ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

OF

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 2, 2022

COMMITTEE REPORT

H. 679.

AN ACT RELATING TO FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE

The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. H. 679, entitled "An act relating to fiscal year 2022 budget adjustments"

respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.126 is amended to read:

Sec. B.126 Legislature

Personal services	~~5,033,474~~	5,138,474
Operating expenses	3,768,163	3,768,163
Total	~~8,801,637~~	8,906,637
Source of funds		
General fund	~~8,801,637~~	8,906,637
Total	~~8,801,637~~	8,906,637

Sec. 2. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.127 is amended to read:

Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee

Personal services	~~2,288,387~~	2,478,387
Operating expenses	158,873	158,873
Total	~~2,447,260~~	2,637,260
Source of funds		
General fund	~~2,322,260~~	2,512,260
Interdepartmental transfers	125,000	125,000
Total	~~2,447,260~~	2,637,260

Sec. 3. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.145 is amended to read:

Sec. B.145 Total general government

Source of funds

General fund	~~98,982,912~~	99,277,912
Transportation fund	3,911,594	3,911,594
Special funds	16,446,601	16,446,601
Federal funds	1,150,041	1,150,041
Internal service funds	138,310,838	138,310,838
Interdepartmental transfers	7,551,641	7,551,641
Enterprise funds	6,840	6,840
Pension trust funds	7,169,079	7,169,079
Private purpose trust funds	1,135,286	1,135,286
Total	~~274,664,832~~	274,959,832

Sec. 4. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.225.2 is amended to read:

Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, Food and Markets - Clean Water

Personal services	3,249,011	3,249,011
Operating expenses	486,344	486,344
Grants	~~4,060,891~~	5,503,348
Total	~~7,796,246~~	9,238,703
Source of funds		
General fund	1,087,080	1,087,080
Special funds	~~6,089,920~~	7,532,377
Federal funds	133,534	133,534
Interdepartmental transfers	485,712	485,712
Total	~~7,796,246~~	9,238,703

Sec. 5. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:

Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board

Personal services	~~650,000~~	750,000
Total	~~650,000~~	750,000
Source of funds		
Special funds	~~650,000~~	750,000
Total	~~650,000~~	750,000

Sec. 6. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:

Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds		
General fund	171,360,524	171,360,524
Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
Special funds	~~91,319,879~~	92,862,336
Tobacco fund	561,843	561,843
Federal funds	70,315,412	70,315,412
ARRA funds	520,000	520,000
Interdepartmental transfers	14,457,347	14,457,347
Enterprise funds	12,785,618	12,785,618
Total	~~381,570,623~~	383,113,080

Sec. 7. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	~~11,427,819~~	11,346,910
Operating expenses	5,214,621	5,214,621
Grants	2,895,202	2,895,202
Total	~~19,537,642~~	19,456,733

Source of funds		
General fund	~~8,430,401~~	8,802,492
Special funds	135,517	135,517
Federal funds	9,959,398	9,959,398
Global Commitment fund	~~453,000~~	0
Interdepartmental transfers	559,326	559,326
Total	~~19,537,642~~	19,456,733

Sec. 8. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:

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

Grants	~~1,680,637,999~~	1,839,201,185
Total	~~1,680,637,999~~	1,839,201,185
Source of funds		
General fund	~~559,592,034~~	585,702,238
Special funds	~~33,370,086~~	33,228,937
Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
State health care resources fund	~~17,078,501~~	16,023,501
Federal funds	~~1,044,929,568~~	1,179,162,966
Interdepartmental transfers	~~4,618,437~~	4,034,170
Total	~~1,680,637,999~~	1,839,201,185

Sec. 9. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	~~130,163,425~~	130,170,447
Operating expenses	~~26,394,423~~	26,444,423
Grants	~~3,192,301~~	2,912,301
Total	~~159,750,149~~	159,527,171
Source of funds		
General fund	~~32,776,219~~	33,116,885
Special funds	~~3,363,758~~	5,678,861
Federal funds	~~114,469,002~~	111,590,255
Global Commitment fund	4,314,039	4,314,039
Interdepartmental transfers	4,827,131	4,827,131
Total	~~159,750,149~~	159,527,171

Sec. 10. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, 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	~~757,772,233~~	855,581,847
Total	~~758,320,216~~	856,129,830

Source of funds		
Global Commitment fund	~~758,320,216~~	856,129,830
Total	~~758,320,216~~	856,129,830

Sec. 11. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:

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

Grants	~~42,367,754~~	50,029,823
Total	~~42,367,754~~	50,029,823
Source of funds		
General fund	~~42,315,703~~	40,459,853
Global Commitment fund	~~52,051~~	9,569,970
Total	~~42,367,754~~	50,029,823

Sec. 12. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:

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

Grants	~~32,842,006~~	34,768,604
Total	~~32,842,006~~	34,768,604
Source of funds		
General fund	~~12,664,602~~	12,817,789
Federal funds	~~20,177,404~~	21,950,815
Total	~~32,842,006~~	34,768,604

Sec. 13. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.311 is amended to read:

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services	5,753,602	5,753,602
Operating expenses	~~6,567,686~~	5,946,041
Grants	6,313,608	6,313,608
Total	~~18,634,896~~	18,013,251
Source of funds		
General fund	~~2,982,217~~	2,360,572
Special funds	2,061,857	2,061,857
Federal funds	7,777,658	7,777,658
Global Commitment fund	5,748,858	5,748,858
Interdepartmental transfers	64,306	64,306
Total	~~18,634,896~~	18,013,251

Sec. 14. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services	~~32,985,332~~	34,712,990

Operating expenses	~~4,700,264~~	4,850,264
Grants	~~246,498,959~~	234,392,478
Total	~~284,184,555~~	273,955,732
Source of funds		
General fund	~~10,281,092~~	10,850,067
Special funds	1,685,284	1,685,284
Federal funds	~~9,398,134~~	9,377,108
Global Commitment fund	~~262,745,408~~	251,968,636
Interdepartmental transfers	74,637	74,637
Total	~~284,184,555~~	273,955,732

Sec. 15. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:

Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support services

Personal services	~~38,362,798~~	39,823,024
Operating expenses	~~17,035,520~~	19,109,020
Grants	3,819,106	3,819,106
Total	~~59,217,424~~	62,751,150
Source of funds		
General fund	~~33,091,620~~	34,739,860
Special funds	~~2,711,682~~	2,761,682
Federal funds	~~21,062,298~~	23,494,784
Global Commitment fund	~~2,000,936~~	1,403,936
Interdepartmental transfers	350,888	350,888
Total	~~59,217,424~~	62,751,150

Sec. 16. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	~~39,332,995~~	39,636,555
Operating expenses	4,997,338	4,997,338
Grants	~~81,171,012~~	83,187,102
Total	~~125,501,345~~	127,820,995
Source of funds		
General fund	~~49,047,462~~	49,543,086
Special funds	729,587	729,587
Federal funds	~~31,365,138~~	32,373,091
Global Commitment fund	~~44,344,158~~	45,137,731
Interdepartmental transfers	~~15,000~~	37,500
Total	~~125,501,345~~	127,820,995

