

**No. 85. An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government.**

(H.542)

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

Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

(a) This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2018

Appropriations Act.

Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

(a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of State government during fiscal year 2018. 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, 2017. Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2018 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 2018.

(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, 2018.

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, 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 2018, 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 2018, federal funds available to the State of Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2017 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 2018 except for new positions authorized by the 2017 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), as amended by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 74, and by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.100.2, and as further amended by Sec. E.100.1 of this act.

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, the D sections contain fund transfers and reserve allocations for the upcoming budget year, the F sections contain miscellaneous technical statute corrections, and the I sections contain housing bond authorization.

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

Personal services

777,092

Operating expenses	<u>150,120</u>
Total	927,212
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>927,212</u>
Total	927,212
Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance	
Personal services	1,187,190
Operating expenses	<u>153,789</u>
Total	1,340,979
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,340,979</u>
Total	1,340,979
Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
Personal services	566,009
Operating expenses	<u>226,235</u>
Total	792,244
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>792,244</u>
Total	792,244
Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
Personal services	445,807
Operating expenses	<u>43,958</u>

Total	489,765
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>489,765</u>
Total	489,765
Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
Personal services	22,513
Operating expenses	<u>11,382</u>
Total	33,895
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>33,895</u>
Total	33,895
Sec. B.105 Information and innovation - communications and information technology	
Personal services	24,540,424
Operating expenses	<u>15,675,832</u>
Total	40,216,256
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>40,216,256</u>
Total	40,216,256
Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
Personal services	1,471,321
Operating expenses	<u>202,003</u>

Total	1,673,324
Source of funds	
General fund	1,309,469
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>363,855</u>
Total	1,673,324
Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
Personal services	2,374,631
Operating expenses	<u>619,703</u>
Total	2,994,334
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>2,994,334</u>
Total	2,994,334
Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
Personal services	7,612,746
Operating expenses	<u>1,377,239</u>
Total	8,989,985
Source of funds	
General fund	1,968,777
Special funds	277,462
Internal service funds	6,206,438
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>537,308</u>
Total	8,989,985



Sec. B.108.1 Human Resources - VTHR Operations

Personal services	1,802,885
Operating expenses	<u>765,629</u>
Total	2,568,514

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>2,568,514</u>
Total	2,568,514

Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness

Personal services	1,070,140
Operating expenses	<u>581,803</u>
Total	1,651,943

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>1,651,943</u>
Total	1,651,943

Sec. B.110 Libraries

Personal services	1,759,682
Operating expenses	1,463,407
Grants	<u>148,400</u>
Total	3,371,489

Source of funds

General fund	2,329,975
Special funds	123,998

Federal funds	820,514
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>97,002</u>
Total	3,371,489

Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection

Personal services	14,471,939
Operating expenses	<u>5,117,491</u>
Total	19,589,430

Source of funds

General fund	18,075,976
Special funds	1,370,888
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>142,566</u>
Total	19,589,430

Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration

Personal services	659,538
Operating expenses	<u>103,275</u>
Total	762,813

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>762,813</u>
Total	762,813

Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering

Personal services	2,725,021
Operating expenses	<u>812,504</u>

Total	3,537,525
Source of funds	
General fund	0
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,537,525</u>
Total	3,537,525
Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
Personal services	3,247,710
Operating expenses	1,560,479
Grants	<u>35,750</u>
Total	4,843,939
Source of funds	
General fund	632,642
Transportation fund	3,886,230
Special funds	<u>325,067</u>
Total	4,843,939
Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
Personal services	1,052,452
Operating expenses	<u>197,598</u>
Total	1,250,050
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,250,050</u>
Total	1,250,050

Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services

Personal services	741,125
Operating expenses	<u>116,121</u>
Total	857,246

Source of funds

General fund	85,063
Internal service funds	<u>772,183</u>
Total	857,246

Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center

Personal services	708,890
Operating expenses	<u>162,809</u>
Total	871,699

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>871,699</u>
Total	871,699

Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services

Personal services	759,471
Operating expenses	<u>239,611</u>
Total	999,082

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>999,082</u>
Total	999,082

Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property

Personal services	32,667
Operating expenses	<u>5,760</u>
Total	38,427

Source of funds

Enterprise funds	<u>38,427</u>
Total	38,427

Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property

Personal services	142,751
Operating expenses	<u>109,881</u>
Total	252,632

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>252,632</u>
Total	252,632

Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management

Personal services	1,025,441
Operating expenses	<u>864,228</u>
Total	1,889,669

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>1,889,669</u>
Total	1,889,669

Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space

Personal services	15,282,330
Operating expenses	<u>14,081,331</u>
Total	29,363,661

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>29,363,661</u>
Total	29,363,661

Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office

Personal services	1,412,803
Operating expenses	<u>468,873</u>
Total	1,881,676

Source of funds

General fund	1,695,176
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>186,500</u>
Total	1,881,676

Sec. B.125 Legislative council

Personal services	3,812,245
Operating expenses	<u>866,666</u>
Total	4,678,911

Source of funds

General fund	<u>4,678,911</u>
Total	4,678,911

Sec. B.126 Legislature

Personal services	3,932,539
Operating expenses	<u>3,649,343</u>
Total	7,581,882

Source of funds

General fund	<u>7,581,882</u>
Total	7,581,882

Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee

Personal services	1,603,075
Operating expenses	<u>154,661</u>
Total	1,757,736

Source of funds

General fund	<u>1,757,736</u>
Total	1,757,736

Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms

Personal services	667,093
Operating expenses	<u>74,252</u>
Total	741,345

Source of funds

General fund	<u>741,345</u>
Total	741,345

Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor

Personal services	208,858
Operating expenses	<u>30,097</u>
Total	238,955

Source of funds

General fund	<u>238,955</u>
Total	238,955

Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts

Personal services	3,689,915
Operating expenses	<u>158,765</u>
Total	3,848,680

Source of funds

General fund	400,371
Special funds	53,145
Internal service funds	<u>3,395,164</u>
Total	3,848,680

Sec. B.131 State treasurer

Personal services	3,443,785
Operating expenses	<u>267,689</u>
Total	3,711,474

Source of funds

General fund	1,006,452
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Special funds	2,604,257
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,765</u>
Total	3,711,474

Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property

Personal services	827,048
Operating expenses	<u>298,653</u>
Total	1,125,701

Source of funds

Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,125,701</u>
Total	1,125,701

Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system

Personal services	5,984,464
Operating expenses	<u>1,314,760</u>
Total	7,299,224

Source of funds

Pension trust funds	<u>7,299,224</u>
Total	7,299,224

Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system

Personal services	2,096,238
Operating expenses	<u>751,569</u>
Total	2,847,807

Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	<u>2,847,807</u>
Total	2,847,807
Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
Personal services	208,856
Operating expenses	<u>47,734</u>
Total	256,590
Source of funds	
General fund	247,014
Special funds	6,788
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
Total	256,590
Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
Personal services	74,662
Operating expenses	<u>13,543</u>
Total	88,205
Source of funds	
General fund	44,103
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>44,102</u>
Total	88,205
Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
Grants	<u>16,600,000</u>

Total	16,600,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>16,600,000</u>
Total	16,600,000
Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
Grants	<u>10,500,000</u>
Total	10,500,000
Source of funds	
General fund	3,150,000
Education fund	<u>7,350,000</u>
Total	10,500,000
Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
Grants	<u>3,460,000</u>
Total	3,460,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>3,460,000</u>
Total	3,460,000
Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
Grants	<u>15,283,643</u>
Total	15,283,643
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>15,283,643</u>

Total	15,283,643
Sec. B.141 Lottery commission	
Personal services	1,950,778
Operating expenses	1,321,236
Grants	<u>150,000</u>
Total	3,422,014
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>3,422,014</u>
Total	3,422,014
Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
Grants	<u>7,600,000</u>
Total	7,600,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>7,600,000</u>
Total	7,600,000
Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier	
Grants	<u>184,000</u>
Total	184,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>184,000</u>
Total	184,000

Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities

Grants	<u>40,000</u>
Total	40,000

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
Total	40,000

Sec. B.145 Total general government

Source of funds

General fund	80,004,752
Transportation fund	3,886,230
Special funds	12,585,605
Education fund	10,810,000
Federal funds	820,514
Internal service funds	92,497,479
Interdepartmental transfers	7,116,203
Enterprise funds	3,460,441
Pension trust funds	10,147,031
Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,125,701</u>
Total	222,453,956

Sec. B.200 Attorney general

Personal services	9,260,374
Operating expenses	1,382,078

Grants	<u>26,894</u>
Total	10,669,346
Source of funds	
General fund	4,876,409
Special funds	1,774,350
Tobacco fund	348,000
Federal funds	1,113,091
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,557,496</u>
Total	10,669,346
Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
Personal services	823,550
Operating expenses	500
Grants	<u>1,996,483</u>
Total	2,820,533
Source of funds	
General fund	2,156,486
Special funds	<u>664,047</u>
Total	2,820,533
Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
Personal services	10,815,479
Operating expenses	<u>1,058,134</u>
Total	11,873,613

Source of funds

General fund	11,283,960
Special funds	<u>589,653</u>
Total	11,873,613

Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel

Personal services	5,631,235
Operating expenses	<u>49,819</u>
Total	5,681,054

Source of funds

General fund	<u>5,681,054</u>
Total	5,681,054

Sec. B.204 Judiciary

Personal services	38,277,720
Operating expenses	9,358,344
Grants	<u>76,030</u>
Total	47,712,094

Source of funds

General fund	42,162,907
Special funds	2,667,460
Federal funds	556,455
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,325,272</u>
Total	47,712,094

Sec. B.205 State's attorneys

Personal services	12,440,142
Operating expenses	<u>2,158,949</u>
Total	14,599,091

Source of funds

General fund	11,733,829
Special funds	123,480
Federal funds	31,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,710,782</u>
Total	14,599,091

Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit

Personal services	85,000
Operating expenses	1,100
Grants	<u>1,913,000</u>
Total	1,999,100

Source of funds

General fund	<u>1,999,100</u>
Total	1,999,100

Sec. B.207 Sheriffs

Personal services	4,061,398
Operating expenses	<u>433,009</u>
Total	4,494,407



Source of funds	
General fund	<u>4,494,407</u>
Total	4,494,407
Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
Personal services	2,624,989
Operating expenses	<u>2,661,095</u>
Total	5,286,084
Source of funds	
General fund	2,896,171
Federal funds	279,160
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,110,753</u>
Total	5,286,084
Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
Personal services	52,941,680
Operating expenses	9,656,601
Grants	<u>759,635</u>
Total	63,357,916
Source of funds	
General fund	35,799,847
Transportation fund	20,250,000
Special funds	3,190,202
Federal funds	2,334,001

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,783,866</u>
Total	63,357,916
Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
Personal services	9,015,234
Operating expenses	2,346,270
Grants	<u>191,650</u>
Total	11,553,154
Source of funds	
General fund	7,006,967
Special funds	2,134,552
Federal funds	1,516,096
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>895,539</u>
Total	11,553,154
Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management and homeland security	
Personal services	3,398,216
Operating expenses	1,401,401
Grants	<u>10,100,000</u>
Total	14,899,617
Source of funds	
General fund	516,797
Special funds	300,000
Federal funds	13,798,597

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>284,223</u>
Total	14,899,617
Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
Personal services	6,442,511
Operating expenses	3,083,185
Grants	<u>107,000</u>
Total	9,632,696
Source of funds	
General fund	426,712
Special funds	8,309,126
Federal funds	851,858
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
Total	9,632,696
Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
Personal services	712,974
Operating expenses	359,195
Grants	<u>100,000</u>
Total	1,172,169
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,172,169</u>
Total	1,172,169

Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract

Personal services	5,527,805
Operating expenses	<u>1,073,275</u>
Total	6,601,080

Source of funds

General fund	583,733
Federal funds	<u>6,017,347</u>
Total	6,601,080

Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract

Personal services	7,325,373
Operating expenses	<u>6,008,750</u>
Total	13,334,123

Source of funds

Federal funds	<u>13,334,123</u>
Total	13,334,123

Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance

Personal services	884,161
Operating expenses	<u>696,659</u>
Total	1,580,820

Source of funds

General fund	1,520,820
Special funds	<u>60,000</u>

Total	1,580,820
Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
Personal services	762,092
Operating expenses	163,245
Grants	<u>94,380</u>
Total	1,019,717
Source of funds	
General fund	794,678
Special funds	125,310
Federal funds	<u>99,729</u>
Total	1,019,717
Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
Personal services	1,788,731
Operating expenses	312,067
Grants	<u>11,663,697</u>
Total	13,764,495
Source of funds	
General fund	1,264,140
Special funds	5,132,559
Federal funds	<u>7,367,796</u>
Total	13,764,495

Sec. B.221 Criminal justice training council

Personal services	1,061,527
Operating expenses	<u>1,277,414</u>
Total	2,338,941

Source of funds

General fund	2,298,555
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>40,386</u>
Total	2,338,941

Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration

Personal services	1,654,766
Operating expenses	288,742
Grants	<u>272,972</u>
Total	2,216,480

Source of funds

General fund	1,098,695
Special funds	630,066
Federal funds	<u>487,719</u>
Total	2,216,480

Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer  
protection

Personal services	3,939,183
Operating expenses	726,671

Grants 2,750,000

Total 7,415,854

Source of funds

General fund 2,661,332

Special funds 3,672,807

Federal funds 1,074,715

Interdepartmental transfers 7,000

Total 7,415,854

Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development

Personal services 1,640,008

Operating expenses 1,016,357

Grants 1,170,875

Total 3,827,240

Source of funds

General fund 1,928,127

Special funds 625,830

Federal funds 1,233,783

Interdepartmental transfers 39,500

Total 3,827,240

Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management  
and environmental stewardship

Personal services 3,344,918

Operating expenses	563,044
Grants	<u>587,000</u>
Total	4,494,962

Source of funds

General fund	1,852,119
Special funds	1,958,384
Federal funds	477,028
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>207,431</u>
Total	4,494,962

Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont Agriculture and

Environmental Lab

Personal services	1,356,637
Operating expenses	<u>757,396</u>
Total	2,114,033

Source of funds

General fund	848,119
Special funds	1,207,787
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>58,127</u>
Total	2,114,033

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

Personal services	1,070,182
Operating expenses	266,190



Grants	<u>850,000</u>
Total	2,186,372
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>2,186,372</u>
Total	2,186,372
Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
Personal services	1,998,578
Operating expenses	<u>198,577</u>
Total	2,197,155
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>2,197,155</u>
Total	2,197,155
Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
Personal services	1,668,222
Operating expenses	<u>394,337</u>
Total	2,062,559
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>2,062,559</u>
Total	2,062,559
Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
Personal services	4,436,994
Operating expenses	<u>555,765</u>

Total	4,992,759
Source of funds	
Special funds	4,921,496
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>71,263</u>
Total	4,992,759
Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
Personal services	4,476,171
Operating expenses	<u>566,984</u>
Total	5,043,155
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>5,043,155</u>
Total	5,043,155
Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
Personal services	863,956
Operating expenses	<u>185,402</u>
Total	1,049,358
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>1,049,358</u>
Total	1,049,358
Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
Personal services	9,750,435

Operating expenses	<u>2,538,565</u>
Total	12,289,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	11,007,000
Federal funds	1,207,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
Total	12,289,000
Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
Personal services	10,273,714
Operating expenses	2,111,355
Grants	<u>3,883,867</u>
Total	16,268,936
Source of funds	
Special funds	13,856,417
Federal funds	1,234,279
ARRA funds	1,120,000
Interdepartmental transfers	41,667
Enterprise funds	<u>16,573</u>
Total	16,268,936
Sec. B.234 Public service board	
Personal services	3,166,727
Operating expenses	<u>481,111</u>

Total	3,647,838
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>3,647,838</u>
Total	3,647,838
Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
Personal services	3,759,427
Operating expenses	362,937
Grants	<u>720,000</u>
Total	4,842,364
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>4,842,364</u>
Total	4,842,364
Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
Personal services	481,533
Operating expenses	<u>79,095</u>
Total	560,628
Source of funds	
General fund	490,527
Federal funds	<u>70,101</u>
Total	560,628
Sec. B.237 Liquor control - administration	
Personal services	3,864,134

Operating expenses	<u>600,485</u>
Total	4,464,619
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>4,464,619</u>
Total	4,464,619
Sec. B.238 Liquor control - enforcement and licensing	
Personal services	2,660,717
Operating expenses	<u>560,506</u>
Total	3,221,223
Source of funds	
Special funds	20,000
Tobacco fund	213,843
Federal funds	312,503
Enterprise funds	<u>2,674,877</u>
Total	3,221,223
Sec. B.239 Liquor control - warehousing and distribution	
Personal services	990,624
Operating expenses	<u>422,578</u>
Total	1,413,202
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>1,413,202</u>
Total	1,413,202

Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

General fund	147,547,660
Transportation fund	20,250,000
Special funds	83,999,327
Tobacco fund	561,843
Federal funds	53,396,381
ARRA funds	1,120,000
Interdepartmental transfers	13,253,305
Enterprise funds	<u>8,569,271</u>
Total	328,697,787

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

Personal services	19,186,112
Operating expenses	5,402,146
Grants	<u>7,444,843</u>
Total	32,033,101

Source of funds

General fund	10,014,889
Special funds	91,017
Tobacco fund	0
Federal funds	19,149,640
Global Commitment fund	453,000

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,324,555</u>
Total	32,033,101
Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
Operating expenses	846,057
Grants	<u>1,582,497,210</u>
Total	1,583,343,267
Source of funds	
General fund	265,834,181
Special funds	29,496,422
Tobacco fund	21,269,352
State health care resources fund	293,176,780
Federal funds	955,526,532
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>18,040,000</u>
Total	1,583,343,267
Sec. B.302 Rate setting	
Personal services	864,718
Operating expenses	<u>97,142</u>
Total	961,860
Source of funds	
General fund	480,930
Federal funds	<u>480,930</u>
Total	961,860

Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council

Personal services	290,325
Operating expenses	67,012
Grants	<u>248,388</u>
Total	605,725

