

**FY 2015 Rescission Impacts – Presentation to the Joint Fiscal Committee**

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Sec. B.100	<p><b>Secretary of Administration – \$69,392 GF</b>                  The Secretary of Administration will charge part of the Deputy Secretary’s salary to the Agency of Administration Financial Services Unit to reflect time spent managing that program in FY 2015. There is no program impact. In addition, \$1,965,000 will revert from the SoA’s federal fund appropriation.</p>
Sec. B.105	<p><b>Information and innovation - communications and information technology - \$45,500 GF/\$91,000 Internal Service Fund (ISF)</b>                  DII has reduced costs in WAN (\$25K), network maintenance (49K), server monitoring (\$8K) and redundant circuits (\$9K) with no impact on these allocated services. These ISF charges will be allocated across departments.</p>
Sec. B. 106	<p><b>Finance and Management – Budget and Management – \$110,846 GF</b>                  The retirement of a long-term temp will result in a \$43.9K of savings. In addition, the Budget Director position will not be filled for six months resulting in an increase of vacancy savings of \$66.9K. This is one-time in nature, there is no program impact.</p>
Sec. B. 107	<p><b>Finance and Management – Financial Operations – \$20,844 GF/\$55,000 ISF</b>                  The Office of Financial Operations will make various reductions in personal services and operating as a result of the end of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) expansion project. These reductions include \$25K ISF from overtime, \$15K ISF from miscellaneous operating, and increased vacancy savings by \$15K ISF. The increase to vacancy savings is one-time. There is no negative impact. These ISF charges will be allocated across departments.</p>
Sec. B.110	<p><b>Libraries – \$109,866 GF</b>                  Savings related to the implementation of a new automated resource sharing system for libraries (\$50K). Libraries will also eliminate a new initiative to digitize Supreme Court briefs saving (\$50K). There will also be a reduction in the amount of Microfilming this year (\$10K). The Department of Libraries can absorb these changes within its current budget and continue to provide services.</p>
Sec. B.115	<p><b>Buildings and General Services – Purchasing – \$76,658 GF</b>                  The Buildings and General Services Purchasing Unit will not add one of three new positions. No program impact.</p>
Sec. B.122	<p><b>Buildings and general services - fee for space - \$770,628 GF/\$1,062,437 ISF</b>                  Savings will come from reduced use of personal service contracts (\$17K); close monitoring and control of overtime (\$108K); control over discretionary maintenance/repair, plumbing/heating and electrical supplies spending (\$816K) and allocation to the BGS major maintenance Capital Appropriations budget if</p>

	appropriate; and vacancy savings from the staggered replacement of all 9 FTE associated with fee for space services (\$121K).
Sec. B.124	<b>Executive Office - Governor's Office – \$60,966 GF</b> The Governor's Office is voluntarily reducing salaries for the Governor and the Chief of Staff to pre-COLA levels (\$5.6K). Additionally, vacancy savings will be increased (\$55K).
Sec. B.125	<b>Legislative Council – \$10,000 GF</b> Legislative Council will revert \$10K of FY 2014 carry forward. This is one-time and there is no programmatic impact.
Sec. B. 126	<b>Legislature – \$210,000 GF</b> The Legislature will revert \$210K of FY 2014 carry forward. This is one-time and there is no programmatic impact.
Sec. B. 127	<b>Joint Fiscal Committee - \$10,000 GF</b> The Joint Fiscal Committee will revert \$10K of FY 2014 carry forward. This is one-time and there is no programmatic impact.
Sec. B.129	<b>Lieutenant Governor – \$2,398 GF</b> The Lt. Governor is voluntarily reducing his salary to pre-COLA levels.
Sec. B.130	<b>Auditor of Accounts – \$10,000 GF</b> The Auditor's Office will reduce contracts for non-audit inquiries by 50% (\$10K). This will give the Auditor's Office less flexibility to do non-audit inquires.
Sec. B.131	<b>State Treasurer – \$39,739 GF, \$21,806 SF</b> The Treasurer's office will reduce contractual services and delay the replacement of office and technology equipment. There will also be an increase in the direct application from the unclaimed property fund (\$22K). There is no programmatic impact.
Sec. B.200	<b>Office of the Attorney General – \$120,000 GF</b> The Attorney General will shift \$120K of costs from General Funds (GF) to Special Funds (SF) available from prescribed products and paid fundraiser fee revenues. This will not impact services.
Sec. B. 201	<b>Vermont Court Diversion – \$55,860 GF</b> Court Diversion will reduce the grant awards to each county diversion program. Each program will have to develop its own strategy to manage the reduction. It is likely that savings will be achieved through reduced staff hours, which will result in staff handling larger caseloads in less time. Carry forward funds will be used as a one-time offset in FY 2015.
Sec. B. 204	<b>Judiciary - \$181,335 GF</b> Judiciary will hold a Superior Judge appointment vacant.

