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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Appropriations
From: House Committee on Corrections and Institutions
Date: February 28, 2019
Subject: Review of Provisions in the Governor's Proposed FY 2020 Budget

As per your request, we have reviewed the Governor's proposals for the FY 2020 Budget and have included our recommendations and proposed additional language below.

Sec. B.1100 NEXT GENERATION; APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS

Recommendation: The House Committee on Corrections and Institutions proposes to make funding through this program only available to Vermont inmates (and not former offenders) and to require a report on the status of the program in 2020.

(D)(1) The amount of \$75,000 is appropriated to the Department of Labor and shall be allocated to support workforce education and training activities for Vermont inmates in the ~~state's~~ State's correctional facilities ~~or for former offenders seeking to reenter the labor force.~~ The Department may fund these activities directly or in coordination with the Department of Corrections, a local restorative justice center, a Regional Career Technical Education Center, or other qualified training provider. Training opportunities funded with this allocation will be aligned with an identified employment need, and when possible, should result in an industry recognized credential.

(2) On or before January 15, 2020, the Department of Labor shall report back on the education and training activities described in subdivision (1) of this section to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Corrections and Institutions, and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Institutions.

Sec. C.100 FISCAL YEAR 2019 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Recommendation: In subsection (d), the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions proposes to direct the \$200,000 to update and improve state-wide radio communications. The Committee recommends no changes to the proposal in subsection (e) relating to electric vehicles.

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(d) The Department of Public Safety: \$200,000 to purchase equipment and items as deemed necessary by the Commissioner to:

(1) ~~improve the forensic capabilities of the Vermont Forensic Lab;~~

- ~~(2) update and improve state-wide radio communications;~~
- ~~(3) improve the training capabilities of the Fire Academy;~~
- ~~(4) enhance the Department's ability to respond to natural and manmade disasters;~~
- ~~(5) upgrade equipment for Vermont State Police special teams.~~

(e) To the Department of Buildings and General Services: \$500,000 for the purpose of installing electric vehicle charging stations at state facilities, and to support the purchase of fully electric vehicles for the State motor pool.

Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER; REPORT

Recommendation: The House Committee on Corrections and Institutions recommends no changes to this section.

(a) In fiscal year 2020, the Secretary of Administration may, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Human Services, transfer unexpended funds between the respective appropriations for correctional services and for correctional services out-of-state beds. At least three days prior to any such transfer House Committee on Corrections & Institutions being made, the Secretary of Administration shall report the intended transfer to the Joint Fiscal Office and shall report any completed transfers to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

Sec. E.338 Corrections - correctional services

Recommendation: The House Committee on Corrections and Institutions recommends no changes to this section.

(a) The special funds appropriation of \$146,000 for the supplemental facility payments to Newport and Springfield shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

Sec. E. 711 BENNINGTON WATER LINE

Recommendation:

(a) The State of Vermont is authorized to take a loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in an amount not to exceed \$4,700,000. Annual payments on this loan shall be made from the contingency fund established in 10 V.S.A. § 1283. This loan is secured by the full faith and credit of the State of Vermont consistent with the requirements of 24 V.S.A. § 4763c(c).