Source of funds

Federal funds	<u>605,725</u>
Total	605,725

Sec. B.304 Human services board

Personal services	682,525
Operating expenses	<u>88,308</u>
Total	770,833

Source of funds

General fund	409,989
Federal funds	314,044
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>46,800</u>
Total	770,833

Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund

Personal services	350,000
Operating expenses	<u>10,150,000</u>
Total	10,500,000



Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>10,500,000</u>
Total	10,500,000

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

Personal services	177,240,484
Operating expenses	5,542,033
Grants	<u>7,264,742</u>
Total	190,047,259

Source of funds

General fund	31,518,780
Special funds	3,577,938
Federal funds	139,552,196
Global Commitment fund	7,915,736
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,482,609</u>
Total	190,047,259

Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global  
commitment

Grants	<u>752,459,668</u>
Total	752,459,668

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	<u>752,459,668</u>
Total	752,459,668

Sec. B.308 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - long  
term care waiver

Grants	<u>196,483,201</u>
Total	196,483,201

Source of funds

General fund	753,720
Federal funds	896,280
Global Commitment fund	<u>194,833,201</u>
Total	196,483,201

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

Grants	<u>50,175,082</u>
Total	50,175,082

Source of funds

General fund	40,507,054
Global Commitment fund	<u>9,668,028</u>
Total	50,175,082

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

Grants	<u>37,213,898</u>
Total	37,213,898

Source of funds

General fund	13,685,694
Federal funds	<u>23,528,204</u>
Total	37,213,898

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services	7,692,836
Operating expenses	2,999,965
Grants	<u>3,725,000</u>
Total	14,417,801

Source of funds

General fund	2,646,995
Special funds	1,640,781
Federal funds	6,606,306
Global Commitment fund	3,478,719
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
Total	14,417,801

Sec. B.312 Health - public health

Personal services	41,822,394
Operating expenses	7,579,809
Grants	<u>36,106,485</u>
Total	85,508,688

Source of funds

General fund	8,567,428
Special funds	17,443,570
Tobacco fund	1,088,918
Federal funds	44,857,697
Global Commitment fund	12,551,629
Interdepartmental transfers	974,446
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
Total	85,508,688

Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs

Personal services	3,763,900
Operating expenses	208,810
Grants	<u>49,363,212</u>
Total	53,335,922

Source of funds

General fund	2,908,535
Special funds	1,084,761
Tobacco fund	949,917
Federal funds	13,197,694
Global Commitment fund	<u>35,195,015</u>
Total	53,335,922

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services	29,838,587
Operating expenses	3,666,056
Grants	<u>198,405,282</u>
Total	231,909,925

Source of funds

General fund	4,864,021
Special funds	434,904
Federal funds	6,691,092
Global Commitment fund	219,899,908
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>20,000</u>
Total	231,909,925

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

Personal services	41,307,378
Operating expenses	10,464,802
Grants	<u>3,678,688</u>
Total	55,450,868

Source of funds

General fund	30,639,729
Special funds	655,548
Federal funds	23,274,906

Global Commitment fund	664,660
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>216,025</u>
Total	55,450,868

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

Personal services	31,887,814
Operating expenses	4,723,500
Grants	<u>75,838,377</u>
Total	112,449,691

Source of funds

General fund	33,280,421
Special funds	1,691,637
Federal funds	26,151,771
Global Commitment fund	51,191,608
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>134,254</u>
Total	112,449,691

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

Personal services	6,405,300
Operating expenses	802,146
Grants	<u>76,955,662</u>
Total	84,163,108

Source of funds

General fund	34,716,782
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Special funds	1,820,000
Federal funds	36,142,431
Global Commitment fund	<u>11,483,895</u>
Total	84,163,108

Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support

Personal services	10,242,836
Operating expenses	<u>3,632,098</u>
Total	13,874,934

Source of funds

General fund	3,478,675
Special funds	455,719
Federal funds	9,552,940
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
Total	13,874,934

Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and disabled

Personal services	2,182,805
Grants	<u>11,367,424</u>
Total	13,550,229

Source of funds

General fund	9,649,899
Global Commitment fund	<u>3,900,330</u>

Total	13,550,229
Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
Grants	<u>6,927,360</u>
Total	6,927,360
Source of funds	
General fund	5,530,025
Federal funds	1,111,320
Global Commitment fund	<u>286,015</u>
Total	6,927,360
Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
Grants	<u>29,827,906</u>
Total	29,827,906
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>29,827,906</u>
Total	29,827,906
Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
Operating expenses	95,202
Grants	<u>33,735,219</u>
Total	33,830,421
Source of funds	
General fund	6,717,098
Special funds	21,806,288



Federal funds	2,674,594
Global Commitment fund	<u>2,632,441</u>
Total	33,830,421

Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel

assistance/LIHEAP

Grants	<u>17,351,664</u>
Total	17,351,664

Source of funds

Federal funds	<u>17,351,664</u>
Total	17,351,664

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

opportunity

Personal services	452,430
Operating expenses	33,444
Grants	<u>9,673,747</u>
Total	10,159,621

Source of funds

General fund	4,483,212
Special funds	57,990
Federal funds	4,350,903
Global Commitment fund	<u>1,267,516</u>
Total	10,159,621

Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization  
assistance

Personal services	333,097
Operating expenses	56,878
Grants	<u>10,529,067</u>
Total	10,919,042

Source of funds

Special funds	9,690,895
Federal funds	<u>1,228,147</u>
Total	10,919,042

Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - Woodside rehabilitation  
center

Personal services	5,515,892
Operating expenses	<u>697,584</u>
Total	6,213,476

Source of funds

General fund	1,142,720
Global Commitment fund	4,973,756
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>97,000</u>
Total	6,213,476

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

services

Personal services	6,023,192
Operating expenses	<u>507,294</u>
Total	6,530,486

Source of funds

General fund	82,500
Federal funds	6,338,219
Global Commitment fund	<u>109,767</u>
Total	6,530,486

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

support

Personal services	31,147,704
Operating expenses	<u>5,194,746</u>
Total	36,342,450

Source of funds

General fund	15,894,860
Special funds	1,390,457
Federal funds	17,990,849
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>
Total	36,342,450

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

Grants	<u>21,162,885</u>
Total	21,162,885

Source of funds

General fund	8,403,232
Federal funds	7,148,466
Global Commitment fund	<u>5,611,187</u>
Total	21,162,885

Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually  
impaired

Grants	<u>1,451,457</u>
Total	1,451,457

Source of funds

General fund	389,154
Special funds	223,450
Federal funds	593,853
Global Commitment fund	<u>245,000</u>
Total	1,451,457

Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational  
rehabilitation

Grants	<u>8,972,255</u>
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Total	8,972,255
Source of funds	
General fund	1,371,845
Special funds	70,000
Federal funds	4,552,523
Global Commitment fund	7,500
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,970,387</u>
Total	8,972,255

Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental services

Grants	<u>208,837,426</u>
Total	208,837,426

Source of funds	
General fund	155,125
Special funds	15,463
Federal funds	359,857
Global Commitment fund	<u>208,306,981</u>
Total	208,837,426

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

Grants	<u>5,647,336</u>
Total	5,647,336

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	<u>5,647,336</u>
Total	5,647,336

Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration

Personal services	2,761,226
Operating expenses	<u>238,644</u>
Total	2,999,870

Source of funds

General fund	<u>2,999,870</u>
Total	2,999,870

Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board

Personal services	259,000
Operating expenses	<u>81,081</u>
Total	340,081

Source of funds

General fund	<u>340,081</u>
Total	340,081

Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education

Personal services	2,827,819
Operating expenses	<u>510,128</u>
Total	3,337,947

Source of funds

Education fund	3,189,163
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
Total	3,337,947

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

Personal services	108,272,207
Operating expenses	22,048,934
Grants	<u>9,426,638</u>
Total	139,747,779

Source of funds

General fund	132,862,670
Special funds	629,963
Federal funds	470,962
Global Commitment fund	5,387,869
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
Total	139,747,779

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

Personal services	<u>7,410,632</u>
Total	7,410,632

Source of funds

General fund	<u>7,410,632</u>
Total	7,410,632

Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation

Personal services	447,785
Operating expenses	<u>455,845</u>
Total	903,630

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>903,630</u>
Total	903,630

Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program

Personal services	1,375,777
Operating expenses	<u>565,784</u>
Total	1,941,561

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>1,941,561</u>
Total	1,941,561

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

Personal services	18,740,073
Operating expenses	<u>4,687,334</u>
Total	23,427,407

Source of funds

General fund	6,365,116
Special funds	8,474,443
Federal funds	8,176,862



Global Commitment fund	<u>410,986</u>
Total	23,427,407
Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
Personal services	300,078
Operating expenses	<u>70,983</u>
Total	371,061
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>371,061</u>
Total	371,061
Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
Grants	<u>151,096</u>
Total	151,096
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>151,096</u>
Total	151,096
Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board	
Personal services	7,312,099
Operating expenses	<u>1,407,428</u>
Total	8,719,527
Source of funds	
General fund	2,119,482
Special funds	3,587,883

Federal funds	226,574
Global Commitment fund	2,567,518
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>218,070</u>
Total	8,719,527

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund	690,747,501
Special funds	105,242,759
Tobacco fund	23,308,187
State health care resources fund	293,176,780
Education fund	3,189,163
Federal funds	1,408,931,087
Global Commitment fund	1,541,149,269
Internal service funds	1,941,561
Interdepartmental transfers	45,068,129
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
Total	4,112,779,436

Sec. B.400 Labor - programs

Personal services	30,803,543
Operating expenses	8,195,159
Grants	<u>1,500,000</u>
Total	40,498,702

Source of funds

General fund	3,282,129
Special funds	3,616,477
Federal funds	31,891,593
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,708,503</u>
Total	40,498,702

Sec. B.401 Total labor

Source of funds

General fund	3,282,129
Special funds	3,616,477
Federal funds	31,891,593
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,708,503</u>
Total	40,498,702

Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration

Personal services	8,778,194
Operating expenses	2,475,753
Grants	<u>17,087,879</u>
Total	28,341,826

Source of funds

General fund	3,475,789
Special funds	18,330,173
Education fund	1,015,606

Federal funds	2,714,811
Global Commitment fund	260,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,545,447</u>
Total	28,341,826

Sec. B.501 Education - education services

Personal services	18,681,101
Operating expenses	1,604,659
Grants	<u>125,444,492</u>
Total	145,730,252

Source of funds

General fund	5,530,968
Special funds	3,908,374
Tobacco fund	750,388
Federal funds	133,477,859
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,062,663</u>
Total	145,730,252

Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants

Grants	<u>180,749,796</u>
Total	180,749,796

Source of funds

Education fund	<u>180,749,796</u>
Total	180,749,796

Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students

Grants	<u>16,700,000</u>
Total	16,700,000

Source of funds

Education fund	<u>16,700,000</u>
Total	16,700,000

Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy

Grants	<u>4,254,045</u>
Total	4,254,045

Source of funds

General fund	787,995
Education fund	2,700,000
Federal funds	<u>766,050</u>
Total	4,254,045

Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways

Grants	<u>7,200,000</u>
Total	7,200,000

Source of funds

Education fund	<u>7,200,000</u>
Total	7,200,000

Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment

Grants	<u>1,352,200,000</u>
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Total	1,352,200,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>1,352,200,000</u>
Total	1,352,200,000
Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
Grants	<u>18,745,381</u>
Total	18,745,381
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>18,745,381</u>
Total	18,745,381
Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants	
Grants	<u>7,600,000</u>
Total	7,600,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>7,600,000</u>
Total	7,600,000
Sec. B.508 Education - capital debt service aid	
Grants	<u>25,000</u>
Total	25,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>25,000</u>
Total	25,000

Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant

Grants	<u>6,442,927</u>
Total	6,442,927

Source of funds

Education fund	<u>6,442,927</u>
Total	6,442,927

Sec. B.511 Education - technical education

Grants	<u>13,613,512</u>
Total	13,613,512

Source of funds

Education fund	<u>13,613,512</u>
Total	13,613,512

Sec. B.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund

Grants	<u>314,695,753</u>
Total	314,695,753

Source of funds

General fund	<u>314,695,753</u>
Total	314,695,753

Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system

Grants	<u>83,809,437</u>
Total	83,809,437

Source of funds

General fund	75,912,816
Education fund	<u>7,896,621</u>
Total	83,809,437

Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system

Personal services	6,192,879
Operating expenses	<u>1,494,552</u>
Total	7,687,431

Source of funds

Pension trust funds	<u>7,687,431</u>
Total	7,687,431

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

Grants	<u>27,560,966</u>
Total	27,560,966

Source of funds

General fund	27,560,966
Education fund	<u>0</u>
Total	27,560,966

Sec. B.516 Total general education

Source of funds

General fund	427,964,287
Special funds	22,238,547



Tobacco fund	750,388
Education fund	1,614,888,843
Federal funds	136,958,720
Global Commitment fund	260,000
Interdepartmental transfers	4,608,110
Pension trust funds	<u>7,687,431</u>
Total	2,215,356,326

Sec. B.600 University of Vermont

Grants	<u>42,509,093</u>
Total	42,509,093

Source of funds

General fund	38,462,876
Education fund	0
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,046,217</u>
Total	42,509,093

Sec. B.601 Vermont Public Television

Grants	<u>1</u>
Total	1

Source of funds

General fund	<u>1</u>
Total	1

Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges

Grants	<u>27,300,464</u>
Total	27,300,464

Source of funds

General fund	27,300,464
Education fund	<u>0</u>
Total	27,300,464

Sec. B.602.1 Vermont state colleges - Supplemental Aid

Grants	<u>700,000</u>
Total	700,000

Source of funds

General fund	700,000
Education fund	<u>0</u>
Total	700,000

Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health

Grants	<u>1,157,775</u>
Total	1,157,775

Source of funds

General fund	748,314
Education fund	0
Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>
Total	1,157,775

Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

Grants	<u>19,414,588</u>
Total	19,414,588
Source of funds	
General fund	19,414,588
Education fund	<u>0</u>
Total	19,414,588

Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact

Grants	<u>84,000</u>
Total	84,000
Source of funds	
General fund	84,000
Education fund	<u>0</u>
Total	84,000

Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm

Grants	<u>1</u>
Total	1
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1</u>
Total	1

Sec. B.608 Total higher education

Source of funds

General fund	86,710,244
Education fund	0
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,455,678</u>
Total	91,165,922

Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration

Personal services	3,930,773
Operating expenses	1,090,586
Grants	<u>34,960</u>
Total	5,056,319

Source of funds

General fund	4,231,479
Special funds	554,112
Federal funds	15,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>255,728</u>
Total	5,056,319

Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment

Operating expenses	<u>2,493,229</u>
Total	2,493,229

Source of funds

General fund	2,071,729
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Interdepartmental transfers 421,500

Total 2,493,229

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

Personal services 16,627,558

Operating expenses 5,223,271

Grants 860,000

Total 22,710,829

Source of funds

General fund 5,120,337

Special funds 266,350

Fish and wildlife fund 9,329,826

Federal funds 7,865,515

Interdepartmental transfers 127,801

Permanent trust funds 1,000

Total 22,710,829

Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration

Personal services 1,353,932

Operating expenses 785,612

Grants 2,061,750

Total 4,201,294

Source of funds

General fund 1,480,709

Special funds	1,447,050
Federal funds	1,263,535
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>10,000</u>
Total	4,201,294

Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry

Personal services	5,345,642
Operating expenses	772,756
Grants	<u>500,000</u>
Total	6,618,398

Source of funds

General fund	4,638,604
Special funds	347,174
Federal funds	1,362,000
Interdepartmental transfers	195,999
Permanent trust funds	<u>74,621</u>
Total	6,618,398

Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks

Personal services	7,999,465
Operating expenses	<u>2,603,498</u>
Total	10,602,963

Source of funds

General fund	555,654
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Special funds	<u>10,047,309</u>
Total	10,602,963
Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration	
Personal services	536,620
Operating expenses	<u>1,201,508</u>
Total	1,738,128
Source of funds	
General fund	501,609
Special funds	144,769
Federal funds	1,073,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>18,750</u>
Total	1,738,128
Sec. B.707 Forests, parks and recreation - youth conservation corps	
Grants	<u>326,689</u>
Total	326,689
Source of funds	
General fund	48,307
Special funds	188,382
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>90,000</u>
Total	326,689
Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest highway maintenance	
Personal services	94,000

Operating expenses 85,925

Total 179,925

Source of funds

General fund 179,925

Total 179,925

Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services

Personal services 5,671,296

Operating expenses 1,510,008

Grants 187,442

Total 7,368,746

Source of funds

General fund 931,187

Special funds 351,935

Federal funds 702,230

Interdepartmental transfers 5,383,394

Total 7,368,746

Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management

Personal services 12,163,522

Operating expenses 8,258,175

Grants 2,061,047

Total 22,482,744



Source of funds

General fund	95,050
Special funds	18,252,862
Federal funds	3,944,591
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>190,241</u>
Total	22,482,744

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

Personal services	18,132,902
Operating expenses	5,531,907
Grants	<u>24,284,028</u>
Total	47,948,837

Source of funds

General fund	7,564,123
Special funds	10,876,060
Federal funds	28,447,666
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,060,988</u>
Total	47,948,837

Sec. B.713 Natural resources board

Personal services	2,556,391
Operating expenses	410,259
Grants	<u>100,000</u>
Total	3,066,650

Source of funds

General fund	607,606
Special funds	<u>2,459,044</u>
Total	3,066,650

Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

Source of funds

General fund	28,026,319
Special funds	44,935,047
Fish and wildlife fund	9,329,826
Federal funds	44,673,537
Interdepartmental transfers	7,754,401
Permanent trust funds	<u>75,621</u>
Total	134,794,751

Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce  
and community development - administration

Personal services	3,175,456
Operating expenses	1,206,988
Grants	<u>3,537,627</u>
Total	7,920,071

