

1 H.494

2 Introduced by Committee on Appropriations

3 Date:

4 Subject: Appropriations; Big Bill; fiscal year 2024 budget

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make
6 appropriations in support of government for the fiscal year 2024.

7 An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

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

9 * * * Purpose, Definitions, Legend * * *

10 Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

11 (a) This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2024

12 Appropriations Act.

13 Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

14 (a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of

15 State government during fiscal year 2024. It is the express intent of the

16 General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments,

17 divisions, boards, and commissions be limited to those which can be supported

18 by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2023.

19 Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service

20 levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2024 to meet this condition unless

1 otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the General
2 Assembly.

3 Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

4 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serves as the
5 primary source and reference for appropriations for fiscal year 2024.

6 (b) The sums stated in this act are appropriated for the purposes specified
7 in the following sections of this act. When no time is expressly stated during
8 which any of the appropriations are to continue, the appropriations are single-
9 year appropriations and only for the purpose indicated and shall be paid from
10 funds shown as the source of funds. If in this act there is an error in either
11 addition or subtraction, the totals shall be adjusted accordingly. Apparent
12 errors in referring to section numbers of statutory titles within this act may be
13 disregarded by the Commissioner of Finance and Management.

14 (c) Unless codified or otherwise specified, all narrative portions of this act
15 apply only to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024.

16 Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

17 (a) As used in this act:

18 (1) “Encumbrances” means a portion of an appropriation reserved for
19 the subsequent payment of existing purchase orders or contracts. The
20 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the
21 appropriateness of encumbrances.

1 (2) “Grants” means subsidies, aid, or payments to local governments, to
2 community and quasi-public agencies for providing local services, and to
3 persons who are not wards of the State for services or supplies and means cash
4 or other direct assistance, including pension contributions.

5 (3) “Operating expenses” means property management; repair and
6 maintenance; rental expenses; insurance; postage; travel; energy and utilities;
7 office and other supplies; equipment, including motor vehicles, highway
8 materials, and construction; expenditures for the purchase of land and
9 construction of new buildings and permanent improvements; and similar items.

10 (4) “Personal services” means wages and salaries, fringe benefits, per
11 diems, contracted third-party services, and similar items.

12 Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

13 (a) Except as specifically provided, this act shall not be construed in any
14 way to negate or impair the full force and effect of existing laws.

15 Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

16 (a) In the absence of specific provisions to the contrary in this act, when
17 total appropriations are offset by estimated receipts, the State appropriations
18 shall control, notwithstanding receipts being greater or less than anticipated.

19 Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

20 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the Governor, with the approval of the General
21 Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the General Assembly is not in

1 session, may accept federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including
2 block grants in lieu of or in addition to funds designated as federal in this act.
3 The Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal
4 Committee if the General Assembly is not in session, may allocate all or any
5 portion of such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for
6 which the basic appropriations in this act have been made.

7 (b) If, during fiscal year 2024, federal funds available to the State of
8 Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2023 session of
9 the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are
10 abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new
11 title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for
12 any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were
13 appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for no
14 more than 45 days prior to legislative or Joint Fiscal Committee approval.
15 Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if the
16 Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint
17 Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's
18 request for approval.

19 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

20 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the total number
21 of authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary

1 positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(a)(11), shall not be increased during
2 fiscal year 2024 except for new positions authorized by the 2023 session.
3 Limited service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 5 shall not
4 be subject to this restriction.

5 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

6 (a) The act is organized by functions of government. The sections between
7 B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriations of funds for the upcoming budget
8 year. The sections between E.100 and E.9999 contain language that relates to
9 specific appropriations or government functions, or both. The function areas
10 by section numbers are as follows:

11	<u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
12	<u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons and</u>
13		<u>Property</u>
14	<u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
15	<u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
16	<u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
17	<u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
18	<u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
19	<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community</u>
20		<u>Development</u>
21	<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>

1	Total	1,512,756
2	Source of funds	
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,512,756</u>
4	Total	1,512,756
5	Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
6	Personal services	895,051
7	Operating expenses	<u>91,550</u>
8	Total	986,601
9	Source of funds	
10	Internal service funds	<u>986,601</u>
11	Total	986,601
12	Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
13	Personal services	545,717
14	Operating expenses	<u>63,558</u>
15	Total	609,275
16	Source of funds	
17	Internal service funds	<u>609,275</u>
18	Total	609,275
19	Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
20	Personal services	196,464
21	Operating expenses	<u>54,633</u>

1	Total	251,097
2	Source of funds	
3	Internal service funds	<u>251,097</u>
4	Total	251,097
5	Sec. B.104.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission	
6	Personal services	<u>240,000</u>
7	Total	240,000
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>240,000</u>
10	Total	240,000
11	Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information	
12	technology	
13	Personal services	102,479,935
14	Operating expenses	<u>36,148,517</u>
15	Total	138,628,452
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	186,726
18	Special funds	471,611
19	Internal service funds	<u>137,970,115</u>
20	Total	138,628,452
21	Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	

1	Personal services	1,456,438
2	Operating expenses	<u>306,717</u>
3	Total	1,763,155
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	1,143,286
6	Internal service funds	<u>619,869</u>
7	Total	1,763,155
8	Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
9	Personal services	2,555,838
10	Operating expenses	<u>810,848</u>
11	Total	3,366,686
12	Source of funds	
13	Internal service funds	<u>3,366,686</u>
14	Total	3,366,686
15	Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
16	Personal services	10,175,933
17	Operating expenses	<u>1,483,759</u>
18	Total	11,659,692
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	1,777,169
21	Special funds	263,589

1	Internal service funds	9,127,114
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>491,820</u>
3	Total	11,659,692
4	Sec. B.108.1 Human resources - VTHR operations	
5	Personal services	1,909,749
6	Operating expenses	<u>693,001</u>
7	Total	2,602,750
8	Source of funds	
9	Internal service funds	<u>2,602,750</u>
10	Total	2,602,750
11	Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
12	Personal services	1,140,195
13	Operating expenses	<u>655,062</u>
14	Total	1,795,257
15	Source of funds	
16	Internal service funds	<u>1,795,257</u>
17	Total	1,795,257
18	Sec. B.110 Libraries	
19	Personal services	2,404,179
20	Operating expenses	906,958
21	Grants	<u>230,214</u>

1	Total	3,541,351
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	2,088,614
4	Special funds	73,614
5	Federal funds	1,251,244
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>127,879</u>
7	Total	3,541,351
8	Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
9	Personal services	25,023,254
10	Operating expenses	<u>5,787,491</u>
11	Total	30,810,745
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	22,406,475
14	Special funds	8,359,270
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
16	Total	30,810,745
17	Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
18	Personal services	988,938
19	Operating expenses	<u>333,561</u>
20	Total	1,322,499
21	Source of funds	

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,322,499</u>
2	Total	1,322,499
3	Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
4	Personal services	45,644
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,230,723</u>
6	Total	1,276,367
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>1,276,367</u>
9	Total	1,276,367
10	Sec. B.113.1 Buildings and General Services Engineering - Capital Projects	
11	Personal services	2,730,738
12	Operating expenses	<u>500,000</u>
13	Total	3,230,738
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	2,730,738
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>500,000</u>
17	Total	3,230,738
18	Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
19	Personal services	3,646,408
20	Operating expenses	<u>1,801,847</u>
21	Total	5,448,255

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	668,401
3	Transportation fund	4,235,134
4	Special funds	<u>544,720</u>
5	Total	5,448,255
6	Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
7	Personal services	1,670,521
8	Operating expenses	<u>191,576</u>
9	Total	1,862,097
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	1,481,008
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>381,089</u>
13	Total	1,862,097
14	Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
15	Personal services	800,527
16	Operating expenses	<u>173,126</u>
17	Total	973,653
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	87,613
20	Internal service funds	<u>886,040</u>
21	Total	973,653

1	Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
2	Personal services	898,526
3	Operating expenses	<u>208,536</u>
4	Total	1,107,062
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>1,107,062</u>
7	Total	1,107,062
8	Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
9	Personal services	888,607
10	Operating expenses	<u>245,134</u>
11	Total	1,133,741
12	Source of funds	
13	Internal service funds	<u>1,133,741</u>
14	Total	1,133,741
15	Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
16	Operating expenses	<u>4,298</u>
17	Total	4,298
18	Source of funds	
19	Enterprise funds	<u>4,298</u>
20	Total	4,298
21	Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	

1	Personal services	340,128
2	Operating expenses	<u>169,529</u>
3	Total	509,657
4	Source of funds	
5	Internal service funds	<u>509,657</u>
6	Total	509,657
7	Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
8	Personal services	1,625,691
9	Operating expenses	<u>465,485</u>
10	Total	2,091,176
11	Source of funds	
12	Internal service funds	<u>2,091,176</u>
13	Total	2,091,176
14	Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
15	Personal services	18,762,037
16	Operating expenses	<u>17,272,131</u>
17	Total	36,034,168
18	Source of funds	
19	Internal service funds	35,964,112
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>70,056</u>
21	Total	36,034,168

1	Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
2	Personal services	1,583,965
3	Operating expenses	<u>467,778</u>
4	Total	2,051,743
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	1,801,931
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>249,812</u>
8	Total	2,051,743
9	Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel	
10	Personal services	3,633,429
11	Operating expenses	<u>291,348</u>
12	Total	3,924,777
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>3,924,777</u>
15	Total	3,924,777
16	Sec. B.126 Legislature	
17	Personal services	5,898,458
18	Operating expenses	<u>4,649,260</u>
19	Total	10,547,718
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>10,547,718</u>

1	Total	10,547,718
2	Sec. B.126.1 Legislative information technology	
3	Personal services	1,279,864
4	Operating expenses	<u>663,583</u>
5	Total	1,943,447
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>1,943,447</u>
8	Total	1,943,447
9	Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
10	Personal services	2,517,690
11	Operating expenses	<u>191,250</u>
12	Total	2,708,940
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>2,708,940</u>
15	Total	2,708,940
16	Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
17	Personal services	1,404,247
18	Operating expenses	<u>130,514</u>
19	Total	1,534,761
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>1,534,761</u>

1	Total	1,534,761
2	Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
3	Personal services	258,394
4	Operating expenses	<u>44,090</u>
5	Total	302,484
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>302,484</u>
8	Total	302,484
9	Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
10	Personal services	4,160,946
11	Operating expenses	<u>183,967</u>
12	Total	4,344,913
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	372,808
15	Special funds	53,145
16	Internal service funds	<u>3,918,960</u>
17	Total	4,344,913
18	Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
19	Personal services	5,374,687
20	Operating expenses	<u>273,230</u>
21	Total	5,647,917

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	1,748,837
3	Special funds	3,737,463
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>161,617</u>
5	Total	5,647,917
6	Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
7	Personal services	809,823
8	Operating expenses	<u>383,147</u>
9	Total	1,192,970
10	Source of funds	
11	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,192,970</u>
12	Total	1,192,970
13	Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
14	Personal services	221,698
15	Operating expenses	<u>2,635,981</u>
16	Total	2,857,679
17	Source of funds	
18	Pension trust funds	<u>2,857,679</u>
19	Total	2,857,679
20	Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
21	Personal services	222,371

1	Operating expenses	<u>1,428,418</u>
2	Total	1,650,789
3	Source of funds	
4	Pension trust funds	<u>1,650,789</u>
5	Total	1,650,789
6	Sec. B.134.1 Vermont Pension Investment Commission	
7	Personal services	2,002,637
8	Operating expenses	<u>248,561</u>
9	Total	2,251,198
10	Source of funds	
11	Special funds	<u>2,251,198</u>
12	Total	2,251,198
13	Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
14	Personal services	258,094
15	Operating expenses	<u>49,671</u>
16	Total	307,765
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	298,189
19	Special funds	6,788
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
21	Total	307,765

1	Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
2	Personal services	86,954
3	Operating expenses	<u>15,054</u>
4	Total	102,008
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	51,004
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>51,004</u>
8	Total	102,008
9	Sec. B.136.1 Ethics Commission	
10	Personal services	147,767
11	Operating expenses	<u>41,660</u>
12	Total	189,427
13	Source of funds	
14	Internal service funds	<u>189,427</u>
15	Total	189,427
16	Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
17	Grants	<u>16,250,000</u>
18	Total	16,250,000
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>16,250,000</u>
21	Total	16,250,000

1	Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
2	Grants	<u>9,500,000</u>
3	Total	9,500,000
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>
6	Total	9,500,000
7	Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
8	Grants	<u>3,394,500</u>
9	Total	3,394,500
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>3,394,500</u>
12	Total	3,394,500
13	Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
14	Grants	<u>18,600,000</u>
15	Total	18,600,000
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	<u>18,600,000</u>
18	Total	18,600,000
19	Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
20	Grants	<u>12,280,750</u>
21	Total	12,280,750

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	<u>12,280,750</u>
3	Total	12,280,750
4	Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier	
5	Grants	<u>184,000</u>
6	Total	184,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	<u>184,000</u>
9	Total	184,000
10	Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
11	Grants	<u>40,000</u>
12	Total	40,000
13	Source of funds	
14	Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
15	Total	40,000
16	Sec. B.145 Total general government	
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	109,175,063
19	Transportation fund	4,235,134
20	Special funds	28,366,148
21	Federal funds	1,251,244

1	Internal service funds	203,532,178
2	Interdepartmental transfers	5,157,757
3	Enterprise funds	4,298
4	Pension trust funds	4,508,468
5	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,192,970</u>
6	Total	357,423,260
7	Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
8	Personal services	12,957,305
9	Operating expenses	1,696,265
10	Grants	<u>20,000</u>
11	Total	14,673,570
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	6,974,796
14	Special funds	2,142,678
15	Tobacco fund	422,000
16	Federal funds	1,583,958
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,550,138</u>
18	Total	14,673,570
19	Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
20	Personal services	1,250
21	Grants	<u>3,142,971</u>

1	Total	3,144,221
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	2,886,224
4	Special funds	<u>257,997</u>
5	Total	3,144,221
6	Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
7	Personal services	15,416,603
8	Operating expenses	<u>1,235,698</u>
9	Total	16,652,301
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	15,912,648
12	Special funds	589,653
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>150,000</u>
14	Total	16,652,301
15	Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
16	Personal services	6,913,974
17	Operating expenses	<u>49,500</u>
18	Total	6,963,474
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>6,963,474</u>
21	Total	6,963,474

1	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
2	Personal services	52,195,909
3	Operating expenses	11,583,876
4	Grants	<u>121,030</u>
5	Total	63,900,815
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	57,890,863
8	Special funds	2,888,542
9	Federal funds	953,928
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,167,482</u>
11	Total	63,900,815
12	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
13	Personal services	13,962,744
14	Operating expenses	<u>1,999,496</u>
15	Total	15,962,240
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	15,079,997
18	Special funds	109,778
19	Federal funds	233,490
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>538,975</u>
21	Total	15,962,240

1	Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
2	Personal services	64,287
3	Operating expenses	24,295
4	Grants	<u>2,140,047</u>
5	Total	2,228,629
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>2,228,629</u>
8	Total	2,228,629
9	Sec. B.206.1 Crime Victims Advocates	
10	Personal services	2,529,804
11	Operating expenses	<u>106,693</u>
12	Total	2,636,497
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>2,636,497</u>
15	Total	2,636,497
16	Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
17	Personal services	4,698,652
18	Operating expenses	<u>390,662</u>
19	Total	5,089,314
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>5,089,314</u>

1	Total	5,089,314
2	Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
3	Personal services	4,539,941
4	Operating expenses	5,417,264
5	Grants	<u>357,986</u>
6	Total	10,315,191
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	6,138,814
9	Special funds	4,105
10	Federal funds	410,260
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,762,012</u>
12	Total	10,315,191
13	Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
14	Personal services	67,754,321
15	Operating expenses	13,861,460
16	Grants	<u>1,591,501</u>
17	Total	83,207,282
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	53,763,634
20	Transportation fund	20,250,000
21	Special funds	3,166,387

1	Federal funds	4,308,150
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,719,111</u>
3	Total	83,207,282
4	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
5	Personal services	5,378,976
6	Operating expenses	<u>1,582,009</u>
7	Total	6,960,985
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,467,321
10	Special funds	4,970,533
11	Federal funds	<u>523,131</u>
12	Total	6,960,985
13	Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management	
14	Personal services	4,561,578
15	Operating expenses	1,224,288
16	Grants	<u>25,350,252</u>
17	Total	31,136,118
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	668,427
20	Special funds	710,000
21	Federal funds	29,561,807

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>195,884</u>
2	Total	31,136,118
3	Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
4	Personal services	8,663,478
5	Operating expenses	2,974,022
6	Grants	<u>107,000</u>
7	Total	11,744,500
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,505,641
10	Special funds	9,567,787
11	Federal funds	626,072
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
13	Total	11,744,500
14	Sec. B.213 Public safety - Forensic Laboratory	
15	Personal services	3,563,059
16	Operating expenses	<u>1,198,044</u>
17	Total	4,761,103
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	3,626,083
20	Special funds	66,395
21	Federal funds	532,582

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>536,043</u>
2	Total	4,761,103
3	Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
4	Personal services	958,260
5	Operating expenses	746,963
6	Grants	<u>1,319,834</u>
7	Total	3,025,057
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>3,025,057</u>
10	Total	3,025,057
11	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
12	Personal services	9,124,240
13	Operating expenses	<u>1,396,315</u>
14	Total	10,520,555
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	665,922
17	Federal funds	<u>9,854,633</u>
18	Total	10,520,555
19	Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
20	Personal services	41,464,878
21	Operating expenses	<u>7,542,958</u>

1	Total	49,007,836
2	Source of funds	
3	Federal funds	<u>49,007,836</u>
4	Total	49,007,836
5	Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
6	Personal services	789,478
7	Operating expenses	<u>937,403</u>
8	Total	1,726,881
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,664,381
11	Special funds	<u>62,500</u>
12	Total	1,726,881
13	Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
14	Personal services	1,204,996
15	Operating expenses	202,180
16	Grants	<u>33,300</u>
17	Total	1,440,476
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,092,634
20	Special funds	241,942
21	Federal funds	<u>105,900</u>

1	Total	1,440,476
2	Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
3	Personal services	1,967,547
4	Operating expenses	391,397
5	Grants	<u>9,181,723</u>
6	Total	11,540,667
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	1,472,674
9	Special funds	3,461,972
10	Federal funds	<u>6,606,021</u>
11	Total	11,540,667
12	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council	
13	Personal services	2,360,658
14	Operating expenses	<u>1,711,725</u>
15	Total	4,072,383
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	3,720,035
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>352,348</u>
19	Total	4,072,383
20	Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
21	Personal services	2,648,873

1	Operating expenses	367,498
2	Grants	<u>217,222</u>
3	Total	3,233,593
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	1,467,038
6	Special funds	1,242,062
7	Federal funds	<u>524,493</u>
8	Total	3,233,593
9	Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer protection	
10	Personal services	4,963,520
11	Operating expenses	1,096,940
12	Grants	<u>2,780,000</u>
13	Total	8,840,460
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	3,281,095
16	Special funds	3,942,188
17	Federal funds	1,605,177
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>12,000</u>
19	Total	8,840,460
20	Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
21	Personal services	6,409,252

1	Operating expenses	678,344
2	Grants	<u>15,063,425</u>
3	Total	22,151,021
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	3,068,393
6	Special funds	627,904
7	Federal funds	<u>18,454,724</u>
8	Total	22,151,021
9	Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management	
10	and environmental stewardship	
11	Personal services	2,594,186
12	Operating expenses	979,802
13	Grants	<u>212,000</u>
14	Total	3,785,988
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	745,509
17	Special funds	2,297,266
18	Federal funds	390,117
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>353,096</u>
20	Total	3,785,988

1	Sec. B.225.1	Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont Agriculture and	
2		Environmental Lab	
3		Personal services	1,711,447
4		Operating expenses	<u>1,363,276</u>
5		Total	3,074,723
6		Source of funds	
7		General fund	1,296,731
8		Special funds	1,715,459
9		Interdepartmental transfers	<u>62,533</u>
10		Total	3,074,723
11	Sec. B.225.2	Agriculture, Food and Markets - Clean Water	
12		Personal services	3,637,927
13		Operating expenses	575,499
14		Grants	<u>6,330,630</u>
15		Total	10,544,056
16		Source of funds	
17		General fund	1,482,136
18		Special funds	8,248,477
19		Federal funds	462,351
20		Interdepartmental transfers	<u>351,092</u>
21		Total	10,544,056

1	Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
2	Personal services	2,580,669
3	Operating expenses	<u>159,635</u>
4	Total	2,740,304
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	<u>2,740,304</u>
7	Total	2,740,304
8	Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
9	Personal services	2,426,962
10	Operating expenses	<u>510,179</u>
11	Total	2,937,141
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	<u>2,937,141</u>
14	Total	2,937,141
15	Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
16	Personal services	4,872,900
17	Operating expenses	<u>634,698</u>
18	Total	5,507,598
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	<u>5,507,598</u>
21	Total	5,507,598

1	Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
2	Personal services	5,294,300
3	Operating expenses	<u>710,775</u>
4	Total	6,005,075
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	<u>6,005,075</u>
7	Total	6,005,075
8	Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
9	Personal services	1,294,776
10	Operating expenses	<u>279,335</u>
11	Total	1,574,111
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	<u>1,574,111</u>
14	Total	1,574,111
15	Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
16	Personal services	17,824,897
17	Operating expenses	<u>3,932,905</u>
18	Total	21,757,802
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	16,241,811
21	Federal funds	<u>5,515,991</u>

1	Total	21,757,802
2	Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
3	Personal services	11,014,203
4	Operating expenses	1,730,270
5	Grants	<u>328,300</u>
6	Total	13,072,773
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	12,310,355
9	Federal funds	741,706
10	Enterprise funds	<u>20,712</u>
11	Total	13,072,773
12	Sec. B.233.1 Vermont Community Broadband Board	
13	Personal services	1,211,623
14	Operating expenses	155,443
15	Grants	<u>1,300,000</u>
16	Total	2,667,066
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	12,310,355
19	Federal funds	<u>1,556,379</u>
20	Total	2,667,066
21	Sec. B.234 Public utility commission	

1	Personal services	3,913,942
2	Operating expenses	<u>549,933</u>
3	Total	4,463,875
4	Source of funds	
5	Special funds	<u>4,463,875</u>
6	Total	4,463,875
7	Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
8	Personal services	4,344,046
9	Operating expenses	<u>451,287</u>
10	Total	4,795,333
11	Source of funds	
12	Special funds	<u>4,795,333</u>
13	Total	4,795,333
14	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
15	Personal services	915,815
16	Operating expenses	<u>90,104</u>
17	Total	1,005,919
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	920,110
20	Federal funds	<u>85,809</u>
21	Total	1,005,919

1	Sec. B.236.1 Liquor & Lottery Comm. Office	
2	Personal services	8,610,070
3	Operating expenses	<u>5,529,374</u>
4	Total	14,139,444
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	60,000
7	Tobacco fund	213,843
8	Interdepartmental transfers	70,000
9	Enterprise funds	<u>13,795,601</u>
10	Total	14,139,444
11	Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board	
12	Personal services	4,829,061
13	Operating expenses	<u>341,631</u>
14	Total	5,170,692
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	<u>5,170,692</u>
17	Total	5,170,692
18	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property	
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	206,734,077
21	Transportation fund	20,250,000

1	Special funds	109,230,607
2	Tobacco fund	635,843
3	Federal funds	133,644,515
4	Interdepartmental transfers	13,865,714
5	Enterprise funds	<u>13,816,313</u>
6	Total	498,177,069
7	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
8	Personal services	13,600,350
9	Operating expenses	5,402,086
10	Grants	<u>2,895,202</u>
11	Total	21,897,638
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	9,547,206
14	Special funds	135,517
15	Federal funds	11,415,773
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>799,142</u>
17	Total	21,897,638
18	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
19	Grants	<u>1,982,665,335</u>
20	Total	1,982,665,335
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	644,949,964
2	Special funds	32,994,384
3	Tobacco fund	21,049,373
4	State health care resources fund	25,265,312
5	Federal funds	1,254,372,132
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,034,170</u>
7	Total	1,982,665,335
8	Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
9	Personal services	458,902
10	Operating expenses	95,330
11	Grants	<u>191,595</u>
12	Total	745,827
13	Source of funds	
14	Special funds	12,000
15	Federal funds	<u>733,827</u>
16	Total	745,827
17	Sec. B.304 Human services board	
18	Personal services	648,082
19	Operating expenses	<u>89,467</u>
20	Total	737,549
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	452,996
2	Federal funds	<u>284,553</u>
3	Total	737,549
4	Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
5	Personal services	330,000
6	Operating expenses	<u>13,170,000</u>
7	Total	13,500,000
8	Source of funds	
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,500,000</u>
10	Total	13,500,000
11	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
12	Personal services	136,568,959
13	Operating expenses	44,391,640
14	Grants	<u>2,912,301</u>
15	Total	183,872,900
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	35,605,917
18	Special funds	4,753,011
19	Federal funds	134,621,243
20	Global Commitment fund	4,220,337
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,672,392</u>

