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NOTICE CALENDAR

Favorable with Amendment

H. 81

An act relating to statewide public school employee health benefits

Rep. Walz of Barre City, for the Committee on General; Housing; and Military Affairs, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 2101 is amended to read:

§ 2101. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Participating employee” means a school employee who is eligible for and has elected to receive health benefit coverage through a school employer.

(2) “School employee” means:

(A) includes the following individuals:

~~(A)(i)~~ an individual employed by a supervisory union or school district employer as a teacher or administrator as defined in section 1981 of this title; or

~~(B)(ii)~~ a municipal school employee as defined in 21 V.S.A. § 1722;

(iii) an individual employed as a supervisor as defined in 21 V.S.A. § 1502;

(iv) a confidential employee as defined in 21 V.S.A. § 1722;

(v) a certified employee of a school employer; and

(vi) any other permanent employee of a school employer not covered by subdivisions (i)–(v) of this subdivision (2); and

(B) notwithstanding subdivision (A) of this subdivision (2), excludes individuals who serve in the role of superintendent.

(3) “School employer” means a supervisory union or school district as those terms are defined in section 11 of this title.

Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 2102 is amended to read:

§ 2102. COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH
BENEFITS CREATED

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(b) Composition and appointment.

(1) The Commission shall have 10 members, of whom five shall be representatives of school employees and five shall be representatives of school employers.

(2)(A) The representatives of school employees shall be appointed as follows:

(i) four members appointed by the labor organization representing the greatest number of ~~teachers, administrators, and municipal~~ school employees in this State; and

(ii) one member appointed by the labor organization representing the second-greatest number of ~~teachers, administrators, and municipal~~ school employees in this State.

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(d) Removal of Commission members. Members of the Commission may be removed ~~only for cause. The Commission shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to define the basis and process for removal by the appointing authority of the member without cause.~~

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(f) Compensation. Commission members shall be entitled to receive per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses ~~pursuant to~~ as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than 20 meetings per year.

(g) Release time. A school district that employs a member of the Commission, or an alternate member of the Commission under subsection (j) of this section, who represents school employees or school employers shall grant the Commission member time off as necessary for the member to attend meetings of the Commission.

(h) Staffing and expenses. The Commission may hire staff as it deems necessary to carry out its duties under this chapter. Compensation for Commission staff and administrative expenses of the Commission shall be shared equally by school employers and school employees. The representatives of school employers and the representatives of school

employees shall equitably apportion their share of the costs of compensation and administrative expenses among their members.

~~(h)~~(i) Rulemaking. The Commission may adopt rules or procedures, or both, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 as needed to carry out its duties under this chapter.

(j) Alternate members.

(1) Four alternate members may be appointed to the Commission.

(2) Up to two alternate members may be appointed by representatives of school employees and up to two members may be appointed by representatives of school employers.

(3) The term of each alternate member, if appointed, shall be six years.

(4) An alternate member may serve temporarily in the role as a member appointed under subsection (b) of this section only in the absence of an appointed member and shall not otherwise have participation or voting rights in Commission business.

(5) An alternate member shall be appointed to be a full member of the Commission by the alternate member's appointing authority upon the resignation or removal of a full member.

(6) In the event of a vacancy of an alternate member, the appointing authority of the alternate member shall appoint a successor to serve out the remainder of the alternate member's term.

(7) Alternate members may be removed by the appointing authority of the alternate member without cause.

(k) Funding. The Commission shall request the Governor to include in the Governor's annual budget a minimum of \$35,000.00 appropriated to the Agency of Education for per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses for members of the Commission. Any unencumbered appropriation shall revert to the General Fund in the year following the conclusion of an agreement under subdivision 2104(b)(1) of this title.

Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION

The sum of \$35,000.00 is appropriated to the Agency of Education from the General Fund for fiscal year 2022 for per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses for members of the Commission.

Sec. 4. 16 V.S.A. § 2103 is amended to read:

§ 2103. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

(a) The Commission shall determine the percentage of the premium for individual, two-person, parent-child, and family coverage under a health benefit plan that shall be borne by each school employer and the percentage that shall be borne by participating employees.

(1) The premium responsibility percentages shall remain in effect for the entire plan year.

(2) Each school employer shall be responsible for paying, on behalf of all of its participating school employees, the applicable percentages of premium costs as determined by the Commission.

~~(3) The premium responsibility percentages for each plan tier shall be the same for all participating employees.~~

(b)(1) The Commission shall determine the amount of school participating employees' calendar year out-of-pocket expenses for which the school employer and the school participating employees shall be responsible, and whether school employers shall establish a health reimbursement arrangement, a health savings account, both, or neither, for their participating employees.

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~~(3) The school employers' and school employees' responsibilities for out-of-pocket expenses for each plan tier shall be the same for all participating employees.~~

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(d) The Commission shall not make any determinations regarding school employer or school participating employee responsibilities with respect to stand-alone vision or dental benefits.

(e) The Commission may negotiate a statewide grievance procedure for disputes concerning public school employee health benefits.

(f) In no case shall a school employee receive cash in lieu of receipt of healthcare benefits from one school employer while simultaneously receiving health care benefits from the same or another school employer.

(g) Accommodations shall be made for school employees whose workload is shared between more than one school employer, and who may not otherwise qualify for health care benefits from only one school employer. The affected school employers shall determine the proportionate portion of the shared costs of the health benefits.

Sec. 5. 16 V.S.A. § 2104 is amended to read:

§ 2104. NEGOTIATION; TIME TO BEGIN; GOOD FAITH; WRITTEN

AGREEMENT

(a)(1) The Commission shall commence negotiation of the matters set forth in subsections 2103(a) and (b) of this chapter not later than April 1 of the year before the existing agreement pursuant to this section is set to expire. On or before October 1 of the year prior to commencement of bargaining, the Commission shall request from the parties any data and information that it anticipates needing for the negotiation in a common format, and on or before February 1 of the year of bargaining, the parties shall submit to the Commission the information requested.

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Sec. 5a. 16 V.S.A. § 2104 is amended to read:

§ 2104. NEGOTIATION; TIME TO BEGIN; GOOD FAITH; WRITTEN

AGREEMENT

(a)(1) The Commission shall commence negotiation of the matters set forth in subsections 2103(a) and (b) of this chapter not later than April 1 of the year before the existing agreement pursuant to this section is set to expire. On or before October 1 of the year prior to commencement of bargaining, the Commission shall request from the parties any data and information that it anticipates needing for the negotiation in a common format, and on or before February 1 of the year of bargaining, the parties shall submit to the Commission the information requested.

