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The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, NH 03301

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Approved by Fiscal Committee Date

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 144:56 Laws of 2013, the New Hampshire Department of Corrections respectfully requests permission to create a new expenditure class and to transfer \$1,032,000 within and among accounts listed on the attached detailed exhibit to reallocate appropriations and cover budget shortfalls effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2014. 100% General Funds.

Transfers are to occur from and within accounts listed on the attached detailed exhibits as follows:

02-46-46-461510-8360000 Security & Training				
Account	Description	Current Modified Budget	Requested Action	Current Revised Budget
010-500100	Personal Services - Permanent	\$ 318,105	\$ -	\$ 318,105
011-500102	Personal Services - Unclassified	\$ 77,181	\$ -	\$ 77,181
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 15,879	\$ 30,000	\$ 45,879
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$ 6,609	\$ -	\$ 6,609
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 952	\$ -	\$ 952
022-500255	Rents-Leases Other Than State	\$ 1,750	\$ -	\$ 1,750
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 669	\$ -	\$ 669
050-500109	Personal Service-Temp/Appointe	\$ 23,463	\$ -	\$ 23,463
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 212,204	\$ -	\$ 212,204
070-500704	In State Travel Reimbursement	\$ 1,216	\$ -	\$ 1,216
	Total	\$ 658,028	\$ 30,000	\$ 688,028
	REVENUES			
	Total General Funds	\$ 658,028	\$ 30,000	\$ 688,028

02-46-46-462510-59290000 Professional Standards				
Class	Description	Current Modified Budget	Requested Action	Current Revised Budget
010-500100	Personal Services - Permanent	\$ 694,279	\$ (12,000)	\$ 682,279
011-500102	Personal Services - Unclassified	\$ 75,634	\$ -	\$ 75,634
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 22,997	\$ -	\$ 22,997
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$ 2,055	\$ -	\$ 2,055
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 1,078	\$ -	\$ 1,078
030-500331	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 3,194	\$ -	\$ 3,194
050-500109	Personal Service-Temp/Appointe	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 454,707	\$ -	\$ 454,707
070-500704	In State Travel Reimbursement	\$ 177	\$ -	\$ 177
	Total	\$ 1,254,121	\$ -	\$ 1,254,121
	REVENUES			
	Total General Funds	\$ 1,254,121	\$ -	\$ 1,254,121

02-46-46-463010-71030000 NHSP/M - Kitchen				
Class	Description	Current Modified Budget	Requested Action	Current Revised Budget
010-500100	Personal Services - Permanent	\$ 426,921	\$ -	\$ 426,921
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 4,169	\$ 30,000	\$ 34,169
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$ 20,078	\$ -	\$ 20,078
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 60,052	\$ -	\$ 60,052
021-500211	Food Institutions	\$ 1,461,554	\$ -	\$ 1,461,554
022-500255	Rents & Leases Other than State	\$ 483	\$ -	\$ 483
024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	\$ 7,256	\$ -	\$ 7,256
030-500331	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 44,249	\$ -	\$ 44,249
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 1,630	\$ -	\$ 1,630
048-500226	Contractual Maint Build-Grn	\$ 7,833	\$ -	\$ 7,833
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 303,172	\$ -	\$ 303,172
	Total	\$ 2,337,397	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,367,397
	REVENUES			
	Total General Funds	\$ 2,337,397	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,367,397

02-46-46-463010-71200000 NHSP/M - Security				
Class	Description	Current Modified Budget	Requested Action	Current Revised Budget
010-500100	Personal Services - Permanent	\$ 10,495,605	\$ -	\$ 10,495,605
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 2,254,370	\$ 580,000	\$ 2,834,370
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$ 447,450	\$ -	\$ 447,450
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 127,340	\$ -	\$ 127,340
022-500255	Rents-Leases Other Than State	\$ 8,848	\$ -	\$ 8,848
024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	\$ 3,712	\$ -	\$ 3,712
030-500331	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 23,300	\$ -	\$ 23,300
050-500109	Personal Service-Temp/Appointe	\$ 23,453	\$ -	\$ 23,453
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 8,081,637	\$ -	\$ 8,081,637
068-500565	Remuneration	\$ 391,498	\$ -	\$ 391,498
070-500704	In State Travel Reimbursement	\$ 72,134	\$ -	\$ 72,134
242-500787	Transportation of Inmates	\$ 5,041	\$ -	\$ 5,041
	Total	\$ 21,934,388	\$ 580,000	\$ 22,514,388
	REVENUES			
	Total General Funds	\$ 21,934,388	\$ 580,000	\$ 22,514,388