Sec. 17. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	~~5,020,429~~	5,624,306
Operating expenses	~~848,079~~	921,579
Grants	~~100,111,841~~	97,958,128
Total	~~105,980,349~~	104,504,013
Source of funds		
General fund	~~27,348,614~~	25,996,178
Special funds	16,820,000	16,820,000
Federal funds	~~50,874,814~~	50,623,626
Global Commitment fund	~~10,914,421~~	11,064,209
Interdepartmental transfers	~~22,500~~	0
Total	~~105,980,349~~	104,504,013

Sec. 18. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.321 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	15,000	15,000
Grants	2,823,574	2,823,574
Total	2,838,574	2,838,574
Source of funds		
General fund	~~2,441,239~~	2,541,239
Federal funds	~~111,320~~	11,320
Global Commitment fund	286,015	286,015
Total	2,838,574	2,838,574

Sec. 19. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:

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

Operating expenses	29,119	29,119
Grants	31,842,843	31,842,843
Total	31,871,962	31,871,962
Source of funds		
General fund	~~19,904,694~~	19,704,694
Special funds	~~5,854,320~~	5,954,320
Federal funds	~~3,431,330~~	3,531,330
Global Commitment fund	2,681,618	2,681,618
Total	31,871,962	31,871,962

Sec. 20. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.325 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	636,177	636,177
Operating expenses	43,488	43,488
Grants	~~19,383,262~~	25,483,262
Total	~~20,062,927~~	26,162,927
Source of funds		
General fund	~~14,225,798~~	20,325,798
Special funds	57,990	57,990
Federal funds	4,423,154	4,423,154
Global Commitment fund	1,355,985	1,355,985
Total	~~20,062,927~~	26,162,927

Sec. 21. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.327 is amended to read:

Sec. B.327 Department for Children and Families - Secure Residential Treatment

Personal services	258,100	258,100
Operating expenses	650,463	650,463
Grants	~~3,476,862~~	3,773,834
Total	~~4,385,425~~	4,682,397
Source of funds		
General fund	~~4,355,425~~	4,652,397
Global Commitment fund	30,000	30,000
Total	~~4,385,425~~	4,682,397

Sec. 22. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.328 is amended to read:

Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination services

Personal services	~~7,139,139~~	6,991,600
Operating expenses	460,858	460,858
Total	~~7,599,997~~	7,452,458
Source of funds		
General fund	111,120	111,120
Federal funds	~~7,488,877~~	7,341,338
Total	~~7,599,997~~	7,452,458

Sec. 23. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.329 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	~~33,906,585~~	35,498,760
Operating expenses	5,953,426	5,953,426
Total	~~39,860,011~~	41,452,186
Source of funds		

General fund	~~17,731,954~~	19,174,129
Special funds	1,390,457	1,390,457
Federal funds	~~19,671,316~~	19,821,316
Interdepartmental transfers	1,066,284	1,066,284
Total	~~39,860,011~~	41,452,186

Sec. 24. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:

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

Grants	~~19,352,893~~	19,921,075
Total	~~19,352,893~~	19,921,075
Source of funds		
General fund	7,644,654	7,644,654
Federal funds	7,148,466	7,148,466
Global Commitment fund	~~4,559,773~~	5,127,955
Total	~~19,352,893~~	19,921,075

Sec. 25. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:

Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - Brain injury home and community-based waiver

Grants	~~5,564,689~~	5,714,689
Total	~~5,564,689~~	5,714,689
Source of funds		
Global Commitment fund	~~5,564,689~~	5,714,689
Total	~~5,564,689~~	5,714,689

Sec. 26. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:

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

Grants	~~230,505,916~~	238,018,868
Total	~~230,505,916~~	238,018,868
Source of funds		
General fund	498,579	498,579
Federal funds	2,083,333	2,083,333
Global Commitment fund	~~227,924,004~~	235,436,956
Total	~~230,505,916~~	238,018,868

Sec. 27. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.339 is amended to read:

Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services-out of state beds

Personal services	~~5,640,604~~	5,223,574
Total	~~5,640,604~~	5,223,574
Source of funds		

General fund	~~5,640,604~~	5,223,574
Total	~~5,640,604~~	5,223,574

Sec. 28. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:

Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services

Personal services	~~19,020,560~~	20,520,560
Operating expenses	~~5,426,960~~	5,899,095
Total	~~24,447,520~~	26,419,655
Source of funds		
General fund	~~2,843,321~~	4,025,456
Special funds	~~11,868,942~~	12,658,942
Federal funds	9,735,257	9,735,257
Total	~~24,447,520~~	26,419,655

Sec. 29. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.346 is amended to read:

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds		
General fund	~~1,022,527,917~~	1,056,891,225
Special funds	~~116,659,874~~	119,773,828
Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
State health care resources fund	~~17,078,501~~	16,023,501
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	15,000,000	15,000,000
Federal funds	~~1,497,837,906~~	1,634,136,654
Global Commitment fund	~~1,641,496,441~~	1,746,171,697
Internal service funds	1,951,982	1,951,982
Interdepartmental transfers	~~25,329,631~~	24,745,364
Permanent trust funds	25,000	25,000
Total	~~4,360,995,460~~	4,637,807,459

Sec. 30. [Deleted.]

Sec. 31. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.400 is amended to read:

Sec. B.400 Labor - programs

Personal services	~~31,359,103~~	30,259,103
Operating expenses	7,701,210	7,701,210
Grants	1,822,409	1,822,409
Total	~~40,882,722~~	39,782,722
Source of funds		
General fund	5,394,154	5,394,154
Special funds	6,422,539	6,422,539
Federal funds	~~28,658,417~~	27,558,417

Interdepartmental transfers	407,612	407,612
Total	~~40,882,722~~	39,782,722

Sec. 32. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.401 is amended to read:

Sec. B.401 Total labor

Source of funds		
General fund	5,394,154	5,394,154
Special funds	6,422,539	6,422,539
Federal funds	~~28,658,417~~	27,558,417
Interdepartmental transfers	407,612	407,612
Total	~~40,882,722~~	39,782,722

Sec. 33. [Deleted.]

Sec. 34. [Deleted.]

Sec. 35. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.605 is amended to read:

Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

Grants	~~22,251,315~~	19,978,588
Total	~~22,251,315~~	19,978,588
Source of funds		
General fund	19,978,588	19,978,588
Interdepartmental transfers	~~2,272,727~~	0
Total	~~22,251,315~~	19,978,588

Sec. 36. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.608 is amended to read:

Sec. B.608 Total higher education

Source of funds		
General fund	98,861,685	98,861,685
Education fund	41,225	41,225
Global Commitment fund	409,461	409,461
Interdepartmental transfers	~~2,272,727~~	0
Total	~~101,585,098~~	99,312,371

Sec. 37. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.702 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	~~18,654,752~~	18,754,752
Operating expenses	~~6,717,480~~	7,617,480
Grants	670,446	670,446
Total	~~26,042,678~~	27,042,678
Source of funds		
General fund	6,403,816	6,403,816

Special funds	~~239,657~~	1,239,657
Fish and wildlife fund	9,561,364	9,561,364
Federal funds	8,504,410	8,504,410
Interdepartmental transfers	1,322,431	1,322,431
Permanent trust funds	11,000	11,000
Total	~~26,042,678~~	27,042,678

