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H.492

Introduced by Committee on Corrections and Institutions

Date:

Subject: Budget; capital construction; capital appropriations; State bonding

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize bonding, appropriate capital funds, and address miscellaneous related items.

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

~~\*\*\* Capital Appropriations \*\*\*~~

Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

~~(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$158,659,861.00 authorized in this act, no more than \$85,363,028.00 shall be appropriated in the first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the second year.~~

~~(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the biennium, any amendments to the appropriations or authorities granted in this act shall take the form of a Capital Construction and State Bonding Adjustment Act. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unless otherwise indicated, all appropriations in this act are subject to capital budget adjustment.~~

~~Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS~~

~~(a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services, and the Commissioner is authorized to direct funds appropriated in this section to the projects contained in this section; however, no project shall be canceled unless the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions are notified before that action is taken.~~

~~(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016:~~

- ~~(1) Statewide, asbestos: \$50,000.00~~
- ~~(2) Statewide, building reuse and planning: \$75,000.00~~
- ~~(3) Statewide, contingency: \$100,000.00~~
- ~~(4) Statewide, elevator repairs and replacement: \$100,000.00~~
- ~~(5) Statewide, major maintenance: \$9,000,000.00~~
- ~~(6) Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs: \$3,567,791.00~~
- ~~(7) Statewide, physical security enhancements: \$200,000.00~~
- ~~(8) Burlington, 32 Cherry Street, HVAC controls upgrades: \$150,000.00~~
- ~~(9) Burlington, 108 Cherry Street, garage and structural audit: \$50,000.00~~

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| 1  | <del>(10) Montpelier, 120 State Street, life safety and infrastructure</del>           |                            |
| 2  | <del>improvements:</del>   | <del>\$300,000.00</del>    |
| 3  | <del>(11) Montpelier, Department of Labor, parking lot expansion:</del>                |                            |
| 4  |  | <del>\$450,000.00</del>    |
| 5  | <del>(12) Middlesex, State Archives, renovations:</del>                                | <del>\$660,000.00</del>    |
| 6  | <del>(13) Newport, Northern State Correctional Facility, maintenance shop:</del>       |                            |
| 7  |  | <del>\$450,000.00</del>    |
| 8  | <del>(14) Randolph, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and Agency</del>           |                            |
| 9  | <del>of Natural Resources, collaborative laboratory, finalizing design and</del>       |                            |
| 10 | <del>construction documents, bid proposal, and permitting:</del>                       | <del>\$2,500,000.00</del>  |
| 11 | <del>(15) Southern State Correctional Facility, completion of Phase I of</del>         |                            |
| 12 | <del>the steamline replacement, cost estimation, and design and construction for</del> |                            |
| 13 | <del>Phase II:</del>   | <del>\$1,200,000.00</del>  |
| 14 | <del>(16) Southern State Correctional Facility, copper waterline</del>                 |                            |
| 15 | <del>replacement and project-related costs:</del>                                      | <del>\$1,829,086.00</del>  |
| 16 | <del>(17) St. Johnsbury, Caledonia Courthouse, stabilize foundation:</del>             |                            |
| 17 |  | <del>\$1,700,000.00</del>  |
| 18 | <del>(18) Pittsford, Training Center, electrical system upgrade:</del>                 |                            |
| 19 |  | <del>\$120,000.00</del>    |
| 20 | <del>(19) Waterbury State Office Complex, complex restoration, and</del>               |                            |
| 21 | <del>project-related costs:</del>  | <del>\$19,151,826.00</del> |

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| 1  | <del>(20) White River Junction, Windsor Courthouse, design and planning</del>     |                            |
| 2  | <del>for mechanical, electrical and plumbing, security and energy upgrades:</del> |                            |
| 3  |   | <del>\$300,000.00</del>    |
| 4  | <del>(21) Montpelier, State House, security and safety protocol:</del>            | <del>\$60,000.00</del>     |
| 5  | <del>(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017:</del>                    |                            |
| 6  | <del>(1) Statewide, asbestos:</del>   | <del>\$50,000.00</del>     |
| 7  | <del>(2) Statewide, building reuse and planning:</del>                            | <del>\$75,000.00</del>     |
| 8  | <del>(3) Statewide, contingency:</del>  | <del>\$100,000.00</del>    |
| 9  | <del>(4) Statewide, elevator repairs and replacement:</del>                       | <del>\$100,000.00</del>    |
| 10 | <del>(5) Statewide, major maintenance:</del>                                      | <del>\$9,000,000.00</del>  |
| 11 | <del>(6) Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs:</del>        |                            |
| 12 |   | <del>\$3,677,448.00</del>  |
| 13 | <del>(7) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</del>                         | <del>\$200,000.00</del>    |
| 14 | <del>(8) Montpelier, 115 State Street, State House lawn, access</del>             |                            |
| 15 | <del>improvements and water intrusion:</del>                                      | <del>\$300,000.00</del>    |
| 16 | <del>(9) Montpelier, 120 State Street, life safety and infrastructure</del>       |                            |
| 17 | <del>improvements:</del>  | <del>\$1,000,000.00</del>  |
| 18 | <del>(10) Randolph, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, and Agency</del>     |                            |
| 19 | <del>of Natural Resources, collaborative laboratory, site construction:</del>     |                            |
| 20 |   | <del>\$16,931,385.00</del> |

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| 1 | <del>(11) Southern State Correctional Facility, copper waterline</del> |                            |
| 2 | <del>replacement:</del>  | <del>\$1,100,000.00</del>  |
| 3 | <del>(12) Pittsford, Training Center, electrical system upgrade:</del> | <del>\$500,000.00</del>    |
| 4 | <del>(13) Statewide, strategic building realignments:</del>            | <del>\$300,000.00</del>    |
| 5 | <del>Appropriation – FY 2016</del>                                     | <del>\$42,013,703.00</del> |
| 6 | <del>Appropriation – FY 2017</del>                                     | <del>\$33,333,833.00</del> |
| 7 | <del>Total Appropriation – Section 2</del>                             | <del>\$75,347,536.00</del> |

8 Sec. 3. ADMINISTRATION

9 (a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Taxes for the  
10 Vermont Center for Geographic Information for an ongoing project to update  
11 statewide quadrangle maps through digital orthophotographic quadrangle  
12 mapping:

13 (1) \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016.

14 (2) \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017.

15 (b) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Finance and  
16 Management for the ERP expansion project (Phase II):

17 (1) \$5,313,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016.

18 (2) \$9,375,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017.

19 (c) The following sums are appropriated to the Agency of Human Services  
20 for the Health and Human Services Enterprise IT System.

21 (1) \$2,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016.

1 ~~(2) \$6,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017.~~

2 Appropriation – FY 2016 \$7,438,000.00

3 Appropriation – FY 2017 \$15,500,000.00

4 Total Appropriation – Section 3 \$22,938,000.00

5 Sec. 4. HUMAN SERVICES

6 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of  
7 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the  
8 projects described in this subsection:

9 (1) Corrections, perimeter intrusion: \$100,000.00

10 (2) Corrections, camera and systems: \$100,000.00

11 (3) Corrections, security upgrades and enhancements: \$100,000.00

12 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Department of  
13 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the  
14 projects described in this subsection:

15 (1) Corrections, perimeter intrusion: \$100,000.00

16 (2) Corrections, security upgrades and enhancements: \$100,000.00

17 Appropriation – FY 2016 \$300,000.00

18 Appropriation – FY 2017 \$200,000.00

19 Total Appropriation – Section 4 \$500,000.00

1 ~~Sec. 5. JUDICIARY~~

2 ~~(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of~~  
3 ~~Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for the projects described in~~  
4 ~~this subsection:~~

5 ~~(1) Hyde Park, Lamoille County Courthouse, building renovations:~~

6 ~~\$5,200,000.00~~

7 ~~(2) ADA compliance, county courthouses:~~

7 ~~\$180,000.00~~

8 ~~(b) The sum of \$100,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Judiciary for~~  
9 ~~Statewide court security systems and improvements.~~

10 ~~(c) The sum of \$100,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017 to the Judiciary for~~  
11 ~~the project described in subsection (b) of this section.~~

12 ~~Appropriation – FY 2016 \$5,480,000.00~~

13 ~~Appropriation – FY 2017 \$100,000.00~~

14 ~~Total Appropriation – Section 5 \$5,580,000.00~~

15 Sec. 6. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

16 ~~(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of~~  
17 ~~Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Commerce and Community~~  
18 ~~Development for the following projects described in this subsection:~~

19 ~~(1) Major maintenance at historic sites statewide:~~

19 ~~\$200,000.00~~

20 ~~(2) Bennington Monument, elevator, roof repairs:~~

20 ~~\$118,000.00~~

1 ~~(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of~~  
2 ~~Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described~~  
3 ~~in this subsection:~~

4 ~~(1) Underwater preserves: \$30,000.00~~

5 ~~(2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:~~  
6 ~~\$15,000.00~~

7 ~~(3) Unmarked burial fund: \$30,000.00~~

8 ~~(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Department of~~  
9 ~~Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Commerce and Community~~  
10 ~~Development for the following projects described in this subsection:~~

11 ~~(1) Major maintenance at historic sites statewide: \$200,000.00~~

12 ~~(2) Bennington Monument, elevator, roof repairs: \$50,000.00~~

13 ~~(d) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of~~  
14 ~~Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described~~  
15 ~~in this subsection:~~

16 ~~(1) Underwater preserves: \$30,000.00~~

17 ~~(2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:~~  
18 ~~\$15,000.00~~

19 ~~Appropriation – FY 2016 \$293,000.00~~

20 ~~Appropriation – FY 2017 \$295,000.00~~

21 ~~Total Appropriation – Section 6 \$688,000.00~~



~~Sec. 7. GRANT PROGRAMS~~

~~(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 for Building  
Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:~~

~~(1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,  
Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant~~

~~Program: \$200,000.00~~

~~(2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,  
Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant~~

~~Program: \$200,000.00~~

~~(3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultural Facilities Grant  
Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that may be made  
available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided that all capital  
funds are made available to the cultural facilities grant program: \$200,000.00~~

~~(4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the  
Recreational Facilities Grant Program: \$200,000.00~~

~~(5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for  
the Human Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant~~

~~Program: \$200,000.00~~

~~(6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for  
the Regional Economic Development Grant Program: \$200,000.00~~

1 ~~(b) The following sum is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency~~  
2 ~~of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural Fairs Capital~~  
3 ~~Projects Competitive Grant Program: \$200,000.00~~

4 ~~(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 for Building~~  
5 ~~Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:~~

6 ~~(1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,~~  
7 ~~Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant~~  
8 ~~Program: \$200,000.00~~

