

1 H.490

2 Introduced by Committee on Appropriations

3 Date:

4 Subject: Omnibus appropriations act

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make
6 appropriations in support of government for the fiscal year beginning on
7 July 1, 2015.

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

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

10 ~~Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE~~

11 ~~(a) This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2016~~
12 ~~Appropriations Act.~~

13 ~~Sec. A.100.1 INTENT~~

14 ~~(a) This fiscal year 2016 appropriations bill represents the beginning of a~~
15 ~~multiyear process to bend the trend of State spending and bring revenues and~~
16 ~~spending into a long-term balance. The fiscal year 2016 Appropriations Bill~~
17 ~~contains difficult choices; however, these types of decisions will continue to~~
18 ~~occur annually without a concerted effort to create a sustainable budget.~~

19 ~~(b) It is the intent to move forward on the following goals:~~

20 ~~(1) reduce the reliance on one-time funding for base budget needs;~~

1 ~~(2) bend the rate of spending growth and bring the expenditure pressures~~
2 in line with revenue growth to end the cycle of annual budget gaps;

3 (3) create an ongoing expectation that Administration and Legislative
4 proposals for budget changes and new programs contain a multiyear analysis
5 of what the changes will cost;

6 (4) move toward budgeting based on using less than 100 percent of
7 forecasted revenue to build a reserve which can help offset the variability of
8 revenues that comes with a progressive tax system and the risk of reliance on
9 federal funds; and

10 (5) explore moving to a two-year budgeting cycle where the interim year
11 will be such as to allow time to be spent focusing on program performance,
12 results-based analysis, and evidenced-based program evaluation.

13 Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

14 (a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of
15 State government during fiscal year 2016. It is the express intent of the
16 General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments,
17 divisions, boards, and commissions be limited to those which can be supported
18 by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2015.
19 Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service
20 levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2016 so as to meet this condition unless

1 ~~otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the General~~
2 ~~Assembly.~~

3 Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

4 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serve as the primary
5 source and reference for appropriations for fiscal year 2016.

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

14 (c) Unless codified or otherwise specified, all narrative portions of this act
15 apply only to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2016.

16 Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

17 (a) As used in this act:

18 (1) "Encumbrances" means a portion of an appropriation reserved for
19 the subsequent payment of existing purchase orders or contracts. The
20 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the
21 appropriateness of encumbrances.

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

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

10 (4) "Personal services" means wages and salaries, fringe benefits, per
11 diems, and contracted third-party services, and similar items.

12 Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

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

15 Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

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

19 Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

20 (a) In fiscal year 2016, the Governor, with the approval of the Legislature
21 or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the Legislature is not in session, may accept

1 ~~under the heading "Federal Funds Available to the State of Vermont, including block grants in lieu~~
2 ~~of or in addition to funds herein designated as federal. The Governor, with the~~
3 ~~approval of the Legislature or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the Legislature is~~
4 ~~not in session, may allocate all or any portion of such federal funds for any~~
5 ~~purpose consistent with the purposes for which the basic appropriations in this~~
6 ~~act have been made.~~

7 (b) If, during fiscal year 2016, federal funds available to the State of
8 Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2015 session of
9 the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are
10 abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new
11 title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for
12 any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were
13 appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for no
14 more than 45 days prior to legislative or Joint Fiscal Committee approval.
15 Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if the
16 Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint
17 Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's
18 request for approval.

19 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

20 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total number of
21 authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary

1 ~~positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(11), shall not be increased during fiscal~~
2 year 2016 except for new positions authorized by the 2015 session. Limited
3 service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to
4 this restriction, nor shall positions created pursuant to the Position Pilot
5 Program authorized in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100(d).

6 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

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

12 <u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
13 <u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons and Property</u>
14 <u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
15 <u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
16 <u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
17 <u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
18 <u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
19 <u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community</u>
20	<u>Development</u>
21 <u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>

~~B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099 Debt Service~~

~~B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199 One-time and other appropriation
actions~~

~~(b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year and
the D sections contain fund transfers and reserve allocations for the upcoming
budget year.~~

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

Personal services 3,054,675

Operating expenses 132,239

Total 3,186,914

Source of funds

General fund 1,371,774

Interdepartmental transfers 1,815,140

Total 3,186,914

Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance

Personal services 1,310,972

Operating expenses 132,091

Total 1,443,063

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers 1,443,063

Total 1,443,063

1	Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
2	Personal services	1,218,587
3	Operating expenses	<u>282,937</u>
4	Total	1,501,524
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>1,501,524</u>
7	Total	1,501,524
8	Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
9	Personal services	243,597
10	Operating expenses	<u>63,231</u>
11	Total	306,828
12	Source of funds	
13	Internal service funds	<u>306,828</u>
14	Total	306,828
15	Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
16	Personal services	13,677
17	Operating expenses	<u>19,263</u>
18	Total	32,940
19	Source of funds	
20	Internal service funds	<u>32,940</u>
21	Total	32,940

1	Sec. B.104.1 Secretary of administration - VTTHR operations	
2	Personal services	1,825,561
3	Operating expenses	<u>623,105</u>
4	Total	2,448,666
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>2,448,666</u>
7	Total	2,448,666
8	Sec. B.105 Information and innovation - communications and information	
9	technology	
10	Personal services	18,249,018
11	Operating expenses	<u>16,924,990</u>
12	Total	35,174,008
13	Source of funds	
14	Internal service funds	<u>35,174,008</u>
15	Total	35,174,008
16	Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
17	Personal services	1,120,501
18	Operating expenses	<u>256,147</u>
19	Total	1,376,648
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,109,412

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>267,236</u>
2	Total	1,376,648
3	Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
4	Personal services	2,324,110
5	Operating expenses	<u>495,220</u>
6	Total	2,819,330
7	Source of funds	
8	Internal service funds	<u>2,819,330</u>
9	Total	2,819,330
10	Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
11	Personal services	7,205,166
12	Operating expenses	<u>1,074,570</u>
13	Total	8,279,736
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	1,863,255
16	Special funds	244,912
17	Internal service funds	5,634,261
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>537,308</u>
19	Total	8,279,736
20	Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
21	Personal services	1,200,821

1	Operating expenses	559,816
2	Total	1,760,667
3	Source of funds	
4	Internal service funds	<u>1,760,667</u>
5	Total	1,760,667
6	Sec. B.110 Libraries	
7	Personal services	1,757,183
8	Operating expenses	1,658,074
9	Grants	<u>98,576</u>
10	Total	3,513,833
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	2,275,682
13	Special funds	102,563
14	Federal funds	1,040,195
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>95,393</u>
16	Total	3,513,833
17	Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
18	Personal services	14,064,412
19	Operating expenses	<u>3,927,031</u>
20	Total	17,991,443

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	16,477,989
3	Special funds	1,370,888
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>142,566</u>
5	Total	17,991,443
6	Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
7	Personal services	678,557
8	Operating expenses	<u>106,104</u>
9	Total	784,661
10	Source of funds	
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>784,661</u>
12	Total	784,661
13	Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
14	Personal services	2,689,779
15	Operating expenses	<u>878,012</u>
16	Total	3,567,791
17	Source of funds	
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,567,791</u>
19	Total	3,567,791
20	Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
21	Personal services	3,557,425

1	Operating expenses	1,208,041
2	Grants	<u>33,000</u>
3	Total	4,798,466
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	680,248
6	Transportation fund	4,034,714
7	Special funds	<u>83,504</u>
8	Total	4,798,466
9	Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
10	Personal services	1,060,369
11	Operating expenses	<u>168,790</u>
12	Total	1,229,159
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>1,229,159</u>
15	Total	1,229,159
16	Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
17	Personal services	659,813
18	Operating expenses	<u>139,700</u>
19	Total	799,513
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	83,221

1	Internal service funds	<u>716,292</u>
2	Total	799,513
3	Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
4	Personal services	682,547
5	Operating expenses	<u>155,713</u>
6	Total	838,260
7	Source of funds	
8	Internal service funds	<u>838,260</u>
9	Total	838,260
10	Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
11	Personal services	811,437
12	Operating expenses	<u>185,822</u>
13	Total	997,259
14	Source of funds	
15	Internal service funds	<u>997,259</u>
16	Total	997,259
17	Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
18	Personal services	937
19	Operating expenses	<u>15,399</u>
20	Total	16,336

1	Source of funds	
2	Enterprise funds	<u>16,336</u>
3	Total	16,336
4	Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	
5	Personal services	224,967
6	Operating expenses	<u>104,471</u>
7	Total	329,438
8	Source of funds	
9	Internal service funds	305,454
10	Enterprise funds	<u>23,984</u>
11	Total	329,438
12	Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
13	Personal services	1,010,552
14	Operating expenses	<u>1,175,607</u>
15	Total	2,186,159
16	Source of funds	
17	Internal service funds	<u>2,186,159</u>
18	Total	2,186,159
19	Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
20	Personal services	14,777,935
21	Operating expenses	<u>13,947,277</u>

1	Total	28,725,212
2	Source of funds	
3	Internal service funds	<u>28,725,212</u>
4	Total	28,725,212
5	Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
6	Personal services	1,599,215
7	Operating expenses	<u>473,014</u>
8	Total	2,072,229
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,658,841
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>413,388</u>
12	Total	2,072,229
13	Sec. B.125 Legislative council	
14	Personal services	3,410,872
15	Operating expenses	<u>809,954</u>
16	Total	4,220,826
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>4,220,826</u>
19	Total	4,220,826
20	Sec. B.126 Legislature	
21	Personal services	3,725,991

1	Operating expenses	<u>3,435,835</u>
2	Total	7,161,826
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	<u>7,161,826</u>
5	Total	7,161,826
6	Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
7	Personal services	1,508,581
8	Operating expenses	<u>112,793</u>
9	Total	1,621,374
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>1,621,374</u>
12	Total	1,621,374
13	Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
14	Personal services	565,389
15	Operating expenses	<u>71,767</u>
16	Total	637,156
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>637,156</u>
19	Total	637,156
20	Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
21	Personal services	155,084

1	Operating expenses	30,380
2	Total	185,464
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	<u>185,464</u>
5	Total	185,464
6	Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
7	Personal services	3,523,421
8	Operating expenses	<u>159,831</u>
9	Total	3,683,252
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	394,171
12	Special funds	53,145
13	Internal service funds	<u>3,235,936</u>
14	Total	3,683,252
15	Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
16	Personal services	3,194,143
17	Operating expenses	<u>250,778</u>
18	Total	3,444,921
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	998,306
21	Special funds	2,338,561

1	Interdepartmental transfers	108,054
2	Total	3,444,921
3	Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
4	Personal services	870,217
5	Operating expenses	<u>268,976</u>
6	Total	1,139,193
7	Source of funds	
8	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,139,193</u>
9	Total	1,139,193
10	Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
11	Personal services	7,716,353
12	Operating expenses	<u>1,108,471</u>
13	Total	8,824,824
14	Source of funds	
15	Pension trust funds	<u>8,824,824</u>
16	Total	8,824,824
17	Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
18	Personal services	2,585,489
19	Operating expenses	<u>655,390</u>
20	Total	3,240,879

1	Source of funds	
2	Pension trust funds	<u>3,240,879</u>
3	Total	3,240,879
4	Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
5	Personal services	197,431
6	Operating expenses	<u>43,972</u>
7	Total	241,403
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	231,827
10	Special funds	6,788
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
12	Total	241,403
13	Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
14	Personal services	44,903
15	Operating expenses	<u>15,403</u>
16	Total	60,306
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	30,153
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>30,153</u>
20	Total	60,306

1	Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
2	Grants	<u>18,200,000</u>
3	Total	18,200,000
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>18,200,000</u>
6	Total	18,200,000
7	Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
8	Grants	<u>9,700,000</u>
9	Total	9,700,000
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	2,910,000
12	Education fund	<u>6,790,000</u>
13	Total	9,700,000
14	Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
15	Grants	<u>3,425,000</u>
16	Total	3,425,000
17	Source of funds	
18	Education fund	<u>3,425,000</u>
19	Total	3,425,000
20	Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
21	Grants	<u>14,978,851</u>

1	Total	14,978,851
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	<u>14,978,851</u>
4	Total	14,978,851
5	Sec. B.141 Lottery commission	
6	Personal services	1,882,272
7	Operating expenses	1,060,171
8	Grants	<u>150,000</u>
9	Total	3,092,443
10	Source of funds	
11	Enterprise funds	<u>3,092,443</u>
12	Total	3,092,443
13	Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
14	Grants	<u>6,400,000</u>
15	Total	6,400,000
16	Source of funds	
17	Special funds	<u>6,400,000</u>
18	Total	6,400,000
19	Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier	
20	Grants	<u>184,000</u>
21	Total	184,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	<u>184,000</u>
3	Total	184,000
4	Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
5	Grants	<u>40,000</u>
6	Total	40,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
9	Total	40,000
10	Sec. B.145 Total general government	
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	78,319,535
13	Transportation fund	4,034,714
14	Special funds	10,824,361
15	Education fund	10,215,000
16	Federal funds	1,040,195
17	Internal service funds	86,682,796
18	Interdepartmental transfers	9,207,541
19	Enterprise funds	3,132,763
20	Pension trust funds	12,065,703
21	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,139,193</u>

1	Total	216,661,801
2	Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
3	Personal services	8,491,876
4	Operating expenses	<u>1,223,677</u>
5	Total	9,715,553
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	4,232,072
8	Special funds	2,017,819
9	Tobacco fund	348,000
10	Federal funds	829,609
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,288,053</u>
12	Total	9,715,553
13	Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
14	Grants	<u>1,996,483</u>
15	Total	1,996,483
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	1,396,486
18	Special funds	<u>599,997</u>
19	Total	1,996,483
20	Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
21	Personal services	9,875,845

1	Operating expenses	<u>1,027,999</u>
2	Total	10,903,844
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	10,265,292
5	Special funds	<u>638,552</u>
6	Total	10,903,844
7	Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
8	Personal services	4,799,403
9	Operating expenses	<u>49,819</u>
10	Total	4,849,222
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>4,849,222</u>
13	Total	4,849,222
14	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
15	Personal services	34,454,260
16	Operating expenses	8,683,467
17	Grants	<u>76,030</u>
18	Total	43,213,757
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	37,707,850
21	Special funds	2,667,462

1	Tobacco fund	39,871
2	Federal funds	473,301
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,325,273</u>
4	Total	43,213,757
5	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
6	Personal services	11,190,808
7	Operating expenses	<u>1,807,815</u>
8	Total	12,998,623
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	10,328,495
11	Special funds	102,785
12	Federal funds	31,000
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,536,343</u>
14	Total	12,998,623
15	Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
16	Personal services	88,000
17	Grants	<u>1,590,000</u>
18	Total	1,678,000
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>1,678,000</u>
21	Total	1,678,000

1	Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
2	Personal services	3,827,009
3	Operating expenses	<u>445,493</u>
4	Total	4,272,502
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>4,272,502</u>
7	Total	4,272,502
8	Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
9	Personal services	2,495,022
10	Operating expenses	<u>2,669,588</u>
11	Total	5,164,610
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	3,367,381
14	Federal funds	296,229
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,501,000</u>
16	Total	5,164,610
17	Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
18	Personal services	49,451,041
19	Operating expenses	8,542,245
20	Grants	<u>896,000</u>
21	Total	58,889,286

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	29,298,898
3	Transportation fund	22,750,000
4	Special funds	2,965,856
5	Federal funds	2,294,098
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,580,434</u>
7	Total	58,889,286
8	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
9	Personal services	7,871,533
10	Operating expenses	<u>2,503,895</u>
11	Total	10,375,428
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	7,056,952
14	Special funds	1,719,236
15	Federal funds	1,240,065
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>359,175</u>
17	Total	10,375,428
18	Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management and homeland security	
19	Personal services	3,935,145
20	Operating expenses	1,302,179
21	Grants	<u>14,754,210</u>

1	Total	19,991,534
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	621,885
4	Federal funds	19,189,575
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>180,074</u>
6	Total	19,991,534
7	Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
8	Personal services	5,865,973
9	Operating expenses	2,071,159
10	Grants	<u>107,000</u>
11	Total	8,044,132
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	633,349
14	Special funds	7,028,803
15	Federal funds	356,980
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>25,000</u>
17	Total	8,044,132
18	Sec. B.214 Radiological emergency response plan	
19	Personal services	352,238
20	Operating expenses	235,710
21	Grants	<u>1,051,195</u>

1	Total	1,639,143
2	Source of funds	
3	Special funds	<u>1,639,143</u>
4	Total	1,639,143
5	Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
6	Personal services	682,752
7	Operating expenses	<u>354,292</u>
8	Total	1,037,044
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	<u>1,037,044</u>
11	Total	1,037,044
12	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
13	Personal services	4,896,594
14	Operating expenses	<u>935,308</u>
15	Total	5,831,902
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	471,320
18	Federal funds	<u>5,360,582</u>
19	Total	5,831,902
20	Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
21	Personal services	6,304,421

1	Operating expenses	6,805,910
2	Total	13,110,331
3	Source of funds	
4	Federal funds	<u>13,110,331</u>
5	Total	13,110,331
6	Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
7	Personal services	678,770
8	Operating expenses	<u>819,404</u>
9	Total	1,498,174
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>1,498,174</u>
12	Total	1,498,174
13	Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
14	Personal services	722,415
15	Operating expenses	184,693
16	Grants	<u>118,984</u>
17	Total	1,026,092
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	796,084
20	Special funds	130,008
21	Federal funds	<u>100,000</u>

1	Total	1,026,092
2	Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
3	Personal services	1,497,512
4	Operating expenses	253,927
5	Grants	<u>8,840,240</u>
6	Total	10,591,679
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	1,264,008
9	Special funds	4,914,287
10	Federal funds	<u>4,413,384</u>
11	Total	10,591,679
12	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice training council	
13	Personal services	1,096,826
14	Operating expenses	<u>1,409,569</u>
15	Total	2,506,395
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	2,372,753
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>133,642</u>
19	Total	2,506,395
20	Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
21	Personal services	1,324,661

1	Operating expenses	249,202
2	Grants	<u>94,722</u>
3	Total	1,668,585
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	849,681
6	Special funds	488,972
7	Federal funds	<u>329,932</u>
8	Total	1,668,585
9	Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer	
10	protection	
11	Personal services	3,586,427
12	Operating expenses	737,012
13	Grants	<u>2,600,000</u>
14	Total	6,923,439
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	2,696,919
17	Special funds	3,296,653
18	Federal funds	888,939
19	Global Commitment fund	34,006
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>6,922</u>
21	Total	6,923,439

1	Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
2	Personal services	1,246,225
3	Operating expenses	690,516
4	Grants	<u>936,562</u>
5	Total	2,873,303
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	1,743,909
8	Special funds	609,016
9	Federal funds	478,711
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>41,667</u>
11	Total	2,873,303
12	Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - laboratories, agricultural resource	
13	management and environmental stewardship	
14	Personal services	3,279,314
15	Operating expenses	681,603
16	Grants	<u>1,203,080</u>
17	Total	5,163,997
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	2,014,510
20	Special funds	1,793,932
21	Federal funds	1,071,852

1	Global Commitment fund	56,272
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>227,431</u>
3	Total	5,163,997
4	Sec. B.225 1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont Agricultural and	
5	Environmental	
6	Personal services	1,298,702
7	Operating expenses	<u>508,830</u>
8	Total	1,807,532
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	776,525
11	Special funds	<u>1,031,007</u>
12	Total	1,807,532
13	Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
14	Personal services	1,915,204
15	Operating expenses	<u>169,190</u>
16	Total	2,084,394
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	<u>2,084,394</u>
19	Total	2,084,394
20	Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
21	Personal services	1,617,418

1	Operating expenses	309,540
2	Total	1,926,958
3	Source of funds	
4	Special funds	<u>1,926,958</u>
5	Total	1,926,958
6	Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
7	Personal services	5,058,364
8	Operating expenses	<u>503,064</u>
9	Total	5,561,428
10	Source of funds	
11	Special funds	5,383,512
12	Federal funds	110,716
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>67,200</u>
14	Total	5,561,428
15	Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
16	Personal services	3,893,968
17	Operating expenses	<u>485,238</u>
18	Total	4,379,206
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	<u>4,379,206</u>
21	Total	4,379,206

1	Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
2	Personal services	768,759
3	Operating expenses	<u>176,701</u>
4	Total	945,460
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	<u>945,460</u>
7	Total	945,460
8	Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
9	Personal services	7,843,350
10	Operating expenses	<u>2,158,749</u>
11	Total	10,002,099
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	8,994,697
14	Federal funds	932,402
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
16	Total	10,002,099
17	Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
18	Personal services	10,430,192
19	Operating expenses	2,047,077
20	Grants	<u>3,791,667</u>
21	Total	16,268,936

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	14,964,433
3	Federal funds	1,002,268
4	ARRA funds	238,000
5	Interdepartmental transfers	41,667
6	Enterprise funds	<u>22,568</u>
7	Total	16,268,936
8	Sec. B.234 Public service board	
9	Personal services	3,027,893
10	Operating expenses	<u>452,288</u>
11	Total	3,480,181
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	<u>3,480,181</u>
14	Total	3,480,181
15	Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
16	Personal services	3,511,243
17	Operating expenses	283,587
18	Grants	<u>810,000</u>
19	Total	4,604,830
20	Source of funds	
21	Special funds	<u>4,604,830</u>

1	Total	4,604,830
2	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
3	Personal services	441,968
4	Operating expenses	<u>74,904</u>
5	Total	516,872
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	450,152
8	Federal funds	<u>66,720</u>
9	Total	516,872
10	Sec. B.237 Liquor control - administration	
11	Personal services	3,529,058
12	Operating expenses	<u>497,522</u>
13	Total	4,026,580
14	Source of funds	
15	Enterprise funds	<u>4,026,580</u>
16	Total	4,026,580
17	Sec. B.238 Liquor control - enforcement and licensing	
18	Personal services	2,461,479
19	Operating expenses	<u>520,453</u>
20	Total	2,981,932

1	Source of funds		
2	Special funds		154,500
3	Tobacco fund		218,444
4	Federal funds		254,841
5	Interdepartmental transfers		46,000
6	Enterprise funds		<u>2,308,147</u>
7	Total		2,981,932
8	Sec. B.239 Liquor control - warehousing and distribution		
9	Personal services		1,041,590
10	Operating expenses		<u>457,706</u>
11	Total		1,499,296
12	Source of funds		
13	Enterprise funds		<u>1,499,296</u>
14	Total		1,499,296
15	Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property		
16	Source of funds		
17	General fund		131,679,463
18	Transportation fund		22,750,000
19	Special funds		78,561,699
20	Tobacco fund		606,315
21	Federal funds		52,831,535

1	ARRA funds	238,000
2	Global Commitment fund	90,278
3	Interdepartmental transfers	11,434,881
4	Enterprise funds	<u>7,856,591</u>
5	Total	306,048,762
6	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
7	Personal services	16,664,613
8	Operating expenses	3,866,535
9	Grants	<u>3,179,454</u>
10	Total	23,710,602
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	6,035,747
13	Special funds	91,017
14	Tobacco fund	25,000
15	Federal funds	12,396,153
16	Global Commitment fund	499,667
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,663,018</u>
18	Total	23,710,602
19	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
20	Operating expenses	8,041,736
21	Grants	<u>1,373,257,914</u>

1	Total	1,381,299,650
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	210,670,951
4	Special funds	26,550,179
5	Tobacco fund	28,747,141
6	State health care resources fund	270,712,781
7	Federal funds	844,578,598
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>40,000</u>
9	Total	1,381,299,650
10	Sec. B.302 Rate setting	
11	Personal services	898,044
12	Operating expenses	<u>98,596</u>
13	Total	996,640
14	Source of funds	
15	Global Commitment fund	<u>996,640</u>
16	Total	996,640
17	Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
18	Personal services	246,454
19	Operating expenses	67,012
20	Grants	<u>248,388</u>
21	Total	561,854

1	Source of funds	
2	Federal funds	<u>561,854</u>
3	Total	561,854
4	Sec. B.304 Human services board	
5	Personal services	693,325
6	Operating expenses	<u>89,986</u>
7	Total	783,311
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	223,361
10	Federal funds	262,858
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>297,092</u>
12	Total	783,311
13	Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
14	Personal services	350,000
15	Operating expenses	<u>4,650,000</u>
16	Total	5,000,000
17	Source of funds	
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,000,000</u>
19	Total	5,000,000
20	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
21	Personal services	159,623,571

1	Operating expenses	4,538,736
2	Grants	<u>18,136,469</u>
3	Total	182,298,776
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	1,447,997
6	Special funds	797,332
7	Federal funds	84,243,588
8	Global Commitment fund	86,608,315
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>9,201,544</u>
10	Total	182,298,776
11	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global	
12	commitment	
13	Grants	<u>657,725,183</u>
14	Total	657,725,183
15	Source of funds	
16	Global Commitment fund	<u>657,725,183</u>
17	Total	657,725,183
18	Sec. B.308 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - long	
19	term care waiver	
20	Grants	<u>210,124,188</u>
21	Total	210,124,188

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	94,492,829
3	Federal funds	<u>115,631,359</u>
4	Total	210,124,188
5	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state	
6	only	
7	Grants	<u>39,415,040</u>
8	Total	39,415,040
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	31,425,153
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>7,989,887</u>
12	Total	39,415,040
13	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver	
14	matched	
15	Grants	<u>45,030,389</u>
16	Total	45,030,389
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	18,868,848
19	Federal funds	<u>26,161,541</u>
20	Total	45,030,389

1	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
2	Personal services	7,070,805
3	Operating expenses	3,280,471
4	Grants	<u>2,595,000</u>
5	Total	12,946,276
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	2,579,027
8	Special funds	1,022,719
9	Federal funds	5,668,282
10	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,676,248</u>
11	Total	12,946,276
12	Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
13	Personal services	37,391,426
14	Operating expenses	8,229,404
15	Grants	<u>39,972,373</u>
16	Total	85,593,203
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	8,544,109
19	Special funds	16,854,895
20	Tobacco fund	2,461,377
21	Federal funds	38,184,687

1	Global Commitment fund	18,401,274
2	Interdepartmental transfers	1,121,861
3	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
4	Total	85,593,203
5	Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs	
6	Personal services	3,995,245
7	Operating expenses	392,203
8	Grants	<u>43,932,842</u>
9	Total	48,320,290
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	2,873,238
12	Special funds	442,829
13	Tobacco fund	1,386,234
14	Federal funds	9,865,175
15	Global Commitment fund	<u>33,752,814</u>
16	Total	48,320,290
17	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
18	Personal services	28,575,903
19	Operating expenses	3,927,176
20	Grants	<u>188,266,046</u>
21	Total	220,769,125

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	1,703,391
3	Special funds	434,904
4	Federal funds	4,881,255
5	Global Commitment fund	213,729,575
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>20,000</u>
7	Total	220,769,125
8	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support	
9	services	
10	Personal services	45,539,991
11	Operating expenses	10,743,788
12	Grants	1,322,998 <u>1,342,998</u>
13	Total	57,606,777 <u>57,526,777</u>
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	21,705,290
16	Special funds	718,986 <u>638,986</u>
17	Federal funds	21,060,049
18	Global Commitment fund	13,456,637
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>665,815</u>
20	Total	57,606,777 <u>57,526,777</u>

1	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
2	Personal services	27,279,227
3	Operating expenses	4,144,297
4	Grants	<u>68,190,537</u>
5	Total	99,614,061
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	29,164,732
8	Special funds	1,691,637
9	Federal funds	23,442,723
10	Global Commitment fund	45,178,915
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>136,054</u>
12	Total	99,614,061
13	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
14	Personal services	6,160,505
15	Operating expenses	712,850
16	Grants	<u>74,243,412</u>
17	Total	81,116,767
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	29,743,122
20	Special funds	1,820,000
21	Federal funds	38,248,914

1	Global Commitment fund	11,304,731
2	Total	81,116,767
3	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
4	Personal services	10,216,130
5	Operating expenses	<u>3,515,641</u>
6	Total	13,731,771
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	3,430,564
9	Special funds	455,718
10	Federal funds	9,457,889
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
12	Total	13,731,771
13	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and	
14	disabled	
15	Personal services	2,221,542
16	Grants	<u>11,217,094</u>
17	Total	13,438,636
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	9,688,636
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,750,000</u>
21	Total	13,438,636

1	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
2	Grants	<u>6,087,010</u>
3	Total	6,087,010
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	4,680,025
6	Federal funds	1,111,320
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>295,665</u>
8	Total	6,087,010
9	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
10	Grants	<u>28,217,770</u>
11	Total	28,217,770
12	Source of funds	
13	Federal funds	<u>28,217,770</u>
14	Total	28,217,770
15	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
16	Operating expenses	86,891
17	Grants	<u>42,534,036</u>
18	Total	42,620,927
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	12,308,629
21	Special funds	23,401,676

1	Federal funds	4,152,222
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,758,400</u>
3	Total	42,620,927
4	Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel	
5	assistance/LIHEAP	
6	Grants	<u>17,351,664</u>
7	Total	17,351,664
8	Source of funds	
9	Federal funds	<u>17,351,664</u>
10	Total	17,351,664
11	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic	
12	opportunity	
13	Personal services	285,158
14	Operating expenses	28,069
15	Grants	<u>8,605,335</u>
16	Total	8,918,562
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	4,729,667
19	Special funds	57,990
20	Federal funds	3,928,417
21	Global Commitment fund	<u>202,488</u>

1	Total	8,918,562
2	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization	
3	assistance	
4	Personal services	404,273
5	Operating expenses	53,717
6	Grants	<u>8,649,961</u>
7	Total	9,107,951
8	Source of funds	
9	Special funds	8,107,951
10	Federal funds	<u>1,000,000</u>
11	Total	9,107,951
12	Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - Woodside rehabilitation	
13	center	
14	Personal services	4,143,010
15	Operating expenses	<u>656,181</u>
16	Total	4,799,191
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	913,411
19	Global Commitment fund	3,788,780
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>97,000</u>
21	Total	4,799,191

1	Sec. B.328 Department for children and families disability determination	
2	services	
3	 Personal services	5,691,593
4	 Operating expenses	<u>524,133</u>
5	 Total	6,215,726
6	Source of funds	
7	 Federal funds	5,959,659
8	 Global Commitment fund	<u>256,067</u>
9	 Total	6,215,726
10	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &	
11	support	
12	Personal services	29,024,981
13	Operating expenses	<u>4,985,917</u>
14	Total	34,010,898
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	11,213,165
17	Special funds	1,390,457
18	Federal funds	12,992,255
19	Global Commitment fund	5,740,234
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,674,787</u>
21	Total	34,010,898

1	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living advocacy and	
2	independent living grants	
3	 Grants	<u>20,560,309</u>
4	 Total	20,560,309
5	Source of funds	
6	 General fund	7,862,665
7	 Federal funds	6,992,730
8	 Global Commitment fund	5,534,924
9	 Interdepartmental transfers	<u>169,990</u>
10	 Total	20,560,309
11	Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually	
12	impaired	
13	Grants	<u>1,411,457</u>
14	Total	1,411,457
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	349,154
17	Special funds	223,450
18	Federal funds	593,853
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>245,000</u>
20	Total	1,411,457

1	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational	
2	rehabilitation	
3	 Grants	<u>8,972,255</u>
4	 Total	8,972,255
5	 Source of funds	
6	 General fund	1,371,845
7	 Special funds	70,000
8	 Federal funds	4,552,523
9	 Global Commitment fund	7,500
10	 Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,970,387</u>
11	 Total	8,972,255
12	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental	
13	services	
14	Grants	<u>185,990,025</u>
15	Total	185,990,025
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	155,125
18	Special funds	15,463
19	Federal funds	359,857
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>185,459,580</u>
21	Total	185,990,025

1	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living TBI home and	
2	community based waiver	
3	 Grants	<u>5,647,336</u>
4	 Total	5,647,336
5	 Source of funds	
6	 Global Commitment fund	<u>5,647,336</u>
7	 Total	5,647,336
8	Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
9	 Personal services	2,335,909
10	 Operating expenses	<u>218,683</u>
11	 Total	2,554,592
12	 Source of funds	
13	 General fund	<u>2,554,592</u>
14	 Total	2,554,592
15	Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
16	 Personal services	241,447
17	 Operating expenses	<u>80,783</u>
18	 Total	322,230
19	 Source of funds	
20	 General fund	<u>322,230</u>
21	 Total	322,230

1	Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
2	Personal services	3,252,135
3	Operating expenses	<u>530,774</u>
4	Total	3,782,909
5	Source of funds	
6	Education fund	3,554,425
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>228,484</u>
8	Total	3,782,909
9	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
10	Personal services	109,869,570
11	Operating expenses	21,691,183
12	Grants	<u>9,822,638</u>
13	Total	141,383,391
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	134,508,672
16	Special funds	483,963
17	Federal funds	470,962
18	Global Commitment fund	5,523,479
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
20	Total	141,383,391

1	Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services - out of state beds	
2	Personal services	<u>8,009,061</u>
3	Total	8,009,061
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>8,009,061</u>
6	Total	8,009,061
7	Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
8	Personal services	541,428
9	Operating expenses	<u>345,501</u>
10	Total	886,929
11	Source of funds	
12	Special funds	<u>886,929</u>
13	Total	886,929
14	Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
15	Personal services	1,267,964
16	Operating expenses	<u>548,231</u>
17	Total	1,816,195
18	Source of funds	
19	Internal service funds	<u>1,816,195</u>
20	Total	1,816,195

1	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home care and support services	
2	Personal services	16,173,696
3	Operating expenses	<u>4,852,498</u>
4	Total	21,026,194
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	4,482,923
7	Special funds	8,732,204
8	Federal funds	7,400,081
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>410,986</u>
10	Total	21,026,194
11	Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
12	Personal services	273,960
13	Operating expenses	<u>82,404</u>
14	Total	356,364
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	351,364
17	Special funds	<u>5,000</u>
18	Total	356,364
19	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
20	Grants	<u>151,096</u>
21	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	8,508,778
6	Operating expenses	<u>637,600</u>
7	Total	9,146,378
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	921,851
10	Special funds	1,412,836
11	Federal funds	928,466
12	Global Commitment fund	3,154,685
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,728,540</u>
14	Total	9,146,378
15	Sec. B.346 Total human services	
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	667,482,470
18	Special funds	95,668,135
19	Tobacco fund	32,619,752
20	State health care resources fund	270,712,781
21	Education fund	3,554,425

1	Federal funds	1,330,656,704
2	Global Commitment fund	1,316,095,010
3	Internal service funds	1,816,195
4	Interdepartmental transfers	30,798,487
5	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
6	Total	3,749,428,959
7	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
8	Personal services	26,785,755
9	Operating expenses	7,609,922
10	Grants	<u>330,482</u>
11	Total	34,726,159
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	3,264,327
14	Special funds	3,363,869
15	Federal funds	26,941,460
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,156,503</u>
17	Total	34,726,159
18	Sec. B.401 Total labor	
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	3,264,327
21	Special funds	3,363,869

1	Federal funds	26,941,460
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,156,503</u>
3	Total	34,726,159
4	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
5	Personal services	8,452,624
6	Operating expenses	2,409,879
7	Grants	<u>15,811,200</u>
8	Total	26,673,703
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	3,338,940
11	Special funds	16,656,256
12	Education fund	962,145
13	Federal funds	4,778,175
14	Global Commitment fund	<u>938,187</u>
15	Total	26,673,703
16	Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
17	Personal services	16,454,867
18	Operating expenses	1,382,706
19	Grants	<u>114,274,730</u>
20	Total	132,112,303

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	5,415,726
3	Special funds	2,425,480
4	Federal funds	123,005,164
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,265,933</u>
6	Total	132,112,303
7	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
8	Grants	<u>179,823,434</u>
9	Total	179,823,434
10	Source of funds	
11	Education fund	<u>179,823,434</u>
12	Total	179,823,434
13	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
14	Grants	<u>16,400,000</u>
15	Total	16,400,000
16	Source of funds	
17	Education fund	<u>16,400,000</u>
18	Total	16,400,000
19	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
20	Grants	<u>7,101,468</u>
21	Total	7,101,468

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund		787,995
3	Education fund		5,550,000
4	Federal funds		<u>763,473</u>
5	Total		7,101,468
6	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment		
7	Grants	1,295,574,706	<u>1,290,500,000</u>
8	Total	1,295,574,706	<u>1,290,500,000</u>
9	Source of funds		
10	Education fund	1,295,574,706	<u>1,290,500,000</u>
11	Total	1,295,574,706	<u>1,290,500,000</u>
12	Sec. B.506 Education - transportation		
13	Grants		<u>17,734,913</u>
14	Total		17,734,913
15	Source of funds		
16	Education fund		<u>17,734,913</u>
17	Total		17,734,913
18	Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants		
19	Grants		<u>7,615,000</u>
20	Total		7,615,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Education fund	<u>7,615,000</u>
3	Total	7,615,000
4	Sec. B.508 Education - capital debt service aid	
5	Grants	<u>122,000</u>
6	Total	122,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Education fund	<u>122,000</u>
9	Total	122,000
10	Sec. B.509 Education - tobacco litigation	
11	Personal services	101,707
12	Operating expenses	29,115
13	Grants	<u>635,719</u>
14	Total	766,541
15	Source of funds	
16	Tobacco fund	<u>766,541</u>
17	Total	766,541
18	Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
19	Grants	<u>6,356,188</u>
20	Total	6,356,188

1	Source of funds	
2	Education fund	<u>6,356,188</u>
3	Total	6,356,188
4	Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
5	Grants	<u>13,331,162</u>
6	Total	13,331,162
7	Source of funds	
8	Education fund	<u>13,331,162</u>
9	Total	13,331,162
10	Sec. B.512 Education - Act 117 cost containment	
11	Personal services	1,086,783
12	Operating expenses	148,207
13	Grants	<u>91,000</u>
14	Total	1,325,990
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	<u>1,325,990</u>
17	Total	1,325,990
18	Sec. B.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund	
19	Grants	<u>303,343,381</u>
20	Total	303,343,381

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>303,343,381</u>
3	Total	303,343,381
4	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
5	Grants	<u>73,102,909</u>
6	Total	73,102,909
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>73,102,909</u>
9	Total	73,102,909
10	Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	
11	Personal services	7,978,983
12	Operating expenses	<u>1,325,835</u>
13	Total	9,304,818
14	Source of funds	
15	Pension trust funds	<u>9,304,818</u>
16	Total	9,304,818
17	Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
18	Grants	<u>15,576,468</u>
19	Total	15,576,468
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>15,576,468</u>

1	Total	15,576,468
2	Sec. B.516 Total general education	
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	401,565,419
5	Special funds	20,407,726
6	Tobacco fund	766,541
7	Education fund	1,543,469,548
8	Federal funds	128,546,812
9	Global Commitment fund	938,187
10	Interdepartmental transfers	1,265,933
11	Pension trust funds	<u>9,304,818</u>
12	Total	2,106,264,984
13	Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
14	Grants	<u>42,509,093</u>
15	Total	42,509,093
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	38,462,876
18	Global Commitment fund	<u>4,046,217</u>
19	Total	42,509,093
20	Sec. B.601 Vermont Public Television	
21	Grants	<u>271,103</u>

1	Total	271,103
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	<u>271,103</u>
4	Total	271,103
5	Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
6	Grants	<u>24,300,464</u>
7	Total	24,300,464
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>24,300,464</u>
10	Total	24,300,464
11	Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
12	Grants	<u>1,520,775</u>
13	Total	1,520,775
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	748,314
16	Global Commitment fund	<u>772,461</u>
17	Total	1,520,775
18	Sec. B.604 Vermont interactive technology	
19	Grants	<u>500</u>
20	Total	500

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>500</u>
3	Total	500
4	Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
5	Grants	<u>19,414,588</u>
6	Total	19,414,588
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>19,414,588</u>
9	Total	19,414,588
10	Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
11	Grants	<u>84,000</u>
12	Total	84,000
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>84,000</u>
15	Total	84,000
16	Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm	
17	Grants	<u>1</u>
18	Total	1
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>1</u>
21	Total	1

1	Sec. B.608 Total higher education	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	83,281,846
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>4,818,678</u>
5	Total	88,100,524
6	Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	
7	Personal services	3,450,486
8	Operating expenses	2,144,118
9	Grants	<u>125,510</u>
10	Total	5,720,114
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	4,701,176
13	Special funds	491,800
14	Federal funds	270,000
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>257,138</u>
16	Total	5,720,114
17	Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment	
18	Operating expenses	<u>2,285,299</u>
19	Total	2,285,299
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,863,799

1	Interdepartmental transfers	421,500
2	Total	2,285,299
3	Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
4	Personal services	16,199,539
5	Operating expenses	5,399,047
6	Grants	<u>2,145,000</u>
7	Total	23,743,586
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	5,132,155 <u>5,162,155</u>
10	Special funds	100,000
11	Fish and wildlife fund	9,321,075 <u>9,291,075</u>
12	Federal funds	8,991,856
13	Interdepartmental transfers	197,500
14	Permanent trust funds	<u>1,000</u>
15	Total	23,743,586
16	Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
17	Personal services	1,090,003
18	Operating expenses	663,990
19	Grants	<u>1,822,730</u>
20	Total	3,576,723

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	1,099,310
3	Special funds	1,307,878
4	Federal funds	<u>1,169,535</u>
5	Total	3,576,723
6	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
7	Personal services	5,230,313
8	Operating expenses	685,288
9	Grants	<u>500,700</u>
10	Total	6,416,301
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	3,848,398
13	Special funds	1,130,403
14	Federal funds	1,300,000
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>137,500</u>
16	Total	6,416,301
17	Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
18	Personal services	6,845,755
19	Operating expenses	<u>2,622,212</u>
20	Total	9,467,967

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	637,328
3	Special funds	<u>8,830,639</u>
4	Total	9,467,967
5	Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration	
6	Personal services	508,184
7	Operating expenses	<u>1,195,754</u>
8	Total	1,703,938
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	437,559
11	Special funds	197,629
12	Federal funds	1,050,000
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>18,750</u>
14	Total	1,703,938
15	Sec. B.707 Forests, parks and recreation - youth conservation corps	
16	Grants	<u>520,689</u>
17	Total	520,689
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	48,307
20	Special funds	<u>188,382</u>
21	Federal funds	94,000

1	Interdepartmental transfers	190,000
2	Total	520,689
3	Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest highway maintenance	
4	Personal services	94,000
5	Operating expenses	<u>85,925</u>
6	Total	179,925
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>179,925</u>
9	Total	179,925
10	Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services	
11	Personal services	5,608,526
12	Operating expenses	790,399
13	Grants	<u>111,280</u>
14	Total	6,510,205
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	354,188
17	Special funds	445,630
18	Federal funds	1,110,742
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,599,645</u>
20	Total	6,510,205

1	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
2	Personal services	10,423,688
3	Operating expenses	8,315,978
4	Grants	<u>2,044,754</u>
5	Total	20,784,420
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	442,163
8	Special funds	16,555,651
9	Federal funds	3,634,737
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>151,869</u>
11	Total	20,784,420
12	Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs	
13	Personal services	16,578,032
14	Operating expenses	4,911,506
15	Grants	<u>1,672,015</u>
16	Total	23,161,553
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	8,240,152
19	Special funds	6,864,180
20	Federal funds	6,722,123
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,335,098</u>

1	Total	23,161,553
2	Sec. B.712 Environmental conservation - tax-loss Connecticut river flood	
3	control	
4	Operating expenses	<u>34,700</u>
5	Total	34,700
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	3,470
8	Special funds	<u>31,230</u>
9	Total	34,700
10	Sec. B.713 Natural resources board	
11	Personal services	2,733,698
12	Operating expenses	<u>236,618</u>
13	Total	2,970,316
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	639,419
16	Special funds	<u>2,330,897</u>
17	Total	2,970,316
18	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	27,627,349
21	Special funds	38,474,319

1	Fish and wildlife fund	9,321,075
2	Federal funds	24,342,993
3	Interdepartmental transfers	7,309,000
4	Permanent trust funds	<u>1,000</u>
5	Total	107,075,736
6	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce	
7	and community development - administration	
8	Personal services	2,794,805
9	Operating expenses	813,675
10	Grants	<u>4,322,627</u>
11	Total	7,931,107
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	3,391,307
14	Special funds	3,569,800
15	Federal funds	800,000
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>170,000</u>
17	Total	7,931,107
18	Sec. B.801 Economic development	
19	Personal services	3,293,135
20	Operating expenses	1,016,566
21	Grants	<u>1,921,821</u>

1	Total	6,231,522
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	4,563,634
4	Special funds	929,650
5	Federal funds	<u>738,238</u>
6	Total	6,231,522
7	Sec. B.802 Housing & community development	
8	Personal services	6,938,851
9	Operating expenses	892,571
10	Grants	<u>1,441,987</u>
11	Total	9,273,409
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	2,536,040
14	Special funds	4,530,732
15	Federal funds	2,064,555
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>142,082</u>
17	Total	9,273,409
18	Sec. B.804 Community development block grants	
19	Grants	<u>6,174,938</u>
20	Total	6,174,938

1	Source of funds	
2	Federal funds	<u>6,174,938</u>
3	Total	6,174,938
4	Sec. B.805 Downtown transportation and capital improvement fund	
5	Personal services	88,815
6	Grants	<u>335,151</u>
7	Total	423,966
8	Source of funds	
9	Special funds	<u>423,966</u>
10	Total	423,966
11	Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
12	Personal services	1,220,033
13	Operating expenses	1,841,289
14	Grants	<u>147,530</u>
15	Total	3,208,852
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	3,108,852
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
19	Total	3,208,852
20	Sec. B.807 Vermont life	
21	Personal services	806,790

1	Operating expenses	61,990
2	Total	868,780
3	Source of funds	
4	Enterprise funds	<u>868,780</u>
5	Total	868,780
6	Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
7	Grants	<u>645,307</u>
8	Total	645,307
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	<u>645,307</u>
11	Total	645,307
12	Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
13	Grants	<u>141,214</u>
14	Total	141,214
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>141,214</u>
17	Total	141,214
18	Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
19	Grants	<u>947,620</u>
20	Total	947,620

