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STATE OF VERMONT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Appropriations
From: House Committee on Government Operations
Date: February 27, 2019
Subject: Response to Provisions in the Governor's Proposed FY 2020 State Budget

This memo provides the House Committee on Government Operations' responses to the provisions in the Governor's Proposed FY 2020 State Budget that were highlighted for our Committee by the House Committee on Appropriations in your memo to us dated February 8, 2019.

Our Committee supports those highlighted provisions, except as follows:

(a) Our Committee takes no position on the following two sections, as our Committee finds they are within the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Human Services:

- (1) **Sec. E.100** (Executive Branch position authorizations; 19 positions within the Department of Children and Families' Family Services Division); and
- (2) **Sec. E.317** (Family Services Initiative).

(b) Our Committee takes no position on the following two sections, as we were unable to obtain the information necessary to analyze them when taking testimony from the Department of Public Safety, and we therefore recommend that your Committee seek a response from the other committees of jurisdiction:

- (1) **Sec. E.209** (public safety; State Police; snowmobile law enforcement); and
- (2) **Sec. E.212** (public safety; fire safety; Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force).

In addition, while it was not included in your memo to us, we recommend that the State Ethics Commission be level-funded from the previous fiscal year, with no new position authorizations.

Please do not hesitate to contact us to further discuss. Thank you.