

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

1 levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2024 to meet this condition unless  
2 otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the General  
3 Assembly.

4 Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

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

17 Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

18 (a) As used in this act:

19 (1) “Encumbrances” means a portion of an appropriation reserved for  
20 the subsequent payment of existing purchase orders or contracts. The

1 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the  
2 appropriateness of encumbrances.

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

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

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

14 Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

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

17 Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

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

21 Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

1       (a) In fiscal year 2024, the Governor, with the approval of the General  
2       Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the General Assembly is not in  
3       session, may accept federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including  
4       block grants in lieu of or in addition to funds designated as federal in this act.  
5       The Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal  
6       Committee if the General Assembly is not in session, may allocate all or any  
7       portion of such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for  
8       which the basic appropriations in this act have been made.

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

21       Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

1        (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the total number  
2        of authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary  
3        positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(a)(11), shall not be increased during  
4        fiscal year 2024 except for new positions authorized by the 2023 session.  
5        Limited service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 5 shall not  
6        be subject to this restriction.

7        Sec. A.108 LEGEND

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

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

1		<u>Development</u>
2	<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
3	<u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
4	<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other</u>
5		<u>appropriation actions</u>

6       (b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year and  
7       the D sections contain fund transfers, reversions, and reserve allocations for  
8       the upcoming budget year.

9                               \* \* \* Fiscal Year 2024 Base Appropriations \* \* \*

10       Sec. B.100 Secretary of administration - secretary's office

11	Personal services	2,593,097
12	Operating expenses	160,849
13	Grants	<u>100,000</u>
14	Total	2,853,946

15       Source of funds

16	General fund	2,109,270
17	Special funds	100,000
18	Internal service funds	403,239
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>241,437</u>
20	Total	2,853,946

21       Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance

1	Personal services	1,374,393
2	Operating expenses	<u>138,363</u>
3	Total	1,512,756
4	Source of funds	
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,512,756</u>
6	Total	1,512,756
7	Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
8	Personal services	895,051
9	Operating expenses	<u>91,550</u>
10	Total	986,601
11	Source of funds	
12	Internal service funds	<u>986,601</u>
13	Total	986,601
14	Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
15	Personal services	545,717
16	Operating expenses	<u>63,558</u>
17	Total	609,275
18	Source of funds	
19	Internal service funds	<u>609,275</u>
20	Total	609,275
21	Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	

1	Personal services	196,464
2	Operating expenses	<u>54,633</u>
3	Total	251,097
4	Source of funds	
5	Internal service funds	<u>251,097</u>
6	Total	251,097
7	Sec. B.104.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission	
8	Personal services	<u>240,000</u>
9	Total	240,000
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>240,000</u>
12	Total	240,000
13	Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information	
14	technology	
15	Personal services	102,479,935
16	Operating expenses	<u>36,148,517</u>
17	Total	138,628,452
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	186,726
20	Special funds	471,611
21	Internal service funds	<u>137,970,115</u>



1	Total	138,628,452
2	Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
3	Personal services	1,456,438
4	Operating expenses	<u>306,717</u>
5	Total	1,763,155
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	1,143,286
8	Internal service funds	<u>619,869</u>
9	Total	1,763,155
10	Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
11	Personal services	2,555,838
12	Operating expenses	<u>810,848</u>
13	Total	3,366,686
14	Source of funds	
15	Internal service funds	<u>3,366,686</u>
16	Total	3,366,686
17	Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
18	Personal services	10,175,933
19	Operating expenses	<u>1,483,759</u>
20	Total	11,659,692
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	1,777,169
2	Special funds	263,589
3	Internal service funds	9,127,114
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>491,820</u>
5	Total	11,659,692
6	Sec. B.108.1 Human resources - VTHR operations	
7	Personal services	1,909,749
8	Operating expenses	<u>693,001</u>
9	Total	2,602,750
10	Source of funds	
11	Internal service funds	<u>2,602,750</u>
12	Total	2,602,750
13	Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
14	Personal services	1,140,195
15	Operating expenses	<u>655,062</u>
16	Total	1,795,257
17	Source of funds	
18	Internal service funds	<u>1,795,257</u>
19	Total	1,795,257
20	Sec. B.110 Libraries	
21	Personal services	2,404,179

1	Operating expenses	906,958
2	Grants	<u>230,214</u>
3	Total	3,541,351
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	2,088,614
6	Special funds	73,614
7	Federal funds	1,251,244
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>127,879</u>
9	Total	3,541,351
10	Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
11	Personal services	25,023,254
12	Operating expenses	<u>5,787,491</u>
13	Total	30,810,745
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	22,406,475
16	Special funds	8,359,270
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
18	Total	30,810,745
19	Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
20	Personal services	988,938
21	Operating expenses	<u>333,561</u>

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

1	Operating expenses	<u>1,801,847</u>
2	Total	5,448,255
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	668,401
5	Transportation fund	4,235,134
6	Special funds	<u>544,720</u>
7	Total	5,448,255
8	Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
9	Personal services	1,670,521
10	Operating expenses	<u>191,576</u>
11	Total	1,862,097
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	1,481,008
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>381,089</u>
15	Total	1,862,097
16	Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
17	Personal services	800,527
18	Operating expenses	<u>173,126</u>
19	Total	973,653
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	87,613