Source of funds

General fund	3,707,045
Special funds	4,059,800

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>153,226</u>
Total	7,920,071
Sec. B.801 Economic development	
Personal services	2,295,552
Operating expenses	820,188
Grants	<u>3,679,403</u>
Total	6,795,143
Source of funds	
General fund	4,602,224
Special funds	610,350
Federal funds	<u>1,582,569</u>
Total	6,795,143
Sec. B.802 Housing & community development	
Personal services	3,643,631
Operating expenses	786,231
Grants	<u>4,258,021</u>
Total	8,687,883
Source of funds	
General fund	2,627,105
Special funds	4,490,916
Federal funds	1,468,739
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>101,123</u>

Total	8,687,883
Sec. B.804 Community development block grants	
Grants	<u>6,326,320</u>
Total	6,326,320
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>6,326,320</u>
Total	6,326,320
Sec. B.805 Downtown transportation and capital improvement fund	
Personal services	98,581
Grants	<u>335,151</u>
Total	433,732
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>433,732</u>
Total	433,732
Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
Personal services	1,191,303
Operating expenses	1,792,070
Grants	<u>121,880</u>
Total	3,105,253
Source of funds	
General fund	3,075,253
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>30,000</u>

Total	3,105,253
Sec. B.807 Vermont life	
Personal services	715,174
Operating expenses	<u>47,849</u>
Total	763,023
Source of funds	
Enterprise funds	<u>763,023</u>
Total	763,023
Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
Grants	<u>675,307</u>
Total	675,307
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>675,307</u>
Total	675,307
Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
Grants	<u>141,214</u>
Total	141,214
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>141,214</u>
Total	141,214
Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
Grants	<u>996,945</u>

Total	996,945
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>996,945</u>
Total	996,945
Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
Grants	<u>30,839,032</u>
Total	30,839,032
Source of funds	
Special funds	12,150,447
Federal funds	<u>18,688,585</u>
Total	30,839,032
Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
Grants	<u>217,959</u>
Total	217,959
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>217,959</u>
Total	217,959
Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
Source of funds	
General fund	16,043,052
Special funds	21,745,245
Federal funds	28,066,213

Interdepartmental transfers	284,349
Enterprise funds	<u>763,023</u>
Total	66,901,882
Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
Personal services	11,835,039
Operating expenses	2,732,631
Grants	<u>55,000</u>
Total	14,622,670
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	13,520,910
Federal funds	<u>1,101,760</u>
Total	14,622,670
Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
Personal services	3,502,776
Operating expenses	14,029,319
Grants	<u>204,000</u>
Total	17,736,095
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	4,929,552
Federal funds	<u>12,806,543</u>
Total	17,736,095

Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings

Operating expenses	<u>1,900,000</u>
Total	1,900,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>1,900,000</u>
Total	1,900,000

Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development

Personal services	53,313,749
Operating expenses	193,926,320
Grants	<u>40,242,156</u>
Total	287,482,225

Source of funds

Transportation fund	39,895,056
TIB fund	8,198,136
Federal funds	238,291,275
Interdepartmental transfers	239,345
Local match	<u>858,413</u>
Total	287,482,225

Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction

Personal services	42,274
Operating expenses	<u>620,726</u>
Total	663,000



Source of funds

Transportation fund	79,774
Federal funds	<u>583,226</u>
Total	663,000

Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system

Personal services	43,638,652
Operating expenses	45,265,393
Grants	<u>421,780</u>
Total	89,325,825

Source of funds

Transportation fund	87,376,083
Federal funds	1,849,742
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
Total	89,325,825

Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning

Personal services	3,804,950
Operating expenses	707,135
Grants	<u>6,084,347</u>
Total	10,596,432

Source of funds

Transportation fund	2,706,491
Federal funds	7,755,912

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>134,029</u>
Total	10,596,432
Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
Personal services	6,410,380
Operating expenses	<u>30,670,870</u>
Total	37,081,250
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	18,935,869
TIB fund	2,840,249
Federal funds	15,269,507
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>35,625</u>
Total	37,081,250
Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
Personal services	1,137,749
Operating expenses	120,263
Grants	<u>30,874,145</u>
Total	32,132,157
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	7,955,199
Federal funds	<u>24,176,958</u>
Total	32,132,157

Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage

Personal services	4,459,194
Operating expenses	<u>15,595,717</u>
Total	20,054,911

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>20,054,911</u>
Total	20,054,911

Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles

Personal services	18,395,579
Operating expenses	<u>10,906,337</u>
Total	29,301,916

Source of funds

Transportation fund	27,773,478
Federal funds	1,423,438
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>105,000</u>
Total	29,301,916

Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures

Grants	<u>6,333,500</u>
Total	6,333,500

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>6,333,500</u>
Total	6,333,500

Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program

Operating expenses	71,627
Grants	<u>329,066</u>
Total	400,693

Source of funds

Transportation fund	100,693
Federal funds	<u>300,000</u>
Total	400,693

Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway

Grants	<u>7,848,750</u>
Total	7,848,750

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>7,848,750</u>
Total	7,848,750

Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges

Personal services	3,349,613
Operating expenses	13,074,396
Grants	<u>100,000</u>
Total	16,524,009

Source of funds

Transportation fund	1,111,449
TIB fund	1,156,927

Federal funds	13,488,269
Local match	<u>767,364</u>
Total	16,524,009

Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program

Grants	<u>25,982,744</u>
Total	25,982,744

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>25,982,744</u>
Total	25,982,744

Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants

Grants	<u>128,750</u>
Total	128,750

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
Total	128,750

Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters

Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
Total	1,150,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
Total	1,150,000

Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters

Grants	<u>180,000</u>
Total	180,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	20,000
Federal funds	<u>160,000</u>
Total	180,000

Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program

Operating expenses	150,000
Grants	<u>7,632,342</u>
Total	7,782,342
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	1,240,000
Special funds	1,100,000
Federal funds	<u>5,442,342</u>
Total	7,782,342

Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program

Operating expenses	640,000
Grants	<u>5,000,000</u>
Total	5,640,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	160,000

Special funds	2,000,000
Federal funds	3,000,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>480,000</u>
Total	5,640,000
Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
Personal services	205,657
Operating expenses	<u>28,093</u>
Total	233,750
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>233,750</u>
Total	233,750
Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	249,382,048
TIB fund	12,195,312
Special funds	3,100,000
Federal funds	325,648,972
Internal service funds	20,054,911
Interdepartmental transfers	1,093,999
Local match	<u>1,625,777</u>
Total	613,101,019

Sec. B.1000 Debt service

Operating expenses	<u>79,333,039</u>
Total	79,333,039

Source of funds

General fund	73,989,703
Transportation fund	1,709,452
ARRA funds	1,130,146
TIB debt service fund	<u>2,503,738</u>
Total	79,333,039

Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

Source of funds

General fund	73,989,703
Transportation fund	1,709,452
ARRA funds	1,130,146
TIB debt service fund	<u>2,503,738</u>
Total	79,333,039

Sec. B.1100 NEXT GENERATION; APPROPRIATIONS AND  
TRANSFERS

(a) In fiscal year 2018, \$2,909,900 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 \$1,605,400 as follows:



(A) Workforce Education and Training Fund (WETF). The amount of \$1,045,400 is transferred to the 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 Strong Internship Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 544.

(B) Adult Career Technical Education Programs. The amount of \$360,000 is appropriated to the Department of Labor in consultation with the State Workforce Development Board. This appropriation is for the purpose of awarding competitive grants to regional technical centers and high schools to provide adult career 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 \$30,000 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 repayment program for large animal veterinarians pursuant to 6 V.S.A.

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(3) Scholarships and grants. The amount of \$1,274,500 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 \$600,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Education for dual enrollment

programs consistent with 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2), and \$30,000 is appropriated to

the Agency of Education to be 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 2019 NEXT GENERATION FUND  
DISTRIBUTION

(a) The Department of Labor, in coordination with the Agencies of Commerce and Community Development, of Human Services, and of Education, and in consultation with the State Workforce Development Board, shall recommend to the Governor on or before December 1, 2017 how \$2,909,900 from the Next Generation Initiative Fund should be allocated or appropriated in fiscal year 2019 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 FISCAL YEAR 2018 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND  
APPROPRIATIONS

(a) Department for Children and Families: The sum of \$600,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Department for Children and Families to be used to facilitate the development of two seasonal warming shelters, one in the Rutland district office service area and one in the Barre district office service area to be in place for the 2017-2018 heating season. The Department for Children and Families and the local continuums of care in the Rutland and Barre districts shall report on or before September 15 and November 15, 2017

to the Legislative Joint Fiscal Committee on the progress of the siting and development of seasonal warming shelters in these two areas of the State. The Secretary of Human Services and the Commissioner for Children and Families shall work with hospitals and community organizations to access additional funding, matching funds, and in-kind contributions, and to facilitate siting to expand shelter availability throughout other regions of the State. A report on projected shelter availability for the 2017-2018 heating season shall be submitted to the Legislative Joint Fiscal Committee on or before November 15, 2017.

(b) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets: The sum of \$25,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to support the Farms 2+2 Program.

(c) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets: The sum of \$75,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for a grant to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for federal rural development grant writing assistance.

#### Sec. B.1102 FISCAL YEAR 2018 MANAGEMENT SAVINGS

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall reduce fiscal year 2018 appropriations and make transfers to the General Fund for a total of \$5,000,000. The Administration is not limited to the following proposals to achieve this target, but shall analyze the following for fiscal year 2018 budgetary savings:

- (1) the elimination of exempt positions;
- (2) savings identified through improved business processes and administrative efficiencies;
- (3) administrative or contractual reductions, including savings from improved systems of procurement;
- (4) savings in State employee health care costs through increased price awareness;
- (5) the Agency of Human Services shall review and quantify savings from improved oversight and fiscal controls in order to prevent fraud and overpayment related to personal care services reimbursed by the departments of the Agency;
- (6) review of statewide operating expenses that include:
  - (A) physical space needs statewide for potential reduction of leased space or divestment of owned real estate where appropriate;
  - (B) examination of the alignment of the cost control incentives or disincentives in the State's largest internal service fund programs, including fee for space, and innovation and information charges; and
  - (C) telecommunication services, postage equipment, and other equipment rentals.
- (b) The Department of Corrections shall be held harmless from the savings target in subsection (a) of this section due to Corrections-specific existing savings targets contained elsewhere in this act.

(c) Savings identified by the Administration to meet the target in subsection (a) of this section shall be multiyear in nature to the greatest extent possible. The Administration shall provide in the report required in subsection (d) of this section the fully annualized savings for any reductions and transfers that require more time to be fully implemented.

(d) The Secretary shall submit a written report of the appropriations reductions and transfers to the Joint Fiscal Committee in November 2017. The report shall include:

(1) the budgetary changes by agency and department and funding source;

(2) the short- and long-term implications to individuals, organizations, or State systems of each change;

(3) if any identified savings are only one-time in nature, the associated longer term actions that the Secretary recommends to make the savings continue into future years or become permanent; and

(4) if any reductions or transfers require specific statutory changes, these shall be summarized in the report and presented in full to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and other relevant standing committees during the 2018 legislative session.

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Sec. B.1104 [DELETED]

Sec. B.1105 [DELETED]

Sec. B.1106 [DELETED]

Sec. B.1107 [DELETED]

Sec. C.100 FISCAL YEAR 2017 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$1,930,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Secretary of Administration to be carried forward into fiscal year 2018 for distribution to departments to provide funding for changes in employee classification occurring in fiscal year 2017 that are approved in accordance with the collective bargaining agreements.

(b) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$323,826 in general funds is appropriated to the Judiciary for retroactive docket clerk reclassification.

(c) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$245,246 in general funds is appropriated to the Attorney General to be carried forward into fiscal year 2018 for tobacco master settlement arbitration or litigation.

(d) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$100,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to be carried forward for fiscal year 2018 one-time expenditure by the Vermont Working Lands Enterprise Board established in 6 V.S.A. § 4606 for investments in food and forest system businesses and service providers pursuant to 6 V.S.A. § 4607 and consistent with the funding priorities in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 5, as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.224.1.

(e) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$1,250,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Department of Public Safety to purchase police cruiser and

body cameras, including equipment, maintenance, and warranty costs. The first priority for the use of these funds shall be for the State match in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 for federal NHTSA/GHSP funds for cruiser cameras pending a waiver to meet “buy American” federal requirements. Second priority is for cruiser cameras if a waiver is denied. Body cameras may be purchased with any remaining funds.

(f) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$200,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services to be used in combination with available capital appropriations for activities to reuse the Southeast State Correctional Facility located in Windsor, Vermont subsequent to a plan specified in Sec. E.335.1 of this act.

(g) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$250,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Agency of Administration for a one-time grant to the Vermont Law School. This grant will provide a State match toward the \$5,000,000 hybrid residential and online program designed to attract new groups of national and international students to enroll in Vermont-based programs at the law school.

(h) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$260,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Office of the Attorney General to pay costs or liabilities incurred by the Attorney General representing Vermont consumers in pending matters relating to VW and the efficacy of a dietary supplement.



(i) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$880,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges to pay the second of three installments to support the unification of Johnson and Lyndon State Colleges into the new Northern Vermont University.

(j) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$27,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services to support the operating expenses of the Bennington Welcome Center. For subsequent fiscal years, operating expenses of the Bennington Welcome Center shall not be supported with supplemental appropriations in addition to the amounts requested by the Department of Buildings and General Services and approved by the General Assembly in the annual appropriations bill.

(k) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$150,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the Vermont Small Business Development Center for the purpose of increasing the number of business advisors in the State, with priority for underserved regions.

(l) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$100,000 in general funds is appropriated to the Office of Economic Opportunity in the Department for Children and Families for pass-through grants to the Community Action Agencies to provide funding for the regional Microbusiness Development Programs pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 3722.

Sec. C.100.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MARKETING

(a) In fiscal year 2017, the Agency of Commerce and Community

Development is authorized to transfer and carry forward \$250,000 of general funds appropriated for the Vermont Training Program to:

(1) implement the Department of Economic Development's economic development marketing plan to attract and retain residents and businesses to Vermont, highlighting the many positive features that make Vermont a great place to live, work, and do business; and

(2) prioritize marketing tactics with the potential to shift most efficiently and effectively perceptions about Vermont as a place to live and work, and that will form a set of marketing assets and strategic framework to sustain Department of Economic Development activities beyond initial implementation.

(b) Funds available to implement this section may be matched with federal funds, special funds, grants, donations, and private funds. To increase the amount and effectiveness of marketing activities conducted, the Agency shall collaborate with private sector partners to maximize State marketing resources and to enable Vermont businesses to align their own brand identities with the Vermont brand, enhancing the reputations of both the business and the State.

(c) Prior to taking any action pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, including issuing any requests for proposals for contracts or grants to partner with the Department in implementing this section, the Secretary of Commerce

and Community Development shall adopt relevant outcomes, performance measures, and indicators in order to:

(1) clearly articulate the goals and expectations for the State's economic development marketing plan and its implementation, any contracts or grants with the Department, and for the activities of the Department and its partners; and

(2) enable the General Assembly to evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the plan and its implementation, and of the activities of the Department and its partners undertaken pursuant to this section.

Sec. C.100.2 MEDICAID CARRY FORWARD REQUIREMENT

(a) In fiscal year 2017, the Agency of Human Services shall reserve and carry forward to fiscal year 2018 \$1,250,000 of the general funds appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.301 as amended by 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 18. The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to adjust fiscal year 2017 Federal Fund and Global Commitment Fund appropriations in the Agency of Human Services and Department of Vermont Health Access to comport with this requirement.

Sec. C.101 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 60 is amended to read

Sec. 60. FUND TRANSFERS

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2017:

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

the funds indicated:

21054	Misc. Fines & Penalties	442,849.77
21065	Financial Institute Supervision	728,499.86
21405	Bond Investment Earnings Fund	161,100.90
21550	Land & Facilities Trust Fund	450,000.00
21641	AG – Administrative Special Fund	30,848.02
21638	AG – Fees & Reimbursements -Court Order	<u>(est.)</u> 2,400,000.00
22005	AHS Central Office earned federal receipts	28,040,542.00
50300	Liquor Control Fund	955,000.00
	Caledonia Fair	5,000.00
	North Country Hospital Loan	24,250.00

(2) All or a portion of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (Fund Number 21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (Fund Number 21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (Fund Number 21080) expected to be approximately ~~\$22,452,018~~ \$22,732,018 shall be transferred to the General Fund, provided that on or before July 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Financial Regulation certifies to the Joint Fiscal Committee that the transfer of such balances, or any smaller portion deemed proper by the Commissioner, will not impair the ability of the Department in fiscal year 2018 to provide thorough, competent, fair, and effective regulatory services, or maintain accreditation by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; and that the Joint Fiscal

Committee does not reject such certification.

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

21275	<del>Environmental Contingency Fund</del>	500,000.00
21555	Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund	<del>1,176,226.00</del> <u>2,632,014.00</u>
59500	Single Audit Revolving Fund	196,169.00

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Sec. C.102 VOLKSWAGEN SETTLEMENT

(a) The estimated \$4,242,401 multistate settlement from Volkswagen to be received by the State of Vermont in fiscal year 2017 or fiscal year 2018 shall be deposited into the Environmental Contingency Fund (fund 21275). In fiscal year 2018, \$1,000,000 shall be transferred to the General Fund, and the balance shall remain in the Environmental Contingency Fund (fund 21275).

(b) Notwithstanding the \$100,000 minimum balance required by 10 V.S.A. § 1283(b), in fiscal year 2018 the Secretary of Natural Resources may expend funds up to \$3,242,000 in anticipation of the receipts from the Volkswagen Settlement.