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(3)(A) The Commission shall select a person to serve as a fact finder to assist it in resolving any matters remaining in dispute in the event that the Commission is unable to reach an agreement by August 1. The fact finder shall be selected by a vote of a majority of the representatives of school employees and of a majority of the representatives of school employers. If the Commission cannot agree on a fact finder by April 5, the American Arbitration Association shall be asked to appoint the fact finder.

(B)(i) The Commission shall mutually agree on an arbitrator by April 5 to decide all matters remaining in dispute if it is unable to reach an agreement within 30 days after receiving the fact finder's report.

(ii) If the Commission is unable to mutually agree on an arbitrator, it shall either request the Vermont Labor Relations Board (VLRB) to decide all matters remaining in dispute or form a three-member panel of arbitrators to be selected as follows:

(I) One arbitrator shall be selected by the representatives of school employees ~~from a list prepared by the American Arbitration Association.~~

(II) One arbitrator shall be selected by the representatives of school employers ~~from a list prepared by the American Arbitration Association.~~

(III) The Commission shall request the services of the American Arbitration Association for the appointment of the third arbitrator.

(b)(1) The Commission shall enter into a written agreement incorporating all matters agreed to in negotiation.

(2) The terms of the agreement or the VLRB or arbitration award shall be incorporated by reference into all collective bargaining agreements for school employees.

(c) The term of each agreement shall be negotiated by the Commission but shall not be less than two years.

Sec. 6. 16 V.S.A. § 2105 is amended to read:

§ 2105. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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(b)(1) If the Commission is unable to resolve all matters remaining in dispute within 30 days after receiving the fact finder's report, the Commission shall submit the matters remaining in dispute to the arbitrator or arbitrators selected pursuant to section 2104 of this chapter for resolution.

(2) The representatives of school employees and the representatives of school employers shall submit to the arbitrator or arbitrators their last best offer on all issues remaining in dispute prior to the arbitration hearing. The arbitrator or arbitrators shall select one of the last best offers without amendment, submitted by the parties prior to the arbitration hearing in its entirety ~~without amendment~~. The parties shall not be permitted to modify their last best offers post hearing. Prior to the issuance of the decision of the arbitrator or arbitrators, nothing shall prohibit the parties from settling the matters in dispute.

(3)(A) The arbitrator or arbitrators shall hold a hearing on or before November 15 at which the Commission members shall submit all relevant evidence, documents, and written material, including a cost estimate for the term of the proposal with a breakdown of costs borne by employers and costs borne by employees, and each member may submit oral or written testimony

in support of his or her position on any undecided issue that is subject to arbitration.

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(4) The arbitrator or arbitrators shall issue ~~their~~ a written decision within 30 days after the hearing, providing a full explication of the basis for the decision. The decision of the arbitrator or arbitrators shall be final and binding upon the Commission and all school employees and school employers. The decision shall not be subject to ratification.

(5) Upon the petition of a ~~Commission member~~ majority of the employer or the employee members within not more than 15 days following the arbitration decision, a Superior Court shall vacate the decision if:

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Sec. 6a. 16 V.S.A. § 2105 is amended to read:

§ 2105. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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(b)(1) If the Commission is unable to resolve all matters remaining in dispute within 30 days after receiving the fact finder's report, the Commission shall submit the matters remaining in dispute to the VLRB, arbitrator, or arbitrators selected pursuant to section 2104 of this chapter for resolution.

(2) The representatives of school employees and the representatives of school employers shall submit to the VLRB, arbitrator, or arbitrators their last best offer on all issues remaining in dispute prior to the VLRB or arbitration hearing. The VLRB, arbitrator, or arbitrators shall select one of the last best offers without amendment, submitted by the parties prior to the VLRB or arbitration hearing in its entirety without amendment. The parties shall not be permitted to modify their last best offers post hearing. Prior to the issuance of the decision of the VLRB, arbitrator, or arbitrators, nothing shall prohibit the parties from settling the matters in dispute.

(3)(A) The VLRB, arbitrator, or arbitrators shall hold a hearing on or before November 15 at which the Commission members shall submit all relevant evidence, documents, and written material, including a cost estimate for the term of the proposal with a breakdown of costs borne by employers and costs borne by employees, and each member may submit oral or written testimony in support of his or her position on any undecided issue that is subject to arbitration.

(B) In reaching a decision, the VLRB, arbitrator, or arbitrators shall give weight to the evidence, documents, written material, and arguments presented, as well as the following factors:

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(4) The VLRB, arbitrator, or arbitrators shall issue a written decision within 30 days after the hearing, providing a full explication of the basis for the decision. The decision of the VLRB, arbitrator, or arbitrators shall be final and binding upon the Commission and all school employees and school employers. The decision shall not be subject to ratification.

(5) Upon the petition of a majority of the employer or the employee members within not more than 15 days following the VLRB or arbitration decision, the Vermont Supreme Court, in the case of a VLRB decision, or a Superior Court in the case of an arbitration decision, shall vacate the decision if:

(A) it was procured by corruption, fraud, or other undue means;

(B) there was evident partiality or prejudicial misconduct by the VLRB or arbitrator or by individual members of the VLRB or ~~arbitrators~~ arbitration panel;

(C) the VLRB, arbitrator, or arbitrators exceeded its or their power or rendered a decision requiring a person to commit an act or engage in conduct prohibited by law; or

(D) there is an absence of substantial evidence on the record as a whole to support the decision.

(6) At any time prior to the issuance of a decision by the VLRB, arbitrator, or arbitrators, the Commission may notify the VLRB, arbitrator, or arbitrators of any additional issues on which a majority of the representatives of school employees and of the representatives of school employers have reached agreement.

(7) If any provision of this subsection is inconsistent with any other provision of law governing arbitration, this subsection shall govern.

(c) The VLRB, arbitrator, or arbitrators shall have the authority to address complaints that either party has engaged in or is engaging in unfair bargaining practices, including a refusal to bargain in good faith. If the VLRB, arbitrator, or arbitrators find upon a preponderance of the evidence that a party has engaged in or is engaging in any unfair bargaining practice, the VLRB, arbitrator, or arbitrators may include in the decision a remedy for the unfair

bargaining practice that is consistent with the provisions of 21 V.S.A. § 1727(d).

Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATES

Secs. 5a and 6a shall take effect on January 1, 2022. This section and the remaining sections of this act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee Vote: 10-1-0)

Rep. Scheu of Middlebury, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommends the bill ought to pass when amended as recommended by the Committee on General; Housing; and Military Affairs.