1	Internal service funds	<u>886,040</u>
2	Total	973,653
3	Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
4	Personal services	898,526
5	Operating expenses	<u>208,536</u>
6	Total	1,107,062
7	Source of funds	
8	Internal service funds	<u>1,107,062</u>
9	Total	1,107,062
10	Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
11	Personal services	888,607
12	Operating expenses	<u>245,134</u>
13	Total	1,133,741
14	Source of funds	
15	Internal service funds	<u>1,133,741</u>
16	Total	1,133,741
17	Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
18	Operating expenses	<u>4,298</u>
19	Total	4,298
20	Source of funds	
21	Enterprise funds	<u>4,298</u>

1	Total	4,298
2	Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	
3	Personal services	340,128
4	Operating expenses	<u>169,529</u>
5	Total	509,657
6	Source of funds	
7	Internal service funds	<u>509,657</u>
8	Total	509,657
9	Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
10	Personal services	1,625,691
11	Operating expenses	<u>465,485</u>
12	Total	2,091,176
13	Source of funds	
14	Internal service funds	<u>2,091,176</u>
15	Total	2,091,176
16	Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
17	Personal services	18,762,037
18	Operating expenses	<u>17,272,131</u>
19	Total	36,034,168
20	Source of funds	
21	Internal service funds	35,964,112

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>70,056</u>
2	Total	36,034,168
3	Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
4	Personal services	1,583,965
5	Operating expenses	<u>467,778</u>
6	Total	2,051,743
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	1,801,931
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>249,812</u>
10	Total	2,051,743
11	Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel	
12	Personal services	3,633,429
13	Operating expenses	<u>291,348</u>
14	Total	3,924,777
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>3,924,777</u>
17	Total	3,924,777
18	Sec. B.126 Legislature	
19	Personal services	5,898,458
20	Operating expenses	<u>4,649,260</u>
21	Total	10,547,718



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

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

1	Operating expenses	<u>273,230</u>
2	Total	5,647,917
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	1,748,837
5	Special funds	3,737,463
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>161,617</u>
7	Total	5,647,917
8	Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
9	Personal services	809,823
10	Operating expenses	<u>383,147</u>
11	Total	1,192,970
12	Source of funds	
13	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,192,970</u>
14	Total	1,192,970
15	Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
16	Personal services	221,698
17	Operating expenses	<u>2,635,981</u>
18	Total	2,857,679
19	Source of funds	
20	Pension trust funds	<u>2,857,679</u>
21	Total	2,857,679

1	Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
2	Personal services	222,371
3	Operating expenses	<u>1,428,418</u>
4	Total	1,650,789
5	Source of funds	
6	Pension trust funds	<u>1,650,789</u>
7	Total	1,650,789
8	Sec. B.134.1 Vermont Pension Investment Commission	
9	Personal services	2,002,637
10	Operating expenses	<u>248,561</u>
11	Total	2,251,198
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	<u>2,251,198</u>
14	Total	2,251,198
15	Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
16	Personal services	258,094
17	Operating expenses	<u>49,671</u>
18	Total	307,765
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	298,189
21	Special funds	6,788

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
2	Total	307,765
3	Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
4	Personal services	86,954
5	Operating expenses	<u>15,054</u>
6	Total	102,008
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	51,004
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>51,004</u>
10	Total	102,008
11	Sec. B.136.1 Ethics Commission	
12	Personal services	147,767
13	Operating expenses	<u>41,660</u>
14	Total	189,427
15	Source of funds	
16	Internal service funds	<u>189,427</u>
17	Total	189,427
18	Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
19	Grants	<u>16,250,000</u>
20	Total	16,250,000
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>16,250,000</u>
2	Total	16,250,000
3	Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
4	Grants	<u>9,500,000</u>
5	Total	9,500,000
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>
8	Total	9,500,000
9	Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
10	Grants	<u>3,394,500</u>
11	Total	3,394,500
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>3,394,500</u>
14	Total	3,394,500
15	Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
16	Grants	<u>18,600,000</u>
17	Total	18,600,000
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>18,600,000</u>
20	Total	18,600,000
21	Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	

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

1	Special funds	28,366,148
2	Federal funds	1,251,244
3	Internal service funds	203,532,178
4	Interdepartmental transfers	5,157,757
5	Enterprise funds	4,298
6	Pension trust funds	4,508,468
7	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,192,970</u>
8	Total	357,423,260
9	Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
10	Personal services	12,957,305
11	Operating expenses	1,696,265
12	Grants	<u>20,000</u>
13	Total	14,673,570
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	6,974,796
16	Special funds	2,142,678
17	Tobacco fund	422,000
18	Federal funds	1,583,958
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,550,138</u>
20	Total	14,673,570
21	Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	



1	Personal services	1,250
2	Grants	<u>3,142,971</u>
3	Total	3,144,221
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	2,886,224
6	Special funds	<u>257,997</u>
7	Total	3,144,221
8	Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
9	Personal services	15,416,603
10	Operating expenses	<u>1,235,698</u>
11	Total	16,652,301
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	15,912,648
14	Special funds	589,653
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>150,000</u>
16	Total	16,652,301
17	Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
18	Personal services	6,913,974
19	Operating expenses	<u>49,500</u>
20	Total	6,963,474
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>6,963,474</u>
2	Total	6,963,474
3	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
4	Personal services	52,195,909
5	Operating expenses	11,583,876
6	Grants	<u>121,030</u>
7	Total	63,900,815
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	57,890,863
10	Special funds	2,888,542
11	Federal funds	953,928
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,167,482</u>
13	Total	63,900,815
14	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
15	Personal services	13,962,744
16	Operating expenses	<u>1,999,496</u>
17	Total	15,962,240
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	15,079,997
20	Special funds	109,778
21	Federal funds	233,490