1	Total	183,872,900
2	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global	
3	commitment	
4	Personal services	547,983
5	Grants	<u>929,980,238</u>
6	Total	930,528,221
7	Source of funds	
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>930,528,221</u>
9	Total	930,528,221
10	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state	
11	only	
12	Grants	<u>53,067,318</u>
13	Total	53,067,318
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	53,062,626
16	Global Commitment fund	<u>4,692</u>
17	Total	53,067,318
18	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver	
19	matched	
20	Grants	<u>34,621,472</u>
21	Total	34,621,472

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	12,634,069
3	Federal funds	<u>21,987,403</u>
4	Total	34,621,472
5	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
6	Personal services	8,154,782
7	Operating expenses	7,410,428
8	Grants	<u>16,243,681</u>
9	Total	31,808,891
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	2,904,720
12	Special funds	2,160,065
13	Federal funds	19,942,421
14	Global Commitment fund	6,732,468
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>69,217</u>
16	Total	31,808,891
17	Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
18	Personal services	64,592,946
19	Operating expenses	13,047,530
20	Grants	<u>46,400,176</u>
21	Total	124,040,652

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	12,635,155
3	Special funds	25,017,725
4	Tobacco fund	1,088,918
5	Federal funds	66,980,622
6	Global Commitment fund	16,582,951
7	Interdepartmental transfers	1,710,281
8	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
9	Total	124,040,652
10	Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs	
11	Personal services	6,253,749
12	Operating expenses	511,500
13	Grants	<u>60,391,638</u>
14	Total	67,156,887
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	5,191,811
17	Special funds	1,435,054
18	Tobacco fund	949,917
19	Federal funds	21,771,442
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>37,808,663</u>
21	Total	67,156,887

1	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
2	Personal services	47,605,534
3	Operating expenses	5,272,240
4	Grants	<u>263,179,075</u>
5	Total	316,056,849
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	25,177,260
8	Special funds	1,708,155
9	Federal funds	10,944,099
10	Global Commitment fund	278,213,195
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>
12	Total	316,056,849
13	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support	
14	services	
15	Personal services	44,551,963
16	Operating expenses	17,168,731
17	Grants	<u>3,919,106</u>
18	Total	65,639,800
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	37,178,609
21	Special funds	2,781,912

1	Federal funds	23,564,095
2	Global Commitment fund	1,659,321
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>455,863</u>
4	Total	65,639,800
5	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
6	Personal services	43,987,652
7	Operating expenses	5,180,385
8	Grants	<u>93,971,639</u>
9	Total	143,139,676
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	59,007,017
12	Special funds	729,587
13	Federal funds	33,937,204
14	Global Commitment fund	49,428,131
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>37,737</u>
16	Total	143,139,676
17	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
18	Personal services	5,708,075
19	Operating expenses	812,971
20	Grants	<u>95,860,842</u>
21	Total	102,381,888

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	35,016,309
3	Special funds	16,745,000
4	Federal funds	37,458,808
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>13,161,771</u>
6	Total	102,381,888
7	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
8	Personal services	12,411,108
9	Operating expenses	<u>3,714,732</u>
10	Total	16,125,840
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	4,900,195
13	Special funds	455,719
14	Federal funds	10,382,326
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
16	Total	16,125,840
17	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and	
18	disabled	
19	Personal services	2,252,206
20	Grants	<u>10,431,118</u>
21	Total	12,683,324

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	7,533,333
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,149,991</u>
4	Total	12,683,324
5	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
6	Personal services	15,000
7	Grants	<u>10,323,574</u>
8	Total	10,338,574
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	10,041,239
11	Federal funds	11,320
12	Global Commitment fund	<u>286,015</u>
13	Total	10,338,574
14	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
15	Grants	<u>44,377,812</u>
16	Total	44,377,812
17	Source of funds	
18	Federal funds	<u>44,377,812</u>
19	Total	44,377,812
20	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
21	Operating expenses	30,633

1	Grants	<u>35,536,413</u>
2	Total	35,567,046
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	23,233,869
5	Special funds	5,970,229
6	Federal funds	3,531,330
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,831,618</u>
8	Total	35,567,046
9	Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel	
10	assistance/LIHEAP	
11	Grants	<u>16,019,953</u>
12	Total	16,019,953
13	Source of funds	
14	Special funds	1,480,395
15	Federal funds	<u>14,539,558</u>
16	Total	16,019,953
17	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic	
18	opportunity	
19	Personal services	758,166
20	Operating expenses	95,628
21	Grants	<u>26,034,109</u>

1	Total	26,887,903
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	20,513,510
4	Special funds	83,135
5	Federal funds	4,935,273
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,355,985</u>
7	Total	26,887,903
8	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization	
9	assistance	
10	Personal services	415,233
11	Operating expenses	251,470
12	Grants	<u>11,838,018</u>
13	Total	12,504,721
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	7,649,635
16	Federal funds	<u>4,855,086</u>
17	Total	12,504,721
18	Sec. B.327 Department for Children and Families - Secure Residential	
19	Treatment	
20	Personal services	258,100
21	Operating expenses	153,597

1	Grants	<u>3,476,862</u>
2	Total	3,888,559
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	3,858,559
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>
6	Total	3,888,559
7	Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination	
8	services	
9	Personal services	7,486,999
10	Operating expenses	<u>489,130</u>
11	Total	7,976,129
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	118,796
14	Federal funds	<u>7,857,333</u>
15	Total	7,976,129
16	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &	
17	support	
18	Personal services	43,344,530
19	Operating expenses	<u>6,323,252</u>
20	Total	49,667,782
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	22,121,948
2	Special funds	1,390,457
3	Federal funds	25,054,093
4	Global Commitment fund	35,000
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>
6	Total	49,667,782
7	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and	
8	independent living grants	
9	Grants	<u>22,165,328</u>
10	Total	22,165,328
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	8,963,695
13	Federal funds	7,278,114
14	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,923,519</u>
15	Total	22,165,328
16	Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually	
17	impaired	
18	Grants	<u>1,907,604</u>
19	Total	1,907,604
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	489,154

1	Special funds	223,450
2	Federal funds	890,000
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>305,000</u>
4	Total	1,907,604
5	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational rehabilitation	
6	Grants	<u>10,179,845</u>
7	Total	10,179,845
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,371,845
10	Federal funds	7,558,000
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>
12	Total	10,179,845
13	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental services	
14	Grants	<u>305,844,633</u>
15	Total	305,844,633
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	155,125
18	Special funds	15,463
19	Federal funds	431,512
20	Global Commitment fund	305,192,533
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>

1	Total	305,844,633
2	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and	
3	community based waiver	
4	Grants	<u>6,574,808</u>
5	Total	6,574,808
6	Source of funds	
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>6,574,808</u>
8	Total	6,574,808
9	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care	
10	Grants	<u>267,230,683</u>
11	Total	267,230,683
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	498,579
14	Federal funds	2,450,000
15	Global Commitment fund	<u>264,282,104</u>
16	Total	267,230,683
17	Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
18	Personal services	3,806,377
19	Operating expenses	<u>243,057</u>
20	Total	4,049,434
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>4,049,434</u>
2	Total	4,049,434
3	Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
4	Personal services	412,972
5	Operating expenses	<u>59,257</u>
6	Total	472,229
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>472,229</u>
9	Total	472,229
10	Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
11	Personal services	3,648,027
12	Operating expenses	<u>245,425</u>
13	Total	3,893,452
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	3,744,668
16	Education fund	0
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
18	Total	3,893,452
19	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
20	Personal services	139,473,576
21	Operating expenses	<u>24,600,099</u>

1	Total	164,073,675
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	159,502,946
4	Special funds	935,963
5	Federal funds	492,196
6	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
8	Total	164,073,675
9	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Reinvestment II	
10	Grants	<u>10,768,219</u>
11	Total	10,768,219
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	8,190,531
14	Federal funds	13,147
15	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>
16	Total	10,768,219
17	Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services-out of state beds	
18	Personal services	<u>3,230,726</u>
19	Total	3,230,726
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>3,230,726</u>

1	Total	3,230,726
2	Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
3	Personal services	598,105
4	Operating expenses	<u>455,845</u>
5	Total	1,053,950
6	Source of funds	
7	Special funds	<u>1,053,950</u>
8	Total	1,053,950
9	Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
10	Personal services	1,220,613
11	Operating expenses	<u>525,784</u>
12	Total	1,746,397
13	Source of funds	
14	Internal service funds	<u>1,746,397</u>
15	Total	1,746,397
16	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
17	Personal services	18,187,631
18	Operating expenses	<u>5,978,873</u>
19	Total	24,166,504
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	4,199,478

1	Special funds	11,655,797
2	Federal funds	<u>8,311,229</u>
3	Total	24,166,504
4	Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
5	Personal services	396,540
6	Operating expenses	<u>74,880</u>
7	Total	471,420
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	467,572
10	Special funds	<u>3,848</u>
11	Total	471,420
12	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
13	Grants	<u>155,490</u>
14	Total	155,490
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>155,490</u>
17	Total	155,490
18	Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board	
19	Personal services	8,136,639
20	Operating expenses	<u>402,594</u>
21	Total	8,539,233

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	3,392,339
3	Special funds	<u>5,146,894</u>
4	Total	8,539,233
5	Sec. B.346 Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate	
6	Personal services	387,000
7	Operating expenses	<u>26,000</u>
8	Total	413,000
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	<u>413,000</u>
11	Total	413,000
12	Sec. B.347 Total human services	
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	1,224,981,919
15	Special funds	124,537,345
16	Tobacco fund	23,088,208
17	State health care resources fund	25,265,312
18	Education fund	0
19	Federal funds	1,780,981,951
20	Global Commitment fund	1,935,617,119
21	Internal service funds	1,746,397

1	Interdepartmental transfers	28,591,925
2	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
3	Total	5,144,835,176
4	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
5	Personal services	40,642,780
6	Operating expenses	5,955,495
7	Grants	<u>12,432,900</u>
8	Total	59,031,175
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	10,600,636
11	Special funds	10,806,858
12	Federal funds	37,373,681
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>250,000</u>
14	Total	59,031,175
15	Sec. B.401 Total labor	
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	10,600,636
18	Special funds	10,806,858
19	Federal funds	37,373,681
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>250,000</u>
21	Total	59,031,175

1	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
2	Personal services	17,683,192
3	Operating expenses	4,387,522
4	Grants	<u>15,270,700</u>
5	Total	37,341,414
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	7,415,742
8	Special funds	16,575,926
9	Education fund	3,486,447
10	Federal funds	9,220,942
11	Global Commitment fund	260,000
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>382,357</u>
13	Total	37,341,414
14	Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
15	Personal services	30,951,380
16	Operating expenses	1,074,585
17	Grants	<u>459,907,273</u>
18	Total	491,933,238
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	4,990,183
21	Special funds	3,024,560

1	Tobacco fund	750,388
2	Federal funds	<u>483,168,107</u>
3	Total	491,933,238
4	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
5	Grants	<u>226,195,600</u>
6	Total	226,195,600
7	Source of funds	
8	Education fund	<u>226,195,600</u>
9	Total	226,195,600
10	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
11	Grants	<u>19,000,000</u>
12	Total	19,000,000
13	Source of funds	
14	Education fund	<u>19,000,000</u>
15	Total	19,000,000
16	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
17	Grants	<u>5,912,900</u>
18	Total	5,912,900
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	4,996,850
21	Federal funds	<u>916,050</u>

1	Total	5,912,900
2	Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
3	Grants	<u>10,143,000</u>
4	Total	10,143,000
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	921,500
7	Education fund	<u>9,221,500</u>
8	Total	10,143,000
9	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
10	Grants	<u>1,703,317,103</u>
11	Total	1,703,317,103
12	Source of funds	
13	Education fund	<u>1,703,317,103</u>
14	Total	1,703,317,103
15	Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
16	Grants	<u>23,520,000</u>
17	Total	23,520,000
18	Source of funds	
19	Education fund	<u>23,520,000</u>
20	Total	23,520,000
21	Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants	

1	Grants	<u>8,300,000</u>
2	Total	8,300,000
3	Source of funds	
4	Education fund	<u>8,300,000</u>
5	Total	8,300,000
6	Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition	
7	Grants	<u>29,000,000</u>
8	Total	29,000,000
9	Source of funds	
10	Education fund	<u>29,000,000</u>
11	Total	29,000,000
12	Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
13	Grants	<u>8,350,389</u>
14	Total	8,350,389
15	Source of funds	
16	Education fund	<u>8,350,389</u>
17	Total	8,350,389
18	Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
19	Grants	<u>17,030,400</u>
20	Total	17,030,400
21	Source of funds	

1	Education fund	<u>17,030,400</u>
2	Total	17,030,400
3	Sec. B.511.1 State Board of Education	
4	Personal services	38,905
5	Operating expenses	<u>31,803</u>
6	Total	70,708
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>70,708</u>
9	Total	70,708
10	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
11	Grants	<u>184,811,051</u>
12	Total	184,811,051
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	151,682,914
15	Education fund	<u>33,128,137</u>
16	Total	184,811,051
17	Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	
18	Personal services	359,615
19	Operating expenses	<u>2,940,372</u>
20	Total	3,299,987
21	Source of funds	

1	Pension trust funds	<u>3,299,987</u>
2	Total	3,299,987
3	Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
4	Grants	<u>53,740,528</u>
5	Total	53,740,528
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	38,318,167
8	Education fund	<u>15,422,361</u>
9	Total	53,740,528
10	Sec. B.516 Total general education	
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	208,396,064
13	Special funds	19,600,486
14	Tobacco fund	750,388
15	Education fund	2,095,971,937
16	Federal funds	493,305,099
17	Global Commitment fund	260,000
18	Interdepartmental transfers	382,357
19	Pension trust funds	<u>3,299,987</u>
20	Total	2,821,966,318
21	Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	

1	Grants	<u>54,084,366</u>
2	Total	54,084,366
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	<u>54,084,366</u>
5	Total	54,084,366
6	Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
7	Grants	<u>30,500,464</u>
8	Total	30,500,464
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	<u>30,500,464</u>
11	Total	30,500,464
12	Sec. B.602.2 Vermont state colleges - Transformation funding	
13	Grants	<u>17,500,000</u>
14	Total	17,500,000
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>17,500,000</u>
17	Total	17,500,000
18	Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
19	Grants	<u>1,157,775</u>
20	Total	1,157,775
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	748,314
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>
3	Total	1,157,775
4	Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
5	Grants	<u>25,378,588</u>
6	Total	25,378,588
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>25,378,588</u>
9	Total	25,378,588
10	Sec. B.605.1 VSAC - Flexible Pathways Stipend	
11	Grants	<u>82,450</u>
12	Total	82,450
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	41,225
15	Education fund	<u>41,225</u>
16	Total	82,450
17	Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
18	Grants	<u>86,520</u>
19	Total	86,520
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>86,520</u>

1	Total	86,520
2	Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm	
3	Grants	<u>1</u>
4	Total	1
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>1</u>
7	Total	1
8	Sec. B.608 Total higher education	
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	128,339,478
11	Education fund	41,225
12	Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>
13	Total	128,790,164
14	Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	
15	Personal services	5,824,798
16	Operating expenses	<u>1,471,913</u>
17	Total	7,296,711
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	4,914,987
20	Special funds	775,079
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,606,645</u>

1	Total	7,296,711
2	Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment	
3	Operating expenses	<u>2,674,517</u>
4	Total	2,674,517
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	2,253,017
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
8	Total	2,674,517
9	Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
10	Personal services	21,567,730
11	Operating expenses	7,140,027
12	Grants	<u>936,232</u>
13	Total	29,643,989
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	7,173,206
16	Special funds	370,644
17	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090
18	Federal funds	9,793,589
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,385,460</u>
20	Total	29,643,989
21	Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	

1	Personal services	1,200,585
2	Operating expenses	<u>1,596,687</u>
3	Total	2,797,272
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	2,675,711
6	Special funds	<u>121,561</u>
7	Total	2,797,272
8	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
9	Personal services	7,452,243
10	Operating expenses	921,952
11	Grants	<u>1,184,458</u>
12	Total	9,558,653
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	6,033,830
15	Special funds	608,616
16	Federal funds	2,695,959
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>220,248</u>
18	Total	9,558,653
19	Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
20	Personal services	12,306,202
21	Operating expenses	3,741,476

1	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
2	Total	16,097,678
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	690,613
5	Special funds	<u>15,407,065</u>
6	Total	16,097,678
7	Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration and recreation	
8	Personal services	2,496,749
9	Operating expenses	395,675
10	Grants	<u>2,827,587</u>
11	Total	5,720,011
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	1,110,710
14	Special funds	2,141,005
15	Federal funds	2,225,851
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>242,445</u>
17	Total	5,720,011
18	Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest and parks access roads	
19	Personal services	130,000
20	Operating expenses	<u>99,925</u>
21	Total	229,925

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>229,925</u>
3	Total	229,925
4	Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services	
5	Personal services	8,525,369
6	Operating expenses	4,700,521
7	Grants	<u>116,640</u>
8	Total	13,342,530
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	2,039,082
11	Special funds	788,553
12	Federal funds	2,129,363
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>8,385,532</u>
14	Total	13,342,530
15	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
16	Personal services	26,006,961
17	Operating expenses	10,026,393
18	Grants	<u>4,905,988</u>
19	Total	40,939,342
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	193,565

1	Special funds	26,236,633
2	Federal funds	14,342,090
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>167,054</u>
4	Total	40,939,342
5	Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs	
6	Personal services	48,062,786
7	Operating expenses	7,982,625
8	Grants	<u>46,863,117</u>
9	Total	102,908,528
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	9,971,201
12	Special funds	30,662,978
13	Federal funds	61,487,925
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>786,424</u>
15	Total	102,908,528
16	Sec. B.713 Natural resources board	
17	Personal services	3,082,659
18	Operating expenses	<u>397,315</u>
19	Total	3,479,974
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	713,735

1	Special funds	<u>2,766,239</u>
2	Total	3,479,974
3	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	37,999,582
6	Special funds	79,878,373
7	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090
8	Federal funds	92,674,777
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,215,308</u>
10	Total	234,689,130
11	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce and	
12	community development - administration	
13	Personal services	2,610,304
14	Operating expenses	982,307
15	Grants	<u>539,820</u>
16	Total	4,132,431
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	3,666,442
19	Federal funds	351,000
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>114,989</u>
21	Total	4,132,431

1	Sec. B.801 Economic development	
2	Personal services	4,803,989
3	Operating expenses	1,050,879
4	Grants	<u>6,433,544</u>
5	Total	12,288,412
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	5,489,902
8	Special funds	616,421
9	Federal funds	4,358,416
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,823,673</u>
11	Total	12,288,412
12	Sec. B.802 Housing and community development	
13	Personal services	6,428,334
14	Operating expenses	705,584
15	Grants	<u>22,239,005</u>
16	Total	29,372,923
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	5,031,943
19	Special funds	5,437,054
20	Federal funds	15,854,615
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,049,311</u>

1	Total	29,372,923
2	Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
3	Personal services	5,208,860
4	Operating expenses	8,930,168
5	Grants	<u>1,050,000</u>
6	Total	15,189,028
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	4,630,975
9	Federal funds	10,483,053
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
11	Total	15,189,028
12	Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
13	Grants	<u>887,981</u>
14	Total	887,981
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>887,981</u>
17	Total	887,981
18	Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
19	Grants	<u>145,320</u>
20	Total	145,320
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>145,320</u>
2	Total	145,320
3	Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
4	Grants	<u>1,060,699</u>
5	Total	1,060,699
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>1,060,699</u>
8	Total	1,060,699
9	Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
10	Grants	<u>76,519,068</u>
11	Total	76,519,068
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	14,552,855
14	Federal funds	<u>61,966,213</u>
15	Total	76,519,068
16	Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
17	Grants	<u>300,000</u>
18	Total	300,000
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>300,000</u>
21	Total	300,000

1	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	21,213,262
4	Special funds	20,606,330
5	Federal funds	93,013,297
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,062,973</u>
7	Total	139,895,862
8	Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
9	Personal services	16,695,727
10	Operating expenses	5,232,777
11	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
12	Total	21,978,504
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	20,977,164
15	Federal funds	<u>1,001,340</u>
16	Total	21,978,504
17	Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
18	Personal services	3,532,154
19	Operating expenses	13,397,252
20	Grants	<u>345,000</u>
21	Total	17,274,406

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	6,166,805
3	Federal funds	<u>11,107,601</u>
4	Total	17,274,406
5	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
6	Operating expenses	<u>1,525,000</u>
7	Total	1,525,000
8	Source of funds	
9	Transportation fund	<u>1,525,000</u>
10	Total	1,525,000
11	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
12	Personal services	65,810,461
13	Operating expenses	311,158,635
14	Grants	<u>25,916,923</u>
15	Total	402,886,019
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	53,411,002
18	TIB fund	22,129,870
19	Federal funds	321,560,449
20	Interdepartmental transfers	1,411,518
21	Local match	<u>4,373,180</u>

1	Total	402,886,019
2	Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
3	Personal services	800,000
4	Operating expenses	<u>846,444</u>
5	Total	1,646,444
6	Source of funds	
7	Transportation fund	166,964
8	Federal funds	<u>1,479,480</u>
9	Total	1,646,444
10	Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
11	Personal services	42,637,277
12	Operating expenses	<u>64,893,488</u>
13	Total	107,530,765
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	106,784,950
16	Federal funds	645,815
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
18	Total	107,530,765
19	Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
20	Personal services	4,984,735
21	Operating expenses	1,099,716

1	Grants	<u>7,227,544</u>
2	Total	13,311,995
3	Source of funds	
4	Transportation fund	3,260,534
5	Federal funds	9,989,315
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>62,146</u>
7	Total	13,311,995
8	Sec. B.906.1 Transportation - Environmental Policy and Sustainability	
9	Personal services	2,009,518
10	Grants	<u>25,964,730</u>
11	Total	27,974,248
12	Source of funds	
13	Transportation fund	472,695
14	Federal funds	22,095,781
15	Local match	<u>5,405,772</u>
16	Total	27,974,248
17	Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
18	Personal services	3,622,004
19	Operating expenses	<u>39,386,316</u>
20	Total	43,008,320
21	Source of funds	

1	Transportation fund	15,608,462
2	Federal funds	26,596,858
3	Interdepartmental transfers	671,000
4	Local match	<u>132,000</u>
5	Total	43,008,320
6	Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
7	Personal services	4,062,649
8	Operating expenses	90,285
9	Grants	<u>44,642,396</u>
10	Total	48,795,330
11	Source of funds	
12	Transportation fund	9,016,189
13	Federal funds	39,639,141
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>140,000</u>
15	Total	48,795,330
16	Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
17	Personal services	5,367,400
18	Operating expenses	<u>18,588,985</u>
19	Total	23,956,385
20	Source of funds	
21	Internal service funds	<u>23,956,385</u>

1	Total	23,956,385
2	Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
3	Personal services	31,563,822
4	Operating expenses	<u>13,346,863</u>
5	Total	44,910,685
6	Source of funds	
7	Transportation fund	42,101,908
8	Federal funds	2,687,081
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>121,696</u>
10	Total	44,910,685
11	Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
12	Grants	<u>7,416,000</u>
13	Total	7,416,000
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	<u>7,416,000</u>
16	Total	7,416,000
17	Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
18	Personal services	443,165
19	Operating expenses	<u>34,750</u>
20	Total	477,915
21	Source of funds	

1	Transportation fund	117,915
2	Federal funds	<u>360,000</u>
3	Total	477,915
4	Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
5	Grants	<u>8,858,000</u>
6	Total	8,858,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	<u>8,858,000</u>
9	Total	8,858,000
10	Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
11	Personal services	16,970,000
12	Operating expenses	19,731,775
13	Grants	<u>500,000</u>
14	Total	37,201,775
15	Source of funds	
16	TIB fund	3,099,345
17	Federal funds	32,908,515
18	Local match	<u>1,193,915</u>
19	Total	37,201,775
20	Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
21	Grants	<u>28,672,753</u>

1	Total	28,672,753
2	Source of funds	
3	Transportation fund	<u>28,672,753</u>
4	Total	28,672,753
5	Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
6	Grants	<u>128,750</u>
7	Total	128,750
8	Source of funds	
9	Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
10	Total	128,750
11	Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
12	Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
13	Total	1,150,000
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
16	Total	1,150,000
17	Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	
18	Grants	<u>180,000</u>
19	Total	180,000
20	Source of funds	
21	Transportation fund	20,000

1	Federal funds	<u>160,000</u>
2	Total	180,000
3	Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program	
4	Personal services	100,000
5	Operating expenses	275,000
6	Grants	<u>10,113,523</u>
7	Total	10,488,523
8	Source of funds	
9	Transportation fund	705,000
10	Special funds	5,000,000
11	Federal funds	<u>4,783,523</u>
12	Total	10,488,523
13	Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program	
14	Operating expenses	200,000
15	Grants	<u>1,050,000</u>
16	Total	1,250,000
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	50,000
19	Federal funds	1,000,000
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>200,000</u>
21	Total	1,250,000

1	Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
2	Personal services	169,068
3	Operating expenses	<u>24,412</u>
4	Total	193,480
5	Source of funds	
6	Transportation fund	<u>193,480</u>
7	Total	193,480
8	Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	306,753,571
11	TIB fund	25,229,215
12	Special funds	5,050,000
13	Federal funds	476,014,899
14	Internal service funds	23,956,385
15	Interdepartmental transfers	2,706,360
16	Local match	<u>11,104,867</u>
17	Total	850,815,297
18	Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
19	Operating expenses	<u>75,705,398</u>
20	Total	75,705,398
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	75,377,993
2	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>
3	Total	75,705,398

4 Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

5 Source of funds

6	General fund	75,377,993
7	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>
8	Total	75,705,398

9 * * * Fiscal Year 2024 One-time Appropriations * * *

10 Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME

11 APPROPRIATIONS

12 (a) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
13 for the following:

14 (1) \$1,150,00 General Fund to create, implement, and oversee a
15 comprehensive statewide language access plan;

16 (2) \$5,000,000 General Fund for the purpose of supporting the a new
17 Community Safety Grant Program; and

18 (3) \$5,000,000 General Fund to be used to offset the cost of denied
19 claims for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement.

