

1 Sec. 1. COVID-19 EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT; PRE-K-12

2 (a) In fiscal year 2020, \$12,000,000 shall be appropriated from the  
3 Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Agency of Education for the purpose of issuing  
4 grants to supervisory unions and their school districts to reimburse eligible  
5 COVID-19 expenses incurred on or before June 30, 2020. To be eligible for  
6 reimbursement under this section, COVID-19 expenses shall be consistent with  
7 the uses authorized in section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and  
8 Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No.116–136 (the CARES Act), as may be  
9 amended, and any guidance or regulations issued pursuant to that section.

10 (b) The Secretary of Education shall develop grant guidelines for  
11 determining eligibility of COVID-19 expenses and requirements for  
12 reimbursement for supervisory unions and their school districts.

13 (c) The Secretary may use an amount not to exceed five percent of the funds  
14 appropriated under this section to contract for technical assistance to be provided  
15 to supervisory unions and school districts in identifying and documenting  
16 eligible COVID-19 expenses.

17 (d) On or before August 15, 2020, the Secretary of Education shall report to  
18 the Joint Fiscal Committee on program development and eligible COVID-19  
19 expenses reimbursed pursuant to this section. The Secretary shall provide  
20 recommendations for any legislative action, including reallocation of funds for  
21 reimbursement of eligible pre-K-12 COVID-19 expenses.

1       Sec. 2. COVID-19 EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT; LOCAL

2                   GOVERNMENT

3           (a) In fiscal year 2020, \$16,000,000 shall be appropriated from the  
4 Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Agency of Administration for the purpose of  
5 issuing grants to units of local government to reimburse eligible COVID-19  
6 expenses incurred on or before December 30, 2020, including hazard pay,  
7 supplies and equipment, sanitation, facility alterations, overtime compensation,  
8 redirection of staff for first response needs, and any other eligible COVID-19  
9 expenses not covered by other funding sources, including funding provided by  
10 the Federal Emergency Management Agency. To be eligible for reimbursement  
11 under this section, COVID-19 expenses shall be consistent with the uses  
12 authorized in section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic  
13 Security Act, Pub. L. No.116–136 (the CARES Act), as may be amended, and  
14 any guidance or regulations issued pursuant to that section.

15           (b) The Secretary of Administration shall develop grant guidelines for  
16 determining eligibility of COVID-19 expenses and requirements for  
17 reimbursement for units of local government.

18           (c) From the amount appropriated to the Agency of Administration under  
19 this section, the Secretary shall allocate:

20                   (1) \$14,750,000 to Vermont cities and towns in grants for  
21 reimbursement of eligible COVID-19 expenses. Grants allocated under this  
22 subdivision shall not exceed \$25 per person as determined from 2019 city or  
23 town census data.

1           (2) \$1,000,000 to any other unit of local government, except school  
2           districts, in grants for reimbursement of eligible COVID-19 expenses. The  
3           Secretary may determine any limitations to the amount of the grants allocated  
4           under this subdivision.

5           (3) An amount not to exceed \$250,000 may be used to contract for  
6           technical assistance to be provided to units of local government in identifying  
7           and documenting eligible COVID-19 expenses. Notwithstanding any other  
8           contrary provision of law, the contract may be a sole source contract. This  
9           allocation may be combined with an allocation by the Agency of Education for  
10          technical assistance to supervisory unions and school districts.

11          (4) In the event that applications for reimbursements exceed the amounts  
12          allocated, grants may be prorated.

13          (d) On or before August 15, 2020, the Secretary of Administration shall  
14          report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on program development and eligible  
15          COVID-19 expenses reimbursed pursuant to this section. The Secretary shall  
16          provide recommendations for any legislative action, including reallocation of  
17          funds for reimbursement of eligible local government COVID-19 expenses.