Sec. B.206	<p><b>Special Investigation Units – \$66,994 GF</b></p> <p>The SIUs will realize savings by using funds from prior year grants. This will not impact the SIUs in FY 2015; however, if this reduction is sustained in FY 2016, there will be less funding available for law enforcement grants.</p>
Sec. B.209	<p><b>Public Safety - State Police – \$500,000 GF</b></p> <p>The Vermont State Police (VSP) will increase their vacancy savings by keeping the equivalent of 7 additional positions vacant (due to retirements and turnover) during FY 2015. Reassignment of duties will enable the VSP to meet its primary mission of being able to respond to all calls for service with a uniformed member of the organization. There is no programmatic impact.</p>
Sec. B.210	<p><b>Public Safety - Criminal Justice Services – \$500,000 GF</b></p> <p>There is reduced demand on the All-Felon DNA program in accordance with a recent Supreme Court decision (\$500K). There is no programmatic impact.</p>
Sec. B.211	<p><b>Public Safety - Emergency Management – \$75,000 GF</b></p> <p>Emergency management will reduce the use of temporary employees. There is no programmatic impact.</p>
Sec. B.212	<p><b>Public Safety - Fire Safety – \$425,000 SF</b></p> <p>There will be a Direct Application (one-time transfer) of Fire Safety Funds to the General Fund. There is no programmatic impact.</p>
Sec. B.215	<p><b>Military – Administration – \$46,361 GF</b></p> <p>The Military will allocate more personal service costs to federal funds and will re-allocate the Administration division’s auto insurance costs to the Army division’s appropriation. There is no programmatic impact.</p>
Sec. B.219	<p><b>Military - Veterans' Affairs – \$30,200 GF</b></p> <p>Veterans’ Affairs is fully staffed at a lower need than originally budgeted and will use carry forward funds to pay for needed equipment replacement. There is no programmatic impact.</p>
Sec. B.220	<p><b>Center for Crime Victims Services – \$11,700 GF</b></p> <p>The Center for Crime Victims Services will make the following reductions: decrease the grant award to the Network of Child Advocacy Centers by \$3.6K; decrease the grant award to the Network of Supervised Visitation Programs by \$7.1K; and decrease the general operating budget by \$960. These reductions will have minimal or no impact on the Center.</p>
Sec. B.221	<p><b>Criminal Justice Training Council – \$21,953 GF</b></p> <p>The Criminal Justice Training Council will reclassify a position to a lower paying category and will fill the position with a less expensive new hire. There is no programmatic impact.</p>
Sec. B.222	<p><b>Agency of Agriculture, Food &amp; Markets-Administration – \$118,662 GF</b></p> <p>The Agency of Agriculture will achieve savings through the following</p>

	<p>reductions: decrease the operating budget (\$3.6K), this will have minimal negative impact on services; decrease the 2+2 Scholarship Grant program (\$50K), this program has sufficient funding to maintain support through academic years 2014 and 2015 and will allow the Agency to discuss funding this program at a lower rate in FY 2016 with UVM and VTC; and decrease the Fair Stipend Program grant (\$65.1K), resulting in a lower average award amount of approximately \$6,876 per fair, which, while lower than previous years, will still allow the fairs to function in the summer of 2015.</p>
<p>Sec. B.223</p>	<p><b>Agency of Agriculture, Food &amp; Markets-Food Safety and Consumer Protection - \$12,557 GF</b></p> <p>Food Safety will achieve savings through various reductions to the operating budget, such as; printing, conferences, postage, books, telecom, Equipment Revolving Fund, and other supplies. This will not have an undue burden on any one program, service, or benefit to the public, but does put additional pressure on this division to meet the growing demands of the industries it serves (local foods movement, slaughter, meat, and dairy processing).</p>
<p>Sec. B.224</p>	<p><b>Agency of Agriculture, Food &amp; Markets-Agricultural Development - \$330,259 GF</b></p> <p>Agricultural Development will achieve savings through a combination of reductions to personal services, operating, and grants. The Working Landscape strategic planning contracts will be reduced (\$5.3K) as well as various operating costs such as miscellaneous sponsorships, purchased services, travel, meals, advertising, conferences, and telecom (\$16.3K). This will decrease support to some agricultural partners, but will not cause undue burden. The following grants will be reduced: Farm to School grants (\$18.8K); Local Foods grants (\$10K); and Working Lands grants (\$279.9K). Only a limited number of schools remain who have not taken advantage of the Farm to School program, so this reduction will not deny them access to the grants. The agency has observed that many applicants to the Local Foods grants also apply for the Working Lands grants so this reduction will not adversely affect the applicant group. The Working Lands grants will see a reduction from FY14 levels; the remaining funds will be necessary to support the entrepreneurial spirit of Vermont's agriculture and forest products businesses.</p>
<p>Sec. B.225</p>	<p><b>Agency of Agriculture, Food &amp; Markets-Agricultural Resource Management - \$ 113,860 GF</b></p> <p>Agricultural Resource Management will achieve savings through the following reductions: operating (\$1K), with minimal impact; Water Quality contracts will be reduced due to vacant USDA positions that receive grant matching funds, but are not expected to be filled in FY 2015 (\$15.6K), with no adverse impact on</p>