Sec. 38. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.711 is amended to read:

Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs

Personal services	28,652,311	28,652,311
Operating expenses	6,722,953	6,722,953
Grants	~~31,819,350~~	29,319,350
Total	~~67,194,614~~	64,694,614
Source of funds		
General fund	7,926,170	7,926,170
Special funds	~~22,601,929~~	20,101,929
Federal funds	36,003,082	36,003,082
Interdepartmental transfers	663,433	663,433
Total	~~67,194,614~~	64,694,614

Sec. 39. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.713 is amended to read:

Sec. B.713 Natural resources board

Personal services	~~2,597,208~~	2,747,096
Operating expenses	~~545,630~~	395,742
Total	3,142,838	3,142,838
Source of funds		
General fund	631,629	631,629
Special funds	2,511,209	2,511,209
Total	3,142,838	3,142,838

Sec. 40. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

Source of funds		
General fund	31,693,115	31,693,115
Special funds	~~78,151,968~~	76,651,968
Fish and wildlife fund	9,561,364	9,561,364
Federal funds	54,981,735	54,981,735
Interdepartmental transfers	11,534,344	11,534,344
Permanent trust funds	11,000	11,000
Total	~~185,933,526~~	184,433,526

Sec. 41. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.900 is amended to read:

Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration

Personal services	~~13,654,880~~	13,558,021
Operating expenses	2,507,103	2,507,103
Grants	50,000	50,000
Total	~~16,211,983~~	16,115,124
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	~~15,815,083~~	15,718,224
Federal funds	396,900	396,900
Total	~~16,211,983~~	16,115,124

Sec. 42. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.903 is amended to read:

Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development

Personal services	~~58,611,534~~	58,092,913
Operating expenses	~~227,109,245~~	226,965,577
Grants	28,813,660	28,813,660
Total	~~314,534,439~~	313,872,150
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	~~48,717,849~~	48,055,560
TIB fund	10,597,637	10,597,637
Federal funds	254,737,875	254,737,875
Local match	481,078	481,078
Total	~~314,534,439~~	313,872,150

Sec. 43. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.905 is amended to read:

Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system

Personal services	~~45,339,790~~	45,955,270
Operating expenses	~~57,902,709~~	58,046,377
Grants	277,000	277,000
Total	~~103,519,499~~	104,278,647
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	~~87,191,712~~	87,950,860
Federal funds	16,227,787	16,227,787
Interdepartmental transfers	100,000	100,000
Total	~~103,519,499~~	104,278,647

Sec. 44. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.919 is amended to read:

Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program

Operating expenses	265,000	265,000
Grants	~~5,845,000~~	8,020,150

Total	~~6,110,000~~	8,285,150
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	705,000	705,000
Special funds	~~3,977,000~~	6,152,150
Federal funds	1,428,000	1,428,000
Total	~~6,110,000~~	8,285,150

Sec. 45. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.922 is amended to read:

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds

Transportation fund	271,865,668	271,865,668
TIB fund	11,397,637	11,397,637
Special funds	~~4,027,000~~	6,202,150
Federal funds	361,546,034	361,546,034
Internal service funds	22,202,720	22,202,720
Interdepartmental transfers	2,888,052	2,888,052
Local match	1,833,316	1,833,316
Total	~~675,760,427~~	677,935,577

Sec. 46. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.1106 is amended to read:

Sec. B.1106 FISCAL YEAR 2022 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2022, funds are appropriated from the General Fund for new and ongoing initiatives as follows:

(1) ~~$38,430,000~~ $39,460,000 to the Agency of Administration for the following:

(A) ~~$11,580,000~~ $12,420,000 for distribution to departments to fund the fiscal year 2022 53rd week of Medicaid.

(B) ~~$12,450,000~~ $12,640,000 for distribution to departments to fund the fiscal year 2022 27th payroll pay period.

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(12) $126,000 to the ~~Agency of Human Services Secretary's Office~~ Department for Children and Families – administration and support services to maintain the 211-call center.

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(21) $25,000,000 to the Agency of Human Services – Central Office to address emergent and exigent circumstances following the COVID-19 pandemic.

(A) On or before March 1, 2022, the Agency of Human Services shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on a plan to address costs associated with contract staffing for nursing homes. The plan shall include a methodology for addressing costs incurred for state fiscal year 2022, as well as a timeline for implementation. The plan shall include a timeline to address the rate setting process for future ongoing base costs starting in state fiscal year 2023.

(B) Funds appropriated in the subsection may be included among the Global Commitment appropriations referenced in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.301.2 as available for transfers if it is determined that grants made under this provision can be included and matched in the Global Commitment waiver.

(22) $3,300,000 to the Agency of Digital Services for a cyber security initiative as follows:

(A) $2,300,000 for purchase and implementation of Security Information and Event Management software.

(B) $1,000,000 to prepay the fiscal year 2023 annual licensing/maintenance costs for the system.

(23) $350,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation to evaluate and provide an analysis of the capital and ongoing operations and maintenance costs of the Green River Dam. Any unspent funds shall be directed to State-owned dams to evaluate the capital and ongoing operations and maintenance costs.

(24) $33,000 to the Joint Fiscal Office for the expense of a consultant for the Health Reform Oversight Committee.

(25) $350,000 to the Agency of Education to provide support for the four statewide nonprofit organizations in the Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) network to address budget shortfalls resulting from the effects of COVID-19.

(26) $300,000 to the Public Service Department to support the continuity of statewide public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access services.

(27) $166,667 to the Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, to support four statewide syringe services programs.

(28) $250,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Housing and Community Development, to make grants to municipal planning organizations.

(29) $112,000 to the Center for Crime Victim Services for legal services for victims.

(30) $150,000 to the Agency of Education for the vaccine incentive program for recognized and approved Independent Schools that are not eligible to receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds.

(31) $150,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for a grant to the Town of New Haven for expenses related to the relocation of the railroad station. These funds are in addition to other funding provided to the town for the same purpose from other state entities and other sources.

(32) $500,000 to the Green Mountain Care Board for a consultant to perform per capita benchmarking analyses with comparisons to national, peers and better performers. This shall include an analysis of avoidable utilization and low value care.

(33) $1,000,000 to the Agency of Commerce of Community Development to provide state match for U.S. Economic Development Administration funding to be allocated equally between the Build to Scale and the Good Jobs Challenge proposals to be submitted for funding.

Sec. 47. FISCAL YEAR 2022; VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; RECOMMENDATIONS; DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEES; LONGEVITY INCENTIVE

(a) On or before April 15, 2022, the State Treasurer and the Board of Trustees for the Vermont State Employees Retirement System shall recommend to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations a plan for the following:

(1) the creation of a new pension benefit group for Department of Corrections employees that is actuarially neutral to the pension system and results in no additional employer pension costs; and

(2) the development of a longevity incentive that encourages Group F members who are eligible for a normal retirement a longevity incentive to continue working past their retirement date, provided that the incentive is designed to result in actuarial savings to the pension system and reduce employer pension expenses.

Sec. 48. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS AND RESERVES

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are transferred from the funds indicated:

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(6) From the Clean Water Fund (21932) established by 10 V.S.A. § 1388 to the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund (21933) created under 6 V.S.A. § 4803: ~~$4,521,393~~ $5,963,850.

