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An act relating to fiscal year 2021 budget adjustments

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.140 is amended to read:

Sec. B.140 Municipal current use

Grants	<del>16,985,000</del>	<u>17,120,500</u>
Total	<del>16,985,000</del>	17,120,500
Source of funds		
General fund	<del>16,985,000</del>	<u>17,120,500</u>
Total	<del>16,985,000</del>	17,120,500

Sec. 2. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.145 is amended to read:

Sec. B.145 Total general government

Source of funds

General fund	<del>94,990,855</del>	95,126,355
Transportation fund	3,911,594	3,911,594
Special funds	15,637,864	15,637,864
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	3,774,765	3,774,765
Federal funds	1,153,855	1,153,855
Internal service funds	134,313,374	134,313,374
Interdepartmental transfers	7,858,390	7,858,390

Enterprise funds	6,840	6,840
Pension trust funds	8,271,560	8,271,560
Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,134,819</u>	<u>1,134,819</u>
Total	<del>271,053,916</del>	271,189,416

Sec. 3. [Deleted.]

Sec. 4. [Deleted.]

Sec. 5. [Deleted.]

Sec. 6. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:

Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office

Personal services	<del>41,121,179</del>	16,921,417
Operating expenses	5,183,112	5,183,112
Grants	<u>8,818,674</u>	<u>8,818,674</u>
Total	<del>25,122,965</del>	30,923,203

Source of funds

General fund	<del>14,043,208</del>	14,847,651
Special funds	135,517	135,517
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	0	3,393,180
Federal funds	<del>9,910,637</del>	11,513,252
Global Commitment fund	453,000	453,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>580,603</u>	<u>580,603</u>

Total	<del>25,122,965</del>	30,923,203
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Sec. 7. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:

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

Grants	<del>1,623,904,822</del>	<u>1,631,591,649</u>
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Total	<del>1,623,904,822</del>	1,631,591,649
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Source of funds

General fund	<del>522,372,868</del>	520,682,392
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Special funds	32,293,557	32,293,557
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Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
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State health care resources fund	17,078,501	17,078,501
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Federal funds	<del>1,020,542,541</del>	1,032,002,623
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Interdepartmental transfers	<del>10,567,982</del>	<u>8,485,203</u>
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Total	<del>1,623,904,822</del>	1,631,591,649
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Sec. 8. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	<del>129,834,613</del>	132,665,708
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Operating expenses	26,285,655	26,285,655
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Grants	<u>5,192,301</u>	<u>5,192,301</u>
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Total	<del>161,312,569</del>	164,143,664
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Source of funds

General fund	<del>32,314,433</del>	32,645,528
Special funds	3,378,509	3,378,509
Federal funds	116,496,036	116,496,036
Global Commitment fund	<del>4,330,710</del>	6,830,710
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,792,881</u>	<u>4,792,881</u>
Total	<del>161,312,569</del>	164,143,664

Sec. 9. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.307 is amended to read:

Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program –  
global commitment

Personal services	547,983	547,983
Grants	<del>726,492,200</del>	<u>742,313,519</u>
Total	<del>727,040,183</del>	742,861,502

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	<del>727,040,183</del>	<u>742,861,502</u>
Total	<del>727,040,183</del>	742,861,502

Sec. 10. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:

Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -  
state only

Grants	<u>51,417,964</u>	<u>37,928,235</u>
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Total	51,417,964	37,928,235
Source of funds		
General fund	39,365,706	37,771,688
Global Commitment fund	<u>12,052,258</u>	<u>156,547</u>
Total	51,417,964	37,928,235

Sec. 11. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:

Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver  
matched

Grants	<u>33,096,001</u>	<u>33,003,393</u>
Total	<u>33,096,001</u>	33,003,393
Source of funds		
General fund	12,164,088	12,141,484
Federal funds	<u>20,931,913</u>	<u>20,861,909</u>
Total	<u>33,096,001</u>	33,003,393

Sec. 12. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.311 is amended to read:

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services	5,618,392	5,618,392
Operating expenses	<u>6,355,826</u>	7,853,373
Grants	<u>4,040,881</u>	<u>4,040,881</u>
Total	<u>16,015,099</u>	17,512,646

Source of funds

General fund	<del>2,704,133</del>	4,201,680
Special funds	2,041,597	2,041,597
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000
Federal funds	7,493,305	7,493,305
Global Commitment fund	2,681,102	2,681,102
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>94,962</u>	<u>94,962</u>
Total	<del>16,015,099</del>	17,512,646

Sec. 13. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:

Sec. B.312 Health - public health

Personal services	46,668,668	46,668,668
Operating expenses	<del>10,183,898</del>	11,635,723
Grants	<u>36,833,198</u>	<u>36,833,198</u>
Total	<del>93,685,764</del>	95,137,589

Source of funds

General fund	<del>10,325,430</del>	11,777,255
Special funds	18,763,637	18,763,637
Tobacco fund	1,088,918	1,088,918
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	1,650,000	1,650,000
Federal funds	47,328,052	47,328,052

Global Commitment fund	13,264,921	13,264,921
Interdepartmental transfers	1,239,806	1,239,806
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total	<u>93,685,764</u>	95,137,589

Sec. 14. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.313 is amended to read:

Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs

Personal services	4,999,801	4,999,801
Operating expenses	<del>442,000</del>	596,474
Grants	<u>48,713,374</u>	<u>48,713,374</u>
Total	<u>54,155,175</u>	54,309,649

Source of funds

General fund	<del>1,234,338</del>	1,388,812
Special funds	1,281,066	1,281,066
Tobacco fund	949,917	949,917
Federal funds	18,491,664	18,491,664
Global Commitment fund	<u>32,198,190</u>	<u>32,198,190</u>
Total	<u>54,155,175</u>	54,309,649

Sec. 15. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services	<del>32,711,706</del>	32,999,191
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Operating expenses	4,574,758	4,574,758
Grants	<u>240,423,028</u>	<u>241,673,561</u>
Total	<u>277,709,492</u>	279,247,510
Source of funds		
General fund	<del>8,869,021</del>	9,074,739
Special funds	1,686,673	1,686,673
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	<del>737,104</del>	940,763
Federal funds	11,127,574	11,127,574
Global Commitment fund	<del>253,591,013</del>	254,108,677
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,698,107</u>	<u>2,309,084</u>
Total	<u>277,709,492</u>	279,247,510

Sec. 16. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:

Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support services		
Personal services	<del>37,989,806</del>	38,800,363
Operating expenses	<del>16,737,674</del>	17,383,274
Grants	<u>3,739,106</u>	<u>3,819,106</u>
Total	<del>58,466,586</del>	60,002,743
Source of funds		
General fund	<del>32,556,013</del>	33,832,876



Special funds	<del>2,708,800</del>	2,708,990
Federal funds	<del>20,975,521</del>	21,104,561
Global Commitment fund	2,005,816	2,005,816
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>220,436</u>	<u>350,500</u>
Total	<del>58,466,586</del>	60,002,743

Sec. 17. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:

Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services

Personal services	<del>38,776,869</del>	38,741,148
Operating expenses	<del>5,069,385</del>	5,083,785
Grants	<u>78,055,766</u>	<u>79,379,516</u>
Total	<del>121,902,020</del>	123,204,449

Source of funds

General fund	<del>43,478,598</del>	43,949,508
Special funds	729,587	729,587
Federal funds	<del>32,002,165</del>	32,276,133
Global Commitment fund	<del>45,579,021</del>	46,209,021
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>112,649</u>	<u>40,200</u>
Total	<del>121,902,020</del>	123,204,449

Sec. 18. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development

Personal services	<del>4,612,052</del>	4,771,627
Operating expenses	862,982	862,982
Grants	<del>82,319,977</del>	<u>77,515,651</u>
Total	<del>87,795,011</del>	83,150,260

Source of funds

General fund	<del>25,392,931</del>	20,545,726
Special funds	16,820,000	16,820,000
Tobacco fund	2,000,000	2,000,000
Federal funds	<del>33,551,078</del>	33,753,532
Global Commitment fund	10,008,502	10,008,502
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>22,500</u>	<u>22,500</u>
Total	<del>87,795,011</del>	83,150,260

Sec. 19. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.319 is amended to read:

Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support

Personal services	<del>11,107,221</del>	11,140,898
Operating expenses	<u>3,568,636</u>	<u>3,568,636</u>
Total	<del>14,675,857</del>	14,709,534

Source of funds

General fund	<del>4,392,533</del>	4,426,210
Special funds	455,719	455,719
Federal funds	9,440,005	9,440,005
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>	<u>387,600</u>
Total	<del>14,675,857</del>	14,709,534

Sec. 20. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.321 is amended to read:

Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance

Personal services	15,000	15,000
Grants	<del>8,981,574</del>	<u>24,294,694</u>
Total	<del>8,996,574</del>	24,309,694

Source of funds

General fund	<del>8,599,239</del>	8,849,239
Federal funds	111,320	111,320
Global Commitment fund	286,015	286,015
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>0</u>	<u>15,063,120</u>
Total	<del>8,996,574</del>	24,309,694

Sec. 21. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:

Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up

Operating expenses	48,524	48,524
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Grants	<u>39,867,197</u>	<u>35,758,350</u>
Total	<del>39,915,721</del>	35,806,874
Source of funds		
General fund	<del>22,361,264</del>	18,252,417
Special funds	6,133,482	6,133,482
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	5,197,333	5,197,333
Federal funds	3,542,024	3,542,024
Global Commitment fund	<u>2,681,618</u>	<u>2,681,618</u>
Total	<del>39,915,721</del>	35,806,874

Sec. 22. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.325 is amended to read:

Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic  
opportunity

Personal services	<del>534,250</del>	545,613
Operating expenses	44,078	44,078
Grants	<u>10,566,655</u>	<u>10,566,655</u>
Total	<del>11,144,983</del>	11,156,346

Source of funds

General fund	<del>5,307,854</del>	5,319,217
Special funds	57,990	57,990
Federal funds	4,423,154	4,423,154

Global Commitment fund	<u>1,355,985</u>	<u>1,355,985</u>
Total	<del>11,144,983</del>	11,156,346

Sec. 23. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.327 is amended to read:

Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - Woodside rehabilitation center

Personal services	<del>3,928,957</del>	3,863,818
Operating expenses	675,455	675,455
Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>
Total	<del>4,604,412</del>	6,539,273

Source of funds

General fund	<del>4,507,412</del>	6,412,273
Global Commitment fund	0	30,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>97,000</u>	<u>97,000</u>
Total	<del>4,604,412</del>	6,539,273

Sec. 24. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.329 is amended to read:

Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration & support

Personal services	<del>33,409,543</del>	33,542,021
Operating expenses	<u>5,883,996</u>	<u>5,883,996</u>
Total	<del>39,293,539</del>	39,426,017

Source of funds

General fund	<del>17,410,292</del>	17,542,770
Special funds	1,390,457	1,390,457
Federal funds	19,426,506	19,426,506
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>	<u>1,066,284</u>
Total	<del>39,293,539</del>	39,426,017

Sec. 25. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:

Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and  
independent living grants

Grants	<del>18,762,373</del>	<u>19,375,620</u>
Total	<del>18,762,373</del>	19,375,620

Source of funds

General fund	<del>7,441,442</del>	7,454,782
Federal funds	<del>7,148,466</del>	7,748,373
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,172,465</u>	<u>4,172,465</u>
Total	<del>18,762,373</del>	19,375,620

Sec. 26. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.333 is amended to read:

Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental  
services

Grants	<del>234,832,050</del>	<u>235,177,424</u>
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Total	<del>234,832,050</del>	235,177,424
Source of funds		
General fund	155,125	155,125
Special funds	15,463	15,463
Federal funds	359,857	359,857
Global Commitment fund	<del>234,256,605</del>	234,601,979
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
Total	<del>234,832,050</del>	235,177,424

Sec. 27. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:

Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care

Grants	<del>225,276,530</del>	<u>226,190,987</u>
Total	<del>225,276,530</del>	226,190,987

Source of funds

General fund	498,579	498,579
Federal funds	2,083,333	2,083,333
Global Commitment fund	<del>222,694,618</del>	<u>223,609,075</u>
Total	<del>225,276,530</del>	226,190,987

Sec. 28. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

Personal services	<del>120,895,262</del>	115,752,606
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Operating expenses	23,059,297	23,059,297
Grants	<u>8,808,427</u>	<u>8,808,427</u>
Total	<del>152,762,986</del>	147,620,330
Source of funds		
General fund	<del>140,696,389</del>	135,553,733
Special funds	935,963	935,963
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	4,950,000	4,950,000
Federal funds	473,523	473,523
Global Commitment fund	5,310,796	5,310,796
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
Total	<del>152,762,986</del>	147,620,330
Sec. 29. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:		
Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services		
Personal services	<del>19,575,182</del>	21,088,921
Operating expenses	<u>4,455,065</u>	<u>4,455,065</u>
Total	<del>24,030,247</del>	25,543,986
Source of funds		
General fund	2,858,379	2,858,379
Special funds	<del>11,858,292</del>	12,729,031
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	0	643,000



Federal funds	<u>9,313,576</u>	<u>9,313,576</u>
Total	<del>24,030,247</del>	25,543,986

Sec. 30. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.346 is amended to read:

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund	<del>986,362,972</del>	977,495,760
Special funds	<del>115,532,594</del>	116,403,523
Tobacco fund	25,088,208	25,088,208
State health care resources fund	17,078,501	17,078,501
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	<del>13,534,437</del>	17,774,276
Federal funds	<del>1,457,654,882</del>	1,471,852,944
Global Commitment fund	<del>1,583,321,128</del>	1,592,184,231
Internal service funds	1,930,685	1,930,685
Interdepartmental transfers	<del>33,220,909</del>	46,869,842
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total	<del>4,233,749,316</del>	4,266,702,970

Sec. 31. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.501 is amended to read:

Sec. B.501 Education - education services

Personal services	12,205,290	12,205,290
Operating expenses	1,073,385	1,073,385

Grants	<u>124,979,229</u>	<u>128,479,229</u>
Total	<del>138,257,904</del>	141,757,904
Source of funds		
General fund	4,593,768	4,593,768
Special funds	2,844,721	2,844,721
Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
Federal funds	<u>130,069,027</u>	<u>133,569,027</u>
Total	<del>138,257,904</del>	141,757,904

Sec. 32. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:

Sec. B.516 Total general education

Source of funds		
General fund	165,324,647	165,324,647
Special funds	21,134,730	21,134,730
Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
Education fund	1,800,256,714	1,800,256,714
Federal funds	<del>136,967,503</del>	140,467,503
Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
Interdepartmental transfers	582,172	582,172
Pension trust funds	<u>5,929,795</u>	<u>5,929,795</u>
Total	<del>2,131,205,949</del>	2,134,705,949

Sec. 33. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.700 is amended to read:

Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration

Personal services	<del>2,772,491</del>	3,772,491
Operating expenses	<u>1,043,407</u>	<u>1,043,407</u>
Total	<del>3,815,898</del>	4,815,898

Source of funds

General fund	<del>3,134,594</del>	4,134,594
Special funds	581,393	581,393
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>99,911</u>	<u>99,911</u>
Total	<del>3,815,898</del>	4,815,898

Sec. 34. [Deleted.]

Sec. 35. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

Source of funds

General fund	<del>31,157,460</del>	32,157,460
Special funds	66,055,122	66,055,122
Fish and wildlife fund	9,099,448	9,099,448
Federal funds	52,185,233	52,185,233
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>10,440,051</u>	<u>10,440,051</u>
Total	<del>168,937,314</del>	169,937,314

Sec. 36. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.901 is amended to read:

Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation

Personal services	4,307,908	4,307,908
Operating expenses	<del>5,037,764</del>	5,011,524
Grants	<u>210,000</u>	<u>210,000</u>
Total	<del>9,555,672</del>	9,529,432

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<del>4,553,828</del>	4,527,588
Federal funds	<u>5,001,844</u>	<u>5,001,844</u>
Total	<del>9,555,672</del>	9,529,432

Sec. 37. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.903 is amended to read:

Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development

Personal services	54,357,099	54,357,099
Operating expenses	<del>241,593,174</del>	243,193,174
Grants	<u>26,825,000</u>	<u>26,825,000</u>
Total	<del>322,775,273</del>	324,375,273

Source of funds

Transportation fund	42,204,675	42,204,675
TIB fund	8,904,313	8,904,313
Federal funds	<del>271,141,834</del>	272,741,834

Local match	<u>524,451</u>	<u>524,451</u>
Total	<del>322,775,273</del>	324,375,273

Sec. 38. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.907 is amended to read:

Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail

Personal services	5,016,835	5,016,835
Operating expenses	<del>26,447,613</del>	19,897,613
Grants	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Total	<del>31,494,448</del>	24,944,448

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<del>14,942,605</del>	11,592,605
TIB fund	760,000	760,000
Federal funds	<del>14,634,998</del>	11,434,998
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,156,845</u>	<u>1,156,845</u>
Total	<del>31,494,448</del>	24,944,448

Sec. 39. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.910 is amended to read:

Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles

Personal services	<del>22,480,038</del>	22,924,038
Operating expenses	<u>11,865,495</u>	<u>12,171,495</u>
Total	<del>34,345,533</del>	35,095,533

Source of funds

Transportation fund	32,852,324	32,852,324
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	0	750,000
Federal funds	1,345,934	1,345,934
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>147,275</u>	<u>147,275</u>
Total	<del>34,345,533</del>	35,095,533

Sec. 40. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.919 is amended to read:

Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program

Operating expenses	210,000	210,000
Grants	<del>5,845,000</del>	<u>6,495,715</u>
Total	<del>6,055,000</del>	6,705,715

Source of funds

Transportation fund	650,000	650,000
Special funds	<del>3,977,000</del>	4,627,715
Federal funds	<u>1,428,000</u>	<u>1,428,000</u>
Total	<del>6,055,000</del>	6,705,715

Sec. 41. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.922 is amended to read:

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<del>254,180,308</del>	250,804,068
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TIB fund	11,100,770	11,100,770
Special funds	<del>4,027,000</del>	4,677,715
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	0	750,000
Federal funds	<del>350,643,331</del>	349,043,331
Internal service funds	20,982,875	20,982,875
Interdepartmental transfers	1,661,970	1,661,970
Local match	<u>913,177</u>	<u>913,177</u>
Total	<del>643,509,431</del>	639,933,906

Sec. 42. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS AND RESERVES

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(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
2021:

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(4) The following amount shall be transferred from the General Fund to  
the fund indicated:

<u>21270</u>	<u>Forest Parks Revolving Fund</u>	<u>1,200,000.00</u>
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(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
2021:

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

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3420010000   Department of Health – Administration   252,948.23

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(f) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2021:

(1) the following amount shall revert to the Clean Water Fund from the account indicated:

6140040000   Environmental Conservation –  
Office of Water Programs   650,715.00

(g) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2021:

(1) the following amount shall be transferred from the Transportation Fund to the account indicated:

20191   Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund   200,000.00

Sec. 43. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. E.301 is amended to read:

Sec. E.301 Secretary’s Office – Global Commitment

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(b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in this section, a total estimated sum of ~~\$24,283,719~~ \$24,147,353 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

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(2) ~~\$2,816,169~~ \$2,679,803 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

Sec. 44. PRIORITIZING USE OF NON-CORONAVIRUS RELIEF

FEDERAL FUNDS; LEGISLATIVE INTENT

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to use federal funds from sources other than the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), including federal funds provided to the State in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, instead of using CRF monies whenever possible in order to apply CRF monies to other eligible purposes in light of the extension for using CRF monies from December 30, 2020 to December 31, 2021 in Sec. 1001 of the federal act.

(b) On or before February 28, 2021, the Secretary of Administration, in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance and Management and the Secretaries of Human Services and of Commerce and Community Development, shall report to the House and Senate Committees on

Appropriations regarding the application of federal funds from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, for eligible expenditures previously covered using CRF monies that were appropriated for emergency housing, rental arrearage assistance, utility arrearage assistance, nutrition assistance, and other social or human services purposes identified by the Secretaries and Commissioner.

Sec. 45. CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS; IMMINENT PERIL TO  
PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE

(a) The Secretary of Administration may propose to the Joint Fiscal Committee to allocate up to a total of \$3,000,000.00 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) through April 30, 2021 to address issues posing an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare. The Secretary may spend the CRF monies as proposed upon approval of each proposed use by the Joint Fiscal Committee as set forth in this section.

(b) If the Secretary of Administration identifies one or more issues posing an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare that the Secretary believes to be eligible for redress using CRF monies, the Secretary shall inform the Joint Fiscal Committee of:

(1) the amount remaining for allocation under this section;

(2) the imminent peril or perils identified and the manner in which the proposed use or uses of CRF monies will address those issues; and

(3) the manner in which the proposed use or uses comply with the parameters set forth in Sec. 5001 of the CARES Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, as amended by the Sec. 1001 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, and related guidance.

(c)(1) Upon receipt of the information set forth in subsection (b) of this section, the Joint Fiscal Committee shall inform the General Assembly of the proposal. The Joint Fiscal Committee shall decide whether to approve the proposed use within five calendar days following receipt.

(2) If the Joint Fiscal Committee disapproves a proposal or does not act on a proposal within the five-day approval period, the Secretary may submit the proposal to the General Assembly for consideration as an appropriation or may revise and resubmit the proposal to the Joint Fiscal Committee for reconsideration under this section.

(3) The Secretary shall not allocate CRF monies for a use proposed under this section without either the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee or a specific appropriation by the General Assembly.

Sec. 46. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 137, Sec. 13 is amended to read:

Sec. 13. COVID-RESPONSE ACCELERATED BROADBAND  
CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

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(n) ~~Any unexpended funds under the Program as of December 20, 2020 shall be returned to the State Coronavirus Relief Fund.~~ Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Commissioner of Public Service is authorized to continue disbursing funds under the Program for any broadband project contracted for prior to December 20, 2020 and not completed on or before December 30, 2020. The Commissioner shall retain any remaining balance of funds appropriated under this section and shall not disburse them for any other purpose without specific authorization from the General Assembly.

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Sec. 47. COVID-RESPONSE TEMPORARY BROADBAND SUBSIDY  
PROGRAM; EXTENSION

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the COVID-Response Temporary Broadband Lifeline Program established under 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 137, Sec. 13(d) be extended for an additional two months

covering the period beginning on January 1, 2021 and ending on February 28, 2021.

(b) To accomplish the purpose of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Public Service is authorized to use \$275,000.00 of the unobligated balance remaining from the appropriations for broadband programs under Act 137 and 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154 to extend the COVID-Response Temporary Broadband Lifeline Program to cover the period from January 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021.

Sec. 47a. FISCAL YEAR 2021 SUPPLEMENTAL VERMONT STATE  
COLLEGES APPROPRIATION

In fiscal year 2021, in addition to other appropriations, the sum of \$3,600,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to Vermont State Colleges to assist with expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sec. 48. AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT; EVERYONE EATS

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to continue funding the Restaurants and Farmers Feeding the Hungry Program, known as Everyone Eats, through the end of fiscal year 2021 to the extent that sufficient Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds are made available to meet Program needs.

(b) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall use the excess receipts authority under 32 V.S.A. § 511 to make interdepartmental transfers from the FEMA account to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the purpose of funding the Everyone Eats Program through the end of fiscal year 2021.

Sec. 49. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 120, Sec. A.49(a)(9) is amended to read:

(9) Agency of Human Services: ~~\$300,000~~ \$375,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Human Services to be granted to Vermont Legal Aid for increased costs of providing access to justice services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Up to 50% of this amount shall be used to cover the cost of per use electronic judicial filing fees though ~~December 30, 2020~~ March 31, 2021 to ensure all court users have timely access to justice as the judicial system resumes operations relying on greater digital remote online processes to ensure public health and safety after closure due to COVID-19.

Sec. 50. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 7, as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.1121, is further amended to read:

Sec. 7. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; HEALTH CARE PROVIDER  
STABILIZATION GRANT PROGRAM

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(e) Extraordinary relief to long-term care facilities; adult day programs; transfer authorized. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the Agency of Human Services may:

(1) disburse funds appropriated by this section to any long-term care facility in urgent need of extraordinary financial relief in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak in the facility;

(2) disburse funds appropriated by this section to any adult day service provider during the remainder of fiscal year 2021 if the Agency determines that the funds are necessary to ensure the provider's sustainability and funds are available for this purpose; and

(3) transfer funds appropriated by this section to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for distribution to health care providers receiving financial assistance through the Economic Recovery program.

