

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE

The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred Senate Bill No. H. 760, entitled “An act relating to fiscal year 2020 budget adjustments”

respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended as follows

First: By striking out Secs. 12, 14, and 34 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof new Secs. 12, 14, and 34 to read as follows:

Sec. 12. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:

Sec. B.301 Secretary’s office - global commitment

Operating expenses	3,150,212	3,150,212
Grants	<u>1,631,994,544</u>	<u>1,630,119,013</u>
Total	<u>1,635,144,756</u>	<u>1,633,269,225</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>562,258,602</u>	<u>557,208,815</u>
Special funds	34,969,169	34,969,169
Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
State health care resources fund	<u>16,915,501</u>	<u>21,101,110</u>
Federal funds	<u>984,584,332</u>	<u>983,572,979</u>
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,367,779</u>	<u>15,367,779</u>
Total	<u>1,635,144,756</u>	<u>1,633,269,225</u>

Sec. 14. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration

Personal services	<u>134,603,806</u>	<u>140,308,825</u>
Operating expenses	29,905,859	29,905,859
Grants	<u>7,314,723</u>	<u>6,764,723</u>
Total	<u>171,824,388</u>	<u>176,979,407</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>29,222,317</u>	<u>32,242,529</u>
Special funds	6,096,108	6,096,108
Federal funds	124,749,165	124,749,165
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,214,196</u>	<u>9,369,215</u>
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,542,602</u>	<u>4,522,390</u>
Total	<u>171,824,388</u>	<u>176,979,407</u>

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

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds		
General fund	<u>997,706,686</u>	<u>1,007,088,907</u>
Special funds	<u>123,880,549</u>	<u>123,986,513</u>

Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
State health care resources fund	16,915,501	21,101,110
Federal funds	1,420,544,308	1,422,626,911
Global Commitment fund	1,590,055,367	1,374,334,713
Internal service funds	2,035,610	2,035,610
Interdepartmental transfers	39,446,402	36,346,190
Permanent trust funds	25,000	25,000
Total	4,213,697,631	4,010,633,162

Second: In Sec. 45, by striking out subdivision (c)(1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (c)(1) to read as follows:

(1) The following amounts shall revert to the General Funds Fund from the accounts indicated:

<u>1130030000</u>	<u>Department of Libraries</u>		<u>106,000.00</u>
<u>1210001000</u>	<u>Legislative Council</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
<u>1210002000</u>	<u>Legislature</u>	<u>175,000.00</u>	<u>200,000.00</u>
<u>1210891801</u>	<u>Working Group Expenses</u>		<u>7,704.00</u>
<u>1220000000</u>	<u>Joint Fiscal Office</u>		<u>30,000.00</u>
<u>1240001000</u>	<u>Lieutenant Governor</u>		<u>1,555.54</u>
<u>2130100000</u>	<u>State's Attorneys</u>		<u>116,991.45</u>
<u>2130200000</u>	<u>Sheriffs</u>		<u>354,968.67</u>
<u>2130400000</u>	<u>Special investigative unit</u>		<u>2,603.49</u>
<u>2170010000</u>	<u>Criminal Justice Training Council</u>		<u>6,772.00</u>
<u>3300010000</u>	<u>Vermont Veterans' Home</u>		<u>50,000.00</u>
<u>3310000000</u>	<u>Commission on Women</u>		<u>1,732.18</u>
<u>3330010000</u>	<u>Green Mountain Care Board</u>		<u>80,674.56</u>
<u>1260891402</u>	<u>Public Retirement Plan Study</u>		<u>1,159.71</u>
<u>2240891101</u>	<u>Case Mgnmt Syst-docket files</u>		<u>3,777.50</u>
<u>5100891904</u>	<u>Staff to Student Task Force</u>		<u>7,320.00</u>

And by striking out subsection (f) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) The following General Fund amount shall be reserved in fiscal year 2020 for fiscal year 2021 budget expenditures: \$18,365,715. These funds shall be unreserved in fiscal year 2021.

Third: In Sec. 49 by inserting a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) In fiscal year 2020, the sum of \$25,000 is appropriated to the Secretary of Administration to support initial planning and expenses of the Vermont 250th Commission to be formed to coordinate commemorative celebrations statewide for the 250th anniversary of various historic events and battles leading to our declaration as an independent State (this period is currently referred to as the Vermont Republic).

Fourth: By striking out Sec. 52 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 52 to read as follows:

Sec. 52. 16 V.S.A. § 2857 amended to read:

§ 2857. VERMONT NATIONAL GUARD TUITION BENEFIT PROGRAM

(a) Program creation. The Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit Program (Program) is created, under which a member of the Vermont National Guard (member) who meets the eligibility requirements in subsection (c) of this section is entitled to the following tuition benefit for up to full-time attendance:

(1) For courses at either campus of the Northern Vermont University (NVU), the Vermont Technical College (VTC), the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College (UVM), or at the Community College of Vermont (CCV), the benefit shall be the in-state residence tuition rate for the relevant institution.

(2) For courses at a Vermont State College, other than NVU, VTC, or CCV, or at any eligible Vermont private postsecondary institution, the benefit shall be the in-state tuition rate charged by NVU.

(3) For courses at an eligible training institution offering nondegree, certificate training, or continuing education programs, the benefit shall be the lower of the institution's standard tuition or the in-state tuition rate charged by NVU.

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Fifth: By striking out Sec. 54 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 54 to read as follows:

Sec. 54. CALENDAR YEAR 2020 DELIVERY SYSTEM REFORM
INVESTMENT COORDINATION

(a) In order to ensure coordination of funding and the strategic alignment of resources for delivery system-reform (DSR) related investments in calendar year 2020, the Agency of Human Services shall ensure that DSR projects recommended for funding are consistent with the criteria defined in Attachment I (Menu of Approvable Delivery System Investments) of the Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 Demonstration. At a minimum, the Agency shall apply the metrics for evaluation as prescribed in Attachments I and J (Investment Application Template) of the Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 Demonstration and may also consider additional metrics that align with the Vermont All-Payer Accountable Care Organization Model Agreement's three population health and health outcomes targets. In addition, the Agency shall require the Accountable Care Organization and DSR investment recipients to evaluate each project to determine whether it should

be scaled or sunset, based on its performance against established metrics. All DSR investment projects to support implementation of Vermont's All-Payer Accountable Care Organization (ACO) model shall be designed and prioritized in partnership with the Agency and with the relevant departments within the Agency and funding shall be dependent on the approval of the Agency and relevant departments.

Sixth: By striking out Sec. 70 in its entirety and inserting two new sections to be numbered Secs. 70 and 71 to read as follows:

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

Sec. 5. CREATION OF NEW CORRECTIONAL OFFICER POSITIONS

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

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

(1) In the Department of Corrections – fifteen (15) Correctional Officer I positions.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, through December 31, 2021, no vacant Correctional Officer I positions shall be reassigned to the Department of Human Resources State position pool.

(c) The Agency of Human Services and the Department of Corrections shall report to the Legislative Joint Justice Oversight and Joint Fiscal Committees at their respective meetings in November 2020 on the status of correctional facility staff recruitment, retention and reduction in the use of overtime, and the status of initial and ongoing training for correctional facility staff.

Sec. 71. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This act shall take effect on passage.

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

(Committee vote: 7-0-0)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE