

1 SPECIAL SESSION

2 H.13

3 Introduced by Committee on Appropriations

4 Date:

5 Subject: Fiscal year 2019 budget

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make
7 appropriations in support of government for the fiscal year beginning on
8 July 1, 2018.

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

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

11 Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

12 (a) This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2019
13 Appropriations Act.

14 Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

15 (a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of
16 State government during fiscal year 2019. It is the express intent of the
17 General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments,
18 divisions, boards, and commissions be limited to those which can be supported
19 by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2018.
20 Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service

1 levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2019 so as to meet this condition unless
2 otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the General
3 Assembly.

4 Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

5 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serves as the
6 primary source and reference for appropriations for fiscal year 2019.

7 (b) The sums herein stated are appropriated for the purposes specified in
8 the following sections of this act. When no time is expressly stated during
9 which any of the appropriations are to continue, the appropriations are single-
10 year appropriations and only for the purpose indicated and shall be paid from
11 funds shown as the source of funds. If in this act there is an error in either
12 addition or subtraction, the totals shall be adjusted accordingly. Apparent
13 errors in referring to section numbers of statutory titles within this act may be
14 disregarded by the Commissioner of Finance and Management.

15 (c) Unless codified or otherwise specified, all narrative portions of this act
16 apply only to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2019.

17 Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

18 (a) As used in this act:

19 (1) "Encumbrances" means a portion of an appropriation reserved for
20 the subsequent payment of existing purchase orders or contracts. The

1 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the
2 appropriateness of encumbrances.

3 (2) “Grants” means subsidies, aid, or payments to local governments, to
4 community and quasi-public agencies for providing local services, and to
5 persons who are not wards of the State for services or supplies and means cash
6 or other direct assistance, including pension contributions.

7 (3) “Operating expenses” means property management, repair and
8 maintenance, rental expenses, insurance, postage, travel, energy and utilities,
9 office and other supplies, equipment, including motor vehicles, highway
10 materials, and construction, expenditures for the purchase of land and
11 construction of new buildings and permanent improvements, and similar items.

12 (4) “Personal services” means wages and salaries, fringe benefits, per
13 diems, contracted third-party services, and similar items.

14 Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

15 (a) Except as specifically provided, this act shall not be construed in any
16 way to negate or impair the full force and effect of existing laws.

17 Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

18 (a) In the absence of specific provisions to the contrary in this act, when
19 total appropriations are offset by estimated receipts, the State appropriations
20 shall control, notwithstanding receipts being greater or less than anticipated.

1 Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

2 (a) In fiscal year 2019, the Governor, with the approval of the Legislature
3 or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the Legislature is not in session, may accept
4 federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including block grants in lieu
5 of or in addition to funds herein designated as federal. The Governor, with the
6 approval of the Legislature or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the Legislature is
7 not in session, may allocate all or any portion of such federal funds for any
8 purpose consistent with the purposes for which the basic appropriations in this
9 act have been made.

10 (b) If, during fiscal year 2019, federal funds available to the State of
11 Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2018 session of
12 the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are
13 abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new
14 title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for
15 any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were
16 appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for no
17 more than 45 days prior to Legislative or Joint Fiscal Committee approval.
18 Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if the
19 Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint
20 Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's
21 request for approval.

1 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

2 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total number of
3 authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary
4 positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(11), shall not be increased during fiscal
5 year 2019 except for new positions authorized by the 2018 session. Limited
6 service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to
7 this restriction, nor shall positions created pursuant to the Position Pilot
8 Program authorized in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100(d), as
9 amended by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 74, by 2016 Acts and
10 Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.100.2, and by 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85,
11 Sec. E.100.1, and as further amended by Sec. E.100.1 of this act.

12 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

13 (a) The bill is organized by functions of government. The sections between
14 B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriations of funds for the upcoming budget
15 year. The sections between E.100 and E.9999 contain language that relates to
16 specific appropriations or government functions, or both. The function areas
17 by section numbers are as follows:

18 <u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
19 <u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons and Property</u>
20 <u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
21 <u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>

1	<u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
2	<u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
3	<u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
4	<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community</u>
5		<u>Development</u>
6	<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
7	<u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
8	<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other appropriation</u>
9		<u>actions</u>

10 (b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year, the
11 D sections contain fund transfers and reserve allocations for the upcoming
12 budget year, the F sections contain miscellaneous and technical statutory
13 corrections, and the H sections contain personal tax and revenue allocation
14 changes.

15 Sec. B.100 Secretary of administration - secretary's office

16	Personal services	783,191
17	Operating expenses	<u>203,429</u>
18	Total	986,620
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	886,620
21	Special funds	<u>100,000</u>

1	Total	986,620
2	Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance	
3	Personal services	1,144,274
4	Operating expenses	<u>135,457</u>
5	Total	1,279,731
6	Source of funds	
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,279,731</u>
8	Total	1,279,731
9	Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
10	Personal services	537,944
11	Operating expenses	<u>238,973</u>
12	Total	776,917
13	Source of funds	
14	Internal service funds	<u>776,917</u>
15	Total	776,917
16	Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
17	Personal services	573,575
18	Operating expenses	<u>73,548</u>
19	Total	647,123
20	Source of funds	
21	Internal service funds	<u>647,123</u>

1	Total	647,123
2	Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
3	Personal services	22,982
4	Operating expenses	<u>16,066</u>
5	Total	39,048
6	Source of funds	
7	Internal service funds	<u>39,048</u>
8	Total	39,048
9	Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information	
10	technology	
11	Personal services	47,776,877
12	Operating expenses	<u>21,008,573</u>
13	Total	68,785,450
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	177,615
16	Special funds	383,700
17	Internal service funds	67,963,553
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>260,582</u>
19	Total	68,785,450
20	Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
21	Personal services	1,404,712

1	Operating expenses	<u>202,070</u>
2	Total	1,606,782
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	1,258,956
5	Internal service funds	<u>347,826</u>
6	Total	1,606,782
7	Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
8	Personal services	2,156,558
9	Operating expenses	<u>654,972</u>
10	Total	2,811,530
11	Source of funds	
12	Internal service funds	<u>2,811,530</u>
13	Total	2,811,530
14	Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
15	Personal services	7,996,814
16	Operating expenses	<u>964,845</u>
17	Total	8,961,659
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,940,451
20	Special funds	277,462
21	Internal service funds	6,206,438

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>537,308</u>
2	Total	8,961,659
3	Sec. B.108.1 Human resources - VTHR operations	
4	Personal services	1,742,267
5	Operating expenses	<u>826,247</u>
6	Total	2,568,514
7	Source of funds	
8	Internal service funds	<u>2,568,514</u>
9	Total	2,568,514
10	Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
11	Personal services	1,086,810
12	Operating expenses	<u>588,021</u>
13	Total	1,674,831
14	Source of funds	
15	Internal service funds	<u>1,674,831</u>
16	Total	1,674,831
17	Sec. B.110 Libraries	
18	Personal services	1,896,316
19	Operating expenses	1,141,410
20	Grants	<u>246,453</u>
21	Total	3,284,179

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	2,025,918
3	Special funds	97,571
4	Federal funds	1,064,162
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>96,528</u>
6	Total	3,284,179
7	Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
8	Personal services	13,739,129
9	Operating expenses	<u>6,661,305</u>
10	Total	20,400,434
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	18,686,980
13	Special funds	1,570,888
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>142,566</u>
15	Total	20,400,434
16	Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
17	Personal services	658,069
18	Operating expenses	<u>98,172</u>
19	Total	756,241
20	Source of funds	
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>756,241</u>

1	Total	756,241
2	Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
3	Personal services	2,580,949
4	Operating expenses	<u>851,576</u>
5	Total	3,432,525
6	Source of funds	
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,432,525</u>
8	Total	3,432,525
9	Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
10	Personal services	3,360,294
11	Operating expenses	1,566,365
12	Grants	<u>35,750</u>
13	Total	4,962,409
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	642,885
16	Transportation fund	3,868,566
17	Special funds	<u>450,958</u>
18	Total	4,962,409
19	Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
20	Personal services	1,035,471
21	Operating expenses	<u>194,860</u>

1	Total	1,230,331
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	<u>1,230,331</u>
4	Total	1,230,331
5	Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
6	Personal services	744,615
7	Operating expenses	<u>116,495</u>
8	Total	861,110
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	85,063
11	Internal service funds	<u>776,047</u>
12	Total	861,110
13	Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
14	Personal services	744,283
15	Operating expenses	<u>127,416</u>
16	Total	871,699
17	Source of funds	
18	Internal service funds	<u>871,699</u>
19	Total	871,699
20	Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
21	Personal services	698,806

1	Operating expenses	<u>234,969</u>
2	Total	933,775
3	Source of funds	
4	Internal service funds	<u>933,775</u>
5	Total	933,775
6	Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
7	Personal services	20,052
8	Operating expenses	<u>6,239</u>
9	Total	26,291
10	Source of funds	
11	Enterprise funds	<u>26,291</u>
12	Total	26,291
13	Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	
14	Personal services	160,360
15	Operating expenses	<u>110,630</u>
16	Total	270,990
17	Source of funds	
18	Internal service funds	<u>270,990</u>
19	Total	270,990
20	Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
21	Personal services	1,197,164

1	Operating expenses	<u>457,316</u>
2	Total	1,654,480
3	Source of funds	
4	Internal service funds	<u>1,654,480</u>
5	Total	1,654,480
6	Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
7	Personal services	16,277,217
8	Operating expenses	<u>13,710,792</u>
9	Total	29,988,009
10	Source of funds	
11	Internal service funds	<u>29,988,009</u>
12	Total	29,988,009
13	Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
14	Personal services	1,384,251
15	Operating expenses	<u>460,831</u>
16	Total	1,845,082
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	1,658,582
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>186,500</u>
20	Total	1,845,082

1	Sec. B.125 Legislative council	
2	Personal services	4,063,930
3	Operating expenses	<u>827,857</u>
4	Total	4,891,787
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>4,891,787</u>
7	Total	4,891,787
8	Sec. B.126 Legislature	
9	Personal services	4,091,578
10	Operating expenses	<u>3,809,338</u>
11	Total	7,900,916
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>7,900,916</u>
14	Total	7,900,916
15	Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
16	Personal services	1,696,568
17	Operating expenses	<u>159,358</u>
18	Total	1,855,926
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>1,855,926</u>
21	Total	1,855,926

1	Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
2	Personal services	737,216
3	Operating expenses	<u>68,612</u>
4	Total	805,828
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>805,828</u>
7	Total	805,828
8	Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
9	Personal services	223,583
10	Operating expenses	<u>30,968</u>
11	Total	254,551
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>254,551</u>
14	Total	254,551
15	Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
16	Personal services	3,343,827
17	Operating expenses	<u>158,619</u>
18	Total	3,502,446
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	390,871
21	Special funds	53,145

1	Internal service funds	<u>3,058,430</u>
2	Total	3,502,446
3	Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
4	Personal services	3,653,014
5	Operating expenses	<u>211,031</u>
6	Total	3,864,045
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	969,366
9	Special funds	2,781,017
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>113,662</u>
11	Total	3,864,045
12	Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
13	Personal services	821,158
14	Operating expenses	<u>304,543</u>
15	Total	1,125,701
16	Source of funds	
17	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,125,701</u>
18	Total	1,125,701
19	Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
20	Personal services	6,111,601
21	Operating expenses	<u>1,365,073</u>

1	Total	7,476,674
2	Source of funds	
3	Pension trust funds	<u>7,476,674</u>
4	Total	7,476,674
5	Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
6	Personal services	2,215,683
7	Operating expenses	<u>789,980</u>
8	Total	3,005,663
9	Source of funds	
10	Pension trust funds	<u>3,005,663</u>
11	Total	3,005,663
12	Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
13	Personal services	212,663
14	Operating expenses	<u>48,378</u>
15	Total	261,041
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	251,465
18	Special funds	6,788
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
20	Total	261,041

1	Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
2	Personal services	75,650
3	Operating expenses	<u>13,016</u>
4	Total	88,666
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	44,333
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>44,333</u>
8	Total	88,666
9	Sec. B.136.1 Ethics Commission	
10	Personal services	106,862
11	Operating expenses	<u>13,981</u>
12	Total	120,843
13	Source of funds	
14	Internal service funds	<u>120,843</u>
15	Total	120,843
16	Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
17	Grants	<u>16,600,000</u>
18	Total	16,600,000
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>16,600,000</u>
21	Total	16,600,000

1	Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
2	Grants	<u>10,500,000</u>
3	Total	10,500,000
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	10,500,000
6	Education fund	<u>0</u>
7	Total	10,500,000
8	Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
9	Grants	<u>3,295,021</u>
10	Total	3,295,021
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	3,295,021
13	Education fund	<u>0</u>
14	Total	3,295,021
15	Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
16	Grants	<u>15,981,672</u>
17	Total	15,981,672
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>15,981,672</u>
20	Total	15,981,672

1	Sec. B.141 Lottery commission	
2	Personal services	1,881,368
3	Operating expenses	1,427,706
4	Grants	<u>100,000</u>
5	Total	3,409,074
6	Source of funds	
7	Enterprise funds	<u>3,409,074</u>
8	Total	3,409,074
9	Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
10	Grants	<u>8,036,000</u>
11	Total	8,036,000
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	<u>8,036,000</u>
14	Total	8,036,000
15	Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier	
16	Grants	<u>184,000</u>
17	Total	184,000
18	Source of funds	
19	Special funds	<u>184,000</u>
20	Total	184,000

1	Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
2	Grants	<u>40,000</u>
3	Total	40,000
4	Source of funds	
5	Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
6	Total	40,000
7	Sec. B.145 Total general government	
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	92,335,137
10	Transportation fund	3,868,566
11	Special funds	13,981,529
12	Education fund	0
13	Federal funds	1,064,162
14	Internal service funds	120,710,053
15	Interdepartmental transfers	6,852,764
16	Enterprise funds	3,435,365
17	Pension trust funds	10,482,337
18	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,125,701</u>
19	Total	253,855,614
20	Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
21	Personal services	10,228,901

1	Operating expenses	1,423,414
2	Grants	<u>26,894</u>
3	Total	11,679,209
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	5,206,635
6	Special funds	1,960,836
7	Tobacco fund	348,000
8	Federal funds	1,220,634
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,943,104</u>
10	Total	11,679,209
11	Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
12	Personal services	874,000
13	Grants	<u>1,996,483</u>
14	Total	2,870,483
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	2,270,486
17	Special funds	<u>599,997</u>
18	Total	2,870,483
19	Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
20	Personal services	11,613,891
21	Operating expenses	<u>1,082,613</u>

1	Total	12,696,504
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	12,106,851
4	Special funds	<u>589,653</u>
5	Total	12,696,504
6	Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
7	Personal services	5,679,410
8	Operating expenses	<u>49,819</u>
9	Total	5,729,229
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>5,729,229</u>
12	Total	5,729,229
13	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
14	Personal services	40,424,989
15	Operating expenses	9,550,786
16	Grants	<u>76,030</u>
17	Total	50,051,805
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	43,911,694
20	Special funds	3,174,315
21	Federal funds	640,524

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,325,272</u>
2	Total	50,051,805
3	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
4	Personal services	13,277,576
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,834,103</u>
6	Total	15,111,679
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	12,291,761
9	Special funds	106,471
10	Federal funds	31,000
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,682,447</u>
12	Total	15,111,679
13	Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
14	Personal services	85,000
15	Operating expenses	1,100
16	Grants	<u>1,913,000</u>
17	Total	1,999,100
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>1,999,100</u>
20	Total	1,999,100

1	Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
2	Personal services	4,111,739
3	Operating expenses	<u>395,623</u>
4	Total	4,507,362
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>4,507,362</u>
7	Total	4,507,362
8	Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
9	Personal services	2,686,370
10	Operating expenses	<u>2,992,157</u>
11	Total	5,678,527
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	2,671,645
14	Special funds	5,000
15	Federal funds	263,124
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,738,758</u>
17	Total	5,678,527
18	Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
19	Personal services	54,187,733
20	Operating expenses	10,167,293
21	Grants	<u>1,356,805</u>

1	Total	65,711,831
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	36,604,914
4	Transportation fund	20,250,000
5	Special funds	2,984,667
6	Federal funds	3,798,422
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,073,828</u>
8	Total	65,711,831
9	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
10	Personal services	4,541,909
11	Operating expenses	3,505,387
12	Grants	<u>120,000</u>
13	Total	8,167,296
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	4,302,246
16	Special funds	1,930,061
17	Federal funds	1,754,848
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>180,141</u>
19	Total	8,167,296
20	Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management	
21	Personal services	2,943,888

1	Operating expenses	1,351,913
2	Grants	<u>9,555,611</u>
3	Total	13,851,412
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	421,265
6	Special funds	230,000
7	Federal funds	13,002,034
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>198,113</u>
9	Total	13,851,412
10	Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
11	Personal services	6,507,997
12	Operating expenses	3,372,767
13	Grants	<u>107,000</u>
14	Total	9,987,764
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	399,264
17	Special funds	8,667,177
18	Federal funds	876,323
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
20	Total	9,987,764

1	Sec. B.213 Public safety - Forensic Laboratory	
2	Personal services	2,979,721
3	Operating expenses	<u>1,345,832</u>
4	Total	4,325,553
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	3,032,024
7	Special funds	94,238
8	Federal funds	414,702
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>784,589</u>
10	Total	4,325,553
11	Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
12	Personal services	780,557
13	Operating expenses	364,404
14	Grants	<u>324,000</u>
15	Total	1,468,961
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	<u>1,468,961</u>
18	Total	1,468,961
19	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
20	Personal services	5,849,570
21	Operating expenses	<u>892,643</u>

1	Total	6,742,213
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	575,144
4	Federal funds	<u>6,167,069</u>
5	Total	6,742,213
6	Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
7	Personal services	7,823,655
8	Operating expenses	<u>6,155,064</u>
9	Total	13,978,719
10	Source of funds	
11	Federal funds	<u>13,978,719</u>
12	Total	13,978,719
13	Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
14	Personal services	752,009
15	Operating expenses	<u>745,028</u>
16	Total	1,497,037
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	1,437,037
19	Special funds	<u>60,000</u>
20	Total	1,497,037

1	Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
2	Personal services	784,278
3	Operating expenses	169,972
4	Grants	<u>85,484</u>
5	Total	1,039,734
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	799,724
8	Special funds	140,010
9	Federal funds	<u>100,000</u>
10	Total	1,039,734
11	Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
12	Personal services	1,908,428
13	Operating expenses	345,834
14	Grants	<u>10,632,103</u>
15	Total	12,886,365
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	1,264,158
18	Special funds	5,341,178
19	Federal funds	<u>6,281,029</u>
20	Total	12,886,365

1	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice training council	
2	Personal services	1,193,040
3	Operating expenses	<u>1,283,697</u>
4	Total	2,476,737
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	2,355,582
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>121,155</u>
8	Total	2,476,737
9	Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
10	Personal services	1,419,565
11	Operating expenses	499,463
12	Grants	<u>272,972</u>
13	Total	2,192,000
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	969,921
16	Special funds	809,473
17	Federal funds	<u>412,606</u>
18	Total	2,192,000
19	Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer	
20	protection	
21	Personal services	4,228,755

1	Operating expenses	866,590
2	Grants	<u>2,750,000</u>
3	Total	7,845,345
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	2,829,250
6	Special funds	3,743,410
7	Federal funds	1,265,685
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,000</u>
9	Total	7,845,345
10	Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
11	Personal services	1,478,216
12	Operating expenses	1,045,214
13	Grants	<u>1,240,875</u>
14	Total	3,764,305
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	1,920,068
17	Special funds	666,160
18	Federal funds	1,136,040
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>42,037</u>
20	Total	3,764,305

1	Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management	
2	and environmental stewardship	
3	Personal services	2,047,494
4	Operating expenses	488,054
5	Grants	<u>140,000</u>
6	Total	2,675,548
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	662,248
9	Special funds	1,515,661
10	Federal funds	397,224
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,415</u>
12	Total	2,675,548
13	Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont Agriculture and	
14	Environmental Lab	
15	Personal services	1,422,582
16	Operating expenses	<u>2,350,767</u>
17	Total	3,773,349
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	857,420
20	Special funds	2,505,055
21	Federal funds	350,000

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>60,874</u>
2	Total	3,773,349
3	Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, Food and Markets - Clean Water	
4	Personal services	2,460,376
5	Operating expenses	415,019
6	Grants	<u>1,707,000</u>
7	Total	4,582,395
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,149,854
10	Special funds	3,145,906
11	Federal funds	48,812
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>237,823</u>
13	Total	4,582,395
14	Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
15	Personal services	1,848,070
16	Operating expenses	<u>394,685</u>
17	Total	2,242,755
18	Source of funds	
19	Special funds	<u>2,242,755</u>
20	Total	2,242,755

1	Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
2	Personal services	1,723,226
3	Operating expenses	<u>400,714</u>
4	Total	2,123,940
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	<u>2,123,940</u>
7	Total	2,123,940
8	Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
9	Personal services	3,982,567
10	Operating expenses	<u>579,112</u>
11	Total	4,561,679
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	<u>4,561,679</u>
14	Total	4,561,679
15	Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
16	Personal services	4,528,647
17	Operating expenses	<u>568,615</u>
18	Total	5,097,262
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	<u>5,097,262</u>
21	Total	5,097,262

1	Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
2	Personal services	884,305
3	Operating expenses	<u>191,805</u>
4	Total	1,076,110
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	<u>1,076,110</u>
7	Total	1,076,110
8	Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
9	Personal services	9,247,500
10	Operating expenses	<u>2,501,529</u>
11	Total	11,749,029
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	10,453,613
14	Federal funds	1,220,416
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
16	Total	11,749,029
17	Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
18	Personal services	10,977,385
19	Operating expenses	1,818,966
20	Grants	<u>3,768,878</u>
21	Total	16,565,229

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	14,296,660
3	Federal funds	1,182,983
4	ARRA funds	1,010,000
5	Interdepartmental transfers	50,000
6	Enterprise funds	<u>25,586</u>
7	Total	16,565,229
8	Sec. B.234 Public utility commission	
9	Personal services	3,238,861
10	Operating expenses	<u>461,954</u>
11	Total	3,700,815
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	<u>3,700,815</u>
14	Total	3,700,815
15	Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
16	Personal services	3,715,294
17	Operating expenses	395,889
18	Grants	<u>720,000</u>
19	Total	4,831,183
20	Source of funds	
21	Special funds	<u>4,831,183</u>

1	Total	4,831,183
2	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
3	Personal services	497,679
4	Operating expenses	<u>70,557</u>
5	Total	568,236
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	492,122
8	Federal funds	<u>76,114</u>
9	Total	568,236
10	Sec. B.237 Liquor control - administration	
11	Personal services	5,751,696
12	Operating expenses	<u>970,391</u>
13	Total	6,722,087
14	Source of funds	
15	Enterprise funds	<u>6,722,087</u>
16	Total	6,722,087
17	Sec. B.238 Liquor control - enforcement and licensing	
18	Personal services	2,152,769
19	Operating expenses	<u>554,933</u>
20	Total	2,707,702