Sec. C.103 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 62 is amended to read:

Sec. 62. EXPENDITURE OF HUMAN SERVICES CASELOAD

MANAGEMENT RESERVE

~~(a) In fiscal year 2017, \$3,738,117 from the General Fund is appropriated to the Commissioner of Finance and Management for transfer to the Agency of~~

~~Human Services — Global Commitment to ensure sufficient funding for Global Commitment during fiscal year 2017. Prior to the close of fiscal year 2017, the Commissioner shall determine the amount needed for transfer, and shall provide a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee of the determination and the amount transferred. Any funds remaining in this appropriation and not transferred shall revert to the General Fund in fiscal year 2017.~~

~~(b) The amount of funds appropriated in subsection (a) of this section shall be unreserved from the Human Services Caseload Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b. The funds reverted in subsection (a) of this section shall be reserved in the Human Services Caseload Reserve.~~

(a) The amount of \$3,738,117 in general funds shall be unreserved from the Human Services Caseload Management Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b.

(b) At the close of fiscal year 2017 and after meeting the requirements of Sec. C.100.2 of H.542 of the 2017 session, an amount up to \$3,738,117 of any unencumbered General Fund appropriation in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.301 as amended by 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 18, and as further amended by Sec. C.107 of H.542 of the 2017 session, that would otherwise be authorized to carry forward shall revert to the General Fund and be reserved in the Human Services Caseload Management Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b.

Sec. C.104 FISCAL YEAR 2017 27/53 RESERVE FUNDING SOURCE

TRANSFER

(a) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.1104 or any other provision of law to the contrary, any General Fund amount reserved in fiscal year 2017 in the 27/53 Reserve created in 32 V.S.A. § 308e shall be unreserved.

(b) In fiscal year 2017, \$5,287,591 shall be transferred from the Global Commitment Fund to the General Fund to be reserved in the 27/53 Reserve created in 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

Sec. C.105 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.200 as amended by 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 9 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.200 Attorney general

Personal services	<del>9,160,530</del>	8,900,530
Operating expenses	1,386,540	1,386,540
Grants	<u>26,894</u>	<u>26,894</u>
Total	<del>10,573,964</del>	10,313,964
Source of funds		
General fund	<del>4,598,420</del>	4,338,420
Special funds	2,150,198	2,150,198
Tobacco fund	348,000	348,000
Federal funds	1,067,909	1,067,909
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,409,437</u>	<u>2,409,437</u>

Total	<del>10,573,964</del>	10,313,964
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Sec. C.106 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.240 as amended by 2017

Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 16 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

General fund	<del>140,870,696</del>	140,610,696
Transportation fund	21,150,000	21,150,000
Special funds	83,106,552	83,106,552
Tobacco fund	600,874	600,874
Federal funds	64,642,371	64,642,371
ARRA funds	650,000	650,000
Global Commitment fund	90,278	90,278
Interdepartmental transfers	12,737,631	12,737,631
Enterprise funds	<u>8,032,560</u>	<u>8,032,560</u>
Total	<del>331,880,962</del>	331,620,962

Sec. C.107 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.301 as amended by 2017

Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 18 is further amended to read:

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

Operating expenses	5,529,495	5,529,495
Grants	<u>1,596,194,550</u>	<u>1,599,932,667</u>
Total	<del>1,601,724,045</del>	1,605,462,162



Source of funds

General fund	<del>284,257,664</del>	287,995,781
Special funds	28,263,866	28,263,866
Tobacco fund	29,716,875	29,716,875
State health care resources fund	297,599,293	297,599,293
Federal funds	961,846,347	961,846,347
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>
Total	<del>1,601,724,045</del>	1,605,462,162

Sec. C.108 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.345 as amended by 2017

Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board

Personal services	<del>8,736,409</del>	9,131,409
Operating expenses	<u>1,230,995</u>	<u>835,995</u>
Total	9,967,404	9,967,404

Source of funds

General fund	1,401,276	1,401,276
Special funds	2,342,927	2,342,927
Federal funds	448,808	448,808
Global Commitment fund	4,281,832	4,281,832
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,492,561</u>	<u>1,492,561</u>
Total	9,967,404	9,967,404

Sec. C.109 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.346 as amended by 2017

Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 46 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund	<del>693,886,463</del>	697,624,580
Special funds	99,545,755	99,545,755
Tobacco fund	33,550,914	33,550,914
State health care resources fund	297,599,293	297,599,293
Education fund	3,109,463	3,109,463
Federal funds	1,391,826,777	1,391,826,777
Global Commitment fund	1,540,769,628	1,540,769,628
Internal service funds	1,908,035	1,908,035
Interdepartmental transfers	24,664,768	24,664,768
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total	<del>4,086,886,096</del>	4,090,624,213

Sec. C.110 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.1000 as amended by 2017

Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 58 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.1000 Debt service

Operating expenses	<u>76,991,491</u>	<u>76,991,491</u>
Total	76,991,491	76,991,491

Source of funds

General fund	71,120,080	71,120,080
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Transportation fund	1,884,089	1,884,089
Special funds	336,000	336,000
ARRA funds	<del>1,149,919</del>	1,149,909
TIB debt service fund	<u>2,501,413</u>	<u>2,501,413</u>
Total	76,991,491	76,991,491

Sec. C.111 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.1001 as amended by 2017

Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 59 is further amended to read:

Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

Source of funds

General fund	71,120,080	71,120,080
Transportation fund	1,884,089	1,884,089
Special funds	336,000	336,000
ARRA funds	<del>1,149,919</del>	1,149,909
TIB debt service fund	<u>2,501,413</u>	<u>2,501,413</u>
Total	76,991,491	76,991,491

Sec. C.112 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.514 is amended to read:

Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system

Grants	<del>78,959,576</del>	<u>78,659,576</u>
Total	<del>78,959,576</del>	78,659,576

Source of funds

General fund	<del>78,959,576</del>	<u>78,659,576</u>
Total	<del>78,959,576</del>	78,659,576

Sec. C.113 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.515 is amended to read:

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

Grants	<u>22,022,584</u>	<u>22,322,584</u>
Total	<u>22,022,584</u>	22,322,584

Source of funds

General fund	<u>22,022,584</u>	<u>22,322,584</u>
Total	<u>22,022,584</u>	22,322,584

Sec. C.114 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.514 is amended to read:

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 \$82,659,576, of which ~~\$78,959,576~~ \$78,659,576 shall be the State's contribution and ~~\$3,700,000~~ \$4,000,000 shall be contributed from local school systems or educational entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

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Sec. C.115 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.515 is amended to read:

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

(a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), ~~\$22,022,584~~ \$22,322,584 will be contributed to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits plan.

Sec. C.116 32 V.S.A. § 131 is amended to read:

§ 131. COMPOSITION

There shall be an Emergency Board to consist of the Governor, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations; but the Chair of any one of such committees may designate a member of his or her committee who shall be a member of such Board in lieu of the Chair. The Board shall meet at the call of the Governor or a majority of the legislative members of the Board.

Sec. C.117 32 V.S.A. § 306 is amended to read:

§ 306. BUDGET REPORT

(a) The Governor shall submit to the General Assembly, not later than the third Tuesday of every annual session, a budget which shall embody his or her estimates, requests, and recommendations for appropriations or other authorizations for expenditures from the State Treasury. In the first year of the biennium, the budget shall relate to the two succeeding fiscal years. In the second year of the biennium, it shall relate to the succeeding fiscal year. The budget shall be based upon the official State revenue estimates, including the Medicaid estimated caseloads and per-member per-month expenditures, adopted by the Emergency Board pursuant to section 305a of this title.

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Sec. C.118 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 68(a) is amended to read:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval of the Secretary of Administration, General, Transportation, Transportation Infrastructure Bond, ~~and Education Fund~~, Clean Water Fund (Fund 21932), and Agricultural Water Quality Fund (Fund 21933) appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2017 in the Executive Branch of State government shall be carried forward and shall be designated for expenditure.

Sec. C.119 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.1106(b) as amended by 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 70 is further amended to read:

(b) The Secretary of Administration shall reduce fiscal year 2017 appropriations and make transfers to the General Fund for a total of \$343,369. Savings in the amount of \$206,631 are included in the fiscal year 2017 budget adjustment for a total savings of \$550,000. The remaining appropriations and transfers for savings ~~associated with positions abolished in subsection (a) of this section~~ shall be made prior to close out of fiscal year 2017 and be reported to the Joint Fiscal Committee at the July 2017 meeting.

Sec. C.120 GENERAL FUND YEAR END CLOSE OUT

(a) In fiscal years 2017 and 2018, after satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, and after other reserve requirements have been met, the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a)(1)–(3) shall not be applied, and any remaining unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year General Fund

surplus shall be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308c.

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 Current Use 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 Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

(2) The sum of \$11,304,840 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 \$11,304,840 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, established in 10 V.S.A. § 122.

Sec. D.100.1 REPEAL

(a) 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 45, Secs. 35 (repeal of change in allocation of property transfer tax revenue) and 37(10), as amended by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. D.100.1 (effective date of change in allocation of property transfer tax revenue) are repealed.

Sec. D.100.2 [DELETED]

Sec. D.101 FISCAL YEAR 2018 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: \$2,909,900.

(2) From the Clean Water Fund established by 10 V.S.A. § 1388 to the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund created under 6 V.S.A. § 4803: \$1,225,000.



(3) 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.

(4) From the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established by 19 V.S.A. § 11f to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund established by 32 V.S.A. § 951a for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2019 transportation infrastructure bonds debt service: \$2,504,688.

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

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

<u>21550</u>	<u>Land &amp; Facilities Trust Fund</u>	<u>429,000.00</u>
<u>21638</u>	<u>AG-Fees &amp; Reimbursements-Court Order</u>	<u>2,000,000.00</u>
<u>21909</u>	<u>Tax Computer System Modernization</u>	<u>798,808.00</u>
<u>21937</u>	<u>GMCB Regulatory and Admin Fund</u>	<u>850,000.00</u>
<u>22005</u>	<u>AHS Central Office earned federal receipts</u>	<u>32,971,342.00</u>
<u>50300</u>	<u>Liquor Control Fund</u>	<u>1,055,000.00</u>
	<u>Caledonia Fair</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
	<u>North Country Hospital Loan</u>	<u>24,250.00</u>

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

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

<u>1210001000</u>	<u>Legislative Council</u>	<u>150,000.00</u>
<u>1210002000</u>	<u>Legislature</u>	<u>385,000.00</u>
<u>1230001000</u>	<u>Sergeant at Arms</u>	<u>19,000.00</u>
<u>7120890704</u>	<u>International Trade Commission</u>	<u>7,711.88</u>

Sec. D.101.1 ONE-TIME FISCAL YEAR 2018 FUND TRANSFER TO  
EDUCATION FUND

(a) In fiscal year 2018, the sum of \$3,270,000 is transferred from the General Fund to the Education Fund.

Sec. D.101.2 ONE YEAR RESCISSION ELIGIBILITY FOR GENERAL  
FUND TO EDUCATION FUND TRANSFER

(a) For fiscal year 2018 only and notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 704(g)(2), the transfer and appropriation in Sec. B.513 of this act is subject to General Fund rescissions not to exceed one percent of the transfer or the percent that the rescission amount as specified in Sec. D.105(b) of this act is of the total General Fund budget, whichever is less.

(b) Any rescission made to the transfer in subsection (a) of this section shall be subtracted from the base amount used to calculate the General Fund transfer under 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2) for the next fiscal year.

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 2017 in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund established by 32 V.S.A. § 435a shall remain for appropriation in fiscal year 2018.

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 2018 and any additional amount necessary to ensure the balance in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund at the close of fiscal year 2018 is not negative shall be transferred in fiscal year 2018 from the Tobacco Trust Fund established by 18 V.S.A. § 9502(a) to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund established by 32 V.S.A. § 435a.

Sec. D.104 HUMAN SERVICES CASELOAD MANAGEMENT RESERVE

(a) The sum of \$12,000,000 shall be reserved from the General Fund in the Human Services Caseload Management Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b.

Sec. D.105 FISCAL YEAR 2018 ONE-TIME CORPORATE TAX REFUND

OFFSET

(a) The Administration and Legislative economists have indicated that one-time corporate tax refunds may result in a revenue downgrade for fiscal year 2018. To address the one-time fiscal impacts of this in fiscal year 2018, the following actions are authorized:

(1) As part of the official revenue forecast for fiscal year 2018 under 32 V.S.A § 305a, the Emergency Board at its July 2017 meeting shall hear testimony from the Administration and Legislative economists and adopt a fiscal year 2018 estimate for expected corporate tax refunds above historical trend.

(2) Based on the adopted amount of corporate income tax refunds under subdivision (1) of this subsection, to the extent necessary the following offsets will be made in the order below:

(A) The Commissioner of Finance and Management may review fund balances in State special funds and end of fiscal year 2017 carry forward appropriation balances throughout the Executive Branch. Up to \$5,000,000 may be identified for transfer or reversion to the General Fund. To the extent necessary, the Emergency Board will review any proposed fund transfers and under its authority pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 133(b) make fund transfers at a meeting scheduled on or before September 15, 2017.

(B) Up to \$10,000,000 of the Global Commitment Fund balance may be transferred to the General Fund.

(b) Any other revenue adjustments shall be made in accordance with end of the year revenue offsets and the statutory rescission process under 32 V.S.A. § 704.

Sec. D.106 USE OF HEALTH IT-FUND BALANCE

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 10301(a), the Agency of Human Services may expend \$2,000,000 of the Health IT-Fund as State match for Global Commitment program expenditures in fiscal year 2018 and the sum of \$500,000 is transferred from the Health IT-Fund to the General Fund and reserved in the Rainy Day Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308c. It is the intent of the General Assembly to expend an additional \$2,000,000 from the Health IT-Fund as State match for Global Commitment program expenditures in fiscal year 2019.

Sec. D.107 FISCAL YEAR 2018 TRANSFER TO THE 27/53 RESERVE

(a) In fiscal year 2018, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in order to meet the Medicaid 53rd week reserve requirement of the 27/53 Reserve, the sum of \$1,700,000 shall be transferred from the Global Commitment Fund to the General Fund to be reserved in the 27/53 Reserve created in 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

\* \* \* GENERAL GOVERNMENT \* \* \*

Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) The establishment of the following new permanent classified positions is authorized in fiscal year 2018:

(1) In the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets – one (1)

Microbiologist.

(2) In the Department of Taxes – two (2) Tax Examiner.

(b) The establishment of the following new permanent exempt position is authorized in fiscal year 2017 as follows:

(1) In the Department of State's Attorneys – one (1) Labor Relations Manager. This position shall be transferred and converted from existing vacant position number 267186 within the Department of State's Attorneys.

(c) The establishment of the following new classified limited services positions is authorized in fiscal year 2017:

(1) In the Department of Military – three (3) Security Guard.

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

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

(1) Notwithstanding Sec. A.107 of this act, the Agency of Transportation, the Department for Children and Families, the Agency of

Natural Resources, the Department of Buildings and General Services, the Department of Labor, ~~and~~ the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Public Safety shall not be subject to the cap on positions for the duration of the Pilot. The Department of Corrections is authorized to add only Correctional Officer I and II positions.

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(7) This Pilot shall sunset on July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018, unless extended or modified by the General Assembly.

(8) On or before January 15, 2018 the Commissioner of Human Resources shall provide a report by department on the total number of positions created under the authority of this section to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. The Commissioner shall include in the report a recommendation on whether this program should be expanded and continue and, if so, should it be extended but remain in session law or be made permanent by codification in statute.

Sec. E.100.2 REPEAL

(a) 3 V.S.A. § 2222a is repealed.

Sec. E.108 [DELETED]

Sec. E.108.1 CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM PLANNING

(a) As a continuation of classification system analysis begun pursuant to 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.100.1, the Department of Human Resources shall issue an RFI for consultant services to assist the Department

with needs assessment, expertise, and project planning necessary to procure a new Classification and Compensation system.

(b) A new Classification and Compensation system shall allow the State to:

(1) develop a broader classification system, utilizing fewer job classifications;

(2) utilize a more modern, flexible, transparent system for managing job evaluation and placement within the classified system; and

(3) provide a contemporary, flexible, easy to understand system for managing pay that effectively combines recognition of competencies, experience or longevity, or both, market parity, and excellence in performance.

(c) The Department shall submit a status report to the General Assembly on or before January 31, 2018 that identifies progress in planning for the development and implementation of a new Classification and Compensation system.

Sec. E.108.2 3 V.S.A. § 310(a) is amended to read:

(a) The Department of Human Resources shall adopt a uniform and equitable plan of classification for each position within State service, now or hereafter created, including positions within the Department of Public Safety, except those positions expressly excluded by section 311 of this title or by other provisions of law. For purposes of internal position alignment and assignment of positions to salary ranges, the plan shall be based upon a ~~point~~ factor job content comparison method of job evaluation. As used in this



section, "~~point factor~~ job content comparison method" means a system under which positions are assigned to salary ranges based on a scale of values against which job evaluations of individual positions are compared.

Sec. E.111 Tax – administration/collection

(a) Of this appropriation, \$15,000 is from the Current Use Administration Special Fund established by 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c) 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.111.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.113 Buildings and general services – engineering

(a) The \$3,537,525 interdepartmental transfer in this appropriation shall be from the General Bond Fund appropriation in the Capital Bill of the 2017 legislative session.

Sec. E.126 2 V.S.A. § 691 is amended to read:

§ 691. COMMITTEE CREATION

There is created a legislative Health Reform Oversight Committee. The Committee shall be composed of the following ~~six~~ eight members:

- (1) the Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations;
- (2) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations;
- (3) the Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means;
- (4) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance;
- (5) the Chair of the House Committee on Health Care; ~~and~~

(6) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare;

(7) the Chair of the House Committee on Human Services; and

(8) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Economic Development,

Housing and General Affairs.

Sec. E.126.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.127 [DELETED]

Sec. E.127.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.133 Vermont state retirement system

(a) Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 473(d), in fiscal year 2018, 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, \$9,000 shall be transferred to the Attorney General and \$26,000 shall be transferred to the Department of Taxes, Division of Property Valuation and Review and reserved and used with any remaining funds from the amount previously transferred for final 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.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. Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

(b) Total payments in lieu of property taxes under 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, in fiscal year 2018 to be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709 include the appropriation of \$7,600,000 in Sec. B.142 of this act, the appropriation of \$184,000 for the City of Montpelier in Sec. B.143 of this act, the appropriation of \$40,000 for correctional facilities in Sec. B.144 of this act, and the appropriation of \$146,000 for the supplemental facility payments from the Department of Corrections to the City of Newport and the Town of Springfield in Sec. B.338 of this act.