9 ~~(2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,~~  
10 ~~Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation~~  
11 ~~Grant Program: \$200,000.00~~

12 ~~(3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultural Facilities~~  
13 ~~Grant Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that may~~  
14 ~~be made available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided~~  
15 ~~that all capital funds are made available to the cultural facilities grant~~  
16 ~~program: \$200,000.00~~

17 ~~(4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the~~  
18 ~~Recreational Facilities Grant Program: \$200,000.00~~

19 ~~(5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human~~  
20 ~~Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program: \$200,000.00~~

1 ~~(6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the~~

2 Regional Economic Development Grant Program: \$200,000.00

3 (d) The following sum is appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of

4 Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural Fairs Capital Projects

5 Competitive Grant Program: \$200,000.00

6 Appropriation – FY 2016 \$1,400,000.00

7 Appropriation – FY 2017 \$1,400,000.00

8 Total Appropriation – Section 7 \$2,800,000.00

9 Sec. 8. EDUCATION

10 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of

11 Education for funding the State share of completed school construction

12 projects pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 3448 and emergency projects:

13 (1) Emergency projects: \$82,188.00

14 (2) School construction projects: \$3,975,500.00

15 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of

16 Education for State aid for emergency projects and school district

17 consolidation:

18 (1) Emergency projects: \$60,000.00

19 (2) School district consolidation projects (described in Sec. 31 of

20 this act): \$300,000.00

21 Appropriation – FY 2016 \$4,057,688.00

1 ~~Appropriation – FY 2017~~ ~~\$360,000.00~~

2 Total Appropriation – Section 8 \$4,417,688.00

3 Sec. 9. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

4 (a) The sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the University  
5 of Vermont for construction, renovation, and major maintenance.

6 (b) The sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017 to the University  
7 of Vermont for construction, renovation, and major maintenance.

8 Total Appropriation – Section 9 \$2,800,000.00

9 Sec. 10. VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

10 (a) The sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Vermont  
11 State Colleges for construction, renovation, and major maintenance.

12 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Vermont State  
13 Colleges:

14 (1) Construction, renovation, and major maintenance: \$1,400,000.00

15 (2) Laboratory, plan, design, and upgrade: \$1,000,000.00

16 (c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the amount appropriated in  
17 subdivision (b)(2) of this section shall be used as a challenge grant to raise  
18 funds to upgrade engineering technology laboratories at the Vermont Technical  
19 College. The funds shall only become available after the Vermont Technical  
20 College has notified the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and  
21 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and the Commissioner of

~~1 Finance and Management that \$1,000,000.00 in committed funds has been~~  
~~2 raised to match the appropriation in subdivision (b)(2) of this section and~~  
~~3 finance additional costs of comprehensive laboratory improvements.~~

~~4 Appropriation – FY 2016 \$1,400,000.00~~

~~5 Appropriation – FY 2017 \$2,400,000.00~~

~~6 Total Appropriation – Section 10 \$3,800,000.00~~

7 Sec. 11. NATURAL RESOURCES

8 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of  
9 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
10 projects described in this subsection:

11 (1) the Water Pollution Control Fund, Clean Water State/EPA  
12 Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match: \$1,300,000.00

13 (2) the Water Pollution Control Fund, administrative support –  
14 engineering, oversight, and program management: \$300,000.00

15 (3) Drinking Water Supply, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:  
16 \$1,750,834.00

17 (4) Drinking Water Supply, engineering oversight and project  
18 management: \$300,000.00

19 (5) EcoSystem restoration and protection: \$3,750,000.00

20 (6) Dam safety and hydrology projects: \$538,580.00

1 ~~(7) Municipal Pollution Control Grants, principal and interest associated~~  
2 ~~with funding for the Pownal project: \$530,000.00~~

3 ~~(8) Municipal Pollution Control Grants, Waterbury waste treatment~~  
4 ~~facility for phosphorous removal: \$379,929.00~~

5 ~~(9) Municipal Pollution Control Grants, pollution control projects and~~  
6 ~~planning advances for feasibility studies: \$392,257.77~~

7 ~~(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of~~  
8 ~~Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the~~  
9 ~~projects described in this subsection:~~

10 ~~(1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small scale~~  
11 ~~rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of~~  
12 ~~restrooms and bathhouses, and statewide small-scale road rehabilitation~~  
13 ~~projects: \$2,500,000.00~~

14 ~~(2) Guilford, Sweet Pond: \$90,000.00~~

15 ~~(c) The sum of \$1,125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of~~  
16 ~~Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for general~~  
17 ~~infrastructure projects.~~

18 ~~(d) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of~~  
19 ~~Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the~~  
20 ~~projects described in this subsection:~~

1 ~~(1) the Water Pollution Control Fund for the Clean Water State/EPA~~  
2 ~~Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match: \$1,300,000.00~~  
3 ~~(2) the Water Pollution Control Fund, administrative support –~~  
4 ~~engineering, oversight, and program management: \$300,000.00~~  
5 ~~(3) the Drinking Water Supply, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:~~  
6 ~~\$2,538,000.00~~  
7 ~~(4) the Drinking Water Supply, engineering oversight and project~~  
8 ~~management: \$300,000.00~~  
9 ~~(5) EcoSystem restoration and protection: \$3,750,000.00~~  
10 ~~(6) Dam safety and hydrology projects: \$750,000.00~~  
11 ~~(e) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of~~  
12 ~~Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the~~  
13 ~~projects described in this subsection:~~  
14 ~~(1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small scale~~  
15 ~~rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of~~  
16 ~~restrooms and bathhouses, and statewide small-scale road rehabilitation~~  
17 ~~projects: \$2,500,000.00~~  
18 ~~(2) Guilford, Sweet Pond: \$405,000.00~~  
19 ~~(f) The sum of \$875,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of~~  
20 ~~Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for general~~  
21 ~~infrastructure projects.~~

1 ~~Appropriation – FY 2016~~ ~~\$12,956,601.00~~

2 Appropriation – FY 2017 \$12,718,000.00

3 Total Appropriation – Section 11 \$25,674,601.00

4 Sec. 12. MILITARY

5 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of  
6 Military for the projects described in this subsection:

7 (1) Maintenance, renovations, roof replacements, ADA renovations, and  
8 energy upgrades at State armories. To the extent feasible, these funds shall be  
9 used to match federal funds: \$750,000.00

10 (2) Randolph, Vermont Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, agricultural  
11 mitigation for the proposed cemetery expansion: \$21,624.00

12 (b) The sum of \$750,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017 to the Department  
13 of Military for maintenance, renovations, roof replacements, ADA renovations,  
14 and energy upgrades at State armories. To the extent feasible, these funds shall  
15 be used to match federal funds.

16 Appropriation – FY 2016 \$771,624.00

17 Appropriation – FY 2017 \$750,000.00

18 Total Appropriation – Section 12 \$1,521,624.00

19 Sec. 13. PUBLIC SAFETY

20 (a) The sum of \$300,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department  
21 of Buildings and General Services for the State's share of the Vermont



~~1 Emergency Service Training Facility for site location and foundation~~  
~~2 construction of the new burn building at the Robert H. Wood Vermont Fire~~  
~~3 Academy. The Department of Public Safety may accept federal funds to~~  
~~4 support this project.~~

~~5 (b) The funds appropriated in subsection (a) of this section shall only~~  
~~6 become available after the Department of Public Safety has notified the Chairs~~  
~~7 of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate~~  
~~8 Committee on Institutions of receipt of the federal match for the project.~~

~~9 Total Appropriation – Section 13 \$300,000.00~~

10 Sec. 14. AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS

~~11 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of~~  
~~12 Agriculture, Food and Markets for the projects described in this subsection:~~

~~13 (1) Best Management Practices and Conservation Reserve Enhancement~~  
~~14 Program: \$1,752,412.00~~

~~15 (2) Vermont Exposition Center Building, upgrades: \$200,000.00~~

~~16 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of~~  
~~17 Agriculture, Food and Markets for the projects described in this subsection:~~

~~18 (1) Best Management Practices and Conservation Reserve Enhancement~~  
~~19 Program: \$1,800,000.00~~

~~20 (2) Vermont Exposition Center Building, upgrades: \$115,000.00~~

~~21 Appropriation – FY 2016 \$1,952,412.00~~

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| 1  | <del>Appropriation – FY 2017</del>   | <del>\$1,915,000.00</del> |
| 2  | <u>Total Appropriation – Section 14</u>  | <u>\$3,867,412.00</u>     |
| 3  | Sec. 15. VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION   |                           |
| 4  | <u>(a) The sum of \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department</u>      |                           |
| 5  | <u>of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the dry</u> |                           |
| 6  | <u>hydrant program.</u>  |                           |
| 7  | <u>(b) The sum of \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017 to the Department</u>      |                           |
| 8  | <u>of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the</u>     |                           |
| 9  | <u>project described in subsection (a) of this section.</u>                          |                           |
| 10 | <u>Total Appropriation – Section 15</u>  | <u>\$250,000.00</u>       |
| 11 | Sec. 16. VERMONT VETERANS' HOME  |                           |
| 12 | <u>The sum of \$500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Vermont</u>             |                           |
| 13 | <u>Veterans' Home for an electronic medical records system. These funds shall</u>    |                           |
| 14 | <u>be used to match federal funds and shall only become available after the</u>      |                           |
| 15 | <u>Veterans' Home notifies the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections</u>      |                           |
| 16 | <u>and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and the</u>             |                           |
| 17 | <u>Commissioner of Finance and Management that the electronic medical records</u>    |                           |
| 18 | <u>system is in compliance with the criteria for creating and maintaining</u>        |                           |
| 19 | <u>connectivity established by the Vermont Information Technology Leaders</u>        |                           |
| 20 | <u>pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9352(i).</u>  |                           |
| 21 | <u>Total Appropriation – Section 16</u>  | <u>\$500,000.00</u>       |

~~1 Sec. 17. VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY~~

~~2 The sum of \$75,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of~~  
~~3 Buildings and General Services for the Vermont Historical Society (VHS) for a~~  
~~4 matching grant to reduce debt at the Vermont History Center in Barre. The~~  
~~5 funds shall only become available after the VHS notifies the Department that~~  
~~6 the funds have been matched.~~

~~7 Total Appropriation – Section 17 \$75,000.00~~

~~8 Sec. 18. VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION BOARD~~

~~9 (a) The sum of \$4,800,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Vermont~~  
~~10 Housing and Conservation Board for housing development and conservation~~  
~~11 projects. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Board give priority~~  
~~12 to conservation projects that protect and improve water quality in the State.~~  
~~13 The Board shall seek to use at least \$1,500,000.00 for water quality~~  
~~14 improvement projects.~~

~~15 (b) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Vermont~~  
~~16 Housing and Conservation Board.~~

~~17 (1) Statewide, water quality improvement projects: \$1,000,000.00~~

~~18 (2) Housing: \$1,800,000.00~~

~~19 Total Appropriation – Section 18 \$7,600,000.00~~

~~\*\*\* Financing this Act \*\*\*~~

~~Sec. 19. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS~~

~~(a) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and General Services from prior capital appropriations to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:~~

~~(1) of the amount appropriated in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161,~~

~~Sec. 1 (Bennington State Office Building):~~

~~\$49,062.60~~

~~(2) of the amount appropriated in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161,~~

~~Sec. 16 (Ag various projects): \$352,412.25~~

~~(3) of the amount appropriated in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161,~~

~~Sec. 2 (DII, VIEWS):~~

~~\$1,252,109.00~~

~~(4) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,~~

~~Sec. 2(b) (State House committee renovations): \$28,702.15~~

~~(5) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,~~

~~Sec. 13 (Public Safety review of State Police facilities): \$5,000.00~~

~~(6) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,~~

~~Sec. 17 (VT Public TV): \$856.00~~

~~(7) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2~~

~~(BGS engineering staff): \$58,236.66~~

1 ~~(8) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2~~  
2 ~~(133 State Street foundation and parking lot): \$156,642.16~~  
3 ~~(9) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 4~~  
4 ~~(DOC facilities assessment): \$19,913.12~~  
5 ~~(10) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51,~~  
6 ~~Sec. 18a (E-911): \$9,940.00~~  
7 ~~(11) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51,~~  
8 ~~Sec. 15 (VT Public TV): \$0.21~~  
9 ~~(b) The following unexpended funds appropriated to the Agency of Natural~~  
10 ~~Resources for capital construction projects are reallocated to the Department of~~  
11 ~~Buildings and General Services to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of~~  
12 ~~this act:~~  
13 ~~(1) of the amount appropriated in 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43,~~  
14 ~~Sec. 14 (Fish and Wildlife): \$0.07~~  
15 ~~(2) of the amount appropriated in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161,~~  
16 ~~Sec. 12 (DEC Water Pollution Control): \$6,981.00~~  
17 ~~(3) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,~~  
18 ~~Sec. 12, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104, Sec. 8 (drinking~~  
19 ~~water project): \$35,483.32~~  
20 ~~(4) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,~~  
21 ~~Sec. 12 (Fish and Wildlife, Roxbury): \$128,802.00~~

1 ~~(5) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,~~  
2 Sec. 12, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104, Sec 8 (Fish and  
3 Wildlife, Roxbury): \$287,204.00

4 (c) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and  
5 General Services to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:

6 (1) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 1996 Acts  
7 and Resolves No. 102, Sec. 1 (Duxbury land sale): \$45,556.36

8 (2) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 2009 Acts  
9 and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 25 (Building 617, Essex): \$7,078.21

10 (3) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 2009 Acts  
11 and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 25 (1193 North Avenue, Burlington): \$353,785.97

12 (4) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 2011 Acts  
13 and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 2, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104,  
14 Sec. 3 (121 and 123 South Main Street, Waterbury): \$75,000.00

15 (5) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by by 2011 Acts  
16 and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 2, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104,  
17 Sec. 3 (Ladd Hall, Waterbury): \$228,000.00

18 Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 19 \$3,100,765.08

19 **Sec. 20. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS**

20 (a) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in  
21 the amount of \$144,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations

1 ~~of this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor, shall~~  
2 determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds authorized by this  
3 section, consistent with the underlying nature of the appropriation to be funded.  
4 The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated cost of bond issuance or  
5 issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated pursuant to this  
6 section and for which bonding is required as the source of funds, pursuant to  
7 32 V.S.A. § 954.

8 (b) The State Treasurer is further authorized to issue additional general  
9 obligation bonds in the amount of \$11,559,096.05 that were previously  
10 authorized but unissued under 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178 for the purpose  
11 of funding the appropriations of this act.

12 Total Revenues – Section 20 \$155,559,096.05

13 \* \* \* Policy \* \* \*

14 \* \* \* Buildings and General Services \* \* \*

15 Sec. 21. LEASING PROPERTY; FAIR MARKET VALUE

16 It is the intent of the General Assembly that any leases for State-owned  
17 space in any State-owned building, structure, or other real property under the  
18 jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services that are in  
19 existence prior to the effective date of this act shall be renewed at fair market  
20 value by July 1, 2018.

1 ~~Sec. 22. LEASING PROPERTY; WINDSOR; SOLAR PROJECT~~

2 The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may lease at fair  
3 market value, for a term not exceeding 35 years, any real property owned by  
4 the State for a solar project at the Southeast State Correctional Facility and  
5 surrounding lands in Windsor, Vermont.

6 Sec. 23. AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS AND  
7 AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES LABORATORY

8 Notwithstanding the authority contained in 29 V.S.A. § 164, the  
9 Department of Buildings and General Services shall enter into a ground lease  
10 or other similar legal instrument with Vermont Technical College for the  
11 purpose of locating the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and Agency  
12 of Natural Resources collaborative laboratory on the Vermont Technical  
13 College campus in Randolph, Vermont.

14 Sec. 24. 29 V.S.A. § 821(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) State buildings.

16 (1) “Asa Bloomer State Office Building” shall be the name of the  
17 building now known as the “Hulett” office building in the city of Rutland.

18 \* \* \*

19 (13) “Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory” shall be the  
20 name of the State laboratory in Randolph.



1 ~~Sec. 25. 29 V.S.A. § 161(b) is amended to read:~~

2     (b) Each contract awarded under this section for ~~any~~ State project ~~with a~~  
3 ~~construction cost exceeding \$100,000.00 and~~ construction projects which ~~is~~ are  
4 authorized or funded in whole or in part by a capital construction act pursuant  
5 to 32 V.S.A. § 701a, ~~including such a project of the University of Vermont and~~  
6 ~~State Agricultural College and of the Vermont State Colleges,~~ shall provide  
7 that all construction employees working on the project shall be paid no less  
8 than the ~~mean~~ prevailing wage ~~published periodically by the Department of~~  
9 ~~Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey~~ determinations as have  
10 been made by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor in accordance  
11 with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. § 276a, as may be amended. The  
12 Commissioner of Labor, in consultation with the Commissioner of Buildings  
13 and General Services, may adopt rules as necessary, pursuant to 3 V.S.A.  
14 chapter 25, to implement this subsection. This section does not require that the  
15 federal Davis-Bacon Act reporting requirements be applied to State  
16 construction projects.

17     Sec. 26. STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS; CONTRACTS SUBJECT  
18             TO STATE PREVAILING WAGE

19     (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the transition to the use of  
20 the prevailing wage determinations as have been made by the Secretary of the  
21 U.S. Department of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C.

1 ~~§ 276a, as may be amended, in State construction projects shall not change the~~  
2 scope of State construction projects that are subject to the requirements of  
3 29 V.S.A. § 161(b).

4 (b) Notwithstanding Sec. 1 of this act, the following contracts shall remain  
5 subject to the mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont  
6 Department of Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey:

7 (1) contracts for State construction projects executed prior to July 1,  
8 2016;

9 (2) any change orders or amendments to contracts for State construction  
10 projects executed prior to July 1, 2016; and

11 (3) contracts for State construction projects that result from instructions  
12 to bidders posted by the State of Vermont prior to July 1, 2016.

13 Sec. 27. PREVAILING WAGE; UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND  
14 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

15 The University of Vermont and State Agricultural College and the Vermont  
16 State Colleges shall pay no less than the prevailing wage determinations as  
17 have been made by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor in  
18 accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. § 276a, as may be amended,  
19 for any new construction or major renovation project that receives funding in  
20 any capital construction act.

1 ~~Sec. 28. PREVAILING WAGE; AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD~~

2 ~~AND MARKETS AND AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES~~

3 ~~LABORATORY~~

4 ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law, prevailing wage determinations~~  
5 ~~for the construction of the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and the~~  
6 ~~Agency of Natural Resources laboratory shall be made in accordance with the~~  
7 ~~requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 161(b).~~

8 Sec. 29. PREVAILING WAGE; AUDITS

9 ~~The Commissioner of Labor, in consultation with the Commissioner of~~  
10 ~~Buildings and General Services, shall conduct random audits of any contractor~~  
11 ~~subject to 29 V.S.A. § 161(b) in sufficient number to ensure compliance with~~  
12 ~~statutory requirements.~~

13 Sec. 30. 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 1, amending 2013 Acts and  
14 Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2, is amended to read:

15 Sec. 1. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

17 \* \* \*

18 (c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2015:

19 \* \* \*

20 (13) Permanent secure residential facility, proposal for siting and design  
21 (as described in Sec. 40 of this act): \$50,000.00

~~Sec. 30a. SECURE RESIDENTIAL FACILITY; PLAN FOR SITING AND  
DESIGN~~

~~(a) The Secretary of Human Services shall conduct an examination of the needs of the Agency of Human Services for siting and designing a secure residential facility. The examination shall analyze the operating costs for the facility, including the staffing, size of the facility, the quality of care supported by the structure, and the broadest options available for the management and ownership of the facility.~~

~~(b) The funds appropriated in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 1, amending 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2, and Sec. 30 of this act, shall only become available to the Department of Buildings and General Services after the Secretary of Human Services notifies the Commissioner of Finance and Management that the examination described in subsection (a) of this section is completed.~~

~~(c) On or before February 1, 2016, the Secretary of Human Services shall present the results of the examination described in subsection (a) of this section to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Corrections and Institutions, and on Human Services, and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, Health and Welfare, and on Institutions.~~

~~\*\*\* Education \*\*\*~~

~~Sec. 31. STATE AID FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION~~

~~(a) Notwithstanding the suspension of State aid for school construction pursuant to the terms of 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 36, and 2008 Acts and Resolves No. 200, Sec. 45, as amended by 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. 22, in fiscal year 2017, any union school district established under 16 V.S.A. chapter 11 on or after July 1, 2015 or any two or more districts that enter into a contract pursuant to 16 V.S.A. chapter 11, subchapter 1 on or after July 1, 2015 to operate a school jointly shall be eligible for State aid for school construction under 16 V.S.A. § 3447. Eligible union school districts may make application for aid to the Secretary of Education pursuant to the requirements set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 3448.~~

~~(b) The total school construction aid awarded pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be distributed among all approved applications based on the amount of State capital aid authorized, but in no case shall exceed 30 percent of the approved cost.~~

~~(c) All other State aid remains suspended pursuant to the terms of 2008 Acts and Resolves No. 200, Sec. 45 as amended by 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. 22 and 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 45.~~

~~(d) As used in subsection (a) of this section, a union school district established under 16 V.S.A. chapter 11 includes any integrated education~~

1 ~~system that obtains a favorable vote of all "necessary" districts as provided in~~  
2 this act, and any regional education district (RED) or any other district eligible  
3 to receive RED incentives pursuant to 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 153, as  
4 amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 156 and 2013 Acts and Resolves  
5 No. 56.

6 Sec. 32. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AID AWARDS

7 It is the intent of the General Assembly that the House Committees on  
8 Corrections and Institutions and on Education, and the Senate Committees on  
9 Education and on Institutions develop a plan to evaluate strategically the  
10 statutory process set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 3448 for awarding State aid for  
11 school construction.

12 \* \* \* Information Technology \* \* \*

13 Sec. 33. COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS; MAINFRAME

14 (a) The Chief Information Officer shall conduct a cost-benefit analysis of  
15 the State's legacy mainframe system. The analysis shall include a review of  
16 the cost-effectiveness of the legacy mainframe versus implementation of new  
17 projects, the cost of maintaining the mainframe, and possible use of the  
18 mainframe in lieu of new systems.

19 (b) On or before December 1, 2015, the Chief Information Officer shall  
20 submit a report on the analysis described in subsection (a) of this section to the  
21 House Committees on Appropriations, on Corrections and Institutions, and on

1 ~~Government Operations, and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on~~  
2 Institutions, and on Government Operations.

3 Sec. 34. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

4 (a) The Executive Branch shall transfer, upon request, one vacant position  
5 for use in the Legislative Joint Fiscal Office (JFO) for a two-year staff  
6 position, or the JFO shall hire a consultant, to provide support to the General  
7 Assembly to conduct independent reviews of State information technology  
8 projects and operations.

9 (b) The Secretary of Administration and the Chief Information Officer  
10 shall:

11 (1) provide to the JFO access to the reviews conducted by Independent  
12 Verification and Validation (IVV) firms hired to evaluate the State's current  
13 and planned information technology project, as requested; and

14 (2) ensure that IVV firm contracts allow the JFO to make requests for  
15 information related to the projects that they are reviewing and that such  
16 requests are provided to the JFO in a confidential manner.

17 (c) The JFO shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the  
18 Executive Branch relating to any work conducted by IVV firms that shall  
19 protect security and confidentiality.

1 ~~(d) In fiscal years 2016 and 2017, the JFO is authorized to use up to~~  
2 ~~\$250,000.00 of the amounts appropriated in Sec. 3(b) and (c) of this act to fund~~  
3 ~~activities described in this section.~~

4 (e) On or before January 15, 2017, the Secretary of Administration and the  
5 JFO shall submit reports to the House Committee on Corrections and  
6 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the effectiveness of  
7 the position described in subsection (a) of this section and whether the process  
8 of conducting independent legislative reviews of State information technology  
9 projects and operations should be continued.

10 \* \* \* Judiciary \* \* \*

11 Sec. 35. LAMOILLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE; MEMORANDUM OF  
12 UNDERSTANDING; OPERATING AGREEMENT

13 (a) The Department of Buildings and General Services and the Lamoille  
14 County side judges, in consultation with the Judiciary, shall enter into a  
15 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the construction, operation,  
16 and maintenance of the Lamoille County Courthouse. The MOU shall  
17 establish procedures for the operation of the courthouse and the division of  
18 responsibilities between the State and the county.

19 (b) The Judiciary and the Lamoille County side judges shall enter into an  
20 operating agreement regarding the internal functions and use of space within  
21 the Lamoille County Courthouse.



1 ~~(e) The MOU described in subsection (a) of this section and the operating~~  
2 agreement described in subsection (b) of this section shall be executed prior to  
3 the State's occupancy of the courthouse.

4 \* \* \* Military \* \* \*

5 Sec. 36. DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY; CEMETERY EXPANSION  
6 PROJECT

7 The Department of Military may accept federal grants, gifts, or donations to  
8 support the cemetery expansion project at the Vermont Veterans' Memorial  
9 Cemetery in Randolph, Vermont.

10 \* \* \* Natural Resources \* \* \*

11 Sec. 37. 24 V.S.A. § 4753a(e) is amended to read:

12 (e) Loan forgiveness; drinking water.

13 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law regarding loan  
14 forgiveness, upon the award of a loan from the Vermont Environmental  
15 Protection Agency Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), the  
16 Secretary of Natural Resources, in a manner that is consistent with federal  
17 grant provisions, may forgive up to 100 percent of a loan if the award is made  
18 for a project on the priority list and the project is capitalized, at least in part,  
19 from funds derived from a federal DWSRF capitalization grant that includes  
20 provisions authorizing loan forgiveness. Such loan forgiveness shall be based  
21 on the loan value, but funds to be forgiven shall only consist of federal funds,

1 ~~except where the loan is used as a match to other federal grants requiring~~

2 nonfederal funds as a match.

3 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law regarding loan  
4 forgiveness, upon the award of a loan from the Vermont Drinking Water State  
5 Revolving Loan Fund, the Secretary of Natural Resources may provide loan  
6 forgiveness for preliminary engineering and final design costs when a  
7 municipality undertakes such engineering on behalf of a household that has  
8 been disconnected involuntarily from a public water supply system for reasons  
9 other than nonpayment of fees, provided it is not the same municipality that is  
10 disconnecting the household.

11 Sec. 38. 24 V.S.A. § 4755(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) Except as provided by subsection (c) of this section, the bond bank may  
13 make loans to a municipality on behalf of the ~~state~~ State for one or more of the  
14 purposes set forth in section 4754 of this chapter. Each of such loans shall be  
15 made subject to the following conditions and limitations:

16 (1) no loan shall be made for any purpose permitted under this chapter  
17 other than from the revolving fund in which the same purpose is included;

18 (2) the total amount of loan out of a particular revolving fund shall not  
19 exceed the balance of that fund;

1 ~~(3) the loan shall be evidenced by a municipal bond, payable by the~~  
2 municipality over a term not to exceed ~~20~~ 30 years, or the projected useful life  
3 of the project, which is less, except:

4 ~~(A) and without~~ there shall be no deferral of payment ~~except as~~  
5 ~~provided, unless authorized under~~ by 10 V.S.A. §§ ~~1624(b) and~~ § 1624a, or;

6 ~~(B) the term of the loan shall not exceed 20 years when required by~~  
7 10 V.S.A. § 1624(b); and

8 ~~(C) the loan may be evidenced~~ by any other permitted debt  
9 instrument payable as permitted by chapter 53 of this title;

10 \* \* \*

11 Sec. 39. 24 V.S.A. § 4756 is amended to read:

12 § 4756. ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION

13 (a) No construction loan or loan for the purchase of land or conservation  
14 easements to a municipality shall be made under this chapter, nor shall any part  
15 of any revolving fund which is designated for project construction be expended  
16 under section 4757 of this title, until such time as:

17 \* \* \*

18 (b) The bond bank may make loans to a municipality for the preparation of  
19 final engineering plans and specifications subject to the following conditions  
20 and limitations:

1 ~~(1) The loan shall be evidenced by a note, executed by the municipality,~~  
2 payable over a term not to exceed ~~20~~ 30 years at zero percent interest in equal  
3 annual payments.

4 (2) ~~The secretary of natural resources~~ Secretary of Natural Resources  
5 shall have certified to the bond bank that the project:

6 (A) has priority for award of a planning loan;

7 (B) for which final engineering plans are to be prepared, is described  
8 in a preliminary engineering plan or facilities plan that has been approved by  
9 the ~~secretary~~ Secretary; and

10 (C) is in conformance with applicable ~~state~~ State and federal law and  
11 regulations promulgated thereunder.

12 \* \* \*

13 \* \* \* Public Safety \* \* \*

14 Sec. 40. TRAINING CENTER; FINDINGS, PURPOSE, AND INTENT

15 (a) The General Assembly finds that the Robert H. Wood, Jr. Criminal  
16 Justice and Fire Service Training Center of Vermont (the Training Center) is  
17 an asset to the State because it provides multiple agencies with the space to  
18 train people who protect the lives of Vermonters. These agencies presently  
19 include the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, the Vermont Fire  
20 Service Training Council, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of  
21 Corrections, and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

1 ~~(b) The purpose of Sec. 41 of this act is to create a committee to govern the~~  
2 ~~access to, the use and future needs of, and the capital investments in Training~~  
3 ~~Center facilities so that agencies continue to enjoy access to it and so that~~  
4 ~~members of the public may also be able to use the Training Center. While this~~  
5 ~~committee is established to oversee Training Center facilities, it is the General~~  
6 ~~Assembly's intent that this committee shall not have jurisdiction over any~~  
7 ~~training content provided at the Training Center.~~

8 Sec. 41. 29 V.S.A. chapter 19 is added to read:

9 CHAPTER 19. TRAINING CENTER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

10 § 841. COMMITTEE CREATION

11 (a) Creation. There is created the Training Center Governance Committee  
12 to manage access to the facilities of the Robert H. Wood, Jr. Criminal Justice  
13 and Fire Service Training Center of Vermont (Training Center), located in  
14 Pittsford, Vermont.

15 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following eight  
16 members:

17 (1) the Executive Director of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training  
18 Council;

19 (2) the Chair of the Vermont Fire Service Training Council;

20 (3) an employee of the Department of Buildings and General Services,  
21 appointed by the Commissioner of the Department;

1 ~~(4) the Chair of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council;~~

2 (5) the Chief Training Officer of the Vermont Fire Academy;

3 (6) an employee of the Department of Corrections, appointed by the  
4 Commissioner of the Department;

5 (7) the Director of the Division of Fire Safety;

6 (8) a member of the State Police, appointed by the Commissioner of  
7 Public Safety;

8 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall:

9 (1) Use and access. Govern the use of and access to the Training  
10 Center. In so governing, the Committee shall take into consideration the needs  
11 of the State's various agencies and members of the public in using the Training  
12 Center's facilities.

13 (2) Future needs and capital investments.

14 (A) plan for the future capital needs of the Training Center;

15 (B) submit a capital program plan to the Department of Buildings and  
16 General Services for the capital construction bill set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 701a  
17 and report to the General Assembly as necessary on any recommended  
18 legislative action for capital needs; and

19 (C) on an ongoing basis, monitor the effectiveness of any capital  
20 investments related to training needs.

1 ~~(3) Performance analysis. Establish policies to ensure the facility~~  
2 ~~training needs of those persons that use the Training Center are cost-effectively~~  
3 ~~met, and establish performance measures for assessing on an ongoing basis~~  
4 ~~how well those needs are met.~~

5 (4) Budget and rates.

6 (A) manage the operating budget for the facilities at the Training  
7 Center;

8 (B) set the rates for use of space at the Training Center;

9 (C) enter into and administer new contracts on behalf of the Training  
10 Center regarding the operations of the Training Center; and

11 (D) develop approaches to budgeting and paying for space that  
12 encourage collaboration among those persons that use the Training Center, and  
13 address future major maintenance needs.

14 (d) Meetings.

15 (1) The Committee shall meet no fewer than four times per year.

16 (2) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

17 (3) The Committee shall elect a chair and may adopt rules of procedure.

18 (e) Reimbursement. Members of the Committee who are not employees of  
19 the State and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their  
20 attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of  
21 expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

1 ~~Sec. 42. INITIAL MEETING OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE;~~

2 TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

3 (a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall call the  
4 initial meeting of the Training Center Governance Committee set forth in  
5 Sec. 41 of this act, to be held on or before September 30, 2015.

6 (b) The Training Center Governance Committee shall be responsible for  
7 requests for use of the Robert H. Wood, Jr. Criminal Justice and Fire Service  
8 Training Center of Vermont made on and after the initial Committee meeting,  
9 but shall permit any scheduled use of the Training Center made prior to that  
10 date.

11 (c) The Training Center Governance Committee shall have access to any  
12 contracts regarding the operations of the Training Center that are in existence  
13 prior to the date of the initial Committee meeting.

14 Sec. 43. TRAINING CENTER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE; REPORT

15 On or before February 1, 2016, the Training Center Governance Committee  
16 set forth in Sec. 41 of this act shall report to the General Assembly regarding  
17 the operation of its powers and duties to date and recommend any further  
18 legislative action it finds necessary.



~~\*\*\* Security \*\*\*~~

~~Sec. 44. STATE HOUSE SECURITY~~

~~(a) The Capitol Complex Security Working Group, established in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 26, is authorized to retain consultant services to create a security and safety protocol and conduct trainings for the State House and One Baldwin Street. Any consultants retained pursuant to this subsection shall work through the Joint Fiscal Office under the direction of the Chair of the Working Group.~~

~~(b) The Joint Fiscal Office, in consultation with the Speaker of the House and the Committee on Committees, shall hire the consultants to undertake the security protocol authorized in subsection (a) of this section. The Joint Fiscal Office is authorized to use funds appropriated in Sec. 2(b)(21) of this act and 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2(c)(17), as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 1, to retain consultant services.~~

~~\*\*\* Effective Date \*\*\*~~

~~Sec. 45. EFFECTIVE DATE~~

~~This act shall take effect on passage.~~

~~\*\*\* Capital Appropriations \*\*\*~~

~~*Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT*~~

~~*(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$157,207,752.00 authorized in this act, no more than \$84,688,449.00 shall be appropriated in*~~

the first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the second year.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the biennium, any amendments to the appropriations or authorities granted in this act shall take the form of a Capital Construction and State Bonding Adjustment Act. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unless otherwise indicated, all appropriations in this act are subject to capital budget adjustment.

Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

(a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services, and the Commissioner is authorized to direct funds appropriated in this section to the projects contained in this section; however, no project shall be canceled unless the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions are notified before that action is taken.

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016:

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| <u>(1) Statewide, asbestos:</u>                         | <u>\$50,000.00</u>    |
| <u>(2) Statewide, building reuse and planning:</u>      | <u>\$75,000.00</u>    |
| <u>(3) Statewide, contingency:</u>                      | <u>\$100,000.00</u>   |
| <u>(4) Statewide, elevator repairs and replacement:</u> | <u>\$100,000.00</u>   |
| <u>(5) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>                | <u>\$8,210,287.00</u> |

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| <u>(6) Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs:</u>   | <u>\$3,567,791.00</u> |
| <u>(7) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>  | <u>\$200,000.00</u>   |
| <u>(8) Burlington, 32 Cherry Street, HVAC controls upgrades:</u>   | <u>\$150,000.00</u>   |
| <u>(9) Burlington, 108 Cherry Street, garage and structural audit:</u>   | <u>\$50,000.00</u>    |
| <u>(10) Montpelier, 120 State Street, life safety and infrastructure improvements:</u>   | <u>\$300,000.00</u>   |
| <u>(11) Montpelier, Department of Labor, parking lot expansion:</u>  | <u>\$400,000.00</u>   |
| <u>(12) Middlesex, State Archives, renovations:</u>  | <u>\$660,000.00</u>   |
| <u>(13) Newport, Northern State Correctional Facility, maintenance shop:</u>   | <u>\$450,000.00</u>   |
| <u>(14) Randolph, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and Agency of Natural Resources, collaborative laboratory, finalizing design and construction documents, bid proposal, and permitting:</u> | <u>\$2,500,000.00</u> |
| <u>(15) Southern State Correctional Facility, construction of Phase I of the steamline replacement, design and cost estimation for Phase II:</u>   | <u>\$1,200,000.00</u> |

(16) Southern State Correctional Facility, copper waterline replacement  
and project-related costs: \$1,829,086.00

(17) St. Johnsbury, Caledonia Courthouse, stabilize foundation:  
\$1,700,000.00

(18) Pittsford, Training Center, electrical system upgrade:  
\$120,000.00

(19) Waterbury State Office Complex, complex restoration, and  
project-related costs: \$19,151,826.00

(20) White River Junction, Windsor Courthouse, design and planning  
for mechanical, electrical and plumbing, security and energy upgrades:  
\$300,000.00

(21) Colchester, Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, project  
design and planning, and begin repairs and improvements:  
\$200,000.00

(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017:

(1) Statewide, asbestos: \$50,000.00

(2) Statewide, building reuse and planning: \$75,000.00

(3) Statewide, contingency: \$100,000.00

(4) Statewide, elevator repairs and replacement: \$100,000.00

(5) Statewide, major maintenance: \$8,000,000.00

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| <u>(6) Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs:</u>  | <u>\$3,677,448.00</u>  |
| <u>(7) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>   | <u>\$200,000.00</u>    |
| <u>(8) Montpelier, 115 State Street, State House lawn, access improvements and water intrusion:</u>   | <u>\$300,000.00</u>    |
| <u>(9) Montpelier, 120 State Street, life safety and infrastructure improvements:</u>   | <u>\$1,000,000.00</u>  |
| <u>(10) Randolph, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and Agency of Natural Resources, collaborative laboratory, site construction:</u>   | <u>\$14,048,174.00</u> |
| <u>(11) Southern State Correctional Facility, copper waterline replacement:</u>   | <u>\$1,100,000.00</u>  |
| <u>(12) Pittsford, Training Center, electrical system upgrade:</u>  | <u>\$500,000.00</u>    |
| <u>(13) Statewide, strategic building realignments:</u>   | <u>\$300,000.00</u>    |
| <u>(d) Any funds remaining from the amount appropriated in subdivision (b)(19) for restoration and projected-related costs at the Waterbury State Office Complex shall be directed toward the beginning phases of design and fit up of the Weeks and Hanks buildings.</u> |                        |
| <u>Appropriation – FY 2016</u>  | <u>\$41,313,990.00</u> |
| <u>Appropriation – FY 2017</u>  | <u>\$29,450,622.00</u> |
| <u>Total Appropriation – Section 2</u>  | <u>\$70,764,612.00</u> |

*Sec. 3. ADMINISTRATION*

(a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Taxes for the Vermont Center for Geographic Information for an ongoing project to update statewide quadrangle maps through digital orthophotographic quadrangle mapping:

(1) \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016.

(2) \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017.

(b) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Finance and Management for the ERP expansion project (Phase II):

(1) \$5,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016.

(2) \$9,267,470.00 is appropriated in FY 2017.

(c) The sum of \$5,463,211.00 is appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of Human Services for the Health and Human Services Enterprise IT System.

Appropriation – FY 2016 \$5,125,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2017 \$14,855,681.00

Total Appropriation – Section 3 \$19,980,681.00

*Sec. 4. HUMAN SERVICES*

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) Corrections, perimeter intrusion: \$100,000.00

(2) Corrections, camera and systems: \$100,000.00

(3) Corrections, security upgrades and enhancements: \$100,000.00

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) Corrections, perimeter intrusion: \$100,000.00

(2) Corrections, security upgrades and enhancements: \$100,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2016 \$300,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2017 \$200,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 4 \$500,000.00

Sec. 5. JUDICIARY

(a) The sum of \$180,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for ADA compliance at county courthouses.

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Judiciary:

(1) Statewide court security systems and improvements: \$150,000.00

(2) Judicial case management system: \$550,000.00

(3) Hyde Park, Lamoille County Courthouse, building renovation:  
\$5,000,000.00

(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Judiciary:

(1) Statewide court security systems and improvements: \$125,000.00

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| <u>(2) Judicial case management system:</u> | <u>\$4,000,000.00</u>  |
| <u>Appropriation – FY 2016</u>              | <u>\$5,880,000.00</u>  |
| <u>Appropriation – FY 2017</u>              | <u>\$4,125,000.00</u>  |
| <u>Total Appropriation – Section 5</u>      | <u>\$10,005,000.00</u> |

*Sec. 6. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT*

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described in this subsection:

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| <u>(1) Major maintenance at historic sites statewide:</u> | <u>\$200,000.00</u> |
| <u>(2) Bennington Monument, elevator, roof repairs:</u>   | <u>\$118,000.00</u> |

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described in this subsection:

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| <u>(1) Underwater preserves:</u>                                   | <u>\$30,000.00</u> |
| <u>(2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:</u> | <u>\$15,000.00</u> |
| <u>(3) Unmarked burial fund:</u>                                   | <u>\$30,000.00</u> |

(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described in this subsection:

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| <u>(1) Major maintenance at historic sites statewide:</u> | <u>\$200,000.00</u> |
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(2) Bennington Monument, elevator, roof repairs: \$50,000.00

(d) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described in this subsection:

(1) Underwater preserves: \$30,000.00

(2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:

\$15,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2016 \$393,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2017 \$295,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 6 \$688,000.00

**Sec. 7. GRANT PROGRAMS**

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 for Building Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

(1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant Program:

\$200,000.00

(2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant Program:

\$200,000.00

(3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultural Facilities Grant Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that may be made

available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided that all capital funds are made available to the cultural facilities grant program: \$200,000.00

(4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Recreational Facilities Grant Program: \$200,000.00

(5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Regional Economic Development Grant Program: \$200,000.00

(b) The following sum is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural Fairs Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program: \$200,000.00

(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 for Building Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

(1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant Program: \$200,000.00

(2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant Program: \$200,000.00

(3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultural Facilities Grant Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that may be made available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided

that all capital funds are made available to the cultural facilities grant program: \$200,000.00

(4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Recreational Facilities Grant Program: \$200,000.00

(5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Regional Economic Development Grant Program: \$200,000.00

(d) The following sum is appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural Fairs Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program: \$200,000.00

(e) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program:

(1) Human Services: \$100,000.00

(2) Educational Facilities: \$100,000.00

(f) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program:

(1) Human Services: \$100,000.00

(2) Educational Facilities: \$100,000.00

(g) On or before January 15, 2016, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and

Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the grants awarded in  
FY 2016 under the Human Services and Educational Facilities Competitive  
Grant Program.

Appropriation – FY 2016 \$1,400,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2017 \$1,400,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 7 \$2,800,000.00

*Sec. 8. EDUCATION*

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of  
Education for funding the State share of completed school construction  
projects pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 3448 and emergency projects:

(1) Emergency projects: \$82,188.00

(2) School construction projects: \$3,975,500.00

(b) The sum of \$60,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of  
Education for State aid for emergency projects.

Appropriation – FY 2016 \$4,057,688.00

Appropriation – FY 2017 \$60,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 8 \$4,117,688.00

*Sec. 9. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT*

(a) The sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the University  
of Vermont for construction, renovation, and major maintenance.

(b) The sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017 to the University of Vermont for construction, renovation, and major maintenance.

Total Appropriation – Section 9 \$2,800,000.00

*Sec. 10. VERMONT STATE COLLEGES*

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Vermont State Colleges:

(1) Construction, renovation, and major maintenance: \$1,400,000.00

(2) Engineering technology laboratories, plan, design, and upgrade:

\$1,000,000.00

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Vermont State Colleges:

(1) Construction, renovation, and major maintenance: \$1,400,000.00

(2) Engineering technology laboratories, plan, design, and upgrade:

\$500,000.00

(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the amount appropriated in subdivision (b)(2) of this section shall be used as a challenge grant to raise funds to upgrade engineering technology laboratories at the Vermont Technical College. The funds shall only become available after the Vermont Technical College has notified the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and the Commissioner of Finance and Management that \$500,000.00 in committed

funds has been raised to match the appropriation in subdivision (b)(2) of this section and finance additional costs of comprehensive laboratory improvements.

Appropriation – FY 2016 \$2,400,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2017 \$1,900,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 10 \$4,300,000.00

Sec. 11. NATURAL RESOURCES

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) the Water Pollution Control Fund, Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match: \$1,300,000.00

(2) the Water Pollution Control Fund, administrative support – engineering, oversight, and program management: \$300,000.00

(3) Drinking Water Supply, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:  
\$1,750,834.00

(4) Drinking Water Supply, engineering oversight and project management: \$300,000.00

(5) EcoSystem restoration and protection: \$3,750,000.00

(6) Dam safety and hydrology projects: \$538,580.00

(7) Municipal Pollution Control Grants, principal and interest associated with funding for the Pownal project: \$530,000.00

(8) Municipal Pollution Control Grants, Waterbury waste treatment facility for phosphorous removal: \$379,929.00

(9) Municipal Pollution Control Grants, pollution control projects and planning advances for feasibility studies: \$392,258.00

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small scale rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of restrooms and bathhouses, and statewide small-scale road rehabilitation projects: \$3,000,000.00

(2) Guilford, Sweet Pond: \$90,000.00

(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife:

(1) General infrastructure projects: \$1,125,000.00

(2) Lake Champlain Walleye Association, Inc. to upgrade and repair the walleye rearing, restoration, and stocking infrastructure: \$25,000.00

(d) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) the Water Pollution Control Fund for the Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match: \$1,300,000.00

(2) the Water Pollution Control Fund, administrative support – engineering, oversight, and program management: \$300,000.00

(3) the Drinking Water Supply, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:  
\$2,538,000.00

(4) the Drinking Water Supply, engineering oversight and project management: \$300,000.00

(5) EcoSystem restoration and protection: \$3,750,000.00

(6) Dam safety and hydrology projects: \$750,000.00

(e) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small scale rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of restrooms and bathhouses, and statewide small-scale road rehabilitation projects: \$3,000,000.00

(2) Guilford, Sweet Pond: \$405,000.00



(f) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife:

(1) General infrastructure projects: \$875,000.00

(2) Lake Champlain Walleye Association, Inc. to upgrade and repair the walleye rearing, restoration, and stocking infrastructure: \$25,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2016 \$13,481,601.00

Appropriation – FY 2017 \$13,243,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 11 \$26,724,601.00

Sec. 12. MILITARY

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of Military for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) Maintenance, renovations, roof replacements, ADA renovations, and energy upgrades at State armories. To the extent feasible, these funds shall be used to match federal funds: \$750,000.00

(2) Randolph, Vermont Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, agricultural mitigation for the proposed cemetery expansion: \$59,759.00

(b) The sum of \$750,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017 to the Department of Military for maintenance, renovations, roof replacements, ADA renovations, and energy upgrades at State armories. To the extent feasible, these funds shall be used to match federal funds.

Appropriation – FY 2016 \$809,759.00

Appropriation – FY 2017 \$750,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 12 \$1,559,759.00

*Sec. 13. PUBLIC SAFETY*

(a) The sum of \$300,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the State's share of the Vermont Emergency Service Training Facility for site location and foundation construction of the new burn building at the Robert H. Wood Vermont Fire Academy. The Department of Public Safety may accept federal funds to support this project.

(b) The funds appropriated in subsection (a) of this section shall only become available after the Department of Public Safety has notified the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions of receipt of the federal match for the project.

Total Appropriation – Section 13 \$300,000.00

*Sec. 14. AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS*

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) Best Management Practices and Conservation Reserve Enhancement

Program: \$1,752,412.00

(2) Vermont Exposition Center Building, upgrades: \$200,000.00

(3) Community and nonprofit agricultural water quality projects:

\$250,000.00

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) Best Management Practices and Conservation Reserve Enhancement

Program: \$1,800,000.00

(2) Vermont Exposition Center Building, upgrades: \$115,000.00

(c) On or before January 15, 2016, the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the projects funded from the appropriation in subdivision (a)(3) of this section.

Appropriation – FY 2016 \$2,202,412.00

Appropriation – FY 2017 \$1,915,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 14 \$4,117,412.00

Sec. 15. VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

(a) The sum of \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the dry hydrant program.

(b) The sum of \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017 to the Department of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the project described in subsection (a) of this section.

Total Appropriation – Section 15 \$250,000.00

*Sec. 16. VERMONT VETERANS' HOME*

The sum of \$500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Vermont Veterans' Home for an electronic medical records system. These funds shall be used to match federal funds and shall only become available after the Veterans' Home notifies the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and the Commissioner of Finance and Management that the electronic medical records system is in compliance with the criteria for creating and maintaining connectivity established by the Vermont Information Technology Leaders pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9352(i).

Total Appropriation – Section 16 \$500,000.00

*Sec. 17. VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY*

The sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Vermont Historical Society (VHS) for a matching grant to reduce debt at the Vermont History Center in Barre. The funds shall only become available after the VHS notifies the Department that the funds have been matched.

Total Appropriation – Section 17 \$50,000.00

*Sec. 18. VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION BOARD*

(a) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.

(1) Statewide, water quality improvement projects: \$1,500,000.00

(2) Housing: \$1,800,000.00

(3) Statewide, water quality improvement or other conservation and agriculture projects: \$1,250,000.00

(b) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.

(1) Statewide, water quality improvement projects: \$1,000,000.00

(2) Housing: \$1,800,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2016 \$4,550,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2017 \$2,800,000.00

Total Appropriation – Section 18 \$7,350,000.00

**Sec. 19. VERMONT INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES**

\$220,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Vermont State Colleges on behalf of Vermont Interactive Technologies (VIT) for all costs associated with the dissolution of VIT's operations.

Total Appropriation – Section 19 \$220,000.00

**Sec. 20. GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

(a) The sum of \$120,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Office of Legislative Council to hire consultant services for upgrades to the International Roll Call (IRC) program, as described in Sec. 47 of this act.

(b) The sum of \$60,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Joint Fiscal Office to hire consultant services for a security and safety protocol for the State House, as described in Sec. 46 of this act.

Total Appropriation – Section 20 \$180,000.00

\* \* \* Financing this Act \* \* \*

*Sec. 21. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS*

(a) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and General Services from prior capital appropriations to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:

(1) of the amount appropriated in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161, Sec. 1 (Bennington State Office Building): \$49,062.60

(2) of the amount appropriated in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161, Sec. 16 (Ag various projects): \$352,412.25

(3) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 2(b) (State House committee renovations): \$28,702.15

(4) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 13 (Public Safety review of State Police facilities): \$5,000.00

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| <u>(5) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,</u><br><u>Sec. 17 (VT Public TV):</u>  | <u>\$856.00</u>     |
| <u>(6) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2</u><br><u>(BGS engineering staff):</u>  | <u>\$58,236.66</u>  |
| <u>(7) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2</u><br><u>(133 State Street foundation and parking lot):</u>  | <u>\$156,642.16</u> |
| <u>(8) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 4</u><br><u>(DOC facilities assessment):</u>  | <u>\$19,913.12</u>  |
| <u>(9) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51,</u><br><u>Sec. 18a (E-911):</u>  | <u>\$9,940.00</u>   |
| <u>(10) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51,</u><br><u>Sec. 15 (VT Public TV):</u>   | <u>\$0.21</u>       |
| <u>(b) The following unexpended funds appropriated to the Agency of Natural</u><br><u>Resources for capital construction projects are reallocated to the Department</u><br><u>of Buildings and General Services to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2</u><br><u>of this act:</u> |                     |
| <u>(1) of the amount appropriated in 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43,</u><br><u>Sec. 14 (Fish and Wildlife):</u>   | <u>\$0.07</u>       |
| <u>(2) of the amount appropriated in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161,</u><br><u>Sec. 12 (DEC Water Pollution Control):</u>  | <u>\$6,981.00</u>   |

(3) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 12, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104, Sec. 8 (drinking water project): \$35,483.32

(4) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 12 (Fish and Wildlife, Roxbury): \$128,802.00

(5) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 12, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104, Sec 8 (Fish and Wildlife, Roxbury): \$87,204.00

(c) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and General Services to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:

(1) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 1996 Acts and Resolves No. 102, Sec. 1 (Duxbury land sale): \$45,556.36

(2) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 25 (Building 617, Essex): \$7,078.21

(3) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 25 (1193 North Avenue, Burlington): \$353,785.97

(4) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 2, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104, Sec. 3 (121 and 123 South Main Street, Waterbury): \$75,000.00



(5) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 2, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104, Sec. 3 (Ladd Hall, Waterbury): \$228,000.00

Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 21 \$1,648,656.08

**Sec. 22. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS**

(a) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$144,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations of this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor, shall determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds authorized by this section consistent with the underlying nature of the appropriation to be funded. The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated cost of bond issuance or issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated pursuant to this section and for which bonding is required as the source of funds, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 954.