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	20,000
3	Tobacco fund	213,843
4	Federal funds	312,503
5	Interdepartmental transfers	16,300
6	Enterprise funds	<u>2,145,056</u>
7	Total	2,707,702
8	Sec. B.239 Liquor control - warehousing and distribution	
9	Personal services	1,020,365
10	Operating expenses	<u>495,462</u>
11	Total	1,515,827
12	Source of funds	
13	Enterprise funds	<u>1,515,827</u>
14	Total	1,515,827
15	Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property	
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	152,235,965
18	Transportation fund	20,250,000
19	Special funds	86,673,285
20	Tobacco fund	561,843
21	Federal funds	54,930,811

1	ARRA funds	1,010,000
2	Interdepartmental transfers	14,681,856
3	Enterprise funds	<u>10,408,556</u>
4	Total	340,752,316
5	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
6	Personal services	8,771,938
7	Operating expenses	11,443,486
8	Grants	<u>4,983,315</u>
9	Total	25,198,739
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	7,387,754
12	Special funds	91,017
13	Federal funds	16,056,135
14	Global Commitment fund	453,000
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,210,833</u>
16	Total	25,198,739
17	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
18	Operating expenses	3,156,749
19	Grants	<u>1,585,123,038</u>
20	Total	1,588,279,787

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	283,423,430
3	Special funds	27,902,465
4	Tobacco fund	20,299,373
5	State health care resources fund	284,480,725
6	Federal funds	955,341,512
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>16,832,282</u>
8	Total	1,588,279,787
9	Sec. B.302 Rate setting	
10	Personal services	916,668
11	Operating expenses	<u>96,744</u>
12	Total	1,013,412
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	506,706
15	Federal funds	<u>506,706</u>
16	Total	1,013,412
17	Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
18	Personal services	402,333
19	Operating expenses	71,003
20	Grants	<u>150,000</u>
21	Total	623,336

1	Source of funds	
2	Federal funds	<u>623,336</u>
3	Total	623,336
4	Sec. B.304 Human services board	
5	Personal services	703,725
6	Operating expenses	<u>83,296</u>
7	Total	787,021
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	425,466
10	Federal funds	319,974
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>41,581</u>
12	Total	787,021
13	Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
14	Personal services	350,000
15	Operating expenses	<u>10,150,000</u>
16	Total	10,500,000
17	Source of funds	
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>10,500,000</u>
19	Total	10,500,000
20	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
21	Personal services	150,000,858

1	Operating expenses	5,878,419
2	Grants	<u>7,314,742</u>
3	Total	163,194,019
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	26,674,061
6	Special funds	3,522,585
7	Federal funds	118,955,295
8	Global Commitment fund	6,795,089
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,246,989</u>
10	Total	163,194,019
11	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global	
12	commitment	
13	Grants	<u>730,388,202</u>
14	Total	730,388,202
15	Source of funds	
16	Global Commitment fund	<u>730,388,202</u>
17	Total	730,388,202
18	Sec. B.308 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - long	
19	term care waiver	
20	Grants	<u>204,515,915</u>
21	Total	204,515,915

1	Source of funds	
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>204,515,915</u>
3	Total	204,515,915
4	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state	
5	only	
6	Grants	<u>47,955,940</u>
7	Total	47,955,940
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	39,074,163
10	Global Commitment fund	<u>8,881,777</u>
11	Total	47,955,940
12	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver	
13	matched	
14	Grants	<u>31,345,248</u>
15	Total	31,345,248
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	11,400,406
18	Federal funds	<u>19,944,842</u>
19	Total	31,345,248
20	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
21	Personal services	5,369,099

1	Operating expenses	5,125,954
2	Grants	<u>4,065,000</u>
3	Total	14,560,053
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	2,756,570
6	Special funds	1,737,815
7	Federal funds	6,577,531
8	Global Commitment fund	3,443,137
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
10	Total	14,560,053
11	Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
12	Personal services	42,670,151
13	Operating expenses	8,262,008
14	Grants	<u>36,443,759</u>
15	Total	87,375,918
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	9,483,976
18	Special funds	17,368,655
19	Tobacco fund	1,088,918
20	Federal funds	45,853,114
21	Global Commitment fund	12,436,255

1	Interdepartmental transfers	1,120,000
2	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
3	Total	87,375,918
4	Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs	
5	Personal services	4,228,751
6	Operating expenses	255,634
7	Grants	<u>49,572,962</u>
8	Total	54,057,347
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	2,468,452
11	Special funds	1,163,962
12	Tobacco fund	949,917
13	Federal funds	14,495,543
14	Global Commitment fund	<u>34,979,473</u>
15	Total	54,057,347
16	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
17	Personal services	30,983,975
18	Operating expenses	3,754,146
19	Grants	<u>208,515,176</u>
20	Total	243,253,297

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	6,131,693
3	Special funds	434,904
4	Federal funds	8,782,053
5	Global Commitment fund	227,884,647
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>20,000</u>
7	Total	243,253,297
8	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support	
9	services	
10	Personal services	39,883,238
11	Operating expenses	11,312,882
12	Grants	<u>3,019,141</u>
13	Total	54,215,261
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	26,574,313
16	Special funds	2,591,557
17	Federal funds	22,956,549
18	Global Commitment fund	1,875,508
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>217,334</u>
20	Total	54,215,261

1	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
2	Personal services	33,519,525
3	Operating expenses	4,951,233
4	Grants	<u>75,193,282</u>
5	Total	113,664,040
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	36,682,377
8	Special funds	967,587
9	Federal funds	27,125,458
10	Global Commitment fund	48,754,229
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>134,389</u>
12	Total	113,664,040
13	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
14	Personal services	4,373,097
15	Operating expenses	666,405
16	Grants	<u>78,641,229</u>
17	Total	83,680,731
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	33,309,452
20	Special funds	1,820,000
21	Federal funds	37,067,384

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>11,483,895</u>
2	Total	83,680,731
3	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
4	Personal services	10,358,904
5	Operating expenses	<u>3,664,980</u>
6	Total	14,023,884
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	3,811,164
9	Special funds	455,719
10	Federal funds	9,369,401
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
12	Total	14,023,884
13	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and	
14	disabled	
15	Personal services	2,252,206
16	Grants	<u>11,298,023</u>
17	Total	13,550,229
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	9,649,899
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,900,330</u>
21	Total	13,550,229

1	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
2	Personal services	15,000
3	Grants	<u>6,912,360</u>
4	Total	6,927,360
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	6,530,025
7	Federal funds	111,320
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>286,015</u>
9	Total	6,927,360
10	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
11	Grants	<u>29,827,906</u>
12	Total	29,827,906
13	Source of funds	
14	Federal funds	<u>29,827,906</u>
15	Total	29,827,906
16	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
17	Operating expenses	51,519
18	Grants	<u>32,420,849</u>
19	Total	32,472,368
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	6,423,546

1	Special funds	21,024,984
2	Federal funds	2,342,220
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,681,618</u>
4	Total	32,472,368
5	Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel	
6	assistance/LIHEAP	
7	Grants	<u>15,019,953</u>
8	Total	15,019,953
9	Source of funds	
10	Special funds	1,434,217
11	Federal funds	<u>13,585,736</u>
12	Total	15,019,953
13	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic	
14	opportunity	
15	Personal services	496,450
16	Operating expenses	43,133
17	Grants	<u>9,610,253</u>
18	Total	10,149,836
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	4,767,340
21	Special funds	57,990

1	Federal funds	4,494,818
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>829,688</u>
3	Total	10,149,836
4	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization	
5	assistance	
6	Personal services	321,661
7	Operating expenses	43,448
8	Grants	<u>10,554,220</u>
9	Total	10,919,329
10	Source of funds	
11	Special funds	6,325,418
12	Federal funds	<u>4,593,911</u>
13	Total	10,919,329
14	Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - Woodside rehabilitation	
15	center	
16	Personal services	5,478,901
17	Operating expenses	<u>717,907</u>
18	Total	6,196,808
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	1,134,164
21	Global Commitment fund	4,965,644

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>97,000</u>
2	Total	6,196,808
3	Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination	
4	services	
5	Personal services	5,978,035
6	Operating expenses	<u>411,111</u>
7	Total	6,389,146
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	103,081
10	Federal funds	<u>6,286,065</u>
11	Total	6,389,146
12	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &	
13	support	
14	Personal services	31,585,910
15	Operating expenses	<u>5,477,387</u>
16	Total	37,063,297
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	16,304,973
19	Special funds	1,390,457
20	Federal funds	18,301,583
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>

1	Total	37,063,297
2	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and	
3	independent living grants	
4	Grants	<u>20,067,904</u>
5	Total	20,067,904
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	7,553,375
8	Federal funds	7,148,466
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,366,063</u>
10	Total	20,067,904
11	Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually	
12	impaired	
13	Grants	<u>1,451,457</u>
14	Total	1,451,457
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	389,154
17	Special funds	223,450
18	Federal funds	593,853
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>245,000</u>
20	Total	1,451,457

1	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational	
2	rehabilitation	
3	Grants	<u>7,174,368</u>
4	Total	7,174,368
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	1,371,845
7	Federal funds	4,552,523
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>
9	Total	7,174,368
10	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental	
11	services	
12	Grants	<u>221,097,985</u>
13	Total	221,097,985
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	155,125
16	Special funds	15,463
17	Federal funds	359,857
18	Global Commitment fund	220,522,540
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
20	Total	221,097,985

1	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and	
2	community based waiver	
3	Grants	<u>6,005,225</u>
4	Total	6,005,225
5	Source of funds	
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>6,005,225</u>
7	Total	6,005,225
8	Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
9	Personal services	2,947,820
10	Operating expenses	<u>238,644</u>
11	Total	3,186,464
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>3,186,464</u>
14	Total	3,186,464
15	Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
16	Personal services	300,845
17	Operating expenses	<u>81,081</u>
18	Total	381,926
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>381,926</u>
21	Total	381,926

1	Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
2	Personal services	3,172,318
3	Operating expenses	<u>244,932</u>
4	Total	3,417,250
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	3,268,466
7	Education fund	0
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
9	Total	3,417,250
10	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
11	Personal services	109,065,960
12	Operating expenses	21,128,473
13	Grants	<u>9,163,138</u>
14	Total	139,357,571
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	132,472,462
17	Special funds	629,963
18	Federal funds	470,962
19	Global Commitment fund	5,387,869
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
21	Total	139,357,571

1	Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services-out of state beds	
2	Personal services	<u>7,351,324</u>
3	Total	7,351,324
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>7,351,324</u>
6	Total	7,351,324
7	Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
8	Personal services	406,528
9	Operating expenses	<u>455,845</u>
10	Total	862,373
11	Source of funds	
12	Special funds	<u>862,373</u>
13	Total	862,373
14	Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
15	Personal services	1,447,800
16	Operating expenses	<u>525,784</u>
17	Total	1,973,584
18	Source of funds	
19	Internal service funds	<u>1,973,584</u>
20	Total	1,973,584

1	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
2	Personal services	18,756,245
3	Operating expenses	<u>4,949,905</u>
4	Total	23,706,150
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	3,998,789
7	Special funds	11,281,346
8	Federal funds	<u>8,426,015</u>
9	Total	23,706,150
10	Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
11	Personal services	316,110
12	Operating expenses	<u>67,352</u>
13	Total	383,462
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	380,962
16	Special funds	<u>2,500</u>
17	Total	383,462
18	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
19	Grants	<u>151,096</u>
20	Total	151,096

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>151,096</u>
3	Total	151,096
4	Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board	
5	Personal services	7,702,068
6	Operating expenses	<u>342,708</u>
7	Total	8,044,776
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	2,032,469
10	Special funds	3,446,789
11	Federal funds	70,000
12	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,495,518</u>
13	Total	8,044,776
14	Sec. B.346 Total human services	
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	697,716,468
17	Special funds	104,751,216
18	Tobacco fund	22,338,208
19	State health care resources fund	284,480,725
20	Education fund	0
21	Federal funds	1,385,140,068

1	Global Commitment fund	1,544,576,637
2	Internal service funds	1,973,584
3	Interdepartmental transfers	40,759,391
4	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
5	Total	4,081,761,297
6	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
7	Personal services	29,773,882
8	Operating expenses	9,518,580
9	Grants	<u>1,876,867</u>
10	Total	41,169,329
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	2,980,386
13	Special funds	3,616,477
14	Federal funds	33,222,466
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,350,000</u>
16	Total	41,169,329
17	Sec. B.401 Total labor	
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	2,980,386
20	Special funds	3,616,477
21	Federal funds	33,222,466

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,350,000</u>
2	Total	41,169,329
3	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
4	Personal services	7,569,932
5	Operating expenses	3,575,080
6	Grants	<u>15,540,935</u>
7	Total	26,685,947
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	3,795,807
10	Special funds	16,280,409
11	Education fund	995,597
12	Federal funds	2,396,087
13	Global Commitment fund	260,000
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,958,047</u>
15	Total	26,685,947
16	Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
17	Personal services	18,451,314
18	Operating expenses	1,473,983
19	Grants	<u>126,074,411</u>
20	Total	145,999,708

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	5,681,029
3	Special funds	3,202,682
4	Tobacco fund	750,388
5	Federal funds	135,118,942
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,246,667</u>
7	Total	145,999,708
8	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
9	Grants	<u>198,471,642</u>
10	Total	198,471,642
11	Source of funds	
12	Education fund	<u>198,471,642</u>
13	Total	198,471,642
14	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
15	Grants	<u>15,700,000</u>
16	Total	15,700,000
17	Source of funds	
18	Education fund	<u>15,700,000</u>
19	Total	15,700,000
20	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
21	Grants	<u>4,371,050</u>

1	Total	4,371,050
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	3,605,000
4	Education fund	0
5	Federal funds	<u>766,050</u>
6	Total	4,371,050
7	Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
8	Grants	<u>7,346,000</u>
9	Total	7,346,000
10	Source of funds	
11	Education fund	<u>7,346,000</u>
12	Total	7,346,000
13	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
14	Grants	<u>1,371,075,706</u>
15	Total	1,371,075,706
16	Source of funds	
17	Education fund	<u>1,371,075,706</u>
18	Total	1,371,075,706
19	Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
20	Grants	<u>19,226,000</u>
21	Total	19,226,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Education fund	<u>19,226,000</u>
3	Total	19,226,000
4	Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants	
5	Grants	<u>7,600,000</u>
6	Total	7,600,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Education fund	<u>7,600,000</u>
9	Total	7,600,000
10	Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
11	Grants	<u>6,617,213</u>
12	Total	6,617,213
13	Source of funds	
14	Education fund	<u>6,617,213</u>
15	Total	6,617,213
16	Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
17	Grants	<u>13,932,162</u>
18	Total	13,932,162
19	Source of funds	
20	Education fund	<u>13,932,162</u>
21	Total	13,932,162

1	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
2	Grants	<u>99,940,777</u>
3	Total	99,940,777
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	92,241,519
6	Education fund	<u>7,699,258</u>
7	Total	99,940,777
8	Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	
9	Personal services	6,217,105
10	Operating expenses	<u>1,564,274</u>
11	Total	7,781,379
12	Source of funds	
13	Pension trust funds	<u>7,781,379</u>
14	Total	7,781,379
15	Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
16	Grants	<u>31,639,205</u>
17	Total	31,639,205
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>31,639,205</u>
20	Total	31,639,205

1	Sec. B.516 Total general education	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	136,962,560
4	Special funds	19,483,091
5	Tobacco fund	750,388
6	Education fund	1,648,663,578
7	Federal funds	138,281,079
8	Global Commitment fund	260,000
9	Interdepartmental transfers	4,204,714
10	Pension trust funds	<u>7,781,379</u>
11	Total	1,956,386,789
12	Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
13	Grants	<u>42,509,093</u>
14	Total	42,509,093
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	39,129,876
17	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,379,217</u>
18	Total	42,509,093
19	Sec. B.601 Vermont Public Broadcast System	
20	Grants	<u>1</u>
21	Total	1

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>1</u>
3	Total	1
4	Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
5	Grants	<u>27,300,464</u>
6	Total	27,300,464
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>27,300,464</u>
9	Total	27,300,464
10	Sec. B.602.1 Vermont state colleges - Supplemental Aid	
11	Grants	<u>700,000</u>
12	Total	700,000
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>700,000</u>
15	Total	700,000
16	Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
17	Grants	<u>1,157,775</u>
18	Total	1,157,775
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	748,314
21	Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>

1	Total	1,157,775
2	Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
3	Grants	<u>19,414,588</u>
4	Total	19,414,588
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>19,414,588</u>
7	Total	19,414,588
8	Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
9	Grants	<u>84,000</u>
10	Total	84,000
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>84,000</u>
13	Total	84,000
14	Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm	
15	Grants	<u>1</u>
16	Total	1
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>1</u>
19	Total	1

1	Sec. B.608 Total higher education	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	87,377,244
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,788,678</u>
5	Total	91,165,922
6	Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	
7	Personal services	2,179,464
8	Operating expenses	1,105,224
9	Grants	<u>34,960</u>
10	Total	3,319,648
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	2,670,382
13	Special funds	554,112
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>95,154</u>
15	Total	3,319,648
16	Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment	
17	Operating expenses	<u>2,532,755</u>
18	Total	2,532,755
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	2,111,255
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>

1	Total	2,532,755
2	Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
3	Personal services	17,559,395
4	Operating expenses	5,511,383
5	Grants	<u>1,078,000</u>
6	Total	24,148,778
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	5,652,621
9	Special funds	196,212
10	Fish and wildlife fund	9,505,629
11	Federal funds	8,691,203
12	Interdepartmental transfers	93,102
13	Permanent trust funds	<u>10,011</u>
14	Total	24,148,778
15	Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
16	Personal services	889,376
17	Operating expenses	<u>940,315</u>
18	Total	1,829,691
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>1,829,691</u>
21	Total	1,829,691

1	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
2	Personal services	5,587,322
3	Operating expenses	761,503
4	Grants	<u>500,000</u>
5	Total	6,848,825
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	4,610,156
8	Special funds	412,999
9	Federal funds	1,487,097
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>338,573</u>
11	Total	6,848,825
12	Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
13	Personal services	8,403,655
14	Operating expenses	<u>2,621,163</u>
15	Total	11,024,818
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	434,313
18	Special funds	10,590,505
19	Permanent trust funds	<u>0</u>
20	Total	11,024,818

1	Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration and recreation	
2	Personal services	1,269,132
3	Operating expenses	1,378,483
4	Grants	<u>2,506,787</u>
5	Total	5,154,402
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	673,966
8	Special funds	2,020,151
9	Federal funds	2,336,535
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>123,750</u>
11	Total	5,154,402
12	Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest and parks access roads	
13	Personal services	65,425
14	Operating expenses	<u>114,500</u>
15	Total	179,925
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	<u>179,925</u>
18	Total	179,925
19	Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services	
20	Personal services	6,288,392
21	Operating expenses	3,391,844

1	Grants	<u>150,000</u>
2	Total	9,830,236
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	1,074,364
5	Special funds	457,591
6	Federal funds	744,676
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,553,605</u>
8	Total	9,830,236
9	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
10	Personal services	12,383,436
11	Operating expenses	8,691,215
12	Grants	<u>5,076,000</u>
13	Total	26,150,651
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	425,825
16	Special funds	21,875,082
17	Federal funds	3,655,939
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>193,805</u>
19	Total	26,150,651
20	Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs	
21	Personal services	18,292,585

1	Operating expenses	6,676,548
2	Grants	<u>23,754,400</u>
3	Total	48,723,533
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	7,815,563
6	Special funds	10,333,268
7	Federal funds	29,486,364
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,088,338</u>
9	Total	48,723,533
10	Sec. B.713 Natural resources board	
11	Personal services	2,643,689
12	Operating expenses	<u>495,779</u>
13	Total	3,139,468
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	608,163
16	Special funds	<u>2,531,305</u>
17	Total	3,139,468
18	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	28,086,224
21	Special funds	48,971,225

1	Fish and wildlife fund	9,505,629
2	Federal funds	46,401,814
3	Interdepartmental transfers	9,907,827
4	Permanent trust funds	<u>10,011</u>
5	Total	142,882,730
6	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce	
7	and community development - administration	
8	Personal services	1,717,913
9	Operating expenses	1,373,839
10	Grants	<u>452,627</u>
11	Total	3,544,379
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	3,524,379
14	Special funds	0
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>20,000</u>
16	Total	3,544,379
17	Sec. B.801 Economic development	
18	Personal services	3,512,700
19	Operating expenses	903,397
20	Grants	<u>5,554,735</u>
21	Total	9,970,832

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	4,563,197
3	Special funds	2,625,350
4	Federal funds	<u>2,782,285</u>
5	Total	9,970,832
6	Sec. B.802 Housing & community development	
7	Personal services	3,677,757
8	Operating expenses	745,690
9	Grants	<u>11,167,128</u>
10	Total	15,590,575
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	2,760,297
13	Special funds	4,991,756
14	Federal funds	7,747,771
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>90,751</u>
16	Total	15,590,575
17	Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
18	Personal services	1,151,255
19	Operating expenses	1,743,242
20	Grants	<u>121,880</u>
21	Total	3,016,377

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>3,016,377</u>
3	Total	3,016,377
4	Sec. B.807 Vermont life	
5	Personal services	604,497
6	Operating expenses	<u>46,108</u>
7	Total	650,605
8	Source of funds	
9	Enterprise funds	<u>650,605</u>
10	Total	650,605
11	Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
12	Grants	<u>717,735</u>
13	Total	717,735
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	<u>717,735</u>
16	Total	717,735
17	Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
18	Grants	<u>141,214</u>
19	Total	141,214
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>141,214</u>

1	Total	141,214
2	Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
3	Grants	<u>961,426</u>
4	Total	961,426
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>961,426</u>
7	Total	961,426
8	Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
9	Grants	<u>26,361,035</u>
10	Total	26,361,035
11	Source of funds	
12	Special funds	10,940,222
13	Federal funds	<u>15,420,813</u>
14	Total	26,361,035
15	Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
16	Grants	<u>217,959</u>
17	Total	217,959
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>217,959</u>
20	Total	217,959

1	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	15,902,584
4	Special funds	18,557,328
5	Federal funds	25,950,869
6	Interdepartmental transfers	110,751
7	Enterprise funds	<u>650,605</u>
8	Total	61,172,137
9	Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
10	Personal services	11,841,671
11	Operating expenses	2,759,243
12	Grants	<u>55,000</u>
13	Total	14,655,914
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	13,637,714
16	Federal funds	<u>1,018,200</u>
17	Total	14,655,914
18	Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
19	Personal services	5,163,838
20	Operating expenses	8,404,249
21	Grants	<u>231,676</u>

1	Total	13,799,763
2	Source of funds	
3	Transportation fund	4,628,763
4	Federal funds	<u>9,171,000</u>
5	Total	13,799,763
6	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
7	Operating expenses	<u>1,578,050</u>
8	Total	1,578,050
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	<u>1,578,050</u>
11	Total	1,578,050
12	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
13	Personal services	50,457,603
14	Operating expenses	216,263,480
15	Grants	<u>34,168,390</u>
16	Total	300,889,473
17	Source of funds	
18	Transportation fund	42,549,882
19	TIB fund	11,894,706
20	Federal funds	244,766,072
21	Interdepartmental transfers	239,345