1	Source of funds	
2	 General fund	947,620
3	 Total	947,620
4	Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
5	 Grants	21,785,605
6	 Total	21,785,605
7	Source of funds	
8	 Special funds	10,532,396
9	 Federal funds	11,253,209
10	 Total	21,785,605
11	Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
12	 Grants	217,959
13	 Total	217,959
14	Source of funds	
15	 General fund	217,959
16	 Total	217,959
17	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
18	Source of funds	
19	 General fund	15,551,933
20	 Special funds	19,986,544
21	 Federal funds	21,030,940

1	Interdepartmental transfers	412,082
2	Enterprise funds	<u>868,780</u>
3	Total	57,850,279
4	Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
5	Personal services	11,125,599
6	Operating expenses	2,359,830
7	Grants	<u>245,000</u>
8	Total	13,730,429
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	12,690,489
11	Federal funds	<u>1,039,940</u>
12	Total	13,730,429
13	Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
14	Personal services	2,669,668
15	Operating expenses	11,883,200
16	Grants	<u>204,000</u>
17	Total	14,756,868
18	Source of funds	
19	Transportation fund	4,667,668
20	Federal funds	9,954,000
21	Local match	<u>135,200</u>

1	Total	14,756,868
2	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
3	Operating expenses	<u>2,000,000</u>
4	Total	2,000,000
5	Source of funds	
6	Transportation fund	<u>2,000,000</u>
7	Total	2,000,000
8	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
9	Personal services	45,225,656
10	Operating expenses	198,678,472
11	Grants	<u>35,813,117</u>
12	Total	279,717,245
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	37,861,065
15	TIB fund	11,033,002
16	Federal funds	229,708,772
17	Local match	<u>1,114,406</u>
18	Total	279,717,245
19	Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
20	Operating expenses	<u>625,000</u>
21	Total	625,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	62,500
3	Federal funds	<u>562,500</u>
4	Total	625,000
5	Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
6	Personal services	43,784,445
7	Operating expenses	43,190,139
8	Grants	<u>95,000</u>
9	Total	87,069,584
10	Source of funds	
11	Transportation fund	82,469,447
12	Federal funds	4,500,137
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
14	Total	87,069,584
15	Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
16	Personal services	3,209,333
17	Operating expenses	685,773
18	Grants	<u>6,112,542</u>
19	Total	10,007,648
20	Source of funds	
21	Transportation fund	2,065,384

1	Federal funds	<u>7,942,264</u>
2	Total	10,007,648
3	Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
4	Personal services	4,746,680
5	Operating expenses	30,032,151
6	Grants	<u>370,000</u>
7	Total	35,148,831
8	Source of funds	
9	Transportation fund	15,414,997
10	TIB fund	564,364
11	Federal funds	<u>19,169,470</u>
12	Total	35,148,831
13	Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
14	Personal services	1,100,718
15	Operating expenses	187,326
16	Grants	<u>25,833,991</u>
17	Total	27,122,035
18	Source of funds	
19	Transportation fund	7,669,114
20	Federal funds	<u>19,452,921</u>
21	Total	27,122,035

1	Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
2	Personal services	4,508,403
3	Operating expenses	<u>15,801,157</u>
4	Total	20,309,560
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>20,309,560</u>
7	Total	20,309,560
8	Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
9	Personal services	17,566,584
10	Operating expenses	<u>9,426,323</u>
11	Total	26,992,907
12	Source of funds	
13	Transportation fund	25,303,741
14	Federal funds	<u>1,689,166</u>
15	Total	26,992,907
16	Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
17	Grants	<u>9,483,500</u>
18	Total	9,483,500
19	Source of funds	
20	Transportation fund	<u>9,483,500</u>
21	Total	9,483,500

1	Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
2	Grants	<u>394,700</u>
3	Total	394,700
4	Source of funds	
5	Transportation fund	239,700
6	Federal funds	<u>155,000</u>
7	Total	394,700
8	Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
9	Grants	<u>7,248,750</u>
10	Total	7,248,750
11	Source of funds	
12	Transportation fund	<u>7,248,750</u>
13	Total	7,248,750
14	Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
15	Personal services	4,250,000
16	Operating expenses	18,681,001
17	Grants	<u>25,000</u>
18	Total	22,956,001
19	Source of funds	
20	Transportation fund	1,058,925
21	TIB fund	1,901,221

1	Federal funds	18,671,176
2	Local match	<u>1,324,679</u>
3	Total	22,956,001
4	Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
5	Grants	<u>25,982,744</u>
6	Total	25,982,744
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	<u>25,982,744</u>
9	Total	25,982,744
10	Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
11	Grants	<u>128,750</u>
12	Total	128,750
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
15	Total	128,750
16	Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
17	Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
18	Total	1,150,000
19	Source of funds	
20	Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
21	Total	1,150,000

1	Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	
2	Grants	<u>1,440,000</u>
3	Total	1,440,000
4	Source of funds	
5	Transportation fund	160,000
6	Federal funds	<u>1,280,000</u>
7	Total	1,440,000
8	Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation grant program	
9	Grants	<u>650,000</u>
10	Total	650,000
11	Source of funds	
12	Transportation fund	440,000
13	Federal funds	180,000
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>30,000</u>
15	Total	650,000
16	Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program	
17	Grants	<u>33,865,000</u>
18	Total	33,865,000
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	1,965,000
21	Federal funds	<u>31,900,000</u>

1	Total	33,865,000
2	Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
3	Personal services	193,548
4	Operating expenses	<u>30,886</u>
5	Total	224,434
6	Source of funds	
7	Transportation fund	<u>224,434</u>
8	Total	224,434
9	Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
10	Source of funds	
11	Transportation fund	236,321,208
12	TIB fund	13,498,587
13	Special funds	1,965,000
14	Federal funds	346,205,346
15	Internal service funds	20,309,560
16	Interdepartmental transfers	130,000
17	Local match	<u>2,574,285</u>
18	Total	621,003,986
19	Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
20	Operating expenses	<u>73,569,975</u>
21	Total	73,569,975

1 ~~Source of funds~~

2 General fund	67,337,515
3 Transportation fund	1,946,969
4 TIB debt service fund	2,504,913
5 Special funds	628,420
6 ARRA funds	<u>1,152,158</u>
7 Total	73,569,975

8 Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

9 Source of funds

10 General fund	67,337,515
11 Transportation fund	1,946,969
12 TIB debt service fund	2,504,913
13 Special funds	628,420
14 ARRA funds	<u>1,152,158</u>
15 Total	73,569,975

16 Sec. B.1100 NEXT GENERATION; APPROPRIATIONS AND
17 TRANSFERS

18 (a) In fiscal year 2016, \$2,943,000 is appropriated or transferred from the
19 Next Generation Initiative Fund created in 16 V.S.A. § 2887 as prescribed:

20 (1) Workforce education and training. The amount of \$1,502,500 as
21 follows:

1 ~~(A) Workforce Education and Training Fund (WETF). The amount~~
2 ~~of \$942,500 is transferred to the Vermont Workforce Education and Training~~
3 ~~Fund created in 10 V.S.A. § 543 and subsequently appropriated to the~~
4 ~~Department of Labor for workforce education and training. Up to seven~~
5 ~~percent of the funds may be used for administration of the program. Of this~~
6 ~~amount, \$350,000 shall be allocated for competitive grants for internships~~
7 ~~through the Vermont Career Internship Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 544.~~

8 ~~(B) Adult Technical Education Programs. The amount of \$360,000~~
9 ~~is appropriated to the Department of Labor in consultation with the State~~
10 ~~Workforce Investment Board. This appropriation is for the purpose of~~
11 ~~awarding competitive grants to regional technical centers and high schools to~~
12 ~~provide adult technical education, as that term is defined in 16 V.S.A. § 1522,~~
13 ~~to unemployed and underemployed Vermont adults.~~

14 ~~(C) The amount of \$200,000 is appropriated to the Agency of~~
15 ~~Commerce and Community Development to issue performance grants to the~~
16 ~~University of Vermont and the Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies for~~
17 ~~patent development and commercialization of technology and to enhance the~~
18 ~~development of high technology businesses and Next Generation employment~~
19 ~~opportunities throughout Vermont.~~

1 ~~(2) Loan repayment. The amount of \$171,000 as follows:~~

2 ~~(A) Large animal veterinarians' loan forgiveness. The amount of~~
3 ~~\$30,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets~~
4 ~~for a loan forgiveness program for large animal veterinarians pursuant to~~
5 ~~6 V.S.A. § 20.~~

6 ~~(B) Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) incentive.~~
7 ~~The amount of \$141,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and~~
8 ~~Community Development for an incentive payment pursuant to 2011 Acts and~~
9 ~~Resolves No. 52, Sec. 6.~~

10 ~~(3) Scholarships and grants. The amount of \$~~1,244,500~~ 1,269,600 as~~
11 ~~follows:~~

12 ~~(A) Nondegree VSAC grants. The amount of \$494,500 is~~
13 ~~appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. These funds~~
14 ~~shall be for the purpose of providing nondegree grants to Vermonters to~~
15 ~~improve job skills and increase overall employability, enabling them to enroll~~
16 ~~in a postsecondary education or training program, including adult technical~~
17 ~~education that is not part of a degree or accredited certificate program. A~~
18 ~~portion of these funds shall be used for grants for indirect educational expenses~~
19 ~~to students enrolled in training programs. The grants shall not exceed \$3,000~~
20 ~~per student. None of these funds shall be used for administrative overhead.~~

1 ~~(B) National Guard Educational Assistance. The amount of~~
2 ~~\$150,000 is appropriated to Military – administration to be transferred to the~~
3 ~~Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational~~
4 ~~Assistance Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856.~~

5 ~~(C) Dual enrollment programs. The amount of \$625,000 is~~
6 ~~appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges for dual enrollment programs~~
7 ~~consistent with 16 V.S.A. § 944, of which amount \$25,000 is transferred to the~~
8 ~~Vermont Student Assistance Corporation pursuant to Sec. E.605.1 of this act.~~
9 ~~The State Colleges shall develop a voucher program that will allow Vermont~~
10 ~~students to attend programs at a postsecondary institution other than the State~~
11 ~~College system when the student will be better served at a non-State college or~~
12 ~~when available programs are not geographically suited to student need.~~

13 Sec. B.1100.1 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECOMMENDATION FOR
14 FISCAL YEAR 2017 NEXT GENERATION FUND
15 DISTRIBUTION

16 ~~(a) The Department of Labor, in coordination with the Agency of~~
17 ~~Commerce and Community Development, the Agency of Human Services, and~~
18 ~~the Agency of Education, and in consultation with the State Workforce~~
19 ~~Investment Board, shall recommend to the Governor on or before December 1,~~
20 ~~2015 how \$3,293,000 from the Next Generation Fund should be allocated or~~
21 ~~appropriated in fiscal year 2017 to provide maximum benefit to workforce~~

1 ~~education and training, participation in secondary or postsecondary education~~
2 by underrepresented groups, and support for promising economic sectors in
3 Vermont. The State agencies and departments listed herein shall promote
4 actively and publicly the availability of the funds to eligible entities.

5 Sec. B.1101 VERMONT VETERANS' HOME; TRANSITION FUNDING

6 (a) In fiscal year 2016, \$1,000,000 of general funds is appropriated to the
7 Vermont Veterans' Home. The funds are intended to provide one-year bridge
8 funding for the Vermont Veterans' Home as the home implements changes to
9 meet the goal achieving self-sustaining fiscal operations and requiring no
10 additional State support by 2018.

11 Sec. B.1102 SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR TAX COMPUTER
12 SYSTEMS

13 (a) The amount of \$15,500,000 is appropriated from the Tax Computer
14 System Modernization Special Fund established pursuant to 2007 Acts and
15 Resolves No. 65, Sec. 282, as amended by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 63,
16 Sec. C.103 and 2013 Acts and Resolves No.1, Sec. 65, and as further amended
17 by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 95, Sec. 62. This appropriation shall carry
18 forward through fiscal year 2024. The Commissioner of Finance and
19 Management may anticipate receipts in accordance with 32 V.S.A.
20 § 588(4)(C).

~~Sec. B.1103 FISCAL YEAR 2016 STATEWIDE OPERATIONAL~~

REDUCTIONS

(a) Information Technology Charges: In fiscal year 2016 the Secretary of Administration shall reduce the general funds appropriated to the agencies and branches of State government by a total amount of \$400,000. This reduction reflects reductions in the internal services charged to agencies as a result of actions taken in the Department of Information and Innovation to provide general services or specific projects in a more cost-effective manner to its State government customers.

(b) Human Resources: In fiscal year 2016 the Secretary of Administration shall reduce the general funds appropriated to the agencies and branches of State government by a total amount of \$44,000. This reduction reflects the reduction in human resources internal services charged to agencies specifically related to maintaining the supervisory training unit at fiscal year 2015 staffing levels and postponing full implementation of this new initiative.

(c) Building and General Services: In fiscal year 2016 the Secretary of Administration shall reduce the general funds appropriated to the agencies and branches of State government by a total amount of \$470,000 from the internal services charged by the Department of Buildings and General Services programs as follows:

1 ~~(1) Facilities operations efficient use of space \$300,000 of which~~
2 ~~\$120,000 is general fund: The Commissioner is authorized to undertake~~
3 ~~consolidations of owned or leased space, and the divestiture of State-owned~~
4 ~~lands or buildings not currently used and not slated for reuse. In fiscal year~~
5 ~~2016, proceeds from the divestiture of State-owned real property made as a~~
6 ~~result of this section shall be reserved for future expenses identified within an~~
7 ~~overall State space/facilities strategic plan that aligns future space operating~~
8 ~~costs with a sustainable budget.~~

9 ~~(2) Energy efficiency: Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law~~
10 ~~or Public Service Board order, monies raised by the energy efficiency charge~~
11 ~~under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d) applicable to multiple utility service territories shall~~
12 ~~be used by Efficiency Vermont to deliver energy efficiency measures and~~
13 ~~services to State buildings and facilities that, during fiscal year 2016, will~~
14 ~~reduce the State's energy costs by an amount not less than \$250,000 of which~~
15 ~~\$100,000 is general fund.~~

16 ~~(3) Fleet \$625,000 of which \$250,000 is general fund: From more~~
17 ~~efficient management of the assets of the fleet program which may include~~
18 ~~longer life cycles for the assets, a lower cost basis for newly acquired assets,~~
19 ~~and management control of travel resulting in reduced mileage reimbursement.~~

1 ~~Sec. B.1104 SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION; FISCAL YEAR 2016~~

2 PERSONNEL AND LABOR COST SAVINGS

3 (a) The Secretary of Administration shall reduce appropriations and make
4 transfers to the General Fund for a total of \$5,000,000 from agreed-upon
5 personnel or labor cost savings.

6 Sec. B.1105 2014 Acts and Resolves No.160, Sec. 9 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 9. PAY ACT APPROPRIATIONS

8 * * *

9 (a)(2)(A) General Fund. The amount of ~~\$8,480,001.00~~ \$3,454,510.00 is
10 appropriated from the General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for
11 distribution to departments to fund the fiscal year 2016 collective bargaining
12 agreements and the requirements of this act.

13 (B) Transportation Fund. The amount of ~~\$2,000,000.00~~ \$1,000,00.00
14 is appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Secretary of
15 Administration for distribution to the Agency of Transportation and the
16 Department of Public Safety to fund the fiscal year 2016 collective bargaining
17 agreements and the requirements of this act.

18 * * *

19 (b)(2)(B) Fiscal Year 2016. The amount of ~~\$1,044,585.00~~ \$425,369.00 is
20 appropriated from the General Fund to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal year
21 2015 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.

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2 (c)(2) Fiscal Year 2016. The amount of ~~\$283,000.00~~ \$115,286.00 is
3 appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Branch.

4 Sec. B.1106 FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERSONNEL AND LABOR COST

5 SAVINGS; RECOMMENDATIONS

6 (a) For purposes of carrying out the personnel and labor cost reductions
7 provided for in sections B.1104 and B.1105 of this act as it relates to the
8 Executive Branch of State government, the General Assembly encourages the
9 Administration to do the following:

10 (1) target positions for layoff that are distributed proportionally across
11 management, supervisory, and line positions and across exempt and classified
12 positions in any reduction in force;

13 (2) provide limited or no salary increases to higher wage exempt
14 employees;

15 (3) reduce the amount of employee travel and encourage telephone and
16 video conferencing whenever possible;

17 (4) reduce the amount of overtime that State employees are permitted to
18 work;

19 (5) reduce bottled water allowances for State agencies and departments
20 and encourage the replacement of bottled water with water bottle filling
21 stations located at drinking fountains; and

1 ~~(6) identify opportunities to reduce personnel costs through increasing~~
2 ~~or decreasing the number of State employees or the use of outsourcing.~~

3 Sec. B.1107 COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN RESOURCES; REPORT:

4 STATE EMPLOYEE POSITION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

5 (a) On or before January 15, 2016, the Commissioner of Human Resources
6 shall report to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations and on
7 Government Operations regarding recommended changes to the position
8 classification system applicable to State employees and the rules governing
9 such system as prescribed by 3 V.S.A. § 310. In addition to any analysis the
10 Commissioner deems relevant, the Commissioner will address the following:

11 (1) Whether the current position classification system, which is based
12 upon a point factor comparison method of job evaluation, effectively serves the
13 needs of State government.

14 (2) Alternatives to the current position classification system and an
15 analysis of the impacts of implementing such alternatives.

16 (b) In conducting this analysis, the Commissioner shall consult with the
17 Vermont State Employees' Association and the Vermont Troopers'
18 Association.

1 ~~Sec. B.1108 32 V.S.A. § 1282 is added to read:~~

2 § 1282. OFFICER COMPENSATION; VOLUNTARY DECREASE

3 An officer whose compensation is established by this chapter may choose to
4 be compensated at a lower rate.

5 Sec. B.1109 32 V.S.A. § 1002 is amended to read:

6 § 1002. SALARY OF GOVERNOR-ELECT

7 * * *

8 (b) The Governor-Elect shall be entitled to receive a salary of 70 percent of
9 the regular weekly salary of the Governor for the period before a new
10 Governor qualifies for office. This amount shall be reduced by the amount the
11 Governor-Elect receives from the State during this period for services
12 performed in fulfilling the duties of any office to which he or she was elected
13 or appointed.

14 Sec. B.1110 32 V.S.A. 1003 is amended to read:

15 § 1003. STATE OFFICERS

16 * * *

17 (c) The ~~annual salaries of the~~ officers of the Judicial Branch named below
18 shall be entitled to annual salaries as follows:

19 * * *

1 ~~Sec. B.1111 32 V.S.A. § 1012 is amended to read:~~

2 § 1012. PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

3 ~~The annual salary of the Chairperson~~ Chair of the Public Service Board
4 shall be entitled to an annual salary that is the same as fixed for annual salary
5 to which each Superior Court judge is entitled. ~~The annual salary of each of~~
6 ~~the other members of the Public Service Board, each of whom shall serve on a~~
7 part-time basis, shall be entitled to an annual salary equal to two-thirds of ~~that~~
8 ~~of the annual salary to which the Chairperson~~ Chair is entitled. The annual
9 salary of the clerk of such Board shall be fixed by the Board with the approval
10 of the Governor.

11 Sec. B.1112 32 V.S.A. § 1051 is amended to read:

12 § 1051. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

13 (a) The Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
14 shall be entitled to receive annual compensation of \$10,080.00 for the 2005
15 Biennial Session and thereafter to be paid in biweekly payments; provided that,
16 beginning on January 1, 2007, the annual compensation shall be adjusted
17 annually thereafter by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for State
18 employees under the most recent collective bargaining agreement. In addition
19 to the annual compensation, the Speaker and President Pro Tempore shall be
20 entitled to receive:

21 * * *

1 ~~Sec. B.1113 32 V.S.A. § 1141 is amended to read:~~

2 § 1141. ASSISTANT JUDGES

3 (a)(1) ~~The compensation of each~~ Each assistant judge of the Superior Court
4 shall be entitled to receive compensation in the amount of \$156.49 a day as of
5 July 13, 2014 and \$161.65 a day as of July 12, 2015 for time spent in the
6 performance of official duties and necessary expenses as allowed to classified
7 State employees. Compensation under this section shall be based on a
8 two-hour minimum and hourly thereafter.

9 (2)(A) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this
10 section shall be paid by the State except as provided in subdivision (B) of this
11 subdivision (2).

12 (B) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this
13 section shall be paid by the county at the State rate established in subdivision
14 (a)(1) of this section when an assistant judge is sitting with a presiding
15 Superior judge in the Civil or Family Division of the Superior Court.

16 (b) Assistant judges of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive pay
17 for such days as they attend Court when it is in actual session, or during a
18 Court recess when engaged in the special performance of official duties.

1 ~~Sec. B.1114 32 V.S.A. § 1142 is amended to read:~~

2 § 1142. PROBATE JUDGES

3 (a) ~~The annual salaries of the~~ Probate judges in the several Probate Districts
4 shall be entitled to receive the following annual salaries, which shall be paid by
5 the State in lieu of all fees or other compensation, ~~shall be as follows:~~

6 * * *

7 (b) Probate judges shall be entitled to be paid by the State for their actual
8 and necessary expenses under the rules and regulations pertaining to classified
9 State employees. The compensation for the Probate judge of the Chittenden
10 District shall be for full-time service.

11 * * *

12 Sec. B.1115 32 V.S.A. § 1182 is amended to read:

13 § 1182. SHERIFFS

14 (a) ~~The annual salaries of the~~ sheriffs of all counties except Chittenden
15 shall be entitled to receive salaries in the amount of \$72,508.00 as of July 13,
16 2014 and \$74,901.00 as of July 12, 2015. ~~The annual salary of the sheriff~~
17 Sheriff of Chittenden County shall be entitled to an annual salary in the amount
18 of \$76,732.00 as of July 13, 2014 and \$79,264.00 as of July 12, 2015.

19 * * *

1 ~~Sec. B.1116 32 V.S.A. § 1183 is amended to read:~~

2 § 1183. STATE'S ATTORNEYS

3 (a) ~~The annual salaries of State's Attorneys shall be entitled to receive~~
4 annual salaries as follows:

5 * * *

6 Sec. B.1117 PSAP; TRANSITION FUNDING

7 (a) In fiscal year 2016, \$425,000 of E-911 funds is appropriated to the
8 Department of Public Safety for the purposes of Sec. E.208.1 of this act.

9 Sec. C.101 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON COST AND FINANCING

10 OPTIONS FOR HIGH QUALITY AFFORDABLE CHILD

11 CARE

12 (a) Creation. The Secretary of Administration shall establish a Blue
13 Ribbon Commission on Financing High Quality, Affordable Child Care.

14 (b) Purpose. The purposes of the Commission are as follows:

15 (1) to identify the totality of State, federal, and grant money currently
16 being expended on child care in Vermont, to examine the costs, affordability,
17 and availability of funding for high quality child care for children ages birth
18 through five; and

19 (2) to make recommendations to the General Assembly and the
20 Governor on the most effective use of existing public funding, whether a gap

1 ~~exists between what is needed for adequate public funding and what is being~~
2 ~~provided at the present time, and recommendations regarding a potential gap.~~

3 ~~(c) The Blue Ribbon Commission will meet and support goals and~~
4 ~~strategies within the Vermont Early Childhood Framework and the~~
5 ~~accompanying Vermont Early Childhood Action Plan, especially goals three~~
6 ~~and four.~~

7 ~~(d) The goals of the Commission are as follows:~~

8 ~~(1) To determine the total costs of providing equal access to voluntary,~~
9 ~~high quality, early care and education for all Vermont children, ages birth~~
10 ~~through five. The Commission shall consider the needs and preferences of~~
11 ~~families, which may range along a continuum from partial day or partial year~~
12 ~~services to full day or full year services and include nontraditional work hours~~
13 ~~as well as usual business hours or a combination of these.~~

14 ~~(2) To work in coordination with the ongoing efforts of Vermont's Early~~
15 ~~Learning Challenge – Race to the Top grant, Vermont's PreK Expansion~~
16 ~~Grant, and Vermont's implementation of Act 166 – Universal PreK.~~

17 ~~(3) To examine current policies in Vermont's Child Care Financial~~
18 ~~Assistance Program (CCFAP) in relation to national trends and innovation in~~
19 ~~subsidy practice, as well as the relationship between CCFAP and other public~~
20 ~~benefits taking into consideration the overall impact on families, and~~

1 ~~recommend changes to maximize the use of CCEAP to support affordable~~
2 ~~access to high quality, early care and education for eligible families.~~

3 ~~(4) To consider various family compositions and income levels, to~~
4 ~~recommend the amount that families should pay toward the costs of high~~
5 ~~quality, early care and education, and to identify methods for reducing the~~
6 ~~costs for families paying more than what has been established as affordable.~~

7 ~~(5) To determine capacity of current funding mechanisms for high~~
8 ~~quality, affordable early care and education and assess the need for expansion.~~

9 ~~(6) To review and identify the sources of any potentially available~~
10 ~~funding from the State and federal government for high quality, affordable~~
11 ~~early care and education.~~

12 ~~(7) To investigate the current economic impact of the child care~~
13 ~~industry, including its importance for the role it plays in enabling parents to be~~
14 ~~in the workforce.~~

15 ~~(8) To review and identify potentially available public and private~~
16 ~~funding sources, other than the federal government, for high quality, affordable~~
17 ~~early care and education.~~

18 ~~(9) To review and identify innovative funding mechanisms used to~~
19 ~~finance high quality, affordable early care and education in other states and~~
20 ~~countries.~~

1 ~~(10) To explore possible various funding sources for equal access to~~
2 ~~voluntary, high quality, early care and education for all of Vermont children,~~
3 ~~ages birth through five, including:~~

4 ~~(A) expansion of existing available child care tax credits for both~~
5 ~~families and businesses, and investigation of other tax credits, deductions and~~
6 ~~exemptions for families and businesses;~~

7 ~~(B) development of a system for "Pay for Success" financing such as~~
8 ~~"Social Impact Bonds";~~

9 ~~(C) identification of available revenue from health care reform and~~
10 ~~establishing requirements for designating those savings for use in funding early~~
11 ~~care and education;~~

12 ~~(D) identification of possible available revenue from changes in the~~
13 ~~education system or funding and establishing requirements for designating~~
14 ~~those savings for use in funding early care and education;~~

15 ~~(E) identification of possible systems to generate funding sources,~~
16 ~~such as fees, when new community or commercial development will create~~
17 ~~increased demand for high quality, affordable early care and education;~~

18 ~~(F) analysis of current State allocation of tax and fee revenues and~~
19 ~~identification of possible reallocation, additional new revenue, and any other~~
20 ~~possible source of funds in the existing tax structure; and~~

21 ~~(G) evaluation of the long-term sustainability of the funding sources.~~

1 ~~(11) To determine the return on investment by assessing future cost~~
2 ~~savings to the State.~~

3 ~~(12) To develop a specific plan and timeline for the implementation of~~
4 ~~these recommendations.~~

5 ~~(e) Membership. The Commission shall consist of members to be selected~~
6 ~~as follows:~~

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

8 ~~(2) the Secretary of Administration or designee;~~

9 ~~(3) the Secretary of Human Services or designee;~~

10 ~~(4) the following members appointed by the Governor:~~

11 ~~(A) a representative from the Agency of Human Services' Child~~
12 ~~Development Division;~~

13 ~~(B) a representative from higher education;~~

14 ~~(C) three representatives of the Vermont business community;~~

15 ~~(D) a representative of the financial services industry in the State;~~

16 ~~(E) a representative of licensed and registered home-based early~~
17 ~~learning and development programs in the State;~~

18 ~~(F) a representative of licensed center-based early learning and~~
19 ~~development programs in the State;~~

20 ~~(G) a representative of Head Start;~~

21 ~~(H) a representative of the Parent Child Centers;~~

1 ~~(I) a representative of Early Educators United;~~

2 (J) two parents of children enrolled in an early care and education
3 program in the State, one of whom is serving in the military;

4 (K) a representative of a child advocacy group; and

5 (L) a representative from the Building Bright Futures State Council.

6 (f) The Commission shall be appointed as soon as possible after this act
7 takes effect. The panel shall elect a chair and a vice chair from among its
8 members. The first meeting of the Commission shall be held on or before
9 July 15, 2015. The Commission shall hold subsequent meetings at times and
10 locations determined by the Commission.

11 (g) The Commission shall hold meetings across the State and actively seek
12 input from a broad spectrum of stakeholders.

13 (h) Members of the Commission that are not State employees shall receive
14 per diem compensation and reimbursement for expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A.
15 § 1010.

16 (i) The Commission shall have the administrative, technical, and legal
17 assistance of the Secretary of Administration.

18 (j) The Commission is authorized to accept funding to offset costs related
19 to this study.

20 (k) The Commission shall report on its findings to the Governor and to the
21 Senate Committees on Education, on Finance, and on Health and Welfare and

1 ~~to the House Committees on Education, on Human Services, and on Ways and~~
2 Means on or before November 1, 2016.

3 Sec. C.102 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 61(a)(4) is amended to read:

4 (4) The following amounts shall be transferred to the Transportation
5 Infrastructure Bond Fund from the Transportation Fund:

6 ~~3,150,000.00~~ 2,500,000.00

7 Sec. C.103 32 V.S.A. § 704 is amended to read:

8 § 704. INTERIM BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS

9 (a) The General Assembly recognizes that acts of appropriations and their
10 sources of funding reflect the priorities for expenditures of public funds
11 enacted by the Legislature, and that ~~major reductions or adjustments~~ transfers,
12 when required by reduced State revenues or other reasons, ought to be made
13 whenever possible by an act of the Legislature reflecting its revisions of those
14 priorities. Nevertheless, ~~if the General Assembly also recognizes that when it~~
15 is not in session, it may be necessary to reduce or transfer authorized
16 appropriations and their sources of funding ~~may be adjusted and~~ to address
17 deficits and maintain a balanced State budget. Under these limited
18 circumstances, it is the intent of the General Assembly that funds may be
19 reduced and transferred when the General Assembly is not in session pursuant
20 to the provisions of this section.

1 ~~(b)(1) If the official State revenue estimates of the Emergency Board for~~
2 ~~the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds, determined under~~
3 ~~section 305a of this title have been reduced by one percent or more from the~~
4 ~~estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the general appropriations~~
5 ~~act or budget adjustment act, and if the General Assembly is not in session, in~~
6 ~~order to adjust appropriations and their sources of funding under this~~
7 ~~subdivision, the Secretary shall prepare a plan for approval by the Joint Fiscal~~
8 ~~Committee, and authorized appropriations and their sources of funding may be~~
9 ~~adjusted and funds transferred pursuant to a plan approved under this section~~
10 Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of this section, in each instance
11 that the official State revenue estimate for the General Fund, the
12 Transportation Fund, or federal funds has been reduced by one percent or more
13 from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the current fiscal
14 year's general appropriations, the Secretary shall prepare an expenditure
15 reduction plan for approval by the Joint Fiscal Committee, provided that any
16 reductions and transfers in appropriations are not greater than the reductions in
17 the official State revenue estimate.

18 (2) If the Secretary of Administration determines that the current fiscal
19 year revenues for the General Fund, Transportation Fund, or federal funds are
20 likely to be reduced from the official revenue estimates by less than one
21 percent, the Secretary may prepare and implement an expenditure reduction.

1 ~~plan, and implement appropriations reductions in accordance with the plan.~~
2 ~~The Secretary may implement a plan under this subdivision without the~~
3 ~~approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee if reductions to any individual~~
4 ~~appropriation do not exceed five percent of the appropriation's amount for~~
5 ~~personal services, operating expenses, grants, and other categories, and~~
6 ~~provided that the plan is designed to minimize any negative effects on the~~
7 ~~delivery of services to the public, and shall not have any undue~~
8 ~~disproportionate effect on any single function, program, service, benefit, or~~
9 ~~county. Plans not requiring the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee shall be~~
10 ~~filed with the Joint Fiscal Office prior to implementation. If the Secretary's~~
11 ~~plan consists of disproportionate reductions greater than five percent in any~~
12 ~~line item, such plan shall not be implemented without the approval of the Joint~~
13 ~~Fiscal Committee~~ In each instance that the official State revenue estimate for
14 the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds has been reduced
15 by less than one percent from the estimates determined and assumed for
16 purposes of the current fiscal year's general appropriations, the Secretary of
17 Administration may prepare and implement an expenditure reduction plan
18 without the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee. The Secretary may
19 implement an expenditure reduction plan under this subdivision if plan
20 reductions to the total amount appropriated in any section or subsection do not
21 exceed more than five percent, the plan is designed to minimize any negative

1 ~~effects on the delivery of services to the public, and the plan does not have any~~
2 unduly disproportionate effect on any single function, program, service,
3 benefit, or county. Plans not requiring the approval of the Joint Fiscal
4 Committee shall be filed with the Joint Fiscal Office prior to implementation.
5 If the Secretary's plan consists of disproportionate reductions greater than five
6 percent to the total amount appropriated in any section or subsection, such plan
7 shall only be implemented in the manner provided for in subdivision (1) of this
8 subsection.

9 (c) ~~A~~ An expenditure reduction plan prepared by the Secretary
10 shall indicate:

11 (1) the amounts to be adjusted, reduced or transferred in each
12 appropriation, and by funding source;

13 (2) in personal services, operating expenses, grants, and other
14 categories, shall indicate the effect of each adjustment, reduction or transfer in
15 appropriations and their sources of funding, and each fund transfer, on the
16 primary purposes of the program, and;

17 (3) ~~shall indicate~~ how it is designed to minimize any negative effects on
18 the delivery of services to the public; and

19 (4) any unduly disproportionate effect the plan may have on any single
20 function, program, service, benefit, or county.

1 ~~(d) An expenditure reduction plan implemented under subdivision (b)(2) of~~

2 this section shall not include any reduction or transfer in:

3 (1) appropriations authorized and necessary to fulfill the State's debt
4 obligations;

5 (2) appropriations authorized for the Judicial or Legislative Branch,
6 except that the plan may recommend reductions for consideration by the
7 Judicial or Legislative Branch; or

8 (3) appropriations for the salaries of elected officers of the Executive
9 Branch listed in subsection 1003(a) of this title.

10 (e)(1) The Joint Fiscal Committee shall have 21 days from the date of
11 submission of a any expenditure reduction plan under subdivision (b)(1) of this
12 section to consider the plan, and may approve or disapprove the plan upon a
13 vote of a majority of the members of the Committee. If the Committee vote
14 results in a tie, the plan shall be deemed disapproved; and if the Committee
15 fails for any other reason to take final action on such plan within 21 days of its
16 submission to the Committee, it shall be deemed to be disapproved. During
17 the 21-day period for consideration of the plan, the Committee shall conduct a
18 public hearing and provide an opportunity for public comment on the plan.

19 (2) If the plan is disapproved, then in order to communicate the
20 priorities of the General Assembly, the Committee shall make
21 recommendations to the Secretary for amendments to the plan. Within seven

1 ~~days after the Committee notifies the Secretary of its disapproval of a plan, the~~
2 Secretary may submit a final plan to the Committee. The Committee shall
3 have 14 days from the date of submission of a final plan to consider that plan
4 and to vote by a majority of the members of the Committee to approve or
5 disapprove the plan; but if the Committee fails to approve or disapprove the
6 plan by a majority vote, the plan shall be deemed disapproved. If the
7 Secretary's final plan includes any changes from the original plan other than
8 those recommended by the Committee, then during the 14-day period for
9 consideration of the final plan, the Committee shall conduct a public hearing
10 and provide an opportunity for public comment, with the scope of the hearing
11 and the comments limited to the changes from the original plan.

12 (3) In determining whether to approve a plan submitted by the Secretary
13 under this subsection, the Committee shall consider whether the plan
14 minimizes any negative effects on the delivery of services to the public, and
15 whether the plan will have any unduly disproportionate effect on any single
16 function, program, service, benefit, or county.

17 (4) Any plan disapproved under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall
18 not be implemented.

19 (5) For purposes of this section, the Committee shall be convened at the
20 call of the Chair or at the request of at least three members of the Committee.

1 ~~(f) In the event of a reduction in the official revenue estimate of one~~
2 ~~percent or more and the Joint Fiscal Committee does not approve the~~
3 ~~Secretary's final expenditure reduction plan prepared under subdivision (b)(1)~~
4 ~~of this section, the Secretary may implement an expenditure reduction plan in~~
5 ~~the manner provided for in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, provided that the~~
6 ~~reduction in appropriations is not greater than one percent of the prior official~~
7 ~~revenue estimate. If the Secretary implements an expenditure reduction plan~~
8 ~~under the authority of this subsection, any subsequent expenditure reduction~~
9 ~~plan that is required to address the remaining deficit under the current official~~
10 ~~State revenue estimate may only be implemented in the manner provided for in~~
11 ~~subdivision (b)(1) of this section.~~

12 (g) No expenditure reduction plan may be approved or implemented under
13 this section which:

14 (1) ~~would reduce appropriations from any fund by more than the~~
15 ~~cumulative reductions in the official State revenue estimates of the Emergency~~
16 ~~Board for the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds,~~
17 ~~determined under section 305a of this title, from the estimate originally~~
18 ~~determined and assumed for purposes of the general appropriations act or~~
19 ~~budget adjustment act; minus the total reductions in appropriations already~~
20 ~~taken under this section in that fund in the fiscal year;~~

1 ~~(2) would result in total reductions under this section in appropriations~~
2 ~~in the fiscal year from any fund or transfers to the total amount appropriated in~~
3 ~~any section or subsection by more than four percent of the estimate originally~~
4 ~~determined and assumed for purposes of the current fiscal year's general~~
5 ~~appropriations act or budget adjustment act; or~~

6 ~~(3)(2) would adjust reduce or transfer revenues or expenditures of the~~
7 ~~Education Fund as prescribed by law.~~

8 ~~(h) The provisions of this section shall apply to each An expenditure~~
9 ~~reduction plan may only be implemented under subsection (b) of this section~~
10 ~~subsequent to an official State revenue estimate of the Emergency Board in the~~
11 ~~fiscal year and when the General Assembly is not in session.~~

12 ~~(i) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall~~
13 ~~not apply to the plan to be made under this section.~~

14 ~~(j) Annually, in each instance that cumulative revenue collections during~~
15 ~~the month of September or October are four percent or more below the~~
16 ~~respective cumulative monthly revenue targets, the Emergency Board shall~~
17 ~~convene in the manner provided for in subsection 305a(b) of this title to~~
18 ~~determine whether to revise the official State revenue estimate.~~

1 ~~(k) As used in this section:~~

2 ~~(1) “Cumulative monthly revenue targets” means monthly revenue~~
3 ~~targets adopted based on the most current official State revenue estimates, as~~
4 ~~agreed upon by the Legislative Joint Fiscal Office and the Secretary.~~

5 ~~(2) “Expenditure Reduction Plan” means a rescission plan that includes~~
6 ~~reducing, transferring, and adjusting funds, and their sources of funding, that~~
7 ~~are authorized in the current fiscal year’s general appropriations.~~

8 ~~(3) “Official State revenue estimates” means a revenue estimate~~
9 ~~determined by the Emergency Board or the Governor, as provided in~~
10 ~~section 305a of this title. An official State revenue estimate does not mean~~
11 ~~cumulative monthly revenue targets.~~

12 Sec. C.104 FISCAL YEAR 2015 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

13 ~~(a) The amount of \$1,000,000 of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. settlement~~
14 ~~proceeds that had been reserved for attorney’s fees and other related~~
15 ~~expenditures shall be transferred to the General Fund and distributed as~~
16 ~~follows:~~

17 ~~(1) The amount of \$289,912 shall be appropriated in fiscal year 2015 to~~
18 ~~the Secretary of Administration for a grant to the Town of Westminster for~~
19 ~~Tropical Storm Irene-related work expenses not reimbursed by FEMA but~~
20 ~~undertaken based on guidance of State officials.~~

1 ~~(2) The amount of \$210,088 shall be appropriated to the Secretary of~~
2 ~~Administration in fiscal year 2015 to be utilized to reimburse costs to facilitate~~
3 ~~the implementation of video conferencing and other actions to reduce the~~
4 ~~long-term spending needs of the Judiciary and other components of the~~
5 ~~criminal justice system.~~

6 (3) The amount of \$500,000 shall be appropriated to the Judiciary in
7 fiscal year 2015 to be reserved for use in fiscal year 2016. These funds shall
8 be used by the Judiciary as bridge funding as the Branch and its partners
9 implement changes that result in cost reductions that align the Judiciary's
10 future funding needs with a sustainable budget.

11 Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

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

15 (1) The sum of \$518,000 is appropriated from the Property Valuation
16 and Review Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for
17 administration of the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding
18 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c), amounts above \$518,000 from the property transfer tax
19 that are deposited into the Property Valuation and Review Administration
20 Special Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

1 ~~(2) The sum of \$9,404,840 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing~~
2 ~~and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation~~
3 ~~Board. Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts above \$9,404,840 from the~~
4 ~~property transfer tax that are deposited into the Vermont Housing and~~
5 ~~Conservation Trust Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.~~

6 ~~(3) The sum of \$3,760,599 is appropriated from the Municipal and~~
7 ~~Regional Planning Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts~~
8 ~~above \$3,760,599 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the~~
9 ~~Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General~~
10 ~~Fund. The \$3,760,599 shall be allocated as follows:~~

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

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

15 ~~(C) \$378,700 to the Agency of Commerce and Community~~
16 ~~Development for the Vermont Center for Geographic Information.~~

Sec. D. 100.1 LIHEAP CONTINGENT FUNDING

~~*(a) At the close of fiscal year 2015, the first five million dollars, after*~~
~~*satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308 and 32 V.S.A. § 308c, that*~~
~~*would otherwise be deposited in the Rainy Day fund shall be appropriated and*~~
~~*held by the Secretary of Administration to meet LIHEAP funding needs.*~~

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

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

(1) From the General Fund to the Next Generation Initiative Fund established by 16 V.S.A. § 2887: \$2,943,000.

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

(3) From the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established by 19 V.S.A. § 11f to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2017 transportation infrastructure bonds debt service: \$2,501,413.

(4) From the Department of Public Safety ~~boating safety~~ *blood and breath alcohol* fund to the General Fund: \$167,000.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2016 the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the accounts indicated:

(1) Department of Labor: \$293,000.

(2) Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs: ~~\$92,000~~ *41,372.*

~~(3) Lumberjack Fund #40900: \$20,000.~~

Sec. D.102 TOBACCO LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUND BALANCE

(a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(b), the actual balances at the end of fiscal year 2015 in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund shall remain for appropriation in fiscal year 2016.

Sec. D.103 TRANSFER OF TOBACCO TRUST FUNDS

(a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(a)(3) and (4), the actual amount of investment earnings of the Tobacco Trust Fund at the end of fiscal year 2016 and any additional amount necessary to ensure the balance in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund at the close of fiscal year 2016 is not negative shall be transferred from the Tobacco Trust Fund to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund in fiscal year 2016.

* * * GENERAL GOVERNMENT * * *

Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) The establishment of the following new permanent classified positions is authorized in fiscal year 2016 as follows:

(1) In the Department of Information and Innovation – one (1) IT Security Analyst and one (1) IT Security Specialist.

(2) In the Department of Buildings and General Services – one (1) Buildings Project Manager, two (2) Security Guard, five (5) Custodian, one (1)

~~1 Custodial Supervisor, one (1) Maintenance Specialist, one (1) Electrician, three~~

~~2 (3) Maintenance Mechanic and two (2) HVAC Specialist.~~

~~3 (3) In the Military Department – one (1) Plant Maintenance Supervisor~~
~~4 and one (1) Maintenance Mechanic.~~

~~5 (4) In the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets – one (1) Dairy~~
~~6 Product Specialist and one (1) Water Quality Specialist.~~

~~7 (5) In the Department of Financial Regulation – one (1) Captives~~
~~8 Insurance Examiner.~~

~~9 (6) In the Office of the Secretary of State – one (1) Deputy Director of~~
~~10 Professional Regulation.~~

~~11 (7) In the Department of Public Service – two (2) Telecommunications~~
~~12 Infrastructure Project Manager and one (1) Financial Manager.~~

~~13 (8) In the Department of Liquor Control – one (1) Administrative~~
~~14 Secretary, one (1) Administrative Assistant, and two (2) Warehouse Worker.~~

~~15 (b) The establishment of the following new permanent exempt positions is~~
~~16 authorized in fiscal year 2016 as follows:~~

~~17 (1) In the Agency of Natural Resources – one (1) Attorney.~~

~~18 (c) The positions established in this section shall be transferred and~~
~~19 converted from existing vacant positions in the Executive Branch, and shall~~
~~20 not increase the total number of authorized State positions, as defined in~~
~~21 Sec. A.107 of this act.~~

1 ~~Sec. E.100.1 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100(d) is amended to~~
2 read:

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

8 (1) Notwithstanding Sec. A.107 of this act, the Agency of
9 Transportation, the Department for Children and Families, the Department of
10 Environmental Conservation, the Department of Corrections, and the
11 Department of Buildings and General Services shall not be subject to the cap
12 on positions for the duration of the Pilot.

13 * * *

14 Sec. E.100.2 3 V.S.A. § 2222(j) is added to read:

15 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 903(a), the Agency of
16 Administration will administer an Equipment Revolving Fund to be used for
17 internal lease purchase of equipment for State agencies. The Secretary of
18 Administration will establish criteria for equipment purchased through this
19 Fund, including types of equipment, limiting amounts for specific equipment,
20 and the useful life of the equipment.