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.

\* \* \* 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), \$1,115,500 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

Sec. E.204 REPEAL; EXTENSION

(a) 2016 Acts and Resolves No.167, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

Sec. 2. REPEAL

4 V.S.A. § 38 (Judicial Masters) shall be repealed on July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020.

Sec. E.204.1 Vermont Rule of Criminal Procedure 43(a) is amended to read:

(a) Presence Required.

(1) The defendant shall be present at the arraignment, at any subsequent time at which a plea is offered, at every stage of the trial including the impaneling of the jury and the return of the verdict, and at the imposition of sentence, except as otherwise provided by this rule.

(2) Arraignments shall be in person and shall be on the record and shall not be performed by video conferencing or other electronic means unless the defendant consents. Notwithstanding this subdivision, video conferencing may be used to effect the appearance of the defendant at status conferences, calendar calls, and other proceedings where the presence of the defendant is not required by this rule.

Sec. E.204.2 [DELETED]

Sec. E.207 SHERIFFS' HOURLY PAYMENT PILOT

(a)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of 32 V.S.A. § 1591(2)(A) to the contrary, during fiscal years 2018 and 2019 the Executive Director of the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs shall set rates not to exceed \$22 per hour for deputy sheriffs that provide necessary assistance in arresting or transporting prisoners, juveniles, or persons with mental illness. In addition to the rate established in this subdivision, a sheriff's department shall be reimbursed for the actual costs for Social Security and Medicare taxes, workers' compensation premiums, unemployment contributions, and other reasonable expenses, provided the costs are attributable to the services provided, documented in a manner required by the Executive Director, and approved by the Executive Director.

(2) A law enforcement officer shall not receive compensation pursuant to this subsection if otherwise compensated for the hours during which transportation services are performed.

(3) The amounts paid pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed \$441,688 in fiscal year 2018 or 2019.

(b) On or before January 15, 2019, the Executive Director of the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs shall submit a written report to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Appropriations as to the actual monies spent pursuant to this section, the impact on prison transport and the Departmental budget, and any specific recommendations for statutory changes and budget expenditures for the following fiscal years.

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.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.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, \$1,000 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 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 victim services

(a) Notwithstanding 20 V.S.A. § 2365(c), the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services shall transfer \$39,895 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 of 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.224 Agriculture, food and markets – agricultural development

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.224 of this act, the amount of \$805,352 in general funds is appropriated for expenditure by the Vermont Working Lands Enterprise Board established in 6 V.S.A. § 4606 for administrative expenses, and investments in food and forest system businesses and service providers pursuant to 6 V.S.A. § 4607 and consistent with the funding priorities in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 5, as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.224.1.

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

(a) During fiscal year 2018, the Commissioner of Public Service, in consultation with the Commissioner of Housing and Community



Development, shall award the amount of \$300,000 to regional planning commissions established under 24 V.S.A. chapter 117 and to municipalities for the purpose of providing training under 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 174.

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

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

Sec. E.234 [DELETED]

Sec. E.237 LIQUOR CONTROL WAREHOUSE; PRIVATIZATION;  
MORATORIUM

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Liquor Control Board and the Commissioner of Liquor Control shall not, prior to fiscal year 2019, enter into a privatization contract, as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 341, for the operation of the Liquor Control warehouse.

Sec. E.237.1 LOCAL AGENCY STORES; REQUIREMENTS

(a) Between July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018, the Liquor Control Board and the Department of Liquor Control shall not spend more for the purchase of new or replacement signs and displays for local agency stores than the amount of any increase in the budgeted revenues from sales of spirits and fortified wines from fiscal year 2016 to fiscal year 2017.

(b) On or before January 15, 2019, the Commissioner of Liquor Control shall submit to the House Committees on Appropriations and on General, Housing and Military Affairs and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs a written report that specifies the amount by which revenues from sales of spirits and fortified wines increased from fiscal year 2016 to fiscal year 2017, and any expenditures made by the Board or the Department for the purchase of new or replacement signs and displays for local agency stores.

(c) The Board and the Department shall not require any local agency store to purchase or otherwise pay for any new or replacement signs and displays between July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018.

\* \* \* 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 2018 are made, notwithstanding 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. D.104.

Sec. E.300.1 POSITION TRANSFER

(a) The Director of Health Care Reform established in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 48, Sec. 3b(e) is transferred from the Agency of Administration to the Agency of Human Services.

Sec. E.300.2 3 V.S.A. § 3027 is added to read:

§ 3027. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM REFORM; IMPROVING QUALITY  
AND AFFORDABILITY

The Director of Health Care Reform in the Agency of Human Services shall be responsible for the coordination of health care system reform efforts among Executive Branch agencies, departments, and offices, and for coordinating with the Green Mountain Care Board established in 18 V.S.A. chapter 220.

Sec. E.300.3 18 V.S.A. § 9491(a) is amended to read:

(a) The ~~director of health care reform~~ Director of Health Care Reform in the ~~agency of administration~~ Agency of Human Services shall oversee the development of a current health care workforce development strategic plan that continues efforts to ensure that Vermont has the health care workforce necessary to provide care to all Vermont residents. The ~~director of health care reform~~ Director of Health Care Reform may designate an entity responsible for convening meetings and for preparing the draft strategic plan. The Green Mountain Care ~~board~~ Board established in chapter 220 of this title shall review the draft strategic plan and shall approve the final plan and any subsequent modifications.

Sec. E.300.4 18 V.S.A. § 9602(a) is amended to read:

(a) The Agency of ~~Administration~~ Human Services shall ~~establish~~ maintain the Office of the Health Care Advocate by contract with any nonprofit organization.

Sec. E. 300.5 18 V.S.A. § 9607(b)(3) is amended to read:

(3) The Green Mountain Care Board shall administer the bill back authority created in this subsection on behalf of the Agency of ~~Administration~~ Human Services in support of the Agency's contract with the Office of the Health Care Advocate pursuant to section 9602 of this title to carry out the duties set forth in this chapter.

Sec. E.300.6 18 V.S.A. § 9603(c) is amended to read:

(c) The Office of the Health Care Advocate shall be able to speak on behalf of the interests of health care and health insurance consumers and to carry out all duties prescribed in this chapter without being subject to any retaliatory action; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall limit the authority of the Agency of ~~Administration~~ Human Services to enforce the terms of the contract.

Sec. E.300.7 18 V.S.A. § 9604 is amended to read:

#### § 9604. DUTIES OF STATE AGENCIES

All State agencies shall comply with reasonable requests from the Office of the Health Care Advocate for information and assistance. The Agency of

~~Administration~~ Human Services may adopt rules necessary to ensure the cooperation of State agencies under this section.

Sec. E.300.8 FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE  
ADVOCATE

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

Sec. E.300.9 [DELETED]

Sec. E.300.10 [DELETED]

Sec. E.300.11 [DELETED]

Sec. E.300.12 [DELETED]

Sec. E.300.13 [DELETED]

Sec. E.300.14 REPEALS

(a) 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 158, Secs. 1–12 (relating to commitment of criminal defendant who is incompetent to stand trial because of traumatic brain injury), and Sec. 16(a) as amended by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.300.3.1 (effective date of Secs. 1–12), are repealed on June 30, 2017.

Sec. E.300.15 COMMISSION ON OFFENDERS WITH MENTAL  
ILLNESS; REPORT

(a) On or before September 15, 2018, the Commission on Offenders with Mental Illness shall report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee recommendations regarding how to define traumatic brain injury for purposes of determining whether as the result of such an injury a criminal defendant was

insane at the time of the offense or is incompetent to stand trial. The Commission's report shall identify appropriate treatment options and venues for criminal defendants with traumatic brain injury and shall include the amount of funding required to implement the Commission's recommendations.

Sec. E.300.16 AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; ALIGNMENT OF CARE  
COORDINATION EFFORTS

(a) The Secretary of Human Services shall conduct a comprehensive review of the Agency's care coordination efforts, including the Vermont Chronic Care Initiative, the Blueprint for Health, the pediatric High Tech Home Care program, and Community Rehabilitation and Treatment, in order to align care coordination services across the Agency's programs and initiatives, reduce duplication of efforts, and ensure that care coordination services are delivered in a consistent manner in order to achieve the best results for Vermonters and to use resources efficiently.

Sec. E.300.17 COMMUNITY GRANT INVENTORY AND  
PRIORITIZATION

(a) On or before January 1, 2018, the Secretary of Human Services shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations identifying grants to community partners funded by the General Fund, special funds, or Global Commitment. The report shall prioritize the grants and specify whether the grant provides a match required for federal funding other

than Medicaid. The report shall also provide the impact of reducing the funding level of any grants in terms of:

- (1) impacts on the safety and welfare of vulnerable Vermont residents;
- (2) impacts on the Agency's other community partners;
- (3) how a reduction fits within existing statutory guidelines; and
- (4) minimizing or avoiding any shift in cost to another department or

program of the Agency of Human Services, to another agency or program of State government, or to local government or public schools caused by a grant reduction.

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

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act 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 \$26,452,991 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

(1) \$23,371,400 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under

the Global Commitment. This amount combined with \$27,128,600 of federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act equals a total estimated expenditure of \$50,500,000. 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) \$3,081,591 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 FISCAL YEAR 2018 UNENCUMBERED GENERAL FUND  
APPROPRIATION

(a) At the close of fiscal year 2018, an amount up to \$10,000,000 of any unencumbered General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.301 of this act that would otherwise be authorized to carry forward shall revert to the General Fund and be reserved in the Human Services Caseload Management Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b.

Sec. E.306 VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE RULES

(a) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to conform Vermont's rules regarding health care eligibility and enrollment and the operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to federal guidance and regulations. The Agency may use the emergency rules



process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 prior to June 30, 2018, but only in the event that new federal guidance or regulations require Vermont to amend or adopt its rules in a time frame that cannot be accomplished under the traditional rule-making process. An emergency rule adopted under these exigent circumstances 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 33 V.S.A. § 1998(f)(3) is amended to read:

(3) To the extent feasible, the Board shall review all drug classes included in the preferred drug list at least every ~~12~~ 24 months and may recommend that the Commissioner make additions to or deletions from the preferred drug list.

Sec. E.306.2 MEDICAID PAYMENT ALIGNMENT

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that alignment of the various Medicaid provider payments, as funded in this act, support access to primary care, including access to independent primary care practices and mental health services statewide.

(b) In order to accomplish this, the Department of Vermont Health Access is authorized to make adjustments and transfers within the related appropriated amounts of fiscal year 2018 general funds for these line items in the aggregate as follows:

(1) Adjust the total DSH amount to a level no lower than \$27,488,781.

(2) Set a specific limit for annual DSH payments to an in-state academic postgraduate teaching facility within the DSH formula.

(3) Review and adjust current facility-based payments, and specifically evaluate any Medicaid payments that are above the payment from Medicare for the same service in order to further enhance primary care payments in fiscal year 2018.

(c) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in September and November 2017 on any adjustments and transfers made under this authority.

Sec. E.306.3 33 V.S.A. § 1811(d) is amended to read:

(d) A registered carrier shall guarantee acceptance of all individuals, small employers, and employees of small employers, and each dependent of such individuals and employees, for any health benefit plan offered by the carrier, regardless of any outstanding premium amount a subscriber may owe to the carrier for coverage provided during the previous plan year.

Sec. E.307 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 53(d), as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.307, as amended by 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.307, as amended by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.307.3, is further amended to read:

(d) Secs. 31 (Healthy Vermonters) and 32 (VPharm) shall take effect on January 1, 2014, except that the Agency of Human Services 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~~ not later than December 31, ~~2017~~ 2018.

Sec. E.308 NURSING HOME MEDICAID RATES; CASE-MIX SCORES

(a) In order to ensure that eligible Vermont Medicaid beneficiaries have access to high-quality care nursing home services, the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and the Director of the Division of Rate Setting in the Agency of Human Services shall review the Medicaid case-mix scores of nursing homes in Vermont in order to:

(1) determine their overall effectiveness in allocating Medicaid funds to nursing homes fairly; and

(2) assess the extent to which the case-mix scores adequately and appropriately reimburse nursing homes for caring for patients who exhibit challenging behaviors but who have little or no need for assistance with activities of daily living.

(b) The Commissioner and Director shall provide the findings from their assessment and any recommended changes to nursing home rate calculations to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare as part of the Agency of Human Services' fiscal year 2019 budget.

Sec. E.308.1 CHOICES FOR CARE

(a) In the Choices for Care program, “savings” means the difference remaining at the conclusion of fiscal year 2017 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 2017 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.

(B) Savings either shall be one-time investments or shall be used in ways that are sustainable into the future.

(C) The Department may allocate savings between home- and community-based provider rates, base funding to expand capacity to accommodate additional enrollees in home- and community-based services, and equitable funding of adult day providers, including whether some amount, up to 20 percent of the total savings, should be used to increase provider rates. The Department shall provide a report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare on the use of savings.

(D) 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.

(E) 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, 2017, 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) The Commissioner shall determine how to allocate any Choices for Care program savings available at the end of fiscal year 2017 and shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at the regularly scheduled September 2017 meeting on these allocations.

(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.308.2 CODIFICATION OF CHOICES FOR CARE ANNUAL

SAVINGS

(a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall make a recommendation to codify the process of determining, allocating, and dispersing any Choices for Care annual savings with its fiscal year 2019 budget presentation.

Sec. E.310 [DELETED]

Sec. E.312 Health – public health

(a) AIDS/HIV funding:

(1) In fiscal year 2018 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 according to an RFP process.

(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 not 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 2018, 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 syringe exchange programs; 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. Not 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 is 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.

(5) In fiscal year 2018, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$150,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for syringe exchange programs. The method by which these prevention funds is distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of Health, the Vermont AIDS service organizations, and other Vermont



HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The performance period for these grants will be State fiscal year 2018. Grant reporting shall include outcomes and results.

(b) Improving outcomes for pregnant women:

(1) Statistics from the Department of Health indicate that rates of women who smoke during pregnancy in Vermont are approximately twice the national average. Although the rates of pregnant women who smoke in Vermont decreased slightly between 2009 and 2014, there is an opportunity to make additional progress on this very important health indicator. The Commissioner shall prioritize funding for tobacco cessation to address the rates of smoking among pregnant women by utilizing evidence-based best practices. Not less than \$50,000 of the funding for tobacco cessation and prevention activities in fiscal year 2018 shall be used to implement or expand evidence-based interventions intended to reduce tobacco use among pregnant women. The Commissioner shall report on the specific expenditure of this allocation by functional activity as part of the fiscal year 2019 budget presentation to the General Assembly.

(2) In consultation with Hunger Free Vermont and representatives from community food shelf or nutrition focused organizations, prenatal and postnatal health care providers, and child care providers, the Commissioner of Health shall develop and implement an outreach plan to Vermonters who are eligible but not enrolled in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

(3) The Commissioner shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare during fiscal year 2019 budget testimony on the progress made toward reducing the rates of pregnant women who smoke during pregnancy and improving the number of eligible WIC clients who enroll for services.

Sec. E.314 TRANSPORTING PATIENTS

(a) Beginning on July 1, 2017, any new or renewed contracts entered into by the Agency of Human Services with designated professionals or law enforcement officers for transport of persons pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 7511 or the transport of children pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 5123 shall include the requirement to comply with the Agency's policies on the use of restraints.

Sec. E.314.1 DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCY

EMPLOYEE WAGES

(a) A total of \$8,370,000 appropriated in Secs. B.314 (Mental Health) and B.333 (Developmental Services) shall be used to increase payments to the designated and specialized service agencies in fiscal year 2018.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds allocated in subsection (a) of this section for increased payments to the designated and specialized service agencies in fiscal year 2018 be used to fund or offset the costs of increasing the hourly wages of workers to \$14 and to increase the salaries for crisis response and crisis bed personnel in a manner that advances

the goal of achieving competitive compensation to regionally equivalent State, health care, or school-based positions of equal skills, credentials, and lengths of employment. It is the sole responsibility of each individual designated and specialized service agency to use the revenue from increased Medicaid payments allocated in subsection (a) of this section to fund increases to worker salaries.

(c) To the extent that sufficient funds are unavailable to further the purposes of this section, the designated and specialized service agencies, in consultation with the Departments of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, shall reduce services or other operations in proportion to the amount necessary to achieve increased hourly wages. The funding of crisis services shall remain a priority and shall not be compromised as a result of other necessary reductions in services.

Sec. E.314.2 FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGETING FOR DESIGNATED AND  
SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES

(a) The Secretary of Human Services, in consultation with the Departments of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, shall estimate the levels of funding necessary to sustain the designated and specialized service agencies' workforce, including increases in the hourly wages of workers to \$15, and to increase the salaries for clinical employees and other personnel in a manner that advances the goal of achieving competitive compensation to regionally equivalent State, health care, or

school-based positions of equal skills, credentials, and lengths of employment; enable the designated and specialized service agencies to meet their statutorily mandated responsibilities and required outcomes; identify the required outcomes; and establish recommended levels of increased funding for inclusion in the fiscal year 2019 budget.

(b) The Commissioner shall submit the estimates calculated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section on or before December 15, 2017 to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Health Care and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare.

Sec. E.314.3 [DELETED]

Sec. E.314.4 [DELETED]

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

(a) For the purpose of exploring innovative approaches to the administration of programs within the Department for Children and Families' Economic Services Division, the Commissioner may authorize pilot programs within specific regions of the State that waive Division rules adopted pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 in a manner that does not impact program eligibility or benefits. Temporarily waiving some existing rules for a prescribed period of time shall enable the Division to test innovative ideas for improving the delivery of services with the specific goal of achieving more responsive client services and operational efficiencies.