1	Local match	<u>1,439,468</u>
2	Total	300,889,473
3	Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
4	Personal services	43,000
5	Operating expenses	<u>701,802</u>
6	Total	744,802
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	76,242
9	Federal funds	<u>668,560</u>
10	Total	744,802
11	Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
12	Personal services	43,007,903
13	Operating expenses	44,516,596
14	Grants	<u>371,780</u>
15	Total	87,896,279
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	85,018,492
18	Federal funds	2,777,787
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
20	Total	87,896,279

1	Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
2	Personal services	4,258,996
3	Operating expenses	923,797
4	Grants	<u>5,903,691</u>
5	Total	11,086,484
6	Source of funds	
7	Transportation fund	2,822,771
8	Federal funds	8,171,508
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>92,205</u>
10	Total	11,086,484
11	Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
12	Personal services	5,511,324
13	Operating expenses	<u>24,087,727</u>
14	Total	29,599,051
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	18,675,520
17	TIB fund	760,000
18	Federal funds	<u>10,163,531</u>
19	Total	29,599,051
20	Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
21	Personal services	1,226,680

1	Operating expenses	244,440
2	Grants	<u>27,549,109</u>
3	Total	29,020,229
4	Source of funds	
5	Transportation fund	7,795,281
6	Federal funds	<u>21,224,948</u>
7	Total	29,020,229
8	Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
9	Personal services	4,283,427
10	Operating expenses	<u>16,401,097</u>
11	Total	20,684,524
12	Source of funds	
13	Internal service funds	<u>20,684,524</u>
14	Total	20,684,524
15	Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
16	Personal services	19,894,921
17	Operating expenses	<u>11,465,811</u>
18	Total	31,360,732
19	Source of funds	
20	Transportation fund	29,760,414
21	Federal funds	1,458,768

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>141,550</u>
2	Total	31,360,732
3	Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
4	Grants	<u>6,333,500</u>
5	Total	6,333,500
6	Source of funds	
7	Transportation fund	<u>6,333,500</u>
8	Total	6,333,500
9	Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
10	Personal services	363,490
11	Operating expenses	<u>40,224</u>
12	Total	403,714
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	103,714
15	Federal funds	<u>300,000</u>
16	Total	403,714
17	Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
18	Grants	<u>7,648,750</u>
19	Total	7,648,750
20	Source of funds	
21	Transportation fund	<u>7,648,750</u>

1	Total	7,648,750
2	Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
3	Personal services	3,181,488
4	Operating expenses	8,683,506
5	Grants	<u>1,460,000</u>
6	Total	13,324,994
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	1,490,612
9	TIB fund	547,631
10	Federal funds	10,594,419
11	Local match	<u>692,332</u>
12	Total	13,324,994
13	Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
14	Grants	<u>25,982,744</u>
15	Total	25,982,744
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	<u>25,982,744</u>
18	Total	25,982,744
19	Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
20	Grants	<u>128,750</u>
21	Total	128,750

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
3	Total	128,750
4	Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
5	Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
6	Total	1,150,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
9	Total	1,150,000
10	Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	
11	Grants	<u>180,000</u>
12	Total	180,000
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	20,000
15	Federal funds	<u>160,000</u>
16	Total	180,000
17	Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program	
18	Operating expenses	200,000
19	Grants	<u>8,882,342</u>
20	Total	9,082,342

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	1,240,000
3	Special funds	2,400,000
4	Federal funds	<u>5,442,342</u>
5	Total	9,082,342
6	Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program	
7	Operating expenses	640,000
8	Grants	<u>4,419,457</u>
9	Total	5,059,457
10	Source of funds	
11	Transportation fund	160,000
12	Special funds	1,419,457
13	Federal funds	3,000,000
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>480,000</u>
15	Total	5,059,457
16	Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
17	Personal services	235,619
18	Operating expenses	<u>35,924</u>
19	Total	271,543
20	Source of funds	
21	Transportation fund	<u>271,543</u>

1	Total	271,543
2	Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
3	Source of funds	
4	Transportation fund	251,072,742
5	TIB fund	13,202,337
6	Special funds	3,819,457
7	Federal funds	318,917,135
8	Internal service funds	20,684,524
9	Interdepartmental transfers	1,053,100
10	Local match	<u>2,131,800</u>
11	Total	610,881,095
12	Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
13	Operating expenses	<u>78,097,467</u>
14	Total	78,097,467
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	72,860,749
17	Transportation fund	1,629,544
18	ARRA funds	1,102,486
19	TIB debt service fund	<u>2,504,688</u>
20	Total	78,097,467

1	Sec. B.1001 Total debt service	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	72,860,749
4	Transportation fund	1,629,544
5	ARRA funds	1,102,486
6	TIB debt service fund	<u>2,504,688</u>
7	Total	78,097,467

8 Sec. B.1100 NEXT GENERATION; APPROPRIATIONS AND
9 TRANSFERS

10 (a) In fiscal year 2019, \$3,055,900 is appropriated or transferred from the
11 Next Generation Initiative Fund created in 16 V.S.A. § 2887 as prescribed:

12 (1) Workforce education and training. The amount of \$1,605,400 as
13 follows:

14 (A) Workforce Education and Training Fund (WETF). The amount
15 of \$1,045,400 is transferred to the Vermont Workforce Education and Training
16 Fund created in 10 V.S.A. § 543 and subsequently appropriated to the
17 Department of Labor for workforce education and training. Up to seven
18 percent of the funds may be used for administration of the program. Of this
19 amount, \$350,000 shall be allocated for competitive grants for internships
20 through the Vermont Strong Internship Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 544.

1 (B) Adult Career Technical Education Programs. The amount of
2 \$360,000 is appropriated to the Department of Labor in consultation with the
3 State Workforce Development Board. This appropriation is for the purpose of
4 awarding competitive grants to regional technical centers and high schools to
5 provide adult career technical education, as that term is defined in 16 V.S.A.
6 § 1522, to unemployed and underemployed Vermont adults.

7 (C) The amount of \$200,000 is appropriated to the Agency of
8 Commerce and Community Development to issue performance grants to the
9 University of Vermont and the Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies for
10 patent development and commercialization of technology and to enhance the
11 development of high-technology businesses and Next Generation employment
12 opportunities throughout Vermont.

13 (2) Loan repayment. The amount of \$30,000 as follows:

14 (A) Large animal veterinarians' loan repayment. The amount of
15 \$30,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
16 for a loan repayment program for large animal veterinarians pursuant to
17 6 V.S.A. § 20.

18 (3) Scholarships and grants. The amount of \$1,420,500 as follows:

19 (A) Non-degree VSAC grants. The amount of \$494,500 is
20 appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. These funds
21 shall be for the purpose of providing nondegree grants to Vermonters to

1 improve job skills and increase overall employability, enabling them to enroll
2 in a postsecondary education or training program, with equal emphasis on
3 adult technical education that is not part of a degree or accredited certificate
4 program. A portion of these funds shall be used for grants for indirect
5 educational expenses to students enrolled in training programs. The grants
6 shall not exceed \$3,000 per student. None of these funds shall be used for
7 administrative overhead.

8 (B) National Guard Educational Assistance. The amount of
9 \$150,000 is appropriated to Military – administration to be transferred to the
10 Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational
11 Assistance Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856.

12 (C) Dual enrollment programs and need-based stipend. The amount
13 of \$740,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Education for dual enrollment
14 programs and \$36,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Education to be
15 transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for need-based
16 stipends pursuant to Sec. E.605.1 of this act.

17 Sec. B.1100.1 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECOMMENDATION FOR
18 FISCAL YEAR 2020 NEXT GENERATION INITIATIVE
19 FUND DISTRIBUTION

20 (a) The Department of Labor, in coordination with the Agencies of
21 Commerce and Community Development, of Human Services, and of

1 Education, and in consultation with the State Workforce Development Board,
2 shall recommend to the Governor on or before December 1, 2018 how
3 \$3,055,900 from the Next Generation Initiative Fund should be allocated or
4 appropriated in fiscal year 2020 to provide maximum benefit to workforce
5 education and training, participation in secondary or postsecondary education
6 by underrepresented groups, and support for promising economic sectors in
7 Vermont. The State agencies and departments listed herein shall promote
8 actively and publicly the availability of the funds to eligible entities.

9 Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2019 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION FROM

10 THE ALBERT C. LORD PERMANENT TRUST FUND

11 (a) The sum of \$86,267 is appropriated from the Albert C. Lord Permanent
12 Trust Fund to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation – state parks,
13 for conservation education activities, consistent with the intended purpose of
14 the Fund. These funds will be used to pay the cost of one conservation
15 education position and the cost of publishing conservation education outreach
16 materials.

17 Sec. B.1102 ONE-TIME CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT FUND

18 APPROPRIATION

19 (a) In fiscal year 2019, \$200,000 is appropriated from the Clean Energy
20 Development Fund created in 30 V.S.A. § 8015 to the Department of
21 Environmental Conservation to increase the amount available for woodstove

1 change outs to improve air quality and reduce air emissions related to
2 woodstoves.

3 Sec. C.100 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. E.605 is amended to read:

4 Sec. E.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

5 (a) Of this appropriation, \$25,000 is appropriated from the ~~Education~~
6 General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation to be deposited
7 into the Trust Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2845.

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9 Sec. C.101 REPEAL

10 (a) 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. E.301.1 (General Fund reversion)
11 is repealed.

12 Sec. C.102 FISCAL YEAR 2018 MEDICAID AUTHORIZED PAYMENT
13 AND CARRY FORWARD REQUIREMENT

14 (a) In fiscal year 2018, to the extent funds are available within the funds
15 appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. B.301 as amended by
16 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 8, as determined by the Secretary of
17 Human Services in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance and
18 Management and the Legislative Chief Fiscal Officer, the Agency of Human
19 Services:

20 (1) Shall carry forward to fiscal year 2019 a total of \$1,500,000 in
21 General Funds for fiscal year 2019 obligations. The Commissioner of Finance

1 and Management is authorized to adjust fiscal year 2018 Federal Fund and
2 Global Commitment Fund appropriations in the Agency of Human Services
3 and Department of Vermont Health Access to comport with this provision.

4 (A) The Commissioner of Finance and Management and the
5 Secretary of Human Services shall ensure that the budget proposal submitted
6 for Global Commitment as part of the requirement of 32 V.S.A. § 306 does not
7 rely upon anticipated carry forward General Funds, and appropriates general
8 funds in fiscal year 2020 to the Secretary of Human Services in an amount
9 sufficient to fund the most current official Medicaid forecast adopted for fiscal
10 year 2020 under 32 V.S.A. § 305a(c) adjusted for any recommended changes
11 to policy or operations that impact the official forecast.

12 (2) Is authorized to spend \$4,500,000 in General Funds to fund a
13 negotiated agreement to settle financial reconciliation of the 2016 year of the
14 Vermont Health Connect operations.

15 (3) Shall carry forward to fiscal year 2019 a total of \$1,100,000 in
16 General Funds for premium processing by Vermont Health Connect during
17 fiscal year 2019. It is anticipated that premium processing functions will be
18 performed by insurance carriers in the 2020 health insurance year. The
19 Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to adjust fiscal year
20 2018 Federal Fund and Global Commitment Fund appropriations in the

1 Agency of Human Services and Department of Vermont Health Access to
2 comport with this requirement.

3 Sec. C.103 FISCAL YEAR 2017 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION CARRY

4 FORWARD

5 (a) In fiscal year 2018, the sum of \$1,300,000 remaining of the amount
6 appropriated to the Secretary of Administration in 2017 Acts and Resolves No.
7 85, Sec. C.100(a), shall be carried forward into fiscal year 2019 for distribution
8 to the Department for Children and Families to provide funding for changes in
9 employee classification that were previously approved in accordance with the
10 collective bargaining agreement.

11 Sec. C.104 [DELETED]

12 Sec. C.105 FISCAL YEAR 2018 ONE-TIME TRANSFERS FROM THE

13 TOBACCO LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUND

14 (a) Transfers: Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 435a(a) the following transfers
15 shall be made from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund:

16 (1) \$13,500,000 is transferred to the General Fund;

17 (2) \$750,000 is transferred to the Environmental Contingency Fund
18 established pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1283 for the purpose of conducting an
19 evaluation of cleanup alternatives and, if required, a corrective action plan for
20 PFOA and PFOS releases in the Town of Bennington; and

1 (3) \$1,000,000 is transferred to the Complex Litigation Special Fund
2 established in 3 V.S.A. § 167a.

3 Sec. C.105.1 FISCAL YEAR 2018 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS FROM
4 THE TOBACCO LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUND

5 (a) Appropriations: Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 435a(a), the following
6 appropriations shall be made from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund:

7 (1) \$1,000,000 to the Department of Buildings and General Services to
8 be used in combination with capital funds appropriated in fiscal year 2019 for
9 renovation and fit-up at the Brattleboro Retreat to provide a minimum of 12
10 beds, including level-1 beds, to the State for a period determined by the
11 Secretary of Human Services to be in the best interest of the State. The
12 Department of Buildings and General Services shall not expend any funds
13 from this appropriation until the Commissioner of Buildings and General
14 Services and the Secretary of Human Services have notified the Commissioner
15 of Finance and Management and the Chairs of the House Committee on
16 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions that an
17 agreement has been executed between the Brattleboro Retreat and the State.

18 (2) \$500,000 to the University of Vermont;

19 (3) \$500,000 to the Vermont State Treasurer to offset costs of interest
20 and principal at the Treasurer's discretion for longer-term State building
21 efficiency investment funding. The Treasurer and the Commissioner of

1 Buildings and General Services shall report to the House and Senate
2 Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Corrections and
3 Institutions, and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the use of these
4 funds.

5 (4) \$1,000,000 to the Agency of Human Services. The use of these
6 funds shall be pursuant to the plan specified by the Tobacco Evaluation and
7 Review Board.

8 (5) \$200,000 to the Department of Health to conduct two blood draw
9 clinics in Bennington in calendar year 2018 for current and prior members of
10 the community who may have had long-term exposure to PFOA and PFOS
11 releases in the greater Bennington area.

12 (6) \$350,000 to the Department of Corrections to design reentry
13 programming that will result in stronger support and reintegration into the
14 community for inmates and lower recidivism.

15 (7) \$400,000 to the Department of Corrections for Medication-Assisted
16 Treatment as specified in S.166 of 2018.

17 (8) \$300,000 to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to be
18 granted to the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps in even increments of
19 \$100,000 in fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020.

20 (9) \$100,000 to the Department for Children and Families' Child
21 Development Division to analyze how Vermont's families make early care and

1 education arrangements for their children. These funds shall be used to
2 contract with an independent organization to survey families in Vermont with
3 children under six years of age about their child care arrangements and
4 preferences and what factors may constrain parental choices. The Department
5 shall provide a copy of the survey instrument to the House and Senate
6 Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Human Services and
7 the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare prior to finalizing the instrument
8 for survey implementation. The Department shall provide a report on the
9 results of the survey to the General Assembly on January 15, 2019.

10 (10) \$200,000 to the Department for Children and Families to prepare
11 for the expansion of services to juvenile offenders 18 and 19 years of age
12 pursuant to 33 V.S.A. chapters 52 and 52A as amended in S.274 of 2018
13 beginning in fiscal year 2021, with any unexpended funds to carry forward.

14 (11) \$100,000 to the Office of Economic Opportunity in the Department
15 for Children and Families for pass-through grants to the Community Action
16 Agencies to provide funding for the regional Microbusiness Development
17 Programs pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 3722.

18 (12) \$100,000 to the Agency of Education for fiscal year 2019 for
19 administration in accordance with the Prekindergarten study required by
20 Sec. E.500.7 of this act.

1 (13) \$150,000 to the Joint Fiscal Office for the study of Corrections
2 Health Care as specified in Sec. E.127 of this act.

3 Sec. C.106 CHINS CASES SYSTEM-WIDE REFORM

4 (a) The sum of \$7,000,000 is appropriated from the Tobacco Litigation
5 Settlement Fund to the Judiciary in fiscal year 2018 and shall carry forward for
6 the uses and based on the allocations set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of this
7 section. The purpose of the funds is to make strategic investments to transform
8 the adjudication of CHINS cases in Vermont.

9 (b) The sum appropriated from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund in
10 subsection (a) of this section shall be allocated as follows:

11 (1) \$1,250,000 for fiscal year 2019, which shall not be distributed until
12 the group defined in subsection (c) of this section provides proposed
13 expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2019 budget adjustment request;

14 (2) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2020, for which the group shall provide
15 proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2020 budget request or budget
16 adjustment request, or both;

17 (3) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2021, for which the group shall provide
18 proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2021 budget request or budget
19 adjustment request, or both; and

20 (4) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2022 or after as needed.

1 (c) During the 2018 legislative interim, the Chief Superior Judge, the
2 Executive Director of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs, the Defender General,
3 and the Commissioner for Children and Families, shall review and propose
4 changes to the system by which CHINS cases are processed and adjudicated.
5 In undertaking this review the group shall evaluate successful models used in
6 other countries, states, or cities. The proposal shall incorporate innovative
7 approaches to holistic reform and strategies to reduce the need for court
8 intervention, and may include the use of regional and mobile models, judicial
9 masters, mediation, dedicated resources, and other alternative dispute
10 resolution options to the CHINS process. The proposal for reform shall:

11 (1) support and improve child safety;

12 (2) provide early screening for substance abuse, mental health, and
13 trauma of children and parents;

14 (3) provide early access to services designed to address screening
15 outcomes;

16 (4) improve timeliness of adjudication, including timeliness to
17 permanency for children, whether permanency is reunification with parents or
18 termination of parental rights;

19 (5) ensure due process;

20 (6) serve the best interests of the affected children;

21 (7) relieve systemic resource and budget pressures; and

1 shall carry forward for the uses and based on the allocations set forth in
2 subsections (b) and (c) of this section. The purpose of the funds is to make
3 strategic investments in order to expand the supply of high-quality substance
4 use disorder treatment and mental health professionals available to Vermont
5 residents in need of their services.

6 (b) The sum appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in subsection
7 (a) of this section shall be allocated to the Agency as follows:

8 (1) \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2019, which shall not be distributed until
9 the Agency provides proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2019
10 budget adjustment request;

11 (2) \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2020, for which the Agency shall provide
12 proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2020 budget request or budget
13 adjustment request, or both;

14 (3) \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2021, for which the Agency shall provide
15 proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2021 budget request or budget
16 adjustment request, or both; and

17 (4) \$500,000 which may be provided in fiscal year 2022 or after as
18 needed to ensure successful and sustainable implementation of the workforce
19 expansion initiatives developed pursuant to this section.

20 (c)(1) The Secretary of Human Services shall convene a work group
21 composed of representatives of the University of Vermont, the Vermont State

1 Colleges, the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) program and others
2 including consumers, primary care doctors to select from among all proposals
3 for use of the funds allocated pursuant to subsection (b) of this section those
4 most likely to build capacity in Vermont's substance use disorder treatment
5 and mental health systems in a cost-effective and sustainable manner by
6 cultivating, attracting, recruiting, and retaining high-quality substance use
7 disorder treatment and mental health professionals. The Secretary of Human
8 Services shall present the selected proposals to the General Assembly within
9 the allocations set forth in subsection (b) of this section for approval as part of
10 the applicable budget or budget adjustment process.

11 (2) Successful proposals for use of the funds allocated pursuant to
12 subsection (b) of this section may include scholarships; loan repayment for
13 high-quality substance use disorder treatment and mental health professionals
14 who commit to practicing in Vermont; hiring bonuses or loan repayment, or
15 both, for faculty and staff at institutions of higher education in Vermont to
16 teach prospective substance use disorder treatment and mental health
17 professionals; strategic bonuses for high-quality substance use disorder
18 treatment and mental health professionals in Vermont's existing workforce;
19 and appropriate continuing education and training for substance use disorder
20 treatment and mental health professionals in Vermont's existing workforce.

1 Loan repayment funds shall be distributed using the AHEC system as
2 appropriate.

3 Sec. C.106.2 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER RESPONSE INITIATIVES

4 (a) The sum of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from the Tobacco Litigation
5 Settlement Fund to the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2018 and
6 shall carry forward for the uses and based on the allocations set forth in this
7 section. These funds shall be used to finance time-limited or self-sustaining
8 substance use disorder initiatives including initiatives relating to prevention,
9 intervention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery.

10 (b) The sum appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in subsection
11 (a) of this section shall be allocated to the Agency as follows:

12 (1) \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2019, which shall not be distributed until
13 the Agency provides proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2019
14 budget adjustment request;

15 (2) \$750,000 for fiscal year 2020, for which the Agency shall provide
16 proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2020 budget request or budget
17 adjustment request, or both;

18 (3) \$750,000 for fiscal year 2021, for which the Agency shall provide
19 proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2021 budget request or budget
20 adjustment request, or both.

1 (c) The Secretary of Human Services shall present a plan to fund fiscal
2 year initiatives relating to prevention, intervention, harm reduction, treatment,
3 and recovery for approval at the Joint Fiscal Committee July 2018 meeting.

4 Sec. C.106.3 [DELETED]

5 Sec. C.106.4 [DELETED]

6 Sec. C.106.5 [DELETED]

7 Sec. C.107 [DELETED]

8 Sec. C.108 REPEALS

9 (a) 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 37 (Temporary General Fund
10 Reserve) is repealed.

11 (b) 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 43 (Use of General Fund Balance
12 Reserve) is repealed.

13 Sec. C.109 FISCAL YEAR 2018 FEDERAL FUNDS CONTINGENT

14 APPROPRIATION

15 (a) In the event a federal infrastructure bill providing additional federal
16 funding to Vermont for transportation-related projects is enacted and takes
17 effect in fiscal year 2018 or fiscal year 2019, such federal funds are
18 appropriated to the Agency of Transportation in fiscal year 2018 or fiscal
19 year 2019 as provided and under the conditions prescribed in Sec. 2 of H.917
20 of 2018.

1 Sec. C.110 IMPLEMENTATION OF PRELIMINARY

2 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE VERMONT CLIMATE

3 ACTION COMMISSION

4 (a) On December 29, 2017, the Vermont Climate Action Commission
5 (Commission) created by the Governor through Executive Order No. 12-17
6 made five preliminary recommendations to advance Vermont's ability to
7 achieve the Comprehensive Energy Plan's goals for 2050 to reduce greenhouse
8 gas (GHG) emissions and increase renewable energy. Those recommendations
9 are implemented by the provisions of this section and those other sections and
10 bills described in this section.

11 (b) Recommendations of the Commission and actions taken on them
12 include:

13 (1) Support advanced wood heat: In Sec. B.1102 of this act \$200,000
14 shall be dedicated for additional woodstove change outs to improve air quality
15 and reduce air emissions related to woodstoves, funded on a one-time basis;

16 (2) Increase the pace of weatherization: Two specific actions include:

17 (A) In H.907 of 2018, the State Treasurer is authorized in fiscal years
18 2019 and 2020 to invest up to \$5,000,000 of funds from the credit facility
19 established in 10 V.S.A. § 10 for an accelerated weatherization and housing
20 improvement program. The funds shall be used to support efforts for
21 households and multi-family rental homes as specified in H.907 of 2018.