(Committee Vote: 7-4-0)

H. 122

An act relating to boards and commissions

Rep. LaClair of Barre Town, for the Committee on Government Operations, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * National Forest Lands * * *

Sec. 1. [Deleted.]

Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 555 is amended to read:

§ 555. JURISDICTION OF UNITED STATES OVER NATIONAL FORESTS

The United States shall have jurisdiction to make and enforce such laws, rules, and regulations as the United States shall deem necessary for the administration, protection, and management of ~~such~~ national forests in the State.

Sec. 3. 1 V.S.A. § 556 is amended to read:

§ 556. JURISDICTION OF STATE OVER NATIONAL FORESTS

In all other respects, the jurisdiction over persons and property within ~~such~~ the territory of national forests in the State shall not be affected nor changed by reason of ~~such~~ the acquisition of title to such lands by the United States.

* * * Amendments to Vermont Commission on Women * * *

Sec. 4. 3 V.S.A. chapter 70 is added to read:

CHAPTER 70. COMMISSION ON WOMEN

Sec. 5. 3 V.S.A. § 22 is redesignated and amended to read:

§ ~~22~~ 5025. THE COMMISSION ON WOMEN

(a)(1) The Commission on Women is created as the successor to the Governor's Commission on Women established by Executive Order No. 20-86. The Commission shall be organized and have the duties and responsibilities as provided in this section.

(2) The Commission shall be an independent agency of the government of Vermont and shall not be subject to the control of any other department or agency.

(3) Members of the Commission shall be drawn from throughout the State and from diverse racial, ethnic, religious, age, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic backgrounds and shall have had experience working toward the improvement of the status of women in society.

(b) The Commission shall consist of 16 members, appointed as follows:

(1) Eight members shall be appointed by the Governor, ~~not more than four of whom shall be from one political party.~~

(2)(A) Eight members shall be appointed by the General Assembly, four by the Senate Committee on Committees, and four by the Speaker of the House.

(B) ~~Not Each chamber may appoint not more than two appointees shall be members of the General Assembly legislators, and each appointing authority shall appoint not more than two members if a chamber appoints two legislators, they shall not be from the same political party.~~

(c)(1) Not more than four legislators may serve on the Commission at one time.

(2) The terms of members shall be four years. Appointments of members to fill vacancies or expired terms shall be made by the authority that made the initial appointment to the vacated or expired term.

(d)(1) Members of the Commission shall elect biennially by majority vote the Chair of the Commission.

(2) Members of the Commission shall be entitled to receive per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010, which shall be paid by the Commission.

(e) Nine members shall constitute a quorum of the Commission. Once a quorum has been established, the vote of a majority of the members present at the time of the vote shall be an act of the Commission.

(f) The Commission may appoint members to an advisory council to provide information on the concerns of Vermont women and assist the Commission in the fulfillment of its responsibilities. The Commission may establish ad hoc committees or task forces to study and make recommendations to the Commission. The chair of such committees or task forces shall be appointed by the Chair of the Commission. The tenure of such committees or task forces shall be determined by the nature of the study and the project undertaken.

(g) The Commission shall conduct studies of matters concerning women, and in furtherance of that responsibility may:

(1) review Vermont statutes with regard to sex discrimination and other matters affecting the status of women;

(2) educate and inform business, education, State and local governments, and the general public about the nature and scope of sex discrimination and other matters affecting the status of women in Vermont;

(3) serve as a liaison and clearinghouse between government, private interest groups, and the general public concerned with services for women, and, in this regard, may publish a periodic newsletter to provide information to these constituencies; and

(4) promote consideration of qualified women for all levels of government positions.

(h) The powers of the Commission shall include the following:

(1) to conduct research and study of issues affecting the status of women in Vermont;

(2) to advise and consult with the Executive and Legislative branches of State government on policies affecting the status of women in Vermont;

(3) to maintain an office and hire employees as necessary to carry out its duties;

(4) to acquire on a contractual or other basis such necessary legal, technical, or research expertise and support services as it may require for the discharge of its duties;

(5) to publish periodic reports documenting the legal, economic, social, and political status, and other concerns of women in Vermont;

(6) to utilize such voluntary and uncompensated services of private individuals, agencies, and organizations as may, from time to time, be offered and needed; and

(7) to accept and solicit funds, including any gifts, donations, grants, or bequests or any federal funds, for any Commission-related purposes.

~~(i)(1) No part of any funds appropriated to the Commission by the General Assembly shall, in the absence of express authorization by the General Assembly, be used directly or indirectly for legislative or administrative advocacy. The Commission shall review and amend as necessary all existing contracts and grants to ensure compliance with this subsection.~~

~~(2) As used in this subsection, legislative or administrative advocacy means employment of a lobbyist as defined in 2 V.S.A. chapter 11, or employment, establishment, or maintenance of a lobbyist position whose primary function is to influence legislators or State officials with respect to pending legislation or rules. [Repealed.]~~

Sec. 6. REDESIGNATION AND CODIFICATION OF COMMISSION ON WOMEN; CONFORMING REVISIONS

(a) 3 V.S.A. § 5025 (Commission on Women), as redesignated and amended in this act, shall be codified in 3 V.S.A. chapter 70 (Commission on Women), as added by this act.

(b) The Office of Legislative Counsel is directed to revise accordingly in the Vermont Statutes Annotated any cross-references to the Commission on Women as redesignated and codified in this act.

* * * Repeal of Toxics Technical Advisory Board * * *

Sec. 7. 3 V.S.A. § 2873 is amended to read:

§ 2873. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

(a) The Department of Environmental Conservation is created within the Agency of Natural Resources. The Department is the successor to and continuation of the Department of Water Resources and Environmental Engineering, and shall administer the Water Resources Programs contained in Title 10^½, air pollution control and abatement as provided in 10 V.S.A. chapter 23^½, and waste disposal as provided in 10 V.S.A. chapter 159.

(b) The Department may perform design and construction supervision services for major maintenance and capital construction projects for the Agency and all of its components.

(c) [Repealed.]

(d) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Commissioner of Labor from exercising his or her authority to regulate public buildings.

