manner in which the public shall be notified and kept informed about the retention policy; and
- (4) the budget for storage of records with a cloud-based service, and the amount that would be saved by using a cloud-based service instead of the existing on-site physical storage facility.
- (b) The Commissioner shall consult with the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration (VSARA) and the Agency of Digital Services for purposes of making the proposals required by subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 94. WOODSIDE TRANSITION PLAN

- (a) Given the loss of federal matching funds for the Woodside facility, on or before April 1, 2019 the Department for Children and Families shall submit a plan to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Appropriations related to the cessation of operations of the Woodside facility as of July 1, 2019 or the continuation of operations beyond July 1, 2019 limited only to short-term placements of delinquent youth. Any plan should be consistent with legislative intent related to loss of federal funding expressed in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. E.327.
- (b) Long-term planning to meet the needs for serving delinquent youth in State shall be informed by the work of the CHINS workgroup convened pursuant to 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106 and any research or study regarding families of children who are placed in the custody of the Commissioner for Children and Families.
- Sec. 95. 2014 Acts and Resolves No.179, Sec E.500.1(b) and (c), as amended by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.500.1 is further amended to read:

Sec. E.500.1 UNIFORM CHART OF ACCOUNTS COMPLETION, TRANSITION, TRAINING AND SUPPORT

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(b) The Agency of Education shall hire a contractor or contractors through the State's procurement process to assist them in the establishment and completion of the requirements of subsection (a) of this section. Contract deliverables shall include:

- (1) a comprehensive accounting manual, with related business rules;
- (2) specifications for school financial software;
- (3) a detailed transition and support plan that ensures local reporting entities required to record and report information consistent with requirements of subsection (a) of this section can fully comply on or before July 1, 2019 2020.
- (c) the requirements of the subsection (a) of this section shall be in effect by July 1, 2019 2020.
- Sec. 96. 18 V.S.A. § 4808 is amended as follows:

§ 4808. TREATMENT AND SERVICES

- (a) When a law enforcement officer encounters a person who, in the judgment of the officer, is intoxicated as defined in section 4802 of this title, the officer may assist the person, if he or she consents, to his or her home, to an approved substance abuse treatment program, or to some other mutually agreeable location.
- (b) When a law enforcement officer encounters a person who, in the judgment of the officer, is incapacitated as defined in section 4802 of this title, the person shall be taken into protective custody by the officer. The officer shall transport the incapacitated person directly to an approved substance abuse treatment program with detoxification capabilities or to the emergency room of a licensed general hospital for treatment, except that if a substance abuse crisis team or a designated substance abuse counselor exists in the vicinity and is available, the person may be released to the team or counselor at any location mutually agreeable between the officer and the team or counselor. The period of protective custody shall end when the person is released to a substance abuse crisis team, a designated substance abuse counselor, a clinical staff person of an approved substance abuse treatment program with detoxification capabilities, or a professional medical staff person at a licensed general hospital emergency room. The person may be released to his or her own devices if, at any time, the officer judges him or her to be no longer incapacitated. Protective custody shall in no event exceed 24 hours.
- (c) If an incapacitated person is taken to an approved substance abuse treatment program with detoxification capabilities and the program is at capacity, the person shall be taken to the nearest licensed general hospital emergency room for treatment.
- (d) A person judged by a law enforcement officer to be incapacitated and who has not been charged with a crime may be lodged in protective custody in a secure facility not operated by the Department of Corrections for up to 24

hours or until judged by the person in charge of the facility to be no longer incapacitated, if and only if:

- (1) the person refuses to be transported to an appropriate facility for treatment or, if once there, refuses treatment or leaves the facility before he or she is considered by the responsible staff of that facility to be no longer incapacitated; or
- (2) no approved substance abuse treatment program with detoxification capabilities and no staff physician or other medical professional at the nearest licensed general hospital can be found who will accept the person for treatment.
- (e) No person shall be lodged in a secure facility under subsection (d) of this section without first being evaluated and found to be indeed incapacitated by a substance abuse crisis team, a designated substance abuse counselor, a clinical staff person of an approved substance abuse treatment program with detoxification capabilities, or a professional medical staff person at a licensed general hospital emergency room.
- (f) A lockup not operated by the Department of Corrections shall not refuse to admit an incapacitated person in protective custody whose admission is requested by a law enforcement officer, in compliance with the conditions of this section.
- (g) Notwithstanding subsection (d) of this section, a person under 18 years of age who is judged by a law enforcement officer to be incapacitated and who has not been charged with a crime shall not be held at a lockup or community correctional center. If needed treatment is not readily available, the person shall be released to his or her parent or guardian. If the person has no parent or guardian in the area, arrangements shall be made to house him or her according to the provisions of 33 V.S.A. chapter 53. The official in charge of an adult jail or lockup shall notify the Director of the Office of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs of any person under 18 years of age brought to an adult jail or lockup pursuant to this chapter.
- (h) If an incapacitated person in protective custody is lodged in a secure facility, his or her family or next of kin shall be notified as promptly as possible. If the person is an adult and requests that there be no notification, his or her request shall be respected.
 - (i) A taking into protective custody under this section is not an arrest.
- (j) Law enforcement officers, persons responsible for supervision in a secure facility, members of a substance abuse crisis team, and designated substance abuse counselors who act under the authority of this section are