1 (B) The Department of Buildings and General Services shall work
2 with the Treasurer to maximize use of the credit facility for local investments
3 established in 10 V.S.A. § 10, to fund energy efficiency projects for State
4 buildings. The amount of \$500,000 is appropriated in Sec. C.105.1(a)(3) of
5 this act to the Treasurer to offset costs of interest and principal at the
6 Treasurer’s discretion for longer-term State building efficiency investment
7 funding.

8 (3) Study regulatory and market decarbonization mechanisms: The
9 Joint Fiscal Committee shall contract for independent professional assistance
10 to analyze the costs and benefits for Vermont of adopting and implementing
11 policies to reduce GHG emissions caused by Vermont’s consumption of fossil
12 fuels. There is \$120,000 appropriated in Sec. C.1000(a)(1) of this act to the
13 Joint Fiscal Committee for this study.

14 (A) The analysis shall include the comparative ability or potential of
15 the policies to achieve reductions in GHG emissions; to spur economic
16 development in the State; to encourage innovation in the State; to cause shifts
17 in employment, including job creation, job loss, and sectors affected; and to
18 affect the cost of living in Vermont.

19 (B) The Joint Fiscal Office and the contractor shall consult with the
20 Climate Commission and the Chairs of the House Committees on Energy and
21 Technology and on Natural Resources, Wildlife, and Water Resources and the

1 Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. On or before January 15,
2 2019, the Joint Fiscal Office shall submit the analysis to those same standing
3 committees, with a copy to the Climate Commission.

4 (4) Foster the climate economy: The recommendations in subdivisions
5 (1), (2), (3), and (5) of this subsection should result in added economic activity
6 to foster a climate economy.

7 (5) Electrify the transportation system: The direction concerning the use
8 of Environmental Mitigation Trust monies resulting from the Volkswagen
9 litigation set forth in Sec. E.700 of this act is designed to increase
10 electrification of transportation.

11 Sec. C.111 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. B.502 is amended to read:

12 Sec. B.502 Education – special education: formula grants

13 Grants	<u>180,749,796</u>	<u>188,749,796</u>
14 Total	<u>180,749,796</u>	<u>188,749,796</u>

15 Source of funds

16 Education fund	<u>180,749,796</u>	<u>188,749,796</u>
17 Total	<u>180,749,796</u>	<u>188,749,796</u>

18 Sec. C.112 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. B.503 is amended to read:

19 Sec. B.503 Education – state placed students

20 Grants	<u>16,700,000</u>	<u>14,700,000</u>
21 Total	<u>16,700,000</u>	<u>14,700,000</u>

1 Source of funds

2	Education fund	<u>16,700,000</u>	<u>14,700,000</u>
3	Total	16,700,000	14,700,000

4 Sec. C.113 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. B.504.1 as amended by 2018
5 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 32 is further amended to read:

6 Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways

7	Grants	<u>7,850,000</u>	<u>7,100,000</u>
8	Total	7,850,000	7,100,000

9 Source of funds

10	Education fund	<u>7,850,000</u>	<u>7,100,000</u>
11	Total	7,850,000	7,100,000

12 Sec. C.114 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. B.516 as amended by 2018
13 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 33 is further amended to read:

14 Sec. B.516 Total general education

15 Source of funds

16	General fund	427,964,287	427,964,287
17	Special funds	22,238,547	22,238,547
18	Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
19	Education fund	1,615,538,843	1,620,788,843
20	Federal funds	136,958,720	136,958,720
21	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000

1	Interdepartmental transfers	4,608,110	4,608,110
2	Pension trust funds	<u>7,687,431</u>	<u>7,687,431</u>
3	Total	2,216,006,326	2,221,256,326

4 Sec. C.115 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. B.514 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system

6	Grants	<u>83,809,437</u>	<u>84,109,437</u>
7	Total	83,809,437	84,109,437

8 Source of funds

9	General fund	75,912,816	76,212,816
10	Education fund	<u>7,896,621</u>	<u>7,896,621</u>
11	Total	83,809,437	84,109,437

12 Sec. C.116 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. B.515 is amended to read:

13 Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits

14	Grants	<u>27,560,966</u>	<u>27,260,966</u>
15	Total	27,560,966	27,260,966

16 Source of funds

17	General fund	27,560,966	<u>27,260,966</u>
18	Education fund	0	
19	Total	27,560,966	27,260,966

1 Sec. C.117 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. E.514 is amended to read:

2 Sec. E.514 State teachers' retirement system

3 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to
4 the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) shall be \$88,409,437 of which
5 ~~\$83,809,437~~ \$84,109,437 shall be the State's contribution and ~~\$4,600,000~~
6 \$4,300,000 shall be contributed from local school systems or educational
7 entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

8 * * *

9 Sec. C.118 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. E.515 is amended to read:

10 Sec. E.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits

11 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), ~~\$27,560,966~~ \$27,260,966
12 will be contributed to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits plan.

13 Sec. C.119 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. D.101 as amended by 2018
14 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 36 is further amended to read:

15 Sec. D.101 FISCAL YEAR 2018 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS,
16 AND RESERVES

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18 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal
19 year 2018:

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

1	1210001000	Legislative Council	150,000.00
2	1210002000	Legislature	385,000.00
3	1230001000	Sergeant at Arms	19,000.00
4	7120890704	International Trade Commission	7,711.88
5	1110003000	Budget & Management	27,921.28
6	1100010000	Secretary of Administration	100,000.00
7	1140070000	Use Tax Reimbursement Program	404.00
8	1240001000	Lieutenant Governor	21,424.41
9	1250010000	Auditor of Accounts	53,389.23
10	2100002000	Court Diversion	24,744.91
11	2160010000	Victims Compensation	489.05
12	2280001000	Human Rights Commission	10,000.00
13	3310000000	Commission on Women	3,040.00
14	5100070000	Education – Education Services	128.66
15	5100060000	Adult Basic Education	1,065.35
16	7100000000	Administration Division	3,000.00

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18 Sec. C.1000 FISCAL YEAR 2018 GENERAL FUND ONE-TIME

19 APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, AND REVERSIONS

20 (a) Appropriations: The following appropriations are made from the

21 General Fund in fiscal year 2018:

- 1 (1) To the Joint Fiscal Committee for the decarbonization mechanisms
2 study as prescribed in Sec. C.110(b)(3) of this act. \$120,000
- 3 (2) To the Legislature for a legislative staff workforce comparative
4 evaluation specified in Sec. E.126 of this act. \$40,000
- 5 (3) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to be carried
6 forward and used to increase grants awarded in the Vermont Working Lands
7 Enterprise program in fiscal year 2019. \$106,000
- 8 (4) To the Vermont State Colleges for the final State contribution for
9 costs of the unification of Johnson and Lyndon State colleges into Northern
10 Vermont University. \$350,000
- 11 (5) To the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs to be carried
12 forward and used for transport per diem funding in fiscal year 2019 for
13 Vermont Sheriffs. \$105,776
- 14 (6) To the Joint Fiscal Office for the Vermont Tax Structure
15 Commission established in Sec.15 of H.911 of 2018. \$500,000
- 16 (7) To the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2018 to be carried forward
17 for fiscal year 2019 under 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c) for the Agency to administer
18 the grant program in accordance with Sec. E.500.6 of this act. \$250,000
- 19 (8) To the Secretary of State for costs associated with administering
20 primary and general election efforts. \$400,000

1 Vermont. The Agency shall calculate a single farm payment amount based on
2 the funds appropriated and the actual participation in this program and shall
3 report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on or before November 10, 2019 on the
4 amount of the calculated payment. \$450,000

5 (13) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to be carried
6 forward for a grant to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for
7 federal rural development grant writing assistance in fiscal year 2019.
8 \$75,000

9 (14) To the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2018 for any
10 remaining amount of the Medicaid financial requirements specified in Sec.
11 C.102 of this act that are not available within the funds appropriated in 2017
12 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. B.301 as amended by 2018 Acts and Resolves
13 No. 87, Sec. 8. The Agency shall expend funds available in this appropriation
14 after meeting the requirements specified in Sec. C.102 of this act to the extent
15 available to maintain critical healthcare services that have lost federal funding
16 and to support substance use disorder activities including needle exchange
17 programs, active case management of opioid addicted persons and the
18 distribution of naloxone. The Agency shall report to the Joint Fiscal
19 Committee at its July and September 2018 meetings on the funds allocated for
20 the purposes allowed by this subdivision. \$7,100,000

1 (d) Fund Balance Carried Forward:

2 (1) \$500,000 shall be reserved in the General Fund to carry forward to
3 be available in fiscal year 2019 to obviate any transfer of funds from the Clean
4 Energy Development Fund to the General Fund in fiscal year 2019.

5 (e) Contingent Reserves: In fiscal year 2018, to the extent any remaining
6 unreserved and undesignated end-of-fiscal-year General Fund surplus remains
7 after satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308 and prior to the provisions
8 of 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. C.120 as amended by this act:

9 (1) \$12,000,000 shall be reserved in the General Fund and shall be
10 carried forward to be available in fiscal year 2019 to offset any one-time
11 personal income tax or corporate tax refund liabilities.

12 (2) Any remaining unreserved and undesignated end-of-fiscal-year
13 General Fund surplus is transferred to the Vermont Teachers' Retirement Fund
14 established pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944.

15 Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

16 (a) This act contains the following amounts appropriated from special
17 funds that receive revenue from the property transfer tax. Expenditures from
18 these appropriations shall not exceed available revenues.

19 (1) The sum of \$518,000 is appropriated from the Current Use
20 Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of
21 the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),

1 amounts above \$518,000 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into
2 the Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the
3 General Fund.

4 (2) The sum of \$9,804,840 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing
5 and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation
6 Board. Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts above \$9,804,840 from the
7 property transfer tax and surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a that are
8 deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall be
9 transferred into the General Fund.

10 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property
11 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the
12 affordable housing bond (10 V.S.A. § 314) is to be offset by the reduction of
13 \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation
14 Board (VHCB) and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A.
15 § 9602a. The fiscal year 2019 appropriation of \$9,804,840 to VHCB reflects
16 the \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing bond and related property
17 transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on
18 July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the
19 appropriation to VHCB is intended to be restored.

20 (3) The sum of \$3,760,599 is appropriated from the Municipal and
21 Regional Planning Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts

1 above \$3,760,599 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the
2 Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General
3 Fund. The \$3,760,599 shall be allocated as follows:

4 (A) \$2,924,417 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in
5 a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

6 (B) \$457,482 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner
7 consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

8 (C) \$378,700 to the Agency of Digital Services for the Vermont
9 Center for Geographic Information established in 10 V.S.A. § 122.

10 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, AND RESERVES

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

13 (1) From the General Fund to the Next Generation Initiative Fund
14 established by 16 V.S.A. § 2887: \$3,055,900.

15 (2) From the Clean Water Fund established by 10 V.S.A. § 1388 to the
16 Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund created under 6 V.S.A. § 4803:
17 \$1,670,000.

18 (3) From the Transportation Fund to the Downtown Transportation and
19 Related Capital Improvement Fund established by 24 V.S.A. § 2796 to be used
20 by the Vermont Downtown Development Board for the purposes of the Fund:
21 \$423,966.

1 (4) From the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established by
2 19 V.S.A. § 11f to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund
3 established by 32 V.S.A. § 951a for funding fiscal year 2020 transportation
4 infrastructure bonds debt service: \$2,497,663.

5 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
6 2019:

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

9	<u>22005</u>	<u>AHS Central Office earned federal receipts</u>	<u>8,193,326.00</u>
10	<u>50300</u>	<u>Liquor Control Fund</u>	<u>1,805,000.00</u>
11		<u>Caledonia Fair</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
12		<u>North Country Hospital Loan</u>	<u>24,250.00</u>

13 (2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of
14 unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred from the following funds to
15 the General Fund in fiscal year 2019. The Commissioner of Finance and
16 Management shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July meeting the
17 final amounts transferred from each fund and certify that such transfers will
18 not impair the agency, office, or department reliant upon each fund from
19 meeting its statutory requirements.

20	<u>21638</u>	<u>AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order</u>	<u>2,000,000.00</u>
21	<u>21928</u>	<u>Secretary of State Services Fund</u>	<u>2,607,923.00</u>

1 (d) To the extent that the Emergency Board determines at its July 2018
2 meeting that the fiscal year 2019 available General Fund forecast exceeds
3 \$1,568,200,000 as adjusted by any tax or revenue changes made through the
4 2018 legislative session:

5 (1) Funds carried forward in accordance with the provisions of
6 Sec. C.1000(e) of this act shall be transferred to the Vermont Teachers'
7 Retirement Fund established pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944.

8 Sec. D.102 TOBACCO LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUND BALANCE

9 (a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(b), the actual balances at the end of
10 fiscal year 2018 in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund established by
11 32 V.S.A. § 435a shall remain for appropriation in fiscal year 2019.

12 Sec. D.103 TRANSFER OF TOBACCO TRUST FUNDS

13 (a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(a)(3) and (4), the actual amount of
14 investment earnings of the Tobacco Trust Fund at the end of fiscal year 2019
15 and any additional amount necessary to ensure the balance in the Tobacco
16 Litigation Settlement Fund at the close of fiscal year 2019 is not negative shall
17 be transferred in fiscal year 2019 from the Tobacco Trust Fund established by
18 18 V.S.A. § 9502(a) to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund established by
19 32 V.S.A. § 435a.

1 Sec. D.104 GLOBAL COMMITMENT TRANSFER

2 (a) The fund balance in the Global Commitment Fund, estimated to be up
3 to \$79,846,983 as of June 30, 2018, shall be transferred as follows:

4 (1) \$1,760,000 shall be transferred to the General Fund and reserved in
5 the 27/53 Reserve under 32 V.S.A. § 308e in order to fund the fiscal year 2019
6 obligation of the next year in which a 53rd week of Medicaid payments is due,
7 scheduled to occur in fiscal year 2022.

8 (2) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308b, \$64,022,729 shall be transferred
9 to the General Fund and reserved in the Human Services Caseload Reserve
10 and, within that Reserve, specifically reserved in the sub-account for any
11 incurred but not reported Medicaid expenses associated with the current
12 Medicaid Global Commitment waiver, reflecting the estimated amount of the
13 State share of this potential obligation as of June 30, 2017.

14 (3) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308b, up to \$14,064,254 shall be
15 transferred to the General Fund and reserved in the Human Services Caseload
16 Reserve, and within that Reserve, specifically reserved in the sub-account for
17 Medicaid-related pressures related to caseload, utilization, and changes in
18 federal participation in existing human services programs.

19 Sec. D.104.1 [DELETED]

1 Sec. D.105 32 V.S.A. § 308b is amended to read:

2 § 308b. HUMAN SERVICES CASELOAD RESERVE

3 (a) There is created within the General Fund a Human Services Caseload
4 ~~Management~~ Reserve. Expenditures from the Reserve shall be subject to an
5 appropriation by the General Assembly or approval by the Emergency Board.
6 Expenditures from the Reserve shall be limited to Agency of Human Services
7 caseload-related needs primarily in the Departments for Children and Families;
8 of Health; of Mental Health; of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living;
9 ~~and~~ of Vermont Health Access; and settlement costs associated with managing
10 the Global Commitment waiver.

11 (b) The Secretary of Administration may transfer to the Human Services
12 Caseload Reserve any General Fund carry-forward directly attributable to
13 Agency of Human Services caseload reductions and the effective management
14 of related federal receipts, with the exclusion of the Department of Corrections.

15 (c) The Human Services Caseload Reserve shall contain two sub-accounts:

16 (1) A sub-account for incurred but not reported Medicaid expenses.
17 Each year beginning with fiscal year 2020, the Department of Finance and
18 Management shall adjust the amount reserved for incurred but not reported
19 Medicaid expenses to equal the amount specified in the Comprehensive
20 Annual Financial Report as of June 30th of the prior fiscal year for the

1 estimated amount of incurred but not reported Medicaid expenses associated
2 with the current Medicaid Global Commitment waiver.

3 (2) A sub-account for Medicaid-related pressures related to caseload,
4 utilization, changes in federal participation in existing human services
5 programs, and settlement costs associated with managing the Global
6 Commitment waiver. Any decrease in the amount of required reserves in
7 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall first be reserved in the 27/53 Reserve
8 under section 308e of this title in order to fund the current fiscal year
9 obligation for the next year in which a 53rd week of Medicaid payments is due,
10 next scheduled to occur in fiscal year 2022. The remainder shall result in an
11 offsetting increase in the account for Medicaid-related pressures, as defined in
12 subdivision (2) of this subsection. Any increase in the amount of required
13 reserve in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall require a corresponding
14 transfer from the funds reserved in subdivision (2) of this subsection, to the
15 extent there are funds available.

16 Sec. D.106 [DELETED]

17 Sec. D.107 32 V.S.A. § 308c is amended to read:

18 § 308c. GENERAL FUND AND TRANSPORTATION FUND BALANCE

19 RESERVES

20 (a) There is hereby created within the General Fund a General Fund
21 Balance Reserve, also known as the “Rainy Day Reserve.” After satisfying the

1 requirements of section 308 of this title, and after other reserve requirements
2 have been met, any remaining unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year
3 General Fund surplus shall be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve.

4 The General Fund Balance Reserve shall not exceed five percent of the
5 appropriations from the General Fund for the prior fiscal year without
6 legislative authorization.

7 ~~(1) The Emergency Board shall determine annually at its July meeting~~
8 ~~the amount of available general funds that is greater than the amount of~~
9 ~~forecasted available general funds most recently adopted by the Board for the~~
10 ~~current fiscal year adjusted by any legislative action projected to increase~~
11 ~~General Fund taxes that result in additional revenue in excess of \$1,000,000.00~~
12 ~~over the revenue raised without legislative action in the current fiscal year. An~~
13 ~~amount not to exceed 33 percent of the amount determined in subdivision (1)~~
14 ~~shall be added to the base amount used to calculate the General Fund transfer~~
15 ~~under 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2) for the next fiscal year. However, the amount to~~
16 ~~be added to the base amount used to calculate the General Fund transfer shall~~
17 ~~also not exceed 33 percent of the total amount which would be reserved in this~~
18 ~~subsection if not for the requirements of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this~~
19 ~~subsection. [Repealed.]~~

1 (1) In the Department of Public Safety – one Public Assistance Officer
2 (position #337013).

3 Sec. E.100.1 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100(d), as amended by
4 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 74, by 2016 Acts and Resolves No.172,
5 Sec. E.100.2, and by 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. E.100.1, is further
6 amended to read:

7 (d) Position Pilot Program. A Position Pilot is hereby created to assist
8 participating departments in more effectively managing costs of overtime,
9 compensatory time, temporary employees, and contractual work by removing
10 the position cap with the goal of maximizing resources to the greatest benefit
11 of Vermont taxpayers.

12 (1) Notwithstanding Sec. A.107 of this act, the Agency of
13 Transportation, the Department for Children and Families, the Agency of
14 Natural Resources, the Department of Buildings and General Services, the
15 Department of Labor, the Department of Corrections, ~~and~~ the Department of
16 Public Safety, the Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs, and the
17 Vermont Veterans’ Home shall not be subject to the cap on positions for the
18 duration of the Pilot.

19 (A) The Department of Corrections is authorized to add only
20 Correctional Officer I and II positions.

1 Sec. E.100.2 [DELETED]

2 Sec. E.105 Agency of digital services

3 (a) Of the internal service funds appropriated in Sec. B.105 of this act, up
4 to \$600,000 is appropriated for a 24/7 cybersecurity operations center. These
5 funds may only be spent upon approval of a budget and a spending plan by the
6 Joint Fiscal Committee at its July 2018 meeting.

7 (1) The Agency shall consult with the information technology consultant
8 to the Joint Fiscal Office in developing the budget and plan.

9 (2) The Joint Fiscal Office Information Technology Consultant shall
10 present a report to the Joint Fiscal Committee to accompany the Agency's
11 submission to provide an independent recommendation and review of the
12 proposed budget and plan.

13 Sec. E.105.1 AGENCY OF DIGITAL SERVICES; REPORT ON STATE
14 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EFFICIENCIES

15 (a) On or before January 15, 2019, the Secretary of Digital Services shall
16 demonstrate in a report to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on
17 Government Operations and the House Committees on Appropriations and on
18 Energy and Technology that the consolidation of State information technology
19 services under the jurisdiction of the Agency has been at a minimum cost-
20 neutral and shall specifically provide in this report the estimated dates on
21 which the following will occur:

1 (1) the Agency's internal service fund negative balance will be
2 reduced; and

3 (2) agency and department information technology charges paid to the
4 Agency will be lowered.

5 Sec. E.111 Tax – administration/collection

6 (a) Of this appropriation, \$15,000 is from the Current Use Administration
7 Special Fund established by 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c) and shall be appropriated for
8 programming changes to the CAPTAP software used by municipalities for
9 establishing property values and administering their grand lists.

10 Sec. E.111.1 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 282, as amended by 2011
11 Acts and Resolves No. 63, Sec. C.103, as amended by 2013 Acts and Resolves
12 No. 1, Sec. 65, as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 95, Sec. 62, as
13 amended by 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. 47, is further amended to
14 read:

15 Sec. 282. TAX COMPUTER SYSTEM MODERNIZATION FUND

16 (a) Creation of fund.

17 (1) There is established the Tax Computer System Modernization
18 Special Fund to consist of:

19 (A) The tax receipts received as a direct result of the data warehouse
20 project initiated by the Department of Taxes beginning in calendar year
21 2011; and

1 (B) Eighty percent of tax receipts received as a direct result of the
2 data sharing and comparison project between the Vermont Department of
3 Labor and the Department of Taxes relative to entity and employee filings at
4 both departments and/or lack thereof; and

5 (C) The incremental tax receipts received as a direct result of the
6 implementation of the integrated tax system beginning in calendar year 2014,
7 including any additional data warehouse modules. The Commissioner of
8 Finance and Management shall approve baseline tax receipts in order to
9 measure the increment from the new integrated tax system.

10 (2) Balances in the Fund shall be administered by the Department of
11 Taxes and used for the exclusive purposes of funding: A) ancillary
12 development of information technology systems necessary for implementation
13 and continued operation of the data warehouse project; B) payments due to the
14 vendor under the data warehouse project contract; C) enhanced compliance
15 costs related to the data warehouse project; D) planning for an integrated tax
16 system solution, including present-day analysis of business case and business
17 requirements, requests for proposals and due diligence; E) implementation of
18 tax types and any additional data warehouse modules into the selected
19 integrated tax system solution; F) a micro-simulation model for use by the
20 Department of Taxes and the Joint Fiscal Office; and G) implementation of an
21 ancillary scanning system to enhance the operation of tax types incorporated

1 into the integrated tax system solution. All balances in the Fund at the end of
2 any fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain part of the Fund. Interest
3 earned by the Fund shall be deposited into the Fund. This Fund is established
4 in the State Treasury pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5.

