September 11, 2020. After working tirelessly since their return to the legislative session on August 25, the House Appropriations Committee introduced the budget for FY21 on Thursday, when it passed second reading and third reading was ordered.... Read more

September 4, 2020. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing shutdown of the state, the legislature passed several measures to help cities and towns conduct business remotely. Click the link below to read the entire legislative report.

August 28, 2020. The Vermont primary is behind us, and in an ordinary year, the campaign season would be in full swing. However ... Click the link below to read the entire legislative report.

June 26, 2020. The pace of legislative activity was frenetic again this week as committees raced to get their bills finalized ahead of a six week recess – which can’t come soon enough for most of them, as well as the dedicated staff who work for... Read more

June 19, 2020. It seems that every day since the State House closed its physical doors, a new mind-bending twist to the story that is governance in the COVID-19 pandemic era has taken shape. Click the link below to read the entire legislative... Read more

June 12, 2020. On Monday, legislators received a bit of good news when the Joint Fiscal Office gave its revenue update. Deficit estimates have been reduced from May because revenue collections were stronger than anticipated. Click the link below to... Read more
June 5, 2020. Today, the House Appropriations Committee introduced H.961, a “transitional” budget establishing appropriations for the first quarter of FY21 (July 1-Sept. 30). Click the link below to read the entire legislative report.

May 29, 2020. This week, the Senate Appropriations Committee took up a proposal from its committee chair that would appropriate funds from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund to reimburse expenses incurred before December 30, 2020, by local... Read more [9]

May 22, 2020. It was another week of agonizing over deficits, budgets, and education funds in committees across both the House and Senate. In what has become a weekly event, the Joint Fiscal Office applied the most recent numbers to a forecast of... Read more [10]

May 15, 2020. On Thursday, the House Appropriations Committee explained H.953, a second budget adjustment bill, to the House. The legislation is necessary in light of the effects COVID-19 is having on the FY20 budget. Click the link below to read... Read more [11]

May 8, 2020. The June 1 deadline for municipalities to remit Education Fund dollars to the state is fast approaching, but many towns will have less than the required funds on hand to do so. As a result of the tremendous economic dislocation the... Read more [12]

May 1, 2020. There are many ramifications for cities and towns as they struggle to respond to the COVID 19 pandemic. Legislators are holding several different discussions to address the mounting crises cities and towns are facing. Click the link... Read more [13]

April 24, 2020. In the last few weeks, the Senate has passed several COVID-19-related bills. After more than a month of developing a protocol that addresses most representatives concerns, the House followed suit this week, taking their first remote... Read more [14]

April 17, 2020. Governor Scott and his administration have been working overtime during the COVID 19 pandemic to ensure Vermonters’ safety. There is evidence that the data-driven and science-based approach to reducing exposure to the coronavirus is... Read more [15]

April 10, 2020. Sixteen Vermont senators physically returned to the State House on Wednesday to vote on a temporary Senate rules change to allow the body to vote remotely. The House already instituted a similar rule change two weeks ago, although it... Read more [16]

April 3, 2020 – As we wrote in last week’s Report, the legislature has been busy figuring out how to operate in a largely remote manner. Last week, the House adopted several temporary rules that allow for remote voting by both the full House... Read more [17]

March 27, 2020 – This week, the legislature spent most of their time doing what many people around the world are also doing – adjusting to working remotely via tele- and video-conferencing, a situation that has become the new normal. Click the link... Read more [18]

March 20, 2020 – This week, legislators, local officials, the private sector, and the administration have all
been focused on addressing the growing list of needs of Vermonters – many of whom, as recently as last week, could not have imagined... Read more [19]

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