02-46-46-463010-71400000 NHSP/M - Maintenance				
Class	Description	Current Modified Budget	Requested Action	Current Revised Budget
010-500100	Personal Services - Permanent	\$ 519,509	\$ -	\$ 519,509
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 11,480	\$ -	\$ 11,480
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$ 6,831	\$ -	\$ 6,831
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 186,847	\$ -	\$ 186,847
022-500255	Rents & Leases Other than State	\$ 3,079	\$ -	\$ 3,079
023-500291	Heat-Electricity-Water	\$ 2,716,501	\$ (200,000)	\$ 2,516,501
024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	\$ 55,124	\$ -	\$ 55,124
030-500331	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 2,485	\$ -	\$ 2,485
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 5,307	\$ -	\$ 5,307
047-500240	Own Forces Maint Build-Grn	\$ 79,962	\$ -	\$ 79,962
048-500226	Contractual Maint Build-Grn	\$ 141,571	\$ -	\$ 141,571
050-500109	Personal Service-Temp/Appointe	\$ 23,353	\$ -	\$ 23,353
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 346,751	\$ -	\$ 346,751
070-500704	In State Travel Reimbursement	\$ 8,058	\$ -	\$ 8,058
	Total	\$ 4,106,858	\$ (200,000)	\$ 3,906,858
	REVENUES			
	Total General Funds	\$ 4,106,858	\$ (200,000)	\$ 3,906,858

02-46-46-464510-71060000 Minimum Security Unit				
Class	Description	Current Modified Budget	Requested Action	Current Revised Budget
010-500100	Personal Services - Permanent	\$ 511,255	\$ -	\$ 511,255
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 71,002	\$ 50,000	\$ 121,002
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$ 19,693	\$ -	\$ 19,693
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 494	\$ -	\$ 494
021-500211	Food Institutions	\$ 158,140	\$ -	\$ 158,140
030-500331	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250
047-500240	Own Forces Maint Build-Grn	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500
048-500226	Contractual Maint Build-Grn	\$ 11,819	\$ -	\$ 11,819
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 397,854	\$ -	\$ 397,854
068-500565	Remuneration	\$ 90,468	\$ -	\$ 90,468
070-500704	In State Travel Reimbursement	\$ 2,603	\$ -	\$ 2,603
	Total	\$ 1,265,078	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,315,078
	REVENUES			
	Total General Funds	\$ 1,265,078	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,315,078

02-46-46-464510-71070000 North End House				
Class	Description	Current Modified Budget	Requested Action	Current Revised Budget
010-500100	Personal Services - Permanent	\$ 336,653	\$ -	\$ 336,653
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 15,258	\$ 20,000	\$ 35,258
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$ 9,356	\$ -	\$ 9,356
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 3,212	\$ -	\$ 3,212
022-500255	Rents & Leases Other than State	\$ 2,027	\$ -	\$ 2,027
030-500331	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 2,035	\$ -	\$ 2,035
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 534	\$ -	\$ 534
047-500240	Own Forces Maint Build-Grn	\$ 2,158	\$ -	\$ 2,158
048-500226	Contractual Maint Build-Grn	\$ 12,719	\$ -	\$ 12,719
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 215,384	\$ -	\$ 215,384
070-500704	In State Travel Reimbursement	\$ 951	\$ -	\$ 951
	Total	\$ 600,287	\$ 20,000	\$ 620,287
	REVENUES			
	Total General Funds	\$ 600,287	\$ 20,000	\$ 620,287

02-46-46-465010-58330000 Secure Psychiatric Unit				
Class	Description	Current Modified Budget	Requested Action	Current Revised Budget
010-500100	Personal Services - Permanent	\$ 1,655,181	\$ -	\$ 1,655,181
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 147,502	\$ 40,000	\$ 187,502
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$ 65,280	\$ -	\$ 65,280
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 18,665	\$ -	\$ 18,665
021-500211	Food Institutions	\$ 61,059	\$ -	\$ 61,059
022-500255	Rents & Leases Other than State	\$ 2,947	\$ -	\$ 2,947
024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	\$ 96	\$ -	\$ 96
030-500331	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 6,764	\$ -	\$ 6,764
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 46,149	\$ -	\$ 46,149
047-500240	Own Forces Maint Build-Grn	\$ 2,434	\$ -	\$ 2,434
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 1,154,613	\$ -	\$ 1,154,613
068-500565	Remuneration	\$ 19,942	\$ -	\$ 19,942
070-500704	In State Travel Reimbursement	\$ 1,188	\$ -	\$ 1,188
101-500730	Medical Payments to Providers	\$ 18,920	\$ -	\$ 18,920
	Total	\$ 3,200,740	\$ 40,000	\$ 3,240,740
	REVENUES			
	Total General Funds	\$ 3,200,740	\$ 40,000	\$ 3,240,740

