

the subsidy to child care providers. Beginning in fiscal year 2021 and biennially thereafter, the amount shall be adjusted by a percentage equal to the rate of growth in amounts charged to families by Licensed Centers as reported by the Department of Children and Families in the most recent published Vermont Child Care Market Rate Survey.

**EXPLANATION:** One-time appropriations for the purposes described above.

**Sec. B.1102 FISCAL YEAR 2020 ONE-TIME USE OF GENERAL FUND CARRIED FORWARD FROM FISCAL YEAR 2019**

(a) \$8,329,947 reserved at the end of fiscal year 2019 to be carried forward into fiscal year 2020 shall be unreserved and used for general fund appropriations in fiscal year 2020.

**EXPLANATION:** Use of one-time funds carried forward from fiscal year 2019 in order to fund the budgeted appropriations for fiscal year 2020.

**Sec. B.1103 FISCAL YEAR 2020 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION FOR THE RACIAL EQUITY PANEL AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

(a) There is appropriated to the Agency of Administration from the Human Resource Services Internal Services Fund the amount of \$75,000 for the Racial Equity Panel and the position of the Executive Director of Racial Equity.

**EXPLANATION:** This continues funding into fiscal year 2020 for the purposes described above.

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

(a) \$500,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Digital Services to be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$200,000 for network device upgrades to enhance network safety and;
- (2) \$300,000 for network assessment.

(b) Vermont State Colleges: \$200,000 to be used over two fiscal years by Vermont Technical College to design and pilot a minimum of three Associates Degree Programs to be delivered at a minimum of three technical centers in Vermont. Year one of the Associates Degree is to be concurrent with a student's senior year of high school, so that the Associates Degree can be earned the subsequent year. Design work includes seeking appropriate approvals from accreditors.

(c) Agency of Commerce and Community Development: \$540,000 to grant to the Vermont Economic Development Authority to serve as loan reserves to administer a Broadband Expansion Loan Program, providing start-up capital to alternative broadband providers.

(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.

**Note: these sections have also been sent to the House Committee on Government Operations, and Transportation.**

(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.

**Note: these sections have also been sent to the House Committee on Energy & Technology.**

(f) To the Department for Children and Families' Weatherization program: \$500,000 to supplement weatherization efforts.

**EXPLANATION:** One-time appropriations for fiscal year 2019 to strengthen Vermont's digital infrastructure, protect the general public, establish an associate degree program, invest in electric vehicle infrastructure, and increase weatherization efforts.