	<p>assistance to farmers; and Mosquito Control contracts will be reduced because the current cycle has not shown a need for aerial spraying in FY 2015 (\$97.3K). If the need does arise there are sufficient carry forward funds from the FY 2014 Mosquito Control budget to conduct a spraying. This reduction will not adversely impact the Agency or pose a public health concern.</p>
Sec. B.226-B.231	<p><b>Department of Financial Regulation –\$1,000,000 SF</b>  The Department of Financial Regulation will increase its Direct Application to the General Fund by \$1M due to an increase in projected fee revenues.</p>
Sec. B.232	<p><b>Secretary of State – \$150,647 SF</b>  The Office of the Secretary of State will provide an additional Direct Application of special funds available from a combination of reductions to personal services and operating. This should not negatively impact the mission of the Secretary of State or the delivery of service to the public.</p>
Sec. B.233	<p><b>Public service - regulation and energy – \$250,000 SF</b>  There will be a direct application (one-time transfer) from the Public Service Department Fund to the General Fund. There is no programmatic impact.</p>
Sec. B.234	<p><b>Public service board - \$136,000 SF</b>  There will be a direct application (one-time transfer) from the Public Service Board Fund to the General Fund. There is no programmatic impact.</p>
Sec. B.235	<p><b>Enhanced 9-1-1 Board - \$185,000 SF</b>  There will be a direct application (one-time transfer) from the E 9-1-1 Fund to General Fund. There is no programmatic impact.</p>
Sec. B.236	<p><b>Human Rights Commission – \$17,061 GF</b>  The Human Rights Commission has a delay in filling a vacant position and will fill that position with a less expensive new hire. There is no programmatic impact.</p>
Sec. B.237	<p><b>Department of Liquor Control-Administration - DLC-Administration - \$62,200 Enterprise Fund</b>  Liquor Control Administration will reduce various operating costs such as legal, advertising, printing, postage, and other office equipment and supplies (\$12.2K). Additionally, DLC will delay the purchase of IT routers for the Point of Service Project until FY 2016 (\$50K). This will provide an additional Direct Application to the General Fund; this will not impact services.</p>
Sec. B.238	<p><b>Department of Liquor Control-Enforcement and Licensing – \$87,000 GF</b>  Liquor Control Enforcement and Licensing will wait until FY 2016 to replace three vehicles (\$85K) and will wait to replace furniture and office equipment (\$2K). The furniture and equipment savings will have no impact on services. The delayed vehicle replacements will result in the liquor investigators using the current vehicles for FY 2015 and providing any vehicle maintenance that is</p>

	required. This will provide an additional Direct Application to the General Fund; this will not impact services.
Sec. B.300	<b>Human Services – Agency of Human Services – Secretary’s Office – \$15,849 GF</b> The Secretary’s Office will increase vacancy savings.
Sec. B.301	<b>Secretary’s Office – Global Commitment – <del>\$9,951,324 GF; \$12,920,020 FF</del> \$9,761,964 GF; \$12,674,170 FF</b> The Agency of Human Services (AHS) Global Commitment (GC) appropriation is decreasing as a result of several changes to the Global Commitment fund throughout AHS. The details of these changes are described below in the effected appropriations. Included in this appropriation is the impact of removing the GC portion of 1.6% Medicaid provider increase across the Agency. Additionally, \$3,922,031 of General Fund carry forward will be used. <b>As a result of the Joint Fiscal Committee (JFC) decision to fund the Youth in Transition Grant through the end of FY 2015, the reversion of GF was increased to \$4,232,671.</b>
Sec. B 306	<b>Department of Vermont Health Access – Administration – \$1,348 GF; \$275,000 GC</b> The Department of Vermont Health Access (DHVA) plans to save \$275K GC (\$120K GF) on its radiology contract through the competitive bidding process. Additionally, DHVA will increase vacancy savings (\$1K).
Sec. B.307	<b>Department of Vermont Health Access – Medicaid Program – Global Commitment – \$5,582,083 GC</b> DVHA has allocated savings in this appropriation through two changes. First, the removal of the Medicaid provider increase (\$3.98M GC; \$1.73M GF). Second, DVHA’s clinical unit has been working with the personal care team at the Vermont Department of Health to determine the efficacy of providing personal care services to individuals who also receive high-tech supports. Through this effort, it has been determined that personal care budgets have historically been approved projecting higher usage than what clinical guidelines recommend. DVHA is lowering the budget for personal care services for these individuals to more closely align with recommended guidelines (\$1.6M GC; \$696K GF); this will have no impact on the program.
Sec. B.308	<b>Department of Vermont Health Access – Medicaid Program - Long Term Care Waiver – <del>\$1,310,820 GF; \$1,701,867 FF</del> \$1,103,924 GF; \$1,433,249 FF</b> There are three changes to the long term care program. First, the removal of the Medicaid provider increase (\$297K GF). Second, the Legislature appropriated funds to enhance payment to a limited number of facilities to hire specially trained aides to improve dementia care.