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(9) From the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established by 19 V.S.A. § 11f to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund (35200) established by 32 V.S.A. § 951a for funding ~~fiscal year 2023 transportation infrastructure bonds debt service~~ the redemption of transportation infrastructure bonds prior to maturity: $2,502,363.

(10) From the Transportation FHWA Fund (20135) to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund (35200) established by 32 V.S.A. § 951a for funding the redemption of transportation infrastructure bonds prior to maturity: $12,554,768.

(11) From the Transportation Fund – Non-Dedicated (20105) to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund (35200) established by 32 V.S.A. § 951a for funding the redemption of transportation infrastructure bonds prior to maturity: $4,863,957.

(12) From the General Fund to the Property Management Fund (58700) established by 29 V.S.A. § 160: $5,000,000.

(13) From the General Fund to the State Liability Self-Insurance Fund (56200): $6,700,000.

(14) From the General Fund to the Victims Compensation Special Fund (21145) established by 13 V.S.A. § 5359: $1,300,000.

(15) From the General Fund to the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund (21926) established by 13 V.S.A. § 5360: $250,000.

(16) From the General Fund to the Correctional Industries Internal Services Fund (59100): $1,877,092.

(17) From the General Fund to the Cannabis Regulation Fund (21998): $850,000.

(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2022:

(1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from the funds indicated:

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21500	Interdepartmental Transfer Fund – 7100000022	$125,000.00

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(d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2022, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the accounts indicated:

2150010000	Military – administration	~~$200,000.00~~	$316,556.00
1210002000	Legislature	~~$140,000.00~~	$435,000.00
1215001000	Legislative Counsel		$50,000.00
1220000000	Joint Fiscal Office		$50,000.00
1225001000	Legislative IT		$60,000.00
1100010000	Secretary of Administration		$50,000.00
1110003000	Budget & Management		$117,075.64
1110006000	University of Vermont		$1.00
1110007000	UVM– Morgan Horse Farm		$1.00
1110009100	Vermont State Colleges		$3.00
1130030000	Libraries		$26,000.38
1140010000	Tax Operation Costs		$200,000.00
1140040000	Homeowner Rebates		$333,503.02
1140330000	Renter Rebates		$1,712,964.82
1240001000	Lieutenant Governor's Office		$20,672.89
2130200000	Sheriffs		$542,914.55
2140010000	DPS – State Police		$13,666,973.39
2170010000	Criminal Justice Trng Council		$62,049.00
2280001000	Human Rights Commission		$9,101.68
3150891901	Copeland Center		$5,803.03
3330010000	Green Mountain Care Board		$0.44
3400001000	Secretary's Office Admin Costs		$50,000.00
3400002000	RSVP Appropriation		$1,035.00
3400891902	Elec Med/Health Records Syst		$3,894.00
3410017000	DVHA-Programs-ST-Only Funded		$76,450.02
3420010000	Administration		$650,000.00
3420021000	Public Health		$1,784,782.61

3420892110	VDH-Data Collection	$134,000.00
3440060000	DCFS - General Assistance	$4,374,450.77
3440891903	Parent Child Centers	$18,089.40
3440891906	Incentivizing Child Care Profs	$96,628.40
3440891908	Weatherization Assist Bridge	$290,035.94
3460020000	Advocacy & Indep Living Grants	$241,585.88
3480004000	Corrections-Correctional Services	$6,361,238.22
5100010000	Administration	$118,500.00
5100060000	Adult Basic Education	$63,476.19
5100070000	Education Services	$51,719.84
5100210000	Ed-Flexible Pathways	$10,675.00
5100891807	Restorative Justice Grants	$75,867.34
5100891901	AOE New Positions	$214,729.59
6100040000	Property Tax Assessment Approp	$0.93
6130010000	Administration	$0.70
7100892107	ACCD-Public Access TV	$30,450.10
7120892001	ThinkVermont Initiative	$45,000.00

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2022, the following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the accounts indicated:

1140060000	Reappraisal & Listing Payments	$0.13
5100010000	Administration	$950,949.54
5100040000	Special Education Formula	$5,824,528.53
5100050000	State-Placed Students	$880,000.00
5100090000	Education Grant	$0.69
5100110000	Small School Grant	$614,965.00
5100190000	Essential Early Educ Grant	$41,295.67
5100200000	Education-Technical Education	$1,841,126.00
5100210000	Ed-Flexible Pathways	$1,579,282.05

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2022, the following amount shall revert to the Transportation Fund from the account indicated:

2140010000	DPS-State Police	$3,933,026.61

(g) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2022, the following amount shall revert to the Clean Water Fund from the account indicated:

6140040000	Environmental Conservation – Office of Water Programs Office of Water Programs	$675,149.73

Sec. 49 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. D.102 is amended to read:

Sec. D.102 27/53 RESERVE; TRANSFER AND USE

(a) ~~$3,740,000~~ $4,770,000 from the General Fund shall be reserved in the 27/53 reserve in fiscal year 2022. This action is the fiscal year 2022 contribution to the reserve for the 53rd week of Medicaid as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e and the 27th payroll reserve as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e(b).

(b) ~~$24,030,000~~ $25,060,000 shall be unreserved from the 27/53 Reserve in in fiscal year 2022 to provide for the appropriations described in Secs. B.1106(a)(1)(A) and B.1106(a)(1)(B) of this act.

Sec. 50. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.107 is amended to read:

Sec. E.107 CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND APPROPRIATIONS; REVERSION AND REAL LOCATION; REPORTS

(a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to revert all unobligated Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) appropriations prior to December 31, 2021. The total amount of CRF monies reverted in accordance with this subsection shall be allocated pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 to any agency or department for CRF-eligible costs incurred from ~~July 1, 2021~~ March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

(b) If previously obligated CRF monies become unobligated after December 31, 2021, the Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to revert the unobligated CRF appropriations and allocate the monies for expenditure pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 to any agency or department for CRF-eligible costs incurred from ~~July 1, 2021~~ March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Sec. 51. CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND REALLOCATION

(a) Pursuant to 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.107 as amended by Sec. 50 of this act, the following amount is reallocated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the following eligible appropriation:

(1) To the Agency of Education for Local Educational Agency (LEA) grants: $436,217.22

Sec. 52. [Deleted.]

Sec. 53. FISCAL YEAR 2022 UNALLOCATED RESERVE

(a) After satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, and after other reserve requirements have been met, but prior to satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the first $81,000,000 of remaining unreserved and undesignated funds at the close of fiscal year 2022 shall remain in the General Fund and be carried forward to fiscal year 2023. These funds may be used to provide state match to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

(b) After meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, but prior to satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the remaining unreserved and undesignated funds at the close of fiscal year 2022 shall be allocated as follows:

(1) $5,000,000 shall be transferred to the Property Management Fund (58700) established by 29 V.S.A. § 160.

(2) $20,000,000 is appropriated to the State Treasurer's Office to be used to redeem, prior to maturity, State of Vermont general obligation bonds that may become eligible for redemption in fiscal years 2022 and 2023. These funds shall carry forward into fiscal year 2023 and be used only for the purpose of redeeming State of Vermont general obligation bonds prior to maturity.