(b) The State Treasurer is further authorized to issue additional general obligation bonds in the amount of \$11,559,096.05 that were previously authorized but unissued under 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178 for the purpose of funding the appropriations of this act.

Total Revenues – Section 22 \$155,559,096.05

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*Sec. 23. LEASING PROPERTY; FAIR MARKET VALUE*

*(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that any leases for State-owned space in any State-owned building, structure, or other real property under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services that are in existence prior to the effective date of this act shall be renewed at fair market value by July 1, 2019.*

*(b) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall evaluate whether to sell any State-owned building, structure, or other real property that is being leased under fair market value.*

*Sec. 23a. LEASING PROPERTY; WINDSOR; SOLAR PROJECT*

*The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may lease at fair market value, for a term not exceeding 35 years, any real property owned by the State for a solar project at the Southeast State Correctional Facility and surrounding lands in Windsor, Vermont.*

*Sec. 24. AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS AND*

*AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES LABORATORY*

*Notwithstanding the authority contained in 29 V.S.A. § 164, the Department of Buildings and General Services shall enter into a ground lease or other similar legal instrument with Vermont Technical College for the purpose of locating the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and Agency of Natural*

Resources' collaborative laboratory on the Vermont Technical College campus in Randolph, Vermont.

Sec. 24a. 29 V.S.A. § 161(b) is amended to read:

(b) Each contract awarded under this section for any State project with a construction cost exceeding \$100,000.00 and which is authorized or funded in whole or in part by a capital construction act pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 701a,  
~~including such a project of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College and of the Vermont State Colleges,~~ shall provide that all construction employees working on the project shall be paid no less than the mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont Department of Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey plus an additional fringe benefit of 42 and one-half percent of wage, as calculated by the current Vermont prevailing wage survey. As used in this section, "fringe benefits" means benefits, including paid vacations and holidays, sick leave, employer contributions and reimbursements to health insurance and retirement benefits, and similar benefits that are incidents of employment.

Sec. 24b. 29 V.S.A. § 161(b) is amended to read:

(b) Each contract awarded under this section for any State project with a construction cost exceeding \$100,000.00 ~~and~~ or a construction project with a construction cost exceeding \$200,000.00 which is authorized ~~or~~ and is at least 50 percent funded in whole or in part ~~by a capital construction act pursuant to~~

*32 V.S.A. § 701a shall provide that all construction employees working on the project shall be paid no less than the mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont Department of Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey plus an additional fringe benefit of 42 and one-half percent of wage, as calculated by the current Vermont prevailing wage survey. As used in this section, "fringe benefits" means benefits, including paid vacations and holidays, sick leave, employer contributions and reimbursements to health insurance and retirement benefits, and similar benefits that are incidents of employment.*

*Sec. 24c. STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS; CONTRACTS SUBJECT  
TO STATE PREVAILING WAGE;*

*(a) Notwithstanding Sec. 24a of this act, the following contracts shall remain subject to the mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont Department of Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey:*

*(1) contracts for State construction projects executed prior to July 1, 2016;*

*(2) any change orders or amendments to contracts for State construction projects executed prior to July 1, 2016; and*

*(3) contracts for State construction projects that result from instructions to bidders posted by the State of Vermont prior to July 1, 2016.*

(b) On or before July 1, 2016, the Department of Buildings and General Services shall amend all bid packets and contracts to include mean prevailing wage rates published periodically by the Vermont Department of Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey plus an additional fringe benefit of 42 and one-half percent of wage, as calculated by the current Vermont prevailing wage survey.

*Sec. 24d. PREVAILING WAGE; UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND  
VERMONT STATE COLLEGES*

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College and the Vermont State Colleges shall pay no less than the prevailing wage determinations in accordance with the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 161(b) for any new construction or major renovation project that receives funding in any capital construction act.

*Sec. 24e. PREVAILING WAGE; AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD  
AND MARKETS AND AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
LABORATORY*

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, prevailing wage determinations for the construction of the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and the Agency of Natural Resources laboratory shall be made in accordance with the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 161(b).

*Sec. 24f. PREVAILING WAGE; AUDITS*

The Commissioner of Labor, in consultation with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, shall conduct random audits of any contractor subject to 29 V.S.A. § 161(b) in sufficient number to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.

*Sec. 25. NAMING OF STATE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

On or before January 15, 2016, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services and the State Librarian shall recommend to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions an appropriate State agency or department to name State buildings and facilities.

*Sec. 26. 29 V.S.A. § 821(a) is amended to read:*

*(a) State buildings.*

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(13) "Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory" shall be the name of the State laboratory in Randolph.

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*Sec. 27. 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 37 is amended to read:*

*Sec. 37. COUNTY COURTHOUSES; PLAN*

*(a) Pursuant to the restructuring of the Judiciary in 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 154, the Court Administrator ~~and~~, in consultation with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, shall evaluate;*

*(1) the scope of the State's responsibility for maintaining county courthouses, including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance ~~and~~;*

*(2) whether an emergency fund is necessary for construction or renovation projects at county courthouses;*

*(3) the current ownership and maintenance responsibilities for each county courthouse; and*

*(4) parameters for determining the county's share of maintaining county courthouses in the future.*

*(b) On or before January 15, 2015 2016, the Judiciary shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions with the results of the evaluation.*

*Sec. 28. 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 17 is amended to read:*

*Sec. 17. 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 26(c) is amended to read:*

*(c) ~~The~~ Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to do any or all of the following with respect to the Vermont health laboratory located at 195 Colchester Avenue in Burlington:*

*(1) investigate all potential uses of the land and building, including redeveloping the land, provided that it is consistent with existing deed covenants; ~~and~~*

*(2) enter into agreements and execute any necessary documentation to release or extinguish any of the existing deed covenants with respect to the land; and*

*(3) convey by quitclaim deed any interest in the building as is with no warranties and no representations as to conditions to the University of Vermont.*

*Sec. 29. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2, as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 1, is amended to read:*

*Sec. 1. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2 is amended to read:*

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*(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2015:*

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*(13) Permanent secure residential facility, proposal for siting ~~and~~ design (as described in Sec. 40 of this act):* *\$50,000.00*

*Sec. 30. SECURE RESIDENTIAL FACILITY; PLAN FOR SITING AND DESIGN*

*(a) The Secretary of Human Services shall conduct an examination of the needs of the Agency of Human Services for siting and designing a secure residential facility. The examination shall analyze the operating costs for the facility, including the staffing, size of the facility, the quality of care supported*



by the structure, and the broadest options available for the management and ownership of the facility.

(b) The funds appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2, as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 1, and Sec. 28 of this act, shall only become available to the Department of Buildings and General Services after the Secretary of Human Services notifies the Commissioner of Finance and Management that the examination described in subsection (a) of this section is completed.

(c) On or before February 1, 2016, the Secretary of Human Services shall present the results of the examination described in subsection (a) of this section to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Corrections and Institutions, and on Human Services, and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on Institutions.

Sec. 31. 29 V.S.A. § 156 is added to read:

§ 156. CITY OF MONTPELIER DISTRICT HEAT PLANT

MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND

(a) There is established a special fund pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 known as the City of Montpelier District Heat Plant Maintenance Reserve Fund.

(b) The Fund shall comprise payments from the City of Montpelier for the City's share of the maintenance of the District Heat Plant.

(c) Monies in the Fund shall be available to the Commissioner of Buildings and General Service for the maintenance of the District Heat Plant upon commencement of the District Heat Plant's operations.

(d) The Commissioner of Finance and Management may draw warrants for disbursements from this Fund in anticipation of receipts. Any remaining balance at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward in the Fund.

*Sec. 32. LAND TRANSFER; DUXBURY; MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING*

(a) The Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and Recreation may enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Town of Duxbury regarding the Town's use of any State-owned parcel in Camel's Hump State Park that may be conveyed to the Town.

(b) On or before January 15, 2016, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the status of the MOU described in subsection (a) of this section.

*Sec. 32a. 20 HOUGHTON STREET; USE OF PROCEEDS*

Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(d), of the proceeds received by the State for the sale of the 20 Houghton Street property in St. Albans, the sum of \$2,500,000.00 is to be deposited into the Property Management Fund (58700)

to recover the deficit incurred in the Fund as a result of the original purchase of the property.

*\* \* \* Education \* \* \**

*Sec. 33. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AID AWARDS*

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on Education, and the Senate Committees on Institutions and on Education develop a plan to evaluate strategically the statutory process set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 3448 for awarding State aid for school construction.

*Sec. 34. VERMONT INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES*

(a) On or before January 15, 2016, the Secretary of Administration and the Executive Director of the Vermont Interactive Technologies (VIT), or its successor entity, shall examine and submit a report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the ownership of all VIT property funded in whole or in part by a capital construction act.

(b) During the 2016 legislative session, the General Assembly shall determine the ownership of VIT's property based on the report described in subsection (a) of this section. No State or private entity shall assume ownership of the property until the General Assembly makes this determination.

*\*\*\* Information Technology \*\*\**

*Sec. 35. JUDICIARY; CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM; REPORT*

*Prior to finalizing vendor selection for the case management system described in Sec. 5 of this act, the Judiciary shall present a report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, the Senate Committee on Institutions, and the Joint Legislative Criminal Justice Oversight Committee established in the Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations Act. The report shall include a description of the Judiciary's process and rationale for choosing the vendor, whether the Judiciary incorporated any recommendations from the Special Committee on the Utilization of Information Technology in Government established in the Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations Act, and whether any efforts were made to integrate the case management system with any systems implemented by the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs and the Office of the Defender General. The reporting requirement of this section may be satisfied by providing testimony to the Committees.*

*Sec. 36. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REVIEW*

*(a) The Executive Branch shall transfer, upon request, one vacant position for use in the Legislative Joint Fiscal Office (JFO) for a two-year staff position, or the JFO shall hire a consultant, to provide support to the General Assembly to conduct independent reviews of State information technology projects and operations.*

(b) The Secretary of Administration and the Chief Information Officer shall:

(1) provide to the JFO access to the reviews conducted by Independent Verification and Validation (IVV) firms hired to evaluate the State's current and planned information technology project, as requested; and

(2) ensure that IVV firms' contracts allow the JFO to make requests for information related to the projects that they are reviewing and that such requests are provided to the JFO in a confidential manner.