02-46-46-465010-82310000 Mental Health				
Class	Description	Current Modified Budget	Requested Action	Current Revised Budget
010-500100	Personal Services - Permanent	\$ 748,677	\$ -	\$ 748,677
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 155	\$ -	\$ 155
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 222	\$ -	\$ 222
022-500255	Rents & Leases Other than State	\$ 1,958	\$ -	\$ 1,958
030-500331	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 2,083	\$ -	\$ 2,083
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 51	\$ -	\$ 51
049-500294	Transfer to Other State Agencies	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 426,471	\$ -	\$ 426,471
070-500704	In State Travel Reimbursement	\$ 1,107	\$ -	\$ 1,107
101-500730	Medical Payments to Providers	\$ 5,464,796	\$ (150,000)	\$ 5,314,796
	Total	\$ 6,665,520	\$ (150,000)	\$ 6,515,520
	REVENUES			
	Total General Funds	\$ 6,665,520	\$ (150,000)	\$ 6,515,520

02-46-46-465010-82340000 Medical - Dental				
Class	Description	Current Modified Budget	Requested Action	Current Revised Budget
010-500100	Personal Services - Permanent	\$ 3,193,312	\$ -	\$ 3,193,312
012-500128	Personal Services - Unclassified	\$ 98,990	\$ -	\$ 98,990
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 84,415	\$ -	\$ 84,415
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$ 57,008	\$ -	\$ 57,008
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 183,414	\$ -	\$ 183,414
022-500255	Rents & Leases Other than State	\$ 2,497	\$ -	\$ 2,497
024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500
030-500331	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 43,561	\$ -	\$ 43,561
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 13,034	\$ -	\$ 13,034
050-500109	Personal Service-Temp/Appointe	\$ 80,412	\$ -	\$ 80,412
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 1,666,225	\$ -	\$ 1,666,225
070-500704	In State Travel Reimbursement	\$ 4,759	\$ -	\$ 4,759
101-500729	Medical Payments to Providers	\$ 5,277,718	\$ (520,000)	\$ 4,757,718
	Total	\$ 10,706,846	\$ (520,000)	\$ 10,186,846
	REVENUES			
	Total General Funds	\$ 10,706,846	\$ (520,000)	\$ 10,186,846

02-46-46-465010-82350000 Residential Treatment Program				
Class	Description	Current Modified Budget	Requested Action	Current Revised Budget
010-500100	Personal Services - Permanent	\$ 1,181,640	\$ -	\$ 1,181,640
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 84,356	\$ 40,000	\$ 124,356
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$ 45,223	\$ -	\$ 45,223
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 15,040	\$ -	\$ 15,040
030-500331	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 422	\$ -	\$ 422
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 349	\$ -	\$ 349
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 773,189	\$ -	\$ 773,189
070-500704	In State Travel Reimbursement	\$ 1,628	\$ -	\$ 1,628
	Total	\$ 2,101,847	\$ 40,000	\$ 2,141,847
	REVENUES			
	Total General Funds	\$ 2,101,847	\$ 40,000	\$ 2,141,847

02-46-46-465010-82360000 Pharmacy				
Class	Description	Current Modified Budget	Requested Action	Current Revised Budget
010-500100	Personal Services - Permanent	\$ 523,735	\$ -	\$ 523,735
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 8,303	\$ -	\$ 8,303
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$ 9,893	\$ -	\$ 9,893
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 32,550	\$ 20,000	\$ 52,550
022-500255	Rents & Leases Other than State	\$ 11,771	\$ -	\$ 11,771
030-500331	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 419	\$ -	\$ 419
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 524	\$ -	\$ 524
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 263,798	\$ -	\$ 263,798
070-500704	In State Travel Reimbursement	\$ 284	\$ -	\$ 284
100-500726	Prescription Drug Expenses	\$ 1,700,784	\$ -	\$ 1,700,784
	Total	\$ 2,552,061	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,572,061
	REVENUES			
	Total General Funds	\$ 2,552,061	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,572,061