5 (b) Appropriation.

6 (1) There is appropriated in fiscal year 2008 from the Special Fund the
7 sum of up to \$7,800,000 to the Department of Taxes for the purposes described
8 in subdivision (a)(2) of this section. The Commissioner shall anticipate
9 receipts in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 588(4)(C).

10 (c) Transfer.

11 (1) Twenty percent of the tax receipts received pursuant to subdivision
12 (a)(1)(A) of this section after payment to the vendor under the data warehouse
13 contract shall be transferred to the General Fund annually for the duration of
14 that contract. Thereafter, 20 percent of the tax receipts received pursuant to
15 subdivision (a)(1)(A) shall be transferred to the ~~General Fund~~ which would
16 receive the underlying tax receipts annually until the expiration of the Tax
17 Computer System Modernization Fund.

18 (2) Twenty percent of the incremental tax receipts calculated pursuant to
19 subdivision (a)(1)(C) shall be transferred to the ~~General Fund~~ which would
20 receive the underlying tax receipts annually until the expiration of the Tax
21 Computer Modernization Fund.

1 (d) Fund to terminate.

2 (1) This Fund shall terminate on July 1, 2024, provided that all amounts
3 due pursuant to contract with the vendor of an integrated tax solution
4 referenced in subdivision (a)(1)(C) of this section have been paid and any
5 unexpended unencumbered balance in the Fund shall be transferred to the
6 General Fund.

7 (e) The Commissioner of Taxes shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee
8 on fund receipts at or prior to the November Joint Fiscal Committee meeting
9 each year until the Fund is terminated.

10 Sec. E.113 Buildings and general services – engineering

11 (a) The \$3,432,525 interdepartmental transfer in this appropriation shall be
12 from the fiscal year 2019 General Bond Fund appropriation in the Capital Bill
13 of the 2017 legislative session (2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. 2(c)(3)).

14 Sec. E.114 29 V.S.A. § 169 is amended to read:

15 § 169. BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION FEES

16 * * *

17 (b) A special fund is established to be administered as provided under
18 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 of chapter 7 of Title 32, and to be known as
19 the brochure distribution special fund Brochure Distribution Special Fund for
20 the purposes of ensuring that the fees collected under this section are utilized to
21 fund travel destination promotion, ~~and~~ information at the ~~state's~~ State's travel

1 information centers, and operations and maintenance of State travel
2 information centers. Revenues to the ~~fund~~ Fund shall be those fees collected
3 for the placement and distribution of brochures of businesses in the ~~state~~ State
4 travel information centers and in other locations deemed appropriate by the
5 ~~department~~ Department.

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7 Sec. E.126 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH WORKFORCE COMPARATIVE
8 EVALUATION

9 (a) The Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate
10 shall contract with the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) to
11 perform a comprehensive evaluation of compensation, staffing,
12 workload, and organization concerning the staff and offices of the Vermont
13 General Assembly.

14 (b) NCSL's evaluation shall examine and provide recommendations on the
15 following issues:

16 (1) Compensation.

17 (A) Comparison between the salaries and other compensation earned
18 by staff of the Vermont General Assembly and the salaries and compensation
19 earned by employees with similar responsibilities, workload, qualifications,
20 and experience of:

1 (i) the Executive and Judicial Branches of Vermont State
2 government;

3 (ii) other state legislatures; and

4 (iii) the private sector, if appropriate.

5 (B) Analysis of how states use salary schedules or other systems for
6 determining the salaries of legislative employees.

7 (2) Staffing and workload.

8 (A) Analysis of the workload for each job description or category of
9 legislative staff and each office or unit of the General Assembly as compared
10 with employees with similar responsibility, workload, qualifications, and
11 experience in:

12 (i) the Executive and Judicial Branches of Vermont State
13 government;

14 (ii) other state legislatures; and

15 (iii) the private sector, if appropriate.

16 (B) The analysis of workload pursuant to subdivision (A) of this
17 subdivision (2) shall include a comparison of:

18 (i) the job posting or job description relevant to each category or
19 position;

20 (ii) the number of legislative members and committees that
21 employees are responsible for or responsive to;

1 (iii) the range of responsibilities; and

2 (iv) the professional background, qualifications, subject matter
3 expertise, or experience required by the job description or necessary to fulfill
4 the position's responsibilities.

5 (3) Organization and structure.

6 (A) A comparison to other states of the current organization,
7 structure, and oversight of the offices of the General Assembly, including:

8 (i) the strengths and weaknesses of the current organization and
9 structure; and

10 (ii) alternative structures, if any, that may increase efficiency and
11 improve the support and services provided to the members of the General
12 Assembly.

13 (c) NCSL shall submit a final written report to the Speaker of the House,
14 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Joint Fiscal Committee, the
15 Legislative Council Committee, the Joint Information Technology Oversight
16 Committee, the House Rules Committee, the Senate Rules Committee, and the
17 Joint Rules Committee on or before November 16, 2018.

18 Sec. E.126.1 JOINT LEGISLATIVE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT

19 COMMITTEE; SYSTEM-WIDE REVIEW

20 (a) During the 2018 legislative interim, the Joint Legislative Justice
21 Oversight Committee shall undertake a review of Vermont's justice system,

1 including both State and local functions. With a focus on reducing crime,
2 improving public safety, decreasing recidivism, and increasing accountability
3 and cost-efficiencies, the review shall include evaluating:

4 (1) the Vermont State Auditor's 2017 report to the General Assembly on
5 State and local spending on public safety;

6 (2) the existing administrative framework and physical infrastructure for
7 redundancies and inefficiencies;

8 (3) existing criminal penalties and corrections policies;

9 (4) the manner by which the justice system utilizes technology; and

10 (5) strategies to reform the structure of the justice system to ensure
11 consistency and cost-efficiency statewide.

12 (b) Any resulting recommendations to the General Assembly shall be in the
13 form of proposed legislation.

14 Sec. E.126.2 2 V.S.A. chapter 18 is added to read:

15 CHAPTER 18. JOINT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

16 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

17 * * *

1 § 614. JOINT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT

2 COMMITTEE

3 (a) Creation. There is created the Joint Information Technology Oversight
4 Committee to oversee investments in and use of information technology in
5 Vermont.

6 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of six members as
7 follows:

8 (1) three members of the House of Representatives, not all of whom
9 shall be from the same political party, who shall be appointed by the Speaker
10 of the House; and

11 (2) three members of the Senate, not all of whom shall be from the same
12 political party, who shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees.

13 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall oversee, evaluate, and make
14 recommendations on the following:

15 (1) the State's current deployment, management, and oversight of
16 information technology in the furtherance of State governmental activities,
17 including data processing systems, telecommunications networks, and related
18 technologies, particularly with regard to issues of compatibility among existing
19 and proposed technologies;

20 (2) issues related to the storage of, maintenance of, access to, privacy of,
21 and restrictions on use of computerized records;

1 (3) issues of public policy related to the development and promotion of
2 the private, commercial, and nonprofit information infrastructure in the State,
3 its relationship to the State government information infrastructure, and its
4 integration with national and international information networks; and

5 (4) cybersecurity.

6 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,
7 and legal assistance of the Office of Legislative Council and the Joint Fiscal
8 Office.

9 (e) Meetings.

10 (1) The Committee shall elect a chair and vice chair from among its
11 members and shall adopt rules of procedure. The Chair shall rotate biennially
12 between the House and Senate members.

13 (2) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

14 (3) The Committee may meet when the General Assembly is not in
15 session or at the call of the Chair.

16 (f) Reimbursement. For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the
17 General Assembly, members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem
18 compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406.

1 Sec. E.133 Vermont state retirement system

2 (a) Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 473(d), in fiscal year 2019, investment fees
3 shall be paid from the corpus of the Fund.

4 Sec. E.139 [DELETED]

5 Sec. E.142 Payments in lieu of taxes

6 (a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under
7 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in
8 addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier
9 and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes
10 under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A.
11 § 3709.

12 Sec. E.142.1 PILOT SPECIAL FUND PAYMENTS

13 (a) Total payments from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709
14 include the appropriation of \$8,036,000 in Sec. B.142 of this act, the
15 appropriation of \$184,000 for the City of Montpelier in Sec. B.143 of this act,
16 the appropriation of \$40,000 for correctional facilities in Sec. B.144 of this act,
17 and the appropriation of \$146,000 for the supplemental facility payments from
18 the Department of Corrections to the City of Newport and the Town of
19 Springfield in Sec. B.338 of this act.

1 Sec. E.143 Payments in lieu of taxes – Montpelier

2 (a) Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the
3 PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

4 Sec. E.144 Payments in lieu of taxes – correctional facilities

5 (a) Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the
6 PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

7 * * * PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY * * *

8 Sec. E.200 Attorney general

9 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Office of the Attorney
10 General, Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit, is authorized to retain,
11 subject to appropriation, one-half of the State share of any recoveries from
12 Medicaid fraud settlements, excluding interest, that exceed the State share of
13 restitution to the Medicaid Program. All such designated additional recoveries
14 retained shall be used to finance Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit
15 activities.

16 (b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A.
17 § 2458(b)(4), \$1,390,500 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

18 Sec. E.200.1 3 V.S.A. § 167a is added to read:

19 § 167a. COMPLEX LITIGATION SPECIAL FUND

20 (a) There is established the Complex Litigation Special Fund pursuant to
21 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 to be available for expenditure by the

1 Attorney General, as annually appropriated or authorized pursuant to
2 32 V.S.A. § 511, to pay nonroutine expenses, not otherwise budgeted, incurred
3 in the investigation, prosecution, and defense of complex civil and criminal
4 litigation. These expenses may include, for example, costs incurred for expert
5 witnesses and for support staff and technology needed to review and manage
6 voluminous documents in discovery and at trial in complex cases.

7 (b) The Fund shall consist of:

8 (1) Such sums as may be appropriated or transferred by the General
9 Assembly.

10 (2) Settlement monies other than consumer restitution collected by the
11 Office of the Attorney General, except for those recoveries that by law are
12 transferred or appropriated for other uses pursuant to 9 V.S.A. § 2458(b)(4),
13 and subject to the Fund balance cap in subsection (c) of this section.

14 (c) The unencumbered Fund balance shall not exceed \$1,000,000.00.

15 (d) The Attorney General shall submit a report of the amount and purpose
16 of expenditures from the Fund at the close of each fiscal year to the Joint Fiscal
17 Committee annually on or before September 1. As part of the annual budget
18 submission, the Attorney General shall include a projection of the Fund
19 balance for the current fiscal year and upcoming fiscal year and may
20 recommend appropriations as needed consistent with the purpose of the Fund.

1 Sec. E.200.2 3 V.S.A. § 152 is amended to read:

2 § 152. SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

3 The Attorney General may represent the State in all civil and criminal
4 matters as at common law and as allowed by statute. The Attorney General
5 shall also have the same authority throughout the State as a State's Attorney.

6 The Attorney General shall represent members of the General Assembly in all
7 civil matters arising from or relating to the performance of legislative duties.

8 Sec. E.200.3 3 V.S.A. § 157 is amended to read:

9 § 157. APPEARANCE FOR STATE

10 The Attorney General shall appear for the State in the preparation and trial
11 of all prosecutions for homicide and civil or criminal causes in which the State
12 is a party or is interested when, in his or her judgment, the interests of the State
13 so require. The Attorney General shall represent members of the General
14 Assembly in all civil causes arising from or relating to the performance of
15 legislative duties.

16 Sec. E.200.4 ATTORNEY GENERAL POSITION

17 (a) The establishment of one (1) permanent classified position - IT
18 Specialist II - is authorized in fiscal year 2019.

1 Sec. E.204 JUDICIAL BRANCH POSITIONS

2 (a) The establishment of seven (7) new permanent exempt positions is
3 authorized in fiscal year 2019 as follows: five (5) Docket Clerk B and two (2)
4 Law Clerk.

5 Sec. E.207 INMATE TRANSPORTATION WORK GROUP

6 (a) There is established an Inmate Transportation Work Group to study
7 Vermont's system of transporting inmates for court appearances and make
8 recommendations for improving the system's processes and efficiency and
9 reducing its cost.

10 (b) The Work Group shall be composed of the following members:

11 (1) The Secretary of Administration or designee.

12 (2) The Chief Superior Judge or designee.

13 (3) The Executive Director of the Department of State's Attorneys and
14 Sheriffs or designee.

15 (4) The President of the Vermont Sheriffs' Association or designee.

16 (5) The Defender General or designee.

17 (6) The Commissioner of Corrections or designee.

18 (7) The Commissioner of Mental Health or designee.

19 (8) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee.

1 (c) The Work Group shall study how to develop and implement a system
2 that ensures inmates are transported to court when necessary in the most cost-
3 effective and efficient manner possible. The study shall include:

4 (1) any recommendations for process improvements to the current
5 inmate transport system;

6 (2) recommendations for methods to ensure that transport deputies are
7 available when needed;

8 (3) analysis of whether transport should be provided by the Judiciary,
9 the Executive, or a statewide entity; and

10 (4) consideration of whether transported inmates should be permitted to
11 be scheduled first in court proceedings in order to reduce transport deputy
12 costs.

13 (d) On or before November 1, 2018, the Work Group shall submit a report
14 to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations and Judiciary, the
15 House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, and the Senate Committee
16 on Institutions containing its recommendations, including any proposals for
17 legislative action.

18 Sec. E.208 Public safety – administration

19 (a) The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a contract
20 with the Essex County Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement

1 service activities agreed upon by both the Commissioner of Public Safety and
2 the Sheriff.

3 (b) Up to \$86,000 of any funds appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves
4 No. 85, Sec. C.100(e) may be carried forward to fiscal year 2019 and used for
5 the purchase of Taser electroshock weapons by the State Police.

6 Sec. E.209 Public safety – state police

7 (a) Of this appropriation, \$35,000 in special funds shall be available for
8 snowmobile law enforcement activities and \$35,000 in general funds shall be
9 available to the Southern Vermont Wilderness Search and Rescue Team, which
10 comprises State Police, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, county sheriffs,
11 and local law enforcement personnel in Bennington, Windham, and Windsor
12 Counties, for snowmobile enforcement.

13 (b) Of this appropriation, \$405,000 is allocated for grants in support of the
14 Drug Task Force and the Gang Task Force. Of this amount, \$190,000 shall be
15 used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town task force officers.
16 These town task force officers shall be dedicated to enforcement efforts with
17 respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the
18 diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any unobligated funds may be allocated
19 by the Commissioner to fund the work of the Drug Task Force and to support
20 the efforts of the Mobile Enforcement Team (Gang Task Force) or carried
21 forward.

1 Sec. E.212 Public safety – fire safety

2 (a) Of this General Fund appropriation, \$55,000 shall be granted to the
3 Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the purpose of designing dry
4 hydrants.

5 Sec. E.215 Military – administration

6 (a) The amount of \$474,000 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student
7 Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational Assistance
8 Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856 AND § 2857 as established in this
9 act. Of this amount, \$324,000 shall be general funds appropriated in Sec.
10 B.215 and \$150,000 shall be Next Generation special funds, as appropriated in
11 Sec. B.1100(a)(3)(B) of this act.

12 Sec. E.215.1 16 V.S.A. § 2857 is added to read:

13 § 2857. VERMONT NATIONAL GUARD TUITION BENEFIT

14 PROGRAM

15 (a) Program creation. The Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit
16 Program (Program) is created, under which a member of the Vermont National
17 Guard (member) who meets the eligibility requirements in subsection (c) of
18 this section is entitled to the following tuition benefit for up to full-time
19 attendance:

20 (1) For courses at either campus of the Northern Vermont University
21 (NVU), the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College (UVM), or

1 at the Community College of Vermont (CCV)), the benefit shall be the in-state
2 residence tuition rate for the relevant institution.

3 (2) For courses at a Vermont State College other than NVU, or at any
4 eligible Vermont private postsecondary institution, the benefit shall be the in-
5 state tuition rate charged by NVU.

6 (3) For courses at an eligible training institution offering nondegree,
7 certificate training, or continuing education programs, the benefit shall be the
8 lower of the institution's standard tuition or the in-state tuition rate charged by
9 NVU.

10 (b) The tuition benefit provided under the Program shall be paid on behalf
11 of the member by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC),
12 subject to the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly specifically for
13 this purpose. An eligible Vermont postsecondary institution that accepts or
14 receives the tuition benefit on behalf of a member shall charge the member the
15 tuition rate for an in-state student. The amount of tuition for a member who
16 attends an educational institution under the Program on less than a full-time
17 basis shall be reduced to reflect the member's course load in a manner
18 determined by VSAC under subdivision (f)(1) of this section. The tuition
19 benefit shall be conditioned upon the member's executing a promissory note
20 obligating the member to repay the member's tuition benefit, in whole or in
21 part, if the member fails to complete the period of Vermont National Guard

1 service required in subsection (d) of this section, or if the member's benefit is
2 terminated pursuant to subdivision (e)(1) of this section.

3 (c) Eligibility. To be eligible for the Program, an individual, whether a
4 resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

5 (1) be an active member of the Vermont National Guard;

6 (2) have successfully completed basic training;

7 (3) be enrolled at UVM, a Vermont State College, or any other college
8 or university located in Vermont in a program that leads to an undergraduate
9 certificate or degree or at an eligible training institution in a program that leads
10 to a certificate or other credential recognized by VSAC;

11 (4) have not previously earned an undergraduate bachelor's degree;

12 (5) continually demonstrate satisfactory academic progress as
13 determined by criteria established by the Vermont National Guard and VSAC,
14 in consultation with the educational institution at which the individual is
15 enrolled under the Program;

16 (6) have exhausted any post-September 11, 2001 tuition benefits and
17 other federally funded military tuition assistance; provided, however, that this
18 subdivision shall not apply to Montgomery GI Bill benefits, post-
19 September 11, 2001 educational program housing allowances, federal
20 educational entitlements, National Guard scholarship grants, loans under
21 section 2856 of this title, and other nontuition benefits; and

1 (7) have submitted a statement of good standing to VSAC signed by the
2 individual's commanding officer within 30 days prior to the beginning of each
3 semester.

4 (d) Service commitment.

5 (1) For each full academic year of attendance under the Program, a
6 member shall be required to serve two years in the Vermont National Guard in
7 order to receive the full tuition benefit under the Program.

8 (2) If a member's service with the Vermont National Guard terminates
9 before the member fulfills this two-year service commitment, other than for
10 good cause as determined by the Vermont National Guard, the individual shall
11 reimburse VSAC a pro rata portion of the tuition paid under the Program
12 pursuant to the terms of an interest-free reimbursement promissory note signed
13 by the individual at the time of entering the Program.

14 (3) For members participating in the Program on a less than full-time
15 basis, the member's service commitment shall be at the rate of one month of
16 Vermont National Guard service commitment for each credit hour, not to
17 exceed 12 months of service commitment for a single semester.

18 (e)(1) Termination of tuition benefit. The Office of the Vermont Adjutant
19 and Inspector General may terminate the tuition benefit provided an individual
20 under the Program if:

1 (A) the individual's commanding officer revokes the statement of
2 good standing submitted pursuant to subdivision (c)(7) of this section as a
3 result of an investigation or disciplinary action that occurred after the statement
4 of good standing was issued;

5 (B) the individual is dismissed from the educational institution in
6 which the individual is enrolled under the Program for academic or
7 disciplinary reasons; or

8 (C) the individual withdraws without good cause from the
9 educational institution in which the individual is enrolled under the Program.

10 (2) If an individual's tuition benefit is terminated pursuant to
11 subdivision (1) of this subsection, the individual shall reimburse VSAC for the
12 tuition paid under the Program, pursuant to the terms of an interest-free
13 reimbursement promissory note signed by the individual at the time of entering
14 the Program; shall be responsible on a pro rata basis for the remaining tuition
15 cost for the current semester or any courses in which the individual is currently
16 enrolled; and shall be ineligible to receive future tuition benefits under the
17 Program.

18 (3) If an individual is dismissed for academic or disciplinary reasons
19 from any postsecondary educational institution before receiving tuition
20 benefits under the Program, the Office of the Adjutant and Inspector General

1 may make a determination regarding the individual's eligibility to receive
2 tuition benefits under the Program.

3 (f)(1) Adoption of policies, procedures, and guidelines. VSAC, in
4 consultation with the Office of the Adjutant and Inspector General, shall adopt
5 policies, procedures, and guidelines necessary to implement the provisions of
6 this section, which shall include eligibility, application, and acceptance
7 requirements, pro-ration of service requirements for academic semesters or
8 attendance periods shorter than one year, data sharing guidelines, and the
9 criteria for determining "good cause" as used in subdivisions (d)(2) and
10 (e)(1)(C) of this section.

11 (2) Each educational institution participating in the Program shall adopt
12 policies and procedures for the enrollment of members under the Program.
13 These policies and procedures shall be consistent with the policies, procedures,
14 and guidelines adopted by VSAC under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

15 (g) Reports.

16 (1) On or before November 1 of each year, the President, Chancellor, or
17 equivalent position of each educational institution that participated in the
18 Program during the immediately preceding school year shall report to the
19 Vermont National Guard and VSAC regarding the number of members
20 enrolled at its institution during that school year who received tuition benefits

1 under the Program and, to the extent available, the courses or program in
2 which the members were enrolled.

3 (2) On or before January 15 of each year, the Vermont National Guard
4 and VSAC shall report these data and other relevant performance factors,
5 including information pertaining to the achievement of the goals of this
6 entitlement program and the costs of the program to date, to the Governor, the
7 House and Senate Committees on Education, and the House Committees on
8 Appropriations and on General, Housing, and Military Affairs. The provisions
9 of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), expiration of reports, shall not apply to the reports to be
10 made under this subsection.

11 Sec. E.215.2 REPEAL

12 (a) 16 V.S.A. § 2856 (educational assistance; interest free loans) is repealed
13 on July 1, 2022.

14 Sec. E.215.3 TRANSITION

15 (a) The benefits under 16 V.S.A. § 2856, the Vermont National Guard
16 Educational Assistance Program, shall only be available through December 31,
17 2018, except as provided in this subsection.

18 (1) A member who is, as of December 31, 2018, pursuing a graduate
19 degree under that Program may continue to receive a loan under the Program
20 through June 30, 2020, provided that the member continues to satisfy the
21 eligibility requirements of 16 V.S.A. § 2857(c).

1 (b) A member of the Vermont National Guard who received a loan on or
2 before January 1, 2019 under 16 V.S.A. § 2856 shall be entitled to the benefits
3 under the Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit Program if the member
4 satisfies the eligibility criteria under that Program.

5 (c) The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC), in consultation
6 with the Office of the Adjutant and Inspector General, shall adopt guidelines
7 for participants transitioning from the Vermont National Guard Educational
8 Assistance Program under 16 V.S.A. § 2856 to the benefits under the Vermont
9 National Guard Tuition Benefit Program.