acting in the course of their official duty and are not criminally or civilly liable therefor, unless for gross negligence or willful or wanton injury. [Repealed.]

Sec. 97. 18 V.S.A. § 4809 is amended to read:

§ 4809. INCARCERATION FOR INEBRIATION PROHIBITED

A person who has not been charged with a crime shall not be incarcerated in a facility operated by the Department of Corrections on account of the person's inebriation. [Repealed.]

Sec. 98. 18 V.S.A. § 4810 is added to read:

§ 4810. TREATMENT AND SERVICES

- (a) When a law enforcement officer encounters a person who, in the judgment of the officer, is intoxicated as defined in section 4802 of this title, the officer may assist the person, if he or she consents, to his or her home, to an approved substance abuse treatment program, or to some other mutually agreeable location.
- (b) When a law enforcement officer encounters a person who, in the judgment of the officer, is incapacitated as defined in section 4802 of this title, the person shall be taken into protective custody by the officer. The officer shall transport the incapacitated person directly to an approved substance abuse treatment program with detoxification capabilities or to the emergency room of a licensed general hospital for treatment, except that if a substance abuse crisis team or a designated substance abuse counselor exists in the vicinity and is available, the person may be released to the team or counselor at any location mutually agreeable between the officer and the team or counselor. The period of protective custody shall end when the person is released to a substance abuse crisis team, a designated substance abuse counselor, a clinical staff person of an approved substance abuse treatment program with detoxification capabilities, or a professional medical staff person at a licensed general hospital emergency room. The person may be released to his or her own devices if, at any time, the officer judges him or her to be no longer incapacitated. Protective custody shall in no event exceed 24 hours.
- (c) If an incapacitated person is taken to an approved substance abuse treatment program with detoxification capabilities and the program is at capacity, the person shall be taken to the nearest licensed general hospital emergency room for treatment.
- (d) A person judged by a law enforcement officer to be incapacitated and who has not been charged with a crime may be lodged in protective custody in a lockup or community correctional center for up to 24 hours or until judged

by the person in charge of the facility to be no longer incapacitated, if and only if:

- (1) the person refuses to be transported to an appropriate facility for treatment or, if once there, refuses treatment or leaves the facility before he or she is considered by the responsible staff of that facility to be no longer incapacitated; or
- (2) no approved substance abuse treatment program with detoxification capabilities and no staff physician or other medical professional at the nearest licensed general hospital can be found who will accept the person for treatment.
- (e) No person shall be lodged in a lockup or community correctional center under subsection (d) of this section without first being evaluated and found to be indeed incapacitated by a substance abuse crisis team, a designated substance abuse counselor, a clinical staff person of an approved substance abuse treatment program with detoxification capabilities, or a professional medical staff person at a licensed general hospital emergency room.
- (f) No lockup or community correctional center shall refuse to admit an incapacitated person in protective custody whose admission is requested by a law enforcement officer, in compliance with the conditions of this section.
- (g) Notwithstanding subsection (d) of this section, a person under 18 years of age who is judged by a law enforcement officer to be incapacitated and who has not been charged with a crime shall not be held at a lockup or community correctional center. If needed treatment is not readily available, the person shall be released to his or her parent or guardian. If the person has no parent or guardian in the area, arrangements shall be made to house him or her according to the provisions of 33 V.S.A. chapter 53. The official in charge of an adult jail or lockup shall notify the Director of the Office of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs of any person under 18 years of age brought to an adult jail or lockup pursuant to this chapter.
- (h) If an incapacitated person in protective custody is lodged in a lockup or community correctional center, his or her family or next of kin shall be notified as promptly as possible. If the person is an adult and requests that there be no notification, his or her request shall be respected.
 - (i) A taking into protective custody under this section is not an arrest.
- (j) Law enforcement officers or persons responsible for supervision in a lockup or community correctional center or members of a substance abuse crisis team or designated substance abuse counselors who act under the authority of this section are acting in the course of their official duty and are

not criminally or civilly liable therefor, unless for gross negligence or willful or wanton injury.