~~(e) There is created within the Department of Environmental Conservation a Division of Pollution Prevention, which shall carry out nonregulatory functions of the Department under 10 V.S.A. chapter 159, subchapter 2, in providing technical assistance and coordinating State efforts to bring about a decrease, within the State, in the use of toxics and the generation of hazardous wastes. The Office shall:~~

~~(1) review toxics use reduction and hazardous waste reduction plans submitted by generators of hazardous wastes and by large users of toxic materials, as defined in 10 V.S.A. chapter 159, subchapter 2;~~

~~(2) provide technical assistance to industry in its plan development, plan revisions, and plan improvement under 10 V.S.A. chapter 159, subchapter 2;~~

~~(3) provide, direct, and manage on-site technical assistance under that chapter;~~

~~(4) provide staff support to the Toxics Technical Advisory Board, and implement authorized and recommended programs;~~

~~(5) sponsor, in conjunction with the Toxics Technical Advisory Board, industry-specific conferences, workshops, and seminars on toxics use reduction and hazardous waste reduction, in order to enhance information exchange and technology transfer;~~

~~(6) develop and maintain a technical library and information clearinghouse, and promote information dissemination to businesses that generate hazardous wastes or use toxic substances;~~

~~(7) develop and distribute a newsletter and other information materials for business and industry, to assist in planning for toxics use reduction and reduction in the generation of hazardous waste;~~

~~(8) maintain data and information systems on toxics use and hazardous waste reduction as specified in 10 V.S.A. chapter 159, subchapter 2, and use these systems to develop methods to measure the success of programs to reduce toxics use and the generation of hazardous waste;~~

~~(9) coordinate ongoing technical assistance on these matters, within the Agency and throughout State government;~~

~~(10) work with other State agencies to evaluate, develop, and promote pollution prevention strategies;~~

~~(11) work with other State agencies to improve data and reporting systems with respect to toxics releases;~~

~~(12) work with other State agencies to develop pilot programs that encourage toxics use reduction, multimedia source reduction, and reductions in the generation of hazardous waste;~~

~~(13) review and comment on environmental regulatory programs and proposed rules, to assure that these programs provide incentives, rather than disincentives, to pollution prevention. [Repealed.]~~

~~(f) There is created the Toxics Technical Advisory Board, which is attached to the Division of Pollution Prevention.~~

~~(1) The Board shall consist of at least five members appointed by the Governor, representing the various geographic areas of the State and with expertise in professional disciplines such as occupational health and safety, industrial hygiene, engineering, chemistry, manufacturing, business, ecology, and environmental protection. Members shall be selected from business and industry groups that are to be served by technical assistance.~~

~~(2) The Board shall advise the Office of Pollution Prevention on the creation and administration of a Technical Assistance Program designed to provide guidance, advice, and technical assistance to generators of hazardous waste and users of toxics.~~

~~(3) The Board shall serve as liaison with industry, business, trade associations, and educational institutions, and shall assemble volunteer teams to perform on-site technical assistance and other forms of assistance to complement programs of the office of pollution prevention.~~

~~(4) The Board shall establish and administer an award program for excellence in toxics use reduction and the reduction in the generation of hazardous waste. [Repealed.]~~

~~(g) There is created within the Department of Environmental Conservation the Small Business Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program. This Program shall include each element specified in section 507(a) of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.) and shall also be authorized to assist small businesses in similar fashion with regard to their obligations under all other environmental legislation administered by the Department.~~

~~(h) [Repealed.]~~

~~*** Repeal of Champion Land Transaction Citizen Advisory Council ***~~

~~Sec. 8. 10 V.S.A. chapter 156 is amended to read:~~

~~CHAPTER 156. CHAMPION LAND TRANSACTION CITIZEN
ADVISORY COUNCIL [Repealed.]~~

§ 6407. COUNCIL CREATED

~~A Citizen Advisory Council is created to assist in implementing the provisions of the Champion land transaction in the northeastern region of Vermont authorized by the 1999 session of the General Assembly. [Repealed.]~~

§ 6408. FUNCTIONS

~~(a) The Council shall function as a forum to hear and attempt to resolve concerns involving the so-called Champion lands that are brought to the attention of the Council regarding ongoing use and management of State lands, collaboration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and public access to the public and privately held lands. With respect to the public lands and the role of the Agency of Natural Resources, these matters may include public access, the recreation access plan, snowmobiling, motorized, mechanical and equestrian access, private roads, temporary restrictions, federal ownership, timber harvesting, land conservation, water classification, economic development, and camp leases. The Council has no authority to discuss or comment on interests obtained by a private owner who purchases a portion of the property, including timber harvesting and forest management interests obtained.~~

~~(b) The Council shall also function as a source of information to persons interested in learning about the transaction including its legal conditions, or about the ongoing use and management of the land. [Repealed.]~~

§ 6409. MEMBERS; ORGANIZATION

~~(a) The Council shall consist of 11 voting members appointed by the Governor as follows:~~

~~(1) six persons residing in the northeastern region of the State, made up of one representative each of the logging industry, another private business interest in Essex County, a local hunting and fishing group, the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, camp leaseholders of former Champion land, and an elected official of municipal government in Essex County, each with a three-year term except that initial terms shall be staggered, to be appointed by the Governor from a list of three nominees for each position submitted jointly by the members of the State legislative delegation of Essex County;~~

~~(2) one person representing the new private ownership of a portion of the former Champion land;~~

~~(3) the Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources or his or her designee from within the Agency;~~

~~(4) one person representing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;~~

~~(5) one person representing the Vermont Sportsmen Federation; and~~

~~(6) one person representing a Natural Resources Conservation Group.~~

~~(b) The representative of municipal government from Essex County shall serve as Chair of the Council and shall convene the first meeting of the Council. Subsequent meetings will be held at the call of the Chair or as scheduled by majority vote of the Council.~~

~~(c) The Chair of the Council shall arrange for Council meetings to be held at a municipal office or another location in Essex County. If requested by the Council, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall provide administrative and staff support to the Council. [Repealed.]~~

* * * Repeal of Working Group on Conservation Easements * * *

Sec. 9. REPEAL OF WORKING GROUP ON CONSERVATION

EASEMENTS

2012 Acts and Resolves No. 118, Sec. 9 (Working Group on Conservation Easements) is repealed.

* * * Repeal and Transfer of Duties of Prekindergarten-16 Council * * *

Sec. 10. 16 V.S.A. § 2905 is amended to read:

§ 2905. ~~PREKINDERGARTEN-16 COUNCIL~~

~~(a) A Prekindergarten-16 Council (the Council) is created to help coordinate and better align the efforts of the prekindergarten-12 educational system with the higher education community in order to increase:~~

~~(1) postsecondary aspirations;~~

~~(2) the enrollment of Vermont high school graduates in higher education programs;~~