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>538,975</u>
2	Total	15,962,240
3	Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
4	Personal services	64,287
5	Operating expenses	24,295
6	Grants	<u>2,140,047</u>
7	Total	2,228,629
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>2,228,629</u>
10	Total	2,228,629
11	Sec. B.206.1 Crime Victims Advocates	
12	Personal services	2,529,804
13	Operating expenses	<u>106,693</u>
14	Total	2,636,497
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>2,636,497</u>
17	Total	2,636,497
18	Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
19	Personal services	4,698,652
20	Operating expenses	<u>390,662</u>
21	Total	5,089,314

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

1	Transportation fund	20,250,000
2	Special funds	3,166,387
3	Federal funds	4,308,150
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,719,111</u>
5	Total	83,207,282
6	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
7	Personal services	5,378,976
8	Operating expenses	<u>1,582,009</u>
9	Total	6,960,985
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	1,467,321
12	Special funds	4,970,533
13	Federal funds	<u>523,131</u>
14	Total	6,960,985
15	Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management	
16	Personal services	4,561,578
17	Operating expenses	1,224,288
18	Grants	<u>25,350,252</u>
19	Total	31,136,118
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	668,427

1	Special funds	710,000
2	Federal funds	29,561,807
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>195,884</u>
4	Total	31,136,118
5	Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
6	Personal services	8,663,478
7	Operating expenses	2,974,022
8	Grants	<u>107,000</u>
9	Total	11,744,500
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	1,505,641
12	Special funds	9,567,787
13	Federal funds	626,072
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
15	Total	11,744,500
16	Sec. B.213 Public safety - Forensic Laboratory	
17	Personal services	3,563,059
18	Operating expenses	<u>1,198,044</u>
19	Total	4,761,103
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	3,626,083

1	Special funds	66,395
2	Federal funds	532,582
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>536,043</u>
4	Total	4,761,103
5	Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
6	Personal services	958,260
7	Operating expenses	746,963
8	Grants	<u>1,319,834</u>
9	Total	3,025,057
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>3,025,057</u>
12	Total	3,025,057
13	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
14	Personal services	9,124,240
15	Operating expenses	<u>1,396,315</u>
16	Total	10,520,555
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	665,922
19	Federal funds	<u>9,854,633</u>
20	Total	10,520,555
21	Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	

1	Personal services	41,464,878
2	Operating expenses	<u>7,542,958</u>
3	Total	49,007,836
4	Source of funds	
5	Federal funds	<u>49,007,836</u>
6	Total	49,007,836
7	Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
8	Personal services	789,478
9	Operating expenses	<u>937,403</u>
10	Total	1,726,881
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	1,664,381
13	Special funds	<u>62,500</u>
14	Total	1,726,881
15	Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
16	Personal services	1,204,996
17	Operating expenses	202,180
18	Grants	<u>33,300</u>
19	Total	1,440,476
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,092,634



1	Special funds	241,942
2	Federal funds	<u>105,900</u>
3	Total	1,440,476
4	Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
5	Personal services	1,967,547
6	Operating expenses	391,397
7	Grants	<u>9,181,723</u>
8	Total	11,540,667
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,472,674
11	Special funds	3,461,972
12	Federal funds	<u>6,606,021</u>
13	Total	11,540,667
14	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council	
15	Personal services	2,360,658
16	Operating expenses	<u>1,711,725</u>
17	Total	4,072,383
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	3,720,035
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>352,348</u>
21	Total	4,072,383

1	Sec. B.222	Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
2		Personal services	2,648,873
3		Operating expenses	367,498
4		Grants	<u>217,222</u>
5		Total	3,233,593
6		Source of funds	
7		General fund	1,467,038
8		Special funds	1,242,062
9		Federal funds	<u>524,493</u>
10		Total	3,233,593
11	Sec. B.223	Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer	
12		protection	
13		Personal services	4,963,520
14		Operating expenses	1,096,940
15		Grants	<u>2,780,000</u>
16		Total	8,840,460
17		Source of funds	
18		General fund	3,281,095
19		Special funds	3,942,188
20		Federal funds	1,605,177
21		Interdepartmental transfers	<u>12,000</u>

1	Total	8,840,460
2	Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
3	Personal services	6,409,252
4	Operating expenses	678,344
5	Grants	<u>15,063,425</u>
6	Total	22,151,021
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	3,068,393
9	Special funds	627,904
10	Federal funds	<u>18,454,724</u>
11	Total	22,151,021
12	Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management	
13	and environmental stewardship	
14	Personal services	2,594,186
15	Operating expenses	979,802
16	Grants	<u>212,000</u>
17	Total	3,785,988
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	745,509
20	Special funds	2,297,266
21	Federal funds	390,117

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>353,096</u>
2	Total	3,785,988
3	Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont Agriculture and	
4	Environmental Lab	
5	Personal services	1,711,447
6	Operating expenses	<u>1,363,276</u>
7	Total	3,074,723
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,296,731
10	Special funds	1,715,459
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>62,533</u>
12	Total	3,074,723
13	Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, Food and Markets - Clean Water	
14	Personal services	3,637,927
15	Operating expenses	575,499
16	Grants	<u>6,330,630</u>
17	Total	10,544,056
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,482,136
20	Special funds	8,248,477
21	Federal funds	462,351

