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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Fiscal Committee
FROM: Adam Greshin, Commissioner of Finance & Management 
DATE: November 9, 2017
RE: 2016 Act 172 Sec. E.324.2

Per 2016 Act 172 Sec. E.324.2 the Secretary of Administration may, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Human Services, transfer up to 15 percent of the federal fiscal year 2017 federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) block grant from the federal funds appropriation to the Home Weatherization Assistance appropriation in state fiscal year 2017. An equivalent appropriation transfer shall be made to LIHEAP from Weatherization to provide home heating fuel benefits.

The federal fiscal year 2017 LIHEAP block grant was comprised of two disbursements to the State of Vermont.

- The first LIHEAP/Weatherization swap of \$2,549,540 was made in March 2017 per the attached memo.
- The second disbursement arrived in state fiscal year 2018. In September 2017 we notified the Joint Fiscal Office that an Excess Receipt Request of \$254,954 would be used to authorize the spending because 2016 Act 172 Sec. E.324.2 only authorized transfers for federal fiscal year 2017 in state fiscal year 2017. The Q1 2018 Excess Receipt Report submitted for this Joint Fiscal Committee meeting shows this transfer. We will submit language for FY18 BAA and FY19 Budget to allow for the federal fiscal year block grant crossing two state fiscal years.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.





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MEMORANDUM

To: Susanne Young, Secretary, Agency of Administration
 From: Al Gobeille, Secretary, Agency of Human Services, via Ken Schatz, Commissioner, *AGB*
 Department for Children and Families
 Date: January 6, 2017
 Subject: Request for Approval of LIHEAP and Weatherization Funds Transfer

Dear Secretary Young,

Please accept this memo as our request for approval to authorize the equal transfer of \$2,549,540 federal funds (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) in the LIHEAP appropriation and \$2,549,540 of special funds (Home Weatherization Assistance Fund 21235) in the Weatherization appropriation for FFY 2017 pursuant to Act 172 Sec. E. 324.2.

Unites States Code 42 § 8623 Section 2605(k)(1) authorizes the state use not more than 15% LIHEAP award for weatherization activities for eligible recipients. The initial award for FFY17 is \$16,996,930.

This transfer enables the LIHEAP program to continue to serve the population above the federal eligibility levels (151-185% FPL for seasonal fuel and 151-200% FPL for crisis fuel) with state funding. The Weatherization program administers over \$4M in weatherization grants with nearly \$3M of that funding serving LIHEAP eligible clients.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the above request. Thank you.

APPROVALS

for *Susanne Young*
 Susanne Young, Secretary, Agency of Administration

3/9/12
 Date