(c) After meeting the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, but prior to satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the remaining unreserved and undesignated funds at the close of fiscal year 2022 shall remain in the General Fund and be carried forward to fiscal year 2023.

Sec. 53a. 32 V.S.A. § 902 is amended to read

§ 902. AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW MONEY

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(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State Treasurer shall have the authority to redeem any previously issued bonds or notes prior to their maturity, at a time and on terms consistent with the provisions of such bonds or notes, with funds specifically appropriated by the General Assembly for such redemption or in the case of any bonds maturing within a particular fiscal year, from funds appropriated or available for payment of debt service for the particular fiscal year.

Sec. 54. GENERAL ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY HOUSING; TRANSITIONAL HOUSING; SOURCE OF FUNDS

(a) The Department for Children and Families shall continue to make emergency housing available through the General Assistance Emergency Housing program to individuals and families through June 30, 2022, using eligibility criteria in effect on January 1, 2022.

(b) The Adverse Weather Conditions policy in effect on November 22, 2021 shall continue in effect until March 31, 2022 using 100 percent FEMA funds and through the end of the fiscal year using either 100 percent FEMA funds or Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funds.

(c)(1) The Commissioner for Children and Families shall reconvene the General Assistance working group described in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, sections E.321 and E.321.2 for the purpose of assisting with the development of rules for a transitional housing program, which shall be funded by federal ERAP funds. The Department shall initiate emergency rulemaking as soon as practicable and shall be deemed to have met the emergency rulemaking criteria in 3 V.S.A. § 844. The Department shall file permanent rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 concurrently with its emergency rule filing.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, once emergency rules have been adopted for the ERAP-funded transitional housing program, and if the Department has located housing through facilitated occupancy agreements with motels and hotels or other housing providers on behalf of program participants, the Department shall begin transitioning participating individuals and families from the General Assistance emergency housing program funded by 100 percent FEMA funds to the transitional housing program funded by ERAP funds prior to June 30, 2022.

(3) The Department is authorized to provide supplemental services as needed for the safety of program participants and providers to the extent that ERAP or 100 percent FEMA funds are available for this purpose.

Sec. 54a. 9 V.S.A. § 4452 is amended to read:

§ 4452. EXCLUSIONS

Unless created to avoid the application of this chapter, this chapter does not apply to any of the following:

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(8) transient occupancy in a hotel, motel, or lodgings during the time the occupant is a recipient of General Assistance or Emergency Assistance temporary housing assistance, or occupancy in a hotel or motel funded by federal Emergency Rental Assistance administered by the Department for Children and

Families through August 30, 2025, regardless of whether the occupancy is subject to a tax levied under 32 V.S.A. chapter 225;

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Sec. 55. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.126 is amended to read:

Sec. E.126 TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706, in fiscal year 2022, appropriations within the Legislative Branch may be transferred between respective offices to ensure a balanced close-out in the fiscal year.

(b) The Joint Fiscal Office shall be reimbursed by a transfer from the Legislative budget for any costs incurred in contracting with an economist or independent consulting entity for the study created in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 45, Sec. 14.

Sec. 56. FISCAL YEAR 2022; STATE HOUSE EXPANSION; REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL; SERGEANT AT ARMS; DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GENERAL SERVICES; GENERAL FUND CARRYFORWARD

(a) On or before May 1, 2022, the Department of Buildings and General Services, in collaboration with the Sergeant at Arms, shall develop and issue a request for proposal (RFP) for programming, schematic design, and the initial phase of design development documents for an expansion of the State House, including the infrastructure needs for any future phases of expansion.

(b) Upon approval and funding from the General Assembly, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Sergeant at Arms and the Department of Buildings and General Services will extend the RFP for architectural and engineering services to finalize design development and construction and bid documents.

Sec. 57. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.215 is amended to read:

Sec. E.215 Military – Administration

(a) The amount of ~~$1,119,834~~ $934,290 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard educational assistance program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856 and the National Guard Tuition Benefit Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2857.

Sec. 58. [Deleted.]

Sec. 59. CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD

(a) The establishment of the following eight (8) new permanent classified positions are authorized in fiscal year 2022:

(1) One (1) Licensing Director,

(2) Two (2) Licensing Administrators,

(3) One (1) Policy Enforcement Director,

(4) Three (3) Compliance Officers; and

(5) One (1) Financial Manager.

Sec. 59a. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 62, Sec. 15 is amended to read:

Sec. 15. IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS REGISTRY

(a) On January 1, 2022, the following shall transfer from the Department of Public Safety to the Cannabis Control Board:

(1) the authority to administer the Medical Cannabis Registry and the regulation of cannabis dispensaries pursuant to 18 V.S.A. chapter 86;

(2) the cannabis registration fee fund established pursuant to 18 V.S.A. chapter 86; and

(3) the positions dedicated to administering 18 V.S.A. chapter 86.

(b) The Registry shall continue to be governed by 18 V.S.A. chapter 86 and the rules adopted pursuant to that chapter until 7 V.S.A. chapters 35 and 37 and the rules adopted by the Board pursuant to those chapters take effect on ~~March 1, 2022~~ July 1, 2022 as provided in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 164.

Sec. 59b. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 164, Sec. 33 is amended to read:

Sec. 33. EFFECTIVE DATES

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(d) Secs. ~~9 (Medical Cannabis Registry chapter), except for 7 V.S.A. § 956 (rulemaking); 11 (Repeal); 12 (Medical Cannabis Dispensaries), except for 7 V.S.A. § 974 (rulemaking);~~ 14 (creation of excise tax); 14a (tax license disclosure); 15 (sales tax exemption); 16 (tax exemption); 17 (tax expenditure); 17a (meals and rooms tax); 17b (meals and rooms tax expenditure); and 17c (dedicated use of sales and use tax revenue) shall take effect March 1, 2022.

(e) ~~Sec.~~ Secs. 6d (Auditor of Accounts report); 9 (Medical Cannabis Registry chapter), except for 7 V.S.A. § 956 (rulemaking); 11 (Repeal); and 12 (Medical Cannabis Dispensaries), except for 7 V.S.A. § 974 (rulemaking), shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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Sec. 60. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, 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 ~~$24,993,731~~ $25,220,180 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

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(2) ~~$2,773,731~~ $3,000,180 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

(c) Up to ~~$4,618,437~~ $4,034,170 is transferred from the AHS Federal Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund consistent with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act – Secretary's Office – Global Commitment.

Sec. 60a. MEDICAID; POSTPARTUM COVERAGE; STATE PLAN AMENDMENT

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall seek to amend Vermont's Medicaid state plan to extend Medicaid coverage to 12 months postpartum for eligible individuals, as permitted under Sec. 9812 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, beginning on April 1, 2022.

Sec. 61. DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

(a) $2,000,000 of federal spending authority for the Department for Children and Families' administrative division, to be established pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511, shall be used for federal matching funds to implement the first phase of the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System in Vermont in accordance with 45 CFR § 1355.55.