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>351,092</u>
2	Total	10,544,056
3	Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
4	Personal services	2,580,669
5	Operating expenses	<u>159,635</u>
6	Total	2,740,304
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	<u>2,740,304</u>
9	Total	2,740,304
10	Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
11	Personal services	2,426,962
12	Operating expenses	<u>510,179</u>
13	Total	2,937,141
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	<u>2,937,141</u>
16	Total	2,937,141
17	Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
18	Personal services	4,872,900
19	Operating expenses	<u>634,698</u>
20	Total	5,507,598
21	Source of funds	

1	Special funds	<u>5,507,598</u>
2	Total	5,507,598
3	Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
4	Personal services	5,294,300
5	Operating expenses	<u>710,775</u>
6	Total	6,005,075
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	<u>6,005,075</u>
9	Total	6,005,075
10	Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
11	Personal services	1,294,776
12	Operating expenses	<u>279,335</u>
13	Total	1,574,111
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	<u>1,574,111</u>
16	Total	1,574,111
17	Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
18	Personal services	17,824,897
19	Operating expenses	<u>3,932,905</u>
20	Total	21,757,802
21	Source of funds	

1	Special funds	16,241,811
2	Federal funds	<u>5,515,991</u>
3	Total	21,757,802
4	Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
5	Personal services	11,014,203
6	Operating expenses	1,730,270
7	Grants	<u>328,300</u>
8	Total	13,072,773
9	Source of funds	
10	Special funds	12,310,355
11	Federal funds	741,706
12	Enterprise funds	<u>20,712</u>
13	Total	13,072,773
14	Sec. B.233.1 Vermont Community Broadband Board	
15	Personal services	1,211,623
16	Operating expenses	155,443
17	Grants	<u>1,300,000</u>
18	Total	2,667,066
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	12,310,355
21	Federal funds	<u>1,556,379</u>

1	Total	2,667,066
2	Sec. B.234 Public utility commission	
3	Personal services	3,913,942
4	Operating expenses	<u>549,933</u>
5	Total	4,463,875
6	Source of funds	
7	Special funds	<u>4,463,875</u>
8	Total	4,463,875
9	Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
10	Personal services	4,344,046
11	Operating expenses	<u>451,287</u>
12	Total	4,795,333
13	Source of funds	
14	Special funds	<u>4,795,333</u>
15	Total	4,795,333
16	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
17	Personal services	915,815
18	Operating expenses	<u>90,104</u>
19	Total	1,005,919
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	920,110



1	Federal funds	<u>85,809</u>
2	Total	1,005,919
3	Sec. B.236.1 Liquor & Lottery Comm. Office	
4	Personal services	8,610,070
5	Operating expenses	<u>5,529,374</u>
6	Total	14,139,444
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	60,000
9	Tobacco fund	213,843
10	Interdepartmental transfers	70,000
11	Enterprise funds	<u>13,795,601</u>
12	Total	14,139,444
13	Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board	
14	Personal services	4,829,061
15	Operating expenses	<u>341,631</u>
16	Total	5,170,692
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	<u>5,170,692</u>
19	Total	5,170,692
20	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property	
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	206,734,077
2	Transportation fund	20,250,000
3	Special funds	109,230,607
4	Tobacco fund	635,843
5	Federal funds	133,644,515
6	Interdepartmental transfers	13,865,714
7	Enterprise funds	<u>13,816,313</u>
8	Total	498,177,069
9	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
10	Personal services	13,600,350
11	Operating expenses	5,402,086
12	Grants	<u>2,895,202</u>
13	Total	21,897,638
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	9,547,206
16	Special funds	135,517
17	Federal funds	11,415,773
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>799,142</u>
19	Total	21,897,638
20	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
21	Grants	<u>1,982,665,335</u>

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

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

1	Global Commitment fund	4,220,337
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,672,392</u>
3	Total	183,872,900
4	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global	
5	commitment	
6	Personal services	547,983
7	Grants	<u>929,980,238</u>
8	Total	930,528,221
9	Source of funds	
10	Global Commitment fund	<u>930,528,221</u>
11	Total	930,528,221
12	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state	
13	only	
14	Grants	<u>53,067,318</u>
15	Total	53,067,318
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	53,062,626
18	Global Commitment fund	<u>4,692</u>
19	Total	53,067,318
20	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver	
21	matched	

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

1	Grants	<u>46,400,176</u>
2	Total	124,040,652
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	12,635,155
5	Special funds	25,017,725
6	Tobacco fund	1,088,918
7	Federal funds	66,980,622
8	Global Commitment fund	16,582,951
9	Interdepartmental transfers	1,710,281
10	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
11	Total	124,040,652
12	Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs	
13	Personal services	6,253,749
14	Operating expenses	511,500
15	Grants	<u>60,391,638</u>
16	Total	67,156,887
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	5,191,811
19	Special funds	1,435,054
20	Tobacco fund	949,917
21	Federal funds	21,771,442

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>37,808,663</u>
2	Total	67,156,887
3	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
4	Personal services	47,605,534
5	Operating expenses	5,272,240
6	Grants	<u>263,179,075</u>
7	Total	316,056,849
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	25,177,260
10	Special funds	1,708,155
11	Federal funds	10,944,099
12	Global Commitment fund	278,213,195
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>
14	Total	316,056,849
15	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support	
16	services	
17	Personal services	44,551,963
18	Operating expenses	17,168,731
19	Grants	<u>3,919,106</u>
20	Total	65,639,800
21	Source of funds	