02-46-46-466010-71110000 NHSP/W - Prison for Women				
Class	Description	Current Modified Budget	Requested Action	Current Revised Budget
010-500100	Personal Services - Permanent	\$ 1,214,833	\$ -	\$ 1,214,833
011-500102	Personal Services - Unclassified	\$ 85,117	\$ -	\$ 85,117
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 113,853	\$ 40,000	\$ 153,853
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$ 42,815	\$ -	\$ 42,815
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 50,611	\$ -	\$ 50,611
021-500211	Food Institutions	\$ 122,489	\$ -	\$ 122,489
022-500255	Rents & Leases Other than State	\$ 237,764	\$ -	\$ 237,764
023-500291	Heat-Electricity-Water	\$ 218,400	\$ -	\$ 218,400
024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	\$ 10,392	\$ -	\$ 10,392
030-500331	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 17,644	\$ -	\$ 17,644
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 8,784	\$ -	\$ 8,784
047-500240	Own Forces Maint Build-Grn	\$ 5,766	\$ -	\$ 5,766
048-500226	Contractual Maint Build-Grn	\$ 51,518	\$ -	\$ 51,518
050-500109	Personal Service-Temp/Appointe	\$ 32,298	\$ -	\$ 32,298
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 842,014	\$ -	\$ 842,014
068-500565	Remuneration	\$ 63,699	\$ -	\$ 63,699
070-500704	In State Travel Reimbursement	\$ 5,375	\$ -	\$ 5,375
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$ 547,500	\$ -	\$ 547,500
	Total	\$ 3,670,872	\$ 40,000	\$ 3,710,872
	REVENUES			
	Total General Funds	\$ 3,670,872	\$ 40,000	\$ 3,710,872

02-46-46-468010-82500000 Berlin Prison (NCF)				
Class	Description	Current Modified Budget	Requested Action	Current Revised Budget
010-500100	Personal Services - Permanent	\$ 5,555,835	\$ -	\$ 5,555,835
011-500102	Personal Services - Unclassified	\$ 95,501	\$ -	\$ 95,501
018-500106	Overtime	\$ 485,256	\$ 170,000	\$ 655,256
019-500105	Holiday Pay	\$ 187,356	\$ -	\$ 187,356
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 292,493	\$ -	\$ 292,493
021-500211	Food Institutions	\$ 634,833	\$ -	\$ 634,833
022-500255	Rents & Leases Other than State	\$ 8,939	\$ -	\$ 8,939
023-500291	Heat-Electricity-Water	\$ 1,252,269	\$ (150,000)	\$ 1,102,269
024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	\$ 5,735	\$ -	\$ 5,735
030-500331	Equipment New/Replacement	\$ 61,324	\$ -	\$ 61,324
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$ 68,888	\$ -	\$ 68,888
047-500240	Own Forces Maint Build-Grn	\$ 57,327	\$ -	\$ 57,327
048-500226	Contractual Maint Build-Grn	\$ 241,307	\$ -	\$ 241,307
050-500109	Personal Service-Temp/Appointe	\$ 32,549	\$ -	\$ 32,549
060-500602	Benefits	\$ 4,010,440	\$ -	\$ 4,010,440
068-500565	Remuneration	\$ 186,526	\$ -	\$ 186,526
070-500704	In State Travel Reimbursement	\$ 48,888	\$ -	\$ 48,888
	Total	\$ 13,225,467	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,245,467
	REVENUES			
	Total General Funds	\$ 13,225,467	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,245,467

EXPLANATION

The Department requests to create a new expenditure class and to transfer \$12,000 of appropriated funds from Class 010 Personal Services – Permanent to Class 050 Personal Services – Temporary in order to reallocate resources within the Bureau of Professional Standards. The requested transfer would allow the Department to replace a full-time position dedicated to adjudicating inmate rule violations with a part-time position.

The Department also requests to transfer \$650,000 of appropriated funds from Class 101 Medical Payments to Providers and \$350,000 from Class 023 Heat, Electricity and Water to Class 018 Overtime; and \$20,000 from Class 101 Medical Payments to Providers to Class 020 Current Expenses in order to match appropriations to expenditures.