10 (d) If, on or before July 1, 2022, a loan provided to a Vermont National
11 Guard member under 16 V.S.A. § 2856 has gone into repayment pursuant to
12 the terms of the loan, the member shall repay the loan in accordance with its
13 terms unless and to the extent canceled or forgiven by the Corporation.

14 Sec. E.215.4 EXCESS COST; SERVICE REQUIREMENT

15 (a) If the cost to the State under the Vermont National Guard Tuition
16 Benefit Program exceeds \$2,000,000 annually, then the General Assembly
17 intends to amend 16 V.S.A. § 2857 to require, for each full academic year of
18 attendance at the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, three
19 years of service in the Vermont National Guard in order to receive the full
20 tuition benefit under the Program.

1 Sec. E.219 Military – veterans’ affairs

2 (a) Of this appropriation, \$1,000 shall be used for continuation of the
3 Vermont Medal Program; \$4,800 shall be used for the expenses of the
4 Governor’s Veterans’ Advisory Council; \$7,500 shall be used for the Veterans’
5 Day parade; \$5,000 shall be used for the Military, Family, and Community
6 Network; and \$10,000 shall be granted to the American Legion for the Boys’
7 State and Girls’ State programs.

8 (b) Of this General Fund appropriation, \$39,484 shall be deposited into the
9 Armed Services Scholarship Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2541.

10 Sec. E.220 Center for crime victim services

11 (a) Notwithstanding 20 V.S.A. § 2365(c), the Vermont Center for Crime
12 Victim Services shall transfer \$43,923 from the Domestic and Sexual Violence
13 Special Fund established in 13 V.S.A. § 5360 to the Criminal Justice Training
14 Council for the purpose of funding one-half the costs of the Domestic Violence
15 Trainer position. The other half of the position will be funded with an
16 appropriation to the Criminal Justice Training Council.

17 Sec. E.224 Agriculture, food and markets – agricultural development

18 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.224 of this act, the amount of
19 \$594,000 in general funds is appropriated for expenditure by the Vermont
20 Working Lands Enterprise Board established in 6 V.S.A. § 4606 for
21 investments in food and forest system businesses and service providers

1 pursuant to 6 V.S.A. § 4607 and consistent with the funding priorities in 2012
2 Acts and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 5, as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves
3 No. 179, Sec. E.224.1.

4 Sec. E.233 ENERGY PLANNING SUPPORT; ALLOCATION OF COSTS

5 (a) During fiscal year 2019, the Commissioner of Public Service, in
6 consultation with the Commissioner of Housing and Community
7 Development, shall award the amount of \$300,000 to regional planning
8 commissions established under 24 V.S.A. chapter 117 and to municipalities for
9 the purpose of providing training under 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 174.

10 (b) In awarding funds under this section, the Commissioners shall consider
11 the need and size of a municipality or region and the availability, if any, of
12 other assistance, expertise, or funds to a municipality or region to implement
13 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 174.

14 (c) The Commissioner of Public Service shall allocate costs under
15 subsection (a) of this section to the electric distribution utilities subject to its
16 supervision under Title 30 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated based on their
17 pro rata share of total Vermont retail kilowatt-hour sales for the previous fiscal
18 year. Each of these utilities shall pay its allocation into the State Treasury at
19 such time and in such manner as the Commissioner may direct.

1 Sec. E.233.1 SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITY
2 COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
3 SERVICE; STUDY

4 (a) The Commissioner of Public Service, in consultation with the Public
5 Utility Commission, shall study and make findings and recommendations
6 regarding the gross operating revenue tax on public utilities imposed under
7 30 V.S.A. § 22, as well as the assessments imposed under 30 V.S.A. §§ 20
8 and 21. The purpose of the study is to determine whether the existing statutory
9 mechanisms for financing utility regulation in Vermont are appropriate and, if
10 not, how they might be improved to achieve a sustainable general gross
11 receipts tax fund position and to better serve the public interest.

12 (1) With respect to the gross operating revenue tax, the Commissioner
13 shall consider:

14 (A) the total amount collected by each category of companies
15 described under 30 V.S.A. § 22;

16 (B) how that amount correlates with the regulatory activities of the
17 Commission and the Department with respect to those companies;

18 (C) whether there is cross-subsidization of regulatory activities and,
19 if so, to what extent;

20 (D) the gross operating revenue trends of companies subject to the
21 tax and the factors influencing those trends;

1 (E) the projected fund balance in the General Gross Receipts Tax

2 Fund;

3 (F) the allocation of funds between the Public Utility Commission
4 and the Department of Public Service and whether the 40/60 percentage
5 allocation is appropriate;

6 (G) whether adjustments should be made to the tax rates; and

7 (H) any other matters deemed relevant by the Commissioner.

8 (2) With respect to the assessments imposed under 30 V.S.A. §§ 20
9 and 21 (the bill-back provisions):

10 (A) whether there are persons involved in particular proceedings who
11 are not subject to the assessment for State expenses incurred as a result of
12 those proceedings;

13 (B) the amount of expenses incurred for which there is no applicable
14 bill-back provision, resulting in expenses for additional personnel being
15 reimbursed from the General Gross Receipts Tax Fund; and

16 (C) any other matters deemed relevant by the Commissioner.

17 (b) The Commissioner shall hold two regional public hearings seeking
18 input with regard to the study and report required by this section, and shall
19 present an interim status report on his or her findings and recommendations at
20 the September 2018 meeting of the Joint Fiscal Committee.

1 microcell equipment owned by the State. Funds awarded pursuant to this
2 subsection shall be on a reimbursement basis only, and shall be awarded only
3 to providers who comply with or submit to the Commissioner of Public
4 Service's written agreement to comply with subsection (d) of this section.

5 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2019 and continuing until June 30, 2019, the
6 Commissioner of Public Service is authorized to spend up to an additional
7 \$50,000 from the Connectivity Fund as specified in subsection (b) of this
8 section, provided the Commissioner obtains the prior approval of the Joint
9 Fiscal Committee.

10 (d) As a condition to the receipt of funds pursuant to this section and for
11 the purpose of ensuring that State-owned assets are sufficiently protected and
12 used in a manner that serves the public interest, on or before September 1,
13 2018, in a form and manner specified by the Commissioner of Public Service,
14 any provider that has a lease agreement with the State to operate a mobile
15 wireless network comprising State-owned microcell equipment shall submit to
16 the Department of Public Service a business plan. All financial information,
17 trade secrets, or other information customarily regarded as confidential
18 business information submitted to the Commissioner pursuant to this
19 subsection shall be exempt from inspection and copying under the Public
20 Records Act and shall not be released.

1 (e) On or before December 1, 2018, the Commissioner of Public Service
2 shall submit a report to the Senate Committees on Finance and on Institutions
3 and the House Committees on Energy and Technology and on Corrections and
4 Institutions regarding E-911 compliant microcell service in Vermont. The
5 report shall include findings and recommendations related to:

6 (1) the financial viability of operating and maintaining a microcell
7 network in Vermont using existing 2G technology as well as 4G technology;

8 (2) whether changes to State regulatory policy are needed to facilitate
9 the availability of wireless E-911 service in Vermont;

10 (3) whether the State should subsidize E-911 geolocation service
11 charges incurred by microcell service providers on a permanent basis;

12 (4) the costs of completing a statewide propagation coverage analysis
13 and whether such an analysis is needed to inform State policy, planning, and
14 investment with respect to wireless service in Vermont;

15 (5) the estimated costs of providing microcell service in Vermont,
16 including rates and charges related to electric, backhaul, and geolocation
17 services, pole rental fees, backup-power requirements, colocation
18 requirements, and any other costs deemed relevant by the Commissioner; and

19 (6) any other matters deemed relevant by the Commissioner.

1 Sec. E.234 E-911 SYSTEM; PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION; REPORT

2 (a) On or before September 1, 2018, the Public Utility Commission shall
3 submit a memorandum to the Joint Fiscal Committee detailing its regulatory
4 authority with respect to Vermont's Enhanced 911 network, with specific
5 reference to the regulatory authority of both the E-911 Board and the Federal
6 Communications Commission. The memorandum shall include the
7 Commission's recommendations, if any, for ensuring comprehensive
8 regulatory oversight and enforcement of matters pertaining to the E-911
9 network.

10 Sec. E.235 E-911 SYSTEM; RESILIENCY AND REDUNDANCY;
11 REPORT

12 (a) On or before September 1, 2018, the Executive Director of the
13 Enhanced 911 Board shall submit a report to the Joint Fiscal Committee
14 detailing the level of resiliency and redundancy within the E-911 system and
15 explaining any plans for ensuring operational integrity in the event of critical
16 software or hardware failures. The report shall include, with explanation,
17 identification of the locations and services deemed most vulnerable to system
18 outages or call failures, as determined by the Board. The report also shall
19 include a cost estimate for making any recommended system upgrades.

1 (2) a description of the Department of Liquor Control's efforts to
2 enforce the laws and regulations related to unlawful financial interests in retail
3 licensees, price discrimination between retail licensees, and inducement of
4 retail licensees to purchase or sell certain brands of alcoholic beverages to the
5 exclusion of others, including:

6 (A) the number of complaints received by the Department;

7 (B) the number of investigations performed by the Department;

8 (C) the number of alleged violations prosecuted by the
9 Department; and

10 (D) the result of any prosecutions carried out by the Department; and

11 (3) any suggestions for legislative action to strengthen or improve the
12 enforcement of Vermont's laws restricting unlawful financial interests in retail
13 licensees, price discrimination between retail licensees, and inducement of
14 retail licensees to purchase or sell certain brands of alcoholic beverages to the
15 exclusion of others.

16 Sec. E.238.1 DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL; UNFAIR TRADE
17 PRACTICES; ANONYMOUS REPORTING

18 (a) On or before November 15, 2018, the Commissioner of Liquor Control
19 shall develop and follow a protocol to allow licensees and members of the
20 public to submit to the Department confidential and anonymous reports of
21 unfair trade practices, including unlawful financial interests in retail or

1 wholesale licensees, price discrimination between retail licensees, and the
2 inducement of retail licensees to purchase or sell certain brands of alcoholic
3 beverages to the exclusion of others.

4 (b) On or before January 15, 2019, the Commissioner shall report to the
5 House Committees on Appropriations and on General, Housing, and Military
6 Affairs and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Economic
7 Development, Housing and General Affairs regarding how the Department
8 receives reports of unfair trade practices and ensures confidentiality. The
9 report shall also be included in the Department's presentation of its budget to
10 the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

11 * * * HUMAN SERVICES * * *

12 Sec. E.300.1 DEPOSIT AND USE OF MASTER SETTLEMENT FUND

13 (a) Deposit of Master Tobacco Settlement receipts and appropriations of
14 Tobacco Settlement funds in fiscal year 2019 are made, notwithstanding
15 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. D.104.

16 Sec. E.300.2 FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE

17 ADVOCATE

18 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.300 of this act, \$1,457,406 shall be
19 used for the contract with the Office of the Health Care Advocate.

1 Sec. E.301 Secretary's office – Global Commitment

2 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in Sec.
3 B.103 of this act for payment of the actuarially certified premium required
4 under the intergovernmental agreement between the Agency of Human
5 Services and the managed care entity, the Department of Vermont Health
6 Access, as provided for in the Global Commitment for Health Waiver (Global
7 Commitment) approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
8 under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

9 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in this section, a total
10 estimated sum of \$26,413,016 is anticipated to be certified as State matching
11 funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

12 (1) \$23,336,050 certified State match available from local education
13 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under
14 the Global Commitment. This amount combined with \$27,163,950 of federal
15 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act equals a total estimated
16 expenditure of \$50,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal
17 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services
18 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment
19 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A.
20 § 2959a.

1 (2) \$3,076,966 certified State match available from local designated
2 mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health
3 services provided under Global Commitment.

4 Sec. E.301.1 Secretary's office – Global Commitment

5 (a) An amount up to \$16,800,000 is transferred from the AHS Federal
6 Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund consistent
7 with the amount appropriated in Section B.301 – Secretary's office – global
8 commitment of this act.

9 Sec. E.301.2 GLOBAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER;

10 REPORT

11 (a) In order to facilitate the end-of-year closeout for fiscal year 2019, the
12 Secretary of Human Services, with approval from the Secretary of
13 Administration, may make transfers among the appropriations authorized for
14 Medicaid and Medicaid-waiver program expenses, including Global
15 Commitment appropriations outside the Agency of Human Services. At least
16 three business days prior to any transfer, the Agency shall submit to the Joint
17 Fiscal Office a proposal of transfers to be made pursuant to this section. A
18 final report on all transfers made under this section shall be made to the Joint
19 Fiscal Committee for review at the September 2019 meeting. The purpose of
20 this section is to provide the Agency with limited authority to modify the
21 appropriations to comply with the terms and conditions of the Global

1 Commitment for Health waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and
2 Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

3 Sec. E.306 ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF COST-SHARING ASSISTANCE;

4 REPORT

5 (a)(1) The Secretary of Human Services, in consultation with the Green
6 Mountain Care Board, the Office of the Health Care Advocate, and other
7 interested stakeholders, shall research, analyze, and recommend alternatives to
8 the cost-sharing assistance established in 33 V.S.A. § 1812 for eligible
9 individuals enrolled in Exchange plans.

10 (2) The alternatives to be considered may include:

11 (A) creation of a fund to reimburse eligible individuals who
12 experience high out-of-pocket health care costs;

13 (B) creation of an uncompensated care pool; and

14 (C) other strategies for reducing the out-of-pocket exposure of
15 individuals and families with income between 200 and 300 percent of the
16 federal poverty level who purchase silver-level qualified health benefit plans
17 through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange.

18 (b) On or before January 15, 2019, the Secretary of Human Services shall
19 report its findings and recommendations for alternative forms of cost-sharing
20 assistance to the House Committees on Health Care and on Appropriations and
21 the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare, on Finance, and on

1 Appropriations. The report shall also include the Secretary's recommendations
2 for ways to assist individuals purchasing qualified health benefit plans during
3 open enrollment periods in making informed choices.

4 Sec. E.306.1 FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT;

5 REALLOCATION; RESEARCH STUDY ON EFFECTS OF
6 INCREASED ACCESS TO ACUPUNCTURE CARE

7 (a) As part of its fiscal year 2019 budget adjustment proposal, the Agency
8 of Human Services shall recommend the specific reallocation of funds
9 remaining in the Evidence-Based Education and Advertising Fund in fiscal
10 year 2019 in order to provide \$100,000 to the Department of Vermont Health
11 Access to conduct the first year of a two-year research study into the effects of
12 increased access to acupuncture care on utilization of and expenditures on
13 other medical services for individuals enrolled in Medicaid and commercial
14 health insurance in Vermont. The Agency shall manage the Fund during fiscal
15 year 2019 in a manner consistent with this purpose.

16 (b) As part of its fiscal year 2019 budget adjustment proposal, the Agency
17 of Human Services shall also report on the financial status of the Fund,
18 including anticipated fiscal year 2020 revenue and the allocation of an
19 additional \$100,000 for the second year of the study described in subsection (a)
20 of this section.

1 Sec. E.306.2 VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE RULES

2 (a) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
3 chapter 25 to conform Vermont's rules regarding health care eligibility and
4 enrollment and the operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to state
5 and federal law and guidance. The Agency may use the emergency rules
6 process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 prior to June 30, 2019, but only in the event
7 that new state or federal law or guidance require Vermont to amend or adopt
8 its rules in a time frame that cannot be accomplished under the traditional
9 rulemaking process. An emergency rule adopted under these exigent
10 circumstances shall be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of
11 emergency rules required pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

12 Sec. E.307 PRIMARY CARE FUNDING

13 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.307 of this act, \$2,166,000 shall be
14 used to increase the amount of the per-member per-month payment through the
15 Blueprint for Health to each patient-centered medical home in fiscal year 2019.

16 Sec. E.308 33 V.S.A. chapter 76 is added to read:

17 CHAPTER 76. CHOICES FOR CARE

18 § 7601. DEFINITIONS

19 As used in this chapter:

20 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging,
21 and Independent Living.

1 (2) “Department” means the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and
2 Independent Living.

3 (3) “Savings” means the difference remaining at the conclusion of each
4 fiscal year between the amount of funds appropriated for Choices for Care and
5 the sum of expended and obligated funds, less an amount equal to one percent
6 of that fiscal year’s total Choices for Care expenditure. The one percent shall
7 function as a reserve to avoid implementing a High Needs wait list due to
8 unplanned Choices for Care budget pressures throughout the fiscal year.

9 § 7602. CALCULATING AND ALLOCATING SAVINGS

10 (a)(1) The Department shall calculate savings and investments in Choices
11 for Care and report the amount of savings to the Joint Fiscal Committee and
12 the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the
13 Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare by
14 September 15 of each year. The Department shall not reduce the base funding
15 needed in a subsequent fiscal year prior to calculating savings for the current
16 fiscal year.

17 (2) After reporting the savings in accordance with subdivision (1) of this
18 subsection, the Commissioner shall determine how to allocate available
19 Choices for Care program savings in accordance with this section.

20 (b) Savings shall be one-time investments or shall be used in ways that are
21 sustainable into the future. Use of savings shall be based on the assessed needs

1 of Vermonters as identified by the Department and its stakeholders. Priority
2 for the use of any identified savings after the needs of all individuals meeting
3 the terms and conditions of the waiver have been met shall be given to home-
4 and community-based services. As used in this chapter, “home- and
5 community-based services” includes all home-based services and Enhanced
6 Residential Care.

7 (c) Savings may be used to:

8 (1) increase Choices for Care home- and community-based provider
9 rates;

10 (2) increase Choices for Care self-directed service budgets;

11 (3) expand Choices for Care capacity to accommodate additional
12 enrollees;

13 (4) expand Choices for Care home- and community-based service
14 options;

15 (5) address Choices for Care quality improvement outcomes; and

16 (6) fund investments to serve older Vermonters and Vermonters with
17 disabilities outside Choices for Care, understanding non-Medicaid services are
18 not eligible for a federal match.

19 (d) Savings shall not be used to:

20 (1) increase nursing home rates already addressed pursuant to section
21 905 of this title; or

1 (2) pay for budget pressures related to the Collective Bargaining
2 Agreement for independent direct support workers.

3 Sec. E.308.1 [DELETED]

4 Sec. E.312 Health – public health

5 (a) AIDS/HIV funding:

6 (1) In fiscal year 2019 and as provided in this section, the Department of
7 Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication
8 Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support
9 organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health
10 AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory
11 Group (CAG) with current information and data relating to service initiatives.
12 The funds shall be allocated according to an RFP process.

13 (2) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont
14 Medication Assistance Program (VMAP) shall be distributed in accordance
15 with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or
16 services funded solely by State general funds.

17 (3)(A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the
18 Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in VMAP to
19 assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with
20 persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to VMAP
21 medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.

1 (B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services
2 shall work in collaboration with the VMAP Advisory Committee, which shall
3 be composed of not less than 50 percent of members who are living with
4 HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the program's eligibility requirements or
5 benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall make recommendations
6 regarding the program's formulary of approved medication, related laboratory
7 testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility for the program.

8 (4) In fiscal year 2019, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
9 the amount of \$100,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service
10 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for
11 community-based HIV prevention programs and services. These funds shall
12 be used for HIV/AIDS prevention purposes, including syringe exchange
13 programs; improving the availability of confidential and anonymous HIV
14 testing; prevention work with at-risk groups such as women, intravenous drug
15 users, and people of color; and anti-stigma campaigns. Not more than 15
16 percent of the funds may be used for the administration of such services by the
17 recipients of these funds. The method by which these prevention funds are
18 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of
19 Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont
20 HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

1 (5) In fiscal year 2019, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
2 the amount of \$150,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service
3 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for syringe
4 exchange programs. The method by which these prevention funds are
5 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of
6 Health, the Vermont AIDS service organizations, and other Vermont
7 HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The performance period for these grants will
8 be State fiscal year 2019. Grant reporting shall include outcomes and results.

9 Sec. E.312.1 IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

10 (a) To improve outcomes for pregnant women the Commissioner of Health
11 shall:

12 (1) Prioritize funding for tobacco cessation to address the rates of
13 smoking among pregnant women by utilizing evidence-based best practices.
14 Not less than \$50,000 of the funding for tobacco cessation and prevention
15 activities in fiscal year 2019 shall be used to implement or expand evidence-
16 based interventions intended to reduce tobacco use among pregnant women.

17 (2) Continue to implement an outreach plan developed in 2017 to
18 Vermonters who are eligible but not enrolled in the Women, Infants and
19 Children (WIC) program.

1 Sec. E.312.2 WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)

2 STAKEHOLDER SUMMIT AND REPORT

3 (a) The Department of Health shall convene a community stakeholder
4 summit to discuss innovative methods of increasing WIC program enrollment
5 in Vermont by November 1, 2018. The Department shall solicit input on
6 methods of increasing WIC enrollment from current and former WIC
7 participants, as well as WIC-eligible nonparticipants, and the Department for
8 Children and Families through interviews and surveys. The Department shall
9 present recommended actions to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
10 and the House Committee on Human Services on or before April 1, 2019.

11 Sec. E.314 DESIGNATED AGENCY STAFF RETENTION

12 (a) To address the compensation gap between the designated agency
13 system and other providers in the health care delivery system the funds
14 appropriated in this section are to enable the Department of Mental Health to
15 increase payments to the Designated Agencies in fiscal year 2019 in a manner
16 to work toward this goal.

17 (b) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.314 of this act, \$4,328,689 shall be
18 used to provide increased payments to the Mental Health Designated Agencies
19 in fiscal year 2019. The Department may allocate up to 20 percent of these
20 funds to be used to address the compensation gap through value-based
21 incentive payments focusing on quality and outcomes. The remaining funds

1 shall be allocated to the base rates for providers. Of these funds, up to
2 50 percent may be targeted for direct services that are provided by master's
3 level clinicians and other staff with high levels of credentials and experience to
4 reduce the compensation gap for this staff. These targeted funds shall be used
5 to increase recruitment and retention of these levels of professional staff. The
6 Designated Agencies shall assist the Department by providing baseline data.

7 (c) The Department shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in September
8 2018 on the implementation of this section.

9 (d) Representatives of the Designated Agencies shall report to the Joint
10 Fiscal Committee in September 2018 on the impacts of these resources on
11 recruitment and retention of master's level clinicians and other staff with high
12 levels of credentials and experience.

13 Sec. E.316 ECONOMIC SERVICES DIVISION; INNOVATION IN
14 DELIVERY OF SERVICES

15 (a) For the purpose of exploring innovative approaches to the
16 administration of programs within the Department for Children and Families'
17 Economic Services Division, the Commissioner may authorize pilot programs
18 within specific regions of the State that waive Division rules adopted pursuant
19 to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 in a manner that does not impact program eligibility or
20 benefits. Temporarily waiving some existing rules for a prescribed period of
21 time shall enable the Division to test innovative ideas for improving the

1 delivery of services with the specific goal of achieving more responsive client
2 services and operational efficiencies.