(f) Reports.

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Sec. 51. DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; HOUSING  
FOR HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS;  
CONTINUED USE OF FUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2021

In light of the extension of time to use monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund pursuant to Sec. 1001 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, the Department for Children and Families may continue to use monies remaining from the Coronavirus Relief Fund appropriation to the Department in 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 137, Sec. 12, for programs and services that support safe, stable housing opportunities for Vermont households experiencing homelessness as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency and related administrative costs during the remainder of fiscal year 2021.

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Sec. 51a. DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; HOUSING  
FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED JUVENILES

(a) The Department of Buildings and General Services shall review and approve any design documents prior to the State issuing a request for proposal for any project to renovate housing to make it building-secure for justice-involved juveniles.



(b) For the project described in subsection (a) of this section, the State shall secure a warranty bond on the entire cost of the project.

Sec. 52. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 137, Sec. 11(a)(4) is amended to read:

(4) Rental assistance; eviction protection. ~~\$25,000,000.00~~  
\$27,800,000.00 to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a grant to the Vermont State Housing Authority, which shall administer the distribution of funds to landlords on behalf of tenants in need of rental arrearage assistance.

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Sec. 53. HOUSING; RENTAL ASSISTANCE; APPROPRIATION

Of the \$200,000,000.00 available to the State for emergency rental assistance pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, Sec. 501, the amount of \$10,000,000.00 is appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide rental assistance to Vermonters in need, consistent with the requirements of the Act.

Sec. 54. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 6(f) is amended to read:

(f) Each covered employer that receives a grant shall, not later than 90 days after receiving the grant ~~and in no event later than~~ or by December 15, 2020, whichever is earlier, report to the Agency on a standard form provided by the Secretary the amount of grant funds used to provide hazard pay to eligible

employees and the amount of any remaining grant funds that were not spent; provided, however, that the Agency may allow a grace period for reporting, in the Agency's discretion. All unspent grant funds shall be returned to the Agency pursuant to a procedure adopted by the Secretary.

Sec. 55. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 121, Sec. 4(b), as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. G.103, is further amended to read:

(b) Within the Agency of Transportation's Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Transportation Program for Rail, authorized spending for Statewide – Amtrak Contract is reduced by ~~\$750,000.00~~ \$4,100,000.00 in Transportation Fund monies and \$3,200,00.00 in federal fund monies.

Sec. 56. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34, as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 121, Sec. 14, and 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. G.112, is further amended to read:

Sec. 34. VEHICLE INCENTIVE AND EMISSIONS REPAIR  
PROGRAMS

(a) Vehicle incentive and emissions repair programs administration.

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(3) Subject to State procurement requirements, the Agency may retain a contractor or contractors to assist with marketing, program development, and administration of the programs. Up to \$150,000.00 of program funding may

be set aside for this purpose for the programs described in subsection (c) of this section in fiscal year 2020 and \$50,000.00 of program funding shall be set aside for this purpose for the programs described in ~~subsection~~ subdivision (c)(1) of this section in fiscal year 2021 ~~and to ensure that the emissions repair program is operational not later than July 1, 2021.~~

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(c) High fuel efficiency vehicle incentive and emissions repair programs. Used high fuel efficiency vehicle purchase incentive and emissions repair programs for Vermont residents shall structure high fuel efficiency purchase incentive payments and emissions repair vouchers by income to help Vermonters benefit from more efficient driving, including Vermont's most vulnerable. Not less than \$750,000.00 shall be provided in point-of-sale and point-of repair vouchers.

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(2) The emissions repair program, ~~which shall be operational on or before July 1, 2021,~~ shall:

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#### Sec. 57. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on passage, except that, notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214:

(1) Sec. 50(e)(1) (extraordinary relief to long-term care facilities) shall take effect retroactively on November 1, 2020;

(2) Secs. 50(e)(2) (adult day programs) and 49 (judicial filing fees) shall take effect retroactively on December 1, 2020;

(3) Sec. 50(e)(3) (transfer authority) shall take effect retroactively on July 1, 2020; and

(4) Secs. 47 (broadband access) and 54 (hazard pay reports) shall take effect retroactively on December 15, 2020.