

House Calendar

Thursday, March 25, 2021

79th DAY OF THE BIENNIAL SESSION

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ACTION CALENDAR

Third Reading

H. 152

An act relating to education property tax

Amendment to be offered by Reps. Sibilina of Dover, Colburn of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Sims of Craftsbury and Small of Winooski to H. 152

First: By inserting a reader assistance heading before Sec. 1, property dollar equivalent yield, income dollar equivalent yield, and nonhomestead rate for fiscal year 2022, to read:

* * * Yields; Nonhomestead Rate * * *

Second: By striking out Sec. 2, effective date, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * Suspension of Excess Spending Penalty * * *

Sec. 2. SUSPENSION OF EXCESS SPENDING PENALTY

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2022, the excess spending penalty under 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6)(B) and 32 V.S.A. § 5401(12) is suspended.

* * * Effective Date * * *

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

H. 153

An act relating to Medicaid reimbursement rates for home- and community-based service providers

H. 159

An act relating to creating the Better Places Program

H. 171

An act relating to the governance and financing of Vermont's child care system

H. 183

An act relating to sexual violence

H. 210

An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system

H. 435

An act relating to miscellaneous Department of Corrections-related amendments

Committee Bill for Second Reading

H. 436

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws.

(Rep. Ode of Burlington will speak for the Committee on Ways and Means.)

H. 437

An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State.

(Rep. Kornheiser of Brattleboro will speak for the Committee on Ways and Means.)

H. 439

An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government.

(Rep. Hooper of Montpelier will speak for the Committee on Appropriations.)

Favorable

H. 438

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding.

(Rep. Emmons of Springfield will speak for the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.)

Rep. Harrison of Chittenden, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommends the bill ought to pass.

(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)

Amendment to be offered by Reps. Donahue of Northfield and Cordes of Lincoln to H. 438

That the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 3, human services, in subsection (a), in subdivision (1), by striking out “Physically Secure Recovery Residence” and inserting in lieu thereof “Secure Residential Recovery Facility”

Second: In Sec. 3, human services, by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The amount appropriated in subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be used to construct a 16-bed Secure Residential Recovery Facility on Parcel ID# 200-5-003-001 as designated on the Town of Essex’s Tax Parcel Maps for transitional support for individuals who are being discharged from inpatient psychiatric care. The design for the facility shall be for two eight-bed wings with separate living quarters that can function independently if necessary and with clinical and activity spaces accessible for use by both units. Neither wing shall include a locked seclusion area, and the facility shall not use emergency involuntary procedures. Outdoor space shall be adequate for sports and exercise activities, seating, and garden areas but not less than 10,000 square feet.

Consent Calendar

Concurrent Resolutions

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 the end of the session of the next legislative day. 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.

H.C.R. 29

House concurrent resolution honoring Barre Town’s Town Clerk and Treasurer, Donna Kelty

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For Informational Purposes

House Appropriations Committee

Members' Amendments to Fiscal Year 2022

Proposed State Appropriations Bill (H.439)

The House Committee on Appropriations requests all members of the House, who intend to introduce amendments to the proposed FY 2022 State appropriations bill (H.439), to meet with the Committee via video conference between at **8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2021 for 2nd reading amendments; and Friday, March 26, 2021 for 3rd reading amendments.** Please schedule a time with Theresa Utton-Jerman at tutton@leg.state.vt.us, to present your amendment to the Committee and receive the meeting link. **In addition, please notify the Chair as soon as possible if you intend to offer an amendment.**

Information Notice

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

JFO #3039 - \$1,000,000 to the VT Dept of Public Safety from the U.S. Dept of Justice to develop and implement approaches to address a range of criminal justice system problems. The majority of funds will be awarded as sub-grants to organizations with expertise in this subject matter. *[JFO received 3/3/2021]*

JFO #3040 - Two (2) limited service positions, both Financial Manager I, to ensure financial record compliance for the anticipated \$200 million in COVID-19 related public assistance awards to the VT Agency of Human Services from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Positions will be funded through previously approved JFO grant #3015. *[Note: Grant #3015 is a public assistance grant to reimburse eligible costs borne by state, local and non-profit entities in the COVID-19 emergency response – further info can be found here: https://lifo.vermont.gov/custom_reports/grants/default.html]* *[JFO received 3/8/2021, expedited review requested on 3/9/2021]*

JFO #3041 - \$100,000 to the VT Dept. of Fish and Wildlife from Ducks Unlimited to fund a 25-year stewardship of 136 acres in Addison County. The land was donated by Ducks Unlimited with the condition that the Department perform stewardship duties. The yearly projected cost in materials and staff time is \$4,000. *[JFO received 3/08/2021]*

JFO #3042 - \$50,000 to the VT Judiciary from the State Justice Institute to secure consulting services of the National Center for State Courts to advise on the creation of an Access and Resource Center (ARC) which would serve self-represented parties and others looking for support navigating the justice process. *[Note: The budget materials include a \$5,000 Judiciary cash match and \$20,000 of in-kind match.] [JFO received 3/08/2021]*