(b) During fiscal year 2018, the Division may propose pilot programs in accordance with the goals described in subsection (a) of this section to the Commissioner for approval. Each proposal shall outline the targeted service area, efficiencies sought, rules to be waived, duration of the program, and evaluation criteria. Notice shall be given to clients affected by a pilot program and to the chairs of the House Committee on Human Services and Senate Committee on Health and Welfare prior to the commencement of the pilot program, including a description of how benefit delivery will be affected, length of the program, and right to a fair hearing.

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

#### Sec. E.317 USE OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

(a) At a November 2017 meeting of the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee and Joint Legislative Child Protection Oversight Committee, the Commissioner for Children and Families with the assistance of the Departments of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and the Agency of Education shall present a report on the use of out-of-

state and in-state residential placements, including Woodside. The report shall include the following:

(1) utilization for fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017, including the number and age of children placed by facility and the total bed days utilized.

(2) for each facility, the average daily costs for specific levels of service or treatment acuity in fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017 and the total amount paid to each facility by department and by funding source in fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017.

(3) measures used by the Department to determine outcomes for the children placed in these facilities and the cost effectiveness of these facilities, including length of stay, intensity of services provided, reunification of children with their family or home community, or both, relapse or readmittance rates or subsequent involvement with the criminal justice system, or both; and

(4) the specific steps taken over the past three years by the Departments and the Agency to increase community-based supports for youths in custody while reducing use of residential care.

(b) The report shall also be provided to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Judiciary, on Human Services, and on Corrections and Institutions and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Judiciary, on Health and Welfare, and on Institutions.

Sec. E.318 EARLY CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING

(a) Of the additional \$2,500,000 in general funds appropriated in

Sec. B.318 of this act:

(1) an amount shall be allocated as needed to bring the baseline year used to determine eligibility for the Child Care Financial Assistance Program from the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) that was in place in 2016 to the 2017 FPL, which is the most current FPL for State fiscal year 2018; and

(2) the remaining amount shall be used for the Early Care and Development program as specified in Sec. E.318.1 of this act.

Sec. E.318.1 EARLY CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT

(a) In fiscal year 2018 and thereafter, the Department for Children and Families shall award 70 percent of funds designated for the Early Care and Development Program Grants to center-based child care and preschool programs participating in the Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS) and 30 percent of the designated funds to family child care homes participating in STARS in accordance with the formula described in subsection (b) of this section.

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

(1) the percent of enrollees receiving a Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP) subsidy as compared to a center-based child care and

preschool program of a family child care home's licensed capacity at a weight of 70 percent;

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

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

(c) The Division shall provide Early Care and Development Program Grants to eligible child care and preschool programs or family child care homes as funds allow. Center-based child care and preschool programs or family child care homes receiving Early Care and Development Program Grants shall remain in compliance with the Department's rules, continue participation in STARS, and maintain high enrollment of children receiving a CCFAP subsidy.

Sec. E.321 HOUSING ASSISTANCE BENEFITS; FLEXIBILITY

PROGRAM; COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES TO  
GENERAL ASSISTANCE TEMPORARY HOUSING

(a) For fiscal year 2018, the Agency of Human Services may continue to fund housing assistance programs within the General Assistance program to create flexibility to provide General Assistance benefits, as well as grants to support the establishment of community-based alternatives for temporary



housing as part of the effort to reduce the number of individuals temporarily housed by the General Assistance program. The purpose of these housing assistance programs and community-based alternatives is to mitigate poverty and serve applicants more effectively than they are currently being served with General Assistance funds. Eligible activities shall include, among other things, 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. Where such housing assistance programs and grants are provided and community-based programs are established, the General Assistance rules will not apply. The assistance provided under this section is not an entitlement and may be discontinued when the appropriation has been fully spent.

(b) The housing assistance and community-based programs 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 housing assistance programs and community-based alternatives to General Assistance temporary housing.

Sec. E.321.1 GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING

(a) Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in the General Assistance program in fiscal year 2018 may be used for temporary housing in catastrophic situations and for vulnerable populations, as defined in rules adopted by the Agency. The Commissioner for Children and Families may, by policy, provide temporary housing for a limited duration in adverse weather conditions when appropriate shelter space is not available.

Sec. E.321.2 33 V.S.A. § 2115 is amended to read:

§ 2115. GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT

On or before ~~January 15~~ September 1 of each year, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall submit a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee; the House Committees on Appropriations, on General, Housing and Military Affairs, and on Human Services; and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare ~~containing~~. The report shall contain the following:

- (1) an evaluation of the General Assistance program during the previous fiscal year;
- (2) any recommendations for changes to the program; ~~and~~
- (3) a plan for continued implementation of the program;

(4) statewide statistics using deidentified data related to the use of emergency housing vouchers during the preceding State fiscal year, including demographic information, 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

(5) other information the Commissioner deems appropriate.

Sec. E.324 LIHEAP AND WEATHERIZATION

(a) Notwithstanding 33 V.S.A. § 2501, in fiscal year 2018, the Secretary of Administration may, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Human Services, transfer up to 15 percent of the federal fiscal year 2018 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 2018. 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 2018. 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.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.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.327 WOODSIDE GLOBAL COMMITMENT FUNDING

(a) Upon any notification by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or upon determination by the Agency of Human Services that Medicaid funding will not be available to the State for the operation of Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center in fiscal year 2018, the Secretary of Human Services and the Commissioner for Children and Families shall:

(1) immediately inform the Joint Fiscal Committee, the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary, the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, and the Senate Committee on Institutions of such notification or determination; and

(2) within 30 days of such notification or determination, develop and submit a proposal to the Committees named in subdivision (1) of this subsection that includes:

(A) a plan to suspend operations at the Woodside facility while ensuring alternative placements are made that meet the service needs for the delinquent youths currently placed there; and

(B) a fiscal impact analysis that includes fiscal year 2018 and long term fiscal cost estimates.

Sec. E.335 ELECTRONIC MONITORING

(a) The Commissioner of Corrections shall implement an active electronic monitoring program with real-time enforcement. The Commissioner of Corrections, in consultation with the Department of State's Attorneys and

Sheriffs, may contract with a third party to electronically monitor offender positioning.

(b) The Electronic Monitoring Program described in subsection (a) of this section may be used to monitor, in lieu of incarcerating in a facility, the following populations:

(1) offenders in the custody of the Commissioner who are eligible for the Home Detention Program described in 13 V.S.A. § 7554b; and

(2) offenders in the custody of the Commissioner, including the following target populations:

(A) offenders who are eligible for home confinement furlough, as described in 28 V.S.A. § 808b;

(B) offenders who are past their minimum sentence and are deemed appropriate for the Program by the Commissioner of Corrections; or

(C) offenders who are eligible for reintegration furlough, as described in 28 V.S.A. § 808c.

(c) An offender shall only be eligible for the Electronic Monitoring Program described in subsection (a) of this section if electronic monitoring equipment is fully functional in the geographic area where the offender will be located.

#### Sec. E.335.1 SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

(a) Plan. Funding for the Department of Corrections reflects the cessation of operation of the Southeast State Correctional Facility. It is the intent of the

General Assembly that the Department develop a plan to provide secure transitional housing for inmates preparing to reenter the community, including the reuse of the Southeast State Correctional Facility for this purpose.

(b) Population. It is the intent of the General Assembly that a reentry facility be available for the following populations:

(1) inmates on the Lack of Housing (B1) list;

(2) moderate- to high-risk inmates who are either past their minimum release date or within 90 days of their release date;

(3) inmates who are eligible for reintegration furlough; and

(4) inmates who have served a significant sentence and are within six months of their release date.

(c) Services. It is the intent of the General Assembly that a reentry facility provides the following prerelease services:

(1) acquisition of identification;

(2) housing identification;

(3) employment readiness and retention;

(4) planning to address transportation barriers;

(5) money management;

(6) transition and reentry case planning;

(7) substance abuse treatment;

(8) work release; and

(9) information technology skills development.

(d) Coordination of services. The Department of Corrections shall coordinate with the community justice centers statewide and the Department of Labor to ensure inmates successfully transition back to society.

(e) Report. The Department of Corrections shall provide a report on the plan to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee on or before November 1, 2017.

Sec. E.335.2 REDUCTION IN FORCE OF SOUTHEAST STATE

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY EMPLOYEES

(a) Permanent status classified State employees who are subject to a reduction in force from their positions at the Southeast State Correctional Facility on or after November 1, 2017, whose reemployment rights have not otherwise terminated, and who have not been reemployed with the State during the two-year reduction in force reemployment rights period, shall be granted a continuation of their reduction in force reemployment rights, in accordance with the provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement, but solely to vacant classified bargaining unit positions at any State correctional facility that management intends to fill. All other contractual reduction in force reemployment terms and conditions shall apply.

(b) Permanent status classified State employees employed by the Southeast State Correctional Facility as of November 1, 2017 shall, in accordance with the provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement, be eligible to receive one mandatory offer of reemployment to the Southeast State



Correctional Facility when it is reused to provide secure transitional housing for inmates preparing to reenter the community. An employee who accepts the mandatory offer of reemployment shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement. If an employee who accepts a mandatory offer of reemployment fails the associated working test period, he or she shall be separated from employment and granted full reduction in force reemployment rights in accordance with the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

Sec. E.338 Corrections - correctional services

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

Sec. E.338.1 2008 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. 22(a), as amended by 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 157, Sec. 14, by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104, Sec. 38, by 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 41, Sec. 1a, and by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 194, Sec. 15, is further amended to read:

(a) Secs. 11 and 12 shall take effect on July 1, ~~2017~~ 2021.

Sec. E.338.2 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 131, Sec. 135, as amended by 2015

Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 71, is further amended to read:

Sec. 135. ~~EFFECTIVE DATES~~

~~This act shall take effect on passage, except that Secs. 118a and 118b (amending 18 V.S.A. § 4808 and adding 18 V.S.A. § 4809) shall take effect on July 1, 2017. [Repealed.]~~

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

(a) The Vermont Veterans' Home shall 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 [DELETED]

Sec. E.345 Green mountain care board

(a) The Green Mountain Care Board shall use the Global Commitment Funds appropriated in Sec. B.345 of this act to encourage the formation and maintenance of public-private partnerships in health care, including initiatives to support and improve the health care delivery system.

Sec. E.345.1 FAIR REIMBURSEMENT REPORT

(a) Utilizing funds appropriated in Section B.345 of this act, the Green Mountain Care Board shall report to the Health Reform Oversight Committee by October 1, 2017 describing what substantial changes have been put into effect to achieve the site-neutral, fair reimbursements for medical services as

envisioned in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 144, Sec. 19, 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. 23, and 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 143, Sec. 5.

Sec. E.345.2 HEALTH INSURANCE REGULATION; MARKET  
STABILITY

(a) The Green Mountain Care Board, the Departments of Financial Regulation and of Vermont Health Access, and other State agencies and departments with responsibility for the regulation of health insurers and health insurance plans shall, to the maximum extent permitted under federal law, take such actions as are necessary to maintain the existing health care regulatory framework and a stable health insurance market for major medical health insurance in 2017 while the General Assembly is not in session.

\* \* \* LABOR \* \* \*

Sec. E.400 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; RESTRICTION ON TRANSFER  
OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no authorized positions in the Department of Labor or appropriations for authorized positions in the Department of Labor shall be transferred to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development without the approval of the General Assembly or, if the General Assembly is not in session, of the Joint Fiscal Committee.

Sec. E.400.1 APPRENTICESHIP AND YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

(a) On or before October 1, 2017, the Department of Labor shall design and begin implementation of the Apprenticeship and Youth Mentoring Program, the purpose of which shall be to provide paid work experiences and paid or unpaid internships for Vermont youths, working with mentoring professionals, that have academic and occupational education as a component, including:

(1) a summer youth employment program for high school juniors and seniors; and

(2) nonseasonal employment, preapprenticeship programs, and on-the-job training, for an at-risk youth employment program targeted for at-risk individuals 18 to 24 years of age.

(b) The Department shall implement the Program using funds from the State's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, and other State and federal sources, to the extent allowed under applicable law.

(c) The Department shall design the Program to serve 150 individual Vermonters.

\* \* \* K-12 EDUCATION \* \* \*

Sec. E.500 Education – finance and administration

(a) The Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section will be used for physician claims for determining medical necessity of Individualized Education Program (IEPs). It is the goal of these services to increase the

access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sec. E.500.1 [DELETED]

Sec. E.500.2 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b)(4) is added to read:

(4) To make payments to the Vermont Teachers' Retirement Fund for the normal contribution in accordance with subsection 1944(c) of this title.

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 \$3,566,029 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2018 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 \$192,805 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.504.1 Education – flexible pathways

(a) Of this appropriation, \$4,120,000 from the Education Fund shall be distributed to school districts for reimbursement of high school completion

services pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 943(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 \$30,000 is available for use pursuant to Sec. E.605.1(a)(2) of this act;

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

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

(4) \$450,000 is available for the Vermont Academy of Science and Technology and \$1,700,000 for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4011(e).

#### E.504.2 ADULT DIPLOMA FUNDING

(a) Payment amounts made in section B.504 for the adult diploma program are made notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4011(f).

Sec. E.505 [DELETED]

Sec. E.513 Appropriation and transfer to education

(a) Pursuant to Sec. B.513 of this act and 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2), there is appropriated in fiscal year 2018 from the General Fund for transfer to the Education Fund the amount of \$314,695,753.

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 \$88,409,437 of which \$83,809,437 shall be the State's contribution and \$4,600,000 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, \$8,346,261 is the “normal contribution,” and \$80,063,176 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), \$27,560,966 will be contributed to the Retired Teachers’ Health and Medical Benefits plan.

Sec. E.515.1 16 V.S.A. § 1944b is amended to read:

§ 1944b. RETIRED TEACHERS’ HEALTH AND MEDICAL BENEFITS

FUND

(a) There is established a Retired Teachers’ Health and Medical Benefits Fund (Benefits Fund) to pay retired teacher health and medical benefits, including prescription drug benefits, when due in accordance with the terms established by the Board of Trustees of the State Teachers’ Retirement System of Vermont pursuant to subsection 1942(p) and subdivision 1944(c)(12) of this title. The Benefits Fund shall be administered by the Treasurer.

(b) The Benefits Fund shall consist of:

(1) all monies remitted to the State on behalf of the members of the State Teachers’ Retirement System of Vermont for prescription drug plans pursuant to the Employer Group Waiver Plan with Wrap pursuant to the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003;

(2) any monies appropriated by the General Assembly for the purpose of paying the health and medical benefits for retired members and their dependents provided by subsection 1942(p) and subdivision 1944(c)(12) of this title;

(3) any monies pursuant to subsection (e) of this section;

(4) ~~any monies the General Assembly transfers from the Supplemental Property Tax Relief Fund pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 6075; and [Repealed.]~~

(5) any monies pursuant to section 1944d of this title.

(c) No employee contributions shall be deposited in the Benefits Fund.

(d) Interest earned shall remain in the Benefits Fund, and all balances remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be carried over to the following year; provided, however, that any amounts received in repayment of interfund loans established under subsection (e) of this section may be reinvested by the State Treasurer.

(e)(1) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the State Treasurer is authorized to use interfund loans from the General Fund for payment into the Benefits Fund, which monies shall be identified exclusively for the purposes of payments of retired teacher health and medical benefits pursuant to this section. Any monies borrowed through an interfund loan pursuant to this section shall be paid from monies in the Benefits Fund or from other funds legally available for this purpose. It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate sufficient General Fund revenue, after consideration of all other



revenue and disbursements, such that the interfund loan shall be paid in full on or before June 30, 2023. The Governor shall include in the annual budget request an amount sufficient to repay any interfund borrowing according to a schedule developed by the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall pay the interest and principal as due in accordance with authority granted under 32 V.S.A. § 902(b). The State Treasurer shall assess a rate of interest on the outstanding balance of the interfund loan comparable to the rate paid by private depositories of the State's monies, or to the yield available on investments made pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 433. No interfund loans made under this authority shall, in the aggregate, exceed ~~\$30,000,000.00~~ \$28,500,000.00.

(2) For the purposes of this chapter, calculation of the interfund loan limit shall include long-term receivables and payables but shall not include accruals for federal reimbursement of employer group waiver plan receivables pursuant to subdivision 1944b(b)(1) of this title, receivables due from local school systems pursuant to subsection 1944d of this title, or any short-term accruals.

(f) It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate the required contributions necessary to pay retired teacher health and medical benefits by combining annual increases in base appropriations, but not from the Education Fund, and surplus revenues as they become available, so that the full cost of retired teacher health and medical benefits payments shall be met in base

appropriations by fiscal year ~~2024~~ 2023. To the extent that other revenue sources are identified, the General Fund obligation shall not be reduced, until all annual disbursements to repay the interfund loan in subsection (e) of this section are satisfied. Contributions to the Benefits Fund shall be irrevocable and it shall be impossible at any time prior to the satisfaction of all liabilities, with respect to employees and their beneficiaries, for any part of the corpus or income of the Benefits Fund to be used for, or diverted to, purposes other than the payment of retiree postemployment benefits to members and their beneficiaries and reasonable expenses of administering the Benefits Fund and related benefit plans.

(g) The Treasurer shall report on the status of the interfund loan balance allowed under this section as part of the annual budget presentation to the General Assembly.

\* \* \* 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 uninsured or underinsured persons, or both, in Vermont and across the nation.

#### Sec. E.600.1 INCREASING VERMONT'S PRIMARY CARE

##### WORKFORCE

(a) Of the Global Commitment funds allocated to the University of Vermont College of Medicine pursuant to this act, at least \$750,000 shall be used to support the College of Medicine's new rural medicine health track, which embeds medical students in a rural community for a year-long longitudinal integrated clerkship during which they will be trained in clinical care while engaging with the local community and conducting population health studies. The goal of the rural medicine health track is to encourage more students to choose careers in primary care in underserved areas of Vermont.

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.