~~(3) the postsecondary degree completion rates of Vermonters; and~~

~~(4) public awareness of the economic, intellectual, and societal benefits of higher education.~~

~~(b) The Council shall be composed of:~~

~~(1) the Secretary of Education or designee;~~

~~(2) the Commissioner of Labor or designee;~~

~~(3) the President of the University of Vermont or designee;~~

~~(4) the Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges or designee;~~

~~(5) the President of the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation or designee;~~

~~(6) the President of the Association of Vermont Independent Colleges or designee;~~

~~(7) a principal of a secondary school selected by the Vermont Principals' Association;~~

~~(8) a superintendent selected by the Vermont Superintendents Association;~~

~~(9) a teacher selected by the Vermont National Education Association;~~

~~(10) a member of the Building Bright Futures Council or designee;~~

~~(11) a career technical education director selected by the Vermont Association of Career and Technical Center Directors;~~

~~(12) a representative from the business and industry community selected by the Vermont Business Roundtable;~~

~~(13) an advocate for low income children selected by Voices for Vermont's Children;~~

~~(14) a member of the House of Representatives, who shall be selected by the Speaker and shall serve until the beginning of the biennium immediately after the one in which the member is appointed;~~

~~(15) a member of the Senate, who shall be selected by the Committee on Committees and shall serve until the beginning of the biennium immediately after the one in which the member is appointed;~~

~~(16) a member of the faculty of the Vermont State Colleges, the University of Vermont, or a Vermont independent college selected by United Professions AFT Vermont, Inc.; and~~

~~(17) a representative of after-school, summer, and expanded learning programs selected by the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence.~~

~~(c) The Council shall develop and regularly update a statewide plan to increase aspirations for and the successful completion of postsecondary education among students of all ages and otherwise advance the purposes for which the council is created, which shall include strategies to:~~

~~(1) ensure that every high school graduate in Vermont is prepared to succeed in postsecondary education without remedial assistance;~~

~~(2) increase the percentage of Vermonters who earn an associate's or higher level degree or a postsecondary certification;~~

~~(3) identify and address areas of educator preparation that could benefit from improved collaboration between the prekindergarten-12 educational system and the higher education community;~~

~~(4) promote early career awareness and nurture postsecondary aspirations;~~

~~(5) develop programs that guarantee college admission and financial aid for low-income students who successfully complete early commitment requirements;~~

~~(6) enhance student engagement in secondary school, ensuring that learning opportunities are relevant, rigorous, and personalized and that all students aspire to and prepare for success in postsecondary learning opportunities;~~

~~(7) expand access to dual-enrollment programs in order to serve students of varying interests and abilities, including those who are likely to attend college, those who are from groups that attend college at disproportionately low rates, and those who are prepared for a postsecondary curriculum prior to graduation from secondary school;~~

~~(8) develop proposals for statewide college and career readiness standards and assessments;~~

~~(9) create incentives for adults to begin or continue their postsecondary education; and~~

~~(10) ensure implementation of a prekindergarten-16 longitudinal data system, which it shall use to assess the success of the plan required by this subsection.~~

~~(d) Together with the Secretary of Administration or the Secretary's designee, the following members of the Council shall perform any statutory or other duties required of them, including duties in connection with the Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund: the President of the University of Vermont, the Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges, the President of the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, the President of the Association of Vermont Independent Colleges, the representative from the business and industry community, the member of the House of Representatives, and the member of the Senate.~~

~~(e) The legislative and higher education staff shall provide support to the Council as appropriate to accomplish its tasks. Primary administrative support shall be provided by the Office of Legislative Operations.~~

~~(f) The Council shall annually elect one of its members to be chair.~~

~~(g) The Council shall meet at least quarterly.~~

~~(h) The Council shall report on its activities to the House and Senate Committees on Education and to the State Board of Education each year in January. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection. [Repealed.]~~

Sec. 11. 16 V.S.A. § 2885 is amended to read:

§ 2885. VERMONT HIGHER EDUCATION ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND

(a) A Vermont Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund is established in the Office of the State Treasurer to comprise the following:

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(b) The State Treasurer may invest the monies in the Fund.

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(d)(1) During the first quarter of each fiscal year, the Secretary of Administration or the Secretary's designee and the ~~individuals identified~~ Council created in subsection ~~2905(d)~~ (h) of this ~~title section~~ may authorize the State Treasurer to make an amount equal to ~~no~~ not more than two percent of the assets available, in equal amounts, to the University of Vermont and the Vermont State Colleges for the purpose of creating or increasing a permanent endowment.

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(e) Annually, ~~by~~ on or before September 30, the Treasurer shall render a financial report on the receipts, disbursements, and earnings of the Fund for the preceding fiscal year to the Secretary of Administration and the ~~individuals identified~~ Council created in subsection ~~2905(d)~~ (h) of this ~~title section~~.

(f) All balances in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward and used only for the purposes set forth in this section. Earnings of the Fund that are not withdrawn pursuant to this section shall remain in the Fund.

(g) The University of Vermont, the Vermont State Colleges, and the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation shall review expenditures made from the Fund and evaluate the impact of the expenditures on higher education in Vermont, and report this information to the House and Senate Committees on Education each year in January.

(h) There is created the Vermont Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund Council to perform the duties set forth in subsections (d) and (e) of this

section. The Council shall be attached to the Office of Treasurer for administration purposes and shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) the President of the University of Vermont;
- (2) the Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges;
- (3) the President of the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation;
- (4) the President of the Association of Vermont Independent Colleges;
- (5) a representative from the business and industry community, selected by the Vermont Business Roundtable;
- (6) a member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
- (7) a member of the Senate, appointed by the Committee on Committees.