20 (b) Vermont State Colleges. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for
21 the following:

1 (1) \$3,820,000 General Fund and \$5,180,000 ARPA-SFR for bridge
2 funding to support ongoing system transformation; and

3 (2) \$4,000,000 General Fund for the Community College of Vermont
4 to reduce the tuition fee for certificates, degrees, and courses that have a direct
5 nexus to Vermont business and industry needs.

6 (c) Department of Human Resources. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
7 appropriated for the following:

8 (1) \$725,000 General Fund to fund seven new permanent full-time
9 positions in the Operations division in fiscal year 2024. These position costs
10 shall be funded through the Department of Human Resources Internal Service
11 Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025.

12 (2) \$75,000 General Fund to fund one new permanent full-time position
13 in the VTHR Operations division in fiscal year 2024. This position cost will
14 be funded via the Department of Human Resources Internal Service Fund
15 beginning in fiscal year 2025.

16 (3) \$1,900,000 General Fund for implementation of a Paid Family and
17 Medical Leave Insurance program available for all State employees in fiscal
18 year 2024. This program cost will be funded through the Department of
19 Human Resources Internal Service Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025.

20 (d) \$400,000 General Fund to the Office of State Treasurer in fiscal year
21 2024 for the Vermont Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

1 (e) \$200,000 General Fund to the Department of Libraries in fiscal year
2 2024 to support the FiberConnect project relating to Internet access in public
3 libraries.

4 (f) Department of Public Safety. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
5 appropriated for the following:

6 (1) \$190,000 General Fund for external carriers (vests) that improve the
7 ergonomics of ballistic personal protective equipment; and

8 (2) \$500,000 General Fund for hiring incentives, including hiring
9 bonuses, to be paid to all new sworn members and emergency communication
10 dispatchers; recruitment awards to current members for successful recruitment
11 of a new member (criteria dependent); and student loan debt repayment,
12 offering up to \$10,000 per new hire toward the repayment of preexisting
13 student loan debt.

14 (g) Military Department. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the
15 following:

16 (1) \$10,000 General Fund for granting to the USS Vermont Support
17 Group, a nonprofit organization supporting military members serving on the
18 USS Vermont (SSN 792) and their families; and

19 (2) \$10,000 General Fund for granting to North Country Honor Flight,
20 an organization that sponsors escorted trips for veterans to visit the war

1 memorials on the National Mall, to cover the expenses of 10 Vermont resident
2 attendees.

3 (h) Criminal Justice Council. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
4 for the following:

5 (1) \$400,000 General Fund for the first year of a three-phase
6 accreditation process to include job task analysis, curriculum development and
7 piloting;

8 (2) \$20,000 General Fund for a records management system to ensure
9 efficient and compliant recordkeeping, including case management tracking
10 and reporting and compliance monitoring for remote learning; and

11 (3) \$200,000 General Fund for request for proposals and contracts
12 related to procedure development; off-site course development, records
13 management system transition, developing pathways to certification, and
14 medical personnel.

15 (i) \$210,000 General Fund to the Office of the Defender General in fiscal
16 year 2024, for the case management system.

17 (j) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2024, funds
18 are appropriated for the following:

19 (1) \$110,000 General Fund for electric vehicle charger inspections.
20 Funds shall be used for the purchase of two testing units and related equipment

1 to support the development and implementation of the Commercial Electric
2 Vehicle Fueling Systems regulatory program;

3 (2) \$1,070,000 General Fund for replacement of the existing Food
4 Safety Inspection Database;

5 (3) \$400,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Sustainable Jobs
6 Fund as follows:

7 (A) \$100,000 to the Independent Retail Grocers Project;

8 (B) \$250,000 to the Beef on Dairy project; and

9 (C) \$50,000 to the Alternative Access Land Models Project;

10 (4) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Salvation Farms to expand
11 access to locally grown food for all Vermonters; and

12 (5) \$1,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Association of
13 Conservation Districts.

14 (k) Department of Mental Health. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
15 appropriated for the following:

16 (1) \$105,000 General Fund for expediting competency and sanity
17 evaluations; and

18 (2) \$985,000 General Fund to provide a grant to Pathways Vermont for
19 the purchase and renovation of a building to serve as a permanent home for the
20 Soteria House program.

1 (l) Green Mountain Care Board. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
2 for the following:

3 (1) \$620,000 General Fund for costs associated with the implementation
4 of the Vermont Health Care Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System
5 (VHCURES) database;

6 (2) \$120,500 General Fund for the implementation of a new financial
7 database solution; and

8 (3) \$50,000 General Fund for the development of the statutorily required
9 Health Resources Allocation Plan Tool.

10 (m) Agency of Human Services Central Office. In fiscal year 2024, funds
11 are appropriated for the following:

12 (1) \$975,000 General Fund to the State Refugee Office for the
13 Employment Assistance Grants program created in 2022 Acts and Resolves
14 No. 185, amended by the 2023 Budget Adjustment Act H.145. Funds
15 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the General Fund.

16 (2) \$25,000 General Fund to the State Refugee Office for a
17 comprehensive inventory and needs assessment of Vermont's immigrant
18 community and the organizations providing support to this community.

19 (3) \$4,400,000 General Fund and \$5,702,529 Federal Revenue Fund
20 #22005 for the first year of a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health
21 Hub and Spoke program. Funds shall be used to expand the substances

1 covered by the program, include mental health and pediatric screenings, and
2 make strategic investments with community partners.

3 (4) \$10,000,000 General Fund and \$13,693,231 Federal Revenue Fund
4 #22005 to continue to address the emergent and exigent circumstances
5 impacting health care providers following the COVID-19 pandemic.

6 (5) \$10,534,603 General Fund for use as Global Commitment matching
7 funds for one-time caseload pressures due to the suspension of Medicaid
8 eligibility redeterminations.

9 (n) \$175,000 General Fund and \$186,024 Federal Revenue Fund #22005 to
10 the Department of Vermont Health Access in the non-waiver or state-only lines
11 for the first year of a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and
12 Spoke program and \$7,791,676 Global Commitment Fund #20405 to the
13 Department of Health Access Medicaid program for the first year of a two-year
14 pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program.

15 (o) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for
16 the following:

17 (1) \$2,297,724 Global Commitment Fund #20405 Division of Health
18 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program for the first year of a two-year pilot to
19 expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program.

20 (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund to be granted to the Vermont Foundation
21 for Recovery for housing support.

1 (3) \$30,000 General Fund for a housing voucher program administered
2 by the Vermont Association of Recovery Residences and Jenna’s Promise to
3 pay for a recovery home residents’ first month of rent.

4 (4) \$150,000 General Fund for a grant to Vermonters for Criminal
5 Justice Reform for Case Management and Contingency Management Services
6 for justice-involved Vermonters with substance use disorder.

7 (5) \$1,590,000 General Fund for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program,
8 in conjunction with an estimated \$1,410,000 to be available from the 30
9 percent of fiscal year 2023 forecast for cannabis excise tax and to be allocated
10 in the budget adjustment process consistent with the Substance Misuse
11 Prevention Coalition funding intent as stated in 2022 Acts and Resolves No.
12 185, Sec. B.1100(a)(12)(A)(i).

13 (6) \$500,000 General Fund for Division of Substance Use Programs
14 tobacco and substance use disorder prevention and cessation activities. The
15 Division shall require that information on the use of the funds appropriated in
16 accordance with this section be provided to the Division by grantees in an
17 agreed-upon time frame, including the specific activities supported by the
18 funds, a description of the number of individuals served, and information on
19 the outcomes achieved by this investment. On or before, January 10, 2024, the
20 Division shall report on these metrics to the House and Senate Committees on

1 Appropriations, to the House Committee on Human Services, and to the Senate
2 Committee on Health and Welfare.

3 (7) \$100,000 General Fund to the Department of Health to support the
4 Regional Emergency Medical Services Coordination Study Committee.

5 (p) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
6 appropriated for the following:

7 (1) \$2,000,000 General Fund to implement the two-year Reach Ahead
8 Pilot Program. Funds shall be used to increase monthly food assistance
9 benefits to Reach Ahead participants, expand the eligibility window for those
10 leaving Reach Up, and provide incentive payments.

11 (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund to fund a two-year continuation of the
12 Youth Development Independent Living stipends program.

13 (3) \$40,000 General Fund to fund the purchase of a driving school
14 vehicle for the Youth Development Program to support foster and former
15 foster youth access to driver's education.

16 (4) \$18,884,610 General Fund to address the estimated need for the
17 Adverse Weather Conditions policy and General Assistance emergency
18 housing hotel and motel expenditures in fiscal year 2024.

19 (5) \$2,500,000 General Fund to the Housing Opportunity Grant Program
20 to expand and provide wrap-around support services for households
21 participating in the General Assistance Emergency Housing program.

1 (6) \$1,000,000 General Fund to grant to the Vermont Food Bank to
2 support increased capacity of services to meet the persistent of food insecurity.

3 (7) \$768,180 General Fund to build a Salesforce-based platform to
4 create a data system solution for all twelve Children’s Integrated Services
5 regions in Vermont.

6 (8) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont
7 to provide education regarding the prevention of unsafe infant sleep and to
8 expand programming and support services regarding child abuse often related
9 to parental substance misuse.

10 (9) \$130,000 General Fund to be granted to the Snelling Center to restart
11 the Early Childhood Education Leadership Program.

12 (q) Department of Labor. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for
13 the following:

14 (1) \$200,000 General Fund to be granted to the State Workforce
15 Development Board for the New American Labor Force Program; and

16 (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund to provide services under the Work-Based
17 Learning and Training Program established pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 547.

18 (r) Natural Resources Board. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
19 for the following:

20 (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the digitization of Natural Resources
21 Board documents. Funds shall be used for the continued digitization of

1 permanent, paper-based Act 250 land use permit records currently located at
2 the Natural Resources Board's five district offices.

3 (2) \$200,000 General Fund for an Act 250 study contract. Funds shall
4 be used to contract with a consultant to assist with the preparation of a report
5 on updates necessary to the Act 250 program, per 2022 Acts and Resolves No.
6 182, Sec. 41(a).

7 (s) \$198,000 General Fund in fiscal year 2024 to the Agency of Education
8 for the Governor's Institutes of Vermont.

9 (t) \$35,000 General Fund to the Vermont Symphony Orchestra to support
10 celebration of the Symphony's 90th season.

11 (u) \$1,200,000 General Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation
12 Board to support activities of the Land Access and Opportunity Board.

13 (v) \$1,750,000 Tax-Current Use Administration Fund #21594 to the
14 Department of Taxes for the digitization of the Current Use program.

15 (w) Public Service Department. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
16 for the following:

17 (1) \$500,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to upgrade and
18 expand the ePSD case management system;

19 (2) \$400,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to complete
20 the Telecom Plan Update scheduled for June 2024; and

1 (3) \$300,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to craft policy
2 proposals to reform and streamline electric sector policy.

3 (4) \$1,000,000 General Fund to the Public Service Department for a
4 grant to the Vermont Access Network to provide a third year of bridge funding
5 to a secure funding stream to replace declining cable revenues.

6 (x) \$1,000,000 Transportation Fund to the Agency of Transportation for
7 Green Mountain Transit to operate routes on a zero-fare basis and prepare for
8 the transition to tiered-fare service.

9 (y) Agency of Digital Services. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
10 for the following:

11 (1) \$5,000,000 from the Technology Modernization Fund #21951 for
12 Network & Security Infrastructure Modernization for the planning and design
13 and for the replacement of legacy infrastructure, hardware and software,
14 platforms underlying the network and security architecture.

15 (A) The Agency of Digital Services shall select a vendor through a
16 competitive bid process. The Agency of Digital Services shall consider bids
17 with options to buy or lease equipment. Per 3 V.S.A. § 3303, any project with
18 a total cost of \$1,000,000 or greater shall be subject to an expert independent
19 review. The review shall include an analysis of all options, although the
20 Agency of Digital Services is limited to the bids that it receives. The Agency

1 of Digital Services may also purchase or lease equipment through a separate
2 competitive bid process.

3 (B) Once a vendor has been selected and an independent review
4 completed, the Agency of Digital Services shall issue a verbal or written report
5 to the Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee.

6 (2) \$2,500,000 for IT investments to modernize existing IT systems or
7 automate manual processes by adding IT solutions.

8 (A) Any project with a total cost of \$1,000,000 shall be subject to an
9 expert independent review per 3 V.S.A. § 3303. Vendors shall be selected
10 through a competitive bid process.

11 (z) \$4,680,000 General Fund to the Judiciary for the Judiciary network
12 replacement project. Funds shall be held in reserve and shall not be allocated
13 until the General Assembly has assessed the independent expert review
14 outlined in the 2023 Budget Adjustment Act, H.145, Sec. 93.

15 * * * Workforce Development * * *

16 Sec. B.1101 WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – FISCAL
17 YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

18 (a) Education workforce

19 (1) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(d), in fiscal year 2024, the
20 amount of \$500,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of

1 Education for the purpose of funding the Emerging Pathways Grant Program
2 established by Sec. F.4 of this act.

3 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from
4 the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the
5 Vermont Teacher Forgivable Loan Incentive Program created in 16 V.S.A.
6 § 2871.

7 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the sum of \$30,000 is appropriated from the
8 General Fund to the Agency of Education for the purpose of funding the
9 Historically Underrepresented Educator Affinity Groups Grant Program
10 created in Sec. F.6 of this act.

11 (b) Corrections workforce

12 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 is appropriated from the
13 General Fund to the Department of Corrections for the purpose of contracting
14 or expanding an existing contract with a vendor to provide supervisory and
15 management professional development services to the Department's
16 employees in accordance with the Department's efforts to address an employee
17 workforce crisis and strengthen workplace satisfaction, pursuant to Sec. F.7 of
18 this act.

19 (c) Youth workforce

20 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,400,000 is appropriated from
21 the General Fund to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to

1 continue funding through the pilot project the Vermont Serve, Learn, and Earn
2 Program, which supports workforce development goals through creating
3 meaningful paid service and learning opportunities for young adults, through
4 the Serve, Learn, and Earn Partnership made up of the Vermont Youth
5 Conservation Corps, Vermont Audubon, Vermont Works for Women, and
6 Resource VT. The Department shall enter into a grant agreement with the
7 Partnership that specifies the required services and outcomes for the Program.

8 (d) Climate workforce

9 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$100,000 is appropriated from the
10 General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a subgrant to
11 Advance Vermont to implement Sec. F.9 of this act.

12 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$180,000 is appropriated from the
13 General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for a
14 subgrant to the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund to expand its Business
15 Coaching program to work with a group of existing energy services businesses
16 interested in adopting a climate centered mission and working with trades
17 persons looking to start their own climate-centered business.

18 (e) Higher education

19 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from
20 the General Fund to the University of Vermont Office of Engagement, in
21 consultation with the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, for additional

1 forgivable loans of \$5,000 per graduate for recent college graduates across all
2 Vermont higher education institutions who commit to work in Vermont for
3 two years after graduation.

4 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$700,000 is appropriated from the
5 General Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to establish a Bachelor of Science
6 program in restorative justice at Vermont State University.

7 (3) In fiscal year 2024 the amount of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from
8 the General Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to establish the Certificate in
9 3-D Technology program established in Sec. F.12 of this act.

10 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,800,000 is appropriated from
11 the General Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to provide Critical
12 Occupations Scholarships for eligible students with a household income of
13 \$75,000 or less enrolled in education programs that lead to a career in an
14 occupation with critical need, including early childhood occupations, clinical
15 mental health counseling, criminal justice occupations, dental hygienists, and
16 all levels of nursing.

17 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from
18 the General Fund to the University of Vermont to provide additional free
19 classes through the Upskill Vermont Scholarship Program for Vermont
20 residents seeking to transition to a new career or to enhance job skills.

1 (6) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$350,000 is appropriated from the
2 General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a subgrant to
3 Advance Vermont to continue work pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No.
4 183, Sec. 39 in support of the State’s goal articulated in 10 V.S.A. § 546 that
5 70 percent of working-age Vermonters hold a credential of value by 2025.

6 (f) Healthcare and social services workforce

7 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from
8 the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the
9 Vermont Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Forgivable Loan
10 Incentive Program created in 18 V.S.A. § 39.

11 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from
12 the General Fund to the Department of Health to provide training for
13 emergency medical services personnel.

14 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$170,000 is appropriated from the
15 General Fund to the Agency of Human Services to provide one additional year
16 of funding for the classified, three-year limited-service Health Care Workforce
17 Coordinator position created in the Agency of Human Services, Office of
18 Health Care Reform, pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 34(a).

19 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from
20 the General Fund to the Agency of Human Services to be distributed to the

1 designated and specialized service agencies equitably consistent with the
2 requirements in Sec. F.15 of this act.

3 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$255,026 is appropriated from the
4 General Fund to the Agency of Human Services for a subgrant to the United
5 Way of Lamoille County to expand resource coordination for employee
6 stability through its Working Bridges program.

7 (g) Economic development.

8 (1) In fiscal year 2024 the amount of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from
9 the General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development
10 for the Vermont Training Program to fulfill Vermont's obligation to procure
11 incentives in accordance with the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce
12 Semiconductors for America (CHIPS) Act.

13 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,250,000 is appropriated from
14 the General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development
15 for a subgrant to provide services and assistance through the Small Business
16 Technical Assistance Exchange created in 10 V.S.A. § 2.

17 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$72,000 is appropriated from the
18 General Fund to the Vermont Council on the Arts to provide a State match for
19 National Endowment for the Arts funding to enable the Council to continue its
20 work boosting the creative economy in Vermont.

1 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 from the Rural
2 Industry Development Special Fund to the Agency of Commerce and
3 Community Development to make grants to assist nonprofit entities in rural
4 regions of the State, with addressing building and property needs for growing
5 or new businesses consistent with 10 V.S.A. § 6 as created in this act.

6 (5) \$8,000,000 General Fund for Brownfields redevelopment consistent
7 with Sec. F.18 of this act.

8 (6) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from
9 the General Fund to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the
10 Commission on the Future of Agricultural Economic Development grant
11 program. Funds will be used to provide dedicated, competitively awarded
12 grant funding for small- and mid-sized agricultural producers and value-added
13 processors in the meat, produce and maple sectors, as recommended by the
14 Governor’s Commission on the Future of Agriculture. An amount not to
15 exceed \$125,000 may be used to support the cost of temporary employees to
16 administer the grants.

17 (7) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from
18 the General Fund to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the
19 Working Lands Enterprise grant program.

1 * * * Climate and Environment * * *

2 Sec. B.1103 CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT – FISCAL YEAR 2024

3 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

4 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$700,000 General Fund is
5 appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources – Central Office for
6 refrigerant management. Funds shall be used for incentives to improve
7 commercial and industrial refrigeration systems, focused on reducing the use
8 of high global warming potential (GWP) refrigerants or replacing outright,
9 older systems prone to leaks, or both.

10 (b) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$900,000 General Fund is
11 appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources – Central Office for Climate
12 Office technical analyses, tools, and training. Funds shall be used for
13 investments in ongoing evaluation, implementation support and tracking of the
14 impact of programs, and policy approaches needed to reduce greenhouse gas
15 emissions and improve landscape-level resilience consistent with the Global
16 Warming Solutions Act.

17 (c) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 General Fund is
18 appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources – Central Office for the
19 Clean Heat Homes program. Funds shall be used to augment federal funding
20 for a single-point program to help Vermonters with low and moderate income
21 with “whole home” climate improvements, including weatherization, clean

1 heat systems, and electrification-ready upgrades, supported by on-bill
2 financing.

3 (d) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$150,000 General Fund is
4 appropriated to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for Wildlife Crop Damage
5 Payments. Funds shall be used for payments to farmers under the provisions
6 of 10 V.S.A. §§ 4829 and 4831.

7 (e) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 General Fund is
8 appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for Parks
9 personnel housing. Funds shall be used to renovate, remediate, and expand on-
10 site housing opportunities, including installation of full hook-ups for RVs;
11 splitting existing staff housing into multiple units; and making critical (health
12 and safety) repairs to the existing housing stock for Vermont State Parks staff
13 in critical locations statewide.

14 (f) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 General Fund is
15 appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for Small
16 Communities Outdoor Recreation Grant matching funds. Funds shall be used
17 to support communities with low income in Vermont by providing State match
18 funds for federal recreation grants.

19 (g) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 General Fund is
20 appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for emerald
21 ash borer mitigation and low-income heating assistance. Funds shall be used

1 to remove high-risk ash trees on Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
2 lands and provide free firewood to households with low income.

3 (h) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 General Fund is
4 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
5 Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act/Brownfields.
6 Funds shall be used for the assessment and cleanup planning for a maximum of
7 25 brownfields sites.

8 (i) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$200,000 General Fund is
9 appropriated to the Emissions Repair Program. Funds shall be used for the
10 emissions repair program established by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec.
11 25 for fiscal year 2024.

12 (j) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 ARPA-SFR is
13 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Healthy
14 Homes Initiative. Funds shall be used to make repairs or improvements to
15 drinking water, wastewater, or stormwater systems for Vermonters who have
16 low to moderate income or who live in manufactured housing communities, or
17 both.

18 (k) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 General Fund is
19 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for
20 Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) technical assistance. Funds shall be used
21 to support statewide groundwater PFAS remediation efforts.

1 (4) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
2 spend \$600,000 for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern State
3 Correctional Facility in Newport;

4 (5) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
5 spend \$750,000 for planning for renovations to the administration building,
6 West Cottage, at the Criminal Justice Training Council in Pittsford;

7 (6) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
8 spend \$600,000 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design
9 of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;

10 (7) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
11 spend \$1,500,000 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
12 design for the replacement of the women’s correctional facility and reentry
13 facility;

14 (8) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
15 spend \$1,000,000 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
16 design of the Department for Children and Families’ short-term stabilization
17 facility;

18 (9) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
19 spend \$750,000 for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County
20 Superior Courthouse in Barre;

1 (10) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
2 spend \$250,000 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
3 design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

4 (11) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
5 spend \$250,000 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
6 design of the Rutland Field Station;

7 (12) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
8 spend \$300,000 for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the
9 planning and design of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental
10 Laboratory Heat Plant.

11 (b) In fiscal year 2024, \$32,000,000 is appropriated from the Capital
12 Infrastructure Reserve Fund to the following entities and specified projects.
13 This funding is provided by the General Funds transferred in Sec.
14 D.101(a)(1)(C).

15 (1) The Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
16 spend \$1,000,000 for electric vehicle charging stations at State buildings.

17 (2) The Vermont State Colleges is authorized to spend \$9,000,000 for
18 construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or
19 operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure
20 transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green
21 Hall and Vail Hall.

1 (3) The Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$9,700,000
2 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State match to the
3 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Drinking Water State Revolving
4 Fund.

5 (4) The Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$4,500,000
6 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Waterbury Dam
7 rehabilitation.

8 (5) The Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$4,000,000
9 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Municipal
10 Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning advances
11 for feasibility studies.

12 (6) The Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$3,000,000
13 for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the maintenance
14 facilities at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest State Park.

15 (7) The Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$800,000
16 for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and
17 improvements of the Department's buildings, including conservation camps.

18 * * * Fiscal Year 2023 Adjustments, Appropriations, and Amendments * * *

19 Sec. C.100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL FUND UNALLOCATED

20 CARRYFORWARD

1 (a) After satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, and after other
2 reserve requirements have been met, but prior to satisfying the requirements of
3 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the first \$337,300,000 of remaining unreserved and
4 undesignated funds at the close of fiscal year 2023 shall remain in the General
5 Fund and be carried forward to fiscal year 2024.