Sec. 62. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.335 is amended to read:

Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; UNEXPENDED FUNDS TRANSFER; JUSTICE REINVESTMENT; REPORT

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(b) In fiscal year 2022, any unexpended funds for correctional services out-of-state beds shall be carried forward to fiscal year 2023, and the amount reported to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee in September 2022, to ~~support~~ provide additional funding to community-based service programs in support of Justice Reinvestment II initiatives. Funds may only be expended on community-based service programs upon approval of the Joint

Legislative Justice Oversight Committee. Prior to approval, the House Committees on Appropriations and on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Judiciary shall be notified of any proposed expenditures on community-based service programs.

Sec. 63. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.501.1(a) is amended to read:

(a) ESSER I funds. The following sums are appropriated to the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2021 from the ESSER funds provided to the State pursuant to Section 18003 of Division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116–136 (CARES Act); a portion of the funds may be expended in fiscal year 2020 consistent with the terms of the grant acceptance, and any unexpended amounts may be carried forward to fiscal years 2022 and after:

(1) $953,021 for software tools to assist with the response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

(2) ~~$2,006,074~~ $1,006,074 for learning management assistance, including remote learning supports and materials; and

(3) $1,000,000 for emerging State-level needs; and

(4) $155,741 for administrative and personnel costs.

Sec. 64. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.501.2(b) is amended to read:

(b) ESSER III funds. The federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.501 of this act shall be allocated as follows:

(1) $1,000,000 from the ESSER funds provided to the State pursuant to Sec. 2001(f) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2 ~~to address emerging State-level needs~~ for learning management assistance, including remote learning supports and materials; and

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Sec. 65. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 120, Sec. A.51, as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B. 1113 is further amended to read:

Sec. A.51. SCHOOL INDOOR AIR QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM; CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND; APPROPRIATION

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(c) Definition. As used in this section, "covered school" means public schools, regional career technical center school districts as defined in 16 V.S.A. 1571, regional CTE centers as defined in 16 V.S.A 1522, and approved independent schools as defined under 16 V.S.A. § 11.

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Sec. 65a. ONETIME FISCAL YEAR 2022 TECHNICAL EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT FUNDING

(a) In fiscal year 2022, $1,725,000 is appropriated from the Education Fund to the Agency of Education to make supplemental grants to career technical education centers. The grants shall be made proportionally based on fiscal year 2019 through 2021 average headcount of attendees at each center.

Sec. 66. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.311.3 to read:

Sec. E.311.3 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE; MEDICAL STUDENT INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION

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(b) This funding shall remain available to VSAC until expended, and if needed, fiscally neutral adjustments to spending authority shall be included in future budget legislation.

Sec. 67. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.602.2(c) is added to read:

(c) Vermont State College System (VSCS) shall use funds remaining with Vermont Technical College provided in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 80 to continue to study a model for course delivery at Career and Technical Education (CTE) centers in Vermont and pilot up to two programs that offer these degree programs in up to two CTE centers. On or before January 15, 2023, the VSCS shall submit a written supplemental report to the House and Senate Committees on Education and the State Board of Education with its findings and recommendations from the pilot programs.

Sec. 68. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300 is amended to read:

Sec. G.300 INVESTMENTS IN VERMONT'S ECONOMY, WORKFORCE, AND COMMUNITIES

(a) ~~$109,200,000~~ $187,114,176 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds as follows:

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(7) ~~$1,000,000~~ $2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 to the University of Vermont.

(A) $1,000,000 for matching funds for research grant opportunities related to COVID-19.

(B) $1,000,000 to provide up to two free classes in calendar year 2022 for any Vermont resident who is seeking to transition to a new career or to enhance the resident's job skills.

(8) ~~$10,000,000~~ $19,700,000 in fiscal year 2022 to the Vermont State Colleges for the following programs; funds shall be carried forward until expended:

(A) $2,000,000 to provide funding for up to six credits or two courses in the 2022–2023 academic year, including wraparound services for Vermonters whose employment was impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency since March 13, 2020. The wraparound services may also be provided to students who enroll in six credit hours or two courses in the summer or fall of 2021 and spring of 2022 pursuant to 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 9, Sec. 18.

(B) $3,000,000 to provide degree completion scholarships for up to 30 credits towards a credential of value for adult learners who have earned at least 40 credits towards an undergraduate degree and have a gap in attendance of at least two years.

(C) ~~$5,000,000~~ $14,700,000 to provide free last dollar tuition for one year of undergraduate studies for critical occupation careers, including bookkeeping certificate, IT service desk specialist certificate, certified production technician, graphic design certificate, software and web development program, electrical and plumbing apprenticeships, dental hygiene, certificate in accounting, small business management, radiologic science, and respiratory therapy. $540,000 of these funds shall be allocated for paramedic/EMS programs and any unexpended amount of this allocation shall be available for the broader purpose in this subdivision (C). Funds may be used for practical nursing, childcare, nursing, and mental health counseling programs only after available federal and State financial aid is applied to ensure no cost to the student. Of this amount, $7,350,000 shall be carried forward for the 2022–2023 school year. If demand from undergraduates is met, then funds may be used to pay for tuition for the following graduate programs:

(i) Master in Education (all programs);

(ii) Master in Educational Leadership;

(iii) Master of Arts and Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in School Psychology;

(iv) Masters in Counseling; and

(v) Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

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(22) $2,320,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for Working Community Challenge grants.

(23) $6,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families to be granted to the Vermont Foodbank.

(24) [Deleted.]

(25) $2,000,000 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for grants to be made to eligible projects in the Working Lands Enterprise Initiative.

(26) $1,001,913 to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living to be granted to Adult Day service providers to maintain operations through June 30, 2022.

(27) $4,934,590 to the Department of Corrections for costs associated with the collective bargaining unit related to retention and shift differential.

(28) $12,803,996 to the Department of Labor to cover pandemic related operating costs in the Unemployment system and other programs.

(29) $373,680 to the Vermont Veteran's Home for retention and personal protective equipment related expenses.

(30) $6,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families to be granted to childcare providers to address emergent and exigent circumstances following the COVID-19 pandemic for workforce retention bonuses to retain early childhood educators. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the eligible employers awarded funds pursuant to this section shall use the funds to make retention payments to their employees. The employers shall be afforded flexibility in determining how best to provide the financial retention assistance to their employees and how best to encourage employment beyond the terms of this program.

(31) $30,000,000 to the Agency of Human Services for a program to provide workforce recruitment and retention funding as specified in Sec. 72 of this act. These funds are combined with other funding provide in Sec. 72 for total $60,000,000 retention payment program.

(32) $1,500,000 to the Department of Buildings and General Services to perform the work described in Sec. 56 (State House expansion planning and design) of this act.

(33) $2,600,000.00 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for purposes of implementing the Dairy Risk Management Assistance Program established under Sec. 77 of this act. Funds appropriated under this section that are unexpended in fiscal year 2022 shall carry forward for use by the Agency of

Agriculture, Food and Markets in providing risk management assistance for dairy farmers in fiscal year 2023.