1 ~~(1) Agencies or departments acquiring such equipment shall repay the~~
2 ~~Fund through their regular operating budgets according to an amortization~~
3 ~~schedule established by the Commissioner of Finance and Management.~~

4 ~~Repayment shall include charges for the administrative costs of the purchase~~
5 ~~and estimated administrative inflation over the term of the payback.~~

6 ~~(2) The Commissioner of Finance and Management may anticipate~~
7 ~~receipts to this Fund and issue warrants based thereon.~~

8 Sec. E.100.3 REPEAL

9 ~~(a) 29 V.S.A. § 903(e) (administration of the equipment revolving fund) is~~
10 ~~repealed.~~

11 Sec. E.100.4 SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION; PROMOTION OF
12 EFFICIENT OPERATIONS

13 ~~(a) All branches and agencies of State government can expect to face a~~
14 ~~multiyear horizon of State resources growing at rates lower than previously~~
15 ~~experienced. In order to achieve fiscal sustainability, the Secretary of~~
16 ~~Administration shall review opportunities for changes that result in efficiency~~
17 ~~and savings in the form of reduced resource need or reduced cost trend~~
18 ~~pressure, or both, within the State budget.~~

19 ~~(b) The Secretary is authorized to implement changes in operational~~
20 ~~practices as specified in this subsection or additional areas that fall within the~~
21 ~~Secretary's authority and that do not require statutory amendment.~~

1 ~~(1) the contracting process of State government to identify methods of~~
2 ~~streamlining the process of approval and evaluation while preserving and~~
3 ~~strengthening the pay for performance aspects of contracting;~~

4 ~~(2) reduction in the number of audits and reports internally required of~~
5 ~~agencies and contractors and grantees to avoid duplication and unnecessary~~
6 ~~cost;~~

7 ~~(3) the expansion of the LEAN program to additional agencies and~~
8 ~~departments to improve processes and operations of departments; and~~

9 ~~(4) the exploration of the use of contracts where payments are dependent~~
10 ~~on the provision of departments and State operational entities with offsetting~~
11 ~~efficiency savings.~~

12 ~~(c) The proposals shall be developed and presented to the Legislature~~
13 ~~during the budget adjustment process.~~

14 ~~(1) Proposed elimination or consolidation of legislative reporting~~
15 ~~requirements to free up staff productivity while preserving effective oversight.~~

16 ~~(2) Opportunities for possible elimination or consolidation of boards and~~
17 ~~commissions, and opportunities for more efficient use of space by these~~
18 ~~entities. Entity colocation should be pursued to enable shared services~~
19 ~~reducing costs.~~

1 ~~(3) Proposals to restructure of agencies and departments to identify~~
2 ~~opportunities for merger and consolidation to streamline management and~~
3 ~~coordination and reduce the need for high level State positions.~~

4 (d) At the 2015 September and November Joint Fiscal Committee
5 meetings, the Secretary shall provide a written report on the status of system
6 reviews or process changes implemented. These reports shall also be sent to
7 the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations and on
8 Appropriations.

9 Sec. E.111 Tax – administration/collection

10 (a) Of this appropriation, \$30,000 is from the Current Use Application Fee
11 Special Fund and shall be appropriated for programming changes to the
12 CAPTAP software used by municipalities for establishing property values and
13 administering their grand lists.

14 Sec. E.111.1 [DELETED]

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

16 (a) The \$3,567,791 interdepartmental transfer in this appropriation shall be
17 from the General Bond Fund appropriation in the Capital Bill of the 2015
18 legislative session.

19 Sec. E.113.1 2013 Acts and Resolves No.1, Sec. 100(c), as amended by 2014

20 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.113.1, is further amended to read:

1 ~~(e) Sec. 97 (general obligation debt financing) shall take effect on July 1,~~
2 ~~2015 July 1, 2017.~~

3 Sec. E.125 Legislative council

4 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2015
5 funds appropriated to the Legislative Council and carried forward into fiscal
6 year 2016, the amount of \$30,000 shall revert to the General Fund.

7 Sec. E.126 Legislature

8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2015
9 funds appropriated to the Legislature and carried forward into fiscal year 2016,
10 the amount of \$215,376 shall revert to the General Fund.

11 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that funding for the Legislature
12 in fiscal year 2016 be included at a level sufficient to support an 18-week
13 legislative session.

14 Sec. E.127 Joint fiscal committee

15 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2015
16 funds appropriated to the Joint Fiscal Committee and carried forward into
17 fiscal year 2016, the amount of \$19,623 shall revert to the General Fund.

18 Sec. E.133 Vermont state retirement system

19 (a) Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 473(d), in fiscal year 2016, investment fees
20 shall be paid from the corpus of the Fund.

~~1 Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE~~

~~2 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.139 of this act, \$100,000 shall be~~
~~3 transferred to the Attorney General and \$50,000 shall be transferred to~~
~~4 Department of Taxes', Division of Property Evaluation and Review reserved~~
~~5 and used with any remaining funds from the amounts previously transferred for~~
~~6 payment of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of grand~~
~~7 list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and other~~
~~8 property owned by TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. in the State of~~
~~9 Vermont. Expenditures for this purpose shall be considered qualified~~
~~10 expenditures under 16 V.S.A. § 4025(c).~~

11 Sec. E.141 Lottery commission

12 (a) From this appropriation, the Lottery Commission shall fund the
13 gambling addiction program.

14 (b) The Vermont Lottery Commission will continue to provide financial
15 support and recommendations to provide and promote problem gambling
16 services for Vermont's citizens, to include production of media marketing,
17 printed material, and other methods of communication.

18 Sec. E.142 Payments in lieu of taxes

19 (a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under
20 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in

1 ~~addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier~~
2 and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act.

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

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

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

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

9 * * * PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY * * *

10 Sec. E.200 Attorney general

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

18 (b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A.
19 § 2458(b)(4), \$997,000 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

20 Sec. E.204 SUSPENSION OF VIDEO ARRAIGNMENTS; REPEAL

1 ~~(a) 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 41, Sec. 9 (suspension of video~~
2 ~~arraignments) is repealed.~~

3 Sec. E.204.1 4 V.S.A. § 466 is amended to read:

4 § 466. PROCEDURE

5 (a) A proceeding before a magistrate shall, in cases involving child support,
6 be initiated by the filing of a petition. If a proceeding for divorce, annulment,
7 or separation has been commenced before the Family Division of the Superior
8 Court, the magistrate shall have jurisdiction to determine a temporary amount
9 of child support on the basis of the complaint or petition filed in the Family
10 Division of the Superior Court.

11 * * *

12 (e) ~~The Family Division of the Superior Court clerk~~ petitioner shall provide
13 for personal service or shall mail to the respondent, ~~at one or more of the~~
14 ~~addresses supplied by the respondent,~~ by certified mail, return receipt
15 requested and delivery restricted to the addressee, the expense being paid by
16 the petitioner, a notice signed by the ~~clerk~~ petitioner. If acceptance of service
17 is refused, the ~~clerk~~ petitioner may serve the notice on the respondent by
18 sending it to the respondent by ordinary first class mail and by certifying that
19 such service has been made. In the alternative, the ~~clerk~~ petitioner may
20 provide for mail service as provided in Rule 4(l) of the Vermont Rules of Civil
21 Procedure.

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2 Sec. E.204.2 33 V.S.A. § 5223 is amended to read:

3 § 5223. FILING OF PETITION

4 (a) When notice to the child is provided by citation, the State's Attorney
5 shall file the petition and supporting affidavit at least 10 days prior to the date
6 for the preliminary hearing specified in the citation.

7 (b) The ~~Court~~ State's Attorney shall send or deliver a copy of the petition
8 and affidavit to all persons required to receive notice, including the
9 noncustodial parent, as soon as possible after the petition is filed and at least
10 five days prior to the date set for the preliminary hearing.

11 Sec. E.204.3 33 V.S.A. § 5224 is amended to read:

12 § 5224. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT PRELIMINARY HEARING

13 If a child or custodial parent, guardian, or custodian fails to appear at the
14 preliminary hearing as directed by a citation, the Court may issue a summons
15 to appear, an order to have the child brought to Court, or a warrant as provided
16 in section 5108 of this title. The summons, order, or warrant shall be served by
17 the State's Attorney.

18 Sec. E.204.4 CONSIDERATION OF ON-THE-RECORD APPEALS

19 (a) The House Committee on Judiciary and other committees with affected
20 jurisdiction shall consider the appropriate use of on-the-record appeals in
21 executive, administrative, judicial, and other matters within the jurisdiction of

1 ~~the Committee. Each committee shall evaluate how on the record appeals may~~
2 be employed to improve efficiency and reduce expense while preserving
3 access to justice for Vermonters.

4 Sec. E.204.5 ACHIEVING EFFICIENCIES IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM;
5 WORKING GROUP; REPORT

6 (a) Creation. There is created an Achieving Efficiencies in the Justice
7 System Working Group (“Working Group”) to propose ways to increase
8 efficiencies and reduce costs in all aspects of the justice system.

9 (b) Membership. The Working Group shall be composed of the following
10 eight members:

11 (1) the Chief Justice or designee, who shall serve as Chair;

12 (2) the Secretary of Administration or designee;

13 (3) the Defender General or designee;

14 (4) the Attorney General or designee;

15 (5) the Commissioner of Corrections or designee;

16 (6) the Executive Director of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs or designee;

17 (7) the Executive Director of the Vermont Bar Association or
18 designee; and

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

20 (c) Powers and duties. The Working Group shall study and make specific
21 recommendations on the following within all aspects of the justice system:

1 ~~(1) How to increase efficiencies.~~

2 ~~(2) How to reduce costs, eliminate redundancies, and streamline~~
3 ~~processes.~~

4 ~~(3) Current and future filing fees and their relationship to access to~~
5 ~~justice and funding of the Judiciary.~~

6 ~~(4) Consolidation of contracts for courthouse security.~~

7 ~~(d) Report. The Committee shall report regularly to the Criminal Justice~~
8 ~~Oversight Committee during calendar year 2015. On or before November 6,~~
9 ~~2015, the Working Group shall submit a written report to the General~~
10 ~~Assembly with its findings and recommendations, including any suggested~~
11 ~~statutory language.~~

12 ~~(e) Meetings.~~

13 ~~(1) The Chief Justice or designee shall call the first meeting of the~~
14 ~~Working Group.~~

15 ~~(2) The Working Group shall cease to exist on November 6, 2015.~~

16 Sec. E.204.6 4 V.S.A. § 38 is added to read:

17 § 38. COLLECTION OF PENALTIES, FINES, AND FEES

18 The Judiciary shall employ all reasonable measures authorized by law to
19 collect monetary penalties, fines, and fees ordered by a court. To encourage
20 timely compliance with court-ordered payments, the Judiciary shall ensure that
21 a person who is ordered to pay may satisfy the judgment by cash, check, debit

1 ~~card, or credit card, or may establish a payment schedule to discharge the~~
2 judgment at the time and place the penalty, fine, or fee is ordered.

3 Sec. E.204.7 PAYMENT REPORT

4 (a) The Court Administrator shall conduct a review regarding collection of
5 monetary penalties, fines, and fees by the Judiciary to determine successful
6 strategies, as well as existing impediments, to efficient collections. The Court
7 Administrator shall report his or her findings and recommendations to increase
8 efficiency in collection and encourage compliance with court-ordered
9 payments to the Joint Fiscal Committee on or before November 1, 2015.

10 Sec. E.204.8 JUDICIAL BRANCH MILEAGE REPORT

11 (a) The Court Administrator shall consult with the Commissioner of
12 Buildings and General Services and the Secretary of Administration regarding
13 how judges and other employees of the Judicial Branch are compensated for
14 mileage and other expenses and how to reduce these expenses. The Court
15 Administrator shall report his or her findings and recommendations to the Joint
16 Fiscal Committee on or before November 1, 2015.

17 Sec. E.204.9 CUSTODIAL TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS

18 (a) The Agency of Human Services, in consultation with the Auditor of
19 Accounts, shall review the contracts for custodial transportation of persons
20 between a correctional facility and a courthouse, and for the transportation by
21 sheriffs of mental health patients under the care and custody of the State, for

1 ~~the purpose of identifying the most efficient and cost effective ways to provide~~
2 such services. The Secretary shall report his or her findings and
3 recommendations to the Joint Fiscal Committee on or before November 1,
4 2015.

5 Sec. E.208 Public safety – administration

6 (a) The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a
7 performance-based contract with the Essex County Sheriff’s Department to
8 provide law enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the
9 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Sheriff.

10 Sec. E.208.1 DISPATCH FUNDING

11 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
12 Commissioner of Public Safety shall use \$425,000 of funds held by the fiscal
13 agent under 30 V.S.A. chapter 88 to continue funding the operation of the four
14 public safety answering points in Derby, Rockingham, Rutland, and Williston
15 at current levels until September 15, 2015.

16 Sec. E.208.2 911 CALL TAKING

17 (a) By September 1, 2015, the Vermont Enhanced 911 Board shall meet
18 and report to the Secretary of Administration and the Joint Fiscal
19 Committee on:

20 (1) the number of 911 call centers in the State necessary to meet the
21 current requirements of the Enhanced 911 system;

1 ~~(2) the number of 911 call seats necessary to meet the current~~
2 requirements of the Enhanced 911 system;

3 (3) the average cost per 911 call seat; and

4 (4) ways to provide 911 services to the State that optimize performance
5 and cost-effectiveness to meet Vermont's needs.

6 Sec. E.208.3 DISPATCH REQUIREMENTS

7 (a) By May 15, 2015, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall report to the
8 Joint Fiscal Committee on the costs required to support the current level of
9 dispatching services at the four State-operated public safety answering points
10 in Derby, Rockingham, Rutland, and Williston. For the purposes of this
11 section, costs required to support the current level of dispatching services shall
12 not include any costs associated with taking 911 calls, but shall include the
13 following types of dispatch calls: police departments, excluding the Vermont
14 State Police; constabularies; emergency medical services; and fire and rescue
15 departments. This information shall be made available to the municipalities
16 that rely on dispatch services from the four State-operated public safety
17 answering points.

18 Sec. E.208.4 CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES

19 ~~(a) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall meet with regional groups to~~
20 ~~determine if those groups want to contract for State dispatch services. As used~~
21 ~~in this subsection, "regional groups" include the State legislators, assistant~~

1 ~~judges, municipal officials, and emergency service representatives for the areas~~
2 ~~served by the dispatching functions of the State-operating public safety~~
3 ~~answering points. The Commissioner shall determine whether each regional~~
4 ~~group can calculate the cost of dispatch services, and whether each regional~~
5 ~~group would like to contract for dispatch services with the State.~~

6 ~~*(a) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall meet with regional groups to*~~
7 ~~*determine if those groups want to contract for State dispatch services. As used*~~
8 ~~*in this subsection, "regional groups" include the State legislators, assistant*~~
9 ~~*judges, municipal officials, and emergency service representatives for the*~~
10 ~~*areas served by the dispatching functions of the State-operating public safety*~~
11 ~~*answering points. The Commissioner shall work with each regional group to*~~
12 ~~*calculate the cost of desired dispatch services, and determine whether each*~~
13 ~~*regional group would like to contract for dispatch services with the State.*~~

14 ~~(b) If agreement is reached with a regional group on or before~~
15 ~~September 15, 2015, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall contract with the~~
16 ~~assistant judges, acting on behalf of a county of the State under this section, to~~
17 ~~provide dispatching functions, at a public safety answering point, paid for at~~
18 ~~the local level as part of the county budget. Funds received by the~~
19 ~~Commissioner under contracts entered into under this section shall be~~
20 ~~deposited in a special fund called the Dispatch Fund, created in accordance~~
21 ~~with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available to provide full~~

1 ~~funding of the operation of public safety answering points. The cost of~~
2 contracts entered into by a county under this section shall be considered an
3 expense and obligation of the county under 24 V.S.A. § 133(e).

4 (c) In order to reach an agreement under this section, the Commissioner of
5 Public Safety is authorized to lease, rent, or otherwise convey any personal
6 property, real property, fixtures, or intangible rights currently held by the State
7 for the provision of dispatch services at a public safety answering point.

8 (d) The Commissioner shall obtain the approval of the Joint Fiscal
9 Committee for the contract amounts to be entered into for fiscal year 2016
10 and after.

11 Sec. E.209 Public safety – state police

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

18 (b) Of this appropriation, \$405,000 is allocated for grants in support of the
19 Drug Task Force and the Gang Task Force. Of this amount, \$190,000 shall be
20 used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town task force officers.
21 These town task force officers shall be dedicated to enforcement efforts with

1 ~~respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the~~
2 diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any unobligated funds may be allocated
3 by the Commissioner to fund the work of the Drug Task Force and to support
4 the efforts of the Mobile Enforcement Team (Gang Task Force), or carried
5 forward.

6 Sec. E.212 Public safety – fire safety

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

10 Sec. E.212.1 HAZMAT COOPERATION MEMORANDUM OF
11 AGREEMENT

12 (a) The National Guard shall assist the Department of Public Safety with its
13 HAZMAT responsibilities under 20 V.S.A. § 33. The Department of Public
14 Safety and the National Guard shall develop a memorandum of understanding
15 to provide for this assistance to offset the reduction in funding in the Division
16 of Fire Safety in the Department of Public Safety.

17 Sec. E.215 Military – administration

18 (a) The amount of \$250,000 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student
19 Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational Assistance
20 Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856. Of this amount, \$100,000 shall be

1 ~~general funds from this appropriation, and \$150,000 shall be Next Generation~~
2 ~~special funds, as appropriated in Sec. B.1100(a)(3)(B) of this act.~~

3 Sec. E.219 Military – veterans’ affairs

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

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

14 Sec. E.220 Center for crime victims services

15 ~~(a) Notwithstanding 20 V.S.A. § 2365(c), the Vermont Center for Crime~~
16 ~~Victims Services shall transfer \$55,435 from the Domestic and Sexual~~
17 ~~Violence Special Fund established in 13 V.S.A. § 5360 to the Criminal Justice~~
18 ~~Training Council for the purpose of funding one-half the costs of the Domestic~~
19 ~~Violence Trainer position. The other half of the position will be funded with~~
20 ~~an appropriation to the Criminal Justice Training Council.~~

1 ~~Sec. E.223 Agriculture, food and markets – food safety and consumer~~

2 protection

3 (a) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall use the Global
4 Commitment funds appropriated in this section for the Food Safety and
5 Consumer Protection Division to provide public health approaches and other
6 innovative programs to improve the health outcomes, health status, and quality
7 of life for uninsured, underinsured, and Medicaid-eligible individuals in
8 Vermont.

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

10 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.224 of this act, the amount of
11 ~~\$496,136~~ ~~696,136~~ in general funds is appropriated for expenditure by the
12 Working Lands Enterprise Board established in 6 V.S.A. § 4606 for
13 administrative expenses, direct grants, and investments in food and forest
14 systems pursuant to 6 V.S.A. § 4607 and consistent with the funding priorities
15 in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 5.

16 Sec. E.225 Agriculture, food and markets – laboratories, agricultural resource
17 management and environmental stewardship

18 (a) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall use the Global
19 Commitment funds appropriated in this section to provide public health
20 approaches and other innovative programs to improve the health outcomes.

1 ~~health status, and quality of life for uninsured, underinsured, and~~

2 Medicaid-eligible individuals in Vermont.

3 Sec. E.225.1 VERMONT AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL

4 LABORATORY

5 (a) Effective July 1, 2015, the functions of the Department of

6 Environmental Conservation environmental laboratory and the Agency of

7 Agriculture, Food and Markets agricultural laboratory are consolidated in the

8 Vermont Agricultural and Environmental Laboratory, under the direction of

9 the Agency and separately appropriated there. The environmental laboratory

10 positions in the Department and positions in the Agency associated with

11 agricultural laboratory operations are transferred to that appropriation.

12 (b) The Department of Environmental Conservation shall utilize the

13 Agricultural and Environmental Laboratory for chemical analytical samples

14 unless any of the following apply:

15 (1) The Agricultural and Environmental Laboratory cannot perform the

16 analysis being requested by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

17 (2) The Agricultural and Environmental Laboratory cannot process the

18 samples within the time frame established by the Department of Environmental

19 Conservation.

1 ~~(3) The fees charged by the Agricultural and Environmental Laboratory~~
2 are 120 percent or greater than for comparable analyses performed by a private
3 environmental laboratory.

4 (c) On or before July 1, 2015, the Agencies of Agriculture, Food and
5 Markets and Natural Resources shall enter into a memorandum of
6 understanding for the purpose of establishing principles for governance and
7 operations of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory,
8 including creation of a governance board with equal representation from both
9 agencies that shall provide oversight and establish strategic priorities for the
10 collaborative Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory.

11 Sec. E.225.2 6 V.S.A. § 121 is amended to read:

12 § 121. CREATION AND PURPOSE

13 There is created within the ~~agency of agriculture, food and markets~~ Agency
14 of Agriculture, Food and Markets a central testing laboratory for the purpose of
15 ~~assisting the agency in the performance of the duties required of it by law~~
16 providing agricultural and environmental testing services.

17 Sec. E.225.3 6 V.S.A. § 122 is amended to read:

18 § 122. FEES

19 Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 603, the ~~agency~~ Agency shall establish fees
20 ~~for any tests conducted~~ providing agricultural and environmental testing
21 services at the request of private individuals and State agencies. The fees shall

1 ~~cover the costs of the tests and any administrative work performed in~~
2 ~~conjunction with the test, including but not limited to collection costs be~~
3 ~~reasonably related to the cost of providing the services. Fees collected under~~
4 ~~this chapter shall be credited to a special fund which shall be established and~~
5 ~~managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and which shall be~~
6 ~~available to the Agency to offset the cost of providing the services.~~

7 Sec. E.225.4 REPEAL

8 (a) 3 V.S.A. § 2822(n) (environmental testing laboratory services) is
9 repealed.

10 (b) The balance in the Environmental Conservation – Laboratory Receipts
11 Special Fund (SF#21861) is transferred to the Agriculture, Food and Markets –
12 Laboratory Testing Special Fund (SF#21667).

13 Sec. E.233 CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVE FUNDING

14 (a) Of the amount of monies determined by the fiscal agent as available to
15 the Connectivity Initiative, as prescribed by 30 V.S.A. § 7516, \$270,000.00
16 shall be for staffing and administering the Connectivity Initiative established in
17 30 V.S.A. § 7515b.

18 * * * HUMAN SERVICES * * *

19 Sec. E.300 DEPOSIT AND USE OF MASTER SETTLEMENT FUND

1 ~~(a) Deposit of Master Tobacco Settlement receipts and appropriations of~~
2 ~~Tobacco Settlement funds in fiscal year 2016 are made, notwithstanding~~
3 ~~2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. D.104.~~

4 Sec. E.300.1 EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION REVIEW; REPORT

5 ~~(a) On or before November 1, 2015, each designated agency and~~
6 ~~specialized service agency in the State shall submit to the Agency of Human~~
7 ~~Services the following:~~

8 ~~(1) the compensation packages received by its executives over the~~
9 ~~course of the previous 10 years; and~~

10 ~~(2) the anticipated compensation packages for its current executives.~~

11 ~~(b) The Agency of Human Services shall compile the information received~~
12 ~~pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and conduct a comparison of~~
13 ~~designated agency and specialized service agency executive compensation~~
14 ~~packages with compensation packages of high ranking State officials. Both the~~
15 ~~information collected from the designated agencies and specialized service~~
16 ~~agencies and the results of the Agency's comparison shall be submitted to the~~
17 ~~House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on or before January 15,~~
18 ~~2016.~~

19 *Sec. E.300.2 LEGAL AID; INTENT*

20 ~~*(a) The \$47,000 reduction in general funds for Legal Aid shall not be*~~
21 ~~*accompanied by a reduction in federal funds.*~~

1 ~~Sec. E.300.3 [DELETED]~~

2 ~~Sec. E.300.4 [DELETED]~~

3 ~~Sec. E.300.5 [DELETED]~~

4 ~~Sec. E.300.6 [DELETED]~~

5 Sec. E.301 Secretary's office – Global Commitment:

6 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in this
7 section for payment of the actuarially certified premium required under the
8 intergovernmental agreement between the Agency of Human Services and the
9 managed care entity, the Department of Vermont Health Access, as provided
10 for in the Global Commitment for Health Waiver (Global Commitment)
11 approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section
12 1115 of the Social Security Act.

13 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in this section, a total
14 estimated sum of \$28,995,359 is anticipated to be certified as State matching
15 funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

16 (1) \$18,212,850 certified State match available from local education
17 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under
18 the Global Commitment. This amount combined with \$22,287,150 of federal
19 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act equals a total estimated
20 expenditure of \$40,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal
21 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services

1 ~~under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment~~

2 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A.

3 § 2959a.

4 (2) \$4,027,624 certified State match available from local education
5 agencies for direct school-based health services, including school nurse
6 services, that increase the access of quality health care to uninsured persons,
7 underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

8 (3) \$1,830,081 certified State match available from local education
9 agencies for eligible services as allowed by federal regulation for early
10 periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment programs for school-aged
11 children.

12 (4) \$2,653,915 certified State match available via the University of
13 Vermont's Child Health Improvement Program for quality improvement
14 initiatives for the Medicaid program.

15 (5) \$2,270,889 certified State match available from local designated
16 mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health
17 services provided under Global Commitment.

18 Sec. E.301.1 REVIEW OF VERMONT MEDICAID BENEFITS

19 (a) The Director of Health Care Reform in the Agency of Administration,
20 in consultation with the Department for Vermont Health Access, shall analyze
21 the covered services available to beneficiaries in Vermont's Medicaid program

1 ~~and those offered in major medical health insurance plans in which Vermont~~
2 residents are enrolled to determine which services Medicaid covers that are not
3 covered by most health insurance plans and which services health insurance
4 plans cover that are not covered under Medicaid. For each service identified
5 for which Medicaid provides coverage and most health insurance plans do not,
6 the Director shall determine whether federal law would allow Vermont to
7 discontinue Medicaid coverage for that service and, if so, estimate the potential
8 cost savings associated with discontinuing coverage. For each service
9 identified for which health insurance plans provide coverage and Medicaid
10 does not, the Director shall determine whether federal law would allow
11 Vermont to provide Medicaid coverage for that service and, if so, estimate the
12 potential cost increases associated with providing coverage.

13 (b) On or before December 1, 2015, the Director of Health Care Reform
14 shall provide a list of the services identified, including the services that
15 currently are or are not available under Medicaid for which modification would
16 not be allowed and the estimates of cost savings and cost increases associated
17 with services for which adding or discontinuing coverage is permitted, to the
18 House Committees on Appropriations and on Health Care, the Senate
19 Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on Finance, and
20 the Health Reform Oversight Committee.

21 Sec. E.306 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.306.1 is amended to read:

1 ~~Sec. E.306.1 EMERGENCY RULES~~

2 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
3 chapter 25 prior to June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016 to conform Vermont's rules regarding
4 operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to federal guidance and
5 regulations implementing the provisions of the Patient Protection and
6 Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by the federal Health
7 Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152. The
8 rules shall be adopted to achieve timely compliance with federal laws and
9 guidance and shall be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of
10 emergency rules required pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

11 Sec. E. 306.2 HOME HEALTH AGENCY ASSESSMENT REVIEW

12 (a) By November 15, 2015, the Visiting Nurse Associations of Vermont, in
13 consultation with Bayada Home Health Care, the Department of Vermont
14 Health Access, and the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent
15 Living, shall study and develop recommendations regarding the home health
16 agency assessment as established in 33 V.S.A. § 1955a. The study shall
17 include a review of the base and tax revenue generated by the home health
18 agency assessment and shall recommend revisions to ensure that the
19 assessment is equitable to all home health agencies. These recommendations
20 shall be reported to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and
21 Means and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Finance.

~~1 Sec. E.306.3 MEDICAID PROGRAM SAVINGS INITIATIVES~~

~~2 (a) Autism: The Agency of Human Services, with the Departments of~~
~~3 Health, of Vermont Health Access, of Mental Health, and of Disabilities,~~
~~4 Aging, and Independent Living shall review the scope and delivery method of~~
~~5 autism services to ensure these are consistent with the scope and methods~~
~~6 covered under private insurance.~~

~~7 (b) Geriatric Psyche Alternative: The Agency of Human Services, with the~~
~~8 Departments of Health, of Vermont Health Access, of Mental Health, and of~~
~~9 Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living is authorized to implement service~~
~~10 alternatives that reduce length of hospital stay for geriatric psyche patients who~~
~~11 would otherwise be discharged but for a lack of placement alternative to meet~~
~~12 their needs. The Agency shall consult with community providers, including~~
~~13 nursing homes, hospitals, and designated agencies in implementing a service~~
~~14 alternative for this population.~~

15 Sec. E.307 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 53(d), as amended by 2014
16 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.307, is further amended to read:

17 (d) Secs. 31 (Healthy Vermonters) and 32 (VPharm) shall take effect on
18 January 1, 2014, except that the Department of Vermont Health Access may
19 continue to calculate household income under the rules of the Vermont Health
20 Access Plan after that date if the system for calculating modified adjusted

1 ~~gross income for the Healthy Vermonters and VPharm programs is not~~

2 operational by that date, but no later than December 31, ~~2015~~ 2016.

3 Sec. E.307.1 33 V.S.A. Sec. 2001(c) is amended to read:

4 (c) The Commissioner of Vermont Health Access shall report ~~quarterly~~
5 annually on or before August 31 to the Health ~~Care~~ Reform Oversight
6 Committee concerning ~~the following aspects of the Pharmacy Best Practices~~
7 and Cost Control Program:

8 ~~(1) the efforts undertaken to educate health care providers about the~~
9 ~~preferred drug list and the Program's utilization review procedures;~~

10 ~~(2) the number of prior authorization requests made; and~~

11 ~~(3) the number of utilization review events (other than prior~~
12 ~~authorization requests).~~ Topics covered in the report will include issues related
13 to drug cost and utilization; the effect of national trends on the pharmacy
14 program; comparisons to other states; and decisions made by the Department's
15 Drug Utilization Review Board in relation to both drug utilization review
16 efforts and the placement of drugs on the Department's preferred drug list.

17 Sec. E.307.2 33 V.S.A. § 1901f is amended to read:

18 § 1901f. MEDICAID PROGRAM ENROLLMENT AND EXPENDITURE

19 REPORTS

20 By ~~January 30, April 30, July 30~~ March 1, June 1, September 1, and
21 ~~October 30~~ December 1 of each year, the Commissioner of Vermont Health

1 ~~Access or designee shall submit to the General Assembly a quarterly report on~~
2 enrollment and total expenditures by Medicaid eligibility group for all
3 programs paid for by the Department of Vermont Health Access during the
4 preceding calendar quarter and for the fiscal year to date. Total expenditures
5 for Medicaid-related programs paid for by other departments within the
6 Agency of Human Services shall be included in this report by Medicaid
7 eligibility group to the extent such information is available.

8 Sec. E.307.3 ~~[DELETED]~~ *MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL PLANS FOR*
9 *DUAL ELIGIBLE MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES*

10 *(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall explore the use of*
11 *State or Global Commitment funds to purchase Medicare supplemental*
12 *insurance plans for individuals eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid,*
13 *including the feasibility of federal financial participation, the estimated*
14 *savings to the State with and without federal financial participation, and the*
15 *benefits both of providing Medicare supplemental plans to the entire*
16 *population of dual eligible individuals and of providing the plans to only a*
17 *subset of the highest utilizers of all or a specific set of services.*

18 *(b) If the Department determines that savings can be achieved, then as part*
19 *of its recommendations for fiscal year 2016 budget adjustment the Department*
20 *shall propose a plan for implementing the purchase of Medicare supplemental*
21 *insurance plans for the dual eligibles in a manner that is the most cost-*

1 ~~effective to the State and that provides the greatest benefits to the dual eligible~~
2 ~~population.~~

3 Sec. E.307.4 [DELETED]

4 Sec. E.307.5 [DELETED]

5 Sec. E.307.6 [DELETED]

6 Sec. E.307.7 [DELETED]

7 Sec. E.307.8 [DELETED]

8 Sec. E.308 CHOICES FOR CARE; SAVINGS, REINVESTMENTS, AND
9 SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

10 (a) In the Choices for Care program, "savings" means the difference
11 remaining at the conclusion of fiscal year 2015 between the amount of funds
12 appropriated for Choices for Care, excluding allocations for the provision of
13 acute care services, and the sum of expended and obligated funds, less an
14 amount equal to one-percent of the fiscal year 2015 year total Choices for Care
15 expenditure. The one-percent shall function as a reserve to be used in the
16 event of a fiscal need to freeze Moderate Needs Group enrollment. Savings
17 shall be calculated by the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent
18 Living and reported to the Joint Fiscal Office.

19 (1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of
20 Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living only obligate funds for
21 expenditures approved under current law.

1 ~~(b)(1) Any funds appropriated for long term care under the Choices for~~
2 ~~Care program shall be used for long-term services and supports to recipients.~~
3 ~~In using these funds, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent~~
4 ~~Living shall give priority for services to individuals assessed as having high~~
5 ~~and highest needs and meeting the terms and conditions of the Choices for~~
6 ~~Care waiver.~~

7 (2)(A) First priority for the use of any savings from the long-term care
8 appropriation after the needs of all individuals meeting the terms and
9 conditions of the waiver have been met shall be given to home- and
10 community-based services. Savings may also be used for quality improvement
11 purposes in nursing homes but shall not be used to increase nursing home rates
12 under 33 V.S.A. § 905.

13 (B) Savings either shall be one-time investments or shall be used in
14 ways that are sustainable into the future. Excluding appropriations allocated
15 for acute services, any unexpended and unobligated State General Fund or
16 Special Fund appropriation remaining at the close of a fiscal year shall be
17 carried forward to the next fiscal year.

18 (C) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living
19 shall not reduce the base funding needed in a subsequent fiscal year prior to
20 calculating savings for the current fiscal year.

1 ~~(c) The Department, in collaboration with Choices for Care participants,~~
2 ~~participants' families, and long-term care providers, shall conduct an annual~~
3 ~~assessment of the adequacy of the provider system for delivery of home- and~~
4 ~~community-based services and nursing home services. On or before~~
5 ~~October 1, 2015, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent~~
6 ~~Living shall report the results of this assessment to the House Committees on~~
7 ~~Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on~~
8 ~~Appropriations and on Health and Welfare in order to inform the reinvestment~~
9 ~~of savings during the budget adjustment process.~~

10 ~~(d) On or before January 15, 2016, the Department of Disabilities, Aging,~~
11 ~~and Independent Living shall propose reinvestment of the savings calculated~~
12 ~~pursuant to this section to the General Assembly as part of the Department's~~
13 ~~proposed budget adjustment presentation.~~

14 ~~(e) Concurrent with the procedures set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 305a, the Joint~~
15 ~~Fiscal Office and the Secretary of Administration shall provide to the~~
16 ~~Emergency Board their respective estimates of caseloads and expenditures for~~
17 ~~programs under the Choices for Care Medicaid Section 1115 waiver.~~

18 Sec. E.312 Health – public health

19 (a) AIDS/HIV funding:

20 (1) In fiscal year 2016 and as provided in this section, the Department of
21 Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication

~~1 Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer support~~

~~2 organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health~~

~~3 AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory~~

~~4 Group (CAG) with current information and data relating to service initiatives.~~

~~5 The funds shall be allocated as follows:~~

~~6 (A) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont, \$120,281;~~

~~7 (B) HIV/HCV Resource Center, \$38,063;~~

~~8 (C) VT CARES, \$219,246;~~

~~9 (D) Twin States Network, \$45,160;~~

~~10 (E) People with AIDS Coalition, \$52,250.~~

~~11 (2) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont~~

~~12 Medication Assistance Program (VMAP) shall be distributed in accordance~~

~~13 with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or~~

~~14 services funded solely by State general funds.~~

~~15 (3)(A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the~~

~~16 Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in VMAP to~~

~~17 assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with~~

~~18 persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to VMAP~~

~~19 medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.~~

~~20 (B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services~~

~~21 shall work in collaboration with the VMAP Advisory Committee, which shall~~

1 ~~be composed of no less than 50 percent of members who are living with~~
2 HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the program's eligibility requirements or
3 benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall make recommendations
4 regarding the program's formulary of approved medication, related laboratory
5 testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility for the program.

6 (4) In fiscal year 2016, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
7 the amount of \$100,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service
8 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for
9 community-based HIV prevention programs and services. These funds shall
10 be used for HIV/AIDS prevention purposes, including improving the
11 availability of confidential and anonymous HIV testing; prevention work with
12 at-risk groups such as women, intravenous drug users, and people of color; and
13 anti-stigma campaigns. No more than 15 percent of the funds may be used for
14 the administration of such services by the recipients of these funds. The
15 method by which these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by
16 mutual agreement of the Department of Health and the Vermont AIDS service
17 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

18 Sec. E.312.1 LADIES FIRST PROGRAM

19 (a) The Commissioner of Health shall develop a marketing plan for Ladies
20 First, a health screening program for women, to increase awareness of the
21 available services provided to eligible women. In addition, the Commissioner

1 ~~shall provide a plan to be submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee on or before~~
2 September 1, 2015, that details how the Ladies First program will be
3 implemented.

4 Sec. E.313 Health – alcohol and drug abuse programs

5 (a) For the purpose of meeting the need for outpatient substance abuse
6 services when the preferred provider system has a waiting list of five days or
7 more or there is a lack of qualified clinicians to provide services in a region of
8 the State, a State-qualified alcohol and drug abuse counselor may apply to the
9 Department of Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, for
10 time-limited authorization to participate as a Medicaid provider to deliver
11 clinical and case coordination services, as authorized.

12 (b)(1) In accordance with federal law, the Division of Alcohol and Drug
13 Abuse Programs may use the following criteria to determine whether to enroll
14 a State-supported Medicaid and uninsured population substance abuse program
15 in the Division's network of designated providers, as described in the State
16 plan:

17 (A) The program is able to provide the quality, quantity, and levels of
18 care required under the Division's standards, licensure standards, and
19 accreditation standards established by the Commission on Accreditation of
20 Rehabilitation Facilities, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health
21 Care Organizations, or the Commission on Accreditation for Family Services.

1 ~~(D) Any program that is currently being funded in the existing~~
2 network shall continue to be a designated program until further standards are
3 developed, provided the standards identified in this subdivision (b)(1) are
4 satisfied.

5 (C) All programs shall continue to fulfill grant or contract
6 agreements.

7 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not
8 preclude the Division's "request for bids" process.

9 Sec. E.314 18 V.S.A. § 7511 is amended to read:

10 § 7511. TRANSPORTATION

11 (a) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall ensure that all reasonable and
12 appropriate measures consistent with public safety are made to transport or
13 escort a person subject to this chapter to and from any inpatient setting,
14 including escorts within a designated hospital or the Vermont State Hospital or
15 its successor in interest or otherwise being transported under the jurisdiction of
16 the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner in any manner ~~which~~ that:

- 17 (1) prevents physical and psychological trauma;
- 18 (2) respects the privacy of the individual; and
- 19 (3) represents the least restrictive means necessary for the safety of the
- 20 patient.

1 ~~(b) The commissioner Commissioner shall have the authority to designate~~
2 the professionals or law enforcement officers who may authorize the method of
3 transport of patients under the ~~commissioner's~~ Commissioner's care and
4 custody.

5 (c) The Commissioner shall establish standards for reimbursement for the
6 transport of patients that ensure statutory compliance with this chapter,
7 including the following:

8 (1) the necessary training that a professional or law enforcement officer
9 shall complete prior to receiving the Commissioner's designation to transport
10 patients;

11 (2) the authorization process for transporting patients, including the
12 necessary documentation and with whom the documentation shall be filed;

13 (3) the specific requirements and timelines for reporting the transport of
14 patients to the Department; and

15 (4) the manner of payment for designated professionals and law
16 enforcement officers transporting patients.

17 (d) When a professional or law enforcement officer designated pursuant to
18 subsection (b) of this section decides an individual is in need of secure
19 transport with mechanical restraints, the reasons for such determination shall
20 be documented in writing.

1 ~~(d)(e) It is the policy of the state State of Vermont that mechanical~~

2 restraints are not routinely used on persons subject to this chapter unless
3 circumstances dictate that such methods are necessary.

4 Sec. E.314.1 MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET PRESENTATION

5 (a) In order for the General Assembly to evaluate whether the State is
6 meeting the goals in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 79 of increasing community
7 supports, decreasing inpatient care, and moving toward a less coercive system
8 and to evaluate the outcomes of the systemwide investments made as the result
9 of Act 79, the Departments of Mental Health and of Vermont Health Access
10 shall in consultation with the State's Chief Performance Officer, as designee of
11 the Secretary of Administration, provide a longitudinal capacity, caseload,
12 expenditure, and utilization analysis with the fiscal year 2017 budget
13 presentation for:

14 (1) Inpatient services by the following funding categories:

15 (A) Level 1 inpatient psychiatric services;

16 (B) other involuntary inpatient psychiatric services;

17 (C) inpatient psychiatric services for community rehabilitation and
18 treatment clients;

19 (D) inpatient psychiatric services for other Medicaid patients; and

20 (E) emergency department wait times for an acute inpatient
21 psychiatric bed for minors and adults.

1 ~~(2) Residential services by categories of service, including:~~

2 ~~(A) Intensive Recovery;~~

3 ~~(B) Crisis Residential and Hospital Diversion;~~

4 ~~(C) group homes;~~

5 ~~(D) supported independent living; and~~

6 ~~(E) secure residential.~~

7 ~~(3) Community mental services by categories of service, including:~~

8 ~~(A) community rehabilitation and treatment;~~

9 ~~(B) crisis programs;~~

10 ~~(C) outpatient clinics; and~~

11 ~~(D) peer support programs.~~

12 ~~(4) Other mental health support services and administration.~~

13 Sec. E.314.2 UNIFIED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

14 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

15 (a) As part of their 2017 budget presentations, the Departments of Mental
16 Health and of Vermont Health Access shall present an implementation plan for
17 a unified service and financial allocation for publically funded mental health
18 services as part of an integrated health care system. The implementation plan
19 shall contain a projected timeline for moving toward the goals presented
20 therein.

1 ~~(b) On or before both August 1, 2015 and October 1, 2015, the~~
2 Departments of Mental Health and of Vermont Health Access shall present a
3 status update on the development of the implementation plan required pursuant
4 to subsection (a) of this section to the Health Reform Oversight Committee.

5 Sec. E.316 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; REVISED
6 APPROPRIATIONS STRUCTURE

7 (a) As part of its fiscal year 2016 budget presentation, the Department for
8 Children and Families shall propose a revised appropriations structure for
9 fiscal year 2017. The House and Senate Committees on Appropriations may
10 provide their endorsement of the revised structure.

11 Sec. E. 316.1 2006 Acts and Resolves No. 180, Sec. 3 as amended by 2008
12 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. 23 and 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 19,
13 Sec. 1 is further amended to read:

14 Sec. 3. DATA COLLECTION

15 (a) On or before January 31, 2013 2016, and January 31, 2015, the
16 ~~commissioner of the department for children and families~~ Commissioner for
17 Children and Families shall report to the ~~house committee on human services~~
18 ~~and the senate committee on health and welfare~~ House Committee on Human
19 Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare data for the
20 preceding ~~two years~~ year regarding the transportation of children in the
21 custody of the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner by a sheriff, ~~or~~ deputy sheriff, ~~or~~

1 ~~other professional. The data shall include the number and gender of children~~
2 transported to various locations and geographic distribution of the use of such
3 transports, and what type of restraint was used, if any. The Commissioner
4 shall also submit recommendations aimed at improving the transport of
5 children and reducing the number of children transported in restraints.

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7 Sec. E.316.2 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; GRANT
8 REVIEW

9 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee shall
10 undertake a comprehensive review of the grants provided by the Department
11 for Children and Families in order to compile an inventory of all current and
12 anticipated grants to public and private entities. On or before January 15,
13 2016, the Commissioner or designee shall provide the inventory, including a
14 detailed description of each grant, to the House Committees on Appropriations
15 and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on
16 Health and Welfare.

17 Sec. E.318 33 V.S.A. § 3505 is amended to read:

18 § 3505. SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CARE GRANTS

19 (a)(1) The Commissioner for Children and Families may reserve up to
20 one-half of one percent of the child care programs that are at risk of closing
21 due to financial hardship. The Commissioner shall develop guidelines for

1 ~~providing assistance and shall prioritize extraordinary financial relief to child~~
2 care programs in areas of the State with high poverty and low access to high
3 quality child care. If the Commissioner determines a child care program is at
4 risk of closure because its operations are not fiscally sustainable, he or she may
5 provide assistance to transition children served by the child care operator in an
6 orderly fashion and to help secure other child care opportunities for children
7 served by the program in an effort to minimize a disruption of services. The
8 Commissioner has the authority to request tax returns and other financial
9 documents to verify the financial hardship and ability to sustain operations.

10 (2) Annually on or before January 15, the Commissioner shall report to
11 the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and to the House Committee on
12 Human Services regarding any funds distributed pursuant to subdivision (1) of
13 this subsection. Specifically, the report shall address how funds were
14 distributed and used. It shall also address outcomes related to any distribution
15 of funds.

16 (b) In instances in which extraordinary financial relief will not maintain
17 ongoing access to high quality child care, the Department for Children and
18 Families may provide additional support to ensure access to high-quality,
19 comprehensive child care that meets the needs of working parents in
20 high-poverty areas of Vermont. Licensed child care centers may be considered
21 for this additional financial support to help ensure ongoing access to

1 ~~high quality child care in areas of the State where none exists, as determined~~
2 by the Commissioner. Financial assistance may be granted, at the discretion of
3 the Commissioner, if the child care center meets the following criteria:

4 * * *

5 Sec. E.318.1 33 V.S.A. § 3512 is amended to read:

6 § 3512. CHILD CARE SERVICES PROGRAMS; ELIGIBILITY

7 * * *

8 (b)(1) An Enhanced Child Care Services Subsidy Program is established
9 for families participating in the Reach Ahead program.

10 (2) The Enhanced Child Care Services Subsidy Program established by
11 this subsection shall be administered by the Department's Child Development
12 Division. The Commissioner shall adopt rules necessary for the administration
13 of the Program pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.