6 Sec. C.101 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FISCAL YEAR 2022 OUT
7 OF STATE BEDS CARRYFORWARD FUNDS AND JUSTICE
8 REINVESTMENT II FUNDING

9 (a) Notwithstanding 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.335, as
10 amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 62, and by 2022 Acts and
11 Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.111, \$1,000,000 of Department of Corrections Out
12 of State Bed General Fund appropriation carried forward from fiscal year 2022
13 shall revert to the General Fund in fiscal year 2023 for appropriation to Justice
14 Reinvestment II in fiscal year 2023.

15 (b) \$250,000 to Community Justice Centers to be distributed for the
16 following:

- 17 (1) \$95,640 for a 3 percent COLA increase for fiscal year 2024; and
18 (2) \$154,360 in grants to be distributed equally to the 17 Community
19 Justice Centers to be used for program development and implementation,
20 technology upgrades, and staff and volunteer recruitment.

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~~(c) Any funds expended on community-based service programs pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be included in the subsequent year Department of Corrections budget for the same purpose at the same amount.~~

[Repealed.]

* * * Fiscal Year 2024 Fund Transfers and Reserve Allocations * * *

Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

(a) This act contains the following amounts appropriated from special funds that receive revenue from the property transfer tax. Expenditures from these appropriations shall not exceed available revenues.

(1) The sum of \$560,000 is appropriated from the Current Use Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c), amounts in excess of \$560,000 from the property transfer tax deposited into the Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

(2) The sum of \$21,462,855 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB). Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of \$21,462,855 from the property transfer tax and surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a

1 that are deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund
2 shall be transferred into the General Fund.

3 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property
4 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the
5 affordable housing bond (10 V.S.A. § 314) shall be offset by the reduction of
6 \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation
7 Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a.
8 The fiscal year 2024 appropriation of \$21,462,855 to the Vermont Housing and
9 Conservation Board reflects the \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing
10 bond and related property transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed
11 after the life of the bond on July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, it is the
12 intent of the General Assembly that the \$1,500,000 reduction in the
13 appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board should be
14 restored.

15 (3) The sum of \$7,545,993 is appropriated from the Municipal and
16 Regional Planning Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts in
17 excess of \$7,545,993 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the
18 Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General
19 Fund. The \$7,545,993 shall be allocated for the following:

20 (A) \$6,211,650 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in
21 a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

1 (B) \$898,283 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner
2 consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

3 (C) \$436,060 to the Agency of Digital Services for the Vermont
4 Center for Geographic Information.

5 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, AND RESERVES

6 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
7 following amounts shall be transferred from the funds indicated:

8 (1) From the General Fund to:

9 (A) the Transportation Fund – Non-Dedicated (20105): \$10,925,980;

10 (B) the Environmental Contingency Fund (21275): \$5,000,000;

11 (C) the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board Fund (21711): \$2,115,000;

12 (i) Of the funds transferred to the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board Fund in
13 subdivision (C) of this section, \$815,000 shall be used to support necessary 9-
14 1-1 system upgrades beginning in fiscal year 2024;

15 (D) the Technology Modernization Special Fund (21951):

16 \$7,500,000;

17 (E) the Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund (21952): \$32,000,000 for
18 use on capital projects as authorized in the capital bill and appropriated in this
19 act; and

20 (F) the Rural Industry Development Special Fund: \$5,000,000.

1 (2) From the Clean Water Fund (21932) established by 10 V.S.A.

2 § 1388 to:

3 (A) the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund (21933) created
4 under 6 V.S.A. §4803: \$6,684,880; and

5 (B) the Lake in Crisis Response Program Special Fund (21938)
6 created under 10 V.S.A. § 1315: \$120,000.

7 (3) From the Transportation Fund to the Downtown Transportation and
8 Related Capital Improvement Fund (21575) established by 24 V.S.A. § 2796 to
9 be used by the Vermont Downtown Development Board for the purposes of
10 the Fund: \$523,966.

11 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
12 2024:

13 (1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from
14 the funds indicated:

15	<u>22005</u>	<u>AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts</u>	<u>\$4,641,960</u>
16	<u>50300</u>	<u>Liquor Control Fund</u>	<u>\$21,200,000</u>
17		<u>Sports Wagering Fund</u>	<u>\$1,204,000</u>
18		<u>Caledonia Fair</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
19		<u>North Country Hospital Loan Repayment</u>	<u>\$29,047</u>
20		<u>Springfield Hospital Promissory Note Repayment</u>	<u>\$121,412</u>

1 (2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of
2 unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred to the General Fund. The
3 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report to the Joint Fiscal
4 Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred from each fund
5 and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency, office, or department
6 reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory requirements.

7	<u>21638</u>	<u>AG-Fees & reimbursement – Court order</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
8	<u>621000</u>	<u>Unclaimed Property Fund</u>	<u>\$1,743,425</u>

9 (3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E. 228,
10 \$60,044,000 of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance Regulatory and
11 Supervision Fund (21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision
12 Fund (21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21080)
13 shall be transferred to the General Fund.

14 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
15 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the
16 accounts indicated:

17	<u>3400004000</u>	<u>Agency of Human Services –</u>	
18		<u>Secretary’s Office – Global Commitment</u>	<u>\$15,103,683</u>

19 (d) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
20 2024 the following estimated General Fund reserves shall be made:

1 program, include mental health and pediatric screenings, and make strategic
2 investments with community partners.

3 (2) In the Agency of Administration, \$1,150,000 to be used to continue
4 implementation of a comprehensive statewide language access plan.

5 (3) In the Agency of Digital Services, \$7,500,000 for the Technology
6 Modernization Fund.

7 (4) In the Agency of Administration, \$10,000,000 to be used to offset
8 the cost of denied claims for Federal Emergency Management Agency
9 (FEMA) reimbursement

10 (5) In the Criminal Justice Council, \$800,000 for financial support for
11 second and third years of a three-phase accreditation process to include job
12 task analysis, curriculum development and piloting.

13 (6) In the Department of Environmental Conservation, \$800,000 for
14 Emissions Repair Program established by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec.
15 25 for fiscal years 2025 through 2028.

16 (7) In the Department of Housing and Community Development
17 \$5,000,000 for the Vermont Housing Improvement Program.

18 (8) In the Department of Economic Development, \$2,000,000 for
19 Brownfields redevelopment.

20 (9) In the Department of Environmental Conservation \$5,000,000 for
21 the Healthy Homes Initiative. Funds shall be used to make repairs or

1 improvements to drinking water, wastewater or stormwater systems for
2 Vermonters who have low to moderate income or who live in manufactured
3 housing communities or both.

4 * * * General Government * * *

5 Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

6 (a) The establishment of 54 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year
7 2024 for the following:

8 (1) Permanent classified positions:

9 (A) Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets:

10 (i) one Consumer Protection Specialist I; and

11 (ii) two Food Safety Specialist Is;

12 (B) Criminal Justice Council: two FIP Instructors;

13 (C) Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living:

14 (i) nine Quality and Program Participant Specialists;

15 (ii) one Dementia Coordinator; and

16 (iii) three Public Guardians;

17 (D) Department of Financial Regulation: two Insurance Examiners;

18 (E) Department of Human Resources:

19 (i) one Compensation Analyst;

20 (ii) one Configuration Analyst II;

21 (iii) one Employee Support Specialist;

- 1 (iv) one FMLI Manager;
2 (v) one HR Administrator III;
3 (vi) one HR Administrator IV;
4 (vii) one HR Manager; and
5 (viii) one Talent Coordinator;

6 (F) Department of Liquor and Lottery:

- 7 (i) one Financial Analyst; and
8 (ii) one Sports Betting Director;

9 (G) Department of Mental Health:

- 10 (i) one Crisis Program Director;
11 (ii) one Mental Health Analyst I;
12 (iii) one Operations Manager; and
13 (iv) one Training and Curriculum Development Supervisor;

14 (H) Department of Taxes – State Appraisal and Litigation Assistance

15 Program:

- 16 (i) one Property Valuation and Review Program Manager;

17 (I) Office of the State Treasurer:

- 18 (i) one Program Technician;
19 (ii) one Administrative Services Coordinator;
20 (iii) one Financial Specialist III;
21 (iv) one Financial Manager I;

- 1 (v) one Financial Manager II; and
- 2 (vi) one Program Technician II;
- 3 (J) E911 Board:
- 4 (i) one Program Technician I;
- 5 (K) Department of Motor Vehicles:
- 6 (i) three Motor Vehicle Inspectors.
- 7 (L) Office of the Defender General:
- 8 (i) one Financial Director;
- 9 (M) Agency of Natural Resources:
- 10 (i) one Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Specialist;
- 11 (N) Vermont Pension Investment Commission:
- 12 (i) one Administrative Assistant; and
- 13 (O) Agency of Transportation – Highway Division:
- 14 (i) one Transportation Operations Technician III;
- 15 (ii) one Transportation Technician IV.
- 16 (2) Permanent exempt positions:
- 17 (A) Department of Taxes – State Appraisal and Litigation Assistance
- 18 Program: one Staff Attorney.
- 19 (B) Agency of Commerce and Community Development – Division
- 20 for Historic Preservation – Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs:
- 21 one Executive Director;

1 (C) Human Rights Commission – one Staff Attorney II;

2 (D) Office of the Attorney General – one private secretary.

3 (b) The conversion of 46 limited service positions to classified permanent
4 status is authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

5 (1) Criminal Justice Council:

6 (A) one Victims Services Specialist;

7 (2) Department of Vermont Health Access, Blueprint for Health Unit:

8 (A) one HCR Integration Manager;

9 (3) Department of Vermont Health Access, Health Care Reform Unit:

10 (A) one Administrative Services Manager I;

11 (B) five DVHA Program Consultants;

12 (C) one DVHA Quality Control Manager;

13 (D) one Health Reform Enterprise Director I;

14 (E) two Medicaid Operations Administrators;

15 (F) one Project & Operations Director;

16 (G) one Project & Operations Specialist; and

17 (H) one Project Director;

18 (4) Department of Vermont Health Access, Medicaid Policy Fiscal &
19 Support Unit:

20 (A) two Audit Liaison/Internal Control positions;

21 (B) three DVHA Healthcare QC Auditors;

1 (C) one DVHA Healthcare QC CAP Auditor;

2 (D) two DVHA Program & Operations Auditors;

3 (E) one DVHA Program Consultant;

4 (F) one Health Reform Enterprise Director I; and

5 (G) one Nurse Auditor;

6 (5) Department of Vermont Health Access, Payment

7 Reform/Reimbursement Unit:

8 (A) one Admin HC Payment Reform Analytics position;

9 (B) three Change Management Practitioners;

10 (C) one Deputy Director of Payment Reform;

11 (D) one Director of Operations for ACO Programs;

12 (E) one Grant Programs Manager;

13 (F) one Health Care Project Director;

14 (G) one Payment Reform Special Project Lead; and

15 (H) one Senior Policy Advisor;

16 (6) Agency of Transportation – Aviation Program:

17 (A) nine Airport Maintenance Workers;

18 (B) one Airport Operations Specialist;

19 (c) The establishment of 30 new classified limited service positions is

20 authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

1 (1) Department of Children and Families for the Reach Ahead pilot

2 program:

3 (A) one Benefits Program Assistant Administrator;

4 (B) two Reach Up Case Manager IIs;

5 (2) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation:

6 (A) one Communications & Outreach Coordinator;

7 (B) one Climate Forester; and

8 (C) three Forester IIs;

9 (3) Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs:

10 (A) six Deputy State's Attorneys;

11 (B) six State's Attorney Legal Assistants;

12 (C) six State's Attorney Victim Advocates; and

13 (D) four State's Attorney Secretaries.

14 Sec. E.108 3 V.S.A. § 479 is amended to read:

15 § 479. GROUP INSURANCE

16 (a)(1) As provided under section 631 of this title, a member who is insured
17 by the respective group insurance plans immediately preceding the member's
18 effective date of retirement shall be entitled to continuation of group insurance
19 as follows:

20 ~~(A)~~(i) coverage in the group medical benefit plan provided by the
21 State of Vermont for active State employees; or

1 ~~(B)~~(ii) for a Group F and Group G plan member first included in the
2 membership of the system on or after July 1, 2008, coverage in the group
3 medical benefit plan offered by the State of Vermont for active State
4 employees and pursuant to the following, provided:

5 ~~(i)~~(I) a member who has completed five years and less than 10
6 years of creditable service at the member's retirement shall pay the full cost of
7 the premium;

8 ~~(ii)~~(II) a member who has completed 10 years and less than 15
9 years of creditable service at the member's retirement shall pay 60 percent of
10 the cost of the premium;

11 ~~(iii)~~(III) a member who has completed 15 years and less than 20
12 years of creditable service at his or her retirement shall pay 40 percent of the
13 cost of the premium;

14 ~~(iv)~~(IV) a member who has completed 20 years or more of
15 creditable service at his or her retirement shall pay 20 percent of the cost of the
16 premium; and

17 ~~(2)~~(B) members who have completed 20 years of creditable service at
18 their effective date of retirement shall be entitled to the continuation of life
19 insurance in the amount of \$10,000.00.

20 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (1)(A)(i) or (ii) of this
21 subsection to the contrary, a member may be offered health coverage other

1 than coverage in the group medical benefit plan provided by the State of
2 Vermont for active State employees if the following conditions are met:

3 (A) the alternative health coverage is substantially equivalent to the
4 coverage offered through the group medical benefit plan provided by the State
5 of Vermont for active State employees; and

6 (B) the alternative health coverage is mutually agreeable to:

7 (i) the State;

8 (ii) the Vermont State Employees' Association;

9 (iii) the Vermont Troopers' Association; and

10 (iv) the Vermont Retired State Employees' Association.

11 (b) As of July 1, 2007, members of the Group C plan who separate from
12 service prior to being eligible for retirement benefits under this chapter, who
13 have at least 20 years of creditable service, and who participated in the group
14 medical benefit plan at the time of separation from service shall have a one-
15 time option at the time retirement benefits commence to participate in the
16 group medical benefit plan provided by the State of Vermont for active State
17 employees or any alternative health coverage provided pursuant to subdivision
18 (a)(2) of this section. Premiums for the plan shall be prorated between the
19 retired member and the Retirement System pursuant to section 631 of this title.

20 (c) Premiums for coverage of retired members of the Group C plan and
21 their dependents in the group medical benefit plan or any alternative health

1 coverage provided pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall be
2 prorated on the same basis as is provided for active employees by the current
3 collective bargaining agreement for the nonmanagement unit. The amounts
4 designated as the State's share of premium for the medical benefit plan and the
5 total premium for group life insurance provided under subdivision (a)(2) of this
6 section shall be paid by the Fund as an operating expense in accordance with
7 subsection 473(d) of this title.

8 (d) After January 1, 2007, the State Treasurer may offer and administer a
9 dental benefit plan for retired members, beneficiaries, eligible dependents, and
10 eligible retirees of special affiliated groups and the dependents of members of
11 those groups who are eligible for coverage in the State Employee Group
12 Medical Benefit Plan or any alternative health coverage provided pursuant to
13 subdivision (a)(2) of this section. The Plan shall be separate and apart from
14 any dental benefit plan offered to Vermont State employees. The original plan
15 of benefits, and any changes thereto, shall be determined by the State Treasurer
16 with due consideration of recommendations from the Retired Employees'
17 Committee on Insurance established in section 636 of this title.

18 * * *

19 (3) Dependent eligibility shall be determined in the manner applied to
20 determinations for coverage in the State Employee Medical Benefit Plan or any

1 alternative health coverage provided pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this
2 section.

3 (4) [Repealed.]

4 (e) As of January 1, 2007, and thereafter, upon retirement, members
5 entitled to prorated group medical benefit plan premium payments from the
6 Retirement System under the terms of this section shall have a one-time option
7 to reduce the percentage of premium payments from the Retirement System
8 during the member's life, with the provision that the Fund shall continue
9 making an equal percentage of premium payments after the member's death
10 for the life of the dependent beneficiary nominated by the member under
11 section 468 of this title, should such dependent beneficiary survive the
12 member. The Retirement Board, after consultation with its actuary, shall
13 establish reduced premium payment percentages that are as cost neutral to the
14 Fund as possible.

15 (f) [Repealed.]

16 (g) A member of the Group F or Group G plan who is first included in the
17 membership of the System on or after July 1, 2008, who separates from service
18 prior to being eligible for retirement benefits under this chapter, who has at
19 least 20 years of creditable service, and who participated in the group medical
20 benefit plan at the time of separation from service shall have a one-time option
21 at the time retirement benefits commence to reinstate the same level of

1 coverage, in the group medical benefit plan provided by the State of Vermont
2 for active State employees or any alternative health coverage provided
3 pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section, that existed at the date of
4 separation from service. Premiums for the plan shall be prorated between the
5 retired member and the Retirement System pursuant to subsection 479(a) of
6 this title.

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8 Sec. E.108.1 3 V.S.A. § 925 is amended to read:

9 § 925. MEDIATION; FACT FINDING

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11 (i)(1) In the case of the Vermont State Colleges or the University of
12 Vermont, if the dispute remains unresolved 20 days after transmittal of
13 findings and recommendations to the parties or within a time frame mutually
14 agreed upon by the parties that may be not more than an additional 30 days,
15 each party shall submit as a single package its last best offer on all disputed
16 issues to the Board. Each party's last best offer shall be filed with the Board
17 under seal and shall be unsealed and placed in the public record only when
18 both parties' last best offers are filed with the Board. The Board shall hold one
19 or more hearings. Within 30 days of the certifications, the Board shall select
20 between the last best offers of the parties, considered in their entirety without
21 amendment.

1 ~~(5)~~(6) The Board or the arbitrator shall not issue an order under this
2 subsection that is in conflict with any law or rule or that relates to an issue that
3 is not bargainable.

4 ~~(6)~~(7) The decision of the Board or the arbitrator shall be final and
5 binding on the parties.

6 Sec. E.111.1 32 V.S.A. § 3209 is added as to read:

7 § 3209. TAX COMPUTER SYSTEM MODERNIZATION FUND

8 (a) The Tax Computer System Modernization Fund is established in the
9 State Treasury as a special fund to support information technology
10 improvements and initiatives of the Department of Taxes. Balances in the
11 Fund shall be administered by the Department of Taxes and used exclusively
12 for the purposes prescribed in subsection (c) of this section. Balances in the
13 Fund at the end of each fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain part of
14 the Fund. Interest earned by the Fund shall be deposited into the Fund.

15 (b) The Fund shall receive an annual transfer from the General Fund in an
16 amount not to exceed 0.21 percent of total revenue collected in the prior fiscal
17 year by the Department of Taxes. The fund may receive other receipts as
18 directed or authorized by the General Assembly.

19 (c) The Fund shall be used for the development, implementation,
20 enhancement, and maintenance of information technology systems and
21 services for the administration of taxes and programs administered by the

1 Department. This shall include requests for proposal, business requirements,
2 analysis, implementation of new tax types, enhancements to existing systems,
3 and payments due to vendors of information technology systems and services.

4 (d) The Commissioner of Taxes shall submit an annual report on the
5 receipts, expenditures, and balances in the Tax Computer System
6 Modernization Fund to the Joint Fiscal Committee each year at or prior to the
7 Committee's November meeting each year.

8 Sec. E.111.2 24 V.S.A. § 138(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) Any tax imposed under the authority of this section shall be collected
10 and administered by the Department of Taxes, in accordance with State law
11 governing such State tax or taxes; provided, however, that a sales tax imposed
12 under this section shall be collected on each sale that is subject to the Vermont
13 sales tax using a destination basis for taxation. Except with respect to taxes
14 collected on the sale of aviation jet fuel, a per-return fee of \$5.96 shall be
15 assessed ~~to compensate the Department for the costs of administration and~~
16 ~~collection~~, 70 percent of which shall be borne by the municipality, and
17 30 percent of which shall be borne by the State to be paid from the PILOT
18 Special Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law or municipal charter to
19 the contrary, revenue from the fee shall be used to compensate the Department
20 for the costs of administering and collecting the local option tax and of
21 administering the State appraisal and litigation program established in

1 32 V.S.A. § 5413. The fee shall be subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A.
2 § 605.

3 Sec. E.124 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 9, Sec. 8 is amended to
4 read:

5 Sec. 8. REPEAL

6 ~~On June 30, 2024:~~

7 ~~(1) Sec. 3 of this act (creating the Executive Director of Racial Equity~~
8 ~~and Racial Equity Advisory Panel in 3 V.S.A. chapter 68) is repealed and the~~
9 ~~Executive Director position and Panel shall cease to exist; and~~

10 ~~(2) Sec. 4 of this act (authorization for the Executive Director of Racial~~
11 ~~Equity position) is repealed. [Repealed.]~~

12 Sec. E.128 OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS; NEW POSITIONS

13 (a) The establishment of two new permanent exempt Capitol Police Officer
14 positions in the Office of the Sergeant of Arms are authorized in fiscal year
15 2024.

16 Sec. E.128.1 FARMERS' NIGHT CONCERT SERIES; APPROPRIATION

17 (a) The Office of the Sergeant at Arms is authorized to use not more than
18 \$10,000 from resources available within the General Assembly's budget to
19 provide honoraria to speakers and performing groups who are invited to
20 participate in the 2024 Farmers' Night Concert Series and who are not
21 otherwise sponsored or compensated for their participation.

1 Sec. E.131 STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE – VCBB ESCROW

2 ACCOUNT

3 (a) In fiscal year 2024, pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 10, the Treasurer is
4 authorized to use up to \$20,000,000 of the State's average cash balance to
5 establish an escrow account for the exclusive benefit of the Vermont
6 Community Broadband Board and for the sole purpose of securing federal
7 funding under the National Telecommunications and Information
8 Administration's Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program.

9 (b) On or before January 15, 2024, the Vermont Community Broadband
10 Board shall submit a recommendation to the House and Senate Committees on
11 Appropriations with a recommendation for legislative action to create a long-
12 term funding plan for the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure
13 Program.

14 Sec. E.133 VERMONT RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND VERMONT

15 PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; SOURCE OF FUNDS

16 (a) The funds appropriated from the pension systems for administrative
17 costs in Secs. B.133, B.134, and B.514.1 of this act are intended to provide
18 spending authority needed to cover the operating costs of the State's pensions
19 systems, including transferring funds from the State's pension systems to the
20 Treasurers Retirement Admin Costs Fund (21520) and to the Vermont Pension
21 Investment Commission Special Fund (21521) to cover the portion of the

1 Treasurer's budget attributable to the State's pension systems and the Vermont
2 Pension Investment Commission's budget.

3 (1) Of the \$2,857,679 appropriated in Sec. B.133 of this act, \$1,937,839
4 constitutes the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System operating
5 budget, and \$919,840 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension
6 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State
7 Employees' Retirement System.

8 (2) Of the \$1,650,789 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,309,958
9 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating
10 budget, and \$340,831 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension
11 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont Municipal
12 Employees' Retirement System.

13 (3) Of the \$3,299,987 appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act,
14 \$2,309,460 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System
15 operating budget, and \$990,527 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension
16 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers'
17 Retirement System.

18 Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

19 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec B.139 of this act, \$9,000 shall be transferred
20 to the Attorney General and \$70,000 shall be transferred to the Department of
21 Taxes, Division of Property Valuation and Review and reserved and used with

1 any remaining funds from the amount previously transferred for final payment
2 of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of grand list
3 appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and other
4 property owned by TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. and its successor Great
5 River Hydro, LLC in the State of Vermont.

6 Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

7 (a) The appropriation in Sec. B.142 of this act is for State payments in lieu
8 of property taxes under 32 V.S.A. § 3701. The payments shall be calculated in
9 addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier
10 and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes
11 under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A.
12 § 3709.

13 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the payments under this
14 section shall be adjusted so that the total payments made under Secs. E.142,
15 E.143, and E.144 of this act do not exceed 100 percent of the assessed value of
16 State buildings as defined by 32 V.S.A § 3701(2).

17 Sec. E.143 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES – MONTPELIER

18 (a) Payments in lieu of taxes under Sec. B.143 of this act shall be paid from
19 the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

20 Sec. E.144 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES – CORRECTIONAL

21 FACILITIES

1 statute or regulation, violation of a motor vehicle statute, or violation of any
2 local ordinance relating to the operation of a motor vehicle, except violations
3 relating to seat belts and child restraints and ordinances relating to parking
4 violations, the clerk of the court or Judicial Bureau shall levy an additional
5 surcharge of:

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7 (8)(A) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2006, but
8 before July 1, 2008, \$26.00, of which \$18.75 shall be deposited in the Victims
9 Compensation Special Fund.

10 (B) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2008, but
11 before July 1, 2009, \$36.00, of which \$28.75 shall be deposited in the Victims'
12 Compensation Special Fund.

13 (C) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2009, but
14 before July 1, 2013, \$41, of which ~~\$23.75~~ \$27.50 shall be deposited in the
15 Victims Compensation Special Fund created by section 5359 of this title, and
16 of which ~~\$10.00~~ \$13.50 shall be deposited in the Domestic and Sexual
17 Violence Special Fund created by section 5360 of this title.