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Sec. 69. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.400 is amended to read:

Sec. G.400 HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS INVESTMENTS

(a) ~~$99,000,000~~ $124,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds as follows:

(1) ~~$94,000,000~~ $119,000,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) to provide housing and increase shelter capacity, with priority given to populations who may be displaced from the hotel/motel voucher problem or are currently without housing, including by providing permanent homes in mixed-income settings. VHCB shall distribute the funds in consultation with the Secretary of Human Services and may subgrant a portion to other entities, including the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, and regional nonprofit housing organizations, for one or more of the following purposes:

(A) if necessary, to help ensure that households and areas impacted by the pandemic are served;

(B) to undertake additional housing initiatives, such as home ownership, to the extent permitted by ARPA and related regulations and guidance; or

(C) to provide for the efficient use of the funds.

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(b) ~~$91,000,000~~ $121,000,000 is appropriated from other funds as follows:

(1) $40,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) for affordable housing initiatives. These funds shall carryforward into fiscal year 2022 and are in addition to funding provided to VHCB in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 9 and $30,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) for affordable housing initiatives.

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Sec. 70. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.700(a)(4)(B)(i) is amended to read:

(i) $1,000,000 to increase the funds available for grants and loan forgiveness to replace failed or inadequate residential on-site wastewater and water supply systems.

Sec. 71. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.700(a)(5) is amended to read:

(5) $10,000,000 ~~to the Department of Environmental Conservation for allocation by the Clean Water Board established under 10 V.S.A § 1389, as part of their budget process in fiscal year 2022~~ for water quality initiatives to be allocated as follows:

(A) $6,500,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation for municipal water control grants and storm water project delivery, planning, and implementation.

(B) $3,500,000 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants to partners and farmers.

Sec. 72. WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION FUNDING FOR EMPLOYEES OF ELIGIBLE HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE EMPLOYERS

(a) The Secretary of Human Services shall establish a workforce recruitment and retention grant program for employees of eligible employers, as defined in this section. The Secretary shall develop a needs-based application process by which the Secretary shall invite eligible employers to apply by a date certain, assess the need across all employers following the application deadline, and disburse the funds appropriated in this section to eligible employers in a single round of grants. The total grant award amount for each eligible employer shall be based on the employer's demonstrated need, subject to available funds.

(b) As used in this section, "eligible employers" means providers of health care and social services in the following categories that are located in Vermont and deliver health care or social services, or both, in this State:

(1) hospitals, including community hospitals and psychiatric hospitals;

(2) health care professional services, including independent medical practices, hospital-owned medical practices, designated and specialized services agencies, federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, ambulatory surgical centers, and laboratory and imaging centers;

(3) dental services;

(4) other professional services, including mental health providers, residential and nonresidential substance use disorder treatment providers,

emergency medical service and ambulance service providers, advanced practice registered nurses, physical therapists, podiatrists, optometrists, chiropractors, naturopathic physicians, and other health care providers licensed by the Board of Medical Practice or the Office of Professional Regulation;

(5) home health and hospice agencies;

(6) pharmacy services;

(7) facility- and community-based long-term care services, including skilled nursing facilities, nursing homes, residential care homes, assisted living facilities, and adult day service providers; and

(8) organizations recognized by the Agency of Human Services through their status as provider grant recipients providing health support services, including the area agencies on aging and organizations providing peer support services, organizations providing peer outreach services to individuals with intellectual disabilities, and organizations providing children's integrated services, recovery centers, adult day providers and programs licensed by the Department for Children and Families as a residential treatment program.

(c) For the purpose of administering recruitment and retention payment amounts to independent direct support providers, ARIS Solutions, as the fiscal agent for the employers of independent direct support providers, is authorized to apply for a grant in the same manner as an eligible employer and to disburse recruitment and retention payments funded by the grant to eligible independent direct support providers in a manner consistent with ARIS Solutions' payroll practices, to the extent that making those awards is not inconsistent with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement between the Agency of Human Services and the independent direct support providers.

(d)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the eligible employers awarded funds pursuant to this section shall use the funds to make recruitment and retention payments to their employees. The employers shall be afforded flexibility in determining how best to provide the financial recruitment and retention assistance to their employees and how best to encourage employment beyond the terms of this program, provided that each employee who receives a recruitment or retention payment under the program established in this section shall commit to continuing employment with the employer for not less than 12 months following receipt of the payment.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of Vermont law to the contrary and to the extent permitted under federal law, the amount of a recruitment or retention payment received by an employee of an eligible employer under the program established in this section shall be disregarded for purposes of determining the

employee's or employee's household's income eligibility for any benefit program.

(e) A total of $60,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2022 for the workforce recruitment and retention grant program established in this section. The Agency of Human Services may use up to 1.5 percent of these funds for administration of the program. This funding is from the following sources:

(1) $25,000,000 as appropriated in Sec. 72a (c)(2) to the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2022 from the Global Commitment Fund. The Agency shall amend the American Rescue Plan Act Home and Community-Based Services plan it submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services if needed to reflect this allocation.

(2) $5,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2022 from the General Fund, these funds may be included among the Global Commitment appropriations referenced in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.301.2 as available for transfers if it is determined that grants made under this provision can be included and matched in the Global Commitment waiver. These funds shall carry forward if not fully expended in fiscal year 2022; and

(3) $30,000,000 shall be made available for this purpose from the funds allocated to the Agency of Human Services from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, as amended by Sec. 68 of this act.

(f) On or before April 1, 2022, the Secretary of Human Services shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare regarding the status of program implementation. The Secretary shall require eligible employer applicants, and ARIS Solutions on behalf of employers of independent direct support providers, to report to the Agency the number of employees who received recruitment and retention payments under the program, including the maximum, minimum, and median employee payment amount and the status of those employees' continued employment in order to evaluate the program's effectiveness. The Agency shall also report on the total amount of funds allocated and expended for recruitment and the number of staff successfully recruited who did not come from active employment with another Vermont provider eligible for this program. On or before June 30, 2023, the Secretary shall provide a final report to the committees on the overall effectiveness of the program.

Sec. 72a. MEDICAID HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES (HCBS) PLAN

(a) Pursuant to Sec. 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), in October 2021 the State submitted a Home- And Community-Based Services (HCBS) spending plan to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This plan totals $146,600,006 consisting of the following major components:

(1) $77,800,000 allocated to improve services.

(2) $25,000,000 allocated to promote a high-performing and stable HCBS workforce.

(3) $43,800,000 allocated to improve HCBS care through data systems, value-based payment models and oversight.

(b) The Agency of Human Services (AHS) is authorized to transfer General Fund appropriations made in fiscal year 2022 in the Global Commitment line to a new onetime General Fund HCBS appropriation departmental ID. The amount transferred shall be no greater than the amount accounted for in fiscal year 2022 as a result of the 10% match rate allowed under ARPA Sec. 9817. The estimate of this transfer is between $65,000,000 and $69,000,000. AHS shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in July 2022 on the actual amount transferred by this authority, and the amount expended as state match for the HCBS plan expenditures in fiscal year 2022. Funds transferred and appropriated under this subsection shall carry forward until expended and may only be used as state matching funds for the HCBS plan.

(c) In fiscal year 2022 a total of $59,457,740 is appropriated from the Global Commitment Fund to AHS to meet the objectives of the HCBS plan. This appropriation consists of the following appropriation in distinct one-time departmental IDs:

(1) $17,136,654 as appropriated in Act 74 of 2021 for a 3% rate increase to HCBS providers including the assistive community care rates and children integrated services rates.