1	General fund	37,178,609
2	Special funds	2,781,912
3	Federal funds	23,564,095
4	Global Commitment fund	1,659,321
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>455,863</u>
6	Total	65,639,800
7	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
8	Personal services	43,987,652
9	Operating expenses	5,180,385
10	Grants	<u>93,971,639</u>
11	Total	143,139,676
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	59,007,017
14	Special funds	729,587
15	Federal funds	33,937,204
16	Global Commitment fund	49,428,131
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>37,737</u>
18	Total	143,139,676
19	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
20	Personal services	5,708,075
21	Operating expenses	812,971

1	Grants	<u>95,860,842</u>
2	Total	102,381,888
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	35,016,309
5	Special funds	16,745,000
6	Federal funds	37,458,808
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>13,161,771</u>
8	Total	102,381,888
9	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
10	Personal services	12,411,108
11	Operating expenses	<u>3,714,732</u>
12	Total	16,125,840
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	4,900,195
15	Special funds	455,719
16	Federal funds	10,382,326
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
18	Total	16,125,840
19	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and	
20	disabled	
21	Personal services	2,252,206

1	Grants	<u>10,431,118</u>
2	Total	12,683,324
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	7,533,333
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,149,991</u>
6	Total	12,683,324
7	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
8	Personal services	15,000
9	Grants	<u>10,323,574</u>
10	Total	10,338,574
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	10,041,239
13	Federal funds	11,320
14	Global Commitment fund	<u>286,015</u>
15	Total	10,338,574
16	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
17	Grants	<u>44,377,812</u>
18	Total	44,377,812
19	Source of funds	
20	Federal funds	<u>44,377,812</u>
21	Total	44,377,812

1	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
2	Operating expenses	30,633
3	Grants	<u>35,536,413</u>
4	Total	35,567,046
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	23,233,869
7	Special funds	5,970,229
8	Federal funds	3,531,330
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,831,618</u>
10	Total	35,567,046
11	Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel	
12	assistance/LIHEAP	
13	Grants	<u>16,019,953</u>
14	Total	16,019,953
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	1,480,395
17	Federal funds	<u>14,539,558</u>
18	Total	16,019,953
19	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic	
20	opportunity	
21	Personal services	758,166

1	Operating expenses	95,628
2	Grants	<u>26,034,109</u>
3	Total	26,887,903
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	20,513,510
6	Special funds	83,135
7	Federal funds	4,935,273
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,355,985</u>
9	Total	26,887,903
10	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization	
11	assistance	
12	Personal services	415,233
13	Operating expenses	251,470
14	Grants	<u>11,838,018</u>
15	Total	12,504,721
16	Source of funds	
17	Special funds	7,649,635
18	Federal funds	<u>4,855,086</u>
19	Total	12,504,721
20	Sec. B.327 Department for Children and Families - Secure Residential	
21	Treatment	

1	Personal services	258,100
2	Operating expenses	153,597
3	Grants	<u>3,476,862</u>
4	Total	3,888,559
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	3,858,559
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>
8	Total	3,888,559
9	Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination	
10	services	
11	Personal services	7,486,999
12	Operating expenses	<u>489,130</u>
13	Total	7,976,129
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	118,796
16	Federal funds	<u>7,857,333</u>
17	Total	7,976,129
18	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &	
19	support	
20	Personal services	43,344,530
21	Operating expenses	<u>6,323,252</u>

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

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	489,154
3	Special funds	223,450
4	Federal funds	890,000
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>305,000</u>
6	Total	1,907,604
7	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational	
8	rehabilitation	
9	Grants	<u>10,179,845</u>
10	Total	10,179,845
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	1,371,845
13	Federal funds	7,558,000
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>
15	Total	10,179,845
16	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental	
17	services	
18	Grants	<u>305,844,633</u>
19	Total	305,844,633
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	155,125



1	Special funds	15,463
2	Federal funds	431,512
3	Global Commitment fund	305,192,533
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>
5	Total	305,844,633
6	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and	
7	community based waiver	
8	Grants	<u>6,574,808</u>
9	Total	6,574,808
10	Source of funds	
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>6,574,808</u>
12	Total	6,574,808
13	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care	
14	Grants	<u>267,230,683</u>
15	Total	267,230,683
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	498,579
18	Federal funds	2,450,000
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>264,282,104</u>
20	Total	267,230,683
21	Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	

1	Personal services	3,806,377
2	Operating expenses	<u>243,057</u>
3	Total	4,049,434
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>4,049,434</u>
6	Total	4,049,434
7	Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
8	Personal services	412,972
9	Operating expenses	<u>59,257</u>
10	Total	472,229
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>472,229</u>
13	Total	472,229
14	Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
15	Personal services	3,648,027
16	Operating expenses	<u>245,425</u>
17	Total	3,893,452
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	3,744,668
20	Education fund	0
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>

1	Total	3,893,452
2	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
3	Personal services	139,473,576
4	Operating expenses	<u>24,600,099</u>
5	Total	164,073,675
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	159,502,946
8	Special funds	935,963
9	Federal funds	492,196
10	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
12	Total	164,073,675
13	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Reinvestment II	
14	Grants	<u>10,768,219</u>
15	Total	10,768,219
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	8,190,531
18	Federal funds	13,147
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>
20	Total	10,768,219
21	Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services-out of state beds	