18 (D) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2013,
19 \$47.00, of which ~~\$29.75~~ \$33.50 shall be deposited in the Victims
20 Compensation Special Fund created by section 5359 of this title, and of which

1 (b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$405,000 is
2 allocated for grants in support of the Drug Task Force. Of this amount,
3 \$190,000 shall be used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town
4 Task Force officers. These town Task Force officers shall be dedicated to
5 enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18
6 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any
7 unobligated funds may be allocated by the Commissioner to the Drug Task
8 Force or carried forward.

9 Sec. E.212 PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE SAFETY

10 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.212 of this act, \$55,000
11 shall be granted to the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force to design dry
12 hydrants.

13 Sec. E.215 MILITARY – ADMINISTRATION

14 (a) The amount of \$1,319,834 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student
15 Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Tuition Benefit Program
16 established in 16 V.S.A. § 2857.

17 Sec. E.219 MILITARY – VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

18 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.219 of this act, \$1,000 shall be used
19 for continuation of the Vermont Medal Program, \$4,800 shall be used for the
20 expenses of the Governor’s Veterans’ Advisory Council, \$7,500 shall be used

1 for the Veterans' Day parade, and \$10,000 shall be granted to the American
2 Legion for the Boys' State and Girls' State programs.

3 Sec. E.223 9 V.S.A. § 2730 is amended to read:

4 § 2730. LICENSING FOR OPERATION OF WEIGHING AND
5 MEASURING DEVICES

6 (a) As used in this section:

7 * * *

8 (14) "Electric vehicle supply equipment" and "electric vehicle supply
9 equipment available to the public" have the same meanings as in 30 V.S.A.
10 § 201.

11 * * *

12 (f)(1) The Secretary shall charge, per unit, the following annual license
13 fees:

14 (A) Retail motor fuel dispenser meter: \$25.00.

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16 (E) Each distinct plug-in connection point of electric vehicle supply
17 equipment available to the public: \$25.00.

18 * * * Human Services * * *

19 Sec. E.300 FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE

20 ADVOCATE; VERMONT LEGAL AID

21 Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.300 of this act:

1 (1) \$1,847,406 shall be used for the contract with the Office of the
2 Health Care Advocate; and

3 (2) \$500,000 is for the purposes of maintaining current Vermont Legal
4 Aid program capacity and addressing increased requests for services, including
5 eviction prevention and protection from foreclosure and consumer debt.

6 Sec. E.300.1 STATE REFUGEE OFFICE; INVENTORY AND NEEDS
7 ASSESSMENT; REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

8 (a) Request for proposal. On or before September 15, 2023, the State
9 Refugee Office shall issue a request for proposal for a comprehensive
10 inventory and needs assessment of Vermont's immigrant community and the
11 organizations providing support to this community. For purposes of this
12 section, "Vermont's immigrant community" includes refugees, asylum seekers,
13 asylees, humanitarian parolees, immigrants, individuals without a legal
14 immigrant status, and any permanent lawful residents who may have held one
15 of these statuses in the past.

16 (b) Inventory and assessment. The State Refugee Office shall contract with
17 an independent third party to conduct the inventory and assessment described
18 in subsection (a) of this section. On or before November 15, 2024, the
19 completed inventory and assessment shall be delivered to the State Refugee
20 Office.

1 (c) Scope. The inventory and assessment described in subsection (a) of this
2 section shall include the following:

3 (1) a list of any organizations in the State that formally provide social,
4 housing, health, mental health, or legal support services to Vermont's
5 immigrant community;

6 (2) a summary of the services provided by each listed organization to
7 Vermont's immigrant community;

8 (3) the sources of funding supporting each organization;

9 (4) the relationship with and support provided by the State Refugee
10 Office and any listed refugee agency and the organization, including how each
11 organization's needs, goals, and opportunities are communicated to the State
12 Refugee Office;

13 (5) how referrals are made to each organization; and

14 (6) the governing structure of each organization.

15 (d) Reports.

16 (1) On or before January 15, 2024, the State Refugee Office shall submit
17 a status update on the request for proposal described in subsection (a) of this
18 section to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate
19 Committee on Health and Welfare.

20 (2) On or before December 1, 2024, the State Refugee Office shall
21 submit a copy of the final inventory and assessment described in subsection (b)

1 of this section to the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate
2 Committee on Health and Welfare.

3 Sec. E.300.2 LUND; SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

4 It is the intent of the General Assembly that Lund will develop a
5 sustainability plan and share it with the Agency of Human Services and the
6 General Assembly.

7 Sec. E.300.3 DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES;

8 INCREASE

9 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that it will be incumbent upon
10 the designated and specialized service agencies to focus any new funds on
11 recruitment and retention of their direct service staff and contractors providing
12 direct services. In fiscal year 2024, the Agency of Human Services shall
13 increase funding to the designated and specialized service agencies in such a
14 manner so as to support a four percent fund increase that furthers improved
15 transparency, accountability and equity for Vermonters.

16 Sec. E.300.4 HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE SYSTEMS ANALYSIS

17 (a) On or before September 1, 2023, the Agency of Human Services shall
18 convene a working group, including individuals with lived experience of
19 homelessness, local and statewide representatives of the Continuums of Care
20 Program, representatives of housing- and homelessness-related organizations, a
21 member from the House Committee on General and Housing, a member from

1 the House Committee on Human Services, a member from the Senate
2 Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and a
3 member from the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to review, develop,
4 and provide recommendations on Vermont's homelessness response and
5 prevention programs and governance system, including any measures of
6 success that incorporate recent and relevant assessments and statewide plans.

7 (b)(1) On or before January 15, 2024, the working group established
8 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall submit its initial findings and
9 recommendations to the House Committees on Human Services and on
10 General and Housing and to the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and
11 on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs to align with the
12 federal goal to reduce homelessness by 25 percent by 2025, in accordance with
13 the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, including
14 strategies to:

15 (A) address racial and other disparities, as well as the multiplier
16 effects of two or more concurrent risk factors, among people experiencing
17 homelessness;

18 (B) justify State and local action through research of quantitative and
19 qualitative data, including the perspectives of individuals who have or are
20 currently experiencing homelessness;

1 (C) eliminate the silos between State and local governments and
2 organizations; public, private, and philanthropic sectors; and individuals who
3 have or are currently experiencing homelessness;

4 (D) increase the supply of and access to safe, affordable, and
5 accessible housing and tailored supports for individuals at risk of or currently
6 experiencing homelessness;

7 (E) improve response systems to meet the urgent crisis of
8 homelessness, especially unsheltered homelessness; and

9 (F) reduce the risk of housing instability for households most likely
10 to experience homelessness.

11 (2) On or before January 1, 2024, the working group shall submit an
12 interim report on its work pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (b) to
13 the House Committees on Human Services and on General and Housing and to
14 the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Economic Development,
15 Housing and General Affairs.

16 (3) On or before January 1, 2025, the working group convened in
17 subsection (a) of this section shall submit a final report on its work pursuant to
18 subdivision (1) of this subsection (b) to the House Committees on Human
19 Services and on General and Housing and to the Senate Committees on Health
20 and Welfare and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

21 Sec. E.301 SECRETARY'S OFFICE – GLOBAL COMMITMENT

1 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in Sec.
2 B.301 of this act for payment of the actuarially certified premium required
3 under the intergovernmental agreement between the Agency of Human
4 Services and the managed care entity, the Department of Vermont Health
5 Access, as provided for in the Global Commitment to Health Section 1115
6 demonstration (Global Commitment) approved by the Centers for Medicare
7 and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

8 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a
9 total estimated sum of \$25,231,644 is anticipated to be certified as State
10 matching funds under Global Commitment as follows:

11 (1) \$21,957,400 certified State match available from local education
12 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under
13 Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$28,542,600 of federal
14 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated
15 expenditure of \$50,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal
16 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services
17 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment
18 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A.
19 § 2959a.

1 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social
2 Security Act.

3 Sec. E.301.2 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 72a as amended by 2022
4 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.105 is further amended to read:

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6 (f) The Global Commitment Fund appropriated in subsection (e) of this
7 section may be obligated in fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024 for the
8 purposes of bringing HCBS plan spending authority forward into fiscal year
9 2024 and fiscal year 2025, respectively. The funds appropriated in subsections
10 (b), (c), and (e) of this section may be transferred on a net-neutral basis in
11 fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024 in the same manner as the Global
12 Commitment appropriations in ~~Sec. E.301 of H.740 of 2022~~ 2022 Acts and
13 Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.301. The Agency shall report to the Joint Fiscal
14 Committee in September 2023 and September 2024, respectively, on transfers
15 of appropriations made and final amounts expended by each department in
16 fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024, respectively, and any obligated funds
17 carried forward to be expended in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025,
18 respectively.

19 Sec. E.306 VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE RULES

20 (a) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
21 chapter 25 to conform Vermont's rules regarding health care eligibility and

1 enrollment and the operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to State
2 and federal law and guidance. The Agency may use the emergency rules
3 process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 prior to June 30, 2024, but only if new
4 State or federal law or guidance requires Vermont to amend or adopt its rules
5 in a time frame that cannot be accomplished under the traditional rulemaking
6 process. An emergency rule adopted under these exigent circumstances shall
7 be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of emergency rules required
8 pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

9 Sec. E.306.1 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 60(10), as amended by
10 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 14, 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 187,
11 Sec. 5, 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 21, and 2021 Acts and Resolves
12 No. 73, Sec. 14, is further amended to read:

13 (10) Secs. 48–51 (health claims tax) shall take effect on July 1, 2013 and
14 Sec. 52 (Health IT-Fund; sunset) shall take effect on July 1, ~~2023~~ 2025.

15 Sec. E.306.2 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Sec. 105, as amended by 2019
16 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 19 and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec.
17 75, is further amended to read:

18 Sec. 105. EFFECTIVE DATES

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20 (b) Sec. 73 (further amending 32 V.S.A. § 10402) shall take effect on
21 July 1, ~~2023~~ 2025.

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Sec. E.306.3 ADULT DAY PROGRAMS; RATE STUDY

(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access, in collaboration with the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, and the Vermont Association of Adult Day Services shall propose payment methodologies that encourage increased enrollment or attendance or both and predictable funding levels for adult day programs.

(b) On or before February 15, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall submit the report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare.

Sec. E.306.4 ASSISTIVE COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

(a) Beginning in fiscal year 2025, the Agency of Human Services shall move the appropriation for assistive community care services from the Department of Vermont Health Access to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living.

Sec. E.307 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.334.1 is amended to read:

Sec. E.334.1 LONG-TERM CARE – PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE
INCREASE

(a) The amount of the State supplement for Medicaid beneficiaries who reside in a nursing home and receive Supplemental Security Income shall

1 increase by 10 percent to the degree practicable effective January 1, 2023 but
2 not later than January 1, 2024.

3 (b) The amount of the personal needs allowance for all Medicaid
4 beneficiaries who reside in a nursing home shall increase by 10 percent to the
5 degree practicable effective January 1, 2023 but not later than January 1, 2024.

6 Sec. E.307.1 BLUEPRINT FOR HEALTH; PAYMENTS TO PATIENT

7 CENTERED MEDICAL HOMES; REPORT

8 (a) On or before January 15, 2024, the Director of Health Care Reform in
9 the Agency of Human Services shall recommend to the House Committees on
10 Health Care and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health and
11 Welfare, on Appropriations, and on Finance the amounts by which health
12 insurers and Vermont Medicaid should increase the amount of the per person,
13 per month payments they make to Blueprint for Health patient-centered
14 medical homes in furtherance of the goal of providing the additional resources
15 necessary for delivery of comprehensive primary care services to Vermonters
16 and in order to sustain access to primary care services in Vermont. The
17 Agency shall provide an estimate of the State funding that would be needed to
18 support the increase for Medicaid, both with and without federal financial
19 participation. The Agency shall also evaluate and report on potential
20 mechanisms for ensuring that all payers are contributing equitably to the
21 Blueprint on behalf of their covered lives in Vermont, including a

1 consideration of supporting Blueprint initiatives through the health care claims
2 tax established in 32 V.S.A. chapter 243.

3 Sec. E.307.2 33 V.S.A. § 1992 is amended to read:

4 § 1992. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR ADULT DENTAL SERVICES

5 (a) Vermont Medicaid shall provide coverage for medically necessary
6 dental services provided by a dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist
7 working within the scope of the provider's license as follows:

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9 (2) Diagnostic, restorative, and endodontic procedures, to a maximum of
10 ~~\$1,000.00~~ \$1,500 per calendar year, provided that the Department of Vermont
11 Health Access may approve expenditures in excess of that amount when
12 exceptional medical circumstances so require.

13 Sec. E.307.3 MEDICAID DENTAL COVERAGE; ESTIMATED COST OF
14 REMOVING COVERAGE LIMIT; REPORT

15 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to improve access to dental care
16 for Vermont Medicaid beneficiaries by eliminating individual caps on dental
17 spending. Following implementation of a proposed increase in the dental cap
18 from \$1,000 to \$1,500 and evaluation of the financial impacts of the increase,
19 the Department of Vermont Health Access shall project the potential costs of
20 eliminating the dental cap entirely. The Department shall report its findings on

1 the projected costs of lifting the dental cap as part of its fiscal year 2026 budget
2 presentation.

3 Sec. E.312 HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH

4 (a) AIDS/HIV funding:

5 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
6 the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication Rebates special funds to Vermont
7 AIDS service and peer-support organizations for client-based support services.
8 The Department of Health AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the
9 Community Advisory Group (CAG) with current information and data relating
10 to service initiatives. The funds shall be allocated according to an RFP
11 process.

12 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
13 the amount of \$295,000 to the following organizations:

14 (A) Vermont CARES - \$140,000;

15 (B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont - \$100,000; and

16 (C) HIV/HCV Resource Center - \$55,000.

17 (3) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont
18 Medication Assistance Program (VMAP) shall be distributed in accordance
19 with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or
20 services funded solely by State general funds.

1 (A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the
2 Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in VMAP to
3 assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with
4 persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to VMAP
5 medications until such time as the General Assembly can act.

6 (B) The Secretary of Human Services shall work in collaboration
7 with the VMAP Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of not less
8 than 50 percent of members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification
9 to the program's eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the
10 Committee shall make recommendations regarding the program's formulary of
11 approved medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and
12 eligibility for the program.

13 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
14 the amount of \$100,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service
15 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for
16 community-based HIV prevention programs and services. These funds shall
17 be used for HIV/AIDS prevention purposes, including syringe exchange
18 programs; improving the availability of confidential and anonymous HIV
19 testing; prevention work with at-risk groups such as women, intravenous drug
20 users, and people of color; and anti-stigma campaigns. Not more than 15
21 percent of the funds may be used for the administration of such services by the

1 recipients of these funds. The method by which these prevention funds are
2 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of
3 Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont
4 HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

5 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
6 the amount of \$300,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service
7 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for syringe
8 exchange programs. The method by which these prevention funds are
9 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of
10 Health, the Vermont AIDS service organizations, and other Vermont
11 HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The performance period for these grants
12 shall be State fiscal year 2024. Grant reporting shall include outcomes and
13 results.

14 (6) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall not reduce any
15 grants to Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations or syringe
16 service programs from funds appropriated for AIDS/HIV services to levels
17 below those in fiscal year 2023 without receiving prior approval from the Joint
18 Fiscal Committee.

19 Sec. E.312.1 REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

20 COORDINATION; STUDY COMMITTEE; REPORT

1 (a) Creation. There is created the Regional Emergency Medical Services
2 (EMS) Coordination Study Committee to assess the current EMS District
3 structure and the current level and cost of service in each district.

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

6 (1) a member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker
7 of the House;

8 (2) a member of the Senate, appointed by the Committee on
9 Committees;

10 (3) the EMS Chief of the EMS Office in the Department of Health;

11 (4) the Commissioner of the Department of Health or designee;

12 (5) the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or designee;

13 (6) one member, appointed by the Vermont League of Cities and
14 Towns;

15 (7) one member who is a volunteer emergency medical technician or
16 paramedic, appointed by the Vermont Ambulance Association;

17 (8) one member, appointed by the Vermont Association of Hospitals and
18 Health Systems;

19 (9) one member, appointed by the Vermont State Firefighters'
20 Association;

21 (10) one member, appointed by Professional Fire Fighters of Vermont;

1 (11) one member, appointed by the Statewide EMS Medical Director;

2 (12) one member, appointed by the EMS Education Council;

3 (13) three members representing three separate EMS Districts, with at

4 least one selected District primarily covering small, rural communities,

5 appointed by the EMS Chief at the Department of Health; and

6 (14) two members of the public, appointed by the Governor.

7 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall study the provision of

8 emergency medical services in the State, including the following issues:

9 (1) ways to decrease costs;

10 (2) ways to improve EMS coordination;

11 (3) ways to increase access to emergency services within each district;

12 and

13 (4) ways to optimize the EMS District structure and authority, including

14 consideration of recommendations on the number and configuration of EMS

15 Districts and their powers, duties, and authority.

16 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,

17 and legal assistance of the Department of Health.

18 (e) Report. On or before December 31, 2023, the Committee shall submit a

19 written report to the House Committees on Government Operations and

20 Military Affairs and on Health Care and the Senate Committees on

1 Government Operations and on Health and Welfare with its findings and any
2 recommendations for legislative action.

3 (f) Meetings.

4 (1) The EMS Chief of the EMS Office in the Department of Health shall
5 call the first meeting of the Committee to occur on or before July 15, 2023.

6 (2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the
7 first meeting.

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

9 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on December 31, 2023.

10 (g) Compensation and reimbursement.

11 (1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General
12 Assembly, a legislative member of the Committee serving in the member's
13 capacity as a legislator shall be entitled to per diem compensation and
14 reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 23 for not more than eight
15 meetings. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the
16 General Assembly.

17 (2) Other members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem
18 compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A.
19 § 1010 for not more than eight meetings. These payments shall be made from
20 monies appropriated to the Department of Health.

1 (h) Appropriation. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated to the Department
2 of Health from the General Fund in fiscal year 2024 to support the work of the
3 Committee as set forth in this section, including hiring a consultant to assist the
4 Committee in conducting its study and writing a report on its findings and
5 recommendations.

6 Sec. E.313 HEALTH; SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAMS

7 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide additional
8 grants from the Global Commitment in the amount of \$1,850,000 to Vermont's
9 13 recovery centers, including Jenna's Promise and Vermont Recovery
10 Partners, for recovery center operations. The methods by which these funds
11 are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department and
12 the recipient recovery centers. The performance period of these grants shall be
13 State fiscal year 2024. Recipient recovery centers shall report outcomes to the
14 Department.

15 Sec. E.316 STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP; FACILITY PLANNING

16 FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH

17 (a) The Department for Children and Families, in consultation with the
18 Department of Buildings and General Services, shall assemble a stakeholder
19 working group to provide regular input on the planning, design, development,
20 and implementation of the temporary stabilization facility for youth and on the
21 development of a long-term plan for the high-end system of care.

1 (b) The stakeholder working group, constituted as a subcommittee of, or
2 drawn from, existing groups or created as a separate group, may include
3 representatives from:

4 (1) the families of children in the Department’s custody for delinquency
5 offenses;

6 (2) youth who have been in custody for juvenile offenses;

7 (3) the Juvenile Defender’s Office;

8 (4) the Office of State’s Attorneys;

9 (5) the Family Court;

10 (6) the Office of Racial Equity;

11 (7) the Vermont Family Network;

12 (8) the Vermont Federation of Families;

13 (9) the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs;

14 (10) the Vermont Protection and Advocacy;

15 (11) the Department of Mental Health;

16 (12) the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living;

17 (13) the State Program Standing Committees for Developmental

18 Services, Children’s Mental Health, and Adult Mental Health; and

19 (14) any other groups the Department may select.

1 (c) The Department shall regularly present relevant information to the
2 stakeholder working group established pursuant to this section and review
3 recommendations from the working group regarding:

4 (1) facility design layout, programming, and policy development for the
5 temporary stabilization facility, including data on the number of cases and
6 types of case mix, as well as likely length of stay; and

7 (2) the Department's data and assumptions for size, type of treatment,
8 and security levels for future permanent facilities included in the planning
9 process proposed in the fiscal year 2024 capital bill; optimal locations,
10 including whether a campus plan is appropriate; and any plans regarding the
11 use of outside contractors for facility operations, including State oversight of
12 appropriate quality of care.

13 (d) The stakeholder working group established in this section shall be
14 subject to the requirements of the Vermont Open Meeting Law.

15 (e) On or before January 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Children and
16 Families shall develop and submit a strategic plan to the House Committees on
17 Corrections and Institutions and on Human Services and to the Senate
18 Committees on Health and Welfare and Institutions, as part of the overall
19 planning process for development of the high-end system of care, for
20 preventing the disproportionality of youth who are Black, Indigenous, or
21 Persons of Color in staff- or building-secure facilities. The strategic plan shall

1 include mechanisms for collecting necessary data, and the process of
2 development shall include input from relevant public stakeholders.

3 (f) The stakeholder working group shall cease to exist on June 30, 2025.

4 Sec. E.318 PARENT CHILD CENTERS NETWORK; EMPLOYEE

5 SALARIES AND BENEFITS

6 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly increased funding appropriated
7 in fiscal year 2024 to the parent child centers be used to increase employee
8 salaries and benefits, and not for new or expanded programming.

9 Sec. E.318.1 REPORT; CRISIS STANDARDS – EMERGENCY HOUSING

10 (a) On or before January 1, 2024, the Department for Children and Families
11 shall develop and submit a plan to coordinate and deliver crisis standards,
12 including for emergency housing and shelter with strong connections to
13 housing, health, and employment services, to the House Committees on
14 Human Services and on General and Housing and to the Senate Committees on
15 Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Health and
16 Welfare. In developing the plan, the Department shall consult with
17 stakeholders who specialize in homelessness prevention and mitigation,
18 including those organizations who participated in developing the Vermont
19 Roadmap to End Homelessness developed pursuant to 2016 Acts and Resolves
20 No. 172, Sec. B.1102(a).

1 ~~(26) “Work activities” means the following activities limited to the~~
2 ~~extent and degree that they are allowed and countable in accordance with Part~~
3 ~~A of Title IV of the Social Security Act:~~

4 ~~(A) unsubsidized employment;~~

5 ~~(B) subsidized private sector employment;~~

6 ~~(C) subsidized public sector employment;~~

7 ~~(D) work experience (including work associated with the refurbishing~~
8 ~~of publicly assisted housing) if sufficient private sector employment is not~~
9 ~~available;~~

10 ~~(E) on the job training;~~

11 ~~(F) job search and job readiness assistance;~~

12 ~~(G) community service programs;~~

13 ~~(H) vocational educational training (not to exceed 12 months with~~
14 ~~respect to any individual);~~

15 ~~(I) job skills training directly related to employment;~~

16 ~~(J) education directly related to employment, in the case of a~~
17 ~~recipient who has not received a high school diploma or a certificate of high~~
18 ~~school equivalency;~~

19 ~~(K) satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course of~~
20 ~~study leading to a certificate of general equivalence, in the case of a recipient~~
21 ~~who has not completed secondary school or received such a certificate;~~

1 Sec. E.323.3 33 V.S.A. § 1006 is amended to read:

2 § 1006. CASE MANAGEMENT; FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PLANS;
3 COORDINATED SERVICES

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5 (b) The family development plan shall include:

6 (1) Each ~~parent~~ parent's or caretaker's employment goal or plan to
7 engage in the program, to the best of the parent's or caretaker's ability.

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9 Sec. E.323.4 33 V.S.A. § 1011 is amended to read:

10 § 1011. TRANSITION TO OTHER PROGRAMS

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12 ~~(b) If a family finds employment meeting or exceeding the work~~
13 ~~requirements for Reach Up for the family's size and composition, but is~~
14 ~~financially eligible for Reach Up, the Department shall transfer the family to~~
15 ~~Reach Up, unless the family chooses not to participate. A family transferring~~
16 ~~from Reach First to Reach Up shall be treated as a recipient for the purposes of~~
17 ~~income calculation. [Repealed.]~~

18 (c) ~~If a family finds employment meeting or exceeding the work~~
19 ~~requirements for Reach Up for the family's size and composition, is not~~
20 ~~financially eligible for Reach Up, and is eligible for the Reach Ahead program,~~
21 ~~the Department shall transfer the family to Reach Ahead, unless the family~~

1 ~~chooses not to participate. A family transferring from Reach First to Reach~~
2 ~~Ahead shall be treated as a recipient for the purposes of income calculation.~~

3 [Repealed.]