(2) $25,000,000 is appropriated for the retention and recruitment grant program for HCBS providers as specified in Sec. 72 of this act.

(3) $3,447,500 is appropriated to the Agency of Human Services – Secretary's Office.

(4) $2,370,000 is appropriated to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living.

(5) $6,171,000 is appropriated to the Department of Mental Health.

(6) $390,000 is appropriated to the Department of Vermont Health Access.

(7) $4,942,586 is appropriated to the Department of Health.

(d) The Global Commitment Fund appropriated in subsection (c) of this section may be obligated in fiscal year 2022 for the purposes of bringing HCBS plan spending authority forward into fiscal year 2023. The funds appropriated in subsections (b and c) of this act may be transferred on a net neutral basis in fiscal year 2022 in the same manner as the Global Commitment appropriations referenced in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.301.2. The Agency shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in September 2022 on transfers of appropriations made and final amounts expended by department in fiscal year 2022 and any obligated funds carried forward to be expended in fiscal year 2023.

Sec. 73. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 7, as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.1121, and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 50, is further amended to read:

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

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(d) Specific allocations. Notwithstanding any provisions of this section to the contrary, of the funds appropriated in subsection (a) of this section, the Agency of Human Services shall make the following allocations for the following purposes:

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(3) Up to $3,000,000.00 for COVID-19-related expenses incurred by designated and specialized service agencies through ~~December 30, 2020~~ December 31, 2021.

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Sec. 74. HEALTH CARE PROVIDER STABILIZATION GRANT PROGRAM; ALTERNATIVE FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Notwithstanding any provision of 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 7, as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.1121, 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 50, and this act to the contrary, the Agency of Human Services may distribute funds from the Health Care Provider Stabilization Grant Program to eligible health care providers using an alternative process to that set forth in 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 7, as amended, as deemed necessary by the Agency due to emergent and exigent circumstances attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sec. 75. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Sec. 105, as amended by 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 19, is further amended to read:

Sec. 105. EFFECTIVE DATES

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(b) Sec. 73 (further amending 32 V.S.A. § 10402) shall take effect on July 1, ~~2021~~ 2023.

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Sec. 76. CARRYFORWARD AUTHORITY

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval of the Secretary of Administration, General, Transportation, Transportation Infrastructure Bond, Education Fund, Clean Water Fund (21932), and Agricultural Water Quality Fund (21933) appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2022 in the Executive Branch of State government shall be carried forward and shall be designated for expenditure.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, General Fund appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2022 in the Legislative and Judicial Branches of State government shall be carried forward and shall be designated for expenditure.

Sec. 77. DAIRY MARGIN COVERAGE PROGRAM; PREMIUM ASSISTANCE

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Dairy Margin Coverage Program" or "DMC" means a voluntary program authorized under the Farm Act that provides dairy operations with risk management coverage that will pay producers when the difference between the national price of milk and the average cost of feed falls below a certain level selected by the Program participants.

(2) "Farm Act" means the federal Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-334.

(3) "Good standing" means an applicant under this section that:

(A) does not have an active enforcement violation under any Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets program that has reached a final order with the Secretary and is not subject to an ongoing enforcement action initiated by the Agency of Natural Resources; and

(B) is in compliance with all terms of a current grant agreement or contract with the Secretary.

(4) "Milk producer" or "producer" means a person, partnership, unincorporated association, or corporation who owns or controls one or more dairy cows, dairy goats, or dairy sheep and sells or offers for sale a part or all of the milk produced by the animals.

(5) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

(b) The Secretary shall establish the Dairy Risk Management Assistance Program (Assistance Program) for the purpose of assisting milk producers that participate in the federal DMC management programs. A milk producer in Vermont that participates in the DMC at the first-tier coverage level may apply for reimbursement of premium payments from the Assistance Program. A milk producer shall be eligible for assistance if the producer:

(1) is in good standing with the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and the Agency of Natural Resources; and

(2) provides proof of payment of an annual premium payment for participation in Tier 1 of DMC.

(c)(1) A milk producer shall apply to the Secretary on or before July 1, 2022 to participate.

(2) The Secretary shall reimburse eligible applicants in the order in which the Secretary receives administratively complete applications. The Secretary shall have the discretion to determine when an application is administratively complete.

(3) After funds are exhausted, applicants shall no longer be eligible for reimbursement from the Secretary unless or until additional funds are appropriated to the Assistance Program.

Sec. 78. EDUCATION FUND REFUND; CITY OF BARRE TIF DISTRICT; TAX INCREMENT; FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2019

Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. chapter 133 and any other provision of law to the contrary, the sum of $20,962 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the City of Barre not later than fiscal year 2023 to compensate the City for overpayments of education property taxes in fiscal years 2016 to 2019 due to insufficient retention of tax increment from the City's Tax Increment Financing District Fund.

Sec. 79. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 20 is amended to read:

Sec. 20. MILEAGESMART

(a) The Agency is authorized to spend up to $750,000.00 in one-time Transportation Fund monies in fiscal years 2021 and 2022 combined and up to $500,000.00 in one-time General Fund monies in fiscal year 2022 on

MileageSmart, which was established in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34, as amended, with up to ~~10~~ 15 percent of the total amount that is distributed in incentives in fiscal year 2022, including incentive funding authorized by this section and incentive funding carried over from prior fiscal years pursuant to 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34, as amended, available for costs associated with administering MileageSmart.

Sec. 80. SEPARATE INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETS FOR PLAN YEAR 2023 IF FEDERAL SUBSIDIES EXTENDED

(a) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to allow for separate individual and small group health insurance markets for plan year 2023 in the event that Congress extends increased opportunities for federal advanced premium tax credits to include plan year 2023 and that extension is enacted on or before September 1, 2022.

(b) Definitions. As used in this section, "health benefit plan," "registered carrier," and "small employer" have the same meanings as in 33 V.S.A. § 1811.

(c) Separate plans and community rating. Notwithstanding any provision of 33 V.S.A. § 1811 to the contrary, if the Department of Vermont Health Access, after consultation with interested stakeholders, determines on or before September 1, 2022 that Congress has extended the increased opportunities for federal premium assistance originally made available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2 to eligible households purchasing qualified health benefit plans in the individual market to include plan year 2023, or has made substantially similar opportunities available, then for plan year 2023, a registered carrier shall:

(1) offer separate health benefit plans to individuals and families in the individual market and to small employers in the small group market;

(2) apply community rating in accordance with 33 V.S.A. § 1811(f) to determine the premiums for the carrier's plan year 2023 individual market plans separately from the premiums for its small group market plans; and

(3) file premium rates with the Green Mountain Care Board pursuant to 8 V.S.A. § 4062 separately for the carrier's individual market and small group market plans.

Sec. 81. EFECTIVE DATES

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

(1) Secs. 73 (designated and specialized service agencies; COVID-19-related expenses) and 74 (Health Care Provider Stabilization Grant Program;

alternative fund distribution process) shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2021; and

(2) Sec. 75 (health care claims tax) shall take effect retroactively on July 1, 2021.

(Committee vote: 7-0-0)

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