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MEMORANDUM

To: Rep. Emilie Kornheiser, Chair, and Members of the Joint Fiscal Committee

From: Marcey Hodgdon, Fiscal Director

Date: August 28, 2025

SUBJECT: COMPLEX LITIGATION SPECIAL FUND ANNUAL REPORT

In FY2025 the Complex Litigation Special Fund was used to pay \$77,227.51 in nonroutine expenses, not otherwise budgeted, incurred in the investigation, prosecution, and defense of complex civil and criminal litigation. Such costs covered include:

- \$33,356 – outside counsel related to EB5 settlement terms (Green card assistance)
- \$32,310 – outside counsel related to defense of Vermont's firearm laws
- \$11,561 – litigation expenses (e.g., expert witnesses and similar costs) related to defense of Vermont's firearm laws and PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances).

In compliance with 3 V.S.A. § 167a(d), a balance of \$1,000,000 is projected for the Complex Litigation Special Fund at the end of FY2026. This represents a projected FY2026 use of approximately \$500,000 to \$700,000 and fund replenishment.