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5 Sec. E.323.5 33 V.S.A. § 1203 is amended to read:

6 § 1203. ELIGIBILITY

7 A family shall be eligible for Reach Ahead if the family resides in Vermont
8 and:

9 (1) has left Reach Up or the postsecondary education program within the
10 prior six months for employment that meets the federal work requirements for
11 the ~~Reach-Up~~ TANF program for the family's size and composition;

12 * * *

13 Sec. E.323.6 33 V.S.A. § 1212 is amended to read:

14 § 1212. TRANSITION TO OTHER PROGRAMS

15 If a family loses employment meeting or exceeding the work requirements
16 for ~~Reach-Up~~ TANF for the family's size and composition and is financially
17 eligible for Reach Up, the family shall be transferred to Reach First or Reach
18 Up without an additional application process, unless the family chooses not to
19 participate. Verification of income or other documentation may be required as
20 provided for by rule.

1 Sec. E 323.7 REACH AHEAD PILOT PROGRAM

2 (a) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in 33 V.S.A. chapter 12,
3 funds appropriated to the Department for Children and Families for the Reach
4 Ahead Pilot Program in fiscal year 2024 shall be used to:

5 (1) enroll families that have left the Reach Up program or the
6 postsecondary education program within the prior 12 months for employment
7 that meets the federal work requirements for the Temporary Assistance for
8 Needy Families program for the family's size and composition;

9 (2) increase the amount of monthly food assistance from \$50 to \$100 in
10 the first 12 months of a family's participation in Reach Ahead;

11 (3) increase the amount of monthly food assistance from \$5 to \$50 in the
12 second 12 months of a family's participation in Reach Ahead; and

13 (4) provide incentive payments to participating families in the amounts
14 of:

15 (A) \$1,250, to be paid after participating in the Program for six
16 months;

17 (B) \$1,000, to be paid after participating in the Program for
18 12 months;

19 (C) \$750, to be paid after participating in the Program for 18 months;

20 and

21 (D) \$750, to be paid after participating in the Program for 24 months.

1 Sec. E.323.8 REACH AHEAD PILOT PROGRAM

2 (a) The Department for Children and Families' Economic Services
3 Division shall collect and report data that measures outcomes for participants
4 of the Reach Ahead Pilot Program established in Sec. E.323.7 of this act; the
5 indicators used to measure participant and Pilot Program progress; and the
6 strategies that are implemented to improve quality of life for all children,
7 adults, and families participating in the Reach Ahead Pilot Program.

8 Sec. E.324 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

9 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee may authorize
10 crisis fuel assistance to those income-eligible households that have applied for
11 an expedited seasonal fuel benefit but have not yet received it if the benefit
12 cannot be executed in time to prevent them from running out of fuel. The
13 crisis fuel grants authorized pursuant to this section count toward the one crisis
14 fuel grant allowed per household for the winter heating season pursuant to 33
15 V.S.A. § 2609(b).

16 Sec. E.325 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – OFFICE
17 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

18 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act,
19 \$14,789,597 shall be granted to community agencies to assist individuals
20 experiencing homelessness by preserving existing services, increasing services,
21 or increasing resources available statewide. These funds may be granted alone

1 or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions Grants funds. Funds shall
2 be administered in consultation with the Vermont Coalition to End
3 Homelessness.

4 (b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$170,301
5 will be granted to community agencies for financial coaching.

6 Sec. E.325.1 CHILD CARE FACILITIES FINANCING PROGRAM

7 (a) 33 V.S.A. § 3521 (Child Care Facilities Financing Program established)
8 is repealed.

9 Sec. E.326 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – OFFICE
10 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY – WEATHERIZATION
11 ASSISTANCE

12 (a) Of the special fund appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act, \$750,000 is
13 for the replacement and repair of home heating equipment.

14 Sec. E.329 18 V.S.A. § 8725 is amended to read:

15 § 8725. SYSTEM OF CARE PLAN

16 * * *

17 (e) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), on or before ~~January~~ February 15 of
18 each year, the Department shall report to the Governor and the committees of
19 jurisdiction regarding implementation of the plan, the extent to which the
20 principles of service set forth in section 8724 of this title are achieved, and

1 whether people with a developmental disability have any unmet service needs,
2 including the number of people on waiting lists for developmental services.

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4 Sec. E.330 1 V.S.A. § 331 is amended to read:

5 § 331. DEFINITIONS

6 As used in the subchapter:

7 (1) “Person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or
8 DeafBlind” means any person who has such difficulty hearing, even with
9 amplification, that the person cannot rely on hearing for communication.

10 (2) “Proceeding” means any judicial proceeding, contested case under
11 3 V.S.A. chapter 25, or other hearing before an administrative agency not
12 included under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.

13 (3) “Qualified interpreter” means an interpreter for a person who is ~~deaf~~
14 ~~or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind who meets standards
15 of competency established by the national or Vermont Registry of Interpreters
16 for the Deaf ~~as amended, by rule, by the Vermont Commission of the Deaf and~~
17 ~~Hard of Hearing.~~

18 Sec. E.330.1 1 V.S.A. § 332 is amended to read:

19 § 332. RIGHT TO INTERPRETER; ASSISTIVE LISTENING EQUIPMENT

20 (a) Any person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or
21 DeafBlind who is a party or witness in any proceeding shall be entitled to be

1 provided with a qualified interpreter for the duration of the person's
2 participation in the proceeding.

3 (b) Any person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or
4 DeafBlind shall be entitled to be provided with a qualified interpreter upon five
5 working days' notice that the person has reasonable need to do any of the
6 following:

7 * * *

8 (c) If a person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or
9 DeafBlind is unable to use or understand sign language, the presiding officer or
10 State board or agency or State legislative official shall, upon five working
11 days' notice, make available appropriate assistive listening equipment for use
12 during the proceeding or activity.

13 Sec. E.330.2 1 V.S.A. § 333 is amended to read:

14 § 333. APPOINTMENT OF INTERPRETER

15 (a) The presiding officer in a proceeding shall appoint an interpreter after
16 making a preliminary determination that the interpreter is able to:

17 (1) readily communicate with the person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing,~~
18 ~~to~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind;

19 (2) accurately interpret statements or communications from the person
20 who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing,~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind; and to

1 (6) shall not exert any influence over the person who is ~~deaf or hard of~~
2 ~~hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind; and

3 (7) ~~shall~~ does not accept assignments the interpreter does not feel
4 competent to handle.

5 (b) ~~Rules established by the Vermont Commission of the Deaf and Hard of~~
6 ~~Hearing pursuant to subdivision 331(3) of this title amending the standards of~~
7 ~~competency established by the national or Vermont Registry of the Deaf shall~~
8 ~~be limited to the factors set forth in subsection (a) of this section.~~ [Repealed.]

9 (c) ~~The Vermont Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing shall~~
10 ~~prepare an explanation of the provisions of this subchapter which shall be~~
11 ~~distributed to all State agencies and courts.~~ [Repealed.]

12 (d) ~~The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall~~
13 ~~maintain a list of qualified interpreters in Vermont and, where such~~
14 ~~information is available, in surrounding states. The list shall be distributed~~
15 State of Vermont, though a statewide contract, shall maintain access to
16 qualified interpreters in Vermont. Access to qualified interpreters shall be
17 available to all State agencies and courts.

18 Sec. E.330.4 1 V.S.A. § 337 is amended to read:

19 § 337. REVIEW

20 (a) A decision, order, or judgment of a court or administrative agency may
21 be reversed on appeal if the court or agency finds that a person who is ~~deaf or~~

1 ~~hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind who was a party or a
2 witness in the proceeding was deprived of an opportunity to communicate
3 effectively, and that the deprivation was prejudicial.

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5 Sec. E.330.5 1 V.S.A. § 338 is amended to read:

6 § 338. ADMISSIONS; CONFESSIONS

7 (a) An admission or confession by a person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~
8 Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind made to a law enforcement officer or any
9 other person having a prosecutorial function may only be used against the
10 person in a criminal proceeding if:

11 (1) ~~The~~ the admission or confession was made knowingly, voluntarily,
12 and intelligently and is not subject to alternative interpretations resulting from
13 the person's habits and patterns of communication; and

14 (2) ~~The~~ the admission or confession, if made during a custodial
15 interrogation, was made after reasonable steps were taken, including the
16 appointment of a qualified interpreter, to ensure that the defendant understood
17 ~~his or her~~ the defendant's constitutional rights.

18 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section supplement the
19 constitutional rights of the person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of
20 Hearing, or DeafBlind.

1 Sec. E.330.6 1 V.S.A. § 339 is amended to read:

2 § 339. COMMUNICATIONS MADE TO INTERPRETERS; PROHIBITION
3 ON DISCLOSURE

4 (a) An interpreter, whether or not the interpreter is a qualified interpreter,
5 shall not disclose or testify to:

6 (1) a communication made by a person to an interpreter acting in ~~his or~~
7 ~~her~~ the capacity as of an interpreter for a person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~
8 Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind or a person with limited English
9 proficiency; or

10 (2) any information obtained by the interpreter while acting in ~~his or her~~
11 the capacity as of an interpreter for a person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~
12 Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind or a person with limited English
13 proficiency.

14 (b) There is no prohibition on disclosure under this section if the services
15 of the interpreter were sought or obtained to enable or aid anyone to commit or
16 plan to commit what the person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of
17 Hearing, or DeafBlind or the person with limited English proficiency knew or
18 reasonably should have known to be a crime or fraud.

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20 (d) As used in this section, “person with limited English proficiency”
21 means a person who does not speak English as ~~his or her~~ the person’s primary

1 language and who has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand
2 English.

3 Sec. E.334 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND TRAUMATIC
4 BRAIN INJURY SERVICES RATE STUDY; REPORT

5 (a) The Department of Vermont Health Access, in collaboration with the
6 Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, shall conduct a
7 rate study of the Medicaid reimbursement rates paid for developmental
8 disability and traumatic brain injury (TBI) related services.

9 (b) On or before February 15, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health
10 Access shall report the results of its rate study to the House Committees on
11 Human Services and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health
12 and Welfare and on Appropriations.

13 Sec. E. 334.1 NURSING HOME RATE SETTING

14 (a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and the
15 Department of Vermont Health Access shall report to the House Committees
16 on Human Services and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on
17 Health and Welfare and on Appropriations not later than December 15, 2023,
18 on the budgetary impact of eliminating the minimum occupancy threshold in
19 the nursing home rate setting process and reducing the minimum occupancy
20 threshold to not more than 80 percent in the nursing home rate setting process.
21 The report shall include a recommendation on whether to eliminate or reduce

1 the minimum occupancy requirement, timeline, and next steps for
2 implementing the recommendation and anticipated impact on sustainability of
3 Vermont nursing homes.

4 Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS OUT-OF-STATE BEDS APPROPRIATION;
5 UNEXPENDED FUNDS CARRY FORWARD TO JUSTICE
6 REINVESTMENT II APPROPRIATION; REPORT

7 (a) In fiscal year 2024, any unexpended funds for the Department of
8 Corrections out-of-state beds appropriation will be carried forward to fiscal
9 year 2025, and the amount reported to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight
10 Committee in September 2024, to provide funding for justice reinvestment-
11 related programs. Funds may only be expended on justice reinvestment-related
12 programs upon approval of the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee.
13 The House Committees on Appropriations and on Corrections and Institutions
14 and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Judiciary will be notified
15 of any proposed expenditures on justice reinvestment-related programs.

16 (b) Any funds authorized to be used on justice reinvestment-related
17 programs pursuant to subsection (a) of this section may be spent over multiple
18 fiscal years until fully expended.

19 Sec. E.335.1 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES; OUT-OF-STATE BEDS

20 (a) To the extent that the General Fund is reduced in the Correctional
21 Services – out-of-state beds appropriation under Sec. B.339 of this act, the

1 corresponding amount of General Fund is budgeted in the Correctional
2 Services Justice Reinvestment II appropriation under Sec. B.338.1 of this Act
3 in a net-neutral manner. As a result of this neutral reallocation of General
4 Fund among the two appropriations, any unexpended appropriations remaining
5 in Correctional Services – out-of-state beds appropriation on June 30 of any
6 fiscal year shall revert pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 703.

7 Sec. E.338 CORRECTIONS – CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

8 (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the special funds appropriation of
9 \$152,000 for the supplemental facility payments to Newport and Springfield
10 will be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

11 Sec. E.338.1 13 V.S.A. § 7554b is amended to read:

12 § 7554b. HOME DETENTION PROGRAM

13 (a) Definition. As used in this section, “home detention” means a program
14 of confinement and supervision that restricts a defendant to a preapproved
15 residence continuously, except for authorized absences, and is enforced by
16 appropriate means of surveillance and electronic monitoring by the Department
17 of Corrections, including the use of passive electronic monitoring. The court
18 may authorize scheduled absences such as for work, school, or treatment. Any
19 changes in the schedule shall be solely at the discretion of the Department of
20 Corrections. A defendant who is on home detention shall remain in the
21 custody of the Commissioner of Corrections with conditions set by the court.

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Sec. E.338.2 HOME DETENTION PROGRAM; REVIEW; REPORT

(a) The Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee shall review the Home Detention Program under 13 V.S.A. § 7554b, including its historical and current use, defendant eligibility criteria, and any potential changes to the types of crimes for which it can be used.

(b) On or before November 15, 2023, the Committee shall submit any findings resulting from its review in the form of proposed legislation to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

Sec. E.338.3 REPEALS

(a) 13 V.S.A. § 7554(a)(1)(G) is repealed.

(b) 13 V.S.A. § 7554(a)(2)(F) is repealed.

(c) 13 V.S.A. § 7554b is repealed on July 1, 2025.

(d) 13 V.S.A. § 7554d is repealed.

Sec. E.338.4 28 V.S.A. chapter 11 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 11. SUPERVISION OF ADULT INMATES AT
THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

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Subchapter 1A. Offender Reintegration

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1 § 722. DEFINITIONS

2 As used in this subchapter:

3 (1) “Absconding” means:

4 (A) the offender has not met supervision requirements, cannot be
5 located with reasonable efforts, and has not made contact with Department
6 staff within three days if convicted of a listed crime as defined in 13 V.S.A.
7 § 5301(7) or seven days if convicted of an unlisted crime;

8 (B) the offender flees from Department staff or law enforcement; or

9 (C) the offender left the State without Department authorization.

10 (2) “Conditional reentry” means the process by which a sentenced
11 offender is released into a community for supervision while participating in
12 programs that assist the reintegration process. The offender’s ability to remain
13 in the community under supervision is conditioned on the offender’s progress
14 in reentry programs.

15 ~~(2)~~(3) “Listed crime” means any offense identified in 13 V.S.A.

16 § 5301(7).

17 (4) “Technical violation” means a violation of conditions of furlough
18 that does not constitute a new crime.

19 ~~(3)~~(5) “Total effective sentence” means the sentence imposed under
20 13 V.S.A. §§ 7031 and 7032 as calculated by the Department in the offender’s
21 records.

1 ~~§ 5301(7) or seven days if convicted of a crime not listed in 13 V.S.A.~~

2 ~~§ 5301(7);~~

3 ~~(ii) the offender flees from Department staff or law enforcement;~~

4 ~~or~~

5 ~~(iii) the offender left the State without Department authorization.~~

6 * * *

7 § 808e. ABSCONDING FROM FURLOUGH; WARRANT

8 (a) “Absconded” has the same meaning as “absconding” as defined in
9 subdivision 722(1)(A) of this title.

10 (b) The Commissioner of Corrections may issue a warrant for the arrest of
11 a person who has absconded from furlough status in violation of subsection
12 808(a) or section 723 or 808a, 808b, or 808e of this title, requiring the person
13 to be returned to a correctional facility. A law enforcement officer who is
14 provided with a warrant issued pursuant to this section shall execute the
15 warrant and return the person who has absconded from furlough to the
16 Department of Corrections.

17 ~~(b)~~(c) A person for whom an arrest warrant is issued pursuant to this
18 section shall not earn credit toward service of ~~his or her~~ the person’s sentence
19 for any days that the warrant is outstanding.

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1 Sec. E.345 HOSPITAL SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION PLANNING;

2 PILOT PROJECTS; REPORT

3 (a) The Agency of Human Services, in consultation with the Green
4 Mountain Care Board, shall engage in transformation planning with up to four
5 hospitals, or more than four hospitals to the extent funding is available, to
6 reduce inefficiencies, lower costs, improve population health outcomes, reduce
7 health inequities, and increase access to essential services while maintaining
8 sufficient capacity for emergency management. The transformation planning
9 shall be informed by the data analysis and community engagement process set
10 forth in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 167, Sec. 2.

11 (b) In order to ensure alignment across hospital system transformation
12 efforts, the Secretary of Human Services or designee and the Chair and staff of
13 the Green Mountain Care Board shall consult regarding the planning activities
14 set forth in this section and the data analysis and community engagement
15 process set forth in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 167, Sec. 2.

16 (c) On or before February 15, 2024, the Agency, in consultation with the
17 Board, shall provide an update to the House Committee on Health Care and the
18 Senate Committee on Health and Welfare regarding the progress of the
19 hospital system transformation planning activities described in subsection (a)
20 of this section.

1 (A) Grants may be used for technical assistance, program
2 implementation, program expansion, program sustainability, and related costs.

3 (B) Funds may be used to directly target communities with low
4 existing capacity to serve youth in afterschool and summer settings.

5 (C) The Agency may use up to \$500,000 for administrative costs to
6 allow for the support of the grant program and technical assistance to
7 communities. This could include subcontracts to support the grant program.

8 (b) Advisory Committee. An Advisory Committee is created to support the
9 Secretary of Education in administering the funds. The Agency will provide
10 administrative and technical support to the Committee. The Committee is to
11 be composed of:

12 (1) State's Chief Prevention Officer;

13 (2) DCF Commissioner or designee;

14 (3) VDH Commissioner or designee;

15 (4) DMH Commissioner or designee;

16 (5) ANR Secretary or designee;

17 (6) ACCD Secretary or designee;

18 (7) Vermont Afterschool Executive Director or Designee; and

19 (8) a Representative from the Governor's Office.

1 Sec. E.500.2 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 164 (Cannabis Regulation), Sec.

2 17d is amended to read:

3 Sec. 17d. ANNUAL BUDGETING OF SALES AND USE TAX

4 REVENUE

5 On or before November 15, 2021, and on or before each subsequent
6 November 15, the Agency of Education shall submit to the General Assembly
7 a plan to fund grants in furtherance of the purposes of Sec. 17c of this act, and
8 report outcomes data on the grants made during the previous year. The
9 Agency will also report on the number of programs, slots, weeks or hours,
10 geographic distribution, and what is known about costs to families. The report
11 should be inclusive of 21C programming. The grants shall be in an amount
12 equal to the official forecasted revenues to be raised from the sales and use tax
13 imposed by 32 V.S.A. chapter 233 on cannabis or cannabis products in this
14 State. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall
15 not apply to the plan to be made under this subsection.

16 Sec. E.502 EDUCATION – SPECIAL EDUCATION: FORMULA GRANTS

17 (a) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and
18 notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed
19 \$4,195,600 will be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2024 as
20 funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the

1 Secretary will not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. §
2 2969(c)–(d).

3 Sec. E.503 EDUCATION – STATE-PLACED STUDENTS

4 (a) The Independence Place Program of the Lund Family Center will be
5 considered a 24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of
6 education costs.

7 Sec. E.504 EDUCATION – FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

8 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$1,900,000 from the
9 Education Fund will be distributed to school districts for reimbursement of
10 high school completion services pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 943(c).

11 (b) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b), of this Education Fund
12 appropriation, the amount of:

13 (1) \$921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs notwithstanding
14 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);

15 (2) \$2,000,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual High School;

16 (3) \$400,000 is available for secondary school reform grants;

17 (4) \$3,400,000 is available for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §
18 946; and

19 (5) \$600,000 is available for the Vermont Academy of Science and
20 Technology.

1 (c) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$921,500 from the
2 General Fund is available for dual enrollment programs.

3 Sec. E.514 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

4 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to
5 the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS) will be
6 \$194,281,051 of which \$184,811,051 will be the State's contribution and
7 \$9,470,000 will be contributed from local school systems or educational
8 entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c).

9 (b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution,
10 \$34,825,673 is the "normal contribution," and \$159,455,378 is the "accrued
11 liability contribution."

12 Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM;
13 CALENDAR YEAR 2023-2024 SUPPLEMENTAL COST OF
14 LIVING PAYMENTS; INTENT; ACTUARIAL COST
15 ANALYSIS

16 (a) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

17 (1) The maximum percentage value methodology set forth in 16 V.S.A.
18 § 1949 that applies to the postretirement adjustment allowances for the
19 Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS) shall be actuarially
20 evaluated to determine the cost required to revert to the methodology used
21 prior to the enactment of 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 114.

1 (2) The General Assembly further intends to make such a reversion by
2 future legislative action amending 16 V.S.A. § 1949, provided that the present
3 value of changes to the postretirement adjustment allowance methodology be
4 fully funded at the time the change is made and not increase the unfunded
5 liability in VSTRS.

6 (3) The General Assembly further intends that if the June 30, 2023,
7 change in the Consumer Price Index exceeds the statutory maximum
8 percentage values set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 1949 (b)(1), the General Assembly
9 will provide a sufficient appropriation in the 2024 Budget Adjustment Act to
10 make a one-time supplemental payment, similar in form to that described in
11 subsection (b) of this section, to qualifying VSTRS retired members and
12 beneficiaries in calendar year 2024.

13 (b) Calendar year 2023 supplemental payment. A one-time supplemental
14 payment during calendar year 2023 shall be made to VSTRS retired members
15 and beneficiaries who received a 2.5 percent postretirement adjustment
16 allowance in an amount equal to the net difference between what members
17 actually received in calendar year 2023 and what they would have received
18 under a 3.8 percent postretirement adjustment allowance.

19 (c) Actuarial cost analysis. Following the completion of the next
20 experience study, expected in fall 2023, the State Treasurer shall conduct an
21 actuarial analysis to evaluate the cost of changing the current methodology for

1 calculating the postretirement adjustment allowance for the Vermont State
2 Teachers' Retirement System to a methodology calculated by applying the
3 maximum percentage values set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 1949(b)(1) to the
4 postretirement adjustment allowance rather than applying the statutory
5 maximum percentage values to the net percentage change in the Consumer
6 Price Index. The actuarial analysis shall take into account any changes to
7 actuarial assumptions that may occur following the experience study to be
8 performed at the end of fiscal year 2023, as required by 16 V.S.A. § 1942.

9 (d) Report. Based on the actuarial cost analysis described in subsection (c)
10 of this section, on or before January 15, 2024, the State Treasurer shall submit
11 a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations with an
12 actuarial cost estimate for changing the VSTRS postretirement adjustment
13 allowance methodology as set forth in subsection (c) of this section.

14 Sec. E.514.2 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM;
15 SUPPLEMENTAL COST OF LIVING PAYMENT; FISCAL
16 YEAR 2024 APPROPRIATION

17 (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, the amount of
18 \$3,000,000 is appropriated to VSTRS from the Education Fund, for Calendar
19 Year 2023 supplemental payments made in Sec. E.514.1 of this act and
20 associated costs.

1 Sec. E.514.3 16 V.S.A. § 1944 is amended to read:

2 § 1944. VERMONT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND

3 (a) Pension Fund. All of the assets of the System shall be credited to the
4 Vermont Teachers' Retirement Fund.

5 (b) Member contributions.

6 (1) Contributions deducted from the compensation of members shall be
7 accumulated in the Pension Fund and separately recorded for each member.

8 (2) The proper authority or officer responsible for making up each
9 employer payroll shall cause to be deducted from the compensation:

10 (A) Of each Group A member, five and one-half percent of the
11 member's total earnable compensation, including compensation paid for
12 absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title.