14 (3) The subsidy authorized by this subsection shall be no greater than
15 100 percent of the subsidy provided in subsection (a) of this section.

16 (4) A participating family shall remain eligible for the Enhanced Child
17 Care Services Subsidy Program between 12 and 24 months as long as one or
18 more dependent children of a working parent or parents are receiving child
19 care services. The Commissioner for Children and Families may extend the
20 subsidy beyond 24 months if the Commissioners for Children and Families and

1 ~~of Finance and Management determine jointly that an extension can be~~

2 accommodated within appropriated resources.

3 (5) The Enhanced Child Care Services Subsidy Program shall be funded
4 through savings resulting from caseload reductions in the Reach Up program,
5 but no more than the amount appropriated for this purpose in fiscal year 2016.

6 If there are insufficient savings from caseload reductions to fund the Program,
7 the Program shall be suspended or modified.

8 Sec. E.321 HOUSING ASSISTANCE BENEFITS; FLEXIBILITY

9 PROGRAM

10 (a) For State fiscal year 2016, the Agency of Human Services may continue
11 a housing assistance program within the General Assistance program to create
12 flexibility to provide these General Assistance benefits. The purpose of the
13 program is to mitigate poverty and serve applicants more effectively than they
14 are currently being served with General Assistance funds. The program shall
15 operate in a consistent manner within existing statutes and rules and policies
16 effective on July 1, 2013, and any succeeding amendments thereto, and may
17 create programs and provide services consistent with these policies. Eligible
18 activities shall include, among others, the provision of shelter, overflow
19 shelter, case management, transitional housing, deposits, down payments,
20 rental assistance, upstream prevention, and related services that ensure that all
21 Vermonters have access to shelter, housing, and the services they need to

1 ~~become safely housed. The Agency may award grants to homeless and~~
2 housing service providers for eligible activities. The assistance provided under
3 this section is not an entitlement and may be discontinued when the
4 appropriation has been fully spent.

5 (b) The program may operate in up to 12 districts designated by the
6 Secretary of Human Services. The Agency shall establish outcomes and
7 procedures for evaluating the program overall, and for each district in which
8 the Agency operates the program, it shall establish procedures for evaluating
9 the district program and its effects.

10 (c) The Agency shall continue to engage interested parties, including both
11 statewide organizations and local agencies, in the design, implementation, and
12 evaluation of the General Assistance flexibility program.

13 Sec. E.321.1 GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING

14 (a) Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in the General
15 Assistance program in fiscal year 2016 may be used for temporary housing in
16 catastrophic situations and for vulnerable populations, as defined in rules
17 adopted by the Agency. The cold weather exception issued by the Department
18 for Children and Families' Economic Services Division dated October 25,
19 2012, and any succeeding amendments to it, shall remain in effect.

20 Sec. E.321.2 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. E.321.2(c) is amended
21 to read:

1 ~~(c) On or before January 15 January 31 and July 15 July 31 of each year~~
2 beginning in ~~2014~~ 2015, the Agency of Human Services shall report statewide
3 statistics related to the use of emergency housing vouchers during the
4 preceding calendar half-year, including demographic information, deidentified
5 client data, shelter and motel usage rates, clients' primary stated cause of
6 homelessness, average lengths of stay in emergency housing by demographic
7 group and by type of housing, and such other relevant data as the Secretary
8 deems appropriate. When the General Assembly is in session, the Agency
9 shall provide its report to the House Committee on General, Housing and
10 Military Affairs, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing
11 and General Affairs, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.
12 When the General Assembly is not in session, the Agency shall provide its
13 report to the Joint Fiscal Committee.

14 Sec. E.321.3 9 V.S.A. § 4452(8) is added to read:

15 (8) transient occupancy in a hotel, motel, or lodgings during the time the
16 occupant is a recipient of General Assistance or Emergency Assistance temporary
17 housing assistance, regardless of whether the occupancy is subject to a tax levied
18 under 32 V. S.A. chapter 225.

19 Sec. E.323 33 V.S.A. § 1103(c) is amended to read:

20 (c) The Commissioner shall adopt rules for the determination of eligibility
21 for the Reach Up program and benefit levels for all participating families that
22 include the following provisions:

1 ***

2 (9) The amount of \$125.00 of the Supplemental Security Income
3 payment received by a parent shall count toward the determination of the
4 amount of the family's financial assistance grant.

5 Sec. E.323.1 33 V.S.A. § 1134 is amended to read:

6 § 1134. PROGRAM EVALUATION

7 ~~(a)~~ On or before January 31 of each year, the Commissioner shall design
8 and implement procedures to evaluate, measure, and report to the Governor
9 and the General Assembly the Department's progress in ~~implementing Reach~~
10 ~~First, Reach Up, and Reach Ahead~~ and achieving the goals of the programs
11 provided for in sections 1002, 1102, and 1202 of this title. The report shall
12 include:

13 (1) the types of barriers facing Reach Up families seeking economic
14 self-sufficiency, the number of families with each type of barrier, the
15 frequency of occurrence of each type of barrier, and how support services and
16 incentives assist in overcoming barriers;

17 (2) documentation of participant outcomes, including specific
18 information relating to the number of persons employed, by occupation,
19 industry, and wage; the types of subsidized and unsubsidized jobs secured by
20 participants; any available information about outcomes for children who have
21 participated in the programs, including objective indicators of improved

1 ~~conditions; the number of participating families involved in training programs;~~
2 and whether the support services and incentives assist in keeping families
3 employed;

4 (3) data about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
5 participation of households who have left the programs during the last fiscal
6 year, including the number of households, adults, and children participating in
7 the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program three months after leaving the
8 applicable program, broken down by reason for termination or leaving, and the
9 Department's plan to identify and assist eligible households to apply for
10 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits;

11 (4) data about the enrollment of individuals who have left the programs
12 during the last fiscal year in a Health Care Assistance Program, including the
13 number of adults and children enrolled in a Health Care Assistance Program
14 three months after leaving the applicable program, broken down by reason for
15 termination or leaving, and the Department's plan to identify and assist eligible
16 households to apply for health care assistance;

17 (5) a summary of all interim and final reports submitted by independent
18 evaluation contractors to the Agency or the Department relating to the
19 programs;

1 ~~(6) a description of the work participation rates, including the method of~~
2 calculating the caseload reduction credit, for the most recent federal fiscal
3 year;

4 (7) a description of the current basic needs budget and housing
5 allowance, the current maximum grant amounts, and the basic needs budget
6 and housing allowance adjusted to reflect an annual cost-of-living
7 increase; and

8 ~~(8) a summary of the analysis done under subsection (b) of this section.~~

9 ~~(b) On or before January 15, 2010 for the analysis of Reach First and on or~~
10 ~~before January 15, 2012 for the analysis of all programs, the Department shall~~
11 ~~analyze the effectiveness of the programs and shall consider the following~~
12 ~~indicators:~~

13 ~~(1) for Reach First, the types of crises presented by applicants; the type~~
14 ~~and duration of case management necessary to respond to a crisis; and the~~
15 ~~impact of the services on the family, including the actual and perceived~~
16 ~~outcomes and material indicators of stability;~~

17 ~~(2) for Reach Up, the type and duration of case management provided;~~
18 ~~and the impact of the services on the family; the family's achievement of the~~
19 ~~goals in the family development plan; the types of employment engaged in by~~
20 ~~families; the duration of employment; and actual and perceived outcomes and~~
21 ~~material indicators of stability and well being;~~

1 ~~(3) for Reach Ahead, the types of employment engaged in by families;~~
2 ~~the duration of employment; the type and duration of services necessary to~~
3 ~~maintain employment; the duration of time the family received food assistance~~
4 ~~and services in the program; and the impact of the services on the family,~~
5 ~~including the actual and perceived well-being of the family and material~~
6 ~~indicators of well-being; and~~

7 ~~(4) whether the programs are effectively integrated and transitions~~
8 ~~between programs are simple, and the number of families who choose not to~~
9 ~~participate, and why.~~

10 ~~(e) Beginning on or before January 15, 2008, and annually thereafter, the~~
11 ~~Commissioner shall report to the House Committees on Human Services and~~
12 ~~on Appropriations and Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on~~
13 ~~Appropriations on families' long-term receipt of financial assistance~~
14 ~~authorized by this chapter. Such reports shall include:~~

15 ~~(1) the number of families receiving financial assistance in the most~~
16 ~~recent federal fiscal year that included an adult family member who has~~
17 ~~received TANF-funded financial assistance, as an adult, 60 or more months in~~
18 ~~his or her lifetime;~~

19 ~~(2) the average proportion of the monthly TANF-funded caseload~~
20 ~~during the same fiscal year that such families represent;~~

1 ~~(3) when such proportion exceeds 20 percent, the sufficiency of~~
2 ~~general funds appropriated to support financial assistance authorized by this~~
3 ~~chapter, to fund financial assistance for those families in excess of 20 percent~~
4 ~~while, at the same time, providing financial assistance and services, supported~~
5 ~~solely by general funds, to other families as authorized by this chapter; and~~

6 ~~(4) when appropriated general funds are insufficient to fund financial~~
7 ~~assistance for all such families, the modifications in policy, appropriated~~
8 ~~general funds, or combination thereof that the Commissioner recommends to~~
9 ~~support families receiving financial assistance under this chapter in their~~
10 ~~achievement of self-sufficiency and to protect the children in these families.~~

11 ~~a description of the families, during the last fiscal year, that included an adult~~
12 ~~family member receiving financial assistance for 60 or more months in his or~~
13 ~~her lifetime, including:~~

14 ~~(A) the number of families and the types of barriers facing these~~
15 ~~families; and~~

16 ~~(B) the number of families that became ineligible for the Reach Up~~
17 ~~program pursuant to subsection 1108(a) of this title, and the types of income~~
18 ~~and financial assistance received by those families that did not return to the~~
19 ~~Reach Up program within 90 days of becoming ineligible.~~

20 Sec. E.323.2 33 V.S.A. § 1205 is amended to read:

21 § 1205. REQUIRED SERVICES TO PARTICIPATING FAMILIES

1 ~~(a) The Commissioner shall provide participating families Reach Ahead~~
2 services, case management services if necessary, and referral to any agencies
3 or programs, including workforce development, that provide the services
4 needed by participating families to improve the family's prospects for
5 employment retention. Reach Ahead services shall be provided for 24 months.

6 ~~(b) To the extent funds are available, a participating family shall be~~
7 ~~eligible for an Enhanced Child Care Services Subsidy during its 12th through~~
8 ~~24th months on the Reach Ahead program pursuant to subsection 3512(b) of~~
9 ~~this title.~~

10 Sec. E.324 HOME HEATING FUEL ASSISTANCE/LIHEAP

11 ~~(a) For the purpose of a crisis set-aside, for seasonal home heating fuel~~
12 ~~assistance through December 31, 2015, and for program administration, the~~
13 ~~Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer \$2,550,000 from the~~
14 ~~Home Weatherization Assistance Fund to the Home Heating Fuel Assistance~~
15 ~~Fund to the extent that federal LIHEAP or similar federal funds are not~~
16 ~~available. An equivalent amount shall be returned to the Home Weatherization~~
17 ~~Fund from the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Fund to the extent that federal~~
18 ~~LIHEAP or similar federal funds are received. Should a transfer of funds from~~
19 ~~the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund be necessary for the 2015–2016~~
20 ~~crisis set-aside and for seasonal home heating fuel assistance through~~
21 ~~December 31, 2015 and if LIHEAP funds awarded as of December 31, 2015~~

1 ~~for fiscal year 2016 do not exceed \$2,550,000, subsequent payments under the~~
2 Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program shall not be made prior to January 30,
3 2016. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, payments authorized by the
4 Department for Children and Families' Economic Services Division shall not
5 exceed funds available, except that for fuel assistance payments made through
6 December 31, 2015, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may
7 anticipate receipts into the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund.

8 Sec. E.324.1 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

9 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee may authorize
10 crisis fuel assistance to those income-eligible households that have applied for
11 an expedited seasonal fuel benefit but have not yet received it, if the benefit
12 cannot be executed in time to prevent them from running out of fuel. The
13 crisis fuel grants authorized pursuant to this section count toward the one crisis
14 fuel grant allowed per household for the winter heating season pursuant to
15 33 V.S.A. § 2609(b).

16 Sec. 324.2 LIHEAP AND WEATHERIZATION

17 (a) Notwithstanding 33 V.S.A. §§ 2603 and 2503, in fiscal year 2016, the
18 Secretary of Administration may, upon recommendation of the Secretary of
19 Human Services, transfer up to 15 percent of the federal fiscal year 2016
20 federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) block grant
21 from the federal funds appropriation in Sec. B.324 of this act to the Home

1 ~~Weatherization Assistance appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act to be used~~
2 ~~for weatherization in State fiscal year 2016. An equivalent appropriation~~
3 ~~transfer shall be made to Sec. B.324, Low Income Home Energy Assistance~~
4 ~~Program, from the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund in Sec. B.326 to~~
5 ~~provide home heating fuel benefits in State fiscal year 2016. At least three~~
6 ~~days prior to any such transfer being made, the Secretary of Administration~~
7 ~~shall report the intended transfer to the Joint Fiscal Office and shall report any~~
8 ~~completed transfers to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its next scheduled~~
9 ~~meeting.~~

10 Sec. E.325 Department for children and families – office of economic
11 opportunity

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

18 Sec. E.326 Department for children and families – OEO – weatherization
19 assistance

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

1 ~~Sec. E.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living developmental~~
2 services

3 (a) If adequate caseload funds are not available to meet new needs in
4 developmental services during the 2016 fiscal year, the welfare of existing
5 consumers should be prioritized over expanding services to new individuals.

6 The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living should
7 establish a waitlist of people seeking services, triage criteria, and a
8 methodology for people to come off the waitlist as funds become available to
9 serve more people.

10 Sec. E.335 2 V.S.A. chapter 23 is redesignated to read:

11 CHAPTER 23. JOINT LEGISLATIVE ~~CORRECTIONS~~ CRIMINAL
12 JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

13 Sec. E.335.1 2 V.S.A. § 801 is amended to read:

14 § 801. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

15 (a) There is created a ~~joint legislative corrections oversight committee~~ Joint
16 Legislative Criminal Justice Oversight Committee whose membership shall be
17 appointed each biennial session of the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly.

18 The ~~committee~~ Committee shall exercise oversight over the ~~department of~~
19 ~~corrections~~ Department of Corrections and work with and provide assistance to
20 other legislative committees on matters related to ~~corrections~~ criminal justice
21 policies.

1 ~~(b) The ~~committee~~ Committee shall be composed of 10 members: five~~
2 ~~members of the ~~house of representatives~~ House of Representatives, who shall~~
3 ~~not all be from the same party, appointed by the ~~speaker of the house~~ Speaker~~
4 ~~of the House; and five members of the ~~senate~~ Senate, who shall not all be from~~
5 ~~the same party, appointed by the ~~committee on committees~~ Committee on~~
6 ~~Committees. In addition to one member-at-large appointed from each~~
7 ~~chamber, one appointment shall be made from each of the ~~following house and~~~~
8 ~~~~senate~~ House and Senate ~~Committees: appropriations, judiciary, institutions on~~~~
9 ~~Appropriations and on Judiciary, the ~~senate committee on health and welfare,~~~~
10 ~~~~and the house committee on human services~~ Senate Committees on Health and~~
11 ~~Welfare and on Institutions, and the ~~House~~ Committees on Corrections and~~
12 ~~Institutions and on Human Services.~~

13 (c) The ~~committee~~ Committee shall elect a chair, vice chair, and clerk from
14 among its members and shall adopt rules of procedure. The ~~chair~~ Chair shall
15 rotate biennially between the ~~house~~ House and the ~~senate~~ Senate members.
16 The ~~committee~~ Committee shall keep minutes of its meetings and maintain a
17 file thereof. A quorum shall consist of six members.

18 (d) When the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly is in session, the
19 ~~committee~~ Committee shall meet at the call of the ~~chair~~ Chair. The ~~committee~~
20 Committee may meet six times during adjournment, and may meet more often

1 ~~subject to approval of the speaker of the house Speaker of the House and the~~
2 ~~president pro tempore of the senate President Pro Tempore of the Senate.~~

3 (e) For attendance at a meeting when the ~~general assembly~~ General
4 Assembly is not in session, members of the ~~committee~~ Committee shall be
5 entitled to compensation for services and reimbursement of expenses as
6 provided under subsection 406(a) of this title.

7 (f) The professional and clerical services of the ~~joint fiscal office~~ Joint
8 Fiscal Office and the ~~legislative council~~ Office of Legislative Council shall be
9 available to the ~~committee~~ Committee.

10 Sec. E.335.2 2 V.S.A. § 802 is amended to read:

11 § 802. DUTIES

12 (a) In addition to the general responsibilities set forth in subsection 801(a)
13 of this title, the Committee shall:

14 (1) ~~Review~~ review and make recommendations regarding the
15 Department of Corrections' strategic, operating, and capital plans;:

16 (2) ~~Review~~ review and make recommendations to the House and Senate
17 Committees on Appropriations regarding departmental budget proposals;:

18 (3) ~~Provide~~ provide general oversight on departmental policy
19 development;:

1 ~~(4) Encourage encourage improved communication between the~~
2 ~~department Department and other relevant components of the administrative~~
3 ~~branch and the criminal justice system;~~

4 ~~(5) evaluate the statewide system of pretrial services, court diversion~~
5 ~~programs, community justice center services, and other relevant programs and~~
6 ~~services, and determine whether there is variation in policies, procedures,~~
7 ~~practices, and outcomes between different areas of the State and the causes of~~
8 ~~any such variation;~~

9 ~~(6) make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the~~
10 ~~creation of a consistent and cost-efficient statewide criminal justice system;~~

11 ~~(7) review and make recommendations to the General Assembly to~~
12 ~~ensure the criminal justice statutes reflect principles of restorative justice; and~~

13 ~~(8) review and make recommendations to the General Assembly~~
14 ~~regarding the timeliness of judicial proceedings.~~

15 ~~(b) At least annually, the Committee shall report its activities, together~~
16 ~~with recommendations, if any, to the General Assembly. The provisions of~~
17 ~~subsection 20(d) (expiration of required reports) of this title shall not apply to~~
18 ~~the report to be made under this subsection. The Committee shall report any~~
19 ~~proposed legislation on or before January 15, 2016 to the House Committees~~
20 ~~on Corrections and Institutions, on Judiciary, and on Human Services, and the~~
21 ~~Senate Committees on Institutions, on Judiciary, and on Health and Welfare.~~

~~Sec. E.335.3 JOINT LEGISLATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT~~

COMMITTEE; MEMBERSHIP

~~(a) The membership of the Joint Legislative Corrections Oversight Committee appointed for the 2015-2016 biennial session of the General Assembly shall also be the first appointed membership of the Joint Legislative Criminal Justice Oversight Committee, as established in Sec. E.335.1 of this act.~~

Sec. E.337 28 V.S.A. § 120 is amended to read:

§ 120. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS EDUCATION PROGRAM;

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

(a) Authority. An education program is established within the Department of Corrections for the education of persons who have not completed secondary education and who are committed to the custody of the Commissioner.

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(d) Curriculum. The education program shall offer a minimum course of study, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 906, and special education programs as required in 16 V.S.A. chapter 101 ~~at each correctional facility and Department service center,~~ but is not required to offer a driver training course or a physical educational course.

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Sec. E.338 SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;

TRANSITION

(a) In fiscal year 2016, the Commissioner of Corrections shall use \$750,000 of the funds appropriated to the Department of Corrections in Sec. B.339 of this act to provide housing and substance abuse and other support services to facilitate the transition of 100 offenders to the community. Of this amount, \$60,984 is the State fund match transferred to the Global Commitment fund, \$135,610 of Global Commitment funds shall be transferred to the Department of Mental Health for the Washington County Mental Health Collaborative Solutions Integration Project.

(b) In fiscal year 2017, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Southeast State Correctional Facility shall cease operations.

Sec. E.342 Vermont veterans' home – care and support services

(a) The Vermont Veterans' Home will use the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section for the purpose of increasing the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sec. E.342.1 REPEAL

(a) 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.342.2 (eliminating classified employee position on Vermont Veterans' Home Board of Trustees) is repealed.

Sec. E.342.2 WORKING GROUP ON THE VERMONT VETERANS' HOME

GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING

1 ~~(a) Creation. There is created a Working Group on the Vermont Veterans'~~

2 ~~Home Governance and Funding.~~

3 ~~(b) Membership. The Working Group shall be composed of the following~~

4 ~~nine members:~~

5 ~~(1) a current member of the House of Representatives who shall be~~

6 ~~appointed by the Speaker of the House;~~

7 ~~(2) a current member of the Senate who shall be appointed by the~~

8 ~~Committee on Committees;~~

9 ~~(3) a member of the Vermont Veterans' Home Board of Trustees;~~

10 ~~(4) the Administrator of the Vermont Veterans' Home or designee;~~

11 ~~(5) a classified employee of the Vermont Veterans' Home;~~

12 ~~(6) the Adjutant and Inspector General or designee;~~

13 ~~(7) the Director of the White River Junction VA Medical Center or~~

14 ~~designee;~~

15 ~~(8) a representative of the Bennington County business community to be~~

16 ~~appointed by the Governor; and~~

17 ~~(9) the Attorney General or designee.~~

18 ~~(c) Powers and duties. The Working Group shall study solutions to the~~

19 ~~Vermont Veterans' Home's ongoing governance and funding challenges that~~

1 ~~will result in the elimination of the ongoing General Fund subsidy for the~~
2 ~~Home by fiscal year 2018, including the following issues:~~

3 ~~(1) the current governance structure of the Home;~~

4 ~~(2) alternative governance structures for the Home, including~~
5 ~~privatization or a public-private partnership, and the potential costs and~~
6 ~~benefits of adopting each alternative governance structure;~~

7 ~~(3) alternatives to the current funding model for the Home that would~~
8 ~~eliminate the need for ongoing General Fund subsidies by fiscal year 2018;~~

9 ~~(4) alternative uses for the Home and its property that would benefit~~
10 ~~veterans; and~~

11 ~~(5) options for repurposing portions of the Home's facilities and~~
12 ~~property for alternative uses that would benefit veterans.~~

13 ~~(d) The Working Group shall consult with the Vermont Congressional~~
14 ~~delegation, veterans' advocacy groups, and members of the Bennington~~
15 ~~business community.~~

16 ~~(e) Assistance. The Working Group shall have the administrative,~~
17 ~~technical, and legal assistance of the Vermont Veterans' Home and the~~
18 ~~Vermont Office of Veterans' Affairs as necessary.~~

19 ~~(f) Report. On or before January 15, 2016, the Working Group shall~~
20 ~~submit a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on General~~

1 ~~Housing and Military Affairs and the Senate Committees on Appropriations~~
2 ~~and on Government Operations with its findings and a plan that will enable the~~
3 ~~Vermont Veterans' Home to no longer require a subsidy from the General~~
4 ~~Fund by fiscal year 2018.~~

5 ~~(g) Meetings.~~

6 ~~(1) The Administrator of the Vermont Veterans' Home shall call the first~~
7 ~~meeting of the Working Group to occur on or before July 15, 2015.~~

8 ~~(2) The Working Group shall select a chair from among its members at~~
9 ~~the first meeting.~~

10 ~~(3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.~~

11 ~~(4) The Working Group shall cease to exist on January 30, 2016.~~

12 ~~(h) Reimbursement.~~

13 ~~(1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General~~
14 ~~Assembly, legislative members of the Working Group shall be entitled to per~~
15 ~~diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406~~
16 ~~for no more than six meetings.~~

17 ~~(2) Other members of the Working Group who are not employees of the State~~
18 ~~of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their~~
19 ~~attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of~~
20 ~~expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for no more than six meetings.~~

1 ~~Sec. E.345 Green mountain care board~~

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

6 * * * K-12 EDUCATION * * *

7 Sec. E.500 Education – finance and administration

8 ~~(a) The Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section for school~~
9 ~~health services, including school nurses, shall be used for the purpose of~~
10 ~~funding certain health-care-related projects. It is the goal of these projects to~~
11 ~~reduce the rate of uninsured or underinsured persons, or both, in Vermont and~~
12 ~~to increase the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured~~
13 ~~persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.~~

14 Sec. E.500.1 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.500.1 is amended to
15 read:

16 Sec. E.500.1 UNIFORM CHART OF ACCOUNTS COMPLETION,
17 TRANSITION, TRAINING AND SUPPORT

18 ~~(a) On or before June 30, 2015, A~~ GASB compliant Uniform Chart of
19 Accounts and Financial Reporting requirements shall be established by the
20 Agency of Education which shall:

1 ~~(1) be comprehensive in respect to compliance with federal funds~~

2 reporting requirements; and

3 (2) provide the financial information necessary for State and local
4 education decision makers in regard to specific program costs and evaluation
5 of student outcomes.

6 (b) The Agency of Education shall hire a contractor or contractors through
7 the State's procurement process to assist them in the establishment and
8 completion of the requirements of subsection (a) of this section. Contract
9 deliverables shall include ~~but not be limited to:~~

10 (1) a comprehensive accounting manual, with related business rules;

11 (2) specifications for school financial software; ~~and~~

12 (3) a detailed transition and support plan that ensures local reporting
13 entities required to record and report information consistent with requirements
14 of subsection (a) of this section can fully comply on or before July 1,
15 2017; and

16 (4) the requirements of subsection (a) of this section shall be in effect by
17 July 1, 2017.

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

19 (a) Of the appropriation authorized in this section, and notwithstanding any
20 other provision of law, an amount not to exceed \$3,646,521 shall be used by
21 the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2016 as funding for 16 V.S.A.

1 ~~§ 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the Secretary shall not be limited~~
2 ~~by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c) and (d). In addition to~~
3 ~~funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6), up to \$181,438 may be used by the~~
4 ~~Agency of Education for its participation in the higher education~~
5 ~~partnership plan.~~

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

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

10 Sec. E.504 Education – adult education and literacy

11 (a) Of this appropriation, \$3,225,000 from the Education Fund shall be
12 distributed to school districts for reimbursement of high school completion
13 services pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1049a(c). Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A.
14 § 4025(b), of this Education Fund appropriation, the amount of:

15 (1) \$625,000 is available for dual enrollment programs consistent with
16 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2), of which amount \$25,000 is transferred to the Vermont
17 Student Assistance Corporation pursuant to Sec. E.605.1 of this act; and

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

20 Sec. E.504.1 16 V.S.A. § 944 is amended to read:

21 § 944. DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

1 ***

2 (f) Tuition and funding

3 (1) Tuition shall be paid to public postsecondary institutions in Vermont
4 as follows.

5 (A) For any course for which the postsecondary institution pays the
6 instructor, ~~the student's school district of residence shall pay~~ tuition shall be
7 paid to the postsecondary institution in an amount equal to the tuition rate
8 charged by the Community College of Vermont (CCV) at the time the dual
9 enrollment course is offered; provided however, that tuition paid to CCV under
10 this subdivision (A) shall be in an amount equal to 90 percent of the CCV rate.

11 (B) For any course that is taught by an instructor who is paid as part
12 of employment by a secondary school, ~~the student's school district of residence~~
13 ~~shall pay~~ tuition shall be paid to the postsecondary institution in an amount
14 equal to 20 percent of the tuition rate charged by the Community College of
15 Vermont at the time the dual enrollment course is offered.

16 (2) ~~Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection requiring the~~
17 ~~district of residence to pay tuition, the~~ The State shall pay 50 percent of the
18 tuition owed to public postsecondary institutions under subdivision (1)(A) of
19 this subsection from the Next Generation Initiative Fund created in section
20 2887 of this title; provided, however, that the total amount paid by the State in
21 any fiscal year shall not exceed the total amount of General Fund dollars the

1 ~~General Assembly appropriated from the Fund in that year for dual enrollment~~
2 ~~purposes plus any balance carried forward from the previous fiscal year; and~~
3 ~~further provided that, notwithstanding subdivision (b)(2) of this section, the~~
4 ~~cumulative amount to be paid by school districts under subdivision (1)(A) in~~
5 ~~any fiscal year shall not exceed the amount available to be paid by General~~
6 ~~Fund dollars in that year, and 50 percent from funds appropriated from the~~
7 ~~Education Fund, notwithstanding subsection 4025(b) of this title.~~

8 * * *

9 Sec. E.512 Education – Act 117 cost containment

10 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, expenditures made from
11 this section shall be counted under 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b) as part of the State’s
12 60 percent of the statewide total special education expenditures of funds which
13 are not derived from federal sources.

14 Sec. E.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund

15 (a) Pursuant to Sec. B.513 and 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2), there is
16 appropriated in fiscal year 2016 from the General Fund for transfer to the
17 Education Fund the amount of \$303,343,381.

18 Sec. E.514 State teachers’ retirement system

19 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to
20 the State Teachers’ Retirement System (STRS) shall be \$73,102,909.

1 ~~(b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(e)(2), of the annual contribution,~~
2 \$10,384,106 is the “normal contribution,” and \$65,718,803 is the “accrued
3 liability contribution.”

4 Sec. E.515 Retired teachers’ health care and medical benefits

5 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), \$15,576,468 will be
6 contributed to the Retired Teachers’ Health and Medical Benefits plan.

7 * * * HIGHER EDUCATION * * *

8 Sec. E.600 University of Vermont

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

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

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

19 (d) The University of Vermont will use the Global Commitment funds
20 appropriated in this section to support Vermont physician training. The
21 University of Vermont prepares students, both Vermonters and out-of-state,

1 ~~and awards approximately 100 medical degrees annually. Graduates of this~~
2 program, currently representing a significant number of physicians practicing
3 in Vermont, deliver high-quality health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries
4 and to the uninsured or underinsured persons, or both, in Vermont and across
5 the nation.

6 Sec. E.602 Vermont state colleges

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

10 (b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont
11 Manufacturing Extension Center for the purpose of complying with State
12 matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or
13 private funds, or both.

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

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

18 (b) The Vermont State Colleges shall use the Global Commitment funds
19 appropriated in this section to support the dental hygiene, respiratory therapy,
20 and nursing programs which graduate approximately 315 health care providers

1 ~~annually. These graduates deliver direct, high quality health care services to~~
2 Medicaid beneficiaries and uninsured or underinsured persons, or both.

3 (c) Of the Global Commitment funds appropriated in Sec. B.603 of this act,
4 \$363,000 shall be to make payments to Vermont Interactive Technologies for
5 health education and training services.

6 Sec. E.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

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

10 (b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, not less than
11 93 percent of grants shall be used for direct student aid.

12 (c) Funds available to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
13 pursuant to Sec. E.215(a) of this act shall be used for the purposes of 16 V.S.A.
14 § 2856. Any unexpended funds from this allocation shall carry forward for
15 this purpose.

16 (d) Of this appropriation, not more than \$100,000 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 Sec. E.605.1 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND

20 EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

1 ~~(a) The sum of \$50,000 shall be transferred to the Vermont Student~~

2 ~~Assistance Corporation (VSAC) as follows:~~

3 ~~(1) \$25,000 from Sec. B.1100(a)(3)(C) (Next Generation funds~~
4 ~~appropriated for dual enrollment purposes).~~

5 ~~(2) \$25,000 from Sec. E.504(a) (adult education and literacy funds~~
6 ~~appropriated for dual enrollment purposes).~~

7 ~~(b) The sums transferred to VSAC in this section shall be used to fund a~~
8 ~~flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for financially needy students~~
9 ~~enrolled in a dual enrollment course pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in early~~
10 ~~college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4011(e) to be used for the purchase of books,~~
11 ~~cost of transportation, and payment of fees. VSAC shall establish the criteria~~
12 ~~for program eligibility. Funds shall be granted to eligible students on a~~
13 ~~first-come, first-served basis until funds are depleted.~~

14 ~~(c) VSAC shall report on the program to the House and Senate Committees~~
15 ~~on Education and on Appropriations on or before January 15, 2016.~~

16 ~~*** NATURAL RESOURCES ***~~

17 ~~Sec. E.701 AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES PAYMENT IN LIEU~~
18 ~~OF TAXES~~

19 ~~(a) Appraisal moratorium. For the purpose of payments in lieu of taxes to~~
20 ~~municipalities in fiscal year 2016, lands held by the Agency of Natural~~
21 ~~Resources (ANR) and subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 3708(a)(1) shall~~

1 ~~be appraised at the fair market value of the land in fiscal year 2014, as certified~~
2 by the Director of Property Valuation and Review, provided that in fiscal year
3 2016, such lands held by ANR shall be appraised at 102 percent of the fair
4 market value of the land in fiscal year 2014. For lands held by ANR and
5 subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 3708(a)(2), payments in lieu of taxes
6 to municipalities in fiscal year 2016 shall be made as specified in 32 V.S.A.
7 § 3708(a)(2). Payments with respect to parcels acquired or reconfigured after
8 June 30, 2014 shall be based on values established using the methodology
9 applied to other parcels in fiscal year 2015.

10 (b) Appeals of appraisal. During the moratorium established under
11 subsection (a) of this section, there shall be no right, in fiscal year 2015, for a
12 municipality to appeal the appraised values of ANR lands certified by the
13 Director of Property Valuation and Review in fiscal year 2014.

14 (c) Repeal. Subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be repealed on
15 July 1, 2016.

16 Sec. E.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry

17 (a) This Special Fund appropriation shall be authorized, notwithstanding
18 the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 2807(c)(2).

19 Sec. E.706 Forests, parks and recreation – lands administration

20 (a) This Special Fund appropriation shall be authorized, notwithstanding
21 the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 2807(c)(2).

1 ~~Sec. E.713 Natural resources board~~

2 ~~(a) As part of budget testimony in the 2015 legislative session, the Agency~~
3 ~~of Natural Resources in conjunction with the Natural Resources Board shall on~~
4 ~~or before March 31, 2015 submit a plan to the House and Senate Committees~~
5 ~~on Appropriations for sharing of administrative services in order to achieve a~~
6 ~~General Fund appropriation reduction of at least \$200,000 in fiscal year 2016.~~

7 * * * COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT * * *

8 Sec. E.802 REPEAL

9 (a) 3V.S.A. § 2471c (Office of Creative Economy) is repealed.

10 Sec. E.804 Community development block grants

11 (a) Community Development Block Grants shall carry forward until
12 expended.

13 Sec. E.805 24 V.S.A. § 2796 is amended to read:

14 § 2796. DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED CAPITAL
15 IMPROVEMENT FUND

16 (a) There is created a ~~downtown transportation and related capital~~
17 ~~improvement fund~~ Downtown Transportation and Related Capital
18 Improvement Fund, to be also known as the ~~fund~~ Fund, which shall be a
19 special fund created under 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 ~~of chapter 7 of~~
20 Title 32, to be administered by the Vermont ~~downtown development board~~
21 Downtown Development Board in accordance with this chapter to aid

1 ~~municipalities with designated downtown districts in financing capital~~

2 transportation and related improvement projects to support economic
3 development.

4 * * *

5 (c) Any municipality with a designated downtown development district
6 may apply to the Vermont ~~downtown development board~~ Downtown
7 Development Board for financial assistance from the ~~fund~~ Fund for capital
8 transportation and related improvement projects within or serving the district.
9 The ~~board~~ Board may award to any municipality grants in amounts not to
10 exceed \$250,000.00 annually, loans, or loan guarantees for financing capital
11 transportation projects, including ~~but not limited to~~ construction or alteration of
12 roads and highways, parking facilities, and rail or bus facilities or equipment,
13 or for the underground relocation of electric utility, cable and
14 telecommunications lines, but shall not include assistance for operating costs.
15 Grants awarded by the ~~board~~ Board shall not exceed ~~50~~ 80 percent of the
16 overall cost of the project. The approval of the ~~board~~ Board may be
17 conditioned upon the repayment to the ~~fund~~ Fund of some or all of the amount
18 of a loan or other financial benefits and such repayment may be from local
19 taxes, fees, or other local revenues sources. The ~~board~~ Board shall consider
20 geographical distribution in awarding the resources of the ~~fund~~ Fund.

1 ~~(d) Each fiscal year, \$40,000.00 of the fund The Fund shall be available to~~
2 ~~the department of housing and community affairs Department of Housing and~~
3 ~~Community Development for the reasonable and necessary costs of~~
4 ~~administering the fund Fund. The amount projected to be spent on~~
5 ~~administration shall be included in the Department's fiscal year budget~~
6 ~~presentations to the General Assembly.~~

7 Sec. E.806 [DELETED]

8 * * * TRANSPORTATION * * *

9 Sec. E.900 19 V.S.A. § 11a is amended to read:

10 § 11a. TRANSPORTATION FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

12 No transportation funds shall be appropriated for the support of government
13 other than for the Agency, the Board, Transportation Pay Act Funds,
14 construction of transportation capital facilities, transportation debt service, the
15 operation of information centers by the Department of Buildings and General
16 Services, and the Department of Public Safety. The amount of transportation
17 funds appropriated to the Department of Public Safety shall not exceed:

18 (1) \$25,250,000.00 in fiscal year 2014;

19 (2) \$22,750,000.00 in fiscal ~~year~~ years 2015 and 2016; and

20 (3) \$20,250,000.00 in fiscal year ~~2016~~ 2017 and in succeeding fiscal

21 years.

1 ~~Sec. E.909 Transportation – central garage~~

2 (a) Of this appropriation, \$7,123,455 is appropriated from the
3 Transportation Equipment Replacement Account within the Central Garage
4 Fund for the purchase of equipment as authorized in 19 V.S.A. § 13(b).

5 Sec. E.915 Transportation – town highway aid program

6 (a) This appropriation is authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of
7 19 V.S.A. § 306(a).

8 Sec. F.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

9 (a) This section and Secs. C.101 (Blue Ribbon Commission on Cost and
10 Financing Options for High Quality Affordable Child Care), C.102 (fiscal year
11 2015 transfer to the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund), C.103
12 (Rescission process), C.104 (fiscal year 2015 one-time appropriations), D.102
13 (tobacco litigation settlement fund balance), E.225.1(c) (Agriculture/Natural
14 Resources lab MOU/governance), E.308 (Choices for Care), E.316
15 (Department for Children and Families revised appropriations structure),
16 E.500.1 (Agency of Education uniform chart of accounts), E.713 (ANR - NRB
17 plan to achieve savings), and E.802 (Office of Creative Economy) of this act
18 shall take effect on passage.

19 (b) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

(a) This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations Act.

Sec. A.100.1 INTENT

(a) This fiscal year 2016 appropriations bill represents the beginning of a multiyear process to align State spending and bring revenues and spending into a long-term balance. The fiscal year 2016 Appropriations Bill contains difficult choices; however, these types of decisions will continue to occur annually without a concerted effort to create a sustainable budget.

(b) It is the intent to move forward on the following goals:

(1) reduce the reliance on one-time funding for base budget needs;

(2) create an ongoing expectation that Administration and Legislative proposals for budget changes and new programs contain a multiyear analysis of what the changes will cost;

(3) move toward budgeting based on using less than 100 percent of forecasted revenue to build a reserve which can help offset the variability of revenues that comes with a progressive tax system and the risk of reliance on federal funds;

(4) explore moving to a two-year budgeting cycle where the budget proposed by the Governor includes at least one subsequent fiscal year base funding estimate; and

(5) extend the inclusion of key performance measures that demonstrate program results comprehensively across programs, in order to support the relevant population-level outcomes set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 2311.

Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

(a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of State government during fiscal year 2016. It is the express intent of the General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments, divisions, boards, and commissions be limited to those which can be supported by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2015. Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2016 so as to meet this condition unless otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the General Assembly.

Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serve as the primary source and reference for appropriations for fiscal year 2016.

(b) The sums herein stated are appropriated for the purposes specified in the following sections of this act. When no time is expressly stated during which any of the appropriations are to continue, the appropriations are single-year appropriations and only for the purpose indicated and shall be paid from funds shown as the source of funds. If in this act there is an error in

either addition or subtraction, the totals shall be adjusted accordingly.
Apparent errors in referring to section numbers of statutory titles within this
act may be disregarded by the Commissioner of Finance and Management.

(c) Unless codified or otherwise specified, all narrative portions of this act
apply only to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2016.

Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

(a) As used in this act:

(1) "Encumbrances" means a portion of an appropriation reserved for
the subsequent payment of existing purchase orders or contracts. The
Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the
appropriateness of encumbrances.

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

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

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

Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

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

Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

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

Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

(a) In fiscal year 2016, the Governor, with the approval of the Legislature or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the Legislature is not in session, may accept federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including block grants in lieu of or in addition to funds herein designated as federal. The Governor, with the approval of the Legislature or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the Legislature is not in session, may allocate all or any portion of such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the basic appropriations in this act have been made.

(b) If, during fiscal year 2016, federal funds available to the State of Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2015 session of the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are

abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for no more than 45 days prior to Legislative or Joint Fiscal Committee approval. Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if the Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's request for approval.

Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total number of authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(11), shall not be increased during fiscal year 2016 except for new positions authorized by the 2015 session. Limited service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to this restriction, nor shall positions created pursuant to the Position Pilot Program authorized in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100(d).

Sec. A.108 LEGEND

(a) The bill is organized by functions of government. The sections between B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriations of funds for the upcoming budget year. The sections between E.100 and E.9999 contain language that relates to

specific appropriations or government functions, or both. The function areas by section numbers are as follows:

<u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
<u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons and Property</u>
<u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
<u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
<u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
<u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
<u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community</u>
	<u>Development</u>
<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
<u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other appropriation</u>
	<u>actions</u>

(b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year and the D sections contain fund transfers and reserve allocations for the upcoming budget year.