	<p>Due to the need for rate setting to go through the rule change and the regulatory process, payments will not begin before January. This results in a onetime GF savings of \$104K.</p> <p>Third, the Choices for Care Carryforward plan as presented to the JFC on July 24<sup>th</sup> will be modified accordingly: the appropriation carried forward \$2,761,835 GF into FY 2015. The department will invest part of the carryforward in the following items: 1. Reinvestments in the FY2015 Build, including funds for the Moderate Needs Group, home and congregate meals, and SASH – \$1,094,264 GF; 2. Funds for the collective bargaining agreement with direct care workers - \$371,856 GF; 3. Reserve an amount equal to ½ % of the total Choice for Care appropriation as a contingency for the program - \$386,183 GF. The remaining \$909,532 GF will be used. This will require notwithstanding language in the Budget Adjustment Act pertaining to 2014 Act 179 Sec. 308. These funds are one-time if available through notwithstanding language. <b>The JFC changed the Choices for Care reinvestment plan, which subsequently decreased the amount for reversion. The carryforward plan presented to the JFC on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 included the one-time reinvestment for services including home modifications. The JFC decided to decrease the reversion and increase the amount for one-time reinvestments by \$207K GF (equal to half the amount proposed for reinvestment at the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.) This change is funded through a direct application from the Vermont Enterprise fund.</b></p>
Sec. B.309	<p><b>Department of Vermont Health Access – Medicaid Program – State Only - \$423,286 GF; \$9,755 GC</b></p> <p>The removal of the provider increase in this appropriation equates to \$315 GF and \$9.8K GC (\$4.2K GF). The entire FY 2014 General Fund carry forward in this appropriation will be used (\$423K).</p>
Sec. B.310	<p><b>Department of Vermont Health Access – Medicaid Non-Waiver Matched – \$15,406 GF</b></p> <p>The removal of the Medicaid provider rate increase in this appropriation equates to \$15.4K GF.</p>
Sec. B.311	<p><b>Health – Administration and Support - \$170,000 GC</b></p> <p>The Health Department plans to decrease general funds provided to the State Area Health Education Center (AHEC) due to the notice of a new Federal grant for health professions loan repayment. The grant will provide \$250K in federal funding annually for four years; matched with \$250K state funds authorized in Act 179 Sec C.106.3. The FY 2015 State funded grant award will be reduced from \$970K to \$800K GC (\$170K GC; \$74K GF). The net increase of the state and federal funding changes are approximately \$300K.</p>
Sec. B.312	<p><b>Health – Public Health - \$125,000 GF; \$837,348 GC</b></p>

	<p>The Health Department will implement the following:</p> <p>First, increase its vacancy savings (\$320K GC; \$140K GF) by leaving Global Commitment funded positions that become vacant open for an additional four weeks.</p> <p>Second, the Department will review all federal grants where eligible costs exceed the current grant award, and identify opportunities to reduce total spending to the federal amount available (\$180K GC; \$78K GF). These opportunities include reallocating direct and indirect costs to new or increased federal grant awards anticipated in FY 2015. We will not reduce current community grant awards or direct benefits.</p> <p>Third, the CDC has offered a new round of Federal grants for state programs and Vermont expects to receive one of 42 new state healthy home grants in September. The federal grant would fund some direct and indirect costs now claimed as Global Commitment investment (\$300K GC; \$131K GF). If the grant is not received, the Health Department would need to identify savings or new Federal resources elsewhere.</p> <p>Fourth, Children with Special Health Needs Client Service adopted new state rules in 2013 that reduced financial assistance and also broadened service eligibility. The rule included a one-year transition period that ended in January 2014. The net financial impact of the rule change could not be accurately estimated at the time of FY 2015 budget preparation. With six months of post-implementation spending experience, it is evident that the net effect of the rule change will be lower overall spending than budgeted for FY 2015 to allow for a \$125K GF rescission.</p> <p>Finally, the removal of the provider rate increase in this appropriation equates to \$37K GC (\$16K GF).</p>
Sec. B.313	<p><b>Health – Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs - \$672,880 GC</b></p> <p>The Health Department will reduce Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs through two changes.</p> <p>First, through contracts for Substance abuse treatment services, the Health department includes treatment improvement funding to support programming for special populations, workforce development, quality improvement and other non-direct service activities. The FY 2015 budget for this category of programming is \$2,493,400 and is funded by a combination of federal grants and global commitment. This category of funding will be reduced by \$465K GC (\$202K GF). This rescission is not part of a preferred provider’s base budget support for service delivery, but is a component of incentive payments for hitting targets, such as timely data reporting. This reduction is based on an estimate of unclaimed incentives based on previous years. Since this rescission is occurring</p>