* * * Effective Date * * *

Sec. 12. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)

Senate Proposal of Amendment

H. 138

An act relating to fiscal year 2021 budget adjustments

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

Sec. B.140 Municipal current use

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

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	94,990,855	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	271,053,916	271,189,416

Sec. 3. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.209 is amended to read:

Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

Personal services	59,804,906	60,206,906
Operating expenses	11,932,334	11,932,334
Grants	<u>1,693,707</u>	<u>1,693,707</u>
Total	73,430,947	73,832,947

Source of funds

General fund	28,156,891	28,558,891
Transportation fund	13,350,000	13,350,000
Special funds	3,145,278	3,145,278
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	21,790,000	21,790,000
Federal funds	5,023,746	5,023,746
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,965,032</u>	<u>1,965,032</u>
Total	73,430,947	73,832,947

Sec. 4. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.238 is amended to read:

Sec. B.238 Liquor control - enforcement and licensing

Personal services	1,953,092	1,953,092
Operating expenses	<u>465,104</u>	<u>480,104</u>
Total	2,418,196	2,433,196

Source of funds

General fund	0	15,000
Federal funds	184,484	184,484
Enterprise funds	<u>2,233,712</u>	<u>2,233,712</u>
Total	2,418,196	2,433,196

Sec. 5. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:

Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

General fund	152,022,889	152,439,889
Transportation fund	13,350,000	13,350,000
Special funds	89,170,106	89,170,106
Tobacco fund	561,843	561,843
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	23,451,164	23,451,164
Federal funds	83,776,486	83,776,486
ARRA funds	600,000	600,000
Interdepartmental transfers	15,090,107	15,090,107
Enterprise funds	<u>12,797,151</u>	<u>12,797,151</u>
Total	390,819,746	391,236,746

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	11,121,179	16,921,417
Operating expenses	5,183,112	5,183,112
Grants	<u>8,818,674</u>	<u>8,818,674</u>
Total	25,122,965	30,923,203

Source of funds

General fund	14,043,208	14,847,651
Special funds	135,517	135,517
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	0	3,393,180
Federal funds	9,910,637	11,513,252
Global Commitment fund	453,000	453,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>580,603</u>	<u>580,603</u>
Total	25,122,965	30,923,203

Sec. 7. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:

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

Grants	<u>1,623,904,822</u>	<u>1,631,591,649</u>
Total	1,623,904,822	1,631,591,649

Source of funds

General fund	522,372,868	520,682,392
Special funds	32,293,557	32,293,557
Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
State health care resources fund	17,078,501	17,078,501
Federal funds	1,020,542,541	1,032,002,623
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>10,567,982</u>	<u>8,485,203</u>
Total	1,623,904,822	1,631,591,649

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	129,834,613	132,665,708
Operating expenses	26,285,655	26,285,655
Grants	<u>5,192,301</u>	<u>5,192,301</u>
Total	161,312,569	164,143,664
Source of funds		
General fund	32,314,433	32,645,528
Special funds	3,378,509	3,378,509
Federal funds	116,496,036	116,496,036
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,330,710</u>	6,830,710
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,792,881</u>	<u>4,792,881</u>
Total	161,312,569	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	726,492,200	<u>742,313,519</u>
Total	727,040,183	742,861,502
Source of funds		
Global Commitment fund	727,040,183	<u>742,861,502</u>
Total	727,040,183	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	51,417,964	<u>37,928,235</u>
Total	51,417,964	37,928,235
Source of funds		
General fund	39,365,706	37,771,688
Global Commitment fund	12,052,258	<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	33,096,001	<u>33,003,393</u>
Total	33,096,001	33,003,393
Source of funds		
General fund	12,164,088	12,141,484
Federal funds	20,931,913	<u>20,861,909</u>
Total	33,096,001	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	6,355,826	7,853,373
Grants	<u>4,040,881</u>	<u>4,040,881</u>
Total	16,015,099	17,512,646
Source of funds		
General fund	2,704,133	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	16,015,099	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	10,183,898	11,635,723
Grants	<u>36,833,198</u>	<u>36,833,198</u>
Total	93,685,764	95,137,589
Source of funds		
General fund	10,325,430	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	93,685,764	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	442,000	596,474
Grants	<u>48,713,374</u>	<u>48,713,374</u>
Total	54,155,175	54,309,649
Source of funds		
General fund	1,234,338	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	54,155,175	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	32,711,706	32,999,191
Operating expenses	4,574,758	4,574,758
Grants	<u>240,423,028</u>	<u>241,673,561</u>
Total	277,709,492	279,247,510
Source of funds		
General fund	8,869,021	9,074,739
Special funds	1,686,673	1,686,673
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	737,104	940,763
Federal funds	11,127,574	11,127,574
Global Commitment fund	<u>253,591,013</u>	<u>254,108,677</u>
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,698,107</u>	<u>2,309,084</u>
Total	277,709,492	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	37,989,806	38,800,363
Operating expenses	16,737,674	17,383,274
Grants	<u>3,739,106</u>	<u>3,819,106</u>
Total	58,466,586	60,002,743
Source of funds		
General fund	32,556,013	33,832,876
Special funds	2,708,800	2,708,990
Federal funds	20,975,521	21,104,561
Global Commitment fund	2,005,816	2,005,816
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>220,436</u>	<u>350,500</u>
Total	58,466,586	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	38,776,869	38,741,148
Operating expenses	5,069,385	5,083,785
Grants	<u>78,055,766</u>	<u>79,379,516</u>

Total	121,902,020	123,204,449
Source of funds		
General fund	43,478,598	43,949,508
Special funds	729,587	729,587
Federal funds	32,002,165	32,276,133
Global Commitment fund	45,579,021	46,209,021
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>112,649</u>	<u>40,200</u>
Total	121,902,020	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	4,612,052	4,771,627
Operating expenses	862,982	862,982
Grants	<u>82,319,977</u>	<u>77,515,651</u>
Total	<u>87,795,011</u>	83,150,260
Source of funds		
General fund	25,392,931	20,545,726
Special funds	16,820,000	16,820,000
Tobacco fund	2,000,000	2,000,000
Federal funds	33,551,078	33,753,532
Global Commitment fund	10,008,502	10,008,502
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>22,500</u>	<u>22,500</u>
Total	87,795,011	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	11,107,221	11,140,898
Operating expenses	<u>3,568,636</u>	<u>3,568,636</u>
Total	<u>14,675,857</u>	14,709,534
Source of funds		
General fund	4,392,533	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	14,675,857	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	<u>8,981,574</u>	<u>24,294,694</u>
Total	<u>8,996,574</u>	24,309,694

Source of funds		
General fund	8,599,239	8,849,239
Federal funds	111,320	111,320
Global Commitment fund	286,015	286,015
Interdepartmental transfers	0	<u>15,063,120</u>
Total	8,996,574	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
Grants	<u>39,867,197</u>	<u>35,758,350</u>
Total	<u>39,915,721</u>	<u>35,806,874</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	22,361,264	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	<u>39,915,721</u>	<u>35,806,874</u>

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	534,250	545,613
Operating expenses	44,078	44,078
Grants	<u>10,566,655</u>	<u>10,566,655</u>
Total	<u>11,144,983</u>	<u>11,156,346</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	5,307,854	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	<u>11,144,983</u>	<u>11,156,346</u>