(c) The JFO shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Executive Branch relating to any work conducted by IVV firms that shall protect security and confidentiality.

(d) In fiscal years 2016 and 2017, the JFO is authorized to use up to \$250,000.00 of the amounts appropriated in Sec. 3(b) and (c) of this act to fund activities described in this section.

(e) On or before January 15, 2017, the Secretary of Administration and the JFO shall submit reports to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the effectiveness of the position described in subsection (a) of this section and whether the process of conducting independent legislative reviews of State information technology projects and operations should be continued.

*\* \* \* Judiciary \* \* \**

*Sec. 37. LAMOILLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE; MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING; OPERATING AGREEMENT*

*(a) The Department of Buildings and General Services and the Lamoille County side judges, in consultation with the Judiciary, shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Lamoille County Courthouse. The MOU shall establish:*

*(1) the procedures for the operation of the Courthouse and the division of responsibilities between the State and the County; and*

*(2) the legal framework for ensuring that the State maintains an ownership interest in the new additions to the Courthouse, and receives a percentage of the sale price, or value in the building, equal to the percentage of capital funding appropriated to the Courthouse in the event the County decides to sell the building or to cease operations of the building as a Courthouse, or the State ceases to use the Courthouse for Superior Court functions.*

*(b) Any amounts repaid to the State under subsection (a) of this section shall not be in excess of the amount of the original State capital appropriation, and shall be appropriated to future capital construction acts.*

(c) The Judiciary and the Lamoille County side judges shall enter into an operating agreement regarding the internal functions and use of space within the Lamoille County Courthouse.

(d) The MOU described in subsection (a) of this section and the operating agreement described in subsection (b) of this section shall be executed prior to the State's occupancy of the Courthouse.

*\* \* \* Military \* \* \**

*Sec. 38. DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY; CEMETERY EXPANSION*

*PROJECT*

The Department of Military may accept federal grants, gifts, or donations to support the cemetery expansion project at the Vermont Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Randolph, Vermont.

*\* \* \* Natural Resources \* \* \**

*Sec. 39. 24 V.S.A. § 4753a(e) is amended to read:*

*(e) Loan forgiveness; drinking water.*

*(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law regarding loan forgiveness, upon the award of a loan from the Vermont Environmental Protection Agency Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), the Secretary of Natural Resources, in a manner that is consistent with federal grant provisions, may forgive up to 100 percent of a loan if the award is made for a project on the priority list and the project is capitalized, at least in part,*

*from funds derived from a federal DWSRF capitalization grant that includes provisions authorizing loan forgiveness. Such loan forgiveness shall be based on the loan value, but funds to be forgiven shall only consist of federal funds, except where the loan is used as a match to other federal grants requiring nonfederal funds as a match.*

*(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law regarding loan forgiveness, upon the award of a loan from the Vermont Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, the Secretary of Natural Resources may provide loan forgiveness for preliminary engineering and final design costs when a municipality undertakes such engineering on behalf of a household that has been disconnected involuntarily from a public water supply system for reasons other than nonpayment of fees, provided it is not the same municipality that is disconnecting the household.*

*Sec. 40. 24 V.S.A. § 4755(a) is amended to read:*

*(a) Except as provided by subsection (c) of this section, the bond bank may make loans to a municipality on behalf of the ~~state~~ State for one or more of the purposes set forth in section 4754 of this chapter. Each of such loans shall be made subject to the following conditions and limitations:*

*(1) no loan shall be made for any purpose permitted under this chapter other than from the revolving fund in which the same purpose is included;*



(2) *the total amount of loan out of a particular revolving fund shall not exceed the balance of that fund;*

(3) *the loan shall be evidenced by a municipal bond, payable by the municipality over a term not to exceed 20 30 years; or the projected useful life of the project, which is less, except:*

*(A) ~~and without~~ there shall be no deferral of payment except as provided, unless authorized by 10 V.S.A. §§ 1624(b) and § 1624a, or;*

*(B) the term of the loan shall not exceed 20 years when required by 10 V.S.A. § 1624(b); and*

*(C) the loan may be evidenced by any other permitted debt instrument payable as permitted by chapter 53 of this title;*

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*Sec. 41. 24 V.S.A. § 4756 is amended to read:*

*§ 4756. ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION*

*(a) No construction loan or loan for the purchase of land or conservation easements to a municipality shall be made under this chapter, nor shall any part of any revolving fund which is designated for project construction be expended under section 4757 of this title, until such time as:*

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*(b) The bond bank may make loans to a municipality for the preparation of final engineering plans and specifications subject to the following conditions and limitations:*

*(1) The loan shall be evidenced by a note, executed by the municipality, payable over a term not to exceed ~~20~~ 30 years at zero percent interest in equal annual payments.*

*(2) The ~~secretary of natural resources~~ Secretary of Natural Resources shall have certified to the bond bank that the project:*

*(A) has priority for award of a planning loan;*

*(B) for which final engineering plans are to be prepared, is described in a preliminary engineering plan or facilities plan that has been approved by the ~~secretary~~ Secretary; and*

*(C) is in conformance with applicable ~~state~~ State and federal law and regulations promulgated thereunder.*

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\* \* \* *Public Safety* \* \* \*

*Sec. 42. TRAINING CENTER; FINDINGS, PURPOSE, AND INTENT*

*(a) The General Assembly finds that the Robert H. Wood, Jr. Criminal Justice and Fire Service Training Center of Vermont (the Training Center) is an asset to the State because it provides multiple agencies with the space to train people who protect the lives of Vermonters. These agencies presently*

include the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, the Vermont Fire Service Training Council, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

(b) The purpose of Sec. 43 of this act is to create a committee to govern the access to, the use and future needs of, and the capital investments in Training Center facilities so that agencies continue to enjoy access to it and so that members of the public may also be able to use the Training Center. While this committee is established to oversee Training Center facilities, it is the General Assembly's intent that this committee shall not have jurisdiction over any training content provided at the Training Center.

Sec. 43. 29 V.S.A. chapter 19 is added to read:

CHAPTER 19. TRAINING CENTER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

§ 841. COMMITTEE CREATION

(a) Creation. There is created the Training Center Governance Committee to manage access to the facilities of the Robert H. Wood Jr. Criminal Justice and Fire Service Training Center of Vermont (Training Center), located in Pittsford, Vermont.

(b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following eight members:

(1) the Executive Director of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council;

(2) the Chair of the Vermont Fire Service Training Council;

(3) an employee of the Department of Buildings and General Services, appointed by the Commissioner of the Department;

(4) the Chair of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council;

(5) the Chief Training Officer of the Vermont Fire Academy;

(6) an employee of the Department of Corrections, appointed by the Commissioner of the Department;

(7) the Director of the Division of Fire Safety; and

(8) a member of the State Police, appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

(c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall:

(1) Use and access. Govern the use of and access to the Training Center. In so governing, the Committee shall take into consideration the needs of the State's various agencies and members of the public in using the Training Center's facilities.

(2) Future needs and capital investments.

(A) plan for the future capital needs of the Training Center;

(B) submit a capital program plan to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the capital construction bill set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 701a and report to the General Assembly as necessary on any recommended legislative action for capital needs; and

(C) on an ongoing basis, monitor the effectiveness of any capital investments related to training needs.

(3) Performance analysis. Establish policies to ensure the facility training needs of those persons that use the Training Center are cost-effectively met, and establish performance measures for assessing on an ongoing basis how well those needs are met.

(4) Budget and rates.

(A) manage the operating budget for the facilities at the Training Center;

(B) set the rates for use of space at the Training Center;

(C) enter into and administer new contracts on behalf of the Training Center regarding the operations of the Training Center; and

(D) develop approaches to budgeting and paying for space that encourage collaboration among those persons that use the Training Center, and address future major maintenance needs.

(d) Meetings.

(1) The Committee shall meet no fewer than four times per year.

(2) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

(3) The Committee shall elect a chair and may adopt rules of procedure.

(e) Reimbursement. Members of the Committee who are not employees of the State and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their

attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

*Sec. 44. INITIAL MEETING OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE;*

*TRANSITIONAL PROVISION*

(a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall call the initial meeting of the Training Center Governance Committee set forth in Sec. 43 of this act, to be held on or before September 30, 2015.

(b) The Training Center Governance Committee shall be responsible for requests for use of the Robert H. Wood, Jr. Criminal Justice and Fire Service Training Center of Vermont made on and after the initial Committee meeting, but shall permit any scheduled use of the Training Center made prior to that date.

(c) The Training Center Governance Committee shall have access to any contracts regarding the operations of the Training Center that are in existence prior to the date of the initial Committee meeting.

*Sec. 45. TRAINING CENTER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE; REPORT*

On or before February 1, 2016, the Training Center Governance Committee set forth in Sec. 43 of this act shall report to the General Assembly regarding the operation of its powers and duties to date and recommend any further legislative action it finds necessary.

*\* \* \* Security \* \* \**

*Sec. 46. STATE HOUSE SECURITY*

*(a) The Capitol Complex Security Working Group, established in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 26, may retain consultant services to create a security and safety protocol and conduct trainings for the State House and One Baldwin Street. Any consultants retained pursuant to this subsection shall work through the Joint Fiscal Office under the direction of the Chair of the Working Group.*

*(b) The Joint Fiscal Office, in consultation with the Speaker of the House and the Committee on Committees, shall hire the consultants to undertake the security protocol authorized in subsection (a) of this section. The Joint Fiscal Office is authorized to use funds appropriated in Sec. 20 of this act and 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2(c)(17), as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 1, to retain consultant services.*

*Sec. 47. INTERNATIONAL ROLL CALL PROGRAM; UPGRADES*

*(a) The Office of Legislative Council is authorized to retain consultant services to upgrade the legislative international roll call (IRC) program, as approved by the Legislative Staff Information Systems Team established in 2 V.S.A. § 753.*

*(b) The Legislative Staff Information Systems Team shall determine the management and oversight structure for the work authorized in subsection (a) of this section prior to the Office of Legislative Council executing a contract to*

hire the consultant. The Office of Legislative Council is authorized to use funds appropriated in Sec. 20 of this act to retain consultant services; provided, however, that no funds shall become available until the Legislative Staff Information Systems Team approves the contract, and management and oversight structure for the project.

*\*\*\* Effective Dates \*\*\**

*Sec. 48. EFFECTIVE DATES*

This act shall take effect on passage, except that:

(1) Sec. 24b shall take effect on July 1, 2017; and

(2) Sec. 24d shall take effect on July 1, 2016.