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

1	Operating expenses	<u>5,978,873</u>
2	Total	24,166,504
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	4,199,478
5	Special funds	11,655,797
6	Federal funds	<u>8,311,229</u>
7	Total	24,166,504
8	Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
9	Personal services	396,540
10	Operating expenses	<u>74,880</u>
11	Total	471,420
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	467,572
14	Special funds	<u>3,848</u>
15	Total	471,420
16	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
17	Grants	<u>155,490</u>
18	Total	155,490
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>155,490</u>
21	Total	155,490

1	Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board	
2	Personal services	8,136,639
3	Operating expenses	<u>402,594</u>
4	Total	8,539,233
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	3,392,339
7	Special funds	<u>5,146,894</u>
8	Total	8,539,233
9	Sec. B.346 Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate	
10	Personal services	387,000
11	Operating expenses	<u>26,000</u>
12	Total	413,000
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>413,000</u>
15	Total	413,000
16	Sec. B.347 Total human services	
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	1,224,981,919
19	Special funds	124,537,345
20	Tobacco fund	23,088,208
21	State health care resources fund	25,265,312

1	Education fund	0
2	Federal funds	1,780,981,951
3	Global Commitment fund	1,935,617,119
4	Internal service funds	1,746,397
5	Interdepartmental transfers	28,591,925
6	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
7	Total	5,144,835,176
8	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
9	Personal services	40,642,780
10	Operating expenses	5,955,495
11	Grants	<u>12,432,900</u>
12	Total	59,031,175
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	10,600,636
15	Special funds	10,806,858
16	Federal funds	37,373,681
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>250,000</u>
18	Total	59,031,175
19	Sec. B.401 Total labor	
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	10,600,636

1	Special funds	10,806,858
2	Federal funds	37,373,681
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>250,000</u>
4	Total	59,031,175
5	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
6	Personal services	17,683,192
7	Operating expenses	4,387,522
8	Grants	<u>15,270,700</u>
9	Total	37,341,414
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	7,415,742
12	Special funds	16,575,926
13	Education fund	3,486,447
14	Federal funds	9,220,942
15	Global Commitment fund	260,000
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>382,357</u>
17	Total	37,341,414
18	Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
19	Personal services	30,951,380
20	Operating expenses	1,074,585
21	Grants	<u>459,907,273</u>



1	Total	491,933,238
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	4,990,183
4	Special funds	3,024,560
5	Tobacco fund	750,388
6	Federal funds	<u>483,168,107</u>
7	Total	491,933,238
8	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
9	Grants	<u>226,195,600</u>
10	Total	226,195,600
11	Source of funds	
12	Education fund	<u>226,195,600</u>
13	Total	226,195,600
14	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
15	Grants	<u>19,000,000</u>
16	Total	19,000,000
17	Source of funds	
18	Education fund	<u>19,000,000</u>
19	Total	19,000,000
20	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
21	Grants	<u>5,912,900</u>

1	Total	5,912,900
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	4,996,850
4	Federal funds	<u>916,050</u>
5	Total	5,912,900
6	Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
7	Grants	<u>10,143,000</u>
8	Total	10,143,000
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	921,500
11	Education fund	<u>9,221,500</u>
12	Total	10,143,000
13	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
14	Grants	<u>1,703,317,103</u>
15	Total	1,703,317,103
16	Source of funds	
17	Education fund	<u>1,703,317,103</u>
18	Total	1,703,317,103
19	Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
20	Grants	<u>23,520,000</u>
21	Total	23,520,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Education fund	<u>23,520,000</u>
3	Total	23,520,000
4	Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants	
5	Grants	<u>8,300,000</u>
6	Total	8,300,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Education fund	<u>8,300,000</u>
9	Total	8,300,000
10	Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition	
11	Grants	<u>29,000,000</u>
12	Total	29,000,000
13	Source of funds	
14	Education fund	<u>29,000,000</u>
15	Total	29,000,000
16	Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
17	Grants	<u>8,350,389</u>
18	Total	8,350,389
19	Source of funds	
20	Education fund	<u>8,350,389</u>
21	Total	8,350,389

1	Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
2	Grants	<u>17,030,400</u>
3	Total	17,030,400
4	Source of funds	
5	Education fund	<u>17,030,400</u>
6	Total	17,030,400
7	Sec. B.511.1 State Board of Education	
8	Personal services	38,905
9	Operating expenses	<u>31,803</u>
10	Total	70,708
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>70,708</u>
13	Total	70,708
14	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
15	Grants	<u>184,811,051</u>
16	Total	184,811,051
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	151,682,914
19	Education fund	<u>33,128,137</u>
20	Total	184,811,051
21	Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	

1	Personal services	359,615
2	Operating expenses	<u>2,940,372</u>
3	Total	3,299,987
4	Source of funds	
5	Pension trust funds	<u>3,299,987</u>
6	Total	3,299,987
7	Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
8	Grants	<u>53,740,528</u>
9	Total	53,740,528
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	38,318,167
12	Education fund	<u>15,422,361</u>
13	Total	53,740,528
14	Sec. B.516 Total general education	
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	208,396,064
17	Special funds	19,600,486
18	Tobacco fund	750,388
19	Education fund	2,095,971,937
20	Federal funds	493,305,099
21	Global Commitment fund	260,000