(c) Vermont State Colleges report. On or before January 15, 2018, the Vermont State Colleges shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the use and effect of State funding appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges. This report shall include the following:

(1) Financial statements for the Vermont State Colleges' prior two fiscal years, including balance sheets and profit and loss statements. The financial statements shall identify separately the use of State funding appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges.

(2) For the immediately preceding five school years:

(A) the number of resident and nonresident students who were enrolled, on both a full-time and a part-time basis;

(B) the number of graduate and undergraduate degrees awarded to resident and nonresident students;

(C) student retention rates and the average amount of time to graduation;

(D) the cost of attendance, including:

(i) the average amount of nonloan financial aid awarded;

(ii) the average student debt upon graduation; and

(iii) in- and out-of-state tuition rates and how these compare with regional peer institutions; and

(E) for students that are first in their families to attend college, the information under subdivisions (A) through (D) of this subdivision (2) broken out for this student population.

(3) A description of the Vermont State Colleges' strategic priorities and a status report on the achievement of these priorities, including a description of actions necessary to ensure a healthy and viable Vermont State Colleges system that enables the Colleges to achieve their mission.

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 Education Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation to be deposited into the Trust Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2845.

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

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

(d) 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.

Sec. E.605.1 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND  
EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

(a) The sum of \$60,000 shall be transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) as follows:

(1) \$30,000 from Sec. B.1100(a)(3)(C) (Next Generation funds appropriated for dual enrollment and need-based stipend purposes).

(2) \$30,000 pursuant to Sec. E.504.1(a)(1) (flexible pathways 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 Committees on Appropriations and on Commerce and Economic Development and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs on or before January 15, 2018.

Sec. E.608 [DELETED]

Sec. E.608.1 [DELETED]

\* \* \* NATURAL RESOURCES \* \* \*

Sec. E.700 32 V.S.A. § 5(a)(3)(A) is amended to read:

(3)(A) This section shall not apply to the following items, if the acceptance of those items will not incur additional expense to the State or create an ongoing requirement for funds, services, or facilities:

(i) the acceptance of grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value with a value of \$5,000.00 or less;

(ii) the acceptance by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and the Department of Fish and Wildlife of grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value with a value of \$15,000.00 or less; or

(iii) the acceptance by the Vermont Veterans' Home of grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value with a value of \$10,000.00 or less.

Sec. E.700.1 10 V.S.A. § 1389a is amended to read:

§ 1389a. CLEAN WATER INVESTMENT REPORT

(a) Beginning on January 15, 2017, and annually thereafter, the ~~Clean Water Fund Board~~ Secretary of Administration shall publish a Clean Water Investment Report. The Report shall summarize all investments, including their cost-effectiveness, made by the Clean Water Fund Board and other State agencies for clean water restoration over the ~~past~~ prior calendar year. The Report shall include expenditures from the Clean Water Fund, the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, and any other State expenditures for clean water restoration, regardless of funding source.

(b) The Report shall ~~document progress or shortcomings in meeting established indicators for clean water restoration.~~ The Report shall include:

(1) Documentation of progress or shortcomings in meeting established indicators for clean water restoration.



(2) a summary of additional funding sources pursued by the Board, including whether those funding sources were attained; if it was not attained, why it was not attained; and where the money was allocated from the Fund.

(3) A summary of water quality problems or concerns in each watershed basin of the State, a list of water quality projects identified as necessary in each basin of the State, and how identified projects have been prioritized for implementation. The water quality problems and projects identified under this subdivision shall include programs or projects identified across State government and shall not be limited to projects listed by the Agency of Natural Resources in its watershed projects database.

(4) A summary of any changes to applicable federal law or policy related to the State's water quality improvement efforts, including any changes to requirements to implement total maximum daily load plans in the State.

(5) A summary of available federal funding related to or for water quality improvement efforts in the State.

(c) The Report may also provide an overview of additional funding necessary to meet objectives established for clean water restoration and recommendations for additional revenue to meet those restoration objectives. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report required by this section.

~~(b)~~(d)(1) ~~The Board~~ Secretary of Administration shall develop and use a results-based accountability process in publishing the annual report required by subsection (a) of this section.

(2) The Secretary of Administration shall develop user-friendly issue briefs, tables, or executive summaries that make the information required under subdivision (b)(3) available to the public separately from the report required by this section.

(3) On or before September 1 of each year, the Secretary of Administration shall submit to the Joint Fiscal Committee an interim report regarding the information required under subdivision (b)(5) of this section relating to available federal funding.

\* \* \* COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT \* \* \*

Sec. E.800 VERMONT LIFE MAGAZINE

(a) The Secretary of Administration with the assistance of the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development shall issue an RFP by September 1, 2017 that seeks bids from interested media parties by December 1, 2017 to maximize the State benefit of Vermont Life magazine by:

(1) sale of Vermont Life magazine as an operating enterprise, or sale of any identifiable Vermont Life assets after the suspension of publication by the State to offset in whole or in part the magazine's existing debt; or

(2) licensing arrangements with entities that would result in payments to the State that reduce over time the magazine's existing debt; or

(3) partnership or operating proposals that continue publication without additional State support and have a high likelihood of eventual positive revenue streams to the State that reduce over time the magazine's existing debt or would result in a future sale of the enterprise sufficient to offset the debt, or both; or

(4) other media and publishing proposals that offset in whole or in part the magazine's existing debt.

(b) Departments of the State are not precluded from submitting bids, but the primary criterion in selecting a proposal will be the financial benefit to the State.

(c) The Secretary of Administration, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development, will analyze the bids received and make a determination of acceptance. The Secretary of Administration, with the approval of the Emergency Board, is authorized to execute a contract regarding the sale, licensing, partnership, or other proposal for Vermont Life to maximize the State benefit.

(d) If the determination is made for the State to continue publication, the full cost of Vermont Life operations shall be covered within the funds appropriated to the Agency in fiscal year 2019 and beyond.

Sec. E.800.1 VERMONT EB-5 REGIONAL CENTER; PLAN FOR  
REORGANIZATION; REPORT; BUDGET PROPOSAL

(a) On or before December 15, 2017, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development shall consider and adopt and plan for the reorganization and operation of the Vermont EB-5 Regional Center.

(b) The plan shall address specific steps the Agency will take to ensure the Center successfully connects Vermont businesses with investors and effectively markets and promotes economic development opportunities in Vermont.

(c) The Agency shall include in the Governor's budget proposal for fiscal year 2019 a detailed assessment and request for the funding necessary to implement the plan of reorganization required by this section.

Sec. E.804 Community development block grants

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

\* \* \* TRANSPORTATION \* \* \*

Sec. E.904 [DELETED]

Sec. E.909 Transportation – central garage

(a) Of this appropriation, \$7,904,353 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).

\* \* \* MISCELLANEOUS TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS \* \* \*

Sec. F.1 33 V.S.A. § 2604(b) is amended to read:

(b) Fuel cost requirements. The Secretary of Human Services or designee shall by procedure establish a table that contains amounts that will function as a proxy for applicant households' annual heating fuel cost for the previous year. The seasonal fuel expenditure estimates contained within the table shall closely approximate the actual home heating costs experienced by participants in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program. ~~Data on actual heating costs collected pursuant to subsection 2602(d) of this title shall be used in lieu of the proxy table when available.~~ The table shall be revised no less frequently than every three years based on data supplied by certified fuel suppliers, the Department of Public Service, and other industry sources to the Office of Home Heating Fuel Assistance. The Secretary or designee shall provide a draft of the table to the Home Energy Assistance Task Force established pursuant to subsection 2602a(c) of this title and solicit input from the Task Force prior to finalizing the table.

Sec. F.2 33 V.S.A. § 2605(a) is amended to read:

(a) The Secretary of Human Services or designee shall by rule establish a table that specifies maximum percentages of applicant households' annual

heating fuel costs, based on the proxy table established pursuant to subsection 2604(b) of this title ~~and, when available, the data collected pursuant to subsection 2602(d) of this title~~, that can be authorized for payment as annual home heating fuel assistance benefits for the following year. The maximum percentages contained within this table shall vary by household size and annual household income. In no instance shall the percentage exceed 90 percent.

Sec. F.3 33 V.S.A. § 2608 is amended to read:

§ 2608. WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM AGREEMENTS

The Director of the Home Energy Assistance Program shall inform the Administrator of the Home Weatherization Assistance Program, established under chapter 25 of this title, of all participants in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program ~~and of the information required by subsection 2602(d) of this title~~. The Agency of Human Services shall provide all participants in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program with information regarding the efficiency utility established under 30 V.S.A. § 209. All participants in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program shall be deemed to comply with any income requirements of the Home Weatherization Program, but to receive weatherization services, recipients shall be required to meet any other eligibility requirements of the Home Weatherization Program. As a condition of receipt of benefits under the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program, a recipient shall consent to receive services of the Home Weatherization Assistance Program. ~~The Home Weatherization Assistance Program shall use~~

~~the information required by subsection 2602(d) of this title to determine the number of British thermal units (Btus) needed to heat a square foot of space for each participant in the Home Energy Assistance Program.~~ The Home Weatherization Assistance Program shall give the highest priority to providing services to participants within the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program and, among those participants, to those who require the ~~most BTUs to heat a square foot of space~~ highest energy usage.

Sec. F.4 33 V.S.A. § 2502(b)(3)(C) is amended to read:

(C) Establishing Program eligibility levels at 80 percent of the area median income, or 80 percent of the State median income, whichever is higher. Subject to the priority under section 2608 of this title given to participants in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program, the State program shall, when weighing factors to assign priority to buildings or units eligible for weatherization assistance, assign the greatest weight to those buildings and units that require the ~~most Btus to heat a square foot of space~~ highest energy usage.

Sec. F.5 33 V.S.A. § 2609(a) is amended to read:

(a) Annually, the Secretary of Human Services or designee shall determine an appropriate amount of funds ~~in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance fund~~ to be set aside for expenditure for the crisis fuel assistance component of the Home Heating Fuel Program. The Secretary or designee shall also adopt rules to define crisis situations for the expenditure of the home heating fuel crisis

funds, and to establish the income ~~and asset~~ eligibility requirements of households for receipt of crisis Home Heating Fuel Assistance, provided that no household shall be eligible whose gross household income is greater than 200 percent of the federal poverty level ~~or is in excess of income maximums established by LIHEAP~~ based on the income of all persons residing in the household. To the extent allowed by federal law, the Secretary or designee shall establish by rule a calculation of gross income based on the same rules used in 3SquaresVT, except that the Secretary or designee shall include additional deductions or exclusions from income required by LIHEAP.

Sec. F.6 33 V.S.A. § 2502(d) is amended to read:

(d) Subject to budgetary approval by the General Assembly, or approval by the Emergency Board, amounts in the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund created by section 2501 of this title may be transferred to the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Fund ~~created by section 2603 of this title~~ program, and used for energy assistance to low income persons, provided that such transfer does not reduce the fiscal capacity of the State Office of Economic Opportunity to meet the budgetary obligations of the Weatherization Program as set forth in this chapter, and that in the event of approval by the Emergency Board, the Emergency Board so certifies.

Sec. F.7 33 V.S.A. § 2502(c) is amended to read:

(c) The Secretary of Human Services shall by rule establish rent stabilization agreements and provisions to recapture amounts expended for



weatherization of a rental unit which exceed the amount of energy cost reductions projected to be obtained by eligible tenants of the unit. The time periods established for rent stabilization and recapture shall be set taking into account the size of benefits received by tenants and landlords as well as the effect on program participation. Funds recaptured under this section shall be deposited into the Home Weatherization Assistance ~~Trust~~ Fund established under section 2501 of this title.

Sec. F.8 18 V.S.A. § 7254(a) is amended to read:

(a) The ~~director of health care reform~~ Director of Health Care Reform and the ~~commissioners of mental health, of health, and of Vermont health access~~ Commissioners of Mental Health, of Health, and of Vermont Health Access and the Green Mountain Care ~~board~~ Board or designees shall ensure that the redesign of the mental health delivery system established in this chapter is an integral component of the health care reform efforts ~~established in~~ coordinated pursuant to 3 V.S.A. ~~§ 2222a~~ § 3027. Specifically, the ~~director, commissioners, and board~~ Director, Commissioners, and Board shall confer on planning efforts necessary to ensure that the following initiatives are coordinated and advanced:

\* \* \*

Sec. F.9 18 V.S.A. § 9351(b) is amended to read:

(b) The Health Information Technology Plan shall:

\* \* \*

(7) integrate the information technology components of the Blueprint for Health established in chapter 13 of this title, the Agency of Human Services' Enterprise Master Patient Index, and all other Medicaid management information systems being developed by the Department of Vermont Health Access, information technology components of the quality assurance system, the program to capitalize with loans and grants electronic medical record systems in primary care practices, and any other information technology initiatives coordinated by the Secretary of Administration pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § ~~2222a~~ § 3027; and

\* \* \*

Sec. F.10 18 V.S.A. § 9416(a) is amended to read:

(a) The ~~commissioner of health~~ Commissioner of Health shall contract with the Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, Inc. to implement and maintain a statewide quality assurance system to evaluate and improve the quality of health care services rendered by health care providers of health care facilities, including managed care organizations, to determine that health care services rendered were professionally indicated or were performed in compliance with the applicable standard of care, and that the cost of health care rendered was considered reasonable by the providers of professional health services in that area. The ~~commissioner of health~~ Commissioner of Health shall ensure that the information technology components of the quality assurance system comply with, and the ~~commissioner of Vermont health~~

~~access~~ Commissioner of Vermont Health Access shall ensure such components are incorporated into, the statewide health information technology plan developed under section 9351 of this title and any other information technology initiatives coordinated ~~by the secretary of administration~~ pursuant to 3 V.S.A. ~~§ 2222a~~ § 3027.

\* \* \* Effective Dates for Secs. A.100–G.100 \* \* \*

Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. C.100 (fiscal year 2017 one-time appropriations), C.100.1 (Economic Development marketing), C.100.2 (Medicaid carry forward requirement), C.101 (fiscal year 2017 fund transfers), C.102 (Volkswagen settlement), C.103 (expenditure of Human Services Caseload Management Reserve), C.104 (fiscal year 2017 27/53 Reserve, transfer), C.105 (fiscal year 2017 Attorney General adjustment), C.106 (fiscal year 2017 Protection function total adjustment), C.107 (fiscal year 2017 Secretary' office, Global Commitment adjustment), C.108 (fiscal year 2017 Green Mountain Care Board adjustment), C.109 (fiscal year 2017 Human Services function total adjustment), C.110–C.111 (fiscal year 2017 debt service adjustments), C.112–C.115 (fiscal year 2017 teachers' retirement system and health care and medical benefits adjustments), C.116 (Emergency Board composition), C.117 (budget report), C.118 (fiscal year 2017 carry forward authority), C.119 (fiscal year 2017 cost savings), C.120 (General Fund year end close out), D.102 (Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund balance),

E.100(b) (Labor Relations Manager position), E.100(c) (Security Guard positions), E.100(d) (transfer of vacant positions), E.100.1(d)(7) (position pilot program), E.100.2 (repeal), E.300.1–E.300.7 (transfer Director of Health Care Reform to the Agency of Human Services), E.300.14 (repeals), E.308.1 (Choices for Care), E.327 (Woodside Global Commitment funding), and F.1-F.10 (miscellaneous technical statute corrections), shall take effect on passage.

(b) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

\* \* \* Yields and Nonresidential Tax Rate \* \* \*

Sec. H.1 PROPERTY DOLLAR EQUIVALENT YIELD AND INCOME

DOLLAR EQUIVALENT YIELD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

(a) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5402b(b), for fiscal year 2018 only:

(1) the property dollar equivalent yield is \$10,160.00; and

(2) the income dollar equivalent yield is \$11,990.00.

Sec. H.2 NONRESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR FISCAL

YEAR 2018

(a) For fiscal year 2018 only, the nonresidential education property tax imposed under 32 V.S.A. § 5402(a)(1) shall be reduced from the rate of \$1.59 and instead be \$1.535 per \$100.00.

\* \* \* Education Fund Allocation; Sales and Use Tax \* \* \*

Sec. H.3 16 V.S.A. § 4025 is amended to read:

§ 4025. EDUCATION FUND

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

\* \* \*

(6) ~~Thirty-five~~ Thirty-six percent of the revenues raised from the sales and use tax imposed by 32 V.S.A. chapter 233.

\* \* \*

Sec. H.4 32 V.S.A. § 435(b) is amended to read:

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

\* \* \*

(11) ~~65~~ 64 percent of the revenue from sales and use taxes levied pursuant to chapter 233 of this title;

\* \* \*

\* \* \* Health Care Transition \* \* \*

Sec. H.5 SAVINGS FROM HEALTH CARE TRANSITION

(a) As a result of the Affordable Care Act, as of January 1, 2018, all school employees will be on new health care plans. The new health plans cover similar health care services and networks, but they have lower premium costs. The new plans also create higher out-of-pocket exposure through deductibles and co-payment requirements. However, because the premiums for these plans

are markedly lower, there are opportunities to keep employees' out-of-pocket costs at current levels while also realizing substantial savings, including savings for the second half of fiscal year 2018.

(b) All supervisory unions and school districts should be able to achieve savings to their budgets as a result of the transition to the new health care plans.

(c) This act establishes a mechanism to return savings to property taxpayers.

#### Sec. H.6 RECAPTURING SAVINGS FROM HEALTH CARE

##### TRANSITION

(a)(1) On or before August 15, 2017, the Agency of Education, in consultation with the Department of Taxes and the Vermont Education Health Initiative (VEHI), shall determine the amount by which each supervisory union's or school district's education payment shall be reduced. These reductions shall be made during the second half of fiscal year 2018 and during fiscal year 2019 based on the difference between:

(A) the supervisory union's or school district's actual total fiscal year 2017 health care expenditure; and

(B) a calculation of the supervisory union's or school district's projected fiscal year 2018 health care expenditure for individual, two-person, and family plans for all covered school employees based on the assumptions described in subdivision (2) of this subsection (a) plus five percent.

