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2 Representative Toll of Danville moves to concur in the Senate Proposal of
3 Amendments with further amendments thereto as follows:

4 First: In the First proposal of amendment, by striking out Sec. 34 in its
5 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 34 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 34. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.346 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.346 Total human services

8 Source of funds

9	General fund	997,706,686	1,007,088,907
10	Special funds	123,880,549	123,986,513
11	Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
12	State health care resources fund	16,915,501	21,101,110
13	Federal funds	1,420,544,308	1,424,376,911
14	Global Commitment fund	1,590,055,367	1,593,280,128
15	Internal service funds	2,035,610	2,035,610
16	Interdepartmental transfers	39,446,402	36,346,190
17	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
18	Total	4,213,697,631	4,231,328,577

19 Second: By striking out the Third proposal of amendment in its entirety

20 Third: By striking out the Sixth proposal of amendment in its entirety and
21 inserting in lieu thereof a new Sixth proposal of amendment to read as follows:

1 Sixth: By striking out Sec. 70 in its entirety and inserting three new sections to
2 be numbered Secs. 70, 70a and 71 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 70. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. 5, is amended to read:

4 Sec. 5. CREATION OF NEW CORRECTIONAL OFFICER POSITIONS

5 ~~On or before June 30, 2020, the Secretary of Administration shall create 30~~
6 ~~new Correctional Officer I positions in the Department of Corrections, which~~
7 ~~shall be funded within existing departmental appropriations.~~

8 (a) The establishment of the following permanent classified positions is
9 authorized in fiscal year 2020:

10 (1) In the Department of Corrections – thirty (30) Correctional Officer I.

11 (b) The Agency of Human Services and the Department of Corrections shall
12 report to the Legislative Joint Justice Oversight and Joint Fiscal Committees at
13 their respective meetings in November 2020 on the status of correctional facility
14 staff recruitment, retention and reduction in the use of overtime, and the status
15 of initial and ongoing training for correctional facility staff. The Department
16 shall also report on the transfer and conversion on any positions within the
17 department and into or out of the department.

18 Sec. 70a. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; GRADUATED

19 SANCTIONS; REENTRY HOUSING; REPORT

20 (a) On or before April 1, 2020 the Department of Corrections shall report
21 on how to strengthen existing graduated sanctions and incentives policies to

1 ensure they reflect current research on best practices for responses to violation
2 behavior that most effectively achieve behavior change and uphold public
3 safety. The Department shall also identify reentry housing needs for
4 corrections populations. As a part of this work, the Department shall report on
5 how to:

6 (1) formalize the use of incentives and sanctions in supervision practices
7 at a 4:1 ratio and require incentives to be entered and tracked in the community
8 supervision case management system;

9 (2) analyze how supervision staff currently understand, implement, and
10 input data regarding the Department's graduated sanctions policy to identify
11 where practices differ across the State and, where necessary, provide additional
12 staff training on the use and tracking of graduated sanctions;

13 (3) develop and implement a homeless screening tool for use when a
14 person is booked into or released from Department facilities and track reports
15 of homelessness among corrections populations in the Department's case
16 management system;

17 (4) identify and quantify high utilizers of corrections, homeless, and
18 behavioral health services; inform statewide permanent supportive housing
19 planning; and establish data match partnerships with appropriate Agency of
20 Human Services departments to match Department of Corrections, Homeless
21 Management Information System (HMIS), and Medicaid information;

1 (5) establish a collaborative approach for the Department, the
2 Department of Mental Health, and the Vermont Department of Health to
3 contract with housing providers to coordinate responses for shared clients and
4 identify how the State can better leverage local and federal housing vouchers;

5 (6) leverage federal Medicaid funding or other funding to allow the
6 Department's contractors' clients to stay in supportive housing after they are
7 no longer under the supervision of the Department;

8 (7) reduce barriers to recovery housing by establishing evidence-based
9 norms and expectations for contracts and certifications for sober and recovery
10 housing providers, including allowing for the use of medications and
11 restricting evictions due to relapse;

12 (8) redefine housing requirements for incarcerated persons in order to
13 receive approval for furlough release; and

14 (9) improve data and case management systems.

15 (b) On or before April 1, 2020, the Department shall report to the Senate
16 Committee on Judiciary, the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions,
17 and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on:

18 (1) the Department's plan to reduce its use of short-term incarceration
19 sanctions for people on furlough, the number of short-term incarceration
20 sanctions imposed, and the number of graduated sanctions imposed;

21 (2) recommendations for funding in the fiscal year 2021 budget; and

1 (3) the Department’s progress toward completing the remaining work
2 required by this section.

3 Sec. 71. EFFECTIVE DATES

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

5 (b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 52 (National Guard tuition
6 benefit program) shall take effect on passage and shall apply retroactively to
7 July 1, 2019.

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