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

Source of funds		
General fund	4,507,412	6,412,273
Global Commitment fund	0	30,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>97,000</u>	<u>97,000</u>
Total	4,604,412	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	33,409,543	33,542,021
Operating expenses	<u>5,883,996</u>	<u>5,883,996</u>
Total	39,293,539	39,426,017
Source of funds		
General fund	17,410,292	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	39,293,539	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	<u>18,762,373</u>	<u>19,375,620</u>
Total	18,762,373	19,375,620
Source of funds		
General fund	7,441,442	7,454,782
Federal funds	7,148,466	7,748,373
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,172,465</u>	<u>4,172,465</u>
Total	18,762,373	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	<u>234,832,050</u>	<u>235,177,424</u>
Total	234,832,050	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	<u>234,256,605</u>	<u>234,601,979</u>
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>

Total	234,832,050	235,177,424
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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	<u>225,276,530</u>	<u>226,190,987</u>
Total	<u>225,276,530</u>	<u>226,190,987</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	498,579	498,579
Federal funds	2,083,333	2,083,333
Global Commitment fund	<u>222,694,618</u>	<u>223,609,075</u>
Total	<u>225,276,530</u>	<u>226,190,987</u>

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

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

Personal services	120,895,262	115,752,606
Operating expenses	23,059,297	23,059,297
Grants	<u>8,808,427</u>	<u>8,808,427</u>
Total	152,762,986	147,620,330
Source of funds		
General fund	140,696,389	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	152,762,986	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	19,575,182	21,088,921
Operating expenses	<u>4,455,065</u>	<u>4,455,065</u>
Total	24,030,247	25,543,986
Source of funds		
General fund	2,858,379	2,858,379
Special funds	11,858,292	12,729,031
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	0	643,000
Federal funds	<u>9,313,576</u>	<u>9,313,576</u>
Total	24,030,247	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	986,362,972	977,495,760
Special funds	115,532,594	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	13,534,437	17,774,276
Federal funds	1,457,654,882	1,471,852,944
Global Commitment fund	1,583,321,128	1,592,184,231
Internal service funds	1,930,685	1,930,685
Interdepartmental transfers	33,220,909	46,869,842
Permanent trust funds	25,000	25,000
Total	4,233,749,316	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	<u>138,257,904</u>	<u>141,757,904</u>
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	<u>138,257,904</u>	<u>141,757,904</u>

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	<u>136,967,503</u>	<u>140,467,503</u>
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	<u>2,131,205,949</u>	<u>2,134,705,949</u>

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	<u>2,772,491</u>	3,772,491
Operating expenses	<u>1,043,407</u>	<u>1,043,407</u>
Total	<u>3,815,898</u>	4,815,898
Source of funds		
General fund	3,134,594	4,134,594
Special funds	581,393	581,393
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>99,911</u>	<u>99,911</u>
Total	<u>3,815,898</u>	4,815,898

Sec. 34. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.702 is amended to read:

Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services

Personal services	18,228,943	18,228,943
Operating expenses	<u>7,048,001</u>	7,093,001
Grants	<u>785,636</u>	<u>785,636</u>
Total	<u>26,062,580</u>	26,107,580
Source of funds		
General fund	6,506,744	6,551,744
Special funds	669,737	669,737
Fish and wildlife fund	9,099,448	9,099,448
Federal funds	8,611,533	8,611,533
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,175,118</u>	<u>1,175,118</u>
Total	<u>26,062,580</u>	26,107,580

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	31,157,460	32,202,460
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	<u>168,937,314</u>	169,982,314

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	5,037,764	5,011,524
Grants	<u>210,000</u>	<u>210,000</u>
Total	<u>9,555,672</u>	9,529,432
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	4,553,828	4,527,588

Federal funds	<u>5,001,844</u>	<u>5,001,844</u>
Total	<u>9,555,672</u>	<u>9,529,432</u>

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	241,593,174	243,193,174
Grants	<u>26,825,000</u>	<u>26,825,000</u>
Total	<u>322,775,273</u>	<u>324,375,273</u>
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	42,204,675	42,204,675
TIB fund	8,904,313	8,904,313
Federal funds	271,141,834	272,741,834
Local match	<u>524,451</u>	<u>524,451</u>
Total	<u>322,775,273</u>	<u>324,375,273</u>

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	26,447,613	19,897,613
Grants	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Total	<u>31,494,448</u>	<u>24,944,448</u>
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	14,942,605	11,592,605
TIB fund	760,000	760,000
Federal funds	14,634,998	11,434,998
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,156,845</u>	<u>1,156,845</u>
Total	<u>31,494,448</u>	<u>24,944,448</u>

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

Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles

Personal services	22,480,038	23,062,038
Operating expenses	<u>11,865,495</u>	<u>12,171,495</u>
Total	<u>34,345,533</u>	<u>35,233,533</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	0	138,000
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	<u>34,345,533</u>	<u>35,233,533</u>

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	<u>5,845,000</u>	<u>6,495,715</u>
Total	<u>6,055,000</u>	<u>6,705,715</u>
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	650,000	650,000
Special funds	<u>3,977,000</u>	<u>4,627,715</u>
Federal funds	<u>1,428,000</u>	<u>1,428,000</u>
Total	<u>6,055,000</u>	<u>6,705,715</u>

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

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds		
General fund	0	138,000
Transportation fund	254,180,308	250,804,068
TIB fund	11,100,770	11,100,770
Special funds	<u>4,027,000</u>	<u>4,677,715</u>
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	0	750,000
Federal funds	350,643,331	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	643,509,431	640,071,906

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:

monies from December 30, 2020 to December 31, 2021 in Sec. 1001 of the federal act.

(b) As soon as federal guidance is provided, similar actions taken by other states are known, or recommendations are made from knowledgeable consultants or contractors, 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. 44a. LEGISLATURE: CRF USE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

(a) 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 Legislature may continue to use monies remaining from the Coronavirus Relief Fund appropriated to the Legislative Branch during the 2020 session for appropriate expenditures during the remainder of fiscal year 2021.

Sec. 45. CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS; EMERGENCY RESPONSE;
PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE

(a) The Secretary of Administration may allocate up to a total of \$3,000,000.00 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) through May 15, 2021, to the extent those monies available, for emergency response to address one or more issues affecting the public health, safety, or welfare.

(b) If the Secretary identifies a need to expend less than \$100,000.00 for emergency response to address an issue or issues affecting the public health, safety, or welfare, the Secretary may expend the CRF monies and shall notify the Joint Fiscal Committee of the expenditure.