1	Interdepartmental transfers	382,357
2	Pension trust funds	<u>3,299,987</u>
3	Total	2,821,966,318
4	Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
5	Grants	<u>54,084,366</u>
6	Total	54,084,366
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>54,084,366</u>
9	Total	54,084,366
10	Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
11	Grants	<u>30,500,464</u>
12	Total	30,500,464
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>30,500,464</u>
15	Total	30,500,464
16	Sec. B.602.2 Vermont state colleges - Transformation funding	
17	Grants	<u>17,500,000</u>
18	Total	17,500,000
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>17,500,000</u>
21	Total	17,500,000

1	Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
2	Grants	<u>1,157,775</u>
3	Total	1,157,775
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	748,314
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>
7	Total	1,157,775
8	Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
9	Grants	<u>25,378,588</u>
10	Total	25,378,588
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>25,378,588</u>
13	Total	25,378,588
14	Sec. B.605.1 VSAC - Flexible Pathways Stipend	
15	Grants	<u>82,450</u>
16	Total	82,450
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	41,225
19	Education fund	<u>41,225</u>
20	Total	82,450
21	Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	

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



1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	4,914,987
3	Special funds	775,079
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,606,645</u>
5	Total	7,296,711
6	Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment	
7	Operating expenses	<u>2,674,517</u>
8	Total	2,674,517
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	2,253,017
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
12	Total	2,674,517
13	Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
14	Personal services	21,567,730
15	Operating expenses	7,140,027
16	Grants	<u>936,232</u>
17	Total	29,643,989
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	7,173,206
20	Special funds	370,644
21	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090

1	Federal funds	9,793,589
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,385,460</u>
3	Total	29,643,989
4	Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
5	Personal services	1,200,585
6	Operating expenses	<u>1,596,687</u>
7	Total	2,797,272
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	2,675,711
10	Special funds	<u>121,561</u>
11	Total	2,797,272
12	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
13	Personal services	7,452,243
14	Operating expenses	921,952
15	Grants	<u>1,184,458</u>
16	Total	9,558,653
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	6,033,830
19	Special funds	608,616
20	Federal funds	2,695,959
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>220,248</u>

1	Total	9,558,653
2	Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
3	Personal services	12,306,202
4	Operating expenses	3,741,476
5	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
6	Total	16,097,678
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	690,613
9	Special funds	<u>15,407,065</u>
10	Total	16,097,678
11	Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration and recreation	
12	Personal services	2,496,749
13	Operating expenses	395,675
14	Grants	<u>2,827,587</u>
15	Total	5,720,011
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	1,110,710
18	Special funds	2,141,005
19	Federal funds	2,225,851
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>242,445</u>
21	Total	5,720,011

1	Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest and parks access roads	
2	Personal services	130,000
3	Operating expenses	<u>99,925</u>
4	Total	229,925
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>229,925</u>
7	Total	229,925
8	Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services	
9	Personal services	8,525,369
10	Operating expenses	4,700,521
11	Grants	<u>116,640</u>
12	Total	13,342,530
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	2,039,082
15	Special funds	788,553
16	Federal funds	2,129,363
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>8,385,532</u>
18	Total	13,342,530
19	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
20	Personal services	26,006,961
21	Operating expenses	10,026,393

1	Grants	<u>4,905,988</u>
2	Total	40,939,342
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	193,565
5	Special funds	26,236,633
6	Federal funds	14,342,090
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>167,054</u>
8	Total	40,939,342
9	Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs	
10	Personal services	48,062,786
11	Operating expenses	7,982,625
12	Grants	<u>46,863,117</u>
13	Total	102,908,528
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	9,971,201
16	Special funds	30,662,978
17	Federal funds	61,487,925
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>786,424</u>
19	Total	102,908,528
20	Sec. B.713 Natural resources board	
21	Personal services	3,082,659

1	Operating expenses	<u>397,315</u>
2	Total	3,479,974
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	713,735
5	Special funds	<u>2,766,239</u>
6	Total	3,479,974
7	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	37,999,582
10	Special funds	79,878,373
11	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090
12	Federal funds	92,674,777
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,215,308</u>
14	Total	234,689,130
15	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce	
16	and community development - administration	
17	Personal services	2,610,304
18	Operating expenses	982,307
19	Grants	<u>539,820</u>
20	Total	4,132,431
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	3,666,442
2	Federal funds	351,000
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>114,989</u>
4	Total	4,132,431
5	Sec. B.801 Economic development	
6	Personal services	4,803,989
7	Operating expenses	1,050,879
8	Grants	<u>6,433,544</u>
9	Total	12,288,412
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	5,489,902
12	Special funds	616,421
13	Federal funds	4,358,416
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,823,673</u>
15	Total	12,288,412
16	<del>Sec. B.802 Housing and community development</del>	
17	<del>Personal services</del>	<del>6,428,334</del>
18	<del>Operating expenses</del>	<del>705,584</del>
19	<del>Grants</del>	<del><u>22,239,005</u></del>
20	<del>Total</del>	<del>29,372,923</del>
21	<del>Source of funds</del>	

1	<del>General fund</del>	<del>5,031,943</del>
2	<del>Special funds</del>	<del>5,437,054</del>
3	<del>Federal funds</del>	<del>15,854,615</del>
4	<del>Interdepartmental transfers</del>	<del>3,049,311</del>
5	<del>Total</del>	<del>29,372,923</del>

