

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No.
3 249 entitled “An act relating to additional Reach Up Program benefits”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in
6 lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. REACH UP AND REACH AHEAD PILOT PROGRAM

8 In fiscal year 2020, the Department for Children and Families shall provide
9 the Good News Garage with an additional \$434.00, beyond the \$6,000.00
10 purchase price, for each personal car purchased by the Department for a
11 participant in the Reach Up or Reach Ahead programs. The \$434.00 shall be
12 transferred by the Good News Garage to the participant in the Reach Up or
13 Reach Ahead program for whom the Department purchased the personal car to
14 cover the costs of the motor vehicle sales and use tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A.
15 § 8903 and the registration fee for the first year pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 361.

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

17 The Department for Children and Families, in consultation with the Good
18 News Garage and the Departments of Motor Vehicles and of Taxes, shall file a
19 written report on the pilot program established in Sec. 1 of this act with the
20 House Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health
21 and Welfare on or before March 1, 2020. The report shall address the number

1 of personal cars purchased by the Department for Children and Families for
2 participants in the Reach Up and Reach Ahead programs in fiscal year 2020
3 through January 31, 2020, the number of those personal cars subsequently
4 registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles, whether the sales and use
5 tax was paid on each of those personal cars, any difficulties or successes with
6 the implementation of the pilot program, and anything else the Department for
7 Children and Families wishes to address.

8 Sec. 3. SPENDING AUTHORITY

9 The Department for Children and Families is authorized to spend
10 \$26,040.00 from any vacancy savings associated with bringing on new
11 employees in the Family Services Division in fiscal year 2020 for the purpose
12 of implementing the pilot program established in Sec. 1 of this act.

13 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.

15 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating
16 to the Reach Up and Reach Ahead pilot program”

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(Committee vote: _____)

Representative _____

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