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

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>3,054,675</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<u><i>132,239</i></u>

<i>Total</i>	<i>3,186,914</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>1,371,774</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>1,815,140</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,186,914</i>
<i>Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,310,972</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>132,091</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,443,063</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>1,443,063</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,443,063</i>
<i>Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,218,587</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>282,937</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,501,524</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Internal service funds</i>	<i><u>1,501,524</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,501,524</i>
<i>Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>243,597</i>

<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>63,231</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>306,828</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Internal service funds</i>	<u><i>306,828</i></u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>306,828</i>
<i>Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>13,677</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>19,263</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>32,940</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Internal service funds</i>	<u><i>32,940</i></u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>32,940</i>
<i>Sec. B.104.1 Secretary of administration - VTHR operations</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,825,561</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>623,105</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,448,666</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Internal service funds</i>	<u><i>2,448,666</i></u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,448,666</i>
<i>Sec. B.105 Information and innovation - communications and information technology</i>	

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>18,249,018</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>16,924,990</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>35,174,008</i>

Source of funds

<i>Internal service funds</i>	<u><i>35,174,008</i></u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>35,174,008</i>

Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,120,501</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>256,147</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,376,648</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>1,109,412</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u><i>267,236</i></u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,376,648</i>

Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>2,324,110</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>495,220</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,819,330</i>

Source of funds

<i>Internal service funds</i>	<u><i>2,819,330</i></u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,819,330</i>

Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>7,205,166</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>1,074,570</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,279,736</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>1,863,255</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>244,912</i>
<i>Internal service funds</i>	<i>5,634,261</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>537,308</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,279,736</i>

Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,200,821</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>559,846</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,760,667</i>

Source of funds

<i>Internal service funds</i>	<i><u>1,760,667</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,760,667</i>

Sec. B.110 Libraries

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,757,183</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>1,658,074</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>165,576</i>

<i>Total</i>	3,580,833
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	2,342,682
<i>Special funds</i>	102,563
<i>Federal funds</i>	1,040,195
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>95,393</u>
<i>Total</i>	3,580,833
<i>Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	14,064,412
<i>Operating expenses</i>	3,927,031
<i>Total</i>	17,991,443
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	16,477,989
<i>Special funds</i>	1,370,888
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>142,566</u>
<i>Total</i>	17,991,443
<i>Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	678,557
<i>Operating expenses</i>	106,104
<i>Total</i>	784,661
<i>Source of funds</i>	

Interdepartmental transfers 784,661

Total 784,661

Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering

Personal services 2,689,779

Operating expenses 878,012

Total 3,567,791

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers 3,567,791

Total 3,567,791

Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers

Personal services 3,557,425

Operating expenses 1,208,041

Grants 33,000

Total 4,798,466

Source of funds

General fund 680,248

Transportation fund 4,034,714

Special funds 83,504

Total 4,798,466

Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing

Personal services 1,060,369

Operating expenses 168,790

Total 1,229,159

Source of funds

General fund 1,229,159

Total 1,229,159

Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services

Personal services 659,813

Operating expenses 139,700

Total 799,513

Source of funds

General fund 83,221

Internal service funds 716,292

Total 799,513

Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center

Personal services 682,547

Operating expenses 155,713

Total 838,260

Source of funds

Internal service funds 838,260

Total 838,260

Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services

<i>Personal services</i>	811,437
<i>Operating expenses</i>	185,822
<i>Total</i>	997,259

Source of funds

<i>Internal service funds</i>	<u>997,259</u>
<i>Total</i>	997,259

Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property

<i>Personal services</i>	937
<i>Operating expenses</i>	15,399
<i>Total</i>	16,336

Source of funds

<i>Enterprise funds</i>	<u>16,336</u>
<i>Total</i>	16,336

Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property

<i>Personal services</i>	224,967
<i>Operating expenses</i>	104,471
<i>Total</i>	329,438

Source of funds

<i>Internal service funds</i>	305,454
<i>Enterprise funds</i>	<u>23,984</u>
<i>Total</i>	329,438

Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,010,552</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>1,175,607</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,186,159</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Internal service funds</i>	<u><i>2,186,159</i></u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,186,159</i>

Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>14,777,935</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>13,947,277</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>28,725,212</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Internal service funds</i>	<u><i>28,725,212</i></u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>28,725,212</i>

Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,599,215</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>473,014</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,072,229</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>1,658,841</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u><i>413,388</i></u>

<i>Total</i>	<i>2,072,229</i>
<i>Sec. B.125 Legislative council</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>3,410,872</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>689,954</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,100,826</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>4,100,826</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,100,826</i>
<i>Sec. B.126 Legislature</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>3,725,991</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>3,417,835</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,143,826</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>7,143,826</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,143,826</i>
<i>Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,508,581</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>112,793</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,621,374</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>1,621,374</u></i>

<i>Total</i>	<i>1,621,374</i>
<i>Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>574,589</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>71,767</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>646,356</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>646,356</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>646,356</i>
<i>Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>155,084</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>30,380</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>185,464</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>185,464</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>185,464</i>
<i>Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>3,523,421</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>159,831</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,683,252</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>394,171</i>

<i>Special funds</i>	<i>53,145</i>
<i>Internal service funds</i>	<i><u>3,235,936</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,683,252</i>
<i>Sec. B.131 State treasurer</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>3,194,143</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>250,778</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,444,921</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>998,306</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>2,338,561</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>108,054</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,444,921</i>
<i>Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>870,217</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>268,976</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,139,193</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Private purpose trust funds</i>	<i><u>1,139,193</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,139,193</i>
<i>Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>7,716,353</i>

<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>1,108,471</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,824,824</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Pension trust funds</i>	<i><u>8,824,824</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,824,824</i>
<i>Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>2,585,489</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>655,390</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,240,879</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Pension trust funds</i>	<i><u>3,240,879</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,240,879</i>
<i>Sec. B.135 State labor relations board</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>197,431</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>43,972</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>241,403</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>231,827</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>6,788</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>2,788</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>241,403</i>

Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>44,903</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>15,403</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>60,306</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>30,153</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>30,153</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>60,306</i>

Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate

<i>Grants</i>	<i>18,200,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>18,200,000</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>18,200,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>18,200,000</i>

Sec. B.138 Renter rebate

<i>Grants</i>	<i>9,700,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>9,700,000</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>2,910,000</i>
<i>Education fund</i>	<i><u>6,790,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>9,700,000</i>

Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments

Grants 3,425,000

Total 3,425,000

Source of funds

Education fund 3,425,000

Total 3,425,000

Sec. B.140 Municipal current use

Grants 14,978,851

Total 14,978,851

Source of funds

General fund 14,978,851

Total 14,978,851

Sec. B.141 Lottery commission

Personal services 1,882,272

Operating expenses 1,222,671

Grants 150,000

Total 3,254,943

Source of funds

Enterprise funds 3,254,943

Total 3,254,943

Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes

<i>Grants</i>	<i>6,400,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,400,000</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Special funds</i>	<u><i>6,400,000</i></u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,400,000</i>
<i>Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	<i>184,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>184,000</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Special funds</i>	<u><i>184,000</i></u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>184,000</i>
<i>Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	<i>40,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>40,000</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Special funds</i>	<u><i>40,000</i></u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>40,000</i>
<i>Sec. B.145 Total general government</i>	
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>78,257,735</i>
<i>Transportation fund</i>	<i>4,034,714</i>

<i>Special funds</i>	<i>10,824,361</i>
<i>Education fund</i>	<i>10,215,000</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>1,040,195</i>
<i>Internal service funds</i>	<i>86,682,796</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i>9,207,541</i>
<i>Enterprise funds</i>	<i>3,295,263</i>
<i>Pension trust funds</i>	<i>12,065,703</i>
<i>Private purpose trust funds</i>	<i><u>1,139,193</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>216,762,501</i>

Sec. B.200 Attorney general

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>8,491,876</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>1,223,677</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>9,715,553</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>4,232,072</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>2,017,819</i>
<i>Tobacco fund</i>	<i>348,000</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>829,609</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>2,288,053</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>9,715,553</i>

Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion

Grants 1,996,483

Total 1,996,483

Source of funds

General fund 1,396,486

Special funds 599,997

Total 1,996,483

Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense

Personal services 9,875,845

Operating expenses 1,027,999

Total 10,903,844

Source of funds

General fund 10,265,292

Special funds 638,552

Total 10,903,844

Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel

Personal services 4,799,403

Operating expenses 49,819

Total 4,849,222

Source of funds

General fund 4,849,222

Total 4,849,222

Sec. B.204 Judiciary

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>35,186,260</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>8,683,467</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i><u>76,030</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>43,945,757</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>38,439,850</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>2,667,462</i>
<i>Tobacco fund</i>	<i>39,871</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>473,301</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>2,325,273</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>43,945,757</i>

Sec. B.205 State's attorneys

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>11,190,808</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>1,807,815</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>12,998,623</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>10,328,495</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>102,785</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>31,000</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>2,536,343</u></i>

<i>Total</i>	<i>12,998,623</i>
<i>Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>88,000</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>1,590,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,678,000</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>1,678,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,678,000</i>
<i>Sec. B.207 Sheriffs</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>3,827,009</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>445,493</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,272,502</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>4,272,502</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,272,502</i>
<i>Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>2,495,022</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>2,669,588</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,164,610</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>3,367,381</i>

<i>Federal funds</i>	296,229
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>1,501,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	5,164,610

Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

<i>Personal services</i>	49,451,041
<i>Operating expenses</i>	8,542,245
<i>Grants</i>	896,000
<i>Total</i>	58,889,286

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	28,998,898
<i>Transportation fund</i>	22,750,000
<i>Special funds</i>	3,265,856
<i>Federal funds</i>	2,294,098
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>1,580,434</u>
<i>Total</i>	58,889,286

Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services

<i>Personal services</i>	7,871,533
<i>Operating expenses</i>	2,503,895
<i>Total</i>	10,375,428

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	7,056,952
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<i>Special funds</i>	<i>1,719,236</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>1,240,065</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>359,175</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,375,428</i>

Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management and homeland security

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>3,935,145</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>1,302,179</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>14,754,210</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>19,991,534</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>621,885</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>19,189,575</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>180,074</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>19,991,534</i>

Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>5,865,973</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>2,091,159</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>107,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,064,132</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>633,349</i>
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<i>Special funds</i>	7,028,803
<i>Federal funds</i>	356,980
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>45,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	8,064,132

Sec. B.214 Radiological emergency response plan

<i>Personal services</i>	352,238
<i>Operating expenses</i>	235,710
<i>Grants</i>	1,051,195
<i>Total</i>	1,639,143

Source of funds

<i>Special funds</i>	<u>1,639,143</u>
<i>Total</i>	1,639,143

Sec. B.215 Military - administration

<i>Personal services</i>	682,752
<i>Operating expenses</i>	354,292
<i>Grants</i>	100,000
<i>Total</i>	1,137,044

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<u>1,137,044</u>
<i>Total</i>	1,137,044

Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract

<i>Personal services</i>	4,896,594
<i>Operating expenses</i>	935,308
<i>Total</i>	5,831,902

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	471,320
<i>Federal funds</i>	<u>5,360,582</u>
<i>Total</i>	5,831,902

Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract

<i>Personal services</i>	6,304,421
<i>Operating expenses</i>	6,805,910
<i>Total</i>	13,110,331

Source of funds

<i>Federal funds</i>	<u>13,110,331</u>
<i>Total</i>	13,110,331

Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance

<i>Personal services</i>	678,770
<i>Operating expenses</i>	819,404
<i>Total</i>	1,498,174

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<u>1,498,174</u>
<i>Total</i>	1,498,174

Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>722,415</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>184,693</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>118,984</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,026,092</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>796,084</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>130,008</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i><u>100,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,026,092</i>

Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,497,512</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>253,927</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>8,840,240</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,591,679</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>1,264,008</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>4,914,287</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i><u>4,413,384</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,591,679</i>

Sec. B.221 Criminal justice training council

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,096,826</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>1,409,569</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,506,395</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>2,372,753</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>133,642</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,506,395</i>

Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,324,661</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>249,202</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>189,722</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,763,585</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>944,681</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>488,972</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i><u>329,932</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,763,585</i>

Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer protection

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>3,586,427</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>737,012</i>

<i>Grants</i>	<u>2,600,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	6,923,439

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	2,696,919
<i>Special funds</i>	3,296,653
<i>Federal funds</i>	888,939
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	34,006
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>6,922</u>
<i>Total</i>	6,923,439

Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development

<i>Personal services</i>	1,246,225
<i>Operating expenses</i>	690,516
<i>Grants</i>	936,562
<i>Total</i>	2,873,303

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	1,743,909
<i>Special funds</i>	609,016
<i>Federal funds</i>	478,711
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>41,667</u>
<i>Total</i>	2,873,303

*Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management
and environmental stewardship*

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>3,205,184</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>681,603</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>1,203,080</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,089,867</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>1,940,380</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>1,793,932</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>1,071,852</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i>56,272</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>227,431</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,089,867</i>

*Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont Agriculture and
Environmental Lab*

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,298,702</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>508,830</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,807,532</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>776,525</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i><u>1,031,007</u></i>

<i>Total</i>	<i>1,807,532</i>
<i>Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,915,204</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>169,190</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,084,394</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Special funds</i>	<i><u>2,084,394</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,084,394</i>
<i>Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,617,418</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>309,540</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,926,958</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Special funds</i>	<i><u>1,926,958</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,926,958</i>
<i>Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>5,058,364</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>503,064</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,561,428</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>5,383,512</i>

<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>110,716</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>67,200</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,561,428</i>

Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>3,893,968</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>485,238</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,379,206</i>

Source of funds

<i>Special funds</i>	<i><u>4,379,206</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,379,206</i>

Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>768,759</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>176,701</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>945,460</i>

Source of funds

<i>Special funds</i>	<i><u>945,460</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>945,460</i>

Sec. B.232 Secretary of state

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>7,843,350</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>2,158,749</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,002,099</i>

Source of funds

<i>Special funds</i>	8,994,697
<i>Federal funds</i>	932,402
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>75,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	10,002,099

Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy

<i>Personal services</i>	10,430,192
<i>Operating expenses</i>	2,047,077
<i>Grants</i>	3,791,667
<i>Total</i>	16,268,936

Source of funds

<i>Special funds</i>	14,964,433
<i>Federal funds</i>	1,002,268
<i>ARRA funds</i>	238,000
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	41,667
<i>Enterprise funds</i>	<u>22,568</u>
<i>Total</i>	16,268,936

Sec. B.234 Public service board

<i>Personal services</i>	3,027,893
<i>Operating expenses</i>	452,288
<i>Total</i>	3,480,181

Source of funds

Special funds 3,480,181

Total 3,480,181

Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board

Personal services 3,511,243

Operating expenses 283,587

Grants 810,000

Total 4,604,830

Source of funds

Special funds 4,604,830

Total 4,604,830

Sec. B.236 Human rights commission

Personal services 441,968

Operating expenses 74,904

Total 516,872

Source of funds

General fund 450,152

Federal funds 66,720

Total 516,872

Sec. B.237 Liquor control - administration

Personal services 3,529,058

Operating expenses 497,522

Total 4,026,580

Source of funds

Enterprise funds 4,026,580

Total 4,026,580

Sec. B.238 Liquor control - enforcement and licensing

Personal services 2,461,479

Operating expenses 520,453

Total 2,981,932

Source of funds

Special funds 154,500

Tobacco fund 218,444

Federal funds 254,841

Interdepartmental transfers 46,000

Enterprise funds 2,308,147

Total 2,981,932

Sec. B.239 Liquor control - warehousing and distribution

Personal services 1,041,590

Operating expenses 457,706

Total 1,499,296

Source of funds

<i>Enterprise funds</i>	<u>1,499,296</u>
<i>Total</i>	1,499,296

Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	132,232,333
<i>Transportation fund</i>	22,750,000
<i>Special funds</i>	78,861,699
<i>Tobacco fund</i>	606,315
<i>Federal funds</i>	52,831,535
<i>ARRA funds</i>	238,000
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	90,278
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	11,454,881
<i>Enterprise funds</i>	<u>7,856,591</u>
<i>Total</i>	306,921,632

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

<i>Personal services</i>	16,664,613
<i>Operating expenses</i>	3,866,535
<i>Grants</i>	3,226,454
<i>Total</i>	23,757,602

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	6,082,747
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<i>Special funds</i>	91,017
<i>Tobacco fund</i>	25,000
<i>Federal funds</i>	12,396,153
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	499,667
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>4,663,018</u>
<i>Total</i>	23,757,602

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

<i>Operating expenses</i>	4,541,736
<i>Grants</i>	1,372,464,147
<i>Total</i>	1,377,005,883

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	208,728,673
<i>Special funds</i>	26,550,179
<i>Tobacco fund</i>	28,747,141
<i>State health care resources fund</i>	270,712,781
<i>Federal funds</i>	842,227,109
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>40,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	1,377,005,883

Sec. B.302 Rate setting

<i>Personal services</i>	898,044
<i>Operating expenses</i>	98,596

<i>Total</i>	<i>996,640</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i><u>996,640</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>996,640</i>
<i>Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>246,454</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>67,012</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>248,388</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>561,854</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i><u>561,854</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>561,854</i>
<i>Sec. B.304 Human services board</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>693,325</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>89,986</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>783,311</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>223,361</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>262,858</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>297,092</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>783,311</i>

Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>350,000</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>4,650,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,000,000</i>

Source of funds

<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>5,000,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,000,000</i>

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

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>159,623,571</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>4,538,736</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>18,136,469</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>182,298,776</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>1,447,997</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>797,332</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>84,243,588</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i>86,608,315</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>9,201,544</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>182,298,776</i>

*Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global
commitment*

<i>Grants</i>	<i>659,633,970</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>659,633,970</i>

Source of funds

<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i><u>659,633,970</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>659,633,970</i>

Sec. B.308 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - long term care waiver

<i>Grants</i>	<i>210,124,188</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>210,124,188</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>94,492,829</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i><u>115,631,359</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>210,124,188</i>

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

<i>Grants</i>	<i>39,415,040</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>39,415,040</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>31,425,153</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i><u>7,989,887</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>39,415,040</i>

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

<i>Grants</i>	<i>45,030,389</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>45,030,389</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>18,868,848</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i><u>26,161,541</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>45,030,389</i>

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>7,070,805</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>3,280,471</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>2,595,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>12,946,276</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>2,579,027</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>1,022,719</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>5,668,282</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i><u>3,676,248</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>12,946,276</i>

Sec. B.312 Health - public health

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>37,391,426</i>
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<i>Operating expenses</i>	8,229,404
<i>Grants</i>	39,972,373
<i>Total</i>	85,593,203

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	8,544,109
<i>Special funds</i>	16,854,895
<i>Tobacco fund</i>	2,461,377
<i>Federal funds</i>	38,184,687
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	18,401,274
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	1,121,861
<i>Permanent trust funds</i>	<u>25,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	85,593,203

Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs

<i>Personal services</i>	3,995,245
<i>Operating expenses</i>	392,203
<i>Grants</i>	43,932,842
<i>Total</i>	48,320,290

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	2,873,238
<i>Special funds</i>	442,829
<i>Tobacco fund</i>	1,386,234

<i>Federal funds</i>	9,865,175
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<u>33,752,814</u>
<i>Total</i>	48,320,290

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

<i>Personal services</i>	28,575,903
<i>Operating expenses</i>	3,927,176
<i>Grants</i>	184,730,008
<i>Total</i>	217,233,087

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	1,703,391
<i>Special funds</i>	434,904
<i>Federal funds</i>	4,881,255
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	210,193,537
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>20,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	217,233,087

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

<i>Personal services</i>	45,539,991
<i>Operating expenses</i>	10,743,788
<i>Grants</i>	1,242,998
<i>Total</i>	57,526,777

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>21,705,290</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>638,986</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>21,060,049</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i>13,456,637</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>665,815</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>57,526,777</i>

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

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>27,279,227</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>4,144,297</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>68,290,537</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>99,714,061</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>29,264,732</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>1,691,637</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>23,442,723</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i>45,178,915</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>136,054</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>99,714,061</i>

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

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>6,160,505</i>
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<i>Operating expenses</i>	712,850
<i>Grants</i>	74,243,412
<i>Total</i>	81,116,767

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	29,743,122
<i>Special funds</i>	1,820,000
<i>Federal funds</i>	38,248,914
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<u>11,304,731</u>
<i>Total</i>	81,116,767

Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support

<i>Personal services</i>	10,216,130
<i>Operating expenses</i>	3,515,641
<i>Total</i>	13,731,771

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	3,430,564
<i>Special funds</i>	455,718
<i>Federal funds</i>	9,457,889
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>387,600</u>
<i>Total</i>	13,731,771

Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and disabled

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>2,221,542</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>11,217,094</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>13,438,636</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>9,688,636</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i><u>3,750,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>13,438,636</i>

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

<i>Grants</i>	<i>6,087,010</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,087,010</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>4,680,025</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>1,111,320</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i><u>295,665</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,087,010</i>

Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT

<i>Grants</i>	<i>28,217,770</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>28,217,770</i>

Source of funds

<i>Federal funds</i>	<i><u>28,217,770</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>28,217,770</i>

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

<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>86,891</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>42,534,036</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>42,620,927</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>12,308,629</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>23,401,676</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>4,152,222</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i><u>2,758,400</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>42,620,927</i>

*Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel
assistance/LIHEAP*

<i>Grants</i>	<i>17,351,664</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>17,351,664</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i><u>17,351,664</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>17,351,664</i>

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

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>285,158</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>28,069</i>

<i>Grants</i>	8,605,335
<i>Total</i>	8,918,562

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	4,729,667
<i>Special funds</i>	57,990
<i>Federal funds</i>	3,928,417
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<u>202,488</u>
<i>Total</i>	8,918,562

*Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization
assistance*

<i>Personal services</i>	404,273
<i>Operating expenses</i>	53,717
<i>Grants</i>	8,649,961
<i>Total</i>	9,107,951

Source of funds

<i>Special funds</i>	8,107,951
<i>Federal funds</i>	<u>1,000,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	9,107,951

*Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - Woodside rehabilitation
center*

<i>Personal services</i>	4,143,010
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Operating expenses 656,181

Total 4,799,191

Source of funds

General fund 913,411

Global Commitment fund 3,788,780

Interdepartmental transfers 97,000

Total 4,799,191

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

Personal services 5,691,593

Operating expenses 524,133

Total 6,215,726

Source of funds

Federal funds 5,959,659

Global Commitment fund 256,067

Total 6,215,726

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

Personal services 29,024,981

Operating expenses 4,985,917

Total 34,010,898

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>11,213,165</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>1,390,457</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>12,992,255</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i>5,740,234</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>2,674,787</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>34,010,898</i>

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

<i>Grants</i>	<i>20,560,309</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>20,560,309</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>7,862,665</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>6,992,730</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i>5,534,924</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>169,990</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>20,560,309</i>

Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually impaired

<i>Grants</i>	<i>1,411,457</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,411,457</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>349,154</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>223,450</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>593,853</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i><u>245,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,411,457</i>

*Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational
rehabilitation*

<i>Grants</i>	<i>8,972,255</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,972,255</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>1,371,845</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>70,000</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>4,552,523</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i>7,500</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>2,970,387</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,972,255</i>

Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental services

<i>Grants</i>	<i>185,990,025</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>185,990,025</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>155,125</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>15,463</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>359,857</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i><u>185,459,580</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>185,990,025</i>

*Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and
community based waiver*

<i>Grants</i>	<i>5,647,336</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,647,336</i>

Source of funds

<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i><u>5,647,336</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,647,336</i>

Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>2,335,909</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>218,683</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,554,592</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>2,554,592</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,554,592</i>

Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>241,447</i>
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<i>Operating expenses</i>	80,783
<i>Total</i>	322,230
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<u>322,230</u>
<i>Total</i>	322,230
<i>Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	3,252,135
<i>Operating expenses</i>	530,774
<i>Total</i>	3,782,909
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Education fund</i>	3,554,425
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>228,484</u>
<i>Total</i>	3,782,909
<i>Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	106,340,950
<i>Operating expenses</i>	21,691,183
<i>Grants</i>	9,872,638
<i>Total</i>	137,904,771
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	131,165,662
<i>Special funds</i>	483,963

<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>470,962</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i>5,387,869</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>396,315</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>137,904,771</i>

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

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>8,009,061</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,009,061</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>8,009,061</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,009,061</i>

Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>541,428</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>345,501</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>886,929</i>

Source of funds

<i>Special funds</i>	<i><u>886,929</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>886,929</i>

Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,267,964</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>548,231</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,816,195</i>

Source of funds

Internal service funds 1,816,195

Total 1,816,195

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

Personal services 16,173,696

Operating expenses 4,852,498

Total 21,026,194

Source of funds

General fund 4,482,923

Special funds 8,732,204

Federal funds 7,400,081

Global Commitment fund 410,986

Total 21,026,194

Sec. B.343 Commission on women

Personal services 273,960

Operating expenses 82,404

Total 356,364

Source of funds

General fund 351,364

Special funds 5,000

Total 356,364

Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program

Grants 151,096

Total 151,096

Source of funds

General fund 151,096

Total 151,096

Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board

Personal services 8,508,778

Operating expenses 637,600

Total 9,146,378

Source of funds

General fund 921,851

Special funds 1,412,836

Federal funds 928,466

Global Commitment fund 3,154,685

Interdepartmental transfers 2,728,540

Total 9,146,378

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund 662,344,182

Special funds 95,588,135

<i>Tobacco fund</i>	32,619,752
<i>State health care resources fund</i>	270,712,781
<i>Education fund</i>	3,554,425
<i>Federal funds</i>	1,328,305,215
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	1,314,332,149
<i>Internal service funds</i>	1,816,195
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	30,798,487
<i>Permanent trust funds</i>	<u>25,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	3,740,096,321

Sec. B.400 Labor - programs

<i>Personal services</i>	26,785,755
<i>Operating expenses</i>	7,609,922
<i>Grants</i>	330,482
<i>Total</i>	34,726,159

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	3,264,327
<i>Special funds</i>	3,363,869
<i>Federal funds</i>	26,941,460
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>1,156,503</u>
<i>Total</i>	34,726,159

Sec. B.401 Total labor

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	3,264,327
<i>Special funds</i>	3,363,869
<i>Federal funds</i>	26,941,460
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>1,156,503</u>
<i>Total</i>	34,726,159

Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration

<i>Personal services</i>	8,452,624
<i>Operating expenses</i>	2,409,879
<i>Grants</i>	15,811,200
<i>Total</i>	26,673,703

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	3,338,940
<i>Special funds</i>	16,656,256
<i>Education fund</i>	962,145
<i>Federal funds</i>	4,778,175
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<u>938,187</u>
<i>Total</i>	26,673,703

Sec. B.501 Education - education services

<i>Personal services</i>	16,454,867
<i>Operating expenses</i>	1,382,706

<i>Grants</i>	<i>114,299,730</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>132,137,303</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>5,440,726</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>2,425,480</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>123,005,164</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>1,265,933</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>132,137,303</i>

Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants

<i>Grants</i>	<i>179,823,434</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>179,823,434</i>

Source of funds

<i>Education fund</i>	<i><u>179,823,434</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>179,823,434</i>

Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students

<i>Grants</i>	<i>16,400,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>16,400,000</i>

Source of funds

<i>Education fund</i>	<i><u>16,400,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>16,400,000</i>

Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy

<i>Grants</i>	7,351,468
<i>Total</i>	7,351,468

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	787,995
<i>Education fund</i>	5,800,000
<i>Federal funds</i>	<u>763,473</u>
<i>Total</i>	7,351,468

Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment

<i>Grants</i>	1,289,600,000
<i>Total</i>	1,289,600,000

Source of funds

<i>Education fund</i>	<u>1,289,600,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	1,289,600,000

Sec. B.506 Education - transportation

<i>Grants</i>	17,734,913
<i>Total</i>	17,734,913

Source of funds

<i>Education fund</i>	<u>17,734,913</u>
<i>Total</i>	17,734,913

Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants

<i>Grants</i>	7,615,000
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<i>Total</i>	<i>7,615,000</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Education fund</i>	<i><u>7,615,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,615,000</i>
<i>Sec. B.508 Education - capital debt service aid</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	<i>122,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>122,000</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Education fund</i>	<i><u>122,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>122,000</i>
<i>Sec. B.509 Education - tobacco litigation</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>101,707</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>29,115</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>635,719</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>766,541</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Tobacco fund</i>	<i><u>766,541</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>766,541</i>
<i>Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	<i>6,356,188</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,356,188</i>

Source of funds

Education fund 6,356,188

Total 6,356,188

Sec. B.511 Education - technical education

Grants 13,331,162

Total 13,331,162

Source of funds

Education fund 13,331,162

Total 13,331,162

Sec. B.512 Education - Act 117 cost containment

Personal services 1,086,783

Operating expenses 148,207

Grants 91,000

Total 1,325,990

Source of funds

Special funds 1,325,990

Total 1,325,990

Sec. B.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund

Grants 303,343,381

Total 303,343,381

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<u>303,343,381</u>
<i>Total</i>	303,343,381
<i>Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	73,102,909
<i>Total</i>	73,102,909
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<u>73,102,909</u>
<i>Total</i>	73,102,909
<i>Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	7,978,983
<i>Operating expenses</i>	1,325,835
<i>Total</i>	9,304,818
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Pension trust funds</i>	<u>9,304,818</u>
<i>Total</i>	9,304,818
<i>Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	15,576,468
<i>Total</i>	15,576,468
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<u>15,576,468</u>
<i>Total</i>	15,576,468

Sec. B.516 Total general education

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>401,590,419</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>20,407,726</i>
<i>Tobacco fund</i>	<i>766,541</i>
<i>Education fund</i>	<i>1,537,744,842</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>128,546,812</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i>938,187</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i>1,265,933</i>
<i>Pension trust funds</i>	<i><u>9,304,818</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,100,565,278</i>

Sec. B.600 University of Vermont

<i>Grants</i>	<i>42,509,093</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>42,509,093</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>38,462,876</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i><u>4,046,217</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>42,509,093</i>

Sec. B.601 Vermont Public Television

<i>Grants</i>	<i>271,103</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>271,103</i>

Source of funds

General fund 271,103

Total 271,103

Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges

Grants 24,300,464

Total 24,300,464

Source of funds

General fund 24,300,464

Total 24,300,464

Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health

Grants 1,157,775

Total 1,157,775

Source of funds

General fund 748,314

Global Commitment fund 409,461

Total 1,157,775

Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

Grants 19,414,588

Total 19,414,588

Source of funds

General fund 19,414,588

<i>Total</i>	<i>19,414,588</i>
<i>Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	<i>84,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>84,000</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>84,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>84,000</i>
<i>Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>1</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Sec. B.608 Total higher education</i>	
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>83,281,346</i>
<i>Global Commitment fund</i>	<i><u>4,455,678</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>87,737,024</i>
<i>Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>3,450,486</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>2,144,118</i>

Grants 125,510

Total 5,720,114

Source of funds

General fund 4,701,176

Special funds 491,800

Federal funds 270,000

Interdepartmental transfers 257,138

Total 5,720,114

Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment

Operating expenses 2,285,299

Total 2,285,299

Source of funds

General fund 1,863,799

Interdepartmental transfers 421,500

Total 2,285,299

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

Personal services 16,199,539

Operating expenses 5,399,047

Grants 2,145,000

Total 23,743,586

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>5,162,155</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>100,000</i>
<i>Fish and wildlife fund</i>	<i>9,291,075</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>8,991,856</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i>197,500</i>
<i>Permanent trust funds</i>	<i><u>1,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>23,743,586</i>

Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,090,003</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>663,990</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>1,822,730</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,576,723</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>1,099,310</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>1,307,878</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i><u>1,169,535</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,576,723</i>

Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>5,230,313</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>685,288</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>500,700</i>

<i>Total</i>	<i>6,416,301</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>3,848,398</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>1,130,403</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>1,300,000</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>137,500</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,416,301</i>
<i>Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>6,845,755</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>2,622,212</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>9,467,967</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>637,328</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i><u>8,830,639</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>9,467,967</i>
<i>Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>508,184</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>1,195,754</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,703,938</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>437,559</i>

<i>Special funds</i>	<i>197,629</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>1,050,000</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>18,750</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,703,938</i>

Sec. B.707 Forests, parks and recreation - youth conservation corps

<i>Grants</i>	<i>520,689</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>520,689</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>48,307</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>188,382</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>94,000</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>190,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>520,689</i>

Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest highway maintenance

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>94,000</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>85,925</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>179,925</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>179,925</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>179,925</i>

Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services

<i>Personal services</i>	5,608,526
<i>Operating expenses</i>	790,399
<i>Grants</i>	111,280
<i>Total</i>	6,510,205

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	354,188
<i>Special funds</i>	445,630
<i>Federal funds</i>	1,110,742
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>4,599,645</u>
<i>Total</i>	6,510,205

Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management

<i>Personal services</i>	10,423,688
<i>Operating expenses</i>	8,315,978
<i>Grants</i>	2,044,754
<i>Total</i>	20,784,420

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	442,163
<i>Special funds</i>	16,555,651
<i>Federal funds</i>	3,634,737
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>151,869</u>
<i>Total</i>	20,784,420

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

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>16,578,032</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>4,911,506</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>1,672,015</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>23,161,553</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>8,240,152</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>6,864,180</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>6,722,123</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>1,335,098</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>23,161,553</i>

Sec. B.712 Environmental conservation - tax-loss Connecticut river flood control

<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>34,700</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>34,700</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>3,470</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i><u>31,230</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>34,700</i>

Sec. B.713 Natural resources board

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>2,733,698</i>
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Operating expenses 236,618

Total 2,970,316

Source of funds

General fund 639,419

Special funds 2,330,897

Total 2,970,316

Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

Source of funds

General fund 27,657,349

Special funds 38,474,319

Fish and wildlife fund 9,291,075

Federal funds 24,342,993

Interdepartmental transfers 7,309,000

Permanent trust funds 1,000

Total 107,075,736

*Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce and
community development - administration*

Personal services 2,794,805

Operating expenses 813,675

Grants 4,322,627

Total 7,931,107

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>3,391,307</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>3,569,800</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>800,000</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>170,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,931,107</i>

Sec. B.801 Economic development

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>3,293,135</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>1,016,566</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>1,921,821</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,231,522</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>4,563,634</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>929,650</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i><u>738,238</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,231,522</i>

Sec. B.802 Housing & community development

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>6,938,851</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>892,571</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>1,441,987</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>9,273,409</i>

<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	2,536,040
<i>Special funds</i>	4,530,732
<i>Federal funds</i>	2,064,555
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>142,082</u>
<i>Total</i>	9,273,409
<i>Sec. B.804 Community development block grants</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	6,174,938
<i>Total</i>	6,174,938
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Federal funds</i>	<u>6,174,938</u>
<i>Total</i>	6,174,938
<i>Sec. B.805 Downtown transportation and capital improvement fund</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	88,815
<i>Grants</i>	335,151
<i>Total</i>	423,966
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Special funds</i>	<u>423,966</u>
<i>Total</i>	423,966
<i>Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	1,220,033

<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>1,841,289</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>167,530</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,228,852</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i>3,128,852</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>100,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,228,852</i>
<i>Sec. B.807 Vermont life</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>806,790</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>61,990</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>868,780</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Enterprise funds</i>	<i><u>868,780</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>868,780</i>
<i>Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	<i>645,307</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>645,307</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>645,307</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>645,307</i>
<i>Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra</i>	

<i>Grants</i>	<i>141,214</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>141,214</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>141,214</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>141,214</i>
<i>Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	<i>947,620</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>947,620</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>General fund</i>	<i><u>947,620</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>947,620</i>
<i>Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	<i>21,935,605</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>21,935,605</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>10,682,396</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i><u>11,253,209</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>21,935,605</i>
<i>Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	<i>217,959</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>217,959</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<u>217,959</u>
<i>Total</i>	217,959

Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	15,571,933
<i>Special funds</i>	20,136,544
<i>Federal funds</i>	21,030,940
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	412,082
<i>Enterprise funds</i>	<u>868,780</u>
<i>Total</i>	58,020,279

Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration

<i>Personal services</i>	11,125,599
<i>Operating expenses</i>	2,359,830
<i>Grants</i>	245,000
<i>Total</i>	13,730,429

Source of funds

<i>Transportation fund</i>	12,690,489
<i>Federal funds</i>	<u>1,039,940</u>
<i>Total</i>	13,730,429

Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation

<i>Personal services</i>	2,669,668
<i>Operating expenses</i>	11,883,200
<i>Grants</i>	204,000
<i>Total</i>	14,756,868

Source of funds

<i>Transportation fund</i>	4,667,668
<i>Federal funds</i>	9,954,000
<i>Local match</i>	<u>135,200</u>
<i>Total</i>	14,756,868

Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings

<i>Operating expenses</i>	2,000,000
<i>Total</i>	2,000,000

Source of funds

<i>Transportation fund</i>	<u>2,000,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	2,000,000

Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development

<i>Personal services</i>	45,225,656
<i>Operating expenses</i>	195,303,472
<i>Grants</i>	35,813,117
<i>Total</i>	276,342,245

Source of funds

<i>Transportation fund</i>	38,361,065
<i>TIB fund</i>	11,033,002
<i>Special funds</i>	25,000
<i>Federal funds</i>	225,808,772
<i>Local match</i>	<u>1,114,406</u>
<i>Total</i>	276,342,245

Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction

<i>Operating expenses</i>	625,000
<i>Total</i>	625,000

Source of funds

<i>Transportation fund</i>	62,500
<i>Federal funds</i>	<u>562,500</u>
<i>Total</i>	625,000

Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system

<i>Personal services</i>	43,784,445
<i>Operating expenses</i>	43,190,139
<i>Grants</i>	95,000
<i>Total</i>	87,069,584

Source of funds

<i>Transportation fund</i>	82,469,447
<i>Federal funds</i>	4,500,137

<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<u>100,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	87,069,584
<i>Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	3,209,333
<i>Operating expenses</i>	685,773
<i>Grants</i>	6,112,542
<i>Total</i>	10,007,648
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Transportation fund</i>	2,065,384
<i>Federal funds</i>	<u>7,942,264</u>
<i>Total</i>	10,007,648
<i>Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	4,746,680
<i>Operating expenses</i>	30,032,151
<i>Grants</i>	370,000
<i>Total</i>	35,148,831
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Transportation fund</i>	15,414,997
<i>TIB fund</i>	564,364
<i>Federal funds</i>	<u>19,169,470</u>
<i>Total</i>	35,148,831

Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>1,100,718</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>187,326</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>25,833,991</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>27,122,035</i>

Source of funds

<i>Transportation fund</i>	<i>7,669,114</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i><u>19,452,921</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>27,122,035</i>

Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>4,508,403</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>15,801,157</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>20,309,560</i>

Source of funds

<i>Internal service funds</i>	<i><u>20,309,560</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>20,309,560</i>

Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>17,566,584</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>9,426,323</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>26,992,907</i>

Source of funds

<i>Transportation fund</i>	<i>25,303,741</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i><u>1,689,166</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>26,992,907</i>
<i>Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	<i>9,483,500</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>9,483,500</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Transportation fund</i>	<i><u>9,483,500</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>9,483,500</i>
<i>Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	<i>394,700</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>394,700</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Transportation fund</i>	<i>239,700</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i><u>155,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>394,700</i>
<i>Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	<i>7,248,750</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,248,750</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Transportation fund</i>	<i><u>7,248,750</u></i>

<i>Total</i>	<i>7,248,750</i>
<i>Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges</i>	
<i>Personal services</i>	<i>4,250,000</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>18,681,001</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>25,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>22,956,001</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Transportation fund</i>	<i>1,058,925</i>
<i>TIB fund</i>	<i>1,901,221</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>18,671,176</i>
<i>Local match</i>	<i><u>1,324,679</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>22,956,001</i>
<i>Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	<i>25,982,744</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>25,982,744</i>
<i>Source of funds</i>	
<i>Transportation fund</i>	<i><u>25,982,744</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>25,982,744</i>
<i>Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants</i>	
<i>Grants</i>	<i>128,750</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>128,750</i>

Source of funds

Transportation fund 128,750

Total 128,750

Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters

Grants 1,150,000

Total 1,150,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund 1,150,000

Total 1,150,000

Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters

Grants 1,440,000

Total 1,440,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund 160,000

Federal funds 1,280,000

Total 1,440,000

Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation grant program

Grants 650,000

Total 650,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund 440,000

Federal funds 180,000

Interdepartmental transfers 30,000

Total 650,000

Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program

Grants 33,865,000

Total 33,865,000

Source of funds

Special funds 1,965,000

Federal funds 31,900,000

Total 33,865,000

Sec. B.921 Transportation board

Personal services 193,548

Operating expenses 30,886

Total 224,434

Source of funds

Transportation fund 224,434

Total 224,434

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds

Transportation fund 236,821,208

TIB fund 13,498,587

<i>Special funds</i>	<i>1,990,000</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>342,305,346</i>
<i>Internal service funds</i>	<i>20,309,560</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i>130,000</i>
<i>Local match</i>	<i><u>2,574,285</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>617,628,986</i>

Sec. B.1000 Debt service

<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>73,569,975</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>73,569,975</i>

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>67,337,515</i>
<i>Transportation fund</i>	<i>1,946,969</i>
<i>TIB debt service fund</i>	<i>2,504,913</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>628,420</i>
<i>ARRA funds</i>	<i><u>1,152,158</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>73,569,975</i>

Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

Source of funds

<i>General fund</i>	<i>67,337,515</i>
<i>Transportation fund</i>	<i>1,946,969</i>
<i>TIB debt service fund</i>	<i>2,504,913</i>

<i>Special funds</i>	<i>628,420</i>
<i>ARRA funds</i>	<i><u>1,152,158</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>73,569,975</i>

Sec. B.1100 NEXT GENERATION; APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS

(a) In fiscal year 2016, \$2,993,000 is appropriated or transferred from the Next Generation Initiative Fund created in 16 V.S.A. § 2887 as prescribed:

(1) Workforce education and training. The amount of \$1,552,500 as follows:

(A) Workforce Education and Training Fund (WETF). The amount of \$992,500 is transferred to the Vermont Workforce Education and Training Fund created in 10 V.S.A. § 543 and subsequently appropriated to the Department of Labor for workforce education and training. Up to seven percent of the funds may be used for administration of the program. Of this amount, \$350,000 shall be allocated for competitive grants for internships through the Vermont Career Internship Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 544.

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

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

(2) Loan repayment. The amount of \$171,000 as follows:

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

(B) Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) incentive. The amount of \$141,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for an incentive payment pursuant to 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 6.

(3) Scholarships and grants. The amount of \$1,269,500 as follows:

(A) Nondegree VSAC grants. The amount of \$494,500 is appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. These funds shall be for the purpose of providing nondegree grants to Vermonters to improve job skills and increase overall employability, enabling them to enroll in a postsecondary education or training program, including adult technical

education that is not part of a degree or accredited certificate program. A portion of these funds shall be used for grants for indirect educational expenses to students enrolled in training programs. The grants shall not exceed \$3,000 per student. None of these funds shall be used for administrative overhead.

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

(C) Dual enrollment programs and need-based stipend. The amount of \$625,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Education for dual enrollment programs consistent with 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2) of which amount \$25,000 is transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for need based stipends pursuant to Sec. E.605.1 of this act.

*Sec. B.1100.1 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECOMMENDATION FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2017 NEXT GENERATION FUND DISTRIBUTION*

(a) The Department of Labor, in coordination with the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Agency of Human Services, and the Agency of Education, and in consultation with the State Workforce Investment Board, shall recommend to the Governor on or before December 1, 2015 how \$2,993,000 from the Next Generation Fund should be allocated or

appropriated in fiscal year 2017 to provide maximum benefit to workforce education and training, participation in secondary or postsecondary education by underrepresented groups, and support for promising economic sectors in Vermont. The State agencies and departments listed herein shall promote actively and publicly the availability of the funds to eligible entities.

Sec. B.1101 VERMONT VETERANS' HOME; TRANSITION FUNDING

(a) In fiscal year 2016, \$1,000,000 of general funds is appropriated to the Vermont Veterans' Home. The funds are in addition to the appropriation in Sec. B.342 of this act and are intended to provide one-time bridge funding for the Vermont Veterans' Home.

Sec. B.1102 SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR TAX COMPUTER SYSTEMS

(a) The amount of \$15,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Taxes from the Tax Computer System Modernization Special Fund established pursuant to 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 282, as amended by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 63, Sec. C.103 and 2013 Acts and Resolves No.1, Sec. 65, and as further amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 95, Sec. 62. This appropriation shall carry forward through fiscal year 2024. The Commissioner of Finance and Management may anticipate receipts in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 588(4)(C).

Sec. B.1103 FISCAL YEAR 2016 STATEWIDE OPERATIONAL

REDUCTIONS

(a) Information Technology Charges: In fiscal year 2016 the Secretary of Administration shall reduce the general funds appropriated statewide, to include all branches of State government by a total amount of \$400,000. This reduction reflects reductions in the internal services charged to agencies as a result of actions taken in the Department of Information and Innovation to provide general services or specific projects in a more cost-effective manner to its State government customers.

(b) Human Resources: In fiscal year 2016 the Secretary of Administration shall reduce the general funds appropriated to the Executive Branch of State government by a total amount of \$44,000. This reduction reflects the reduction in human resources internal services charged to agencies specifically related to maintaining the supervisory training unit at fiscal year 2015 staffing levels and postponing full implementation of this new initiative.

(c) Buildings and General Services: In fiscal year 2016 the Secretary of Administration shall reduce the general funds appropriated statewide to include all branches of State government by a total amount of \$470,000 from the internal services charged by the Department of Buildings and General Services programs as follows:

(1) Facilities operations efficient use of space: \$300,000 of which \$120,000 is General Fund. The Commissioner is authorized to undertake

consolidations of owned or leased space, and the sale of State-owned lands or buildings not currently used and not slated for reuse. In fiscal year 2016, proceeds from the sale of State-owned real property made as a result of this section shall be reserved for future expenses identified within an overall State space/facilities strategic plan that aligns future space operating costs with a sustainable budget.

(2) Energy efficiency: Resulting from the initiative in Sec. E.112 of this act, a total of \$100,000 is General Fund.

(3) Fleet and mileage reimbursement: \$625,000 of which \$250,000 is General Fund. From more efficient management of the assets of the fleet program which may include longer life cycles for the assets, a lower cost basis for newly acquired assets, and management control of travel resulting in reduced reimbursement for miles traveled in private vehicles.

(d) Fuel Pricing: In fiscal year 2016 the Secretary of Administration shall reduce the appropriated general funds, and other funds transferrable to the General Fund, in all branches of State government, by a total amount of \$1,000,000 for fuel, gasoline, and other expenses.

**Sec. B.1104 SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION; FISCAL YEAR 2016
PERSONNEL AND LABOR COST SAVINGS**

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall reduce fiscal year 2016 appropriations and make transfers to the General Fund for a total of

\$5,000,000 and the Transportation Fund for a total of \$1,500,000 from personnel and labor cost savings.

Sec. B.1104.1 STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE

(a)(1) An individual who is employed by the Executive Branch of State government on July 1, 2015 and participates in either the defined benefit or defined contribution plan, was hired prior to July 1, 2008, and has at least 30 years of service or is age 62 with at least five years of service as of August 1, 2015, and does not initiate the purchase of any additional service credit after May 1, 2015, shall be eligible for the retirement incentive set forth in this section.

(2) An individual who is employed by the Executive Branch of State government on July 1, 2015 and participates in either the defined benefit or defined contribution plan, was hired on or after July 1, 2008, and has a combination of years of service and age that equals 87 or more, or is age 65 with at least five years of service as of August 1, 2015, and does not initiate the purchase of any additional service credit after May 1, 2015, shall be eligible for the retirement incentive set forth in this section.

(3) The Retirement Division of the State Treasurer's Office shall offer the retirement incentive to all eligible employees. If more than 300 eligible employees apply, the Retirement Division shall utilize a lottery system to limit the incentive to no more than 300 employees.

(4) If an employee applies for retirement by August 31, 2015 for a retirement effective October 1, 2015, the employee shall be entitled to:

(A) \$750 per year of service if the employee has five years of creditable service or more and fewer than 15 years of creditable service;

(B) \$1,000 per year of service if the employee has 15 years of creditable service or more.

(b) Upon approval from the Secretary of Administration, an agency or department with multiple retiring employees may request authority to stagger the retirement dates of individual employees in order to continue the normal operation of business. However, no retirement date shall be later than March 1, 2016.

(c) The incentive set forth in subsection (a) of this section shall not exceed \$15,000 per employee. An employee shall receive the retirement incentive in two equal payments in fiscal years 2016 and 2017. The first payment shall be made within 90 days of the retirement date. The second payment shall be made within 30 days of the one-year anniversary of the retirement date. The retirement incentive shall not be paid from the Vermont State Retirement Fund as set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 473.

(d) No employee who receives the incentive set forth in subsection (a) of this section may return to State employment for at least one year from his or

her retirement date unless otherwise approved by the Secretary of Administration.

(e) The Joint Fiscal Committee shall be notified of any employees who have received the incentive set forth in subsection (a) of this section and who returns to State employment within one year of the retirement date.

(f) The retirement incentive set forth in subsection (a) of this section shall be considered severance pay that shall disqualify the individual receiving it from unemployment compensation benefits under 21 V.S.A. § 1344(a)(5)(C).

(g) The Joint Fiscal Committee may vote to increase the number of individuals who are eligible for the retirement incentive set forth in this section.

(h) The State Treasurer shall report the number of individuals applying for the retirement incentive set forth in this section by agency to the Joint Fiscal Committee by September 8, 2015.

(i) Members of the Vermont State Retirement System who are not employed by the State of Vermont shall not be eligible for the retirement incentive set forth in this section.

(j) In order to realize cost savings to State government, at least three-fourths of the number of positions vacated as a result of this retirement incentive program must remain vacant and unfunded. No later than

January 15, 2016, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the General Assembly a listing of those positions which will remain vacant and unfunded.

Sec. B.1105 2014 Acts and Resolves No.160, Sec. 9 is amended to read:

Sec. 9. PAY ACT APPROPRIATIONS

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(a)(2)(A) General Fund. The amount of ~~\$8,480,001.00~~ \$2,868,165.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to departments to fund the fiscal year 2016 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.

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(b)(2)(B) Fiscal Year 2016. The amount of ~~\$1,044,179.00~~ \$944,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal year 2016 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.