(c)(1) If the Secretary of Administration identifies a need to expend \$100,000.00 or more for emergency response to address an issue or issues affecting the public health, safety, or welfare, the Secretary shall inform the Joint Fiscal Committee of the proposed expenditure.

(2) Any member of the Joint Fiscal Committee may request that the proposed expenditure be held for consideration by the full Committee by directing a request to the Secretary of Administration through the Joint Fiscal Office within 24 hours following receipt of the notice of proposed expenditure.

The Office shall also immediately inform the other members of the Joint Fiscal Committee of the request for consideration and shall inform the General Assembly of the Secretary's proposed expenditure.

(3) Upon a Joint Fiscal Committee member's request for a proposed expenditure to be held for consideration, the Joint Fiscal Committee shall meet within three days to consider the proposed expenditure and determine whether to approve it.

(A) If the Joint Fiscal Committee approves the proposed expenditure, the Secretary may proceed to expend the CRF monies as proposed.

(B) If the Joint Fiscal Committee disapproves a proposed expenditure, the Secretary shall not expend the CRF monies as proposed but 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.

(C) If the Joint Fiscal Committee does not meet within the three-day period or does not approve or disapprove the proposed expenditure within three days following receipt of the proposal, the Secretary may proceed to expend the CRF monies as proposed.

(4) If no member of the Joint Fiscal Committee has requested that the expenditure be held for consideration and approval upon expiration of the 24-hour period following receipt of the notice of proposed expenditure, Secretary may proceed to expend the CRF monies as proposed.

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

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

(b) In fiscal year 2021 or 2022, to the extent that Coronavirus Relief Funds are identified as available by the Commissioner of Finance, up to \$800,000 is appropriated to Vermont State Colleges to assist with expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sec. 47b. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 120, Sec. A.49(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) The Vermont State Colleges (VSC): \$22,758,000 is granted to the VSC for costs and business disruption impacts through December 30, 2020 31,2021 due 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. 50a. DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; VSNIPI
FISCAL YEAR 2021 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

\$300,000.00 is appropriated to the Department for Children and Families from the General Fund to ensure the Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program is in fiscal balance by the close fiscal year 2021.

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. [DELETED]

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. BODY CAMERA DEPLOYMENT

(a) The Departments of Fish and Wildlife, of Liquor Control, and of Motor Vehicles shall only deploy the use of body cameras after appropriate training of staff and the adoption of policies on use and retention of records by each department. The Secretary of Administration shall provide a report to the Joint Fiscal and the Joint Justice Oversight Committees in September 2021 on the status of use of body cameras in these departments.

Sec. 58. 10 V.S.A. § 591(g) is amended to read:

(g) Members of the Council and members of subcommittees who are not State employees shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses for each day spent in the performance of their duties, as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources.

Sec. 59. 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.

(For text see House Journal January 28, 29, 2021)

Consent Calendar

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16a

The following concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before today's adjournment. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Secretary's office and/or the House Clerk's office, respectively. For text of resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar of February 11, 2021.

H.C.R. 15

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Putney Food Co-op on its 80th anniversary

H.C.R. 16

House concurrent resolution extending future best wishes to and honoring Ikey Spear for her leadership as an outstanding social work practitioner and educator

H.C.R. 17

House concurrent resolution honoring former Vermont House Clerk William M. MaGill for his notable contributions to the State legislative process

Information Notice

Notice of JFO Grants and Positions

Grants and Positions that have been submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee by the Administration, under 32 V.S.A. §5(b)(3):

JFO #3030 - \$450,000 to the VT Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living from the Kessler Foundation. Funds will be used to support the expansion or re-designation of current positions in the Department and to create three (3) limited service positions to assist Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries to transition to self-sustaining employment. The request includes one (1) Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits Counselor and two (2) Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor II to complete the work. **[NOTE: Kessler grant funds will support 70% of the VR Benefit Counselor position and 21% of the VR Counselor II positions. The remaining balance will be covered by VR federal funds.]** *[JFO received 1/25/2021]*

JFO #3031 - \$450,000 to the Department of Public Safety from the Office of Justice Programs for the services and support for victims in the immediate aftermath and during the investigation of a crime. The grant will fully fund one (1) limited-service position, Victim Services Specialist, to provide these services through 9/30/2023 and will also cover \$15,417 in indirect departmental costs. *[JFO received 1/25/2021]*

JFO #3032 - \$206,394 to the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation from the United States Climate Alliance, United Nations Fund, for one (1) limited service position, Environmental Analyst VII, to serve in a leadership role in

advancing Vermont's climate mitigation priorities. Position to be funded through 9/30/22. *[JFO received 1/25/2021]*

JFO #3033 - One (1) limited service position, Criminal Intelligence Analyst, to the VT. Dept of Public Safety to support information sharing and analysis to prevent and prepare for hazards and threats. Funds from the US Dept. of Homeland Security from previously awarded JFO Grant #2212. *[JFO received 1/27/2021]*

JFO #3034 - \$200,000,000 to the VT Agency of Administration from the US Dept. of the Treasury, Emergency Rental Assistance Program. The funds will be used to assist eligible households that have difficulty making timely payments of rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Included in the funding are five (5) limited service positions to administer this sizable grant program. *[JFO received 2/3/2021]*

JFO #3035 - \$550,749 to the VT Agency of Human Services from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to enhance and coordinate healthy aging efforts within the 'Healthy Brain Initiative' framework. Funds will be used to develop systemic public health approaches to improve the public health approach to Alzheimer's and related dementias and decrease preventable hospitalizations among Vermonters 65 and older with Alzheimer's and related dementias. Two (2) limited service positions: One (1) Public Health Program Administrator and one (1) Public Health Analyst II to administer the program. *[JFO received 2/4/2021]*

Joint Assembly

Thursday, February 18, 10:30 AM – House Chamber - Election of a Sergeant at Arms, of an Adjutant and Inspector General, and of three (3) trustees for the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College.

Candidates for the positions of Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, and legislative candidates for UVM trustees must notify the Secretary of State **in writing** of their candidacies not later than February 11, 2021, by 4:00 P.M., pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §12(b). Otherwise their names will not appear on the ballots for these positions.

The following rules shall apply to the conduct of these elections:

First: All nominations for these offices will be presented in alphabetical order prior to voting.

Second: There will be only one nominating speech of not more than three (3) minutes and not more than two seconding speeches of not more than one (1) minute each for each nominee.