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MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Ann Cummings, Chair and Members of the Joint Fiscal Committee

From: Marcey Hodgdon, Fiscal Director

E-SIGNED by Marcey Hodgdon on 2021-01-22 11:45:39 EST

Date: January 21, 2021

SUBJECT: COMPLEX LITIGATION SPECIAL FUND ANNUAL REPORT

In SFY2020 the Complex Litigation Special Fund was utilized to pay \$271,267.70 in nonroutine expenses, not otherwise budgeted, incurred in the investigation, prosecution, and defense of complex civil and criminal litigation. Such costs covered include:

- \$160,000 legal services re: Springfield Hospital bankruptcy matters
- \$ 45,000 cost share payments re: opioids multistate litigation
- \$ 37,000 legal services re: complex civil claims against the State
- \$ 15,000 PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) environmental enforcement
- \$ 6,000 expert witnesses re: complex criminal case A. Gurung
- \$ 4,800 expert witness re: defense of large capacity magazines law

In compliance with 3 V.S.A. §167a.(d), a balance of \$600,000 is projected for the Complex Litigation Special Fund at the end of FY2021. This represents a projected FY2021 use of \$400,000 and requested replenishment of the fund.