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(c)(2) Fiscal Year 2016. The amount of ~~\$283,000.00~~ \$183,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Branch.

Sec. B.1106 FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERSONNEL, LABOR, AND ADMINISTRATIVE COST SAVINGS; RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) For purposes of carrying out the personnel, labor, and administrative cost reductions provided for in sections B.1104, B.1104.1, and B.1105 of this act as it relates to the Executive Branch of State government, the General

Assembly encourages the Administration to do the following:

(1) target positions for layoff that are distributed proportionally across management, supervisory, and line positions and across exempt and classified positions in any reduction in force;

(2) provide that exempt salary increases are targeted to benefit those who earn average or below average wages;

(3) reduce the amount of employee travel and encourage telephone and Internet meeting technologies whenever possible;

(4) reduce the amount of overtime that State employees are authorized to work;

(5) identify and reduce nonessential operating expenses; and

(6) identify opportunities to reduce personnel costs through increasing or decreasing the number of State employees or the use of outsourcing.

(b) The Secretary of Administration shall provide a report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in November 2015 on the progress of meeting personnel, labor, and other cost reductions and the uptake of the retirement incentive in Sec. B.1104.1 of this act.

Sec. B.1107 VERMONT INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES FUNDING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015

(a) Vermont Interactive Technologies is anticipated to cease operations on December 31, 2015. State funding for the period of July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 is provided as follows:

(1) \$220,000 as provided in the capital construction bill (H.492) of 2015.

(2) \$220,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2016 from the Global Commitment Fund to the Agency of Human Services and shall be granted to Vermont State Colleges for the health care education and training programming conducted through Vermont Interactive Technologies between July 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015. The State match for this appropriation is made in Sec. C.104 of this act.

Sec. B.1108 32 V.S.A. § 1282 is added to read:

§ 1282. OFFICER COMPENSATION; VOLUNTARY DECREASE

An officer whose compensation is established by this chapter may choose to be compensated at a lower rate.

Sec. B.1109 32 V.S.A. § 1002 is amended to read:

§ 1002. SALARY OF GOVERNOR-ELECT

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(b) The Governor-Elect shall be entitled to receive a salary of 70 percent of the regular weekly salary of the Governor for the period before a new Governor qualifies for office. This amount shall be reduced by the amount the

Governor-Elect receives from the State during this period for services performed in fulfilling the duties of any office to which he or she was elected or appointed.

Sec. B.1110 32 V.S.A. § 1003 is amended to read:

§ 1003. STATE OFFICERS

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(c) The ~~annual salaries of the~~ officers of the Judicial Branch named below shall be entitled to annual salaries as follows:

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Sec. B.1111 32 V.S.A. § 1012 is amended to read:

§ 1012. PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

The ~~annual salary of the Chairperson~~ Chair of the Public Service Board shall be entitled to an annual salary that is the same as fixed for annual salary to which each Superior Court judge is entitled. The ~~annual salary of each of the~~ other members of the Public Service Board, each of whom shall serve on a part-time basis, shall be entitled to an annual salary equal to two-thirds of that of the annual salary to which the ~~Chairperson~~ Chair is entitled. The annual salary of the clerk of such Board shall be fixed by the Board with the approval of the Governor.

Sec. B.1112 32 V.S.A. § 1051 is amended to read:

§ 1051. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

(a) The Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be entitled to receive annual compensation of \$10,080.00 for the 2005 Biennial Session and thereafter to be paid in biweekly payments; provided that, beginning on January 1, 2007, the annual compensation shall be adjusted annually thereafter by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for State employees under the most recent collective bargaining agreement. In addition to the annual compensation, the Speaker and President Pro Tempore shall be entitled to receive:

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Sec. B.1112.1 2 V.S.A. § 63 is amended to read:

§ 63. SALARY

(a) The base salary for the ~~sergeant-at-arms~~ Sergeant at Arms shall be ~~\$42,675.00 as of July 8, 2007~~ \$47,917.00 as of January 1, 2015 provided that, beginning on July 1, 2015 and annually thereafter, this compensation shall be adjusted by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for State employees under the most recent collective bargaining agreement.

(b) The ~~joint rules committee~~ Joint Rules Committee may establish the starting salary for the ~~sergeant-at-arms~~ Sergeant at Arms, ranging from the base salary to a salary ~~which~~ that is 30 percent above the base salary. The maximum salary for the ~~sergeant-at-arms~~ Sergeant at Arms shall be 50 percent above the base salary.

Sec. B.1113 32 V.S.A. § 1141 is amended to read:

§ 1141. ASSISTANT JUDGES

(a)(1) ~~The compensation of each~~ Each assistant judge of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive compensation in the amount of \$156.49 a day as of July 13, 2014 and \$161.65 a day as of July 12, 2015 for time spent in the performance of official duties and necessary expenses as allowed to classified State employees. Compensation under this section shall be based on a two-hour minimum and hourly thereafter.

(2)(A) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this section shall be paid by the State except as provided in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (2).

(B) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this section shall be paid by the county at the State rate established in subdivision (a)(1) of this section when an assistant judge is sitting with a presiding Superior judge in the Civil or Family Division of the Superior Court.

(b) Assistant judges of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive pay for such days as they attend Court when it is in actual session, or during a Court recess when engaged in the special performance of official duties.

Sec. B.1114 32 V.S.A. § 1142 is amended to read:

§ 1142. PROBATE JUDGES

(a) The ~~annual salaries of the~~ Probate judges in the several Probate

Districts shall be entitled to receive the following annual salaries, which shall be paid by the State in lieu of all fees or other compensation,~~shall be as follows:~~

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(b) Probate judges shall be entitled to be paid by the State for their actual and necessary expenses under the rules and regulations pertaining to classified State employees. The compensation for the Probate judge of the Chittenden District shall be for full-time service.

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Sec. B.1115 32 V.S.A. § 1182 is amended to read:

§ 1182. SHERIFFS

(a) The ~~annual salaries of the sheriffs of all counties except Chittenden shall be~~ entitled to receive salaries in the amount of \$72,508.00 as of July 13, 2014 and \$74,901.00 as of July 12, 2015. The ~~annual salary of the sheriff Sheriff of Chittenden County shall be~~ entitled to an annual salary in the amount of \$76,732.00 as of July 13, 2014 and \$79,264.00 as of July 12, 2015.

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Sec. B.1116 32 V.S.A. § 1183 is amended to read:

§ 1183. STATE'S ATTORNEYS

(a) The ~~annual salaries of State's Attorneys shall be~~ entitled to receive annual salaries as follows:

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Sec. B.1117 PSAP; TRANSITION FUNDING

(a) In addition to the PSAP funding in Sec. B.235 of this act, in fiscal year 2016, \$425,000 of E-911 funds is appropriated to the Department of Public Safety for the purposes of Sec. E.208.1 of this act.

Sec. C.100 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. C.108 is amended to read:

*Sec. C.108 INTERIM STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING
A PUBLIC RETIREMENT PLAN*

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(d) Report. By January 15, ~~2015~~ 2016, the Committee shall report to the General Assembly its findings and any recommendations for legislative action. In its report, the Committee shall state its findings as to every factor set forth in subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section, whether it recommends that a public retirement plan be created, and the reasons for that recommendation. If the Committee recommends that a public retirement plan be created, the Committee's report shall include specific recommendations as to the factors listed in subdivision (c)(1)(B) of this section.

(e) Meetings; term of Committee; chair. The Committee may meet no more than six times and shall cease to exist on January 15, ~~2015~~ 2016. The State Treasurer shall serve as Chair of the Committee and shall call the first meeting.

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Sec. C.101 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON FINANCING HIGH QUALITY, AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE

(a) Creation. The Secretary of Administration shall establish a Blue Ribbon Commission on Financing High Quality, Affordable Child Care.

(b) Purpose. The purposes of the Commission are as follows:

(1) to inventory and review reports and recommendations issued over the past 10 years relating to high quality, affordable child care;

(2) to determine the elements inherent in all quality child care programs; and

(3) to make recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor on the most effective use of existing public funding and additional opportunities.

(c) The Blue Ribbon Commission will collaborate and work to support goals and strategies within the Vermont Early Childhood Framework and the accompanying Vermont Early Childhood Action Plan.

(d) The goals of the Commission are as follows:

(1) To determine the total costs of providing equal access to voluntary, high quality, early care and education for all Vermont children, ages birth through five. The Commission shall consider the needs and preferences of families, which may range along a continuum from partial day or partial year

services to full day or full year services and include nontraditional work hours as well as usual business hours or a combination of these. The Commission shall also consider various family compositions and income levels, and recommend the amount that families should pay toward the costs of high quality, early care and education based on a sliding scale.

(2) To work in coordination with the ongoing efforts of Vermont's Early Learning Challenge – Race to the Top grant, Vermont's PreK Expansion Grant, and Vermont's implementation of 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 166 – Universal PreK.

(3) To examine current policies in Vermont's Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP) in relation to national trends and innovation in subsidy practice, as well as the relationship between CCFAP and other public benefits, taking into consideration the overall impact on families, and recommend changes to maximize the use of CCFAP to support affordable access to high quality, early care and education for eligible families.

(4) To review and identify all potentially available funding for high quality, affordable early care and education.

(5) To explore possible funding sources for equal access to voluntary, high quality, early care and education for all of Vermont children, ages birth through five, including investigating child care tax credits, identifying possible revenue from health care reform, from changes in the education system, from

possible funding generating systems such as fees, and possible reallocation or expansion of tax and fee revenues.

(e) Membership. The Commission shall consist of members to be selected as follows:

(1) the Secretary of Education or designee;

(2) the Secretary of Administration or designee;

(3) the Secretary of Human Services or designee;

(4) the following members appointed by the Governor:

(A) a representative from the Department for Children and Families,

Child Development Division;

(B) a representative from higher education;

(C) three representatives of the Vermont business community;

(D) a representative of the financial services industry in the State;

(E) a representative of licensed and registered home-based early learning and development programs in the State;

(F) a representative of licensed center-based early learning and development programs in the State;

(G) a representative of Head Start;

(H) a representative of the Parent Child Centers;

(I) two parents of children enrolled in an early care and education program in the State, one of whom is serving in the military;

(J) a representative of a child advocacy group; and

(K) a representative from the Building Bright Futures State Council.

(f) The Chair shall be the Secretary of Administration or designee and the first meeting of the Commission shall be held on or before July 15, 2015.

(g) The Commission shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Secretary of Administration.

(h) The Commission shall report on its findings to the Governor and to the Senate Committees on Education, on Finance, and on Health and Welfare and to the House Committees on Education, on Human Services, and on Ways and Means on or before November 1, 2016.

Sec. C.102 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 61(a)(4) is amended to read:

(4) The following amounts shall be transferred to the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund from the Transportation Fund:

	3,150,000.00	<u>2,500,000.00</u>
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Sec. C.102.1 CONTINGENT SPENDING AUTHORITY; DELAYED PROJECTS; PAVING PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

(a) As used in this section:

(1) The phrase "net balance" means an overall positive balance consisting of either the sum of any unreserved monies in the Transportation Fund and TIB Fund remaining at the end of fiscal year 2015, or the overall

positive balance in either Fund at the end of fiscal year 2015 after subtracting any deficit in the other Fund.

(2) The phrase “net increase” means an overall increase in forecasted revenues under the July 2015 consensus revenue forecast over the January 2015 consensus revenue forecast for fiscal year 2016, consisting of either the sum of forecasted increases in Transportation Fund and TIB Fund revenues, or an overall increase in forecasted revenues after subtracting a forecasted downgrade in either Fund.

(b) Subject to the funding of the Transportation Fund Stabilization Reserve in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308a and to the limitations of 19 V.S.A. § 11f (Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund), and notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c (Transportation Fund Balance Reserve), if any net balance exists at the end of fiscal year 2015, or if there is a net increase in the July 2015 consensus revenue forecast for fiscal year 2016, up to a total amount of \$3,000,000.00 of the net balance and the net increase, and up to a total amount of \$12,000,000.00 in matching federal funds, is hereby appropriated to be used on a project that otherwise would be required to be delayed under the terms of the fiscal year 2016 Transportation Program approved by the General Assembly.

(c) If the full amount of any net balance and net increase is not expended under subsection (b) of this section, the remaining amount is hereby

appropriated to advance Paving Program projects or to increase Statewide Paving Program activities authorized in fiscal year 2016 in the Transportation Program approved by the General Assembly.

(d) If the Agency expends funds under the authority of this section, it shall notify the House and Senate Committees on Transportation when the General Assembly is in session, or the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee when the General Assembly is not in session.

Sec. C.103 32 V.S.A. § 704 is amended to read:

§ 704. INTERIM BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS

(a) The General Assembly recognizes that acts of appropriations and their sources of funding reflect the priorities for expenditures of public funds enacted by the Legislature, and that major reductions or ~~adjustments~~ transfers, when required by reduced State revenues or other reasons, ought to be made whenever possible by an act of the Legislature reflecting its revisions of those priorities. Nevertheless, if the General Assembly also recognizes that when it is not in session, it may be necessary to reduce authorized appropriations and their sources of funding ~~may be adjusted~~, and funds may need to be transferred, to maintain a balanced State budget. Under these limited circumstances, it is the intent of the General Assembly that appropriations may be reduced and funds transferred when the General Assembly is not in session pursuant to the provisions of this section.

~~(b)(1) If the official State revenue estimates of the Emergency Board for the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds, determined under section 305a of this title have been reduced by one percent or more from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the general appropriations act or budget adjustment act, and if the General Assembly is not in session, in order to adjust appropriations and their sources of funding under this subdivision, the Secretary shall prepare a plan for approval by the Joint Fiscal Committee, and authorized appropriations and their sources of funding may be adjusted and funds transferred pursuant to a plan approved under this section~~
Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of this section, in each instance that the official State revenue estimate for the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds has been reduced by one percent or more from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the current fiscal year's appropriations, the Secretary of Administration shall prepare an expenditure reduction plan for approval by the Joint Fiscal Committee, provided that any total reductions in appropriations and transfers of funds are not greater than the reductions in the official State revenue estimate.

~~(2) If the Secretary of Administration determines that the current fiscal year revenues for the General Fund, Transportation Fund, or federal funds are likely to be reduced from the official revenue estimates by less than one percent, the Secretary may prepare and implement an expenditure reduction~~

~~plan, and implement appropriations reductions in accordance with the plan. The Secretary may implement a plan under this subdivision without the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee if reductions to any individual appropriation do not exceed five percent of the appropriation's amount for personal services, operating expenses, grants, and other categories, and provided that the plan is designed to minimize any negative effects on the delivery of services to the public, and shall not have any undue disproportionate effect on any single function, program, service, benefit, or county. Plans not requiring the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee shall be filed with the Joint Fiscal Office prior to implementation. If the Secretary's plan consists of disproportionate reductions greater than five percent in any line item, such plan shall not be implemented without the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee~~ In each instance that the official State revenue estimate for the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds has been reduced by less than one percent from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the current fiscal year's appropriations, the Secretary of Administration may prepare and implement an expenditure reduction plan without the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee, provided that any total reductions in appropriations and transfers of funds are not greater than the reductions in the official State revenue estimate. The Secretary may implement an expenditure reduction plan under this subdivision if plan reductions to the

total amount appropriated in any section or subsection do not exceed five percent, the plan is designed to minimize any negative effects on the delivery of services to the public, and the plan does not have any unduly disproportionate effect on any single function, program, service, benefit, or county. Plans not requiring the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee shall be filed with the Joint Fiscal Office prior to implementation. If the Secretary's plan consists of reductions greater than five percent to the total amount appropriated in any section or subsection, such plan shall only be implemented in the manner provided for in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(c) A An expenditure reduction plan prepared by the Secretary shall indicate:

(1) the amounts to be ~~adjusted~~ reduced in each appropriation, ~~and~~ by funding source, and the amounts to be transferred;

(2) in personal services, operating expenses, grants, and other categories, shall ~~indicate~~ the effect of each ~~adjustment~~ reduction in appropriations and their sources of funding, and each fund transfer, on the primary purposes of the program, ~~and~~;

(3) shall ~~indicate~~ how it is designed to minimize any negative effects on the delivery of services to the public; and

(4) any unduly disproportionate effect the plan may have on any single function, program, service, benefit, or county.

(d) An expenditure reduction plan implemented under subdivision (b)(2) of this section shall not include any reduction in:

(1) appropriations authorized and necessary to fulfill the State's debt obligations;

(2) appropriations authorized for the Judicial or Legislative Branch, except that the plan may recommend reductions for consideration by the Judicial or Legislative Branch; or

(3) appropriations for the salaries of elected officers of the Executive Branch listed in subsection 1003(a) of this title.

(e)(1) The Joint Fiscal Committee shall have 21 days from the date of submission of ~~a~~ any expenditure reduction plan under subdivision (b)(1) of this section to consider the plan, and may approve or disapprove the plan upon a vote of a majority of the members of the Committee. If the Committee vote results in a tie, the plan shall be deemed disapproved; and if the Committee fails for any other reason to take final action on such plan within 21 days of its submission to the Committee, it shall be deemed to be disapproved. During the 21-day period for consideration of the plan, the Committee shall conduct a public hearing and provide an opportunity for public comment on the plan.

(2) If the plan is disapproved, then in order to communicate the priorities of the General Assembly, the Committee shall make recommendations to the Secretary for amendments to the plan. Within seven

days after the Committee notifies the Secretary of its disapproval of a plan, the Secretary may submit a final plan to the Committee. The Committee shall have 14 days from the date of submission of a final plan to consider that plan and to vote by a majority of the members of the Committee to approve or disapprove the plan; but if the Committee fails to approve or disapprove the plan by a majority vote, the plan shall be deemed disapproved. If the Secretary's final plan includes any changes from the original plan other than those recommended by the Committee, then during the 14-day period for consideration of the final plan, the Committee shall conduct a public hearing and provide an opportunity for public comment, with the scope of the hearing and the comments limited to the changes from the original plan.

(3) In determining whether to approve a plan submitted by the Secretary under this subsection, the Committee shall consider whether the plan minimizes any negative effects on the delivery of services to the public, and whether the plan will have any unduly disproportionate effect on any single function, program, service, benefit, or county.

(4) Any plan disapproved under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall not be implemented.

(5) For purposes of this section, the Committee shall be convened at the call of the Chair or at the request of at least three members of the Committee.

(f) In the event of a reduction in the official revenue estimate of one percent or more and the Joint Fiscal Committee does not approve the Secretary's final expenditure reduction plan prepared under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the Secretary may implement an expenditure reduction plan in the manner provided for in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, provided that the ~~reduction in appropriations~~ expenditure reduction plan is not greater than one percent of the prior official revenue estimate. If the Secretary implements an expenditure reduction plan under the authority of this subsection, any subsequent expenditure reduction plan that is required to address the remaining imbalance under the current official State revenue estimate may only be implemented in the manner provided for in subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

(g) No expenditure reduction plan may be approved or implemented under this section which:

(1) ~~would reduce appropriations from any fund by more than the cumulative reductions in the official State revenue estimates of the Emergency Board for the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds, determined under section 305a of this title, from the estimate originally determined and assumed for purposes of the general appropriations act or budget adjustment act; minus the total reductions in appropriations already taken under this section in that fund in the fiscal year;~~

~~(2) would result in total reductions under this section in appropriations in the fiscal year from any fund, or transfers to that fund, by more than four percent of the estimate originally determined and assumed for purposes of the general current fiscal year's appropriations act or budget adjustment act; or~~

~~(3)(2) would adjust reduce expenditures or transfer revenues or expenditures of the Education Fund as prescribed by law.~~

~~(h) The provisions of this section shall apply to each An expenditure reduction plan may only be implemented under subsection (b) of this section subsequent to an official State revenue estimate of the Emergency Board in the fiscal year and when the General Assembly is not in session.~~

~~(i) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the plan to be made under this section.~~

~~(j) In each instance that cumulative revenue collections during the month of September or October are four percent or more below the respective cumulative monthly revenue targets, the Emergency Board shall convene in the manner provided for in subsection 305a(b) of this title to determine whether to revise the official State revenue estimate.~~

~~(k) As used in this section:~~

~~(1) "Cumulative monthly revenue targets" means monthly revenue targets adopted based on the most current official State revenue estimates, as agreed upon by the Legislative Joint Fiscal Office and the Secretary.~~

(2) "Expenditure reduction plan" means a rescission plan that includes reducing and adjusting appropriations and their sources of funding, and transferring and adjusting funds, from the amounts authorized in the current fiscal year's appropriations.

(3) "Official State revenue estimates" means a revenue estimate determined by the Emergency Board, as provided in section 305a of this title. An official State revenue estimate does not mean cumulative monthly revenue targets.

Sec. C.104 FISCAL YEAR 2015 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

(a) The amount of \$1,000,000 of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. settlement proceeds that had been reserved for attorney's fees and other related expenditures shall be transferred to the General Fund and distributed as follows:

(1) The amount of \$210,000 shall be appropriated to the Secretary of Administration in fiscal year 2015 to be utilized to reimburse costs to facilitate the implementation of video conferencing and other actions to reduce the long-term spending needs of the Judiciary and other components of the criminal justice system.

(2) The amount of \$75,000 shall be appropriated to the Secretary of Administration for the classification study required by Sec. E.100.1 of this act.

(3) The amount of \$98,934 shall be appropriated to the Agency of Human Services for State match for the Global Commitment appropriation in Sec. B.1107 of this act for health care training provided through Vermont Interactive Technologies between July 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015.

(4) The amount of \$89,940 shall be appropriated to the Agency of Human Services for State match for a Global Commitment appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2016 for the home health prospective payment system change provided in Sec. E.306.3 of this act.

(b) The remaining amount of \$526,126 and an additional \$3,000,000 of general funds, for a total of \$3,526,126 are appropriated to the Department of Corrections to be carried forward and used for expenditure in fiscal year 2016 and for the purposes of the calculation under 32 V.S.A. § 308 shall not be included in the fiscal year 2016 reserve calculation but shall be reflected in the fiscal year 2107 calculation.

Sec. C.105 FISCAL YEAR 2015 TRANSFER TO SERGEANT AT ARMS

(a) In fiscal year 2015, the amount of \$28,460 shall be transferred from the Legislative Council budget to the Sergeant at Arms budget.

Sec. C. 106 VERMONT HEALTH CONNECT REPORTS

(a) The Chief of Health Care Reform shall provide monthly reports beginning on June 1, 2015 to the Joint Fiscal Office for distribution to members of the Health Reform Oversight Committee and the Joint Fiscal

Committee and to the Office of Legislative Council for distribution to members of the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance. Each Office shall also post the reports on its website. The reports shall address:

(1) the schedule, cost, and scope status of the Vermont Health Connect system's Release 1 and Release 2 development efforts, including whether any critical path items did not meet their milestone dates and the corrective actions being taken;

(2) an update on the status of current risks in Vermont Health Connect's implementation;

(3) an update on the actions taken to address the recommendations in the Auditor's report on Vermont Health Connect dated April 14, 2015 and any other audits of Vermont Health Connect; and

(4) an update on the preliminary analysis of alternatives to Vermont Health Connect.

Sec. C.106.1 INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF VERMONT HEALTH CONNECT

(a) The Chief of Health Care Reform shall provide the Joint Fiscal Office with the materials provided by the Independent Verification and Validation (IVV) firms evaluating Vermont Health Connect. The reports shall be provided in a manner that protects security and confidentiality as required by any memoranda of understanding entered into by the Joint Fiscal Office and

the Executive Branch. The Joint Fiscal Office shall analyze the reports and shall provide information regarding Vermont Health Connect information technology systems to the Health Reform Oversight Committee, the Joint Fiscal Committee, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate in July, September, and October 2015 and at other times as appropriate.

Sec. C.106.2 VERMONT HEALTH CONNECT OUTCOMES

(a) The General Assembly expects Vermont Health Connect to achieve the following milestones with respect to qualified health plans offered in the individual market:

(1) On or before May 31, 2015, the vendor under contract with the State to implement the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange shall deliver the information technology release providing the "back end" of the technology supporting changes in circumstances and changes in information to allow for a significant reduction, as described in subdivision (4) of this subsection, in the amount of time necessary for the State to process changes requested by individuals and families enrolled in qualified health plans.

(2) On or before August 1, 2015, Vermont Health Connect shall develop a contingency plan for renewing qualified health plans offered to individuals and families for calendar year 2016 and shall ensure that the registered carriers offering these qualified health plans agree to the process.

(3) On or before October 1, 2015, the vendor under contract with the State for automated renewal of qualified health plans offered to individuals and families shall deliver the information technology release providing for the automated renewal of those qualified health plans.

(4) On or before October 1, 2015, Vermont Health Connect customer service representatives shall begin processing new requests for changes in circumstances and for changes in information received in the first half of a month in time to be reflected on the next invoice and shall begin processing requests for changes received in the latter half of the month in time to be reflected on one of the next two invoices.

Sec. C.106.3 ALTERNATIVES TO VERMONT HEALTH CONNECT

(a) If Vermont Health Connect fails to meet one or more of the milestones set forth in Sec. C.106.2 of this act, the Secretary of Administration and Chief of Health Care Reform shall identify and begin exploring with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services all feasible alternatives to Vermont Health Connect, including a transition to a federally supported State-based marketplace (FSSBM). The Chief of Health Care Reform shall report on the status of the exploration at the next meetings of the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Health Reform Oversight Committee.

(b) The Chief of Health Care Reform shall, upon request of the Joint Fiscal Committee, prepare an analysis and potential implementation plan regarding

a transition from Vermont Health Connect to a different model for Vermont's health benefit exchange, including an FSSBM, and shall present information about such a transition, including:

(1) the outcome of King v. Burwell, Docket No. 14-114 (U.S. Supreme Court), relating to whether federal advance premium tax credits will be available to reduce the cost of health insurance provided through a federally facilitated exchange, and the likely impacts on Vermont individuals and families if the State moves to an FSSBM or to another exchange model;

(2) whether it is feasible to offer State premium and cost-sharing assistance to individuals and families purchasing qualified health plans through an FSSBM or through another exchange model, how such assistance could be implemented, whether federal financial participation would be available through the Medicaid program, and applicable cost implications;

(3) how the Department of Financial Regulation's and Green Mountain Care Board's regulatory authority over health insurers and qualified health plans would be affected, including the timing of health insurance rate and form review;

(4) any impacts on the State's other health care reform efforts, including the Blueprint for Health and payment reform initiatives;

(5) any available estimates of the costs attributable to a transition from a State-based exchange to an FSSBM or to another exchange model; and

(6) whether any new developments have occurred that affect the availability of additional alternatives that would be more beneficial to Vermonters by minimizing negative effects on individuals and families enrolling in qualified health plans, reducing the financial impacts of the transition to an alternative model, lessening the administrative burden of the transition on the registered carriers, and decreasing the potential impacts on the State's health insurance regulatory framework.

(c) On or before November 15, 2015, the Chief of Health Care Reform shall provide the Joint Fiscal Committee and Health Reform Oversight Committee with a recommendation regarding the future of Vermont's health benefit exchange, including a proposed timeline for 2016. The Chief's recommendation shall include an analysis of whether the recommended course of action would be likely to minimize any negative effects on individuals and families enrolling in qualified health plans, the financial impacts of the transition, the ability of the registered carriers to accomplish the transition, and the potential impacts of the transition on the State's health insurance regulatory framework.

(1)(A) If the Chief of Health Care Reform recommends requesting approval from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to allow Vermont to transition to an FSSBM, then on or before December 1, 2015, the Joint Fiscal Committee, after consultation with the Speaker of the House of

Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, shall determine whether to concur with the recommendation. In determining whether to concur, the Joint Fiscal Committee shall consider whether the transition to an FSSBM would be likely to minimize any negative effects on individuals and families enrolling in qualified health plans, the financial impacts of the transition, the ability of the registered carriers to accomplish the transition, and the potential impacts of the transition on the State's health insurance regulatory framework. The Joint Fiscal Committee shall also consider relevant input offered by legislative committees of jurisdiction.

(B) If the Chief of Health Care Reform recommends requesting approval from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to allow Vermont to transition from a State-based exchange to an FSSBM and the Joint Fiscal Committee concurs with that recommendation, the Chief of Health Care Reform and the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access shall:

(i) prior to December 31, 2015, request that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services begin the approval process with the Department of Vermont Health Access; and

(ii) on or before January 15, 2016, provide to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance the recommended statutory changes necessary to align with

operating an FSSBM if approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

(2) If the Chief of Health Care Reform either does not recommend that Vermont transition to an FSSBM or the Joint Fiscal Committee does not concur with the Chief's recommendation to transition to an FSSBM, the Chief of Health Care Reform shall submit information to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance on or before January 15, 2016 regarding the advantages and disadvantages of alternative models and options for Vermont's health benefit exchange and the proposed statutory changes that would be necessary to accomplish them.

*Sec. C. 107 GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING AND OPERATIONS
REVIEW COMMISSION; REPORT*

(a) Creation and purpose. There is created a Government Restructuring and Operations Review Commission to identify opportunities for increasing government efficiency and productivity in order to reduce spending trends and related resource needs.

(b) Membership. The Commission shall be composed of three members, none of whom shall be current members of the General Assembly or employees of the Executive Branch. The Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate Committee on Committees shall each appoint one member, and shall

collaborate in those appointments so that the Commission shall be composed of the following members:

(1) one member with experience in the management of large private sector organizations;

(2) one member with experience in large nonprofit organizational management; and

(3) one member with experience in governmental structures.

(c) Powers and duties. The Commission shall:

(1) review areas where partnerships between the public and private sectors could provide long-term improvements in quality and cost-effectiveness of management or service delivery;

(2) review the State government's organizational structure for consistency with a results-based and outcomes-based focus; and

(3) provide an opportunity for members of the public to submit recommendations to the Commission for its consideration.

(d) Report. The Commission shall submit reports to the Government Accountability Committee and to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations as follows:

(1) On or before October 15, 2015, the Commission shall submit a report with specific recommendations for the 2016 legislative session.

(2) On or before November 15, 2016, the Commission shall submit a report with specific recommendations for the 2017 legislative session.

(e) Meetings.

(1) The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate shall call the first meeting of the Commission.

(2) The Commission shall select a chair from among its members at the first meeting.

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

(4) The Commission shall cease to exist on June 30, 2017.

(f) Staff and administration.

(1) The Secretary of Administration shall act as the fiscal agent for the Commission. Any costs incurred during fiscal year 2016 shall be paid for through the budget of the Secretary of Administration with the costs and continuing budget needs submitted to the General Assembly through the budget adjustment process.

(2) The Secretary of Administration shall ensure that any staff support requested of the Executive Branch is provided.

(3) The Legislative Joint Fiscal Office shall coordinate staff support from the Legislative Branch.

(4) Representatives for both the Secretary of Administration and the Legislative Joint Fiscal Office shall attend the meetings of the Commission and provide support as appropriate.

(g) Reimbursement. Members of the Commission who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

**Sec. C.108 FISCAL YEAR 2015 CONTINGENT GENERAL FUND
APPROPRIATIONS**

(a) In fiscal year 2015, to the extent that the Commissioner of Finance and Management determines that General Fund revenues exceed the 2015 official revenue forecast and other fund receipts exceed the amounts assumed for all previously authorized fiscal year 2015 appropriations and transfers necessary to ensure the stabilization reserve is at its maximum authorized level under 32 V.S.A § 308, appropriations are authorized in the following order:

(1) First, \$5,000,000 is appropriated to the Department for Children and Families to be carried forward and expended to provide low-income home energy assistance during the 2015-2016 heating season at a level not to exceed the estimated purchasing power of the average low-income home energy benefit provided during the 2014-2015 heating season;

(2) Second, \$13,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration for transfer to the Agency of Human Services Global

Commitment in fiscal year 2015 upon determination by the Commissioner of Finance and Management of the amount necessary to fund Global Commitment program expenditures incurred in fiscal year 2015. Any remaining funds shall be carried forward for reallocation by the Legislature in the fiscal year 2016 budget adjustment or fiscal year 2017 budget processes.

(b) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in July 2015 on the status of the funds appropriated in this section.

Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

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

(1) The sum of \$518,000 is appropriated from the Property Valuation and Review Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c), amounts above \$518,000 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the Property Valuation and Review Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

(2) The sum of \$9,554,840 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts above \$9,554,840 from the

property transfer tax that are deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

(3) The sum of \$3,760,599 is appropriated from the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts above \$3,760,599 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund. The \$3,760,599 shall be allocated as follows:

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

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

(C) \$378,700 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the Vermont Center for Geographic Information.

Sec. D.100.1 [DELETED]

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

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

(1) From the General Fund to the Next Generation Initiative Fund established by 16 V.S.A. § 2887: \$2,993,000.

(2) From the Transportation Fund to the Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvement Fund established by 24 V.S.A. § 2796 to be used

by the Vermont Downtown Development Board for the purposes of the Fund:
\$423,966.

(3) From the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established by
19 V.S.A. § 11f to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund
for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2017 transportation infrastructure bonds
debt service: \$2,501,413.

(4) From the Department of Public Safety blood and breath alcohol
testing fund to the General Fund: \$167,000.

(5) From the Lumberjack Fund #40900 to the General Fund: \$20,000.

(6) From the Attorney General Fees & Reimbursements #21638 to the
General Fund: \$100,000.

(7) From the Liquor Control Fund #50300 to the General
Fund: \$100,000.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
2016 the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the accounts
indicated:

(1) Department of Labor: \$293,000.

(2) Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs:
\$41,372.

Sec. D.102 TOBACCO LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUND BALANCE

(a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(b), the actual balances at the end of

fiscal year 2015 in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund shall remain for appropriation in fiscal year 2016.

Sec. D.103 TRANSFER OF TOBACCO TRUST FUNDS

(a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(a)(3) and (4), the actual amount of investment earnings of the Tobacco Trust Fund at the end of fiscal year 2016 and any additional amount necessary to ensure the balance in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund at the close of fiscal year 2016 is not negative shall be transferred from the Tobacco Trust Fund to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund in fiscal year 2016.

* * * GENERAL GOVERNMENT * * *

Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) The establishment of the following new permanent classified positions is authorized in fiscal year 2016 as follows:

(1) In the Department of Information and Innovation – one (1) IT Security Analyst and one (1) IT Security Specialist.

(2) In the Department of Buildings and General Services – one (1) Buildings Project Manager, two (2) Security Guard, five (5) Custodian, one (1) Custodial Supervisor, one (1) Maintenance Specialist, one (1) Electrician, three (3) Maintenance Mechanic, and two (2) HVAC Specialist.

(3) In the Military Department – one (1) Plant Maintenance Supervisor and one (1) Maintenance Mechanic.

(4) In the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets – one (1) Dairy Product Specialist.

(5) In the Department of Financial Regulation – one (1) Captives Insurance Examiner.

(6) In the Office of the Secretary of State – one (1) Deputy Director of Professional Regulation.

(7) In the Department of Public Service – two (2) Telecommunications Infrastructure Project Manager and one (1) Financial Manager.

(8) In the Department of Liquor Control – one (1) Administrative Secretary, one (1) Administrative Assistant, and two (2) Warehouse Worker.

(b) The establishment of the following new permanent exempt position is authorized in fiscal year 2016 as follows:

(1) In the Agency of Natural Resources – one (1) Attorney.

(c) The positions established in this section shall be transferred and converted from existing vacant positions in the Executive Branch, and shall not increase the total number of authorized State positions, as defined in Sec. A.107 of this act.

Sec. E.100.1 REPORT: STATE EMPLOYEE POSITION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall issue a request for proposal to evaluate and recommend changes or alternatives to the position classification

system applicable to State employees and the rules governing such system as prescribed by 3 V.S.A. § 310. The proposal shall require a report to address the following:

(1) Evaluate whether the current position classification system, which is based upon a point factor comparison method of job evaluation, effectively serves the needs of State government.

(2) Provide a summary of the classification systems used in other states, counties, or municipalities that are most comparable to Vermont and a review of best classification practices in public sector organizations.

(3) Assess alternatives or changes to the current position classification system that would better serve the needs of State government, would be easier and more flexible to administer, would better reflect the work performed by State employees, would provide a common platform for organizing, assigning, and managing jobs, would identify career paths, and would ensure compensation is competitive, equitable, and fiscally sound.

(4) Provide an analysis of the impacts of implementing alternatives, including recommendations for transitioning to an alternate classification system.

(b) In issuing the request for proposal, the Secretary shall provide a copy of the RFP to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations and to the Senate and House Committees on Government Operations, the Vermont State

Employees' Association (VSEA), the Vermont Troopers' Association (VTA), and to the Joint Fiscal Office.

(c) The Agency of Administration and the Judiciary shall assist the consultant to gather data necessary for an evaluation. The consultant shall interview managers, supervisors, VSEA, and VTA representatives and shall provide opportunity for comment by classified State employees.

(d) Unless the contract specifies an alternate date, the consultant shall provide a report of its evaluation and recommendations on or before January 15, 2016, to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations and the Senate and House Committees on Government Operations, the VSEA, and to the VTA.

Sec. E.100.2 3 V.S.A. § 2222(j) is added to read:

(j) Notwithstanding the provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 903(a), the Agency of Administration will administer an Equipment Revolving Fund to be used for internal lease purchase of equipment for State agencies. The Secretary of Administration will establish criteria for equipment purchased through this Fund, including types of equipment, limiting amounts for specific equipment, and the useful life of the equipment.

(1) Agencies or departments acquiring such equipment shall repay the Fund through their regular operating budgets according to an amortization schedule established by the Commissioner of Finance and Management.

Repayment shall include charges for the administrative costs of the purchase and estimated administrative inflation over the term of the payback.

(2) The Commissioner of Finance and Management may anticipate receipts to this Fund and issue warrants based thereon.

Sec. E.100.3 REPEAL

(a) 29 V.S.A. § 903(e) (administration of the equipment revolving fund) is repealed.

Sec. E.100.4 SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION; PROMOTION OF EFFICIENT OPERATIONS

(a) All branches and agencies of State government can expect to face a multiyear horizon of State resources growing at rates lower than previously experienced. In order to achieve fiscal sustainability, the Secretary of Administration shall review opportunities for changes that result in efficiency and savings in the form of reduced resource need or reduced cost trend pressure, or both, within the State budget.

(b) The Secretary is authorized to implement changes in operational practices as specified in this subsection or additional areas that fall within the Secretary's authority and that do not require statutory amendment.

(1) subject to bulletin 3.5, changes to the contracting process of State government to identify methods of streamlining the process of approval and evaluation while preserving and strengthening the pay for performance;

(2) a review of the audits and reports internally required of agencies and contractors and grantees to avoid duplication and unnecessary cost;

(3) the expansion of the LEAN program to additional agencies and departments to improve processes and operations of departments; and

(4) the exploration of the use of contracts where payments are dependent on the provision of departments and State operational entities with offsetting efficiency savings.

(c) In the following areas, proposals shall be developed and presented to the Legislature during the budget adjustment process.

(1) Proposed elimination or consolidation of legislative reporting requirements to free up staff productivity while preserving effective oversight.

(2) Opportunities for possible elimination or consolidation of boards and commissions, and opportunities for more efficient use of space by these entities. Entity collocation should be pursued to enable shared services reducing costs.

(3) Proposals to restructure agencies and departments to identify opportunities for merger and consolidation to streamline management and coordination and reduce the need for high level State positions.

(d) At the 2015 September and November Joint Fiscal Committee meetings, the Secretary shall provide a written report on the status of system reviews or process changes implemented. These reports shall also be sent to the State

Auditor, and the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations and on Appropriations.

Sec. E.100.5 [DELETED]

Sec. E.111 Tax – administration/collection

(a) Of this appropriation, \$30,000 is from the Current Use Application Fee Special Fund and shall be appropriated for programming changes to the CAPTAP software used by municipalities for establishing property values and administering their grand lists.

Sec. E.112 ENERGY EFFICIENCY; STATE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

(a) As a mechanism to implement 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 47 (State energy use), the State of Vermont has developed a State Energy Management Program (the Program) within the Department of Buildings and General Services (the Department) to address, for State buildings and facilities, energy management measures, implementation of energy efficiency and conservation, and the use of renewable energy resources.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Title 30 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, Public Service Board order, or other provision of law to the contrary:

(1) The Department and Efficiency Vermont (EVT) shall augment the Program for a preliminary period of four years commencing in fiscal year 2016 under which EVT shall provide the Department with support for the

Program to deliver cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation measures to State buildings and facilities. The Department and EVT may agree to continue conducting this augmented Program in subsequent fiscal years, after considering recommendations for improvement based on evaluation of the preliminary period.

(A) The Department and EVT shall develop the augmented Program's annual targets for energy savings and associated cost savings to the State. Savings from measures provided by any energy efficiency entity appointed under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(2) shall count toward these targets. Savings supported by EVT may result from electric and thermal efficiency, including fuel switching, conservation, and improved building energy management, without regard to funding source.

(B) During fiscal year 2016, the measures implemented under this subdivision (1) shall reduce the State's total energy usage and related costs by an amount not less than \$150,000.

(C) During fiscal year 2017, the measures implemented under this subdivision (1) shall reduce the State's total energy usage and related costs by a cumulative amount of not less than \$300,000, provided that failure to attain these savings amounts in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 does not result from action or inaction of the Department.

(2) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this section, the project shall include provision by EVT of support for personnel to implement the Program during fiscal years 2016 to 2019.

(A) The supported personnel shall be the building project manager position established in Sec. E.100(a)(2) of this act and two four-year limited service or consulting positions, and related supervision and overhead, as the Department and EVT consider necessary to meet the goals.

(B) Under this subdivision (2), EVT shall provide up to \$290,000 during fiscal year 2016. For the remaining three fiscal years, EVT shall provide an additional amount sufficient to support annual salary and benefit adjustments. These funds shall be received in the Facilities Operations Fund established in 29 V.S.A. § 160a, and may be spent using excess receipts authority.

(3) The Public Service Board shall adjust any performance measures applicable to EVT to recognize the requirements of this section.

(c) The Department and EVT shall execute a new or amended memorandum of understanding to implement this section, which shall include targets for future energy savings, a process for determining how savings targets are met, and details of EVT's commitment for personnel over a four-year time period.

(d) On or before October 1 of each year commencing in 2016 and ending in 2019, the Department and EVT shall provide a joint report on the implementation of this section.

(1) The report shall state, for the prior fiscal year, the energy savings targets developed, the actions taken to achieve those targets, and the energy savings achieved by each action.

(2) The report shall project savings and strategies to attain those savings for the next fiscal year and for the remaining fiscal years of the Program.

(3) The report shall include improvements made toward systems of measurement to achieve the goals of 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40.

(4) The report may include recommendations for accelerating the implementation of energy efficiency and conservation measures under the Program and improving the Program's tracking and documentation of savings.

(5) The report to be submitted in 2019 shall contain an evaluation of the Program authorized under this section and any resulting recommendations, including recommendations related to Program continuation.

(6) The report shall be submitted to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, the Senate Committee on Institutions, the House and Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Energy, the House and

Senate Committees on Appropriations, the Secretary of Administration, and the Joint Fiscal Office.

Sec. E.113 Buildings and general services – engineering

(a) The \$3,567,791 interdepartmental transfer in this appropriation shall be from the General Bond Fund appropriation in the Capital Bill of the 2015 legislative session.

Sec. E.113.1 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 1, Sec. 100(c), as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.113.1, is further amended to read:

(c) Sec. 97 (general obligation debt financing) shall take effect on ~~July 1,~~ 2015 July 1, 2017.

Sec. E.125 Legislative council

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2015 funds appropriated to the Legislative Council and carried forward into fiscal year 2016, the amount of \$30,000 shall revert to the General Fund.

Sec. E.126 Legislature

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2015 funds appropriated to the Legislature and carried forward into fiscal year 2016, the amount of \$215,376 shall revert to the General Fund.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that funding for the Legislature in fiscal year 2016 be included at a level sufficient to support an 18-week legislative session.

Sec. E.126.1 WORKING LANDS PROGRAM STRUCTURE REVIEW

(a) The House Committee on Agriculture and Forest Products and the Senate Committee on Agriculture shall review the working lands program during the 2016 legislative session. Specifically, the Committees shall work with the Working Lands Enterprise Board to evaluate the best use of State funds, including consideration of a grant program, a revolving loan program, and a combination of both including the administrative costs.

Sec. E.127 Joint fiscal committee

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from fiscal year 2015 funds appropriated to the Joint Fiscal Committee and carried forward into fiscal year 2016, the amount of \$19,623 shall revert to the General Fund.

Sec. E.133 Vermont state retirement system

(a) Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 473(d), in fiscal year 2016, investment fees shall be paid from the corpus of the Fund.

Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

(a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.139 of this act, \$100,000 shall be transferred to the Attorney General and \$50,000 shall be transferred to the Department of Taxes, Division of Property Evaluation and Review and reserved and used with any remaining funds from the amounts previously transferred for payment of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of grand list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric

plants and other property owned by TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. in the State of Vermont. Expenditures for this purpose shall be considered qualified expenditures under 16 V.S.A. § 4025(c).

Sec. E.141 Lottery commission

(a) Of this appropriation, the Lottery Commission shall utilize up to \$150,000 in consultation with the Department of Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, to support the gambling addiction program.

(b) The Vermont Lottery Commission will continue to provide financial support and recommendations to provide and promote problem gambling services for Vermont's citizens, to include production of media marketing, printed material, and other methods of communication.

Sec. E.141.1 31 V.S.A. § 660 is amended to read:

§ 660. POST AUDITS

All lottery accounts and transactions of the ~~lottery commission~~ Lottery Commission shall be subject to annual post audits conducted by independent auditors retained by the ~~commission~~ Commission for this purpose, ~~with the approval of the auditor of accounts, as provided in subdivision 163(9) of Title 32.~~ The ~~commission~~ Commission may order such other audits as it deems necessary and desirable.

Sec. E.142 Payments in lieu of taxes

(a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under

32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act.

