

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No.
3 607 entitled “An act relating to increasing the supply of primary care providers
4 in Vermont” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the report of the Committee on Health Care be amended by
6 adding a new section to be Sec. 5a to read as follows:

7 Sec. 5a. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106.1 is amended
8 to read:

9 Sec. C.106.1 EXPANDING THE VERMONT WORKFORCE FOR
10 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT AND
11 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

12 (a) The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the Tobacco Litigation
13 Settlement Fund to the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2018 and
14 shall carry forward for the uses and based on the allocations set forth in
15 subsections (b) and (c) of this section. The purpose of the funds is to make
16 strategic investments in order to expand the supply of high-quality substance
17 use disorder treatment and mental health professionals available to Vermont
18 residents in need of their services.

19 (b) The sum appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in subsection

20 (a) of this section shall be allocated to the Agency as follows:

1 (1) \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2019, which shall not be distributed until
2 the Agency provides proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2019
3 budget adjustment request;

4 (2) \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2020, for which the Agency shall provide
5 proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2020 budget request or budget
6 adjustment request, or both;

7 (3) \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2021;
8 (A) of which \$1,000,000 is allocated as the State match to fund
9 scholarships for nursing students and medical students in accordance with 18
10 V.S.A. §§ 31 and 33; and

11 (B) the remaining \$500,000 for which the Agency shall provide
12 proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2021 budget request or budget
13 adjustment request, or both; and

14 (4) \$500,000 which may be provided in fiscal year 2022 or after as
15 needed to ensure successful and sustainable implementation of the workforce
16 expansion initiatives developed pursuant to this section.

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18 (Committee vote: _____)

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20 Representative _____

21 FOR THE COMMITTEE