Sec. 99. 18 V.S.A. § 4810 is amended to read:

§ 4810. TREATMENT AND SERVICES

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- (d) A person judged by a law enforcement officer to be incapacitated and who has not been charged with a crime may be lodged in protective custody in a lockup or community correctional center secure facility not operated by the Department of Corrections for up to 24 hours or until judged by the person in charge of the facility to be no longer incapacitated, if and only if:
- (1) the person refuses to be transported to an appropriate facility for treatment or, if once there, refuses treatment or leaves the facility before he or she is considered by the responsible staff of that facility to be no longer incapacitated; or
- (2) no approved substance abuse treatment program with detoxification capabilities and no staff physician or other medical professional at the nearest licensed general hospital can be found who will accept the person for treatment.
- (e) No person shall be lodged in a lockup or community correctional center secure facility under subsection (d) of this section without first being evaluated and found to be indeed incapacitated by a substance abuse crisis team, a designated substance abuse counselor, a clinical staff person of an approved substance abuse treatment program with detoxification capabilities, or a professional medical staff person at a licensed general hospital emergency room.
- (f) No lockup or community correctional center shall A secure facility not operated by the Department of Corrections shall not refuse to admit an incapacitated person in protective custody whose admission is requested by a law enforcement officer, in compliance with the conditions of this section.
- (g) Notwithstanding subsection (d) of this section, a person under 18 years of age who is judged by a law enforcement officer to be incapacitated and who has not been charged with a crime shall not be held at a lockup or community correctional center. If needed treatment is not readily available, the person shall be released to his or her parent or guardian. If the person has no parent or guardian in the area, arrangements shall be made to house him or her according to the provisions of 33 V.S.A. chapter 53. The official in charge of an adult jail or lockup shall notify the Director of the Office of Drug and

Alcohol Abuse Programs of any person under 18 years of age brought to an adult jail or lockup pursuant to this chapter.

- (h) If an incapacitated person in protective custody is lodged in a lockup or community correctional center secure facility, his or her family or next of kin shall be notified as promptly as possible. If the person is an adult and requests that there be no notification, his or her request shall be respected.
 - (i) A taking into protective custody under this section is not an arrest.
- (j) Law enforcement officers or, persons responsible for supervision in a lockup or community correctional center or secure facility, members of a substance abuse crisis team or, and designated substance abuse counselors who act under the authority of this section are acting in the course of their official duty and are not criminally or civilly liable therefor, unless for gross negligence or willful or wanton injury.

Sec. 100. 18 V.S.A. § 4811 is added to read:

§ 4811. INCARCERATION FOR INTOXICATION PROHIBITED

A person who has not been charged with a crime shall not be incarcerated in a secure facility operated by the Department of Corrections on account of the person's intoxication.

Sec. 101. GRANT AND POSITION REQUESTS

- (a) The following grant or limited-service position requests are hereby accepted and appropriated to the department indicated for the purpose specified by the grantor:
- (1) JFO #2945 \$499,912 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. The funding would allow the Agency to implement a multi-pronged maple products marketing campaign, including: public relations, promotional materials, a marketing plan, expansion of the annual Maple Open House Weekend into a month-long event, and an international trade mission. One (1) limited service position is associated with this request.
- (2) JFO #2946 \$41,750 from the Northern Border Regional Commission to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. The funding would be combined with a \$26,250 State match to convene a two-day dairy summit focused on farmer resiliency, processor engagement, and dairy market evolution.
- (3) JFO #2948 One (1) limited-service position within the Vermont Military Department. The position would be titled Records and Information Management (RIM) Specialist and would assist the State in conformance to

federal requirements for military document management. The position would be 100 percent federally funded.

(4) JFO #2949 - One (1) limited-service position within the Vermont Department of Public Safety. The position would be titled Homeland Security Program Planner and would be responsible for managing the Vermont Critical Infrastructure Program and with performing outreach to organizations that may be targets of terrorist activities. The position would be 100 percent federally funded.