	<p>in the 1st Quarter of the fiscal year, these funds have not been committed and there will not be cuts to current provider agreements or reductions in service commitments.</p> <p>Second, the removal of the provider rate increase in this appropriation equates to \$208K GC (\$90K GF).</p>
Sec. B.314	<p><b>Mental Health – Mental Health – <del>\$341,659 GF; \$1,842,306 GC</del> \$31,019 GF; \$1,842,306 GC</b></p> <p>The Department of Mental Health (DMH) has identified the following areas for rescission.</p> <p>First, the removal of the Medicaid provider increase, which equates to \$1.1M GC (\$484K GF).</p> <p>Second, the Youth in Transition Grant will be reduced by \$311K GF; this eliminates the increase to the Youth In Transition added by the legislature and reduces the federal backfill of this grant to the amount initially proposed in the Governor’s FY 2015 budget. Youth In Transition will have to reevaluate its program goals and number of regions participating in order to manage to a lower level of funding. <b>The Joint Fiscal Committee decided to fund this grant through the end of FY 2015 using GC carryforward.</b></p> <p>Third, the Community Rehab and Treatment program will be reduced by \$576K GC (\$251K GF). This represents a 1.4% reduction and will be spread proportionately to all Designated Agencies, with the exception of residential and crisis bed programs, resulting in lower allocations for clients and fewer services provided. Preserving funding to 24-7 residential and crisis programs protects the most symptomatic and vulnerable clients.</p> <p>Fourth, there is one-time savings in the substance abuse and mental health services program for TANF clients equating to \$26K GF and \$153.8K GC (\$67K GF) due to the delayed rollout of the program. This program is a Department for Children and Families, the Health Department, and DMH collaboration to provide Reach Up clients access to substance abuse and mental health services. There is no programmatic impact.</p> <p>Finally, the department will increase vacancy savings by \$5K GF.</p>
Sec. B.316	<p><b>Department for Children and Families – Administration &amp; Support - \$138,234 (GF)</b></p> <p>The department will increase vacancy savings.</p>
Sec. B.317	<p><b>Department for Children and Families – Family Services - \$151,246 GC</b></p> <p>The removal of the Medicaid provider rate increase in this appropriation equates to \$151K GC (\$66K GF).</p>
Sec. B.318	<p><b>Department for Children and Families – Child Development - \$1,300,000 GF; \$54,384 GC</b></p>

	<p>Child Care caseload has been steadily lower than projected for two years at 8,441. The FY 2015 budget estimated a caseload of 8,736. By reassessing caseload, Child Development can lower expected costs by \$1.3M. This will still provide sufficient funding to mitigate any potential waiting list or increase to quality of child care. Additionally, the removal of the Medicaid provider rate increase in this appropriation equates to \$54K GC (\$24K GF).</p>
Sec. B.321	<p><b>Department for Children and Families – General Assistance - \$225,000 GF</b>  The construction of the Burlington Wet Shelter is still in concept form. It is anticipated that 50% of the annualized amount budgeted will not be needed in FY 2015. This is a one-time reduction.</p>
Sec. B.323	<p><b>Department for Children and Families – Reach Up - \$2,115,000 GF</b>  The July 2014 consultant estimate indicates a projected Reach Up caseload decrease (from 15,718 to 14,153 recipients and 7,073 to 6,369 for caseload support services) for FY 2015. This reduction will not affect services or people. This is a base reduction.</p>
Sec. B.325	<p><b>Department for Children and Families – Office of Economic Opportunity - \$1,327 GC</b>  The removal of the Medicaid provider rate increase in this appropriation.</p>
Sec. B.329	<p><b>Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living – Administration and Support \$39,695 GF</b>  The department will increase vacancy savings.</p>
Sec. B.330	<p><b>Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living – Advocacy and Independent Living Grants – \$384,328 GF; \$36,457 GC</b>  The Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) has identified the following areas for rescission savings.  First, the removal of the Medicaid provider increase, which equates to \$36K GC (\$15.8K GF).  Second, the Area Agencies on Aging were awarded a 2% increase in the FY 2015 budget; similar to the Medicaid Rate increase to providers, this rate increase will also be removed from the budget (\$47K GF).  Third, DAIL will freeze the General Fund attendant care program for FY 2015 (\$337K GF). There are currently 80 individuals in the Attendant Services Program. The impact of freezing the General Fund Attendant Services Program will be minimal. Only about 6 people per year join the program. For the small number of individuals who may not be able to be served by Choices for Care or traditional Medicaid, it is likely that they can be assisted to become financially eligible (spend down) if they choose.</p>
Sec. B.333	<p><b>Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living – Developmental Services – <del>\$3,692,920 GC</del> \$2,620,539 GC</b></p>