3 (b) During fiscal year 2019, the Division may propose pilot programs in
4 accordance with the goals described in subsection (a) of this section to the
5 Commissioner for approval. Each proposal shall outline the targeted service
6 area, efficiencies sought, rules to be waived, duration of the program, and
7 evaluation criteria. Notice shall be given to clients affected by a pilot program
8 and to the Chairs of the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate
9 Committee on Health and Welfare prior to the commencement of the pilot
10 program, including a description of how benefit delivery will be affected,
11 length of the program, and right to a fair hearing.

12 (c) On or before January 15, 2019, the Commissioner shall submit a report
13 to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on
14 Health and Welfare summarizing the pilot programs implemented pursuant to
15 this section and any findings and recommendations. In the event a particular
16 pilot program is successful at improving the delivery of services to clients, the
17 Commissioner may seek to amend the Division's rules in conformity with the
18 approach used by the pilot program pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.

1 Sec. E.316.1 3 V.S.A. § 1101 is amended to read:

2 § 1101. OBLIGATION OF STATE TO DEFEND EMPLOYEES;

3 DEFINITION

4 * * *

5 (b) As used in this chapter, “State employee” includes any elective or
6 appointive officer or employee within the Legislative, Executive, or Judicial
7 Branch of State Government or any former such employee or officer. The
8 term includes:

9 * * *

10 (10) administrative reviewers whose services are contracted by the State
11 pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 4916a(f).

12 Sec. E.317 PARENT CHILD CENTER NETWORK; EVALUATION OF
13 MASTER GRANT

14 (a) The Agency of Human Services, in consultation with the parent child
15 center network, shall calculate the true value of the services delivered through
16 the network’s master grant. The Agency shall present these findings as part of
17 its fiscal year 2020 budget presentation.

18 Sec. E.318 EARLY CARE AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
19 GRANT

20 (a) In fiscal year 2019 and thereafter, the Department for Children and
21 Families shall award 70 percent of funds designated for the Early Care and

1 Child Development Program Grants to center-based child care and preschool
2 programs participating in the Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS) and 30
3 percent of the designated funds to family child care homes participating in
4 STARS in accordance with the formula described in subsection (b) of this
5 section.

6 (b) The Department's Child Development Division shall calculate
7 eligibility for Early Care and Child Development Program Grants on a
8 quarterly basis. In determining eligibility, the Division shall consider:

9 (1) the percent of enrollees receiving a Child Care Financial Assistance
10 Program (CCFAP) subsidy as compared to a center-based child care and
11 preschool program or a family child care home's licensed capacity at a weight
12 of 70 percent;

13 (2) the average number of enrollees at a center-based child care and
14 preschool program or family child care home receiving a CCFAP subsidy at a
15 weight of 15 percent; and

16 (3) the average number of infants and toddlers enrolled in a center-based
17 child care and preschool program or family child care home at a weight of 15
18 percent.

19 (c) The Division shall provide Early Care and Child Development Program
20 Grants to eligible child care and preschool programs or family child care
21 homes as funds allow. Center-based child care and preschool programs or

1 family child care homes receiving Early Care and Child Development Program
2 Grants shall remain in compliance with the Department's rules, continue to
3 participate in STARS, and maintain high enrollment of children receiving a
4 CCFAP subsidy.

5 Sec. E.318.1 CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

6 ADJUSTMENTS

7 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.318 of this act, \$738,511 is
8 allocated consistent with provisions related to the Child Care Financial
9 Assistance Program in any legislation enacted in 2018 pertaining to Vermont's
10 minimum wage, to allow the Commissioner for Children and Families to:

11 (1) adjust the sliding scale of the Child Care Financial Assistance
12 Program benefit to correspond with the increase in minimum wage to \$10.50
13 as of July 1, 2018 and to \$11.10 as of January 1, 2019, to ensure that the
14 benefit percentage at each new minimum wage level remains the same as the
15 percentage applied under the former minimum wage; and

16 (2) adjust the market rate used to inform the fee scale in a manner that
17 offsets the estimated increased cost of child care in Vermont resulting from the
18 increase in minimum wage to \$10.50 as of July 1, 2018 and to \$11.10 as of
19 January 1, 2019.

20 (b) In November 2018 and each year thereafter until 2021, the Department
21 shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee regarding the projected cost to:

1 (1) adjust the sliding scale of the Child Care Financial Assistance
2 Program benefit to correspond with a statutorily required increase in the
3 minimum wage for January 1, 2020 and for each year thereafter until 2023 that
4 ensures that the benefit percentage at a new minimum wage level remains the
5 same as the percentage applied under the former minimum wage; and

6 (2) adjust the market rate used to inform the fee scale in a manner that
7 offsets the estimated increased cost of child care in Vermont resulting from a
8 statutorily required increase in the minimum wage for January 1, 2020 and for
9 each year thereafter until 2023.

10 Sec E.318.2 CHILD CARE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

11 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.318 of this act:

12 (1) \$247,388 may be used to fill licensing staff positions; and

13 (2) a minimum of \$2,451,000 shall be used to increase the infant and
14 toddler rate used in the Child Care Financial Assistance Program. In the event
15 there is no statutorily required increase in the minimum wage on January 1,
16 2019, the funds allocated in Sec. E.318.1(a) of this act shall also be used to
17 increase the infant and toddler rate.

18 Sec. E.318.3 CHILD CARE AND PREKINDERGARTEN CAPACITY

19 BASELINE REPORT

20 (a) In order to better understand the relationship between the pre-
21 kindergarten system and the impact on child care and early education facilities

1 not operated by public school districts, the Joint Fiscal Office shall research
2 and assemble the following for each of the last five years:

3 (1) The demographic information of Vermont children zero to five years
4 of age, by town, county, or region and to the extent possible by family
5 household income.

6 (2) Array by town, county, or region the known capacity or “slots” at
7 licensed child care facilities, registered child care providers, and pre-
8 kindergarten programs operated by school districts for each age group between
9 zero and five years of age.

10 (3) To the extent possible, an analysis of the age composition of enrolled
11 children at licensed providers who have ceased doing business in each of the
12 last five years.

13 (b) The Joint Fiscal Office shall have the assistance and cooperation of the
14 Department for Children and Families as well the Agency of Education and
15 shall report to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations and on
16 Education not later than November 15, 2018.

17 Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING

18 (a) Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in the General
19 Assistance program in fiscal year 2019 may be used for temporary housing in
20 catastrophic situations and for vulnerable populations, as defined in rules
21 adopted by the Agency. The Commissioner for Children and Families may, by

1 policy, provide temporary housing for a limited duration in adverse weather
2 conditions when appropriate shelter space is not available.

3 Sec. E.321.1 HOUSING ASSISTANCE BENEFITS; FLEXIBILITY
4 PROGRAM; COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES TO
5 GENERAL ASSISTANCE TEMPORARY HOUSING

6 (a) For fiscal year 2019, the Agency of Human Services may continue to
7 fund housing assistance programs within the General Assistance program to
8 create flexibility to provide General Assistance benefits, as well as grants to
9 support the establishment of community-based alternatives for temporary
10 housing as part of the effort to reduce the number of individuals temporarily
11 housed by the General Assistance program. The purpose of these housing
12 assistance programs and community-based alternatives is to mitigate poverty
13 and serve applicants more effectively than they are currently being served with
14 General Assistance funds. Eligible activities shall include, among other things,
15 the provision of shelter, overflow shelter, case management, transitional
16 housing, deposits, down payments, rental assistance, upstream prevention, and
17 related services that ensure that all Vermonters have access to shelter, housing,
18 and the services they need to become safely housed. The Agency may award
19 grants to homeless and housing service providers for eligible activities. Where
20 such housing assistance programs and grants are provided and community-
21 based programs are established, the General Assistance rules shall not apply.

1 The assistance provided under this section is not an entitlement and may be
2 discontinued when the appropriation has been fully spent.

3 (b) The housing assistance and community-based programs may operate in
4 up to 12 districts designated by the Secretary of Human Services. The Agency
5 shall establish goals and procedures for evaluating the program overall,
6 including performance measures that demonstrate program results, and for
7 each district in which the Agency operates the program, it shall establish
8 procedures for evaluating the district program and its effects.

9 (c) The Agency shall continue to engage interested parties, including both
10 statewide organizations and local agencies, in the design, implementation, and
11 evaluation of housing assistance programs and community-based alternatives
12 to General Assistance temporary housing.

13 Sec. E.323 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.100.9 is amended to read:

14 Sec. E.100.9 REPORTING UNFUNDED BUDGET PRESSURES

15 (a) In an effort to better understand the current services obligations, as part
16 of the budget report required under 32 V.S.A. § 306(a)(1), the Governor shall
17 include an itemization of current services liabilities, including the total
18 obligations and the amount estimated for full funding in the current year in
19 which an amortization schedule exists. These shall include the following
20 liabilities projected for the start of the budget fiscal year:

21 * * *

1 Home Energy Assistance Program from the Home Weatherization Assistance
2 Fund to provide home heating fuel benefits and program administration in the
3 same State fiscal year.

4 Sec. E.325 Department for children and families – office of economic
5 opportunity

6 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$1,092,000
7 shall be granted to community agencies for homeless assistance by preserving
8 existing services, increasing services, or increasing resources available
9 statewide. These funds may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal
10 Emergency Solutions Grants funds. Grant decisions shall be made with
11 assistance from the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness.

12 Sec. E.325.1 33 V.S.A. § 1123 is amended to read:

13 § 1123. INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM

14 (a) As used in this section:

15 * * *

16 (6) “Eligible uses” means education, training that leads to employment,
17 the purchase or improvement of a home, the purchase or repair of a vehicle
18 necessary to participate in an employment-related activity, or participation in
19 or development of an entrepreneurial activity.

20 * * *

1 Sec. E.326 Department for children and families – OEO – weatherization
2 assistance

3 (a) Of the Special Fund appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act, \$750,000 is
4 for the replacement and repair of home heating equipment.

5 Sec. E.329 ADULT DAY CERTIFICATION

6 (a) Certification of new adult day providers seeking to be Medicaid funded
7 shall require a demonstration that the new program is filling an unmet need for
8 adult day services in a given geographic region, and does not have an adverse
9 impact on existing adult day services. In the process of approval for certifying
10 any new adult day program, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and
11 Independent Living shall consider review and comment from the Vermont
12 Association of Adult Day Services as to whether the new program:

13 (1) meets adult day standards;

14 (2) fills an unmet service need in that geographic area; and

15 (3) does not have an adverse impact on existing adult day services.

16 Sec. E.330 PARTICIPANT DIRECTED ATTENDANT CARE (PDAC)
17 PROGRAM

18 (a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall
19 continue to operate the participant directed attendant care program and shall
20 not reduce an enrolled individual's level of services in fiscal year 2019. The
21 Agency of Human Services shall ensure that adequate funding is available to

1 the Department for the operation of this program for fiscal year 2019 and shall
2 report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in November 2018 any necessary funding
3 transfers from within the Agency needed to meet this requirement.

4 (b) The Department shall make a determination regarding the clinical and
5 financial eligibility of each currently enrolled individual for the Medicaid
6 Choices for Care program or any other program that could provide the
7 necessary attendant care services. The Department shall report to the Joint
8 Fiscal Committee in September 2018 on the status of these determinations.

9 Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER; REPORT

10 (a) In fiscal year 2019, the Secretary of Administration may, upon
11 recommendation of the Secretary of Human Services, transfer unexpended
12 funds between the respective appropriations for correctional services and for
13 correctional services out-of-state beds. At least three days prior to any such
14 transfer being made, the Secretary of Administration shall report the intended
15 transfer to the Joint Fiscal Office and shall report any completed transfers to
16 the Joint Fiscal Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

17 Sec. E.338 Corrections - correctional services

18 (a) The special funds appropriation of \$146,000 for the supplemental
19 facility payments to Newport and Springfield shall be paid from the PILOT
20 Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

21 Sec. E.338.1 [DELETED]

1 Sec. E.343 [DELETED]

2 Sec. E.344 Retired senior volunteer program

3 (a) Funds appropriated pursuant to Sec. B.344 of this act shall be
4 administered by the Agency of Human Services and distributed
5 by SerVermont to each local program to be used to match the Corporation for
6 National and Community Service's approved expenditures.

7 Sec. E.345 Green mountain care board

8 (a) The Green Mountain Care Board shall use the Global Commitment
9 Funds appropriated in this section to encourage the formation and maintenance
10 of public-private partnerships in health care, including initiatives to support
11 and improve the health care delivery system.

12 * * * K-12 EDUCATION * * *

13 Sec. E.500 Education – finance and administration

14 (a) The Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section shall be
15 used for physician claims for determining medical necessity of Individualized
16 Education Program (IEPs). It is the goal of these services to increase the
17 access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and
18 Medicaid beneficiaries.

19 Sec. E.500.1 UNIFORM CHART OF ACCOUNTS

20 (a) Not later than July 1, 2020, all Vermont supervisory unions, supervisory
21 districts, school districts, and independent tech center districts shall utilize the

1 same school finance and financial data management system. The system shall
2 be selected by the Agency of Education per State procurement guidelines.

3 (b) The Agency shall work with participating supervisory unions to:

4 (1) conform to a uniform chart of accounts as outlined in 2014 Acts and
5 Resolves No. 179, Secs. E.500.1-E.500.3 as amended by 2015 Acts and
6 Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.500.1;

7 (2) improve the comparability, consistency, and timeliness of school
8 financial data;

9 (3) enhance the abilities of the General Assembly, Agency of Education,
10 supervisory unions, and supervisory districts to better understand and manage
11 cost centers and related school expenditures; and

12 (4) categorize expenditures in a way that draws a distinction between
13 direct educational expenses and expenses that are primarily human or social
14 services expenses.

15 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, supervisory unions with
16 districts that are merging into a new governance structure as of July 1, 2018
17 and that have executed a contract on or before May 1, 2018 to acquire a new
18 school finance and financial data system other than the management system
19 selected by the Agency of Education to serve the merged system may delay
20 adoption of the system selected by the Agency until July 1, 2021.

1 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a supervisory union or a
2 supervisory district that entered into a contract for a school finance and
3 financial data management system on or after July 1, 2017, may delay adoption
4 of the system selected by the Agency until July 1, 2021 or upon expiration of
5 the current contract, whichever is earlier.

6 Sec. E.500.2 16 V.S.A. § 242(4) is amended to read:

7 (4)(A) Provide data and information required by the Secretary- and by
8 using a format approved by the Secretary to:

9 (i) Report budgetary data for the subsequent school year and fiscal
10 year.

11 ~~(B)~~(ii) Report all financial operations within the supervisory union
12 to the Secretary and State Board for the preceding school year on or before
13 August 15 of each year, ~~using a format approved by the Secretary.~~

14 ~~(C)~~(iii) Report all financial operations for each member school
15 district to the Secretary and State Board for the preceding school year on or
16 before August 15 of each year, ~~using a format approved by the Secretary.~~

17 ~~(D)~~(B) Prepare for each district an itemized report detailing the
18 portion of the proposed supervisory union budget for which the district would
19 be assessed for the subsequent school year identifying the component costs by
20 category and explaining the method by which the district's share for each cost
21 was calculated; and provide the report to each district at least 14 days before a

1 budget, including the supervisory union assessment, is voted on by the
2 electorate of the district.

3 Sec. E.500.3 INTERSTATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

4 (a) The General Assembly supports the study by the board of the Stamford
5 school district of the formation of an interstate school district that would
6 combine the Stamford school district with the Clarksburg, Massachusetts
7 school district. On or before December 15, 2018, the board of the Stamford
8 school district shall report its findings and recommendations to the General
9 Assembly.

10 Sec. E.500.4 EDUCATOR LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

11 (a) The Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators shall consider
12 whether the educator licensure and endorsement requirements are appropriate
13 or should be updated. As part of its review, the Board shall consider whether
14 the use by a school of a school-based teacher quality and performance
15 measurement program approved by the New England Association of Schools
16 and Colleges, or examinations offered by the Smarter Balanced Assessment
17 Consortium, should be used as criteria to qualify for licensure and
18 endorsement. On or before December 1, 2018, the Board shall report its
19 findings and recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on
20 Education.

1 (b) As part of its review under subsection (a) of this section, the Vermont
2 Standards Board for Professional Educators shall consider whether the
3 educator licensure and endorsement requirements for teachers in career
4 technical education centers are appropriate or should be updated. After the
5 House and Senate Committees on Education have concluded their
6 consideration of the report of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional
7 Educators under subsection (a) of this section, the Vermont Standards Board
8 for Professional Educators and the State Board of Education shall either update
9 their educator licensure and endorsement rules for teachers in career technical
10 education centers or issue a report to the House and Senate Committees on
11 Education that they do not intend to update these rules. Until the date upon
12 which these updated rules are implemented or the report is issued, teachers
13 employed by career technical centers who were hired before April 1, 2018 and
14 who do not have the licensure or endorsement that is required under applicable
15 rules shall be exempt from these rules and any requirement to pursue licensure
16 or endorsement under these rules.

17 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section and any provision of law
18 to the contrary, an employee in an approved area career technical center
19 located in an approved independent school who was hired before April 1, 2018
20 and who did not have the licensure or endorsement that is required under
21 applicable rules governing career technical centers shall be exempt from these

1 rules. An employee hired on or after April 1, 2018 shall be subject to these
2 rules, and an employee hired before April 1, 2018 who complied with these
3 rules shall maintain his or her licensure and endorsements as required by these
4 rules.

5 Sec. E.500.5 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONDING
6 TO SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS

7 (a) On or before July 1, 2019, the Agency of Education shall issue
8 guidance to all public school boards and boards of approved independent
9 schools that sets out restorative justice principles for responding to school
10 discipline problems. Each public school board and each board of an approved
11 independent school shall consider this guidance and whether to adopt a policy
12 on the use of restorative justice principles for responding to school discipline
13 problems. The restorative justice principles contained in the Agency guidance
14 shall be designed to:

15 (1) decrease the use of exclusionary discipline;

16 (2) ensure that disciplinary measures are applied fairly and do not target
17 students based on race, ethnicity, gender, family income level, sexual
18 orientation, immigration status, or disability status; and

19 (3) provide students with the opportunity to make academic progress
20 while suspended or expelled.

1 Sec. E.500.6 IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

2 PRINCIPLES; GRANT PROGRAM

3 (a) The Agency of Education shall use funding under 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c)
4 to assist public and approved independent schools with the adoption and
5 implementation of restorative justice principles for responding to school
6 discipline problems. The Agency shall determine the eligibility criteria for
7 receiving a grant and determining the grant amount, and shall monitor the use
8 of grant monies.

9 (b) On or before December 1, 2018, 2019, and 2020, the Secretary of
10 Education shall submit a written report to the House Committees on Education
11 and on Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Education and on Judiciary
12 describing the eligibility criteria for receiving a grant and for determining the
13 grant amount, identifying the grant recipients and the amounts they received in
14 grant monies, and the use of grant monies by the recipients.

15 Sec. E.500.7 PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION; REPORT

16 (a) The Agency of Education, in consultation with the Agency of Human
17 Services, shall commission an independent study to recommend how to more
18 effectively and efficiently provide prekindergarten education that considers:

19 (1) whether the current delivery and funding models are working
20 effectively to provide prekindergarten education services, and if not, the issues

1 with the current models and recommendations to enhance the quality and
2 effectiveness of these models;

3 (2) how Vermont families make early care and education arrangements
4 for their children under six years of age, including what factors may constrain
5 parental choices;

6 (3) how well the prekindergarten system is operating to provide
7 prekindergarten education to all eligible Vermont children and how to provide
8 equitable access to prekindergarten education for children from economically
9 deprived backgrounds;

10 (4) how to identify ways that the prekindergarten education system may
11 create undesirable outcomes for prekindergarten students, their parents or
12 guardians, or providers of prekindergarten education services or child care
13 services and steps to mitigate them; and

14 (5) how to simplify regulatory oversight and administration of
15 prekindergarten education.

16 (b)(1) On or before March 15, 2019, the Agency of Education shall report
17 on the status of the independent study to the House Committees on Education
18 and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Education and on
19 Health and Welfare.

20 (2) On or before July 1, 2019, the Agency of Education shall report the
21 results of the independent study to the House Committees on Education and on

1 Human Services and the Senate Committees on Education and on Health and
2 Welfare.

3 Sec. E.500.8 ELECTIONS; UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

4 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the election of a
5 director to the board of a unified union school district who is to serve on the
6 board after the expiration of the term for an initial director shall be held at the
7 unified union school district's annual meeting unless otherwise provided in the
8 district's articles of agreement.

9 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if a vacancy
10 occurs on the board of a unified union school district, and the vacancy is in a
11 seat that is allocated to a specific town, the clerk of the unified union school
12 district shall immediately notify the selectboard of the town. Within 30 days
13 after the receipt of that notice, the unified union school district board, in
14 consultation with the selectboard, shall appoint a person who is otherwise
15 eligible to serve as a member of the unified union school district board to fill
16 the vacancy until an election is held at an annual or special meeting, unless
17 otherwise provided in accordance with the unified union school district's
18 articles of agreement.

19 (c) This section is repealed on July 1, 2020.

1 Sec. E.502 Education – special education: formula grants

2 (a) Of the appropriation authorized in this section, and notwithstanding any
3 other provision of law, an amount not to exceed \$3,665,521 shall be used by
4 the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2019 as funding for 16 V.S.A. §
5 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the Secretary shall not be limited
6 by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c) and (d).

7 Sec. E.503 Education – state-placed students

8 (a) The Independence Place Program of the Lund Family Center shall be
9 considered a 24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of
10 education costs.

11 Sec. E.504.1 Education – flexible pathways

12 (a) Of this appropriation, \$3,916,000 from the Education Fund shall be
13 distributed to school districts for reimbursement of high school completion
14 services pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 943(c). Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A.
15 § 4025(b), of this Education Fund appropriation, the amount of:

16 (1) \$740,000 is available for dual enrollment programs and the amount
17 of \$36,000 is available for use pursuant to Sec. E.605.1(a)(2) of this act;

18 (2) \$100,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual Learning
19 Cooperative at the River Valley Technical Center School District;

20 (3) \$200,000 is available for secondary school reform grants; and

1 (4) \$450,000 is available for the Vermont Academy of Science and
2 Technology and \$1,870,000 for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 946.

3 Sec. E.505 REIMBURSEMENT FOR NEWBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

4 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in addition to the education
5 payment due to the Newbury School District for fiscal year 2019, the Agency
6 of Education shall pay \$44,471 from the Education Fund to the Newbury
7 School District to compensate the district for a pre-K census error in fiscal
8 years 2016 and 2017.

9 Sec. E.513 [DELETED]

10 Sec. E.514 State teachers' retirement system

11 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to
12 the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) shall be \$105,640,777 of which
13 \$99,940,777 shall be the State's contribution and \$5,700,000 shall be
14 contributed from local school systems or educational entities pursuant to
15 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

16 (b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution,
17 \$8,081,768 is the "normal contribution," and \$97,559,009 is the "accrued
18 liability contribution."

