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Memorandum

To: Senate Appropriations Committee

From: Tim Lueders-Dumont, SAS Executive Director

Date: 1/15/2026

Re: Budget Adjustment FY26

Thank you for the opportunity to present our budget adjustment request.

Several months ago, Governor Scott, in response to public safety concerns from Chittenden County residents and business owners, convened leaders from the City of Burlington and State government to discuss the problem of individuals who were being seen in the court system on a repeated basis, without timely response, intervention or accountability. The Chittenden Accountability pilot project was launched, with interagency and intra-agency cooperation. Our Department, through provisions of the statute that enable one department to 'loan' an employee to another department, provided the State Prosecutor position through a 'loan' of Deputy State' Attorney Zachery Weight from the Washington County State's Attorney's Office.

In addition, Chittenden County State's Attorney Sarah George has provided concurrent support through her Victim Advocates and Administrative staff members. The funding will support required contractual reimbursement for employee mileage or other work-related expenses, and approximately two hours of overtime per week for the administrative staff members who have to keep up with their regular work tasks plus the fast-moving paperwork that must support the Accountability court work.

Sec. B. 205 State Attorneys

A one-time appropriation of \$36,848 shall be provided to the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs to support their staff time and expenses for the Governor's Chittenden Accountability Court pilot program.

Personal Services: <u>Salary and Benefits</u>	<u>\$32,848</u>
Operating Expenses: <u>Employee In-State Travel</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
Total:	<u>\$36,848</u>

Sec B. 207 Sheriffs

Operating Expense: In State mileage transports	<u>\$35,000</u>
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Personal Service: Per Diem Staff	<u>\$45,000</u>
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Personal Service: Overtime for Transport Deputies	<u>\$50,000</u>
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Personal Service: New position, Transport Deputy ½ year salary & benefits, new position under Act 27, 2025 session	<u>\$53,521</u>
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Total:	<u>\$183,521</u>
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cc: Senator Robert Norris

