

1                            **Budget: Pay Act; Confirmation of Legislative Intent**

2            Sec. X. PAY ACT; FISCAL YEAR 2022 FUNDING; CONFIRMATION OF  
3                            LEGISLATIVE INTENT

4            In accordance with the Pay Act set forth in 2020 Acts and Resolves No.  
5            120, Secs. B.1–B.5, particularly Sec. B.1(c) of that act (“Fiscal year 2022. The  
6            General Assembly will consider any compensation increases for fiscal year  
7            2022 at a later date.”), this section confirms that the legislative intent of the  
8            Pay Act was to fully fund the first year of the collective bargaining agreements  
9            and to make a funding decision regarding the second year of those agreements  
10           at a later date and that accordingly, the Pay Act does not require the State, the  
11           Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs, the Judiciary Department, and  
12           the bargaining units covered by the Pay Act to renegotiate any terms of their  
13           collective bargaining agreements that apply during the period of July 1, 2021  
14           through June 30, 2022 (fiscal year 2022) unless and until, in accordance with  
15           3 V.S.A. §§ 982(c) and 1036(c), the General Assembly appropriates a different  
16           amount of funds for that period than the amount required for sufficient funding  
17           of that period.