(2) The calculation of a supervisory union's or school district's projected fiscal year 2018 health care expenditure shall be based on the supervisory union's or school district's 2017 plan tier distribution for all covered school employees as of April 1, 2017 and on the following assumptions for the second half of fiscal year 2018:

(A) a premium contribution by the supervisory union or school district in an amount equal to 80 percent of the premium for the VEHI Gold Consumer-Driven Health Plan (CDHP), with school employees responsible for the balance of the premium for the VEHI plan they select;

(B) contributions by the supervisory union or school district toward the school employees' out-of-pocket expenses in the amounts of \$2,100.00 per individual plan, \$4,200.00 per two-person or parent-child plan, and \$3,800.00 per family plan in a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) or health savings account (HSA);

(C) approximately 75 percent of collective bargaining agreements using an HRA and 25 percent using an HSA; and

(D) if using an HRA, school employees bearing first-dollar responsibility for the full amount of the out-of-pocket expenses for which they are responsible.

(b)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State shall reduce the amount of the education payment authorized by 16 V.S.A. chapter 133 to each supervisory union and school district for the second half of

fiscal year 2018 by subtracting from the final fiscal year 2018 payment due to each supervisory union or school district 65 percent of the amount attributed to that supervisory union or school district pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State shall reduce the amount of education payments authorized by 16 V.S.A. chapter 133 to supervisory unions and school districts for fiscal year 2019 by subtracting from the total amount of the fiscal year 2019 payments due to each supervisory union or school district 35 percent of the amount attributed to that supervisory union or school district pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The health care benefit and coverage provisions of a collective bargaining agreement between a supervisory union or school district and school employees shall expire between July 1, 2019 and September 1, 2019; provided, however, that this subsection (c) shall not apply to collective bargaining agreements that were, prior to the effective date of this section, either executed by a school board negotiations council and employee organization negotiations council or tentatively agreed to by these councils pending final ratification by the school board and by the bargaining unit or members of the employee organization.



(d) As used in this section:

(1) “School employees” means all employees of supervisory unions and school districts who are permitted to collectively bargain under 16 V.S.A. chapter 57 or 21 V.S.A. chapter 22.

(2) “Supervisory union” and “school district” shall have the same meanings as set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 11.

\* \* \* Health Benefits Commission \* \* \*

#### Sec. H.7 VERMONT EDUCATIONAL HEALTH BENEFITS

##### COMMISSION

(a) The Vermont Educational Health Benefits Commission is created to determine whether and how to establish a single statewide health benefit plan for all teachers, administrators, and other employees of supervisory unions and school districts.

(b) The Commission shall comprise the following nine members:

(1) the Commissioner of Financial Regulation or designee;

(2) the Commissioner of Taxes or designee;

(3) the Executive Director of the Vermont-NEA or designee;

(4) one representative of all other labor organizations representing school employees for purposes of collective bargaining pursuant to 16 V.S.A. chapter 57 or 21 V.S.A. chapter 22, or both, jointly appointed by their membership;

(5) the Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association or designee;

(6) the Executive Director of the Vermont Superintendents Association or designee;

(7) one non-legislator member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(8) one non-legislator member appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees; and

(9) one member appointed by the Governor, which member shall serve as the Commission's Chair.

(c) The Commission shall determine the advantages and disadvantages of establishing a single statewide health benefit plan for all teachers, administrators, and other employees of supervisory unions and school districts, including considering:

(1) transition issues;

(2) potential savings from avoided negotiation expenses;

(3) whether to use income-sensitized premiums;

(4) ways to address benefit disparities among bargaining units;

(5) ways to address disparities among districts, including examining the role of and potential changes to fact finding standards;

(6) property tax implications;

(7) issues related to uninsured school employees; and

(8) the structure and composition of the Vermont Education Health Initiative's (VEHI) governing board.

(d)(1) The Commission shall consult with the Secretary of Education and VEHI as necessary.

(2) The Commission shall be attached to the Department of Financial Regulation for administrative support.

(e) On or before November 15, 2017, the Commission shall provide its findings and recommendations, along with any necessary proposed legislation regarding the establishment of a statewide health benefit plan for all teachers, administrators, and other employees of supervisory unions and school districts, to the House Committees on Education, on General, Housing and Military Affairs, and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Education, on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and on Finance.

(f) As used in this section, the terms "supervisory union" and "school district" shall have the same meanings as in 16 V.S.A. § 11.

\* \* \* Collective Bargaining Negotiations \* \* \*

#### Sec. H.8 REOPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS AT IMPASSE

(a)(1) For contract negotiations that are engaged in impasse resolution pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 2006 or 2007 or 21 V.S.A. § 1731 or 1732 on the date of passage of this act, if employees' health care benefits are an issue that remains in dispute between the parties, then either the negotiations council for the school board or for the school employees may, within 30 days of the date

of passage of this act, request that the parties discontinue the impasse resolution process and reopen negotiations to permit the parties to engage in bargaining in light of the provisions of Sec. H.6 of this act. The parties shall reopen negotiations within 10 days of the request.

(2) If, following the reopened contract negotiations, the parties continue to be unable to reach agreement on specific negotiable items, the parties may engage in impasse resolution as provided pursuant to 16 V.S.A. chapter 57 or 21 V.S.A. chapter 22, as appropriate.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, it shall not constitute an unfair labor practice or a failure to bargain in good faith if, pursuant to this section, a party requests to discontinue the impasse resolution process or during reopened negotiations revises a prior bargaining position related to employees' health care benefits in light of the provisions of Sec. H.6 of this act.

\* \* \* Effective Dates for Secs. H.1–H.9 \* \* \*

#### Sec. H.9 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. H.5–H.6 (health care transition) and H.8 (reopening negotiations) shall take effect on passage.

(b) Sec. H.7 (health benefits commission) shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

(c) Secs. H.1 (yields) and H.2 (nonresidential rate) shall take effect on July 1, 2017 and apply to fiscal year 2018.

(d) Secs. H.3 and H.4 (sales tax allocation) shall take effect on July 1, 2018 and apply to fiscal year 2019 and after.

\* \* \* Vermont Housing and Conservation Board;

Housing Bond Proceeds for Affordable Housing \* \* \*

Sec. I.1 FINDINGS AND PURPOSE; AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND

(a) Findings.

(1) The General Assembly finds that investments are needed to help house the most vulnerable Vermonters as well as creating more homes for workers.

(2) The shortage of affordable and available homes has been highlighted recently by:

(A) the Vermont Futures Project of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, which set a growth target of 5,000 new and improved housing units annually;

(B) a national consultant's recommendations for a Roadmap to End Homelessness, which calls for, over the next five years, 368 new units for permanent supportive housing and 1,251 new homes affordable to families with income that is not more than 30 percent of the median; and

(C) the 2015 statewide housing needs assessment by Bowen National Research, which found the largest gaps in housing affordable to households with income below 30 percent of median and households with income between

85 percent and 120 percent of median, and found a lack of housing availability across the income spectrum.

(b) Purpose and intent.

(1) The purpose of Secs. I.1–I.12 of this act is to promote the development and improvement of housing for Vermonters.

(2) It is the intent of the General Assembly:

(A) to extend the clean water surcharge to provide an interim source of revenue for addressing water quality issues throughout the State;

(B) to continue its work on identifying a long-term funding source or sources that are sufficient in scope and targeted in design to address these water quality issues; and

(C) once one or more long-term funding sources are identified and enacted, but not later than July 1, 2027, to reduce the amount of the clean water surcharge to 0.04 percent.

Sec. I.2 10 V.S.A. § 314 is added to read:

§ 314. AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND; INVESTMENT

The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall use the proceeds of bonds, notes, and other obligations issued by the Vermont Housing Finance Agency pursuant to subdivision 621(22) of this title and transferred to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to fund the creation and improvement of owner-occupied and rental housing for Vermonters with very

low to middle income, in areas targeted for growth and reinvestment, as

follows:

(1) not less than 25 percent of the housing shall be targeted to Vermonters with very low income, meaning households with income below 50 percent of area median income;

(2) not less than 25 percent of the housing shall be targeted to Vermonters with moderate income, meaning households with income between 80 and 120 percent of area median income; and

(3) the remaining housing shall be targeted to Vermonters with income that is less than or equal to 120 percent of area median income, consistent with the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. I.3 10 V.S.A. § 323 is amended to read:

§ 323. ANNUAL REPORT

Prior to January 31 of each year, the ~~board~~ Board shall submit a report concerning its activities to the ~~governor~~ Governor and ~~legislative committees on agriculture, natural resources and energy, appropriations, ways and means, finance, and institutions~~ to the House Committees on Agriculture and Forestry, on Appropriations, on Corrections and Institutions, on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Agriculture, on Appropriations, on Finance, on Institutions, and on Natural Resources and Energy. The report shall include, ~~but not be limited to,~~ the following:

(1) a list and description of activities funded by the ~~board~~ Board during the preceding year, including commitments made to fund projects through housing bond proceeds pursuant to section 314 of this title, and project descriptions, levels of affordability, and geographic location;

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\* \* \* Allocation of Property Transfer Tax Revenues \* \* \*

Sec. I.4 32 V.S.A. § 9610 is amended to read:

§ 9610. REMITTANCE OF RETURN AND TAX; INSPECTION OF  
RETURNS

(a) Not later than 30 days after the receipt of any property transfer return, a town clerk shall file the return in the office of the town clerk and electronically forward a copy of the acknowledged return to the Commissioner; provided, however, that with respect to a return filed in paper format with the town, the Commissioner shall have the discretion to allow the town to forward a paper copy of that return to the ~~department~~ Department.

(b) The copies of property transfer returns in the custody of the town clerk may be inspected by any member of the public.

(c) Prior to distributions of property transfer tax revenues under 10 V.S.A. § 312, 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), and ~~32 V.S.A. §~~ subdivision 435(b)(10) of this title, ~~one~~ two percent of the revenues received from the property transfer tax shall be deposited in a special fund in the Department of Taxes for Property Valuation and Review administration costs.



(d)(1) Prior to any distribution of property transfer tax revenue under 10 V.S.A. § 312, 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), subdivision 435(b)(10) of this title, and subsection (c) of this section, \$2,500,000.00 of the revenue received from the property transfer tax shall be transferred to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency to pay the principal of and interest due on the bonds, notes, and other obligations authorized to be issued by the Agency pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 621(22), the proceeds of which the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall use to create affordable housing pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 314.

(2) As long as the bonds, notes, and other obligations incurred pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection remain outstanding, the rate of tax imposed pursuant to section 9602 of this title shall not be reduced below a rate estimated, at the time of any reduction, to generate annual revenues of at least \$12,000,000.00.

\* \* \* Vermont Housing Finance Agency; Authority to Issue Bonds for  
Affordable Housing \* \* \*

Sec. I.5 10 V.S.A. § 621 is amended to read:

§ 621. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES

The Agency shall have all of the powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this chapter, including without limitation those general powers provided a business corporation by 11A V.S.A. § 3.02 and those general powers provided a nonprofit corporation

by 11B V.S.A. § 3.02 and including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the power to:

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(21) use funds received from real estate trust and escrow accounts established under 26 V.S.A. § 2214(c), IORTA funds, for down payment and closing cost assistance with priority given to persons and families at or below 90 percent of median income and to persons and families purchasing perpetually affordable housing;

(22) issue bonds, notes, and other obligations secured by the property transfer tax revenues transferred to the Agency pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d).

Sec. I.6 10 V.S.A. § 631(1) is added to read:

(1)(1) The bonds, notes, and other obligations authorized to be issued pursuant to subdivision 621(22) of this title shall be secured by a pledge of the property transfer tax revenues to be transferred to the Agency pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) and shall mature on or before June 30, 2039.

(2) The Agency may issue the bonds, notes, and other obligations in one or more series at one time or from time to time, provided that the aggregate annual debt service on the bonds, notes, and other obligations shall not exceed \$2,500,000.00 at any time.

(3) The Agency shall transfer the proceeds of the bonds, notes, and other obligations, less issuance fees and costs and required reserves, to the Vermont

Housing and Conservation Trust Fund established pursuant to section 312 of this title for use by the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board as provided in section 314 of this title.

(4) The Agency, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, and the State Treasurer may execute one or more agreements governing the terms and conditions under which the property transfer tax revenues that secure the bonds, notes, and obligations shall be transferred to the Agency, and any other issues they determine appropriate.

\* \* \* Funding for Affordable Housing Bond Program; Allocation  
of Revenues; Intent \* \* \*

Sec. I.7 INTENT; FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND  
PROGRAM; ALLOCATION OF PROPERTY TRANSFER  
TAX REVENUES

(a) Revenues from the property transfer tax, before the passage of this act, were allocated pursuant to statute as follows:

(1) The first two percent was deposited in a special fund in the Department of Taxes for Property Valuation and Review administration costs pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c).

(2) Of the remaining 98 percent of the revenues:

(A) 17 percent was deposited in the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund created in 24 V.S.A. § 4306.

(B) 50 percent was deposited in the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund created in 10 V.S.A. § 312.

(C) 33 percent was deposited in the General Fund created in 32 V.S.A. § 435.

(b) Pursuant to Sec. I.4 of this act, in 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d), the first \$2,500,000.00 of revenue generated from the property transfer tax is transferred to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency to service the bonds, notes, and other obligations incurred by the Agency pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 621(22), the proceeds of which the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall use to create affordable housing pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 314.

(c) Transferring the first \$2,500,000.00 of property transfer tax revenues to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency for debt service reduces the amount of revenues available for allocation to the respective statutory recipients identified in subsection (a) of this section.

(d) To compensate for this reduction of available property transfer tax revenue, it is the intent of the General Assembly through this act to provide for the transfer of \$2,500,000.00 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund, as follows:

(1) Sec. D.100 of this act appropriates \$11,304,840.00 in fiscal year 2018 from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. Upon the effective date of this act, \$1,500,000.00 shall revert to the Fund, resulting in a fiscal year 2018 total

appropriation to the Board of \$9,804,840.00. In fiscal year 2018 only, the amount of \$1,500,000.00 from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.

(2) As provided in Sec. I.9 of this act, from July 1, 2017 until July 1, 2027, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9602a, the first \$1,000,000.00 in revenue generated by the clean water surcharge of 0.2 percent shall be transferred to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund. In fiscal year 2018 only, the Commissioner shall transfer the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the General Fund.

(3) After July 1, 2027, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9602a as amended in Sec. I.10 of this act, \$1,000,000.00 in total revenue generated by the clean water surcharge of 0.04 percent shall be transferred to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund.

(4) As provided in Sec. I.11 of this act, the clean water surcharge will be repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2039.

\* \* \* Clean Water Surcharge; Repeal of 2018 Sunset \* \* \*

Sec. I.8 REPEAL; SUNSET OF CLEAN WATER SURCHARGE

(a) 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 64, Sec. 39 (sunset of clean water surcharge in 2018) is repealed.

\* \* \* Clean Water Surcharge; Allocation of First \$1 Million in

Revenue until 2027 \* \* \*

Sec. I.9 32 V.S.A. § 9602a is amended to read:

§ 9602a. CLEAN WATER SURCHARGE

There shall be a surcharge of 0.2 percent on the value of property subject to the property transfer tax under section 9602 of this title, except that there shall be no surcharge on the first \$100,000.00 in value of property to be used for the principal residence of the transferee or the first \$200,000.00 in value of property transferred if the purchaser obtains a purchase money mortgage funded in part with a homeland grant through the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund or which the Vermont Housing and Finance Agency or U.S. Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has committed to make or purchase. The surcharge shall be in addition to any tax assessed under section 9602 of this title. The surcharge assessed under this section shall be paid, collected, and enforced under this chapter in the same manner as the tax assessed under section 9602 of this title. The Commissioner shall deposit the surcharge collected under this section in the Clean Water Fund under 10 V.S.A. § 1388, except for the first \$1,000,000.00 of revenue generated by the surcharge, which shall be deposited in the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund created in 10 V.S.A. § 312.

\* \* \* Clean Water Surcharge; Allocation of

Revenue to Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund in 2027 \* \* \*

Sec. I.10 32 V.S.A. § 9602a is amended to read:

§ 9602a. CLEAN WATER SURCHARGE

There shall be a surcharge of ~~0.2~~ 0.04 percent on the value of property subject to the property transfer tax under section 9602 of this title, except that there shall be no surcharge on the first \$100,000.00 in value of property to be used for the principal residence of the transferee or the first \$200,000.00 in value of property transferred if the purchaser obtains a purchase money mortgage funded in part with a homeland grant through the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund or which the Vermont Housing and Finance Agency or U.S. Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has committed to make or purchase. The surcharge shall be in addition to any tax assessed under section 9602 of this title. The surcharge assessed under this section shall be paid, collected, and enforced under this chapter in the same manner as the tax assessed under section 9602 of this title. The Commissioner shall deposit the surcharge collected under this section ~~in the Clean Water Fund under 10 V.S.A. § 1388, except for the first \$1,000,000.00 of revenue generated by the surcharge, which shall be deposited~~ in the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund created in 10 V.S.A. § 312.

\* \* \* Repeal of Affordable Housing Bond Provisions After Life of Bond \* \* \*

Sec. I.11 REPEAL

(a) The following shall be repealed on July 1, 2039:

(1) 10 V.S.A. § 314 (Vermont Housing and Conservation Board; affordable housing bond and investments).

(2) 10 V.S.A. § 621(22) (Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) authority to issue debt obligations secured by property transfer tax).

(3) 10 V.S.A. § 631(1) (debt obligations issued by VHFA).

(4) 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) (property transfer tax priority for affordable housing debt repayment).

(5) 32 V.S.A. § 9602a (clean water surcharge).

\* \* \* Effective Dates for Secs. I.1–I.12 \* \* \*

Sec. I.12 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) Secs. I.1–I.12 shall take effect on July 1, 2017, except that Sec. I.10 (allocating clean water surcharge revenue to Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund) shall take effect on July 1, 2027.

Date Governor signed bill: June 28, 2017