Sec. 102. 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 is further amended to read:

Sec. 282. TAX COMPUTER SYSTEM MODERNIZATION FUND

- (a) Creation of fund.
- (1) There is established the Tax Computer System Modernization Special Fund to consist of:

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- (C) The Forty percent of the incremental tax receipts received as a direct result of the implementation of the integrated tax system beginning in calendar year 2014, including any additional data warehouse modules. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall approve baseline tax receipts in order to measure the increment from the new integrated tax system.
- (2) Balances in the Fund shall be administered by the Department of Taxes and used for the exclusive purposes of funding: A) ancillary development of information technology systems necessary for implementation and continued operation of the data warehouse project; B) payments due to the vendor under the data warehouse project contract; C) enhanced compliance costs related to the data warehouse project; D) planning for an integrated tax system solution, including present-day analysis of business case and business requirements, requests for proposals and due diligence; E) implementation of tax types, including new tax types, and any additional data warehouse modules into the selected integrated tax system solution; F) a micro-simulation model for use by the Department of Taxes and the Joint Fiscal Office, and the data maintenance costs related to the model; and G) implementation of an ancillary scanning system to enhance the operation of tax types incorporated into the integrated tax system solution; and H) planning for and implementation of education property tax grand list management software, including present-day analysis of business case and business requirements, requests for proposals and

<u>due diligence</u>. All balances in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain part of the Fund. Interest earned by the Fund shall be deposited into the Fund. This Fund is established in the State Treasury pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5.

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(c) Transfer.

- (1) Twenty percent of the tax receipts received pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section after payment to the vendor under the data warehouse contract shall be transferred to the General Fund annually for the duration of that contract. Thereafter, 20 percent of the tax receipts received pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(A) shall be transferred to the Fund which would receive the underlying tax receipts annually until the expiration of the Tax Computer System Modernization Fund.
- (2) Twenty percent of the incremental tax receipts calculated pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(C) shall be transferred to the Fund which would receive the underlying tax receipts annually until the expiration of the Tax Computer Modernization Fund. [Repealed.]

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Sec. 103. SUPERVISION IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS

- (a) The Department of Mental Health shall study security protocols in emergency departments to ensure the safety of patients and hospital staff and compliance with federal regulations in consultation with:
 - (1) the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems;
 - (2) Vermont Care Partners;
 - (3) the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs; and
- (4) an individual who provides peer support services in an emergency department, appointed by Vermont Psychiatric Survivors.
- (b) On or before April 1, 2019, the Department of Mental Health shall submit its findings and recommendations to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Health Care and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare.

Sec. 104. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214 or any other act or provision, Secs. 64–72 (State Health Care Resources Fund), 74 (32 V.S.A. § 10503), 75 (33 V.S.A. § 1951), and 76 (33 V.S.A. § 1956) and Sec. 85 amending 16 V.S.A. § 2857 shall take effect on passage and apply retroactively to July 1, 2018.

- (b) Sec. 73 (further amending 32 V.S.A. § 10402) shall take effect on July 1, 2019.
- (c) Secs. 99 and 100 (amending 18 V.S.A. §§ 4910 and 4811) shall take effect on July 1, 2025.
- (d) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214 or any other act or provision, Sec. 102 (Tax Computer System Modernization Fund) shall take effect on passage and apply retroactively to January 1, 2019.
 - (e) This section and all remaining sections shall take effect on passage.

And by renumbering all of the sections of the bill to be numerically correct (including internal references) and adjusting all of the totals to be arithmetically correct.

And that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with such proposal of amendment.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and pending the question, Shall the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as recommended by the Committee on Appropriations?, Senators Kitchel, Ashe, McCormack, Nitka, Sears, Starr and Westman moved to amend the proposal of amendment of the Committee on Appropriations by striking out Sec. 94 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 94 to read as follows:

Sec. 94. WOODSIDE TRANSITION PLAN

- (a) Given the loss of federal matching funds for the Woodside facility, on or before April 1, 2019 the Department for Children and Families shall submit a plan to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Appropriations related to the continuation of operations beyond July 1, 2019 limited only to short-term placements of delinquent youth. Any plan should be consistent with legislative intent related to loss of federal funding expressed in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. E.327. Any plan should also consider the role of Woodside in the system of care and evaluate the current need and other treatment options for youth in Vermont and out-of-state.
- (b) Long-term planning to meet the needs for serving delinquent youth in State shall be informed by the work of the CHINS workgroup convened pursuant to 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106 and any research or study regarding families of children who are placed in the custody of the Commissioner for Children and Families.

Senator Ashe Assumes the Chair

Which was agreed to.

President Assumes the Chair

Thereupon, the proposal of amendment of the Committee on Appropriations, as amended was agreed to and third reading of the bill was ordered on a roll call, Yeas 28, Nays 0.

Senator Sears having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

Roll Call

Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were: Ashe, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Brock, Campion, Collamore, Cummings, Hardy, Hooker, Ingram, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, McNeil, Nitka, Parent, Pearson, Perchlik, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Westman, White.

Those Senators who voted in the negative were: None.

Those Senators absent and not voting were: Clarkson, Starr.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, February 12, 2019.