Sec. E.142.1 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; WATERBURY

(a) For fiscal years 2016 and 2017, notwithstanding the formula for calculating PILOT payments set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 3703, PILOT payments for the Town of Waterbury and the Village of Waterbury shall not be lower than those received for fiscal year 2015.

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

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

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

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

Sec. E.145 32 V.S.A. § 315 is added to read:

§ 315. ANNUAL REPORT; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(a) Annual report. The Agency of Administration shall annually present to the General Assembly a five-year Information Technology (IT) Program. The Program shall be consistent with the planning process established in 22 V.S.A. § 901 and shall include for each fiscal year:

(1) IT activities estimated to cost \$1,000,000.00 or more;

(2) systemwide performance measures;

(3) performance measures for projects; and

(4) the budget for the Department of Information and Innovation (DII).

(b) IT activities estimated to cost \$1,000,000.00 or more.

(1) For each new proposed project with an estimated total cost that exceeds \$1,000,000.00, there shall be:

(A) a description of the project;

(B) the justification for the scope of the project;

(C) an explanation of proposed project management methodology, including the relationship between chosen methodology and project scope;

(D) a project budget that includes all projected costs, including operating costs and personnel services; and

(E) a project timeline with projected costs, matched to a detailed list of all estimated funding sources and amounts.

(2) The reporting requirements set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not be interpreted or applied to limit the project methodology chosen for any project.

(3) For each ongoing project with an estimated total cost that exceeds \$1,000,000.00, there shall be:

(A) a budget that includes all costs including operating costs and personnel services;

(B) a cost benefit analysis, which shall include:

(i) an explanation of ongoing costs, including training and maintenance, after project implementation;

(ii) an analysis of the net benefit to the project users, and to the State, from proceeding with the project, in comparison to not proceeding with the project;

(iii) projected savings, including personnel services, if any, that will result from the project; and

(iv) other benefits to the project users, and to the State, from proceeding with the project, in comparison to not proceeding with the project; and

(C) a statement whether any of the information provided pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (b) has changed or is no longer accurate and an explanation of the reasons.

(c) Systemwide performance measures. The Agency of Administration shall develop systemwide performance measures which analyze the overall performance of the State government IT system. The Program:

(1) shall indicate the background and utility of the performance measures;

(2) shall track the performance measures over time;

(3) where appropriate, shall recommend the setting of targets for the performance measures;

(4) shall indicate the overall condition of the system; and

(5) shall indicate potential risks measured by severity and likelihood and plans to mitigate those risks.

(d) Performance measures. The Agency of Administration shall develop performance measures for projects. The Program:

(1) shall indicate the background and utility of the performance measures;

(2) shall track the performance measures over time; and

(3) shall indicate potential risks measured by severity and likelihood and plans to mitigate those risks.

(e) The budget for DII. The Program shall include:

(1) the recommended budget for DII; and

(2) the DII fee charged to each branch, agency, and department and the services provided.

(f) Each year following the submission of an IT Program under this section, the Agency shall prepare and make available to the public the Program.

*Sec. E.145.1 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE UTILIZATION OF
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN GOVERNMENT*

(a) Creation. There is created a Special Committee on the Utilization of Information Technology in Government (the Committee).

(b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of three persons who shall have knowledge and experience with information technology (IT) development and management, preferably for large organizations with complex information technology needs:

(1) one person who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) one person who shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees;

and

(3) one person who shall be appointed by the Governor.

(c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall:

(1) evaluate the governance and management structure of the State of Vermont's overall IT system and IT programs, including whether the roles of the Chief Information Office and the Commissioner of Information and Innovation (DII) should be separated;

(2) recommend a model for how the General Assembly can best fulfill its role in overseeing the State's IT system and programs;

(3) provide other specific recommendations for IT systems evaluation, including:

(A) a methodology or process for evaluating when off-the-shelf products should be used as opposed to customized products;

(B) a process for incorporating risk assessment that includes risk of project failure, risk of significant cost overruns, and security risks; and

(C) recommendations toward developing a procurement policy based on optimizing business value and incorporating best practices;

(4) make recommendations for further action;

(5) review an analysis, to be conducted by DII, of the State's mainframe and legacy mainframe applications, including:

(A) a cost benefit analysis of:

(i) maintaining the mainframe and legacy mainframe applications; or

(ii) replacing the mainframe and legacy mainframe applications and options to do so; and

(B) whether the mainframe and legacy mainframe applications systems can be used in lieu of new systems, and if so, for how long; and

(6) review current methods of financing DII operations and IT development and provide recommendations for alternative methods as appropriate.

(d) In performing its work under subsection (c) of this section, the Committee shall, among other considerations, look at best industry practices and best peer practices in other states.

(e) Report. On or before January 15, 2016, the Committee shall submit a written report with its recommendations to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Government Operations, and on Corrections and Institutions, and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Government Operations, and on Institutions.

(f) Meetings.

(1) The person appointed by the Committee on Committees shall call the first meeting of the Committee. The Committee shall select a chair from among its members.

(2) The Committee shall meet as necessary and shall cease to exist on April 1, 2016.

(g) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative and technical assistance of the Agency of Administration and the legal assistance of the Attorney General's Office. The Committee shall have the assistance of the Office of Legislative Council and the Joint Fiscal Office as needed. The Committee shall have the authority to request information from any department, agency, or person in the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches relevant to the Committee's powers and duties, and all departments, agencies, and persons shall provide the requested information subject to 1 V.S.A. §§ 315–320 or subject to mutually agreed upon release and protection

of any information that is exempt from disclosure pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)

(h) Reimbursement. Committee members who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

Sec. E.145.2 22 V.S.A. § 901 is amended to read:

§ 901. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND INNOVATION

(a) The Department of Information and Innovation, created in 3 V.S.A. § 2283b, shall have all the responsibilities assigned to it by law, including the following:

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(4)(A) to review and approve information technology activities within State government with a cost in excess of ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$500,000.00, and annually submit to the General Assembly a strategic plan and a budget for information technology as required of the Secretary of Administration by 3 V.S.A. § 2222(a)(9). As used in this section, “information technology activities” is defined as in 3 V.S.A. § 2222(a)(10);

(B) to provide oversight, monitoring, and control of information technology activities within State government with a cost in excess of ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$500,000.00. The cost of the oversight, monitoring, and control shall be assessed to the entity requesting the activity;

(C) to review and approve in accordance with Agency of Administration policies the assignment of appropriate project managers for information technology activities within State government with a cost in excess of \$500,000.00; and

(D) to provide standards for the management, organization, and tracking of information technology activities within State government with a cost in excess of ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$500,000.00;

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Sec. E.145.3 3 V.S.A. § 2222 is amended to read:

§ 2222. POWERS AND DUTIES; BUDGET AND REPORT

(a) In addition to the duties expressly set forth elsewhere by law, the Secretary shall:

(9) Submit to the General Assembly concurrent with the Governor's annual budget request required under 32 V.S.A. § 306, a strategic plan for information technology and information security which outlines the significant deviations from the previous year's plan, and which details the plans for information technology activities of State government for the following fiscal year as well as the administration's financing recommendations for these activities. For purposes of this section, "information security" shall mean protecting information and information systems from unauthorized access, use,

disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction in order to provide integrity, confidentiality, and availability. All such plans shall be reviewed and approved by the State Chief Information Officer prior to being included in the Governor's annual budget request. The plan shall identify the proposed sources of funds for each project identified. The plan shall also contain a review of the State's information technology and information security and an identification of priority projects by agency. The plan shall include, for any proposed information technology activity with a cost in excess of ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$500,000.00:

(E) a statewide budget for all information technology activities with a cost in excess of ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$500,000.00.

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

Sec. E.200 Attorney general

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

(b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A. § 2458(b)(4), \$997,000 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

(c) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(a)(3), the appropriation in Sec. B.200 of this act includes \$322,500 from the Tobacco Trust Fund to pay for expenses related to the arbitration of prior year tobacco settlements.

(d) The Attorney General in consultation with the Governor's Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse Cabinet shall investigate the cause of the recent excessive price increases for the lifesaving medication Naloxone. The Attorney General and the Governor's Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse Cabinet shall explore all legislative, regulatory, policy, and legal options to ensure that Naloxone is available to Vermonters at reasonable prices. The Attorney General and the co-chairs of the Governor's Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse Cabinet shall report their findings and recommendations as to how to remediate the situation to the Senate and House Committees on Judiciary on or before January 15, 2016.

Sec. E.203 13 V.S.A. § 5241 is amended to read:

§ 5241. INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE CLAIM

(a) No action shall be brought for professional negligence against a criminal defense attorney under contract with or providing ad hoc legal services for the Office of the Defender General unless the plaintiff has first successfully prevailed in a claim for postconviction relief based upon

ineffective assistance of counsel in the same or a substantially related matter. Failure to prevail in a claim for postconviction relief based upon ineffective assistance of counsel under contract with or providing ad hoc legal services for the Office of the Defender General shall bar any claim against the attorney based upon the attorney's representation in the same or a substantially related matter.

(b) In the performance of duties pursuant to a contract with or providing ad hoc legal services to the Office of the Defender General, an attorney shall have the benefit of sovereign immunity to the same extent as an attorney employed by the Defender General.

Sec. E.203.1 13 V.S.A. § 5254 is amended to read:

§ 5254. PERSONNEL DESIGNATION AND EXPENDITURES

(a) The ~~defender-general~~ Defender General, ~~deputy-defender-general~~ Deputy Defender General, public defenders, and deputy public defenders shall be exempt from the classified ~~state~~ State service.

(b) Clerical and office staff in the ~~office-of-the-defender-general~~ Office of the Defender General and in all local offices shall be hired by the ~~defender-general~~ Defender General. Clerical and office staff shall be ~~state~~ State employees paid by the ~~state~~ State, and shall receive those benefits and compensation available to classified ~~state~~ State employees who are similarly situated, unless otherwise covered by the provisions of a collective bargaining

agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of employment, negotiated pursuant to the provisions of 3 V.S.A. chapter 27 of Title 3. Clerical and office staff employed by the ~~office of the defender general~~ Office of the Defender General shall not be part of the classified service as set forth in 3 V.S.A. chapter 13 of Title 3.

(c) The ~~deputy defender general~~ Deputy Defender General shall be entitled to compensation at an annual rate that does not exceed an amount \$500.00 less than the salary of the ~~defender general~~ Defender General. The public defenders and deputy public defenders shall be entitled to compensation at annual rates not to exceed an amount \$1,000.00 less than the salary of the ~~defender general~~ Defender General.

(d) The ~~defender general~~ Defender General is responsible for assuming expenses for his or her office and all local offices. The entirety of expenditures shall not exceed those set in the annual budget of the ~~office of the defender general~~ Office of the Defender General and such expenditures shall be subject to the provisions of ~~section~~ 32 V.S.A. § 702 of Title 32.

Sec. E.203.2 3 V.S.A. § 455 is amended to read:

§ 455. DEFINITIONS

(a) Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the following words and phrases as used in this subchapter shall have the following meanings:

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(4) “Average final compensation” shall mean:

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(C) For purposes of determining average final compensation for group A or group C members, a member who has accumulated unused sick leave at retirement shall be deemed to have worked the full normal working time for his or her position for 50 percent of such leave, at his or her full rate of compensation in effect at the date of his or her retirement. For purposes of determining average final compensation for group F members, unused annual or sick leave, termination bonuses and any other compensation for service not actually performed shall be excluded. The average final compensation for a State’s Attorney and the Defender General shall be determined by the State’s Attorney’s or the Defender General’s highest annual compensation earned during his or her creditable service.

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(9) “Employee” shall mean:

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(B) any regular officer or employee of the Department of Public Safety assigned to police and law enforcement duties, including the Commissioner of Public Safety appointed before July 1, 2001; but, irrespective of the member’s classification, shall not include any member of the General

Assembly as such, any person who is covered by the Vermont Teachers' Retirement System, any person engaged under retainer or special agreement or C beneficiary employed by the Department of Public Safety for not more than 208 hours per year, or any person whose principal source of income is other than State employment. In all cases of doubt, the Retirement Board shall determine whether any person is an employee as defined in this subchapter. Also included under this subdivision are employees of the Department of Liquor Control who exercise law enforcement powers, employees of the Department of Fish and Wildlife assigned to law enforcement duties, motor vehicle inspectors, full-time deputy sheriffs compensated by the State of Vermont whose primary function is transports, full-time members of the Capitol Police force, investigators employed by the Criminal Division of the Office of the Attorney General, Department of State's Attorneys, Department of Health, or Office of the Secretary of State, who have attained Level III law enforcement officer certification from the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, who are required to perform law enforcement duties as the primary function of their employment, and who may be subject to mandatory retirement permissible under 29 U.S.C. § 623(j), who are first included in membership of the system on or after July 1, 2000. Also included under this subdivision are full-time firefighters employed by the State of Vermont and the Defender General.

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Sec. E.203.3 3 V.S.A. § 459 is amended to read:

§ 459. NORMAL AND EARLY RETIREMENT

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(d) Early retirement allowance.

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(5) Notwithstanding subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, a State's Attorney, the Defender General, or sheriff who has completed 20 years of creditable service, of which 15 years has been as a State's Attorney, the Defender General, or sheriff, shall receive an early retirement allowance equal to the normal retirement allowance, at age 55, without reductions.

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Sec. E.204 SUSPENSION OF VIDEO ARRAIGNMENTS; REPEAL

(a) 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 41, Sec. 9 (suspension of video arraignments) is repealed.

Sec. E.204.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.204.2 [DELETED]

Sec. E.204.3 33 V.S.A. § 5224 is amended to read:

§ 5224. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT PRELIMINARY HEARING

If a child or custodial parent, guardian, or custodian fails to appear at the preliminary hearing as directed by a citation, the Court may issue a summons

to appear, an order to have the child brought to Court, or a warrant as provided in section 5108 of this title. The summons, order, or warrant shall be served by the law enforcement agency that cited or took the child into custody, or another law enforcement agency acting on its behalf.

Sec. E.204.4 [DELETED]

Sec. E.204.5 [DELETED]

Sec. E.204.6 13 V.S.A. § 7180 is amended to read:

§ 7180. REMEDIES FOR FAILURE TO PAY FINES, COSTS, SURCHARGES, AND PENALTIES

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Amount due” means all financial assessments, including penalties, fines, surcharges, court costs, and any other assessments imposed by statute as part of a sentence for a criminal conviction.

(2) “Designated collection agency” means a collection agency designated by the Court Administrator pursuant to subsection 7171(b) of this title.

(3) “Designated credit bureau” means a credit bureau designated by the Court Administrator or the Court Administrator’s designee.

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(c) Civil contempt proceeding.

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(3) Hearing The hearing shall be conducted in a summary manner. The Court shall examine the defendant and any other witnesses and may require the defendant to produce documents relevant to the defendant's ability to pay the amount due. Evidence is admissible if it is of a type commonly relied upon by a reasonably prudent person in the conduct of his or her affairs. The Vermont Rules of Evidence shall not apply except that the rules related to privilege shall apply. The State shall not be a party except with the permission of the ~~court~~ Court. The defendant may be represented by counsel at the defendant's own expense.

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(f)(1) A defendant who is not incarcerated may file a motion to convert all or part of a traffic offense fine to community service. The Court may grant the motion if the defendant establishes that he or she has made a good faith effort to pay the fine but is unable to do so. A fine converted to community service pursuant to this subsection shall not be considered a modification of sentence and shall not be subject to the time limits of Vermont Rule of Criminal Procedure 35.

(2) Community service performed pursuant to a motion granted under this subsection shall be:

(A) credited against outstanding fines at the then-existing rate of the Vermont minimum wage;

(B) monitored by Diversion, a restorative justice panel of a community justice center, or a similar entity approved by the Court, which shall report on the defendant's compliance status to the Court;

(C) performed in the county where the offense occurred.

(3) A conversion of a fine to community service under this subsection:

(A) shall not apply to surcharges, court costs, or other assessments;

(B) shall be in addition to the contempt procedures applicable under this section.

Sec. E.204.7 REPORT ON PENALTIES, FINES, AND FEES

(a) On or before December 15, 2015, the Court Administrator shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Judiciary with recommendations for:

(1) increasing efficiency in collection of court-ordered monetary penalties, fines, and fees and encourage compliance with court-ordered payments, including strategies for and impediments to maximizing collections;

and

(2) how to account for court-ordered monetary penalties, fines, and fees that are determined to be uncollectible.

(b) To encourage timely payment of court-ordered penalties, fines, and fees, the Judiciary shall ensure that a person who is ordered to pay may satisfy the judgment by cash, check, debit card, or credit card, or may establish a

payment schedule to discharge the judgment at the time and place the penalty, fine, or fee is ordered.

Sec. E.204.8 JUDICIAL ROTATION SYSTEM REPORT

(a) On or before December 15, 2015, the Court Administrator shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Judiciary on the costs, benefits, and impacts on the provision of justice in Vermont associated with the judicial rotation system. The report shall include the costs of instate travel and all expenses associated with the periodic rotation of judges between different court units.

Sec. E.204.9 [DELETED]

Sec. E.204.10 32 V.S.A. § 1758 is amended to read:

§ 1758. MASTERS, AUDITORS, REFEREES, AND COMMISSIONERS

(a) Unless otherwise provided, the pay and the expense allowance for commissioners, masters, auditors, and referees shall be fixed by the Court or by the presiding judge thereof and paid by the ~~state~~ State.

(b) The Superior Court may order that the cost of a master be shared by the parties, with the shares specified in the order, if:

(1) the distribution of property is contested and governed by 15 V.S.A. § 751 and the value of the property to be distributed exceeds \$500,000.00; or

(2) one or both parties seek an award of maintenance under 15 V.S.A. § 752 and the parties have non-wage income of \$150,000.00 or more,

excluding up to \$500,000.00 of income from the sale of a primary residence or jointly owned business.

Sec. E.204.11 [DELETED]

Sec. E.204.12 12 V.S.A. § 5540a is amended to read:

§ 5540a. JURISDICTION OVER SMALL CLAIMS; ASSISTANT JUDGES

(a)(1) Subject to the limitations in this section and notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, Assistant Judges of Essex, Caledonia, Rutland, and Bennington Counties sitting alone shall hear and decide small claims actions filed under this chapter with the Essex, Caledonia, Rutland, and Bennington Superior Courts. ~~This subdivision shall apply only to Assistant Judges holding office on July 1, 2010.~~

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Sec. E.204.13 REPORT; JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT JUDGES

(a) On or before January 15, 2016, the Vermont Association of Assistant Judges and the Court Administrator shall jointly report to the Senate and House Committees on Judiciary any recommendations for expansion of the subject matter jurisdiction of assistant judges. The report shall include specific types of cases in which it would be appropriate for assistant judges to sit alone in order to maximize judicial resources and ease caseload burdens on the courts.

Sec. E.204.14 COURT SECURITY; REPORT

(a) On or before January 15, 2016, the Court Administrator shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Judiciary a plan to establish appropriate statewide security standards balancing cost-effectiveness with facility-specific risk for all Vermont courthouses, including a status report on the implementation of the recommendations made by the National Center for State Courts January 2015 report Overview of Courthouse Security Assessments. The plan shall consider issues related to security at county and State-owned courthouses and propose measures to reduce the cost of court security budgets while maintaining the safety of staff and citizens. The plan shall include a proposal regarding whether counties should provide a security function at the entrance to county-owned courthouses that would be offset by restructuring of notary fees retained by the counties. The plan shall include a proposal that reduces the court security budget by at least three percent.

(b)(1) For purposes of preparing the report required by this section, the senior assistant judge for each county shall on or before November 15, 2015 recommend to the Court Administrator a proposal to reduce the court security budget in the assistant judge's county by at least three percent.

(2) In developing the recommendation required by this subsection, the senior assistant judge shall consult with:

(A) the security and safety program manager and the chief of finance and administration at the Vermont Supreme Court; and

(B) the presiding Superior judge, court clerk, court manager, State's Attorney, and sheriff in the senior assistant judge's county.

Sec. E.204.15 LEGISLATIVE INTENT; COURT FEES

(a) The General Assembly intends that the new revenue generated in fiscal year 2016 from increased court fees be used as a funding source to fill judicial vacancies.

(b) On or before December 15, 2015, the Court Administrator shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Judiciary on three programmatic areas for which the Court has established performance measures that demonstrate program results.

Sec. E.208 Public safety – administration

(a) The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a performance-based contract with the Essex County Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Sheriff.

Sec. E.208.1 DISPATCH FUNDING

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall use \$425,000 of funds held by the fiscal agent under 30 V.S.A. chapter 88, appropriated as E-911 Special Fund in

Sec. B.1117 of this act, to continue funding the operation of the four dispatching centers in Derby, Rockingham, Rutland, and Williston at levels necessary to perform the call handling and dispatching functions.

(b) The Commissioner may move the call answering services and the dispatching for Vermont State Police personnel into the two proposed consolidated 911 call centers and dispatching centers in Williston and Rockingham.

(c) The centers in Derby and Rutland shall remain dispatching centers for the local emergency service providers in those areas until September 15, 2015.

Sec. E.208.2 911 CALL TAKING

(a) By September 1, 2015, the Vermont Enhanced 911 Board shall meet and report to the Secretary of Administration and the Joint Fiscal Committee on:

(1) the number of 911 call centers in the State necessary to meet the current requirements of the Enhanced 911 system;

(2) the number of 911 call seats necessary to meet the current requirements of the Enhanced 911 system;

(3) the average cost per 911 call seat; and

(4) ways to provide 911 services to the State that optimize performance and cost-effectiveness to meet Vermont's needs.

Sec. E.208.3 DISPATCH REQUIREMENTS

(a) By June 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on the costs required to support the current level of dispatching services at the four State-operated 911 call and dispatch centers in Derby, Rockingham, Rutland, and Williston.

(b) For the purposes of this section, costs required to support the current level of dispatching services shall not include any costs associated with taking 911 calls, but shall include the following types of dispatch calls: police departments, excluding the Vermont State Police; constabularies; emergency medical services; and fire and rescue departments.

(c) This cost information shall be calculated by determining the minimum number of full-time dispatching personnel and all associated costs to provide dispatch services that would be needed if the combined emergency service providers mentioned in subsection (b) of this section were to provide their own dispatching within the areas of the four dispatch centers in Derby, Rockingham, Rutland, and Williston.

(d) The cost information shall be made available to the municipalities that rely on dispatch services from the four State-operated 911 call centers and dispatch centers.

Sec. E.208.4 CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES

(a) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall forward the cost proposals for operating a dispatch center to regional groups, municipalities, and interested

parties in the areas of the four State-operated call handling and dispatch centers to determine if those groups want to contract for State dispatch services. As used in this subsection, "regional groups" include the State legislators, assistant judges, municipal officials, and emergency service representatives for the areas served by the dispatching functions of the State-operated 911 call centers and dispatch centers.

(b) The Commissioner shall receive proposals from each regional group concerning whether each regional group would like to:

(1) receive dispatch services from the two proposed consolidated 911 call centers and dispatching centers in Williston and Rockingham;

(2) contract for dispatch services with the State;

(3) provide its own dispatch services using the facilities of the dispatch centers at Derby or Rutland; or

(4) provide its own dispatch services using its own facility.

(c)(1) If agreement is reached with a regional group on or before September 15, 2015 for the State to provide either the dispatch services described in subdivision (b)(2) of this section or the facilities described in subdivision (b)(3) of this section, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall contract with the assistant judges, acting on behalf of a county of the State under this section, to provide either those dispatch services or facilities.

(A) The State's provision of those dispatch services or facilities shall be paid for at the local level as part of the county budget by each of the municipalities that have agreed to contract for those State dispatch services or facilities. The amount of a municipality's payment shall reflect that individual municipality's cost for the dispatch services or facilities provided to it.

(B) A municipality that has not agreed to contract for State dispatch services described in subdivision (b)(2) of this section or facilities described in subdivision (b)(3) of this section shall not be required to pay for those services or facilities as part of the county budget.

(2) Funds received by the Commissioner under contracts entered into under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be deposited in a special fund called the Dispatch Fund, created in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available to provide full funding of those contracts.

(3) The cost of contracts entered into by a county under this section shall be considered an expense and obligation of the county under 24 V.S.A. § 133(e).

(d) In order to reach an agreement under this section:

(1) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, with consultation from the Commissioner of Public Safety, is authorized to lease, rent, or otherwise convey any personal property, real property, fixtures, or

intangible rights currently held by the State for the provision of dispatch services at a public safety answering point.

(2) The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to lease, rent, or otherwise convey personal property, which is made up of movable items (radio consoles and theological systems) currently held by the State for the provision of dispatch services at a public safety answering point.

(e) The Commissioner shall obtain the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee for the contract amounts to be entered into for fiscal year 2016 and after.

Sec. E.208.5 PSAP; STAFFING DIRECTIVE AND BUDGETARY IMPACT REPORT

(a) The Secretary of Administration and the Commissioner of Public Safety shall ensure that the authorized positions for PSAP operations are adequate to ensure that overtime authorization can be minimized and limited to episodic need not routinely scheduled.

(b) The Commissioner shall provide a report to the General Assembly with its fiscal year 2017 budget presentation that clearly and comprehensively summarizes the specific budgetary impact of PSAP consolidation on the fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2017 department budgets.

Sec. E.208.6 [DELETED]

Sec. E.209 Public safety – state police

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

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

Sec. E.212 Public safety – fire safety

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

Sec. E.212.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.215 Military – administration

(a) The amount of \$250,000 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational Assistance Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856. Of this amount, \$100,000 shall be general funds from this appropriation, and \$150,000 shall be Next Generation special funds, as appropriated in Sec. B.1100(a)(3)(B) of this act.

Sec. E.219 Military – veterans’ affairs

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

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

Sec. E.220 Center for crime victims services

(a) Notwithstanding 20 V.S.A. § 2365(c), the Vermont Center for Crime Victims Services shall transfer \$55,435 from the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund established in 13 V.S.A. § 5360 to the Criminal Justice Training Council for the purpose of funding one-half the costs of the Domestic Violence

Trainer position. The other half of the position will be funded with an appropriation to the Criminal Justice Training Council.

Sec. E.222 APPROPRIATIONS FOR AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS WATER QUALITY STAFF

Sec. 42 of H.35 of 2015 as enacted is amended to read:

Sec. 42. APPROPRIATIONS FOR AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS STAFF

In addition to any other funds appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets in fiscal year 2016, there is appropriated from the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund created under 6 V.S.A. § 4803 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets ~~\$2,114,000.00~~ \$1,071,000.00 in fiscal year 2016 for the purpose of hiring eight employees for implementation and administration of agricultural water quality programs in the State.

Sec. E.223 Agriculture, food and markets – food safety and consumer protection

(a) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall use the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section for the Food Safety and Consumer Protection Division to provide public health approaches and other innovative programs to improve the health outcomes, health status, and quality of life for uninsured, underinsured, and Medicaid-eligible individuals in Vermont.

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

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.224 of this act, the amount of \$696,136 in general funds is appropriated for expenditure by the Working Lands Enterprise Board established in 6 V.S.A. § 4606 for administrative expenses, direct grants, and investments in food and forest systems pursuant to 6 V.S.A. § 4607 and consistent with the funding priorities in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 5.

Sec. E.225 Agriculture, food and markets – laboratories, agricultural resource management and environmental stewardship

(a) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall use the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section to provide public health approaches and other innovative programs to improve the health outcomes, health status, and quality of life for uninsured, underinsured, and Medicaid-eligible individuals in Vermont.

Sec. E.225.1 VERMONT AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY

(a) Effective on July 1, 2015, the functions of the Department of Environmental Conservation environmental laboratory and the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets agricultural laboratory are consolidated in the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory, under the direction of the Agency and separately appropriated there. The environmental laboratory

positions in the Department and positions in the Agency associated with agricultural laboratory operations are transferred to that appropriation.

(b) The Department of Environmental Conservation shall utilize the Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory for chemical analytical samples unless any of the following apply:

(1) The Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory cannot perform the analysis being requested by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

(2) The Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory cannot process the samples within the time frame established by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

(3) The fees charged by the Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory are 120 percent or greater than for comparable analyses performed by a private environmental laboratory.

(c) On or before July 1, 2015, the Agencies of Agriculture, Food and Markets and of Natural Resources shall enter into a memorandum of understanding for the purpose of establishing principles for governance and operations of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory, including creation of a governance board with equal representation from both agencies that shall provide oversight and establish strategic priorities for the collaborative Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory.

Sec. E.225.2 6 V.S.A. § 121 is amended to read:

§ 121. CREATION AND PURPOSE

There is created within the ~~agency of agriculture, food and markets~~ Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets a central testing laboratory for the purpose of ~~assisting the agency in the performance of the duties required of it by law~~ providing agricultural and environmental testing services.

Sec. E.225.3 6 V.S.A. § 122 is amended to read:

§ 122. FEES

Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 603, the ~~agency~~ Agency shall establish fees for ~~any tests conducted~~ providing agricultural and environmental testing services at the request of private individuals and State agencies. The fees shall ~~cover~~ the costs of the tests and any administrative work performed in conjunction with the test, including but not limited to collection costs be reasonably related to the cost of providing the services. Fees collected under this chapter shall be credited to a special fund which shall be established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and which shall be available to the Agency to offset the cost of providing the services.

Sec. E.225.4 REPEAL

(a) 3 V.S.A. § 2822(n) (environmental testing laboratory services) is repealed.

(b) The balance in the Environmental Conservation – Laboratory Receipts Special Fund (SF#21861) - is transferred to the Agriculture, Food and

Markets – Laboratory Testing Special Fund (SF#21667).

Sec. E.233 CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVE FUNDING

(a) Of the amount of monies determined by the fiscal agent as available to the Connectivity Initiative, as prescribed by 30 V.S.A. § 7516, \$270,000.00 shall be for staffing and administering the Connectivity Initiative established in 30 V.S.A. § 7515b.

Sec. E.237 [DELETED]

** * * HUMAN SERVICES * * **

Sec. E.300 DEPOSIT AND USE OF MASTER SETTLEMENT FUND

(a) Deposit of Master Tobacco Settlement receipts and appropriations of Tobacco Settlement funds in fiscal year 2016 are made, notwithstanding 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. D.104.

Sec. E.300.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.300.2 [DELETED]

Sec. E. 300.3 TRANSFER OF TOBACCO PROGRAM FUNDING

(a) In fiscal year 2016, up to \$175,000 proportionately allocated from the tobacco funds appropriated to all entities excluding the Global Commitment waiver, shall upon request of the Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board be transferred to the Agency of Human Services for the costs of program administration and evaluation activity approved by the Board.

*Sec. E.300.4 HUMAN SERVICES; IMPROVING GRANTS MANAGEMENT
FOR RESULTS-BASED PROGRAMS*

(a) The Secretary of Human Services shall compile a grants inventory utilizing the Department of Finance and Management master list of awarded grants for all grants current in fiscal year 2015 that have been awarded by the Agency and each of its Departments to any public and private entities. The inventory should reflect:

(1) The date and title of the grant;

(2) The amount of federal and State of Vermont funds committed in fiscal year 2015;

(3) A summary description of each grant;

(4) The recipient of the grant;

(5) The Department responsible for making the award;

(6) The major Agency Program served by the grant;

(7) The existence or nonexistence in the grant of performance measures;

and

(8) The scheduled expiration date of the grant.

(b) The Agency shall submit the inventory, on or before February 15, 2016, to the General Assembly in an electronic format.

(c) The Secretary of Human Services and the Chief Performance Officer shall report to the Government Accountability Committee in September 2015

and to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on or before January 15, 2016 on the progress of the Agency in improving grant management in regard to:

(1) Compilation of the inventory required in subsection (a) of this section;

(2) Establishing a drafting template to achieve common language and requirements for all grant agreements, to the extent that it does not conflict with Agency of Administration Bulletin 5 ~ Policy for Grant Issuance and Monitoring or Federal requirements contained in 2 C.F.R. Chapter I, Chapter II, Part 200, including:

(A) A specific format covering expected goals and clear concise performance measures that demonstrate results and which are attached to each goal;

(B) Providing both community organizations and the Agency staff the same point of reference in assessing how the grantees are meeting expectations in terms of performance.

(3) Executing Designated Agency Master Grant agreements using the new drafting template;

(4) Executing grant agreements with other grantees using the new drafting template; and

(5) Progress in improving the overall timeliness of executing

agreements.

Sec. E.300.5 [DELETED]

Sec. E.300.6 [DELETED]

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

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

(b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in this section, a total estimated sum of \$28,995,359 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

(1) \$18,212,850 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under the Global Commitment. This amount combined with \$22,287,150 of federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act equals a total estimated expenditure of \$40,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment

Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A.
§ 2959a.

(2) \$4,027,624 certified State match available from local education agencies for direct school-based health services, including school nurse services, that increase the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

(3) \$1,830,081 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible services as allowed by federal regulation for early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment programs for school-age children.

(4) \$2,653,915 certified State match available via the University of Vermont's Child Health Improvement Program for quality improvement initiatives for the Medicaid program.

(5) \$2,270,889 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

Sec. E.301.1 REVIEW OF VERMONT MEDICAID BENEFITS

(a) On or before December 1, 2015, the Director of Health Care Reform, in consultation with the Department of Vermont Health Access, shall develop a reference guide comparing covered services available under the Global Commitment for Health Section 1115 Medicaid waiver with the essential

health benefits benchmark plan required by the Affordable Care Act and with any other relevant benchmarks to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Ways and Means, and on Health Care and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on Finance, and the Health Reform Oversight Committee.

Sec. E.301.2 [DELETED]

Sec. E.301.3 MEDICAID WAIVER CONSOLIDATION ADJUSTMENTS

(a) In July 2015, the Agency of Human Services is authorized to make net neutral adjustments to the fiscal year 2016 Global Commitment and Choices for Care (CFC) program-related appropriations as needed due to the consolidation of the CFC waiver within the Global Commitment waiver. The Agency shall provide a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in July 2015 of any adjustments made under the authority of this section.

Sec. E.306 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.306.1 is amended to read:

Sec. E.306.1 EMERGENCY RULES

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 prior to June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016 to conform Vermont's rules regarding operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to federal guidance and regulations implementing the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by the federal Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152. The

rules shall be adopted to achieve timely compliance with federal laws and guidance and shall be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of emergency rules required pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

Sec. E.306.1 HOME HEALTH AGENCY ASSESSMENT REVIEW

(a) By November 15, 2015, the Visiting Nurse Associations of Vermont, in consultation with Bayada Home Health Care, shall study and develop recommendations regarding the home health agency assessment as established in 33 V.S.A. § 1955a. The study shall include a review of the tax base currently used to calculate the assessment under 33 V.S.A. § 1955a, recommendations for revisions to the assessment which are equitable to all home health agencies, and a legal analysis of such recommendations to ensure compliance with 42 C.F.R. § 433.68. Upon request, the Departments of Vermont Health Access and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall provide data or information needed for the analysis. These recommendations shall be reported to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Finance.

Sec. E.306.2 MEDICAID PROGRAM SAVINGS INITIATIVES

(a) Autism: The Agency of Human Services, with the Departments of Health, of Vermont Health Access, of Mental Health, and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, shall review the scope and delivery method of

autism services in Medicaid in comparison with the scope and methods covered under private insurance and determine which areas of inconsistency are due to federal requirements and which are due to other State policy.

(b) Appropriate Level of Care for Older Adults with Psychiatric Illness: The Agency of Human Services, with the Departments of Health, of Vermont Health Access, of Mental Health, and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living will investigate the implementation of service alternatives for older adults with psychiatric illness that reduce length of hospital stay for individuals who would otherwise be discharged but for a lack of placement alternative to meet their medical needs. The Agency shall consult with community providers, including nursing homes, hospitals, and designated agencies in implementing a service alternative for this population and provide a proposal to implement these service alternatives in the fiscal year 2017 budget.

Sec. E.306.3 33 V.S.A. § 1901h is added to read:

§ 1901h. PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT; HOME HEALTH SERVICES

(a) On or before July 1, 2016 and upon approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall modify reimbursement methodologies to home health agencies, as defined in section 1951 of this title, in order to implement prospective payments for the medical services paid for by the Department under the Global Commitment to

Health waiver, and to replace fee-for-service payment methodologies. The Department shall determine an appropriate schedule for determining a revised base calculation for the payment.

(b) The Department shall develop the prospective payment methodology in collaboration with representatives of home health agencies. If practicable, the Department:

(1) Shall align the methodology with Medicare to reduce the administrative burden on the agencies, including an outlier policy to protect against extraordinarily high cost claims.

(2) Shall base the payment on data contained in the Medicare cost report filed most recently or settled by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which shall be provided by the agencies annually on or before June 1. If the Department uses the cost report most recently filed with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, it shall review the settled report to determine if a rate adjustment or audit should be conducted.

(3) May include a quality payment in the methodology, if funds allow.

Sec. E.306.4 MEDICAID; COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

(a) No later than January 15, 2016, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide legislative language to improve coordination of benefits between Medicaid and private coverage to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Health and to the Senate Committees on

Appropriations and on Health and Welfare. The proposal shall modify 33 V.S.A. § 1908 to require any entity that is responsible for payment of a claim for a health care item or service to provide electronically a data file with sufficient information for the Department to determine whether any Medicaid beneficiary has another source of private insurance coverage, which should provide coverage prior to Medicaid. The Department shall consult with the major health insurers in this State. The proposal shall be consistent with all federal and State laws relating to the confidentiality or privacy of personal information or medical records, including provisions under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Sec. E.307 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 53(d), as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.307, is further amended to read:

(d) Secs. 31 (Healthy Vermonters) and 32 (VPharm) shall take effect on January 1, 2014, except that the Department of Vermont Health Access may continue to calculate household income under the rules of the Vermont Health Access Plan after that date if the system for calculating modified adjusted gross income for the Healthy Vermonters and VPharm programs is not operational by that date, but no later than December 31, ~~2015~~ 2016.

Sec. E.307.1 33 V.S.A. § 2001(c) is amended to read:

(c) The Commissioner of Vermont Health Access shall report ~~quarterly~~ annually on or before August 31 to the Health ~~Care~~ Reform Oversight

Committee concerning ~~the following aspects of the Pharmacy Best Practices and Cost Control Program:~~

~~(1) the efforts undertaken to educate health care providers about the preferred drug list and the Program's utilization review procedures;~~

~~(2) the number of prior authorization requests made; and~~

~~(3) the number of utilization review events (other than prior authorization requests).~~ Topics covered in the report will include issues related to drug cost and utilization; the effect of national trends on the pharmacy program; comparisons to other states; and decisions made by the Department's Drug Utilization Review Board in relation to both drug utilization review efforts and the placement of drugs on the Department's preferred drug list.

Sec. E.307.2 33 V.S.A. § 1901f is amended to read:

§ 1901f. MEDICAID PROGRAM ENROLLMENT AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

By ~~January 30, April 30, July 30~~ March 1, June 1, September 1, and October 30 December 1 of each year, the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access or designee shall submit to the General Assembly a quarterly report on enrollment and total expenditures by Medicaid eligibility group for all programs paid for by the Department of Vermont Health Access during the preceding calendar quarter and for the fiscal year to date. Total expenditures

for Medicaid-related programs paid for by other departments within the Agency of Human Services shall be included in this report by Medicaid eligibility group to the extent such information is available.

Sec. E.307.3 CHOICES FOR CARE – ELIGIBILITY PROCESS REVIEW

(a) The Commissioners for Children and Families, of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, and of Vermont Health Access shall evaluate the processes for determining an individual's eligibility for Choices for Care and shall identify any areas that result in consistent delays in such eligibility determinations. The Commissioners shall report their findings and recommendations to ensure determinations are expeditiously processed to the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations and to the House Committees on Human Services and on Appropriations on or before January 15, 2016.

Sec. E.307.4 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307.5 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307.6 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307.7 [DELETED]

Sec. E.307.8 REPEAL

(a) 2000 Acts and Resolves No. 152, Sec. 117b, as amended by 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 42, is repealed on July 1, 2015.

Sec. E.308 CHOICES FOR CARE; SAVINGS, REINVESTMENTS, AND

SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

(a) In the Choices for Care program, “savings” means the difference remaining at the conclusion of fiscal year 2015 between the amount of funds appropriated for Choices for Care, excluding allocations for the provision of acute care services, and the sum of expended and obligated funds, less an amount equal to one percent of the fiscal year 2015 year total Choices for Care expenditure. The one percent shall function as a reserve to be used in the event of a fiscal need to freeze Moderate Needs Group enrollment. Savings shall be calculated by the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and reported to the Joint Fiscal Office.

(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living only obligate funds for expenditures approved under current law.

(b)(1) Any funds appropriated for long-term care under the Choices for Care program shall be used for long-term services and supports to recipients. In using these funds, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall give priority for services to individuals assessed as having high and highest needs and meeting the terms and conditions of the Choices for Care program within the Global Commitment waiver.

(2)(A) First priority for the use of any savings from the long-term care appropriation after the needs of all individuals meeting the terms and

conditions of the waiver have been met shall be given to home- and community-based services. Savings may also be used for quality improvement purposes in nursing homes but shall not be used to increase nursing home rates under 33 V.S.A. § 905.

(B) Savings either shall be one-time investments or shall be used in ways that are sustainable into the future. Excluding appropriations allocated for acute services, any unexpended and unobligated State General Fund or Special Fund appropriation remaining at the close of a fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

(C) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall not reduce the base funding needed in a subsequent fiscal year prior to calculating savings for the current fiscal year.

(c) The Department, in collaboration with Choices for Care participants, participants' families, and long-term care providers, shall conduct an assessment of the adequacy of the provider system for delivery of home- and community-based services and nursing home services. On or before October 1, 2015, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall report the results of this assessment to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare in order to inform the reinvestment of savings during the budget adjustment process.

(d) On or before January 15, 2016, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall propose reinvestment of the savings calculated pursuant to this section to the General Assembly as part of the Department's proposed budget adjustment presentation.

(e) Concurrent with the procedures set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 305a, the Joint Fiscal Office and the Secretary of Administration shall provide to the Emergency Board their respective estimates of caseloads and expenditures for programs under the Choices for Care program.

Sec. E.312 Health – public health

(a) AIDS/HIV funding:

(1) In fiscal year 2016 and as provided in this section, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory Group (CAG) with current information and data relating to service initiatives. The funds shall be allocated as follows:

(A) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont, \$120,281;

(B) HIV/HCV Resource Center, \$38,063;

(C) VT CARES, \$219,246;

(D) Twin States Network, \$45,160;

(E) People with AIDS Coalition, \$52,250.

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

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

(B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services shall work in collaboration with the VMAP Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of no less than 50 percent of members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the program's eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall make recommendations regarding the program's formulary of approved medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility for the program.

(4) In fiscal year 2016, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$100,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for community-based HIV prevention programs and services. These funds shall be

used for HIV/AIDS prevention purposes, including improving the availability of confidential and anonymous HIV testing; prevention work with at-risk groups such as women, intravenous drug users, and people of color; and anti-stigma campaigns. No more than 15 percent of the funds may be used for the administration of such services by the recipients of these funds. The method by which these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

(b) The funding for tobacco cessation and prevention activities in fiscal year 2016 shall include funding for tobacco cessation programs that serve pregnant women.

Sec. E.312.1 LADIES FIRST PROGRAM

(a) The Commissioner of Health shall develop a marketing plan for Ladies First, a health screening program for women, to increase awareness of the available services provided to eligible women. In addition, the Commissioner shall provide a plan to be submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee on or before September 1, 2015, that details how the Ladies First program will be implemented. The plan shall be appropriately integrated with the other marketing and outreach efforts of the Department.

Sec. E.313 Health – alcohol and drug abuse programs

(a) For the purpose of meeting the need for outpatient substance abuse services when the preferred provider system has a waiting list of five days or

more or there is a lack of qualified clinicians to provide services in a region of the State, a State-qualified alcohol and drug abuse counselor may apply to the Department of Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, for time-limited authorization to participate as a Medicaid provider to deliver clinical and case coordination services, as authorized.

(b)(1) In accordance with federal law, the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs may use the following criteria to determine whether to enroll a State-supported Medicaid and uninsured population substance abuse program in the Division's network of designated providers, as described in the State plan:

(A) The program is able to provide the quality, quantity, and levels of care required under the Division's standards, licensure standards, and accreditation standards established by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, or the Commission on Accreditation for Family Services.

(B) Any program that is currently being funded in the existing network shall continue to be a designated program until further standards are developed, provided the standards identified in this subdivision (b)(1) are satisfied.

(C) All programs shall continue to fulfill grant or contract agreements.

(2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not preclude the Division's "request for bids" process.

Sec. E.313.1 18 V.S.A. § 4803 is amended to read:

§ 4803. ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL; CREATION; TERMS;
PER DIEM

(a) The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council is established within the Agency of Human Services to promote the ~~reduction of~~ dual purposes of reducing problems arising from alcohol and drug abuse and improving prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery services by advising the Secretary on policy areas that can inform Agency programs.

(b) The Council shall consist of ~~11~~ 12 members:

(1) the Secretary of Human Services; or designee;

(2) the Commissioner of Public Safety; or designee;

(3) Secretary of Education, Commissioner of Liquor Control, and Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or their designees the Commissioner of Mental Health or designee;

(2)(4) one member shall be a member of a mental health or substance abuse agency who shall be appointed by the Governor; and the Deputy Commissioner of Health's Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs;

(3)(5) five members shall be appointed by the Governor of which every consideration shall be given, if possible, to equal geographic apportionment.