	<p>The removal of the Medicaid provider increase equates to \$1,394,598 GC (\$606,790 GF). Additionally, Developmental Services will use \$2.3M GC (\$1M GF) of anticipated year-end cash available in FY 2015. The Disability Services budget is built and managed on an accrual basis. On a cash basis, this means that not all funding approved is actually spent in a given year since annualized awards are given to prevent over-committing funding for the succeeding year. One-time funding is used two ways: distributed annually to the designated agencies to be spent on one-time expenditures that directly assist people with disabilities and their families, such as flexible family funding (up to \$1000 per family), assistive technology, home modification and trainings; and for new initiatives such as enhanced funding for post-secondary education opportunities. Through this proposal DAIL is anticipating that there may not be funds available for one-time investments at the end of FY 2015. <b>The JFC decided to reduce the amount of DS one-time funds used by \$1.15M GC (\$500K GF). This change is funded through the direct application from the Vermont Enterprise fund.</b></p>
Sec. B.334	<p><b>Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living – TBI Home and Community Based Wavier – \$40,323 GC</b>  The removal of the Medicaid provider increase equates to \$40,323 GC (\$17,545 GF).</p>
Sec. B.338	<p><b>Corrections – Correctional Services - \$680,103 GF; \$491,224 GC</b>  The Department of Corrections (DOC) has identified the following areas for rescission savings:  First, DOC will increase vacancy savings (\$400K GF). The changes for Probation and Parole offices and Corrections Services Specialists will have to be managed according to the statutory ratios for their caseloads and will need to be monitored throughout the year. This can be managed through moving positions from one office to another if any office’s caseload ratio is at risk of being above the threshold.  Second, \$460K GC (\$200K GF) can be reduced due to some contracts for housing programs in Bennington and St. Albans ending, and some delays in start-up. \$200K GF will be reduced for contracts and grants for program services and transitional housing projects that will not begin until the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of FY 2015.  Third, the removal of the provider rate increase in this appropriation equates to \$31,224 GC (13,586 GF).  Fourth, the Salvation Farms project has been delayed and \$80K GF will not be needed in FY 2015.</p>
Sec. B.342	<p><b>Vermont Veterans’ Home – \$112,694 GF</b>  The Vermont Veterans’ home has completed the following exercises to meet its</p>

	<p>rescission target: evaluated and realigned the operating budget based on FY 2014 actual spending for line items including travel, postage, equipment, mental health and IT contracts, and advertising (\$36K); reduced the food budget to align with a lower census (\$60K); reduced the overtime budget for a position that is now exempt (\$2K); waited to fill a position in the financial office to determine if functions can be absorbed using current staff (\$15K).</p>
Sec. B.343	<p><b>Commission on Women – \$13,759 GF</b></p> <p>The Commission on Women will achieve savings through the following changes: postpone replacement of hardware and IT equipment (\$3K); reduce the number of public events (two or three less than last year) (\$4.9K); reduce printing and mailings (\$4.8K); and reduce property and maintenance related to technology and office space (\$900).</p>
Sec. B.400	<p><b>Labor – \$121,476 GF</b></p> <p>The Department of Labor will use federal funds to cover internal service fund charges. There will be no direct service impact.</p>
Sec. B.500	<p><b>Education – Finance and Admin – \$77,312 GF</b></p> <p>The Agency of Education is able to increase earned federal receipts due to a federal ruling allowing for an increase of earned federal indirect on sub-grants that are supported by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. This change is equivalent to one IT position that supports these services. There is no programmatic impact.</p>
Sec. B.501	<p><b>Education – Education Services – \$318,292 GF</b></p> <p>Education services has identified savings in the following areas that will result in no direct service impact:</p> <p>First, there will be a shift of eligible costs to the Federal State Assessment and Related Activities Grant (\$132.9K).</p> <p>Second, the General Fund payment for assessment contracts will be reduced because the contract cost is less than last year’s contract (\$35K)</p> <p>Third, the State’s Education Fund used in the Career and Technology Education program can also be used for the maintenance of effort requirement, resulting in a GF reduction of \$55.8K.</p> <p>Fourth, an adjustment in the State Free Lunch program due to a decrease in the estimated cost for FY 2015 (\$50K). Additionally, this appropriation has more spending authority than is necessary for child nutrition state match (\$45K).</p>
Sec. B.600	<p><b>University of Vermont – \$192,314 GF</b></p> <p>Rescind the 1% increase in the FY 2015 budget. UVM will reduce in state-funded unit budgets and will identify offsetting revenue sources.</p>
Sec. B.601	<p><b>Vermont Public Television – \$5,477 GF</b></p> <p>Vermont Public Television will spread the rescission across all station activities</p>