19 Sec. E.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits

20 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), \$31,639,205 will be
21 contributed to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits Fund.

1 Sec. E.515.1 16 V.S.A. § 1942(p) is amended to read:

2 (p) The Board shall enter into insurance arrangements to provide health and
3 medical benefits for retired members and their dependents. The State is legally
4 responsible for the costs of the health and medical benefits provided in this
5 chapter in the amounts specified in section 1944e of this chapter. The Board
6 may enter into insurance arrangements to provide dental coverage for retired
7 members and their dependents, provided the State or the System has no legal
8 obligation to pay any portion of the dental benefit premiums.

9 Sec. E.515.2 16 V.S.A. § 1944d is amended to read:

10 § 1944d. EMPLOYER ANNUAL CHARGE FOR TEACHER HEALTH
11 CARE

12 (a) ~~The~~ Beginning on July 1, 2018, the employer of teachers who become
13 members of the State Teachers' Retirement System of Vermont on or after
14 July 1, 2015 shall pay an annual assessment ~~for those teachers' health and~~
15 ~~medical benefits~~ of \$1,275.00 for each such teacher to the Benefits Fund.

16 (b) ~~The assessment shall be the value,~~ Beginning on July 1, 2019, and each
17 year thereafter, the annual assessment shall be adjusted to account for inflation,
18 as approved annually by the Board of Trustees ~~based on the actuary's~~
19 ~~recommendation, of the portion of future retired teachers' health and medical~~
20 ~~benefits attributable to those teachers for each year of service in the State~~

1 ~~Teachers' Retirement System of Vermont. The equivalent number for the June~~
2 ~~30, 2013 valuation is \$1,072.00.~~

3 Sec. E.515.3 EVALUATION OF EMPLOYER ANNUAL CHARGE FOR
4 TEACHER HEALTH CARE; REPORT

5 (a) On or before January 15, 2023, the State Treasurer, in consultation with
6 representatives from the Vermont-National Education Association and
7 Vermont Association of School Business Officers, shall evaluate and prepare a
8 report on the impact of repealing the employer annual charge for teacher health
9 care.

10 (b) The State Treasurer shall submit the report described in subsection (a)
11 of this section to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

12 Sec. E.515.4 REPEAL OF EMPLOYER ANNUAL CHARGE FOR
13 TEACHER HEALTH CARE

14 (a) The employer annual charge for teacher health care, established in
15 16 V.S.A. § 1944d, is repealed on July 1, 2023.

16 * * * HIGHER EDUCATION * * *

17 Sec. E.600 University of Vermont

18 (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to
19 pay one-twelfth of this appropriation to the University of Vermont on or about
20 the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

1 (b) Of this appropriation, \$380,326 shall be transferred to EPSCoR
2 (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) for the purpose of
3 complying with State matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of
4 available federal or private funds, or both.

5 (c) If Global Commitment Fund monies are unavailable, the total grant
6 funding for the University of Vermont shall be maintained through the General
7 Fund or other State funding sources.

8 (d) The University of Vermont shall use the Global Commitment funds
9 appropriated in this section to support Vermont physician training. The
10 University of Vermont prepares students, both Vermonters and out-of-state,
11 and awards approximately 100 medical degrees annually. Graduates of this
12 program, currently representing a significant number of physicians practicing
13 in Vermont, deliver high-quality health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries
14 and to uninsured or underinsured persons, or both, in Vermont and across the
15 nation.

16 Sec. E.602 Vermont state colleges

17 (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to
18 pay one-twelfth of this appropriation to the Vermont State Colleges on or
19 about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

20 (b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont
21 Manufacturing Extension Center for the purpose of complying with State

1 matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or
2 private funds, or both.

3 Sec. E.603 Vermont state colleges – allied health

4 (a) If Global Commitment fund monies are unavailable, the total grant
5 funding for the Vermont State Colleges shall be maintained through the
6 General Fund or other State funding sources.

7 (b) The Vermont State Colleges shall use the Global Commitment funds
8 appropriated in this section to support the dental hygiene, respiratory therapy,
9 and nursing programs that graduate approximately 315 health care providers
10 annually. These graduates deliver direct, high-quality health care services to
11 Medicaid beneficiaries or uninsured or underinsured persons, or both.

12 Sec. E.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

13 (a) Of this appropriation, \$25,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to
14 the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation to be deposited into the Trust
15 Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2845.

16 (b) Of this appropriation, not more than \$200,000 may be used by the
17 Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a student aspirational pilot
18 initiative to serve one or more high schools.

19 (c) Of the appropriated amount remaining after accounting for subsections
20 (a) and (b) of this section, not less than 93 percent of this appropriation shall be
21 used for direct student aid.

1 Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Economic Development,
2 Housing and General Affairs on or before January 15, 2019.

3 * * * NATURAL RESOURCES * * *

4 Sec. E.700 VOLKSWAGEN LITIGATION; ENVIRONMENTAL
5 MITIGATION TRUST FOR STATE BENEFICIARIES

6 (a) As used in this section:

7 (1) “Appendix D-2” means Appendix D-2 to the Environmental
8 Mitigation Trust, entitled “Eligible Mitigation Actions and Mitigation Action
9 Expenditures.”

10 (2) “Environmental Mitigation Trust” or “Trust” means the
11 Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries filed on
12 October 2, 2017 in In re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales
13 Practices, and Products Liability Litigation, 3:16-CV-00295-CRB, MDL No.
14 2672 CRB (JSC) (N.D. Cal.).

15 (3) “Mobile source” means any vehicle, freight switcher, ferry, tug,
16 vessel, or equipment that qualifies under an eligible mitigation action listed in
17 Appendix D-2.

18 (b) The Secretary of Natural Resources shall administer Environmental
19 Mitigation Trust monies pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 554(15) and, in administering
20 the Trust monies appropriated under Sec. B.710 of this act, shall:

1 * * * COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT * * *

2 Sec. E.800 [DELETED]

3 Sec. E.802 Housing & community development

4 (a) Of the General Funds appropriated in Sec. B.802 of this act, the sum of
5 \$100,000 of General Funds is intended to support planning and
6 implementation of a community development program targeting outdoor
7 recreation, in consultation with the Department of Forests, Parks and
8 Recreation.

9 Sec. E.808 Vermont council on the arts

10 (a) The Vermont Council on the Arts shall pay its full lease charge as
11 assessed by the Department of Buildings and General Services.

12 * * * TRANSPORTATION * * *

13 Sec. E.900 FISCAL YEAR 2019 TRANSPORTATION FUND

14 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION

15 (a) In the event contingent spending authority of transportation funds is
16 increased to the statewide district leveling program or the maintenance
17 program as provided and under the terms prescribed in Sec. 8 of H.917 of
18 2018, the appropriation of transportation funds in, respectively, Sec. B.903,
19 Program Development, and Sec. B.905, Maintenance, of this act are increased
20 in the same amount.

1 * * * MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS * * *

2 Sec. F.100 10 V.S.A. § 128 is amended to read:

3 § 128. VERMONT CENTER FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

4 SPECIAL FUND

5 (a) A Special Fund is created for the operation of the Vermont Center for
6 Geographic Information in the Agency of ~~Commerce and Community~~
7 ~~Development~~ Digital Services. The Fund shall consist of revenues derived
8 from the charges by the Agency of ~~Commerce and Community Development~~
9 Digital Services pursuant to subsection (c) of this section for the provision of
10 Geographic Information products and services, interest earned by the Fund,
11 and sums which from time to time may be made available for the support of
12 the Center and its operations. The Fund shall be established and managed
13 pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 and shall be available to the
14 Agency to support activities of the Center.

15 (b) The receipt and expenditure of monies from the Special Fund shall be
16 under the supervision of the Secretary of ~~Commerce and Community~~
17 ~~Development~~ Digital Services.

18 (c) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 603, the Secretary of ~~Commerce and~~
19 ~~Community Development~~ Digital Services is authorized to impose charges
20 reasonably related to the costs of the products and services of the Vermont

1 Center for Geographic Information, including the cost of personnel,
2 equipment, supplies, and intellectual property.

3 Sec. F.101 10 V.S.A. § 122 is amended to read:

4 § 122. VERMONT CENTER FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION,
5 INCORPORATED; ESTABLISHMENT

6 * * *

7 (b) In order to develop and implement that strategy, and to ensure that all
8 data gathered by State agencies that is relevant to the VGIS shall be in a form
9 that is compatible with, useful to, and shared with that geographic information
10 system, there is hereby established as a division under the Agency of
11 ~~Commerce and Community Development~~ Digital Services the Vermont Center
12 for Geographic Information (the Center).

13 * * * EFFECTIVE DATES for Secs. A.100-G.100 * * *

14 Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

15 (a) This section and Secs. C.100 (fiscal year 2018 technical correction,
16 VSAC), C.101 (fiscal year 2018 General Fund reversion repeal), C.102 (fiscal
17 year 2018 Medicaid carry forward requirement), C.103 (fiscal year 2018 carry
18 forward of fiscal year 2017 one-time appropriation), C.105-C.105.1 (fiscal year
19 2018 tobacco litigation settlement fund receipts, transfers, and appropriations),
20 C.106 (fiscal year 2018 CHINS cases system strategic reform), C.106.1 (fiscal
21 year 2018 substance use disorder, mental health workforce expansion), C.106.2

1 (fiscal year 2018 substance use disorder response initiatives), C.108 (fiscal
2 year 2018 budget adjustment repeals), C.109 (fiscal year 2018 federal funds
3 contingent appropriation), C.110 (fiscal year 2018 climate commission
4 implementation), C.111-C.114 (fiscal year 2018 Agency of Education
5 adjustments), C.115-C.118 (fiscal year 2018 teachers' retirement system and
6 health care and medical benefits adjustments), C.119 (fiscal year 2018 fund
7 transfers, reversions and reserves), C.1000 (fiscal year 2018 one-time transfers
8 and reversions), D.102 (Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund balance), E.126
9 (Legislative Branch workforce comparative evaluation), E.126.1 (Vermont
10 justice system review), E.126.2 (Joint Information Technology Oversight
11 Committee), E.127 (JFO review and evaluation of Corrections health care
12 services), E.233.2 (short-term emergency funding to maintain critical wireless
13 E-911 service), and E.308 (Choices for Care) shall take effect on passage.

14 (b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. E.111.1 (Tax Computer System
15 Modernization Fund) shall take effect on passage and apply retroactively to
16 July 1, 2017.

17 (c) Secs E.215.1- E.215.4 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2018 and
18 the tuition benefits established under the Vermont National Guard Tuition
19 Benefit Program shall be available to eligible Vermont National Guard
20 members enrolled in institutions under the Program starting on or after
21 January 1, 2019.

1 (d) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

2 * * * Personal Income Tax Changes * * *

3 * * * Taxable Income * * *

4 Sec. H.1 32 V.S.A. § 5811 is amended to read:

5 § 5811. DEFINITIONS

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7 (21) “Taxable income” means, in the case of an individual, federal
8 adjusted gross income determined without regard to 26 U.S.C. § 168(k) and:

9 * * *

10 (B) Decreased by the following items of income (to the extent such
11 income is included in federal adjusted gross income):

12 (i) income from U.S. government obligations;

13 (ii) with respect to adjusted net capital gain income as defined in
14 26 U.S.C. § 1(h) reduced by the total amount of any qualified dividend
15 income: either the first \$5,000.00 of such adjusted net capital gain income; or
16 40 percent of adjusted net capital gain income from the sale of assets held by
17 the taxpayer for more than three years, except not adjusted net capital gain
18 income from:

19 (I) the sale of any real estate or portion of real estate used by
20 the taxpayer as a primary or nonprimary residence; or

1 (II) the sale of depreciable personal property other than farm
2 property and standing timber; or stocks or bonds publicly traded or traded on
3 an exchange, or any other financial instruments; regardless of whether sold by
4 an individual or business; and provided that the total amount of decrease under
5 this subdivision (21)(B)(ii) shall not exceed 40 percent of federal taxable
6 income; ~~and~~

7 (iii) recapture of State and local income tax deductions not taken
8 against Vermont income tax; and

9 (iv) the portion of federally taxable benefits received under the
10 federal Social Security Act that is required to be excluded under section 5830e
11 of this chapter; and

12 (C) Decreased by the following exemptions and deductions:

13 (i) ~~the amount of personal exemptions taken at the federal level a~~
14 personal exemption of \$4,150.00 per person for the taxpayer, for the spouse or
15 the deceased spouse of the taxpayer whose filing status under section 5822 of
16 this chapter is married filing a joint return or surviving spouse, and for each
17 individual qualifying as a dependent of the taxpayer under 26 U.S.C. § 152,
18 provided that no exemption may be claimed for an individual who is a
19 dependent of another taxpayer;

1 (ii) ~~for taxpayers who do not itemize at the federal level, the~~
2 ~~amount of the a~~ standard deduction taken at the federal level determined as
3 follows:

4 (I) for taxpayers whose filing status under section 5822 of this
5 chapter is unmarried (other than surviving spouses or heads of households) or
6 married filing separate returns, \$6,000.00;

7 (II) for taxpayers whose filing status under section 5822 of this
8 chapter is head of household, \$9,000.00;

9 (III) for taxpayers whose filing status under section 5822 of this
10 chapter is married filing joint return or surviving spouse, \$12,000.00; and

11 (iii) ~~for taxpayers who itemize at the federal level:~~

12 ~~(I) the amount of federally itemized deductions for medical and~~
13 ~~dental expenses and charitable contributions;~~

14 ~~(II) the total amount of federally itemized deductions, other~~
15 ~~than deductions for State and local income taxes, medical and dental expenses,~~
16 ~~and charitable contributions, deducted from federal adjusted gross income for~~
17 ~~the taxable year, but in no event shall the amount under this subdivision exceed~~
18 ~~two and one half times the federal standard deduction allowable to the~~
19 ~~taxpayer; and~~

20 ~~(III) in no event shall the total amount of deductions allowed~~
21 ~~under subdivisions (I) and (II) of this subdivision (21)(C)(iii) reduce the total~~

1 ~~amount of itemized deductions below the federal standard deduction allowable~~
2 ~~to the taxpayer~~ an additional deduction of \$1,000.00 for each federal deduction
3 under 26 U.S.C. § 63(f) that the taxpayer qualified for and received; and

4 (iv) the dollar amounts of the personal exemption allowed under
5 subdivision (i) of this subdivision (21)(C), the standard deduction allowed
6 under subdivision (ii) of this subdivision (21)(C), and the additional deduction
7 allowed under subdivision (iii) of this subdivision (21)(C) shall be adjusted
8 annually for inflation by the Commissioner of Taxes beginning with taxable
9 year 2018 by using the Consumer Price Index and the same methodology as
10 used for adjustments under 26 U.S.C. § 1(f)(3); provided, however, that as
11 used in this subdivision “consumer price index” means the last Consumer Price
12 Index for All Urban Consumers published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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14 * * * Personal Income Tax Rates * * *

15 Sec. H.2 PERSONAL INCOME TAX RATES

16 (a) 2009 Spec. Sess. Acts and Resolves No. 2, Sec. 20 is repealed.

17 (b) For taxable year 2018 and after, income tax rates under 32 V.S.A.
18 § 5822(a)(1)-(5), after taking into consideration any inflation adjustments to
19 taxable income as required by 32 V.S.A. § 5822(b)(2), shall be as follows:

1 (1) taxable income that without the passage of this act would have been
2 subject to a rate of 3.55 percent shall be taxed at the rate of 3.35 percent
3 instead;

4 (2) taxable income that without the passage of this act would have been
5 subject to a rate of 6.80 percent shall be taxed at the rate of 6.60 percent
6 instead;

7 (3) taxable income that without the passage of this act would have been
8 subject to a rate of 7.80 percent shall be taxed at the rate of 7.60 percent
9 instead;

10 (4) taxable income that without the passage of this act would have been
11 subject to a rate of 8.80 percent or 8.95 percent shall be taxed at the rate of
12 8.75 percent instead; the tax brackets for taxable income taxed at 8.80 percent
13 and 8.95 percent in taxable year 2017 shall be combined to be taxed at a rate of
14 8.75 percent for taxable year 2018 and after.

15 (c) When preparing the Vermont Statutes Annotated for publication, the
16 Office of Legislative Council shall revise the tables in 32 V.S.A. § 5822(a)(1)-
17 (5) to reflect the changes to the tax rates and tax brackets made in this section.

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(d)(1) A taxpayer shall be entitled to a credit against the tax imposed under this section of 24 percent of each of the credits allowed against the taxpayer's federal income tax for the taxable year as follows: credit for people who are elderly or permanently totally disabled, investment tax credit attributable to the Vermont-property portion of the investment, and child care and dependent care credits.

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(3) Individuals shall receive a nonrefundable charitable contribution credit against the tax imposed under this section for the taxable year. The credit shall be five percent of the first \$20,000.00 in charitable contributions made during the taxable year that are allowable under 26 U.S.C. § 170. This credit shall be available irrespective of a taxpayer's election not to itemize at the federal level.

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Sec. H.4 32 V.S.A. § 5828b(a) is amended to read:

(a) A resident individual or part-year resident individual who is entitled to an earned income tax credit granted under the laws of the United States shall be entitled to a credit against the tax imposed for each year by section 5822 of this title. The credit shall be ~~32~~ 36 percent of the earned income tax credit granted to the individual under the laws of the United States, multiplied by the

1 percentage ~~which~~ that the individual's earned income that is earned or received
2 during the period of the individual's residency in this State bears to the
3 individual's total earned income.

4 Sec. H.5 32 V.S.A. § 5830e is added to read:

5 § 5830e. SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME

6 The portion of federally taxable Social Security benefits excluded from
7 taxable income under subdivision 5811(21)(B)(iv) of this chapter shall be as
8 follows:

9 (1) For taxpayers whose filing status is single, married filing separately,
10 head of household, or qualifying widow or widower:

11 (A) If the federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer is less than or
12 equal to \$45,000.00, all federally taxable benefits received under the federal
13 Social Security Act shall be excluded.

14 (B) If the federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer is greater
15 than \$45,000.00 but less than \$55,000.00, the percentage of federally taxable
16 benefits received under the Social Security Act to be excluded shall be
17 proportional to the amount of the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income
18 over \$45,000.00, determined by:

19 (i) subtracting the federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer
20 from \$55,000.00;

1 (ii) dividing the value under subdivision (i) of this subdivision (B)
2 by \$10,000.00; and

3 (iii) multiplying the value under subdivision (ii) of this
4 subdivision (B) by the federally taxable benefits received under the Social
5 Security Act.

6 (C) If the federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer is equal to or
7 greater than \$55,000.00, no amount of the federally taxable benefits received
8 under the Social Security Act shall be excluded under this section.

9 (2) For taxpayers whose filing status is married filing jointly:

10 (A) If the federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer is less than or
11 equal to \$60,000.00, all federally taxable benefits received under the Social
12 Security Act shall be excluded.

13 (B) If the federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer is greater
14 than \$60,000.00 but less than \$70,000.00, the percentage of federally taxable
15 benefits received under the Social Security Act to be excluded shall be
16 proportional to the amount of the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income
17 over \$60,000.00, determined by:

18 (i) subtracting the federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer
19 from \$70,000.00;

20 (ii) dividing the value under subdivision (i) of this subdivision (B)
21 by \$10,000.00; and

1 federal income tax rates under 26 U.S.C. § 1, are hereby adopted for the
2 purpose of computing the tax liability under this chapter.

3 * * * Allocation of Education Funds * * *

4 Sec. H.8 16 V.S.A. § 4025 is amended to read:

5 § 4025. EDUCATION FUND

6 (a) The Education Fund is established to comprise the following:

7 (1) ~~All~~ all revenue paid to the State from the statewide education tax on
8 nonresidential and homestead property under 32 V.S.A. chapter 135;

9 (2) ~~For each fiscal year, the amount of the general funds appropriated~~
10 ~~and transferred to the Education Fund shall be \$305,900,000.00, to be~~
11 ~~increased annually beginning for fiscal year 2018 by the consensus Joint Fiscal~~
12 ~~Office and Administration determination of the National Income and Product~~
13 ~~Accounts (NIPA) Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government~~
14 ~~Consumption Expenditures and Gross Investment as reported by the U.S.~~
15 ~~Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis through the fiscal~~
16 ~~year for which the payment is being determined, plus an additional one-tenth~~
17 ~~of one percent. [Repealed.]~~

18 (3) ~~Revenues~~ revenues from State lotteries under 31 V.S.A. chapter 14,
19 and from any multijurisdictional lottery game authorized under that chapter;

20 (4) 25 percent of the revenues from the meals and rooms taxes imposed
21 under 32 V.S.A. chapter 225;

1 based on information supplied by the Commissioner of Taxes. The
2 Commissioner of Finance and Management may draw warrants for
3 disbursements from the Fund in anticipation of receipts. All balances in the
4 Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain a part of
5 the Fund. Interest accruing from the Fund shall remain in the Fund.

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7 (c) ~~An equalization and reappraisal account is established within the~~
8 ~~Education Fund. Monies from this account are to be used by the Division of~~
9 ~~Property Valuation and Review to assist towns with maintenance or reappraisal~~
10 ~~on a case-by-case basis; and for reappraisal and grand list maintenance~~
11 ~~assistance payments pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §§ 4041a and 5405(f). [Repealed.]~~

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13 Sec. H.9 32 V.S.A. § 435(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) The General Fund shall be composed of revenues from the following
15 sources:

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17 (7) ~~Meals~~ 75 percent of the meals and rooms taxes levied pursuant to
18 chapter 225 of this title;

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20 (11) ~~64 percent of the revenue from sales and use taxes levied pursuant~~
21 ~~to chapter 233 of this title; [Repealed.]~~

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Sec. H.10 REPORT

(a) On or before January 1, 2024, the Joint Fiscal Office shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Finance on the impact of the changes in Secs. 8 and 9 of this act reallocating the revenues generated for the General Fund and Education Fund.

* * * Yields * * *

Sec. H.11 32 V.S.A. § 5402b(b) is amended to read:

~~(b) For each fiscal year, the General Assembly shall set a property dollar equivalent yield and an income dollar equivalent yield, consistent with the definitions in this chapter~~ the property dollar equivalent yield and the income dollar equivalent yield shall be the same as in the prior fiscal year, unless set otherwise by the General Assembly.

* * * Effective Dates; Transition for Secs. H.1-H.12* * *

Sec. H.12 EFFECTIVE DATES AND TRANSITION

(a) This act shall take effect on passage, except:
(1) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Secs. H.1–H.6 (income tax changes) shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2018 and apply to taxable year 2018 and after.

1 (2) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. H.7 (income tax link to the
2 federal tax statutes) shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2018 and apply
3 to taxable years beginning on January 1, 2017 and after.

4 (3) Secs. H.8–H.9 (General Fund and Education Fund revenues) and
5 H.11 (yields) shall take effect on July 1, 2018 and apply to fiscal year 2019 and
6 after.