~~Consideration will be given for one of these members to be a certified practicing teacher and one of these members to be a school administrator. the Director of the Blueprint or designee;~~

~~(6) a representative of an approved provider or preferred provider, appointed by the Governor;~~

~~(7) a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor, appointed by the Governor;~~

~~(8) a representative of hospitals, appointed by the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems;~~

~~(9) an educator involved in substance abuse prevention services, appointed by the Governor;~~

~~(10) a youth substance abuse prevention specialist, appointed by the Governor;~~

~~(11) a community prevention coalition member, appointed by the Governor; and~~

~~(12) a member of the peer community involved in recovery services, appointed by the Governor.~~

~~(c) The term of office of members appointed pursuant to ~~subdivisions (b)(2) and (3)~~ subsection (b) of this section shall be three years.~~

~~(d) The Council membership shall annually elect a member to serve as chairperson.~~

(e) All members shall be voting members.

(f) At the expiration of the term of an appointed member or in the event of a vacancy during an unexpired term, the new member shall be appointed in the same manner as his or her predecessor. Members of the Council may be reappointed.

(g)(1) Annually on or before November 15, the Council shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare with its findings and any recommendations for legislative action.

(2) The report shall include the following:

(A) measurable goals for the State's substance abuse system of care;

and

(B) three to five performance measures that demonstrate the system's results.

(3) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report required to be made under this subsection.

(h) Each member of the Council not otherwise receiving compensation from the State of Vermont or any political subdivision thereof shall be entitled to receive per diem compensation as provided in 32 V.S.A. § 1010(b) for not more than six meetings annually. Each member shall be entitled to his or her actual and necessary expenses.

Sec. E.313.2 18 V.S.A. § 4805 is amended to read:

§ 4805. DUTIES

The Council shall:

(1) advise the Governor as to the nature and extent of alcohol and drug abuse problems and the programs necessary to understand, prevent, and alleviate those problems;

(2) make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly for developing:

(A) a comprehensive and coordinated system for delivering effective programs, including any appropriate reassignment of responsibility for such programs; and

(B) a substance abuse system of care that integrates substance abuse services with health care reform initiatives, such as pay for performance methodologies;

(3) provide for coordination and communication among the regional alcohol and drug abuse councils, State agencies and departments, providers, consumers, consumer advocates, and interested citizens;

(4) jointly, with the State Board of Education, develop educational and preventive programs; ~~and~~

~~(5) develop a five year plan for effectively providing preventive, education, and treatment services to the Vermont public assess substance abuse services and service delivery in the State, including the following:~~

~~(A) the effectiveness of existing substance abuse services in Vermont and opportunities for improved treatment; and~~

~~(B) strategies for enhancing the coordination and integration of substance abuse services across the system of care; and~~

~~(6) provide recommendations to the General Assembly regarding State policy and programs for individuals experiencing public inebriation.~~

~~Sec. E.314 [DELETED]~~

~~Sec. E.314.1 MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET PRESENTATION~~

~~(a) In order for the General Assembly to assess segmented funding streams for publicly funded mental health services, the Departments of Mental Health and of Vermont Health Access shall, in consultation with the State's Chief Performance Officer, as designee of the Secretary of Administration, provide a longitudinal capacity, caseload, expenditure, and utilization analysis with the fiscal year 2017 budget presentation identifying the budget categories incorporated within each Department for:~~

~~(1) Inpatient services by the following funding categories, including any subdivision between persons served by the community rehabilitation and treatment program:~~

(A) the State-run inpatient hospital;

(B) Level 1 inpatient psychiatric services delivered in private hospitals;

(C) other involuntary inpatient psychiatric services; and

(D) voluntary inpatient psychiatric services.

(2) Residential services by categories of service, including any subdivision between persons served by the community rehabilitation and treatment program, including:

(A) intensive recovery;

(B) Crisis Residential and Hospital Diversion;

(C) group homes;

(D) supported independent living; and

(E) secure residential.

(3) Community mental health services provided by designated agencies, by categories of service, including:

(A) community rehabilitation and treatment;

(B) crisis programs; and

(C) outpatient.

(4) Other publicly funded mental health services, including:

(A) peer support programs;

(B) outpatient services by private clinicians.

(5) The administration and oversight of mental health services.

*Sec. E.314.2 UNIFIED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN*

(a) As part of their fiscal year 2017 budget presentations, the Departments of Mental Health and of Vermont Health Access shall present an implementation plan for a unified service and financial allocation for publicly funded mental health services as part of an integrated health care system. The goal of the plan is to integrate public funding for direct mental health care services within the Department of Vermont Health Access while maintaining oversight functions and the data necessary to perform those functions within the department of appropriate jurisdiction. The implementation plan shall contain a projected timeline for moving toward the goals presented therein.

(b) On or before both August 1, 2015 and October 1, 2015, the Departments of Mental Health and of Vermont Health Access shall present a status update on the development of the implementation plan required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the Health Reform Oversight Committee.

*Sec. E.314.3 PLANNING FOR INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH AND
HEALTH CARE SERVICES*

(a) The Departments of Mental Health and of Vermont Health Access shall create a plan and identify performance measures for agencies designated

under 18 V.S.A. § 8907 to provide more integrated health services for persons served through local or regional initiatives or coordinated networks of care. The plan and measures shall promote serving individuals through initiatives targeting effective coordination of health care delivery and more cost-efficient results. Plans shall establish thresholds for shared incentives and disincentives for partnering agencies.

Sec. E.316 [DELETED]

Sec. E.316.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.316.2 [DELETED]

Sec. E.318 33 V.S.A. § 3505 is amended to read:

§ 3505. SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CARE GRANTS

(a)(1) The Commissioner for Children and Families may reserve up to one-half of one percent of the child care family assistance program funds for extraordinary financial relief to assist child care programs that are at risk of closing due to financial hardship. The Commissioner shall develop guidelines for providing assistance and shall prioritize extraordinary financial relief to child care programs in areas of the State with high poverty and low access to high quality child care. If the Commissioner determines a child care program is at risk of closure because its operations are not fiscally sustainable, he or she may provide assistance to transition children served by the child care operator in an orderly fashion and to help secure other child care

opportunities for children served by the program in an effort to minimize the disruption of services. The Commissioner has the authority to request tax returns and other financial documents to verify the financial hardship and ability to sustain operations.

(2) Annually on or before January 15, the Commissioner shall report to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and to the House Committee on Human Services regarding any funds distributed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection. Specifically, the report shall address how funds were distributed and used. It shall also address results related to any distribution of funds.

(b) In instances in which extraordinary financial relief will not maintain ongoing access to high quality child care, the Department for Children and Families may provide additional support to ensure access to ~~high-quality~~ high quality, comprehensive child care that meets the needs of working parents in high-poverty areas of Vermont. Licensed child care ~~centers~~ programs may be considered for this additional financial support to help ensure ongoing access to ~~high-quality~~ high quality child care in areas of the State where none exists, as determined by the Commissioner. Financial assistance may be granted, at the discretion of the Commissioner, if the child care ~~center~~ program meets the following criteria:

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Sec. E.318.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.318.2 CHILD CARE SERVICES PROGRAM; WAITLIST

(a) Prior to implementing a waitlist for or cap on the number of subsidized child care slots in fiscal year 2016, the Department for Children and Families shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee.

Sec. E.321 HOUSING ASSISTANCE BENEFITS; FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM

(a) For State fiscal year 2016, the Agency of Human Services may continue a housing assistance program within the General Assistance program to create flexibility to provide these General Assistance benefits. The purpose of the program is to mitigate poverty and serve applicants more effectively than they are currently being served with General Assistance funds. The program shall operate in a consistent manner within existing statutes and rules and policies effective on July 1, 2013, and any succeeding amendments thereto, and may create programs and provide services consistent with these policies. Eligible activities shall include, among others, the provision of shelter, overflow shelter, case management, transitional housing, deposits, down payments, rental assistance, upstream prevention, and related services that ensure that all Vermonters have access to shelter, housing, and the services they need to become safely housed. The Agency may award grants to homeless and housing service providers for eligible activities. The assistance provided under this section is not an entitlement and may be discontinued when the

appropriation has been fully spent.

(b) The program may operate in up to 12 districts designated by the Secretary of Human Services. The Agency shall establish goals and procedures for evaluating the program overall, including performance measures that demonstrate program results, and for each district in which the Agency operates the program, it shall establish procedures for evaluating the district program and its effects.

(c) The Agency shall continue to engage interested parties, including both statewide organizations and local agencies, in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the General Assistance flexibility program.

Sec. E.321.1 GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING

(a) Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in the General Assistance program in fiscal year 2016 may be used for temporary housing in catastrophic situations and for vulnerable populations, as defined in rules adopted by the Agency. The cold weather exception policy issued by the Department for Children and Families' Economic Services Division dated October 25, 2012, and any succeeding amendments to it, shall remain in effect.

Sec. E.321.2 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. E.321.2(c) is amended to read:

(c) On or before ~~January 15~~ January 31 and ~~July 15~~ July 31 of each year beginning in ~~2014~~ 2015, the Agency of Human Services shall report statewide

statistics related to the use of emergency housing vouchers during the preceding calendar half-year, including demographic information, deidentified client data, shelter and motel usage rates, clients' primary stated cause of homelessness, average lengths of stay in emergency housing by demographic group and by type of housing, and such other relevant data as the Secretary deems appropriate. When the General Assembly is in session, the Agency shall provide its report to the House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. When the General Assembly is not in session, the Agency shall provide its report to the Joint Fiscal Committee.

Sec. E.321.3 9 V.S.A. § 4452(8) is added to read:

(8) transient occupancy in a hotel, motel, or lodgings during the time the occupant is a recipient of General Assistance or Emergency Assistance temporary housing assistance, regardless of whether the occupancy is subject to a tax levied under 32 V. S.A. chapter 225.

Sec. E.321.4 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY

(a) In fiscal year 2016, if the Secretary of Human Services and the Commissioner for Children and Families determine such funding will not be needed for General Assistance, up to \$100,000 of funding provided for General Assistance may be transferred to the Agency central office to be used

as flexible funding to prevent homelessness or address other needs for at-risk families and youth. The Agency shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee, the House Committee on Human Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare if any funds are transferred under the provisions of this section.

Sec. E.323 33 V.S.A. § 1103(c) is amended to read:

(c) The Commissioner shall adopt rules for the determination of eligibility for the Reach Up program and benefit levels for all participating families that include the following provisions:

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(9) The amount of \$125.00 of the Supplemental Security Income payment received by a parent excluding payments received on behalf of a child shall count toward the determination of the amount of the family's financial assistance grant.

Sec. E.323.1 33 V.S.A. § 1134, as amended by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. 35, is amended to read:

§ 1134. PROGRAM EVALUATION

~~(a)~~ On or before January 31 of each year, the Commissioner shall design and implement procedures to evaluate, measure, and report to the Governor and the General Assembly the Department's progress in ~~implementing Reach First, Reach Up, and Reach Ahead~~ and achieving the goals of the programs

provided for in sections 1002, 1102, and 1202 of this title. The report shall include:

(1) the types of barriers facing Reach Up families seeking economic self-sufficiency, the number of families with each type of barrier, the frequency of occurrence of each type of barrier, and how support services and incentives assist in overcoming barriers;

(2) documentation of participant results, including specific information relating to the number of persons employed, by occupation, industry, and wage; the types of subsidized and unsubsidized jobs secured by participants; any available information about results for children who have participated in the programs, including objective measures of improved conditions; the number of participating families involved in training programs; and whether the support services and incentives assist in keeping families employed;

(3) data about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participation of households who have left the programs during the last fiscal year, including the number of households, adults, and children participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program three months after leaving the applicable program, broken down by reason for termination or leaving, and the Department's plan to identify and assist eligible households to apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits;

(4) data about the enrollment of individuals who have left the programs during the last fiscal year in a Health Care Assistance Program, including the number of adults and children enrolled in a Health Care Assistance Program three months after leaving the applicable program, broken down by reason for termination or leaving, and the Department's plan to identify and assist eligible households to apply for health care assistance;

(5) a summary of all interim and final reports submitted by independent evaluation contractors to the Agency or the Department relating to the programs;

(6) a description of the work participation rates, including the method of calculating the caseload reduction credit, for the most recent federal fiscal year;

(7) a description of the current basic needs budget and housing allowance, the current maximum grant amounts, and the basic needs budget and housing allowance adjusted to reflect an annual cost-of-living increase; and

~~(8) a summary of the analysis done under subsection (b) of this section.~~

~~(b) On or before January 15, 2010 for the analysis of Reach First and on or before January 15, 2012 for the analysis of all programs, the Department shall analyze the effectiveness of the programs and shall consider the following measures:~~

~~(1) for Reach First, the types of crises presented by applicants; the type and duration of case management necessary to respond to a crisis; and the impact of the services on the family, including the actual and perceived results and measures of stability;~~

~~(2) for Reach Up, the type and duration of case management provided; and the impact of the services on the family; the family's achievement of the goals in the family development plan; the types of employment engaged in by families; the duration of employment; and actual and perceived results and measures of stability and well-being;~~

~~(3) for Reach Ahead, the types of employment engaged in by families; the duration of employment; the type and duration of services necessary to maintain employment; the duration of time the family received food assistance and services in the program; and the impact of the services on the family, including the actual and perceived well-being of the family and measures of well-being; and~~

~~(4) whether the programs are effectively integrated and transitions between programs are simple, and the number of families who choose not to participate, and why.~~

~~(c) Beginning on or before January 15, 2008, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner shall report to the House Committees on Human Services and on Appropriations and Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on~~

~~Appropriations on families' long term receipt of financial assistance authorized by this chapter. Such reports shall include:~~

~~(1) the number of families receiving financial assistance in the most recent federal fiscal year that included an adult family member who has received TANF funded financial assistance, as an adult, 60 or more months in his or her lifetime;~~

~~(2) the average proportion of the monthly TANF funded caseload during the same fiscal year that such families represent;~~

~~(3) when such proportion exceeds 20 percent, the sufficiency of general funds appropriated to support financial assistance authorized by this chapter to fund financial assistance for those families in excess of 20 percent while, at the same time, providing financial assistance and services, supported solely by general funds, to other families as authorized by this chapter; and~~

~~(4) when appropriated general funds are insufficient to fund financial assistance for all such families, the modifications in policy, appropriated general funds, or combination thereof that the Commissioner recommends to support families receiving financial assistance under this chapter in their achievement of self sufficiency and to protect the children in these families.~~

~~a description of the families, during the last fiscal year, that included an adult family member receiving financial assistance for 60 or more months in his or her lifetime, including:~~

(A) the number of families and the types of barriers facing these families; and

(B) the number of families that became ineligible for the Reach Up program pursuant to subsection 1108(a) of this title, and the types of income and financial assistance received by those families that did not return to the Reach Up program within 90 days of becoming ineligible.

Sec. E.323.2 [DELETED]

Sec. E.324 HOME HEATING FUEL ASSISTANCE/LIHEAP

(a) For the purpose of a crisis set-aside, for seasonal home heating fuel assistance through December 31, 2015, and for program administration, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer \$2,550,000 from the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund to the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Fund to the extent that federal LIHEAP or similar federal funds are not available. An equivalent amount shall be returned to the Home Weatherization Fund from the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Fund to the extent that federal LIHEAP or similar federal funds are received. Should a transfer of funds from the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund be necessary for the 2015–2016 crisis set-aside and for seasonal home heating fuel assistance through December 31, 2015 and if LIHEAP funds awarded as of December 31, 2015 for fiscal year 2016 do not exceed \$2,550,000, subsequent payments under the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program shall not be made

prior to January 30, 2016. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, payments authorized by the Department for Children and Families' Economic Services Division shall not exceed funds available, except that for fuel assistance payments made through December 31, 2015, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may anticipate receipts into the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund.

Sec. E.324.1 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

(a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee may authorize crisis fuel assistance to those income-eligible households that have applied for an expedited seasonal fuel benefit but have not yet received it, if the benefit cannot be executed in time to prevent them from running out of fuel. The crisis fuel grants authorized pursuant to this section count toward the one crisis fuel grant allowed per household for the winter heating season pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 2609(b).

Sec. E.324.2 LIHEAP AND WEATHERIZATION

(a) Notwithstanding 33 V.S.A. §§ 2603 and 2501, in fiscal year 2016, the Secretary of Administration may, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Human Services, transfer up to 15 percent of the federal fiscal year 2016 federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) block grant from the federal funds appropriation in Sec. B.324 of this act to the Home Weatherization Assistance appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act to be used

for weatherization in State fiscal year 2016. An equivalent appropriation transfer shall be made to Sec. B.324 of this act, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, from the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund in Sec. B.326 of this act to provide home heating fuel benefits in State fiscal year 2016. At least three days prior to any such transfer being made, the Secretary of Administration shall report the intended transfer to the Joint Fiscal Office and shall report any completed transfers to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its next meeting.

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

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

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

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

*Sec. E.329 INTERIM REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
SERVICES AND CHOICES FOR CARE*

(a) The Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall provide interim reports to the Joint Fiscal Committee in September 2015 and November 2015 on:

(1) The Choices for Care program and shall specifically address the likelihood of Adult Day programs needing to curtail services to existing clients or to cap enrollment of new clients.

(2) The Development Disabilities Services program on the status of caseload and utilization trends to date in the program.

(b) Reports from the Vermont Association of Adult Day Services and the Vermont Council of Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Services with input from their service recipients shall be accepted by the Joint Fiscal Committee concurrent with the reports received under subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. E.333 [DELETED]

Sec. E.335 2 V.S.A. chapter 23 is redesignated to read:

CHAPTER 23. JOINT LEGISLATIVE ~~CORRECTIONS~~ JUSTICE

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Sec. E.335.1 2 V.S.A. § 801 is amended to read:

§ 801. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

(a) ~~There is created a joint legislative corrections oversight committee~~ Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee whose membership shall be appointed each biennial session of the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly. The ~~committee~~ Committee shall exercise oversight over the ~~department of corrections~~ Department of Corrections and work with and provide assistance to other legislative committees on matters related to ~~corrections~~ juvenile justice and criminal justice policies.

(b) The ~~committee~~ Committee shall be composed of 10 members: five members of the ~~house of representatives~~ House of Representatives, who shall not all be from the same party, appointed by the ~~speaker of the house~~ Speaker of the House; and five members of the ~~senate~~ Senate, who shall not all be from the same party, appointed by the ~~committee on committees~~ Committee on Committees. In addition to one member-at-large appointed from each chamber, one appointment shall be made from each of the following ~~house and senate~~ House and Senate Committees: ~~appropriations, judiciary, institutions on Appropriations and on Judiciary, the senate committee on health and welfare, and the house committee on human services~~ Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Institutions, and the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on Human Services.

(c) The ~~committee~~ Committee shall elect a chair, vice chair, and clerk from among its members and shall adopt rules of procedure. The ~~chair~~ Chair shall

rotate biennially between the ~~house~~ House and the ~~senate~~ Senate members. The ~~committee~~ Committee shall keep minutes of its meetings and maintain a file thereof. A quorum shall consist of six members.

(d) When the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly is in session, the ~~committee~~ Committee shall meet at the call of the ~~chair~~ Chair. The ~~committee~~ Committee may meet six times during adjournment, and may meet more often subject to approval of the ~~speaker of the house~~ Speaker of the House and the ~~president pro tempore of the senate~~ President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(e) For attendance at a meeting when the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly is not in session, members of the ~~committee~~ Committee shall be entitled to compensation for services and reimbursement of expenses as provided under subsection 406(a) of this title.

(f) The professional and clerical services of the ~~joint fiscal office~~ Joint Fiscal Office and the ~~legislative council~~ Office of Legislative Council shall be available to the ~~committee~~ Committee.

Sec. E.335.2 2 V.S.A. § 802 is amended to read:

§ 802. DUTIES

(a) In addition to the general responsibilities set forth in subsection 801(a) of this title, the Committee shall:

(1) ~~Review~~ review and make recommendations regarding the Department of Corrections' strategic, operating, and capital plans;

(2) ~~Review~~ review and make recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations regarding departmental budget proposals;

(3) ~~Provide~~ provide general oversight on departmental policy development;

(4) ~~Encourage~~ encourage improved communication between the ~~department~~ Department and other relevant components of the administrative branch and the criminal justice system;

(5) evaluate the statewide system of pretrial services, court diversion programs, community justice center services, and other relevant programs and services, and determine whether there is variation in policies, procedures, practices, and results among different areas of the State and the causes of any such variation;

(6) make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the creation of a consistent and cost-efficient statewide juvenile justice system and criminal justice system;

(7) review and make recommendations to the General Assembly to ensure the juvenile justice and criminal justice statutes reflect principles of restorative justice; and

(8) review and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the timeliness of judicial proceedings.

~~(b) At least annually, the Committee shall report its activities, together with~~

~~recommendations, if any, to the General Assembly. The provisions of subsection 20(d) (expiration of required reports) of this title shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection. [Repealed.]~~

*Sec. E.335.3 JOINT LEGISLATIVE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE;
2015 INTERIM MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES*

(a) The membership of the Joint Legislative Corrections Oversight Committee appointed for the 2015-2016 biennial session of the General Assembly shall also be the first appointed membership of the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee, as established in Sec. E.335.1 of this act.

(b) During the 2015 legislative interim, the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee shall:

(1) Analyze to what extent the criminal justice system is impacted by school disciplinary matters, including review of the available data regarding use of exclusionary discipline in Vermont public and approved independent schools and whether to identify whether students' access to education is impaired as a result of disciplinary actions.

(2) Review issues related to transports by sheriffs and other law enforcement agencies for the following populations:

(A) Criminal offenders, defendants, detainees, and other persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections. The Committee shall consider flexibility in the hourly rate for reimbursement to sheriffs.

(B) Juveniles in the custody of the Department for Children and Families. The Committee shall consider methods to improve the transport of children in accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 7511 and reduce the number of children transported in restraints.

(C) Persons in the custody of the Department of Mental Health. The Committee shall review compliance with the requirements of 18 V.S.A. § 7511 and review and make recommendations for standards for transport reimbursement, including the appropriate training, authorization process, required documentation and reports, and payment level for transports made using soft restraints.

(3) In light of the Department of Corrections' aging facilities and reliance on out-of-state beds to house Vermont's incarcerated populations, review and make recommendations on the advisability and feasibility of:

(A) Continued reduction in the need for out-of-state beds;

(B) closing a State facility in 2017;

(C) creating a centralized correctional facility for all incarcerated men in the State or establishing one centralized detention facility for statewide use in an optimal location, or both.

(c) On or before November 1, 2015, the Court Administrator, the Department for Children and Families, the Department of Corrections, the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs, the Defender General, and any

other impacted entity deemed relevant by the Committee shall report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee on the estimated fiscal year 2017 avoided costs resulting from the budget and cost-saving measures undertaken during the 2015 legislative session, including whether there are any reductions in Department of Corrections' demand for out-of-state beds, and reductions in demand for sheriffs' transports resulting from expansion of home detention and video conferencing initiatives.

(d) The Oversight Committee shall report their findings and recommendations resulting from the analysis and reviews required by subsections (b) and (c) of this section to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Appropriations and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on or before January 15, 2016.

Sec. E.337 28 V.S.A. § 120 is amended to read:

§ 120. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS EDUCATION PROGRAM;
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

(a) Authority. An education program is established within the Department of Corrections for the education of persons who have not completed secondary education and who are committed to the custody of the Commissioner.

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(h) Required participation. All persons under the custody of the Commissioner who are under the age of 23 and have not received a high school diploma shall participate in an education program unless exempted by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may approve the participation of other students, including individuals who are enrolled in an alternative justice or diversion program.

Sec. E.338 [DELETED]

Sec. E.342 Vermont veterans' home – care and support services

(a) The Vermont Veterans' Home will use the Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section for the purpose of increasing the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sec. E.342.1 REPEAL

(a) 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.342.2 (eliminating classified employee position on Vermont Veterans' Home Board of Trustees) is repealed.

Sec. E.342.2 WORKING GROUP ON THE VERMONT VETERANS' HOME GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING

(a) Creation. There is created a Working Group on the Vermont Veterans' Home Governance and Funding.

(b) Membership. The Working Group shall be composed of the following nine members:

(1) the Secretary of Administration or designee;

(2) a current member of the House of Representatives who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) a current member of the Senate who shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees;

(4) a member of the Vermont Veterans' Home Board of Trustees;

(5) the Chief Executive Officer of the Vermont Veterans' Home or designee;

(6) a classified employee of the Vermont Veterans' Home appointed by the Vermont State Employees Association;

(7) the Adjutant and Inspector General or designee;

(8) the Director of the White River Junction VA Medical Center or designee; and

(9) the Attorney General or designee.

(c) Powers and duties. The Working Group shall study solutions to the Vermont Veterans' Home's funding challenges. In particular, the Working Group shall:

(1) identify and undertake actions that seek to minimize the operational costs and maximize patient revenue and revenue from other sources that are consistent and compatible with the mission and operations of the Home;

(2) implement a routine review of patient acuity to ensure Medicaid reimbursement is at the maximum level possible;

(3) examine and evaluate alternatives to the current funding model for the Home;

(4) examine and evaluate alternative uses for the Home and its property that would benefit veterans; and

(5) examine and evaluate options for repurposing portions of the Home's facilities and property for alternative uses that would benefit veterans.

(d) The Working Group shall consult with the Vermont Congressional delegation.

(e) Assistance. The Working Group shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Vermont Veterans' Home and the Vermont Office of Veterans' Affairs as necessary.

(f) Report. On or before January 15, 2016, the Working Group shall submit a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on General, Housing and Military Affairs and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations with its findings.

(g) Meetings.

(1) The Administrator of the Vermont Veterans' Home shall call the first meeting of the Working Group to occur on or before July 15, 2015.

(2) The Working Group shall select a chair from among its members at the first meeting.

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

(4) The Working Group shall cease to exist on January 30, 2016.

(h) Reimbursement. For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, legislative members of the Working Group shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406 for no more than six meetings.

Sec. E.342.3 VERMONT VETERANS' HOME; COST-EFFECTIVE STAFFING

(a) The current operating costs of the Vermont Veterans' Home exceed the upper payment level allowed by Medicaid; therefore, the facility is not eligible to receive reimbursement for the full cost of care for a Medicaid patient. In order to operate the Home in the most cost-effective manner, the governing Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Home are authorized to exercise their authority to hire and utilize part-time employees where such actions are necessary and appropriate, and help to bring the operating costs of the Home closer to the upper payment limit allowed by Medicaid.

Sec. E.345 Green mountain care board

(a) The Green Mountain Care Board shall use the Global Commitment Funds appropriated in this section to encourage the formation and

maintenance of public-private partnerships in health care, including initiatives to support and improve the health care delivery system.

**** K-12 EDUCATION ****

Sec. E.500 Education – finance and administration

(a) The Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section for school health services, including school nurses, shall be used for the purpose of funding certain health-care-related projects. It is the goal of these projects to reduce the rate of uninsured or underinsured persons, or both, in Vermont and to increase the access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sec. E.500.1 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.500.1 is amended to read:

Sec. E.500.1 UNIFORM CHART OF ACCOUNTS COMPLETION, TRANSITION, TRAINING AND SUPPORT

(a) ~~On or before June 30, 2015,~~ A GASB compliant Uniform Chart of Accounts and Financial Reporting requirements shall be established by the Agency of Education which shall:

(1) be comprehensive in respect to compliance with federal funds reporting requirements; and

(2) provide the financial information necessary for State and local education decision makers in regard to specific program costs and evaluation

of student ~~outcomes~~ results.

(b) The Agency of Education shall hire a contractor or contractors through the State's procurement process to assist them in the establishment and completion of the requirements of subsection (a) of this section. Contract deliverables shall include ~~but not be limited to~~:

(1) a comprehensive accounting manual, with related business rules;

(2) specifications for school financial software; ~~and~~

(3) a detailed transition and support plan that ensures local reporting entities required to record and report information consistent with requirements of subsection (a) of this section can fully comply on or before July 1, ~~2017~~ 2019.

(c) the requirements of subsection (a) of this section shall be in effect by July 1, 2019.

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

(a) Of the appropriation authorized in this section, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed \$3,646,521 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2016 as funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the Secretary shall not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c) and (d). In addition to funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6), up to \$181,438 may be used by the Agency of Education for its participation in the higher education

partnership plan.

Sec. E.503 Education – state-placed students

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

Sec. E.504 Education – adult education and literacy

(a) Of this appropriation, \$3,225,000 from the Education Fund shall be distributed to school districts for reimbursement of high school completion services pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1049a(c). Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b), of this Education Fund appropriation, the amount of:

(1) \$600,000 is available for dual enrollment programs consistent with 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2), and the amount of \$25,000 is available for use pursuant to Sec. E.605.1 of this act; and

(2) \$100,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual Learning Collaborative at the River Valley Regional Technical Center School District.

Sec. E.504.1 16 V.S.A. § 944 is amended to read:

§ 944. DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

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(f) Tuition and funding

(1) Tuition shall be paid to public postsecondary institutions in Vermont as follows:

(A) For any course for which the postsecondary institution pays the instructor, ~~the student's school district of residence shall pay~~ tuition shall be paid to the postsecondary institution in an amount equal to the tuition rate charged by the Community College of Vermont (CCV) at the time the dual enrollment course is offered; provided however, that tuition paid to CCV under this subdivision (A) shall be in an amount equal to 90 percent of the CCV rate.

(B) For any course that is taught by an instructor who is paid as part of employment by a secondary school, ~~the student's school district of residence shall pay~~ tuition shall be paid to the postsecondary institution in an amount equal to 20 percent of the tuition rate charged by the Community College of Vermont at the time the dual enrollment course is offered.

(2) ~~Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection requiring the district of residence to pay tuition, the~~ The State shall pay 50 percent of the tuition owed to public postsecondary institutions under subdivision (1)(A) of this subsection from the Next Generation Initiative Fund created in section 2887 of this title; provided, however, that the total amount paid by the State in any fiscal year shall not exceed the total amount of General Fund dollars the General Assembly appropriated from the Fund in that year for dual enrollment purposes plus any balance carried forward from the previous fiscal year; and further provided that, notwithstanding subdivision (b)(2) of this section, the cumulative amount to be paid by school districts under subdivision (1)(A) in

~~any fiscal year shall not exceed the amount available to be paid by General Fund dollars in that year, and 50 percent from funds appropriated from the Education Fund, notwithstanding subsection 4025(b) of this title.~~

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Sec. E.512 Education – Act 117 cost containment

~~(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, expenditures made from this section shall be counted under 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b) as part of the State's 60 percent of the statewide total special education expenditures of funds which are not derived from federal sources.~~

Sec. E.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund

~~(a) Pursuant to Sec. B.513 and 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2), there is appropriated in fiscal year 2016 from the General Fund for transfer to the Education Fund the amount of \$303,343,381.~~

Sec. E.513.1 DISTRICT SPENDING ADJUSTMENT

~~(a) In fiscal years 2017 and 2018 only, the district spending adjustment under 32 V.S.A. § 5401(13) shall be calculated without any addition for excess spending for a regional education district (RED) or any other district eligible to receive RED incentives pursuant to 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 153, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 156 and 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 56, that begins operation on July 1, 2015 (fiscal year 2016).~~

Sec. E.514 State teachers' retirement system

(a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) shall be \$76,102,909, of which \$73,102,909 shall be the State's contribution and \$3,000,000 shall be contributed from local school systems or educational entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944c .

(b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution of \$76,102,909, \$10,384,106 is the "normal contribution," and \$65,718,803 is the "accrued liability contribution."

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

(a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), \$15,576,468 will be contributed to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits plan.

***** HIGHER EDUCATION *****

Sec. E.600 University of Vermont

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

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

(c) If Global Commitment fund monies are unavailable, the total grant

funding for the University of Vermont shall be maintained through the General Fund or other State funding sources.

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

Sec. E.602 Vermont state colleges

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

(b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center for the purpose of complying with State matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds, or both.

Sec. E.602.1 VERMONT INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES; WORKING
GROUP; REPORT

(a) Creation. There is created a Vermont Interactive Technologies (VIT) working group to study and make findings and recommendations regarding VIT and its future; specifically, how VIT's organization or assets, or both, should be used to best meet the needs of the Vermont public. The working group shall be composed of the following members:

(1) A representative of Vermont Interactive Technologies;

(2) The Secretary of Administration or designee;

(3) The Commissioner of Public Service or designee;

(4) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or designee;

(5) The Commissioner of Labor or designee;

(6) A representative of Vermont State Colleges;

(7) A representative of Vermont Access Network;

(8) A representative of the Vermont Council on Rural Development;

(9) A representative of the Department of Libraries;

(10) A member of the General Assembly jointly appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(b) Powers and duties. The working group shall study VIT, including the following:

(1) the financial investments made in VIT since its inception;

(2) an inventory of VIT assets;

(3) any Vermont State Colleges (VSC) plans to develop and operate its own network, and the effect on VIT;

(4) an analysis of the primary users of VIT and how best their needs can continue to be met, whether through VIT or another entity;

(5) if VIT is to dissolve, the ownership, management, and operations related to its assets.

(c) Assistance. The VIT working group shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Office of the Legislative Council and the Joint Fiscal Office.

(d) Report. On or before October 1, 2015, the working group shall submit a written report to the General Assembly with its findings and recommendations for legislative action regarding VIT.

(e) Meetings.

(1) The Secretary of Administration or designee shall call the first meeting of the working group.

(2) The working group shall select a chair from among its members at the first meeting.

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

(4) The working group may meet up to six times.

(5) The working group shall cease to exist on December 1, 2015.

(f) Reimbursement.

(1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, legislative members of the working group shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406.

(2) Other members of the working group who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

Sec. E.603 Vermont state colleges – allied health

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

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

Sec. E.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

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

(b) Except as provided in subsections (a) and (d) of this section, not less than 93 percent of this appropriation shall be used for direct student aid.

(c) Funds available to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation pursuant to Sec. E.215(a) of this act shall be used for the purposes of 16 V.S.A. § 2856. Any unexpended funds from this allocation shall carry forward for this purpose.

(d) Of this appropriation, not more than \$100,000 may be used by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a student aspirational pilot initiative to serve one or more high schools.

Sec. E.605.1 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

(a) The sum of \$50,000 shall be transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) as follows:

(1) \$25,000 from Sec. B.1100(a)(3)(C) (Next Generation funds appropriated for dual enrollment and need based stipend purposes).

(2) \$25,000 from Sec. E.504(a) (adult education and literacy funds appropriated for dual enrollment and need based stipend purposes).

(b) The sums transferred to VSAC in this section shall be used to fund a flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for financially needy students enrolled in a dual enrollment course pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in early college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4011(e) to be used for the purchase of

books, cost of transportation, and payment of fees. VSAC shall establish the criteria for program eligibility. Funds shall be granted to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are depleted.

(c) VSAC shall report on the program to the House and Senate Committees on Education and on Appropriations on or before January 15, 2016.

Sec. E.608 STATE FUNDING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION; STUDY AND PROPOSAL; PREKINDERGARTEN–16 COUNCIL

(a) The Secretary of Administration and those members of the Prekindergarten–16 Council identified in 16 V.S.A. § 2905(d) who, with the Secretary, are charged with performing duties relating to the Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund shall develop a proposal by which a portion of State funding for the Vermont State Colleges and the University of Vermont would be allocated based upon nationally recognized and established performance measures, including:

- (1) retention and four-year graduation rates;
- (2) number of both graduate and undergraduate degrees awarded;
- (3) actual cost of instruction;
- (4) cost of attendance after all non-loan financial aid;
- (5) average amount of financial aid awarded; and
- (6) average debt upon graduation for Vermont students.

(b) In addition to the nationally recognized and established results-based performance measures, the Council's proposal shall consider the following:

(1) the number of first generation and socioeconomically disadvantaged students earning a degree from each institution; and

(2) the number of students enrolled in and completing programs identified as important to Vermont's economy pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 2888(b) (Vermont Strong Loan Forgiveness Program).

(c) The individuals identified in subsection (a) of this section shall meet no more than three times. On or before December 15, 2015, they shall present an results based funding proposal to the Governor and General Assembly together with any legislative changes necessary to implement the proposal.

* * * NATURAL RESOURCES * * *

Sec. E.701 AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES

(a) Moratorium on valuation basis for payment amount. For the purpose of payments in lieu of taxes to municipalities in fiscal year 2016, lands held by the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 3708(a)(1) shall be appraised at the fair market value of the land in fiscal year 2014, as was then certified by the Director of Property Valuation and Review, provided that in fiscal year 2016, the payment in lieu of taxes on account of such lands held by ANR shall be calculated and paid at 102 percent

of the amount of the payments paid in fiscal year 2014. For lands held by ANR and subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 3708(a)(2), payments in lieu of taxes to municipalities in fiscal year 2016 shall be made as specified in 32 V.S.A. § 3708(a)(2). Payments in fiscal year 2016 with respect to parcels acquired or reconfigured after April 1, 2014 shall be based on values established using the methodology used to value the properties owned by ANR as valued in fiscal year 2014.

(b) Appeals of appraisal. During the moratorium established under subsection (a) of this section, there shall be no right, in fiscal year 2016, for a municipality to appeal the appraised values of ANR lands certified by the Director of Property Valuation and Review in fiscal year 2014.

(c) Repeal. This section shall be repealed on July 1, 2016.

Sec. E.701.1 32 V.S.A. § 3708 is amended to read:

§ 3708. PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR LANDS HELD BY THE AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

(a) All ANR land, excluding buildings or other improvements thereon, shall be appraised at fair market value by the Director of Property Valuation and Review and listed separately in the grand list of the town in which it is located. Annually, the State shall pay to each municipality an amount ~~which is the~~ lesser of:

~~(1) one 0.5 percent of the Director's appraisal value for the current year for ANR land; or~~

~~(2) one percent of the current year use value of ANR land enrolled by the Agency of Natural Resources in the Use Value Appraisal Program under chapter 124 of this title before January 1999; except that no municipality shall receive in any taxable year a State payment in lieu of property taxes for ANR land in an amount less than it received in the fiscal year 1980.~~

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Sec. E.701.2 PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES LANDS IN FISCAL YEARS 2017 AND 2018

(a) Notwithstanding the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 3708 to the contrary, for purposes of payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for lands held by the Agency of Natural Resources, the State shall pay to each municipality:

(1) in fiscal year 2017, the PILOT amount received by the municipality in fiscal year 2016 plus or minus one-third of the difference between the PILOT amount the municipality received in fiscal year 2016 and the PILOT amount the municipality would receive under 32 V.S.A. § 3708, as amended by Sec. E.701.1 of this act; and

(2) in fiscal year 2018, the PILOT amount received by the municipality in fiscal year 2016 plus or minus two-thirds of the difference between the PILOT amount the municipality received in fiscal year 2016 and the PILOT

amount the municipality would receive under 32 V.S.A. § 3708, as amended by Sec. E.701.1 of this act.

(b) If the Agency of Natural Resources acquires land in a municipality after April 1, 2015, the State shall make a PILOT payment on the newly acquired land to the municipality under Sec. E.701.1 of this act, and the newly acquired land shall not be subject to this section.

Sec. E.701.3 AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES; REPORT ON PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES

(a) On or before November 30, 2015, the Agency of Natural Resources, the Division of Property Valuation and Review (PVR), and the Joint Fiscal Office, after consultation with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, shall submit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Natural Resources and Energy a report regarding payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for lands held by the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR lands). The report shall recommend:

(1) whether and how the PILOT requirements for ANR lands set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 3708, as amended by section E.701.1 of this act, should be further amended; and

(2) methods to facilitate in the transition of municipalities from the existing funding PILOT formula for ANR lands to the requirements of 32

V.S.A. § 3708, as amended by Sec. E.701.1, or to the alternative PILOT formula recommended under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(b) In developing the recommendations required of this section, the Agency of Natural Resources may recommend revisions to requirements or criteria for calculation of the PILOT payment for ANR lands, including the definition of “parcel” for ANR lands PILOT purposes, the amount of ANR lands in the municipality in comparison to other municipalities, including the impact of large acquisitions (greater than 1,000 acres) made within the past three years and the degree of public use of the ANR lands in comparison to ANR lands in other municipalities.

(c) Any unexpended appropriations in the ANR lands PILOT program in fiscal years 2016 through 2019 shall be carried forward for expenditure for implementation of transition recommendations resulting from the report required this section.

Sec. E.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry

(a) This Special Fund appropriation shall be authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 2807(c)(2).

Sec. E.706 Forests, parks and recreation – lands administration

(a) This Special Fund appropriation shall be authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 2807(c)(2).

Sec. E.713 [DELETED]

** * * COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT * * **

Sec. E.800 VERMONT STRONG SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

(a) No financial commitments shall be made to potential recipients of the Vermont Strong program under 16 V.S.A. § 2888 until sufficient funds to meet those commitments are appropriated to or deposited into the Vermont Strong Scholars Fund created by 16 V.S.A. § 2888(d)(1)(A)(i).

Sec. E.802 REPEAL

(a) 3 V.S.A. § 2471c (Office of Creative Economy) is repealed.

Sec. E.804 Community development block grants

(a) Community Development Block Grants shall carry forward until expended.

Sec. E.805 24 V.S.A. § 2796 is amended to read:

§ 2796. DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

(a) There is created a ~~downtown transportation and related capital improvement fund~~ Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvement Fund, to be also known as the ~~fund~~ Fund, which shall be a special fund created under 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 of chapter 7 of Title 32, to be administered by the Vermont ~~downtown development board~~ Downtown Development Board in accordance with this chapter to aid municipalities with designated downtown districts in financing capital

transportation and related improvement projects to support economic development.

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(c) Any municipality with a designated downtown development district may apply to the Vermont ~~downtown development board~~ Downtown Development Board for financial assistance from the ~~fund~~ Fund for capital transportation and related improvement projects within or serving the district. The ~~board~~ Board may award to any municipality grants in amounts not to exceed \$250,000.00 annually, loans, or loan guarantees for financing capital transportation projects, including ~~but not limited to~~ construction or alteration of roads and highways, parking facilities, and rail or bus facilities or equipment, or for the underground relocation of electric utility, cable and telecommunications lines, but shall not include assistance for operating costs. Grants awarded by the ~~board~~ Board shall not exceed ~~50~~ 80 percent of the overall cost of the project. The approval of the ~~board~~ Board may be conditioned upon the repayment to the ~~fund~~ Fund of some or all of the amount of a loan or other financial benefits and such repayment may be from local taxes, fees, or other local revenues sources. The ~~board~~ Board shall consider geographical distribution in awarding the resources of the ~~fund~~ Fund.

(d) ~~Each fiscal year, \$40,000.00 of the fund~~ The Fund shall be available to the ~~department of housing and community affairs~~ Department of Housing and

Community Development for the reasonable and necessary costs of administering the ~~fund~~ Fund. The amount projected to be spent on administration shall be included in the Department's fiscal year budget presentations to the General Assembly.

Sec. E.806 [DELETED]

* * * TRANSPORTATION * * *

Sec. E.900 19 V.S.A. § 11a is amended to read:

§ 11a. TRANSPORTATION FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

No transportation funds shall be appropriated for the support of government other than for the Agency, the Board, Transportation Pay Act Funds, construction of transportation capital facilities, transportation debt service, the operation of information centers by the Department of Buildings and General Services, and the Department of Public Safety. The amount of transportation funds appropriated to the Department of Public Safety shall not exceed:

- (1) \$25,250,000.00 in fiscal year 2014;
- (2) \$22,750,000.00 in fiscal ~~year~~ years 2015 and 2016; and
- (3) \$20,250,000.00 in fiscal year ~~2016~~ 2017 and in succeeding fiscal

years.

Sec. E.903 [DELETED]

Sec. E.909 Transportation – central garage

(a) Of this appropriation, \$7,123,455 is appropriated from the Transportation Equipment Replacement Account within the Central Garage Fund for the purchase of equipment as authorized in 19 V.S.A. § 13(b).

Sec. E.915 Transportation – town highway aid program

(a) This appropriation is authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of 19 V.S.A. § 306(a).

Sec. E.917 Transportation – town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters

(a) Notwithstanding 19 V.S.A. § 306(d), in fiscal year 2016, up to \$290,000 may be awarded from the Town Highway State Aid for Non-Federal Disasters Program as grants for Tropical Storm Irene-related work expenses to municipalities that relied on specific instructions from State employees other than the Agency of Transportation.

Sec. F.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. B.1104.1 (State employee retirement incentive), B.1110-B.1112 (compensation; voluntary decrease), B.1113-B.1116 (compensation; voluntary decrease), C.101 (Blue Ribbon Commission on Financing High Quality Affordable Child Care), C.102 (fiscal year 2015 transfer to the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund), C.102.1 (Transportation contingent spending authority), C.103 (Rescission process), C.104 (fiscal year 2015 one-time appropriations), C.105 (transfer to Sergeant

at Arms), C.106-C.106.3 (Vermont Health Connect report), C.107 (government restructuring review; report), C.108 (fiscal year 2015 contingent General Fund appropriations), D.102 (Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund balance), E.100.1 (State employee classification study), E.100.2-E.100.3 (ERF reorganization to Secretary of Administration), E.112 (energy efficiency; State buildings and facilities), E.145.1 (special committee on IT utilization), E.203 (Defender General; ad hoc immunity), E.204 (suspension of video arraignments repeal), E.204.3 (failure to appear; preliminary hearing), E.204.6 (remedies for failure to pay fines; community service), E.204.7 (report on penalties, fines, fees), E.208.3 (Dispatch cost report), E.225.1(c) (Agriculture/Natural Resources lab MOU/governance), E.306 (emergency rules; date change), E.306.3 (prospective payment; home health services), E.308 (Choices for Care), E.500.1 (Agency of Education uniform chart of accounts), E.701.3 (ANR PILOT report), and E.802 (Office of Creative Economy) of this act shall take effect on passage.

(b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. B.1112.1, 2 V.S.A. § 63 (Sergeant at Arms), shall take effect retroactively as of January 1, 2015.

(c) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. C.100 (Interim Study on Feasibility of Establishing a Public Retirement Plan) shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2015.

(d) Secs. E.701.1 and E.701.2 (PILOT payments for ANR lands; fiscal year 2017) shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

(e) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2015.