13 (B) Of each Group C member, the following shall apply:

14 * * *

15 (ii) Beginning on July 1, 2023, a Group C member shall have the
16 rate set forth in this subdivision (b)(2)(B)(ii) applied to the member's total
17 earnable compensation for the fiscal year, which shall include compensation
18 paid for absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title, and any
19 additional stipends identified as of July 1. A member's rate shall not be
20 adjusted during the fiscal year unless the member's full-time equivalency
21 status changes, which shall require that the member's rate be recalculated and

1 the new rate applied for the remainder of that fiscal year. For a member who
2 works a part-time equivalency status, the rate shall apply to the member's total
3 earnable compensation and not to an amount equal to an annualized base
4 salary. If a member is employed on a part-time equivalency status with two or
5 more employers, the highest rate shall be applied to the amounts deducted from
6 each employer. A member's rate shall be calculated according to the following
7 rates and income brackets:

8 * * *

9 (iii) ~~Beginning on July 1, 2024 and annually thereafter, a Group C~~
10 ~~member shall have an effective rate, rounded to the nearest hundredth of a~~
11 ~~percent, that is calculated based on the member's base salary as of July 1 each~~
12 ~~year, which equals the member's total earnable compensation, including~~
13 ~~compensation paid for absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title,~~
14 ~~and any additional stipends identified as of July 1 for the next fiscal year. A~~
15 ~~member's effective rate shall not be adjusted during any fiscal year unless the~~
16 ~~member's full-time equivalency status changes, which shall require that the~~
17 ~~member's effective rate be recalculated and the new rate applied for the~~
18 ~~remainder of that fiscal year. For a member who works a part-time equivalency~~
19 ~~status, the effective rate shall apply to the member's total earnable~~
20 ~~compensation and not to an amount equal to an annualized base salary. If a~~
21 ~~member is employed on a part-time equivalency status with two or more~~

1 ~~employers, the highest effective rate shall be applied to the amounts deducted~~
2 ~~from each employer.~~ Beginning on July 1, 2024, a Group C member shall
3 have the rate set forth in this subdivision (b)(2)(B)(iii) applied to the member's
4 total earnable compensation for the fiscal year, which shall include
5 compensation paid for absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title,
6 and any additional stipends identified as of July 1. A member's rate shall not
7 be adjusted during the fiscal year unless the member's full-time equivalency
8 status changes, which shall require that the member's rate be recalculated and
9 the new rate applied for the remainder of that fiscal year. For a member who
10 works a part-time equivalency status, the rate shall apply to the member's total
11 earnable compensation and not to an amount equal to an annualized base
12 salary. If a member is employed on a part-time equivalency status with two or
13 more employers, the highest rate shall be applied to the amounts deducted from
14 each employer. A member's ~~effective~~ rate shall be calculated according to the
15 following ~~marginal~~ rates and income brackets:

16 (I) if a member's base salary is at or below \$40,000.00, the rate
17 is ~~6.25~~ 6.15 percent;

18 (II) if a member's base salary is \$40,000.01 or more but not
19 more than ~~\$60,000.00, the rate is the equivalent of \$2,900.00 on \$40,000.00~~
20 ~~and 6.75 percent of the member's salary that is \$40,000.01 or more~~
21 \$50,000.00, the rate is 6.20 percent;

1 (III) if a member's base salary is ~~\$60,000.01~~ \$50,000.01 or
2 more but not more than ~~\$80,000.00~~ \$60,000.00, the rate is ~~the equivalent of~~
3 ~~\$3,850.00 on \$60,000.00 and 7.5 percent of the member's salary that is~~
4 ~~\$60,000.01 or more~~ 6.30 percent;

5 (IV) if a member's base salary is ~~\$80,000.01~~ \$60,000.01 or
6 more but not more than ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$70,000.00, the rate is ~~the equivalent of~~
7 ~~\$5,350.00 on \$80,000.00 and 8.25 percent of the member's salary that is~~
8 ~~\$80,000.01 or more~~ 6.40 percent; and

9 (V) if a member's base salary is ~~\$100,000.01~~ \$70,000.01 or
10 more but not more than \$80,000.00, the rate is ~~the equivalent of \$7,000.00 on~~
11 ~~\$100,000.00 and 9.0 percent of the member's salary that is \$100,000.01 or~~
12 ~~more~~ 6.55 percent.

13 (VI) If a member's base salary is \$80,000.01 or more but not
14 more than \$90,000.00, the rate is 6.80 percent.

15 (VII) If a member's base salary is \$90,000.01 or more but not
16 more than \$100,000.00, the rate is 7.10 percent.

17 (VIII) If a member's base salary is \$100,000.01 or more, the
18 rate is 7.35 percent.

19 Sec. E.515 RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL
20 BENEFITS

1 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), and 16 V.S.A.
2 § 1944b(h)(1), the annual contribution to the Retired Teachers' Health and
3 Medical Benefits plan shall be \$61,290,528, of which \$53,740,528 shall be the
4 State's contribution and \$7,550,000 shall be from the annual charge for teacher
5 health care contributed by employers pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §1944d. Of the
6 annual contribution, \$17,589,046 is the "normal contribution," and
7 \$43,701,482 is the "accrued liability contribution."

8 Sec. E.600 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

9 (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to
10 pay 1/12 of the appropriation in Sec. B.600 of this act to the University of
11 Vermont on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

12 (b) Of this appropriation, \$380,326 shall be transferred to the Experimental
13 Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) to comply with State
14 matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or
15 private funds, or both.

16 Sec. E.602 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

17 (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to
18 pay 1/12 of the appropriation in Sec. B.602 of this act to the Vermont State
19 Colleges on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

20 (b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont
21 Manufacturing Extension Center to comply with State matching fund

1 requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds, or
2 both.

3 Sec. E. 602.1 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

4 (a) For the appropriation in B.1100(a)(3)(B) of this act, those programs
5 eligible for the 50 percent tuition reduction shall be determined annually in
6 consultation with the Commissioner of Labor, the Secretary of Commerce and
7 Community Development, and the Executive Director of the State Workforce
8 Development Board. The Community Colleges of Vermont (CCV) shall report
9 annually on or before December 15 to the Governor and General Assembly on
10 enrollment and degree or certificate completion in programs that receive the
11 50 percent tuition reduction, including any enrollment or graduation growth
12 trends as compared to the previous five years.

13 Sec. E.603 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES – ALLIED HEALTH

14 (a) If Global Commitment fund monies are unavailable, the total grant
15 funding for the Vermont State Colleges shall be maintained through the
16 General Fund or other State funding sources.

17 (b) The Vermont State Colleges shall use the Global Commitment funds
18 appropriated in Sec. B.603 of this act to support the dental hygiene, respiratory
19 therapy, and nursing programs that graduate approximately 315 health care
20 providers annually. These graduates deliver direct, high-quality health care
21 services to Medicaid beneficiaries or uninsured or underinsured persons.

1 Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

2 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.605 of this act, \$25,000 is appropriated
3 from the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
4 (VSAC) to be deposited into the Trust Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2845.

5 (b) Of the appropriated amount remaining after accounting for subsection
6 (a) of this section, not less than 93 percent of this appropriation shall be used
7 for direct student aid.

8 (c) To the extent other funding is provided to the Vermont Student
9 Assistance Corporation in this act or other legislation enacted into law this
10 year, up to six percent, but not to exceed \$100,000, may be used for staff
11 expenses associated with administering the funds. Funds shall not be used for
12 indirect costs. To the extent these are federal funds, allocation for expenses
13 associated with administering the funds shall be consistent with federal grant
14 requirements.

15 Sec. E.605.1 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND
16 EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

17 (a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b), the sum of \$41,225 in education
18 funds and \$41,225 in general funds is appropriated to the Vermont Student
19 Assistance Corporation (VSAC) for dual enrollment and need-based stipend
20 purposes to fund a flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for
21 financially needy students enrolled in a dual enrollment course pursuant to

1 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in early college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 946 to be used for
2 the purchase of books, cost of transportation, and payment of fees. The
3 Vermont Student Assistance Corporation shall establish the criteria for
4 program eligibility. Funds shall be granted to eligible students on a first-come,
5 first-served basis until funds are depleted.

6 (b) On or before January 15, 2024, the Vermont Student Assistance
7 Corporation shall report on the program to the House Committees on
8 Appropriations and on Commerce and Economic Development and the Senate
9 Committees on Appropriations and on Economic Development, Housing and
10 General Affairs.

11 Sec. E.700 CLEAN HEAT HOMES PROGRAM

12 (a) Purpose. The purpose of the Clean Heat Homes Program is to provide
13 incentives for weatherization, clean heat systems, and electrification ready
14 upgrades for low- and moderate-income Vermonters. The Program shall be
15 focus on underserved households who are not eligible for the Weatherization
16 Assistance Program operated by the Department for Children and Families –
17 Office of Economic Opportunity but who earn less than 120 percent of Area
18 Median Income.

19 (b) The Agency of Natural Resources shall grant \$3,000,000 to the
20 Vermont Energy Investment Corporation to administer the Program. The
21 Vermont Energy Investment Corporation shall:

1 (1) identify and conduct outreach to eligible households;
2 (2) serve as a single point of contact to help identify, coordinate, and
3 provide incentive funding to support “whole home climate upgrades”
4 including:

5 (A) thermal energy efficiency and moisture management
6 improvements,

7 (B) fossil fuel heating system displacement options, and

8 (C) panel and wiring improvements necessary to support modern
9 electric technologies, such as cold climate heat pumps, heat pump water
10 heaters, batteries, and EV charging.

11 (3) Coordinate with distribution utilities and other weatherization and
12 energy efficiency providers to ensure Program funds are used to complement
13 and leverage other existing incentives.

14 Sec. E.900 TRANSPORTATION FUND RESERVE – REVERSIONS

15 EXCLUDED

16 (a) To calculate the fiscal year 2024 Transportation Fund Stabilization
17 Reserve requirement of five percent of prior year appropriations, reversions of
18 \$20,727,011 are excluded from the fiscal year 2023 total appropriations
19 amount.

1 Sec. E.1000 32 V.S.A. § 1001b is amended to read:

2 § 1001b. ~~CAPITAL EXPENDITURE CASH FUND~~ INFRASTRUCTURE
3 RESERVE FUND

4 (a) Creation. There is hereby created the ~~Capital Expenditure Cash Fund~~
5 Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund to be administered by the Commissioner
6 of Finance and Management, in consultation with the State Treasurer, for the
7 purpose of using general funds to defray the costs of future capital
8 expenditures that would otherwise be authorized in the capital construction act
9 and paid for using the State's general obligation bonding authority and debt
10 service obligations or paid for as a direct associated cost of a capital project.

11 (b) Fund. The Fund may consist of:

- 12 (1) any appropriations or transfers made by the General Assembly; and
13 (2) any interest earned by the Fund.

14 (c) Use of funds. ~~Expenditure shall only be made from the Fund by~~
15 ~~appropriations by the General Assembly. Plans for use shall be submitted as~~
16 ~~part of the operating budget adjustment or operating budget process. Monies in~~
17 the Fund shall only be used for:

- 18 (1) ~~costs associated with a proposed capital project that occur prior to~~
19 ~~the construction phase of that project, including feasibility, planning, design,~~
20 ~~and engineering and architectural costs~~ tangible capital investments, as

1 described in section 310 of this title, with an anticipated lifespan of 20 years or
2 more;

3 (2) ~~projects with an anticipated lifespan of 20 years; engineering and~~
4 architectural costs directly associated with a proposed capital project; and

5 (3) costs associated with the early redemption of general obligation
6 bonds; ~~and~~

7 (4) ~~other eligible capital projects receiving an appropriation from the~~
8 ~~General Assembly.~~

9 (d) Project recommendation and approval. The House Corrections and
10 Institutions Committee shall review any requests for use of the Fund and
11 recommend projects to be paid for from the Fund to the House Committee on
12 Appropriations. Expenditures shall only be made from the Fund by
13 appropriation by the General Assembly.

14 (e) Fund balance. All balances in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year
15 shall be carried forward and remain part of the Fund.

16 (f) Spending authority. Any entity authorized to make expenditures from
17 the Fund shall have not more than two years from the legislative session in
18 which the act authorizing the expenditure was enacted to encumber the funds.
19 Any remaining unencumbered funds shall remain part of the Fund.

20 (e)(g) Early redemption transfer. If any expenditures are made from the
21 Fund or the General Assembly appropriates general funds to pay for the early

1 redemption of general obligation bonds pursuant to subdivision (c)(3) of this
2 section, then an amount equal to the reduction in debt service required in any
3 fiscal year resulting from that redemption shall be transferred to the Fund.

4 (h) Report.

5 (1) On or before November 15 each year, the Commissioner of Finance
6 and Management shall require each entity to which spending authority has
7 been authorized for a capital project from the Fund to submit a report on the
8 current fund balances of each authorized project with unencumbered funds.
9 The report shall include plans for the unencumbered funds, any projects or
10 contracts the funds are assigned to, and an anticipated timeline for
11 encumbering the funds.

12 (2) On or before December 15 each year, the Commissioner of Finance
13 and Management shall submit in a consolidated format the reports required by
14 subdivision (1) of this subsection to the House Committee on Corrections and
15 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

16 Sec. E.1000.1 32 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

17 § 1001. CAPITAL DEBT AFFORDABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

18 * * *

19 (c) Committee estimate of a prudent amount of net State tax-supported
20 debt; affordability considerations. On or before September 30 of each year, the
21 Committee shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly the

1 Committee's estimate of net State tax-supported debt that prudently may be
2 authorized for the next fiscal year, together with a report explaining the basis
3 for the estimate. The Committee's estimate shall not take into consideration
4 the balance remaining at the end of each fiscal year in the Capital
5 Infrastructure Reserve Fund, established pursuant to Sec. 1001b of this title.

6 The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not
7 apply to the report to be made under this subsection. In developing its annual
8 estimate, and in preparing its annual report, the Committee shall consider:

9 * * *

10 Sec. E.1000.2 32 V.S.A. § 307 is amended to read:

11 § 307. FORM OF BUDGET

12 (a) The budget shall be arranged and classified so as to show separately the
13 following estimates and recommendations:

14 * * *

15 (f) The budget shall also include the Governor's recommendation for any
16 proposed transfers to the Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund, established in
17 Sec. 1001b of this title.

18 Sec. E.1000.3 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83 Sec. 53(b)(5), as amended by
19 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.102, is further amended to read:

20 * * *

1 (B) \$20,000,000 shall be appropriated to the State Treasurer's Office
2 and used for redeeming State of Vermont general obligation bonds prior to
3 maturity. ~~Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. §1001b(e), beginning in fiscal year~~
4 ~~2024, to the extent bonds are redeemed, an amount equal to the reduction in~~
5 ~~payments for debt service required resulting from any redemption shall be~~
6 ~~transferred and reserved in the Capital Expenditure Cash Fund, as establish in~~
7 ~~32 V.S.A. §1001b created in Sec. E. 106.1 of H.740 of 2022.~~

8 * * * Workforce and Economic Development Policies (H.484) * * *

9 Sec. F.1 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT;

10 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

11 (a) Of the \$1,500,000 appropriated from the General Fund to the
12 Department of Labor in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 5a., \$1,200,000
13 is reverted to the General Fund in fiscal year 2024 and allocated as follows:

14 (1) \$200,000 to the State Workforce Development Board for the New
15 American Labor Force Program as appropriated in Sec. B.1100 (q).

16 (2) \$1,000,000 to provide services through the Work-Based Learning
17 and Training Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 547 as appropriated in Sec.
18 B.100(q).

19 Sec. F.2 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 51a is amended to read:

20 Sec. 51a. COVID-19-RELATED PAID LEAVE GRANT PROGRAM

21 (a) Establishment and appropriation.

1 ~~the cost to retroactively provide paid leave to employees who took unpaid~~
2 ~~leave for COVID-19 related reasons.~~

3 ~~(A) For reimbursement of COVID-19 related paid leave that was~~
4 ~~already provided, the employer may, subject to the limitations of~~
5 ~~subdivision (2) of this subsection (e), apply for a grant in an amount equal to~~
6 ~~the number of hours of COVID-19-related paid leave provided to each~~
7 ~~employee multiplied by the greater of either the minimum wage established~~
8 ~~pursuant to 21 V.S.A. § 384 or the employee's regular hourly wage.~~

9 ~~(B) For COVID-19 related paid leave that will be provided~~
10 ~~retroactively to employees who took unpaid leave for COVID-19 related~~
11 ~~reasons, the employer may, subject to the limitations of subdivision (2) of this~~
12 ~~subsection (e), apply for a grant in an amount equal to the number of hours of~~
13 ~~COVID-19 related paid leave to be provided to each employee multiplied by~~
14 ~~the greater of either the minimum wage established pursuant to 21 V.S.A.~~
15 ~~§ 384 or the employee's regular hourly wage.~~

16 Sec. F.3 16 V.S.A. chapter 87, subchapter 6 is added to read:

17 Subchapter 6. Forgivable Loan Incentive Programs

18 § 2871. VERMONT TEACHER FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE

19 PROGRAM

20 (a) As used in this section:

1 (1) “Corporation” means the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
2 established in section 2821 of this title.

3 (2) “Eligible individual” means an individual who satisfies the eligibility
4 requirements under this section for a forgivable loan.

5 (3) “Eligible school” means an approved postsecondary education
6 institution as defined under section 2822 of this title.

7 (4) “Forgivable loan” means a loan awarded under this section covering
8 tuition, which may also include room, board, and the cost of required books
9 and supplies for up to full-time attendance in an undergraduate or graduate
10 program at an eligible school.

11 (5) “Program” means the Vermont Teacher Forgivable Loan Incentive
12 Program created under this section.

13 (b) The Vermont Teacher Forgivable Loan Incentive Program is created
14 and shall be administered by the Corporation. The Program provides
15 forgivable loans to students enrolled in an eligible school who commit to
16 working as a teacher in a Vermont public school and who meet the eligibility
17 requirements in subsection (d) of this section. The intent of the Program is to
18 encourage students to enter into teaching professions, with an emphasis on
19 encouraging Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color Vermonters, New
20 Americans, and other historically underrepresented communities in an effort to
21 diversify the educator workforce.

1 (c) The Corporation shall disburse forgivable loan funds under the Program
2 on behalf of eligible individuals, subject to the appropriation of funds by the
3 General Assembly for this purpose.

4 (d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual,
5 whether a resident or nonresident of Vermont, shall satisfy all of the following
6 requirements:

7 (1) be enrolled in teaching program at an eligible school;

8 (2) maintain good standing at the eligible school at which the individual
9 is enrolled;

10 (3) agree to work as a teacher in Vermont employed directly by a public
11 school located in Vermont for a minimum of one year following licensure for
12 each year of forgivable loan awarded;

13 (4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce
14 the individual's forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to
15 subsection (f) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of
16 service required in this subsection;

17 (5) have completed the Program's application form, the Free
18 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and for Vermont residents, the
19 Vermont grant application each academic year of enrollment in accordance
20 with a schedule determined by the Corporation; and

1 (6) have provided such other documentation as the Corporation may
2 require.

3 (e) If an eligible individual fails to serve as a teacher in a Vermont public
4 school for a period that would entitle the individual to the full forgivable loan
5 benefit received by the individual, other than for good cause as determined by
6 the Corporation, then the individual shall receive only partial loan forgiveness
7 for a pro rata portion of the loan pursuant to the terms of the interest-free credit
8 agreement or promissory note signed by the individual at the time of entering
9 the Program.

10 (f) There shall be no deadline to apply for a forgivable loan under this
11 section. Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis as long as funds
12 are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall roll over
13 and shall be available to the Corporation in the following fiscal year to award
14 additional forgivable loans as set forth in this section.

15 (g) The Corporation shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines
16 necessary to implement the provisions of this section, including maximum
17 forgivable loan amounts. The Corporation shall not use more than seven
18 percent of the funds appropriated for the Program for its costs of
19 administration and may recoup its reasonable costs of collecting the forgivable
20 loans in repayment.

1 Sec. F.4 EMERGING PATHWAYS TO TEACHING; REPORT

2 (a) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to encourage and support the
3 development and retention of qualified and effective Vermont educators. To
4 combat the growing educator shortage throughout the State and meet the needs
5 of Vermont students, it is necessary to invest in nontraditional educator
6 training programs.

7 (b) Grant program.

8 (1) Program creation. In fiscal year 2024, there is established the
9 Emerging Pathways Grant Program, to be administered by the Agency of
10 Education, to provide grants to expand support, mentoring, and professional
11 development to prospective educators seeking licensure through the Agency of
12 Education's emerging pathways, including peer review and apprentice
13 pathways, with the goal of increased program completion rates and increased
14 rates of licensure of underrepresented demographics.

15 (2) Program administration. The Agency shall adopt policies,
16 procedures, and guidelines necessary for implementation of the Program
17 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

18 (3) Eligibility criteria. The Agency shall issue grants to organizations,
19 school districts, or a group of school districts for the development and
20 administration of programs and program coordinators designed to provide
21 prospective educators in emerging pathways to teaching with the support

1 necessary for successful entry into the educator workforce. Recruitment,
2 support, and retention of prospective educator candidates shall focus on
3 diversity, equity, and inclusion. Support provided through the Program may
4 include:

5 (A) support through the Praxis exam process;

6 (B) local, educator-led seminars designed around the Vermont
7 licensure portfolio themes;

8 (C) local educator mentors;

9 (D) support in completing the peer review portfolio and licensing
10 process; and

11 (E) continued professional development support within the first year
12 of licensure.

13 (4) Report. On or before January 15, 2024, the Agency of Education
14 shall report to the Senate and House Committees on Education on the status of
15 the implementation of the Emerging Pathways Grant Program and a summary
16 and performance review of the programs to which grants were awarded. The
17 report shall include any metrics used in the performance review, the number of
18 program participants, endorsement areas of participants, feedback from
19 participants and mentors, and any recommendation for legislative action.

1 Sec. F.5 TEACHER LICENSING FEES; SUSPENSION

2 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, peer review
3 process one-time licensure fee requirements under 16 V.S.A. § 1697(a)(7) are
4 suspended during fiscal years 2024 through 2029.

5 (b) In fiscal year 2024, the estimated fees that would have been
6 collected under 16 V.S.A. § 1697(a)(7) shall be accounted for through funds
7 appropriated to the Agency of Education from the General Fund.

8 Sec. F.6 EDUCATOR WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

9 (a) Educator demographics. In order to understand and improve the
10 longstanding and well-documented issue of underrepresentation in the
11 Vermont educator workforce, including underrepresentation of Black,
12 Indigenous, and Persons of Color; New Americans; and other historically
13 underrepresented communities, the Agency of Education shall collect
14 demographic information from educators and report such information in its
15 annual teacher and staff full-time equivalencies report. The Agency shall
16 submit the educator demographic information section of the report annually to
17 the General Assembly on or before each January 15.

18 (b) Historically Underrepresented Educator Affinity Groups Grant
19 Program.

20 (1) There is created the Historically Underrepresented Educator Affinity
21 Groups Grant Program for the purpose of providing grants for the support of

1 existing and the development of new educator affinity groups for historically
2 underrepresented groups. The Agency of Education shall administer the
3 Program.

4 (2) The Agency shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines
5 necessary for the implementation of the Program established pursuant to this
6 subsection (b).

7 Sec. F.7 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONAL
8 DEVELOPMENT; INTENT; CONTRACT

9 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to assist the Department of
10 Corrections to continue and further engage in a professional development
11 initiative to enhance supervisory effectiveness and strengthen leadership
12 development within the Department and among its employees. The
13 Department's enhanced supervisory training is part of its effort to address an
14 employee workforce crisis and strengthen workplace satisfaction.

15 (b) The Department of Corrections shall contract or expand an existing
16 contract with a vendor to provide supervisory and management professional
17 development services to the Department and among its employees.

18 (c) On or before March 15, 2024, the Department and the contracted
19 vendor shall testify before the House Committee on Corrections and
20 Institutions about the progress and effectiveness of its professional

1 development initiative. The Department shall make management, supervisory,
2 and frontline staff available to testify.

3 Sec. F.8 28 V.S.A. § 126 is added to read:

4 § 126. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM;

5 CONFIDENTIALITY

6 (a) As used in this section:

7 (1) “Department” has the same meaning as in subdivision 3(4) of this
8 title.

9 (2) “Participant” means a Department staff member who has been
10 involved in a traumatic incident by reason of employment at the Department
11 and who has agreed to participate in the Department’s peer support program.

12 (3) “Peer support” means appropriate support and services offered by a
13 peer support specialist to a participant.

14 (4) “Peer support program” means a program established by the
15 Department of Corrections to provide appropriate peer support services to
16 Department staff members.

17 (5) “Peer support session” means a peer support program session for a
18 Department staff member who has been involved in a traumatic incident by
19 reason of employment at the Department or related to other personal matters.

20 (6) “Peer support specialist” means a Department staff member who, by
21 reason of the staff member’s prior experience, training, or interest, has

1 expressed a desire and has been selected to provide appropriate peer support
2 services to a participant.

3 (7) “Staff member” means a supervising officer as defined in
4 subdivision 3(9) of this title, a correctional officer as defined in subdivision
5 3(10) of this title, and any other employee of the Department.

6 (b)(1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, any
7 communication made by a participant or peer support specialist in a peer
8 support session of the peer support program, including any oral or written
9 information conveyed during a peer support session, shall not be disclosed by
10 any individual participating in the peer support session.

11 (2) Except as provided by subsection (d) of this section, any
12 communication relating to a peer support session between peer support
13 specialists, between peer support specialists and participants of the peer
14 support program, between participants of the peer support program, or between
15 any other Department staff member, including any oral or written information,
16 shall not be disclosed by any individual participating in the communication.

17 (3) Written communications described in this subsection, such as notes,
18 records, and reports related to a peer support session, are exempt from public
19 inspection and copying under the Public Records Act and shall be kept
20 confidential. The Public Records Act exemptions created in this section shall

1 not be subject to the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 317(e) (repeal of Public Records
2 Act exemptions).

3 (c) Except as provided by subsection (d) of this section, any
4 communication made by a participant or peer support specialist in a peer
5 support session, including any oral or written communication, such as notes,
6 records, and reports related to the peer support session, shall not be admissible
7 in a judicial, administrative, or arbitration proceeding. Limitations on
8 disclosure imposed by this subsection include disclosure during any discovery
9 conducted as part of an adjudicatory proceeding. Limitations on disclosure
10 imposed by this subsection shall not include knowledge acquired by the
11 Department or staff members from observations made during the course of
12 employment or information acquired by the by the Department or staff
13 members during the course of employment that is otherwise subject to
14 discovery or introduction into evidence.