During the Agency phase of the SFY 2014 – 2015 Budget, the Department requested \$4,916,546 be appropriated for Class 018 Overtime. However, in the Governor's Recommended Budget, the Department's request was reduced by \$1,459,898 to its current level of \$3,456,648. Current projections estimate that SFY 2014 overtime expenditures will exceed appropriations by approximately \$2,900,000. This request will help close the gap between appropriations and expenditures. The Department expects to submit another request to transfer additional appropriations later in the fiscal year.

The transfer of appropriation of \$20,000 from Class 101 Medical Payments to Providers to Class 020 Current Expenses is necessary as it appears the Department under-budgeted this expenditure class line.

The following information is provided in accordance with the Budget Officer's instructional memorandum dated April 17, 1985 to support the above requested actions.

- A. Does transfer involve continuing program or one-time projects?

These transfers involve continuing programs.

- B. Is this transfer required to maintain existing program level or will it increase the program level?

All transfers listed will be used to maintain existing program levels.

- C. Cite any requirements that make this program mandatory.

The requested action to transfer appropriations to Class 050 Personal Services – Temporary is required to maintain institutional security by providing the staffing necessary to maintain a system to hear and adjudicate inmate rule violations occurring at Departmental facilities.

The requested action to transfer appropriations to Class 018 Overtime is required to maintain institutional security by providing additional overtime funds in order to maintain minimum staffing levels at Departmental facilities.

- D. Identify the source of the funds on all accounts listed on this transfer.

All accounts listed are 100% General Funds.

- E. Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved?

There will not be any effect on revenue.

- F. Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved?

If the requested action to transfer appropriations to Class 050 Personal Services – Temporary is not approved, general funds will not lapse as the Department will pursue filling the vacant full-time position instead.

If the requested action to transfer appropriations to Class 018 Overtime is not approved, general funds will lapse at the end of the fiscal year. However, if this transfer is not approved, the Department will close SFY 2014 with a negative balance in many Overtime class lines as expenditures are necessary in order to maintain minimum staffing levels.

- G. Are personnel services involved?

Yes.

H-1: Number of positions budgeted in each account (Full-time Classified)

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H-2: Number of positions filled in each account (Full-time Classified)

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H-3: Reason for vacant positions.

Retirement

H-4: Have any positions been transferred previously in these accounts?

No

H-5: Will any positions be transferred as a result of this request?

No

Respectfully Submitted,



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Commissioner

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1 provider assessments.

2 (b) Evaluating state provider assessment programs in other states to obtain knowledge
3 of various approaches utilized in other states.

4 (c) Increasing the predictability of future annual Medicaid enhancement tax revenues,
5 taking into consideration the Medicaid enhancement tax revenue trends of recent years.

6 (d) Simplifying the Medicaid enhancement tax liability calculation.

7 (e) Obtaining input on how the Medicaid enhancement tax statute should be amended to
8 ensure accurate and consistent application of state and federal requirements.

9 V. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the legislative
10 members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member.
11 The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.
12 Six members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

13 VI. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
14 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
15 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2013.

16 144:54 Repeal. RSA 84-A:13, relative to the Medicaid enhancement tax study commission, is
17 repealed.

18 144:55 Department of Corrections; Authority to Fill Unfunded Positions. Notwithstanding any
19 provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner of corrections may fill unfunded positions during
20 the biennium ending June 30, 2015, provided that the total expenditure for such positions shall not
21 exceed the amount appropriated for personal services, permanent, and personal services,
22 unclassified.

23 144:56 Department of Corrections; Transfers. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
24 contrary, and subject to approval of the fiscal committee of the general court and governor and
25 council, for the biennium ending June 30, 2015, the commissioner of the department of corrections is
26 authorized to transfer funds within and among all accounting units within the department and to
27 create accounting units and expenditure classes as required and as the commissioner deems
28 necessary and appropriate to address present or projected budget deficits, or to respond to changes in
29 federal law, regulations, or programs, and otherwise as necessary for the efficient management of
30 the department.

31 144:57 Child Protection Act; Liability of Expenses. Amend RSA 169-C:27, I(f) to read as follows:

32 (f) ~~Neither~~ *Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary*, the department
33 ~~[nor the judicial council]~~ shall have ~~[authority]~~ *no responsibility* for the payment of the cost of
34 assigned counsel for any party under this chapter.

35 144:58 Adequate Representation Costs. Amend RSA 604-A:1-a to read as follows:

36 604-A:1-a Neglected or Abused Children. In cases involving a neglected or abused child, when a