	after delaying refilling a vacant senior position. There will be no programmatic impact.
Sec. B.602	<b>Vermont State Colleges – \$121,502 GF</b> Rescinds 1% increase in the FY 2015 budget.
Sec. B.605	<b>Vermont Student Assistance Corporation- \$96,999 GF</b> Rescinds 1% increase in the FY 2015 budget.
Sec. B.700	<b>Natural Resources - Agency of Natural Resources – Administration – \$260,000 GF</b> The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Central Office will replace General Fund with Federal Funds made available by a recent increase in the federal indirect rate.
Sec. B.701	<b>Natural Resources - State Land Local Property Tax Assessment – \$111,522 GF</b> ANR estimates that the appraisal changes in 2014 Act 179 Sec. E.701 equates to a \$112K surplus; this appropriation will be reduced by the amount of the surplus.
Sec. B.702	<b>Fish and Wildlife - Support and Field Services – \$199,315 GF</b> Fish and Wildlife (F&W) will reduce GF by \$170K and replace that funding with \$170K of Federal Dingell-Johnson funds, which is on a trajectory for a 7% increase. F&W will also reduce FY 2015 operating expenditures for equipment (\$29K).
Sec. B.703	<b>Forests, Parks and Recreation – Administration –\$15,907 GF</b> The administrative office will continue one Financial Admin position at the current 0.8 FTE level instead of the increase to 1.0 FTE in the FY 2015 budget.
Sec. B.704	<b>Forests, Parks and Recreation – Forestry – \$170,403</b> Forestry will replace \$170K of GF with Lands and Facilities Trust Fund (LFTF), reducing land stewardship project work.
Sec. B.705	<b>Forests, Parks and Recreation - State Parks – \$44,710 GF</b> State Parks will replace \$44.7K GF from the Parks Fund. Though the Parks Fund is below the \$500K fund balance target, the recent increase in Parks fees should help support the fund balance.
Sec. B.706	<b>Forests, Parks and Recreation - Lands Administration – \$18,424</b> Lands Administration will replace \$18.4K of GF with Lands and Facilities Trust Fund (LFTF), reducing land stewardship project work.
Sec. B.707	<b>Forests, Parks and Recreation - Youth Conservation Corps – \$2,013 GF</b> The grant to the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps will be reduced by 4%.
Sec. B.709	<b>Environmental Conservation - Management and Support Services – \$55,334 GF</b> The personal services contract for support of the Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) LEAN effort will be reduced by \$35K with minimal

	<p>impact as DEC LEAN gains internal expertise. An additional \$20,334 of GF carryforward will be reverted to cover the rescission. DEC plans on reducing lab expenses in FY 2016 to cover this one-time reversion.</p>
Sec. B.711	<p><b>Environmental conservation – Office of Waters – \$150,000 GF</b>  DEC plans on reverting \$150K in GF carryforward to cover the rescission. DEC will cover the use of one-time funds in FY 2016 by replacing GF for Water Chestnut Control contracts with funds from motorboat registrations and federal funds (US Army Corp grant).</p>
Sec. B. 713	<p><b>Natural Resources Board – \$33,111 SF</b>  There will be a direct application (one-time transfer) from the Act 250 Permit Fund to General Fund.</p>
Sec. B.800	<p><b>Agency of Commerce and Community Development-Administration – \$28,613 GF</b>  The Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD)-Administration will achieve savings by reducing the following contracts and grants: reducing the UVM Data Center contract (\$4K); the Vermont Council on Rural Development (\$1.8K); the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund (\$8.8K); the VT Technology Alliance (\$2.1K); and the Image Relay contract (\$3K). Additionally, various operating costs will be reduced (\$8.8K). The impact of these cuts is not clear but they should not unduly affect operations.</p>
Sec. B.801	<p><b>Agency of Commerce and Community Development-Economic Development – \$87,952 GF</b>  Economic Development will reduce spending in the following areas: International Trade travel (\$7.5K); the Office of Creative Economy travel (\$2.5K); advertising (\$19.3K); Regional Development Corporations contracts (\$35K); Bennington Composites Cluster (\$20K); and the Vermont Employee Ownership Center (VECO) (\$2.9K). Additionally, there will be a reduction in operating costs (\$800). Reducing travel will impact staff’s ability to attend key events, but if new EB-5 fees are implemented this could be partially offset. The decrease in advertising eliminated the entire budget item and may impact suppliers such as Vermont Business Magazine; to combat this, paid advertising will be replaced with social media and increased newsletters and other digital outreach. Reducing the funding to the RDCs lowers the 6% increase in the FY 2015 budget to a 3% increase which should not unduly impact operations. The reduction to the VEOC should not unduly impact operations. The reduction to the Bennington Cluster will lower funding from \$50K to \$30K which should be sufficient to carry on critical programs. The operating cuts eliminate landlines for those employees who can use cell phones.</p>
Sec. B.802	<p><b>Agency of Commerce and Community Development-Housing and</b></p>