15 (d)(1) Confidentiality protections described in subsections (b) and (c) of
16 this section shall only apply to a peer support session conducted by an
17 individual who has:

18 (A) been designated by the Department or the peer support program
19 to act as a peer support specialist; and

20 (B) received and completed training in peer support and providing
21 emotional and moral support to Department staff members who have been

1 involved in emotionally traumatic incidents by reason of their employment or
2 other personal matters.

3 (2) Confidentiality protections described in subsections (b) and (c) of
4 this section shall not apply to the following information as it pertains to an
5 individual designated to receive such information in the normal course the
6 individual's professional responsibilities:

7 (A) any threat of suicide or homicide made by a participant of a peer
8 support session or any information conveyed in a peer support session relating
9 to a threat of suicide or homicide;

10 (B) any information relating to the abuse of a child or vulnerable
11 adult, or other information that is required to be reported by law;

12 (C) any admission of criminal conduct; or

13 (D) any admission of a plan to commit a crime.

14 (e) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any communications between peer
15 support specialists regarding a peer support session or between peer support
16 specialists and participants of the peer support program.

17 (f)(1) The Department shall not be liable for any disclosure made in
18 violation of this section by a peer support specialist or participant who
19 participates in a peer support session.

20 (2) A peer support specialist who in good faith provides appropriate peer
21 support services to a participant of the peer support program shall be immune

1 from criminal or civil liability for any injury to the participant unless the peer
2 support specialist's conduct constitutes gross negligence, recklessness, or
3 intentional misconduct.

4 Sec. F.9 CLIMATE WORKFORCE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN;

5 ADVANCE VERMONT

6 (a) Advance Vermont shall create a climate workforce-focused digital
7 public resource that engages current and prospective employees, Vermont
8 youth, adults interested in changing careers, and individuals yet to earn a
9 postsecondary credential, or those who are looking to upskill.

10 (b) The resource shall include:

11 (1) centralized information about career and education opportunities in
12 Vermont that build awareness of needed climate careers; and

13 (2) video series and other media featuring opportunities with employers
14 and employee success stories.

15 Sec. F.10 VERMONT SUSTAINABLE JOBS FUND; BUSINESS

16 COACHING

17 (a) The Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund shall recruit a cohort of up to
18 twelve existing companies and a cohort of up to twelve trained tradespeople to
19 receive advanced business assistance to enable them to either pivot their
20 existing business or start a new business that will expand the State's ability to

1 deploy renewable energy and efficiency technologies to more homes and
2 businesses across the State.

3 Sec. F.11 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES; VERMONT POLICE
4 ACADEMY; STUDY

5 (a) On or before January 15, 2024, the Vermont Criminal Justice Council
6 and representatives of the Vermont State Colleges and other public and private
7 postsecondary institutions that offer a degree program in criminal justice shall
8 review, consider, and take steps necessary to standardize the curricula offered
9 and avoid redundant requirements for obtaining certification by prospective
10 criminal justice personnel and shall submit a report of its actions to the House
11 Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and the Senate
12 Committee on Economic Development, Housing, and General Affairs.

13 Sec. F.12 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES; CERTIFICATE IN 3-D
14 TECHNOLOGY

15 (a) The Vermont State Colleges shall establish a Certificate in 3-D
16 Technology program offered as a full-time, six-week, intensive residential
17 summer program at Vermont State University, which will:

18 (1) offer knowledge and hands-on experience that appeals to a wide
19 range of interests from science and engineering to the arts and humanities;

20 (2) position students for greater success in college and with an
21 employable edge upon completion;

1 (3) attract diverse types of learners from high schools and CTE centers;

2 (4) foster interest in STE(A)M with learners across different disciplines;

3 (5) leverage the latest 3-D technology available at the Advanced

4 Manufacturing Center; and

5 (6) build local and national awareness of the Vermont State College

6 System's innovative, experiential learning methodology and technical

7 expertise.

8 Sec. F.13 CREDENTIAL OF VALUE GOAL; PUBLIC-PRIVATE

9 PARTNERSHIP; REPORT

10 (a) Advance Vermont shall continue work pursuant to 2022 Acts and

11 Resolves No. 183, Sec. 39 in support of the State's goal articulated in 10

12 V.S.A. § 546 that 70 percent of working-age Vermonters hold a credential of

13 value by 2025.

14 (b) On or before December 15, 2023, Advance Vermont shall report to the

15 House and Senate committees of jurisdiction regarding the use of grant funds

16 received from the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in fiscal year 2024,

17 activities performed, and outcomes achieved pursuant to this section.

18 Sec. F.14 18 V.S.A. § 39 is added to read:

19 § 39. VERMONT PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE

20 PRACTITIONER FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

21 (a) As used in this section:

1 (1) “Corporation” means the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
2 established in 16 V.S.A. § 2821.

3 (2) “Eligible individual” means an individual who satisfies the eligibility
4 requirements under this section for a forgivable loan.

5 (3) “Eligible school” means an approved postsecondary education
6 institution, as defined under 16 V.S.A. § 2822.

7 (4) “Forgivable loan” means a loan awarded under this section covering
8 tuition, which may also cover room, board, and the cost of required books and
9 supplies for up to full-time attendance at an eligible school.

10 (5) “Program” means the Vermont Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse
11 Practitioner Forgivable Loan Incentive Program created under this section.

12 (b) The Vermont Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Forgivable
13 Loan Incentive Program is created and shall be administered by the
14 Department of Health in collaboration with the Corporation. The Program
15 provides forgivable loans to students enrolled in a master’s program at an
16 eligible school who commit to working as a psychiatric mental health nurse
17 practitioner in this State and who meet the eligibility requirements in
18 subsection (d) of this section.

19 (c) The Corporation shall disburse forgivable loan funds under the Program
20 on behalf of eligible individuals, subject to the appropriation of funds by the
21 General Assembly for this purpose.

1 (d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual,
2 whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following
3 requirements:

4 (1) be enrolled at an eligible school in a program, whether through in-
5 person or remote instruction, that leads to a master's degree or specialty in
6 psychiatric mental health;

7 (2) maintain good standing at the eligible school at which the individual
8 is enrolled;

9 (3) agree to work as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner in
10 Vermont for a minimum of one year following licensure for each year of
11 forgivable loan awarded;

12 (4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce
13 the individual's forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to
14 subsection (f) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of
15 service required in subdivision (3) of this subsection;

16 (5) have completed the Program's application form and the Free
17 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), in accordance with a schedule
18 determined by the Corporation; and

19 (6) have provided such other documentation as the Corporation may
20 require.

1 (e) If an eligible individual fails to serve as a psychiatric mental health
2 nurse practitioner in this State in compliance with the Program for a period that
3 would entitle the individual to the full forgivable loan benefit received by the
4 individual, other than for good cause as determined by the Corporation in
5 consultation with the Vermont Department of Health, then the individual shall
6 receive only partial loan forgiveness for a pro rata portion of the loan pursuant
7 to the terms of the interest-free reimbursement promissory note signed by the
8 individual at the time of entering the Program.

9 (f) The Corporation shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines
10 necessary to implement the provisions of this section, including maximum
11 forgivable loan amounts.

12 Sec. F.15 AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; DESIGNATED AND
13 SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES; WORKFORCE
14 DEVELOPMENT

15 (a) Of the funds appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of
16 Human Services in this act, \$3,000,000 shall be distributed to the designated
17 and specialized service agencies equitably based on each agency's proportion
18 of full-time-equivalent (FTE) staff to the total number of FTE staff across all
19 designated and specialized service agencies statewide.

20 (b)(1) Each designated and specialized service agency shall make the funds
21 received pursuant to subsection (a) of this section available to its current and

1 prospective employees on a rolling basis in exchange for a one-year service
2 obligation to work at a designated or specialized service agency in this State.

3 (2) The funds may be used for the following purposes:

4 (A) student loan repayment; and

5 (B) tuition assistance.

6 (3) Loan repayment and tuition assistance funds shall be in the form of
7 forgivable loans, with the debt forgiven upon the employee's completion of the
8 required service obligation.

9 (c) On or before March 1, 2024, the Agency of Human Services shall make
10 a presentation available to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health
11 Care, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations
12 and on Health and Welfare on the use of the funds appropriated in this section.

13 Sec. F.16 18 V.S.A. § 40 is added to read:

14 § 40. VERMONT DENTAL HYGIENIST FORGIVABLE LOAN

15 INCENTIVE PROGRAM

16 (a) As used in this section:

17 (1) "Corporation" means the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
18 established in 16 V.S.A. § 2821.

19 (2) "Eligible individual" means an individual who satisfies the eligibility
20 requirements under this section for a forgivable loan.

1 (3) “Eligible school” means an approved postsecondary education
2 institution, as defined under 16 V.S.A. § 2822.

3 (4) “Forgivable loan” means a loan awarded under this section covering
4 tuition, which may also include room, board, and the cost of required books
5 and supplies for up to full-time attendance at an eligible school.

6 (5) “Program” means the Vermont Dental Hygienist Forgivable Loan
7 Incentive Program created under this section.

8 (b) The Vermont Dental Hygienist Forgivable Loan Incentive Program is
9 created and shall be administered by the Department of Health in collaboration
10 with the Corporation. The Program provides forgivable loans to students
11 enrolled in an eligible school who commit to working as a dental hygienist in
12 this State and who meet the eligibility requirements in subsection (d) of this
13 section.

14 (c) The Corporation shall disburse forgivable loan funds under the Program
15 on behalf of eligible individuals, subject to the appropriation of funds by the
16 General Assembly for this purpose.

17 (d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual,
18 whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following
19 requirements:

20 (1) be enrolled at a dental hygienist program at an eligible school;

1 (2) maintain good standing at the eligible school at which the individual
2 is enrolled;

3 (3) agree to work as a dental hygienist in Vermont for a minimum of
4 one year following licensure for each year of forgivable loan awarded;

5 (4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce
6 the individual's forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to
7 subsection (g) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of
8 service required in this subsection;

9 (5) have completed the Program's application form, the Free
10 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the Vermont grant
11 application each academic year of enrollment in accordance with a schedule
12 determined by the Corporation; and

13 (6) have provided such other documentation as the Corporation may
14 require.

15 (e) If an eligible individual fails to serve as a dental hygienist in this State
16 for a period that would entitle the individual to the full forgivable loan benefit
17 received by the individual, other than for good cause as determined by the
18 Corporation in consultation with the Vermont Department of Health, then the
19 individual shall receive only partial loan forgiveness for a pro rata portion of
20 the loan pursuant to the terms of the interest-free credit agreement or
21 promissory note signed by the individual at the time of entering the Program.

1 (f) There shall be no deadline to apply for a forgivable loan under this
2 section. Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis as long as funds
3 are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall roll over
4 and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the
5 following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this
6 section.

7 (g) The Corporation shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines
8 necessary to implement the provisions of this section, including maximum
9 forgivable loan amounts.

10 Sec. F.17 10 V.S.A. § 2 is added to read:

11 § 2. SMALL BUSINESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EXCHANGE

12 (a) There is created the Small Business Technical Assistance Exchange, a
13 business assistance program through which the regional development
14 corporations shall provide small- and mid-sized businesses with professional
15 and technical assistance:

16 (1) through in-house Business Navigators;

17 (2) through partnerships with organizations specializing in outreach to
18 mature workers, youth, individuals with disabilities, individuals who have been
19 involved with the correction system, Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color
20 Vermonters, New Americans, and other historically marginalized populations;
21 and

1 (3) through grants to private providers for professional services,

2 including:

3 (A) business operations, financial management, and grant writing;

4 (B) digital strategies;

5 (C) architecture and physical space design;

6 (D) reconfiguring manufacturing equipment and processes and

7 incorporating safety measures;

8 (E) technology and software consulting;

9 (F) legal and other professional services; and

10 (G) other technical assistance.

11 (b)(1) Through the Exchange, the regional development corporations shall
12 maintain a directory of, and build connections to, Vermont technical assistance
13 providers who have demonstrated the ability and expertise to assist businesses
14 with critical tools to grow and adapt their businesses to the ever-changing
15 business climate.

16 (2) The Exchange shall award technical assistance grants of not more
17 than \$5,000 per business for technical services from approved providers.

18 (3) To be eligible to receive technical assistance through the Exchange,
19 a business:

20 (A) must be a for-profit entity located in Vermont; and

21 (B) must have at least \$5,000 in average annual revenue.

1 (4) A business whose owner’s income is higher than the federal labor
2 market area in which the business operates, as evidenced by a self-attestation
3 provided by the owner, shall provide a 50 percent match for the costs of
4 professional services funded by a grant.

5 (c) The regional development corporations shall:

6 (1) operate the Exchange to produce benefits for both the client
7 companies as well as the vendors providing the assistance;

8 (2) conduct outreach and direct engagement to promote participation by
9 businesses in rural areas of this State and businesses owned by mature workers,
10 youth, individuals with disabilities, individuals who have been involved with
11 the correction system, Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color Vermonters,
12 New Americans, and other historically marginalized populations; and

13 (3) supporting businesses in anticipating and addressing changing
14 workforce needs and availability through creative solutions, including split
15 shifts, shorter workweeks, and cross training.

16 (d) The regional development corporations shall publish a report on the
17 activities and performance of the Exchange on or before January 15 and July
18 15 each year.

19 Sec. F.18 BROWNFIELDS FUNDING; USE IN FISCAL YEAR 2024

20 (a) The Department of Economic Development shall use the \$8,000,000
21 appropriated in fiscal year 2024 for brownfields redevelopment for the

1 remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites to be used in the same
2 manner as the Brownfields Revitalization Fund established by 10 V.S.A.
3 § 6654 except, notwithstanding the grant limitations in 10 V.S.A. § 6654,
4 projects supported by this appropriation shall not be limited to a maximum
5 amount per site. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development
6 shall award the amount of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 to regional planning
7 commissions for the purposes of brownfields assessment. In awarding funds
8 under this section, the Secretary, in consultation with the Vermont Association
9 of Planning and Development Agencies, shall select one regional planning
10 commission to administer these funds. To ensure statewide availability, the
11 selected regional planning commission shall subgrant to regional planning
12 commissions with brownfield programs, with not more than 10 percent of the
13 funds being used for administrative purposes.

14 Sec. F.19 10 V.S.A. § 6654(e) is amended to read:

15 (e) A grant may be awarded by the Secretary of Commerce and
16 Community Development with the approval of the Secretary of Natural
17 Resources, provided that:

18 (1) A grant may not exceed \$50,000 for characterization and assessment
19 of a site.

20 (2) A grant may not exceed ~~\$200,000~~ \$500,000 for remediation of a site.

1 (I) the individual becomes a full-time resident of this State;

2 (II) the individual becomes a full-time employee at a Vermont
3 location of a for-profit or nonprofit business organization domiciled or
4 authorized to do business in this State, or of a State, municipal, or other public
5 sector employer; and

6 (III) the employer attests to the Agency that, after reasonable
7 time and effort, the employer was unable to fill the employee's position from
8 among Vermont applicants; or

9 (ii) ~~on or after February 1, 2022~~ the individual is a new remote
10 employee who meets the following criteria:

11 (I) the individual becomes a full-time resident of this State; and

12 (II) the individual is a full-time employee of an out-of-state
13 business and performs the majority of ~~his or her~~ the employee's employment
14 duties remotely from a home office or a co-working space located in this State.

15 (B) The individual receives gross salary or wages that equal or
16 exceed the Vermont livable wage rate calculated pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 526.

17 (C) The individual is subject to Vermont income tax.

18 * * * Economic Development;

19 Community Recovery and Revitalization Grant Program * * *

20 Sec. F.21 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. H.18, as amended by 2022

21 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 46, is further amended to read:

1 efforts, including the purchase, demolition, and renovation of property for
2 industrial use.

3 (2)(A) There is established a Rural Industry Development Special Fund
4 comprising amounts appropriated to the Fund, contributions from other
5 sources, and the return of principal from the sale of any property invested
6 through the Program.

7 (B) Monies in the Fund shall be available to Agency to make grants
8 through the Program to assist local development corporations with business
9 relocation and expansion efforts throughout Vermont.

10 (C) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, interest
11 earned and any remaining balance at the end of the fiscal year shall be retained
12 by the Fund and carried forward in the Fund.

13 (b) Grant considerations. In making grant awards, the Agency shall
14 consider:

15 (1) the real estate needs of growing and relocating businesses, including
16 nonprofit organizations, in the applicant's region;

17 (2) the ability of the proposed project to meet the site-specific needs of
18 businesses considering whether to expand or locate in this State;

19 (3) the funding that the applicant has identified, or secured, to leverage a
20 grant award; and

21 (4) the readiness of an applicant to move a project forward.

1 (c) Eligible applicants; priority.

2 (1) To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must be a local development
3 corporation, as defined in subdivision 212(10) of this title, located within this
4 State.

5 (2) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development may
6 designate projects and agreements as first priority based on rural communities
7 that continue to experience insufficient economic and grand list growth.

8 (d) Eligible activities. A grant recipient may use funding for the following:

9 (1) to purchase land for potential industrial use;

10 (2) for the costs of site development, permitting, or providing
11 infrastructure for property the recipient owns;

12 (3) for the equity investment required for a loan transaction through the
13 Vermont Economic Development Authority under 10 V.S.A. chapter 12,
14 subchapter 3; or

15 (4) for the matching requirement of another State or federal grant
16 consistent with this section.

17 (e) Application; market assessment.

18 (1) An applicant shall include in its application a local and regional
19 market assessment that demonstrates reasonable need for the proposed
20 development and identifies imminent, potential, or existing business growth
21 opportunities.

1 (2) An applicant shall submit the following to demonstrate a readiness to
2 begin and complete the proposed project:

3 (A) community and regional support for the project;

4 (B) that grant funding is needed to complete the proposed project;

5 (C) an ability to manage the project, with requisite experience and a
6 plan for fiscal viability; and

7 (D) a description of the permitting required to proceed with the
8 project and a plan for obtaining the permits.

9 (f) Awards; amount.

10 (1) An award shall not exceed the lesser of \$1,000,000 or 20 percent of
11 the total project cost.

12 (2) A recipient may combine grant funds with funding from other
13 sources.

14 (3) The Agency shall release grant funds upon determining that the
15 applicant has met all application conditions and requirements.

16 (4) A grant recipient may apply for additional grant funds if future
17 amounts are appropriated for the Program and the funds are for a separate but
18 eligible use.

19 (g) Deed restrictions; property sales. The Agency shall include deed
20 restrictions that require the return of the principal amount of the grant to the
21 Special Fund and may require the payment of a percentage of the sales profit.

1 Sec. F.23 24 V.S.A. § 2799 is amended to read:

2 § 2799. BETTER PLACES PROGRAM; CROWD GRANTING

3 (a)(1) There is created the Better Places Program within the Department of
4 Housing and Community Development, and the Better Places Fund, which the
5 Department shall manage pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5.

6 (2) The purpose of the Program is to utilize crowdfunding to spark
7 community revitalization through collaborative grantmaking for projects that
8 create, activate, or revitalize public spaces.

9 (3) The Department may administer the Program in coordination with
10 and support from other State agencies and nonprofit and philanthropic partners.

11 (b) The Fund is composed of the following:

12 (1) State or federal funds appropriated by the General Assembly;

13 (2) gifts, grants, or other contributions to the Fund; and

14 (3) any interest earned by the Fund.

15 (c) As used in this section, “public space” means an area or place that is
16 open and accessible to all people with no charge for admission and includes
17 village greens, squares, parks, community centers, town halls, libraries, and
18 other publicly accessible buildings and connecting spaces such as sidewalks,
19 streets, alleys, and trails.

1 (d)(1) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall
2 establish an application process, eligibility criteria, and criteria for prioritizing
3 assistance for awarding grants through the Program.

4 (2) The Department may award a grant to a municipality, a nonprofit
5 organization, or a community group with a fiscal sponsor for a project that is
6 located in or serves a designated downtown, village center, new town center, or
7 neighborhood development area that will create a new public space or
8 revitalize or activate an existing public space.

9 (3) The Department may award a grant to not more than ~~one project~~
10 three projects per calendar year within a municipality.

11 (4) The minimum amount of a grant award is \$5,000, and the maximum
12 amount of a grant award is \$40,000.

13 (5) The Department shall develop matching grant eligibility
14 requirements to ensure a broad base of community and financial support for
15 the project, subject to the following:

16 (A) A project shall include in-kind support and matching funds raised
17 through a crowdfunding approach that includes multiple donors.

18 (B) An applicant may not donate to its own crowdfunding campaign.

19 (C) A donor may not contribute more than \$10,000 or 35 percent of
20 the campaign goal, whichever is less.

1 Sec. F.26 24 V.S.A. § 2793a(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ Upon the first
3 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed
4 application, the State Board shall designate a village center if the State Board
5 finds the applicant has met the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

6 Sec. F.27 24 V.S.A. § 2793b(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ Upon the first
8 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed
9 application, the State Board shall designate a new town center development
10 district if the State Board finds, with respect to that district, the municipality
11 has:

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13 Sec. F.28 24 V.S.A. § 2793e(d) is amended to read:

14 (d) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ Upon the first
15 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed
16 application, for designation of a neighborhood development area, the State
17 Board, after opportunity for public comment, shall approve a neighborhood
18 development area if the Board determines that the applicant has met the
19 requirements of this section.

1 Sec. F.29 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 196, Sec. 1, as amended by 2019 Acts
2 and Resolves No. 80, Sec. 13, is further amended to read:

3 Sec. 1. SIMPLIFYING GOVERNMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

4 (a) The Secretary of ~~State~~ Digital Services shall serve as the chair of a
5 steering committee, composed of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of
6 Commerce and Community Development, the Secretary of Administration,
7 and the Secretary of Digital Services or their designees.

8 (b) The ~~Secretary of State, in collaboration with the~~ steering committee,
9 and in collaboration with other State agencies and departments and interested
10 stakeholders ~~as necessary~~, shall:

11 (1) review and consider the necessary procedural and substantive steps
12 to enhance the Secretary of State's one-stop business portal for businesses,
13 entrepreneurs, and citizens to provide information about starting and operating
14 a business in Vermont; and

15 (2) submit on or before December 15, ~~2019~~ 2023:

16 (A) a design proposal that includes a project scope, timeline,
17 roadmap, and cost projections;

18 (B) any statutory or regulatory changes needed to implement the
19 proposal; and

20 (C) a sustainable funding model for the portal.

1 (c) The steering committee shall evaluate the cost and efficacy, and
2 integrate into the current one-stop portal to the extent feasible, features that:

3 (1) enhance State websites to simplify registrations and provide a ~~clear~~
4 comprehensive, one-stop compilation of other State business requirements,
5 including permits and licenses;

6 (2) implement a data collection component that offers the registrant the
7 option to self-identify, and make available to the public through the business
8 search function, demographic information concerning ownership of the
9 business, including whether the business is woman-owned, veteran-owned,
10 BIPOC-owned, LGBTQ-owned, or minority-owned;

11 (3) simplify the mechanism for making payments to the State by
12 allowing a person to pay amounts ~~he or she~~ the person owes to the State for
13 taxes, fees, or other charges to a single recipient within State government;

14 ~~(3)~~(4) simplify annual filing requirements by allowing a person to make
15 a single filing to a single recipient within State government and check a box if
16 nothing substantive has changed from the prior year;

17 ~~(4)~~(5) provide guidance, assistance with navigation, and other support to
18 persons who are forming or operating a small business;

19 ~~(5)~~(6) after registration, provide information about additional and
20 ongoing State requirements and a point of contact to discuss questions or
21 explore any assistance needed;

1 ~~(6)~~(7) provide guidance and information about State and federal
2 programs and initiatives, as well as State partner organizations and Vermont-
3 based businesses of interest; and

4 ~~(7)~~(8) map communication channels for project updates, including
5 digital channels such as e-mail, social media, and other communications.

6 (d) All State agencies and departments shall designate a single employee or
7 team of employees who are charged with the duty to provide assistance to the
8 steering committee upon its request.

9 (e) The steering committee shall focus its review on providing services
10 through the one-stop business portal primarily for the benefit of businesses
11 with 20 or fewer employees.

12 (f) The Agency of Digital Services shall assign a project manager or
13 business analyst to report directly to the Secretary of State to assist with the
14 implementation of this act through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2025 for the purpose of
15 developing and implementing a one-stop navigable portal for businesses,
16 entrepreneurs, and citizens to access information about starting a business in
17 Vermont, and to provide ongoing support to businesses interfacing with State
18 government.

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Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section, Secs. C.100 through C.103 (fiscal year 2023 adjustments, appropriations, and amendments) shall take effect upon passage.

(b) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2023.