	<p><b>Community Development – \$35,200 GF/\$19,062 SF</b></p> <p>Housing and Community Development will reduce spending in the following ways: reducing the Municipal Planning Grants (\$19.1K); and staff payroll changes (\$23.2K). The payroll reductions from retirements and other staffing changes should not impact operations. Additionally, the Mobile Home Lot fee is projected to increase revenues resulting in \$12K of GF savings.</p>
Sec. B.805	<p><b>Agency of Commerce and Community Development-Downtown Transportation and Capital Improvement – \$11,849 SF</b></p> <p>ACCD will reduce funding to the Downtown Transportation and Capital Improvement grant projects. This will result in less funding for sidewalks, paving, signage, and other similar projects during a time when the economy is on the upswing and communities are starting to reinvest in these areas.</p>
Sec. B.806	<p><b>Agency of Commerce and Community Development-Tourism and Marketing – \$90,465 GF</b></p> <p>Vermont Tourism and Marketing will reduce the Vermont Mountain Bike Association grant (VMBA) (\$1.1K) and the TNS Data contract (\$18K). Additionally, there will be reductions to other personal services and operating costs: the Lake Champlain International Annual Fishing Derby (\$1.3K); annual event sponsorships (\$25K); Online Travel Agent (OTA) marketing (\$40K); photography procurement (\$2.5K); overtime (\$1.7K); and landlines (\$800). The impact of the reductions on the VMBA, annual fishing derby, event sponsorships, OTA marketing, photography procurement, and TNS contract should be minimal because of existing grant matching funds, alternative non-financial methods of support, and existing assets.</p>
Sec. B.808	<p><b>Vermont Council on the Arts – \$6,416 GF</b></p> <p>Rescind the increase in the FY 2015 budget. This will affect federal match.</p>
Sec. B.809	<p><b>Vermont Symphony Orchestra – \$1,412 GF</b></p> <p>Rescind the increase in the FY 2015 budget.</p>
Sec. B.810	<p><b>Vermont Historical Society – \$9,194 GF</b></p> <p>There is a reduction in operating costs of \$9,194.</p>
Sec. B.811	<p><b>Vermont Housing and Conservation Board – \$200,000 SF</b></p> <p>The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board will reduce operating costs by \$35K and the project awards budget by \$165K. The majority of projects that will be impacted will be housing projects due to reduced federal farmland conservation funding. Final funding decisions will ultimately be made by the Board. This will not heavily jeopardize matching funds or the pipeline of well-developed projects anticipated from partners.</p>
Sec. B.812	<p><b>Vermont Humanities Council – \$2,179 GF</b></p> <p>Rescind the increase in the FY 2015 budget.</p>

Sec. C.106	<p><b>Fiscal Year 2014 Supplemental One-Time Appropriations (11) To the Department for Children and Families for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont - \$18,750 GF</b></p> <p>Sexual Abuse Free Environments for Teens (Safe-T Program) (one time appropriation) replaced lost federal funds for the SAFE-T Program which served middle-school children to help prevent sexual abuse. This is one-time funding.</p>
Sec. C.106.2	<p><b>Vermont Enterprise Fund - <del>\$250,000 SF</del> \$956,896 SF</b></p> <p>There will be a direct application of \$250K from this fund. The Joint Fiscal Committee increased the direction application by \$706,896 resulting in a total fund use of \$956,896.</p>
Sec. C. 106.3 (a) (1)	<p><b>Fiscal Year 2014 Higher Education Trust Fund Contributions</b></p> <p>Of the \$1M reserved as match for the four-year federal grant for education loan repayment for health care professionals, only \$500K will be reserved. These funds will provide the match for FY 2015 and FY 2016. The Health Department is researching other funding opportunities to provide the match for FY 2017 and FY 2018. This will require language in the Budget Adjustment Act.</p>
Sec. E.500.3	<p><b>Supplemental Property Tax Relief Fund Use</b></p> <p>The balance of \$2.8M will revert to the general fund.</p>