*Sec. B.802 Housing and community development*

<i>Personal services</i>	<i>6,428,334</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>705,584</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i><u>23,739,005</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>30,872,923</i>

*Source of funds*

<i>General fund</i>	<i>5,031,943</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>6,937,054</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>15,854,615</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>3,049,311</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>30,872,923</i>

6	Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
7	Personal services	5,208,860
8	Operating expenses	8,930,168
9	Grants	<u>1,050,000</u>
10	Total	15,189,028



1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	4,630,975
3	Federal funds	10,483,053
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
5	Total	15,189,028
6	Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
7	Grants	<u>887,981</u>
8	Total	887,981
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	<u>887,981</u>
11	Total	887,981
12	Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
13	Grants	<u>145,320</u>
14	Total	145,320
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>145,320</u>
17	Total	145,320
18	Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
19	Grants	<u>1,060,699</u>
20	Total	1,060,699
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>1,060,699</u>
2	Total	1,060,699
3	<del>Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board</del>	<del></del>
4	<del>Grants</del>	<del><u>76,519,068</u></del>
5	<del>Total</del>	<del>76,519,068</del>
6	Source of funds	
7	Special funds	14,552,855
8	Federal funds	<u>61,966,213</u>
9	<del>Total</del>	<del><u>76,519,068</u></del>

*Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board*

*Grants* *86,519,068*

*Total* *86,519,068*

*Source of funds*

*Special funds* *24,552,855*

*Federal funds* *61,966,213*

*Total* *86,519,068*

10 Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council

11 Grants 300,000

12 Total 300,000

13 Source of funds

14 General fund 300,000

1	Total	300,000
2	<del>Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development</del>	<del></del>
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	21,213,262
5	Special funds	20,606,330
6	Federal funds	93,013,297
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,062,973</u>
8	<del>Total</del>	<del>139,895,862</del>

*Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development*

*Source of funds*

<i>General fund</i>	<i>21,213,262</i>
<i>Special funds</i>	<i>32,106,330</i>
<i>Federal funds</i>	<i>93,013,297</i>
<i>Interdepartmental transfers</i>	<i><u>5,062,973</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>151,395,862</i>

9	Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
10	Personal services	16,695,727
11	Operating expenses	5,232,777
12	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
13	Total	21,978,504
14	Source of funds	

1	Transportation fund	20,977,164
2	Federal funds	<u>1,001,340</u>
3	Total	21,978,504
4	Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
5	Personal services	3,532,154
6	Operating expenses	13,397,252
7	Grants	<u>345,000</u>
8	Total	17,274,406
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	6,166,805
11	Federal funds	<u>11,107,601</u>
12	Total	17,274,406
13	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
14	Operating expenses	<u>1,525,000</u>
15	Total	1,525,000
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	<u>1,525,000</u>
18	Total	1,525,000
19	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
20	Personal services	65,810,461
21	Operating expenses	311,158,635

1	Grants	<u>25,916,923</u>
2	Total	402,886,019
3	Source of funds	
4	Transportation fund	53,411,002
5	TIB fund	22,129,870
6	Federal funds	321,560,449
7	Interdepartmental transfers	1,411,518
8	Local match	<u>4,373,180</u>
9	Total	402,886,019
10	Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
11	Personal services	800,000
12	Operating expenses	<u>846,444</u>
13	Total	1,646,444
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	166,964
16	Federal funds	<u>1,479,480</u>
17	Total	1,646,444
18	Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
19	Personal services	42,637,277
20	Operating expenses	<u>64,893,488</u>
21	Total	107,530,765

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	106,784,950
3	Federal funds	645,815
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
5	Total	107,530,765
6	Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
7	Personal services	4,984,735
8	Operating expenses	1,099,716
9	Grants	<u>7,227,544</u>
10	Total	13,311,995
11	Source of funds	
12	Transportation fund	3,260,534
13	Federal funds	9,989,315
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>62,146</u>
15	Total	13,311,995
16	Sec. B.906.1 Transportation - Environmental Policy and Sustainability	
17	Personal services	2,009,518
18	Grants	<u>25,964,730</u>
19	Total	27,974,248
20	Source of funds	
21	Transportation fund	472,695

1	Federal funds	22,095,781
2	Local match	<u>5,405,772</u>
3	Total	27,974,248
4	Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
5	Personal services	3,622,004
6	Operating expenses	<u>39,386,316</u>
7	Total	43,008,320
8	Source of funds	
9	Transportation fund	15,608,462
10	Federal funds	26,596,858
11	Interdepartmental transfers	671,000
12	Local match	<u>132,000</u>
13	Total	43,008,320
14	Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
15	Personal services	4,062,649
16	Operating expenses	90,285
17	Grants	<u>44,642,396</u>
18	Total	48,795,330
19	Source of funds	
20	Transportation fund	9,016,189
21	Federal funds	39,639,141

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>140,000</u>
2	Total	48,795,330
3	Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
4	Personal services	5,367,400
5	Operating expenses	<u>18,588,985</u>
6	Total	23,956,385
7	Source of funds	
8	Internal service funds	<u>23,956,385</u>
9	Total	23,956,385
10	Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
11	Personal services	31,563,822
12	Operating expenses	<u>13,346,863</u>
13	Total	44,910,685
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	42,101,908
16	Federal funds	2,687,081
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>121,696</u>
18	Total	44,910,685
19	Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
20	Grants	<u>7,416,000</u>
21	Total	7,416,000



1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	<u>7,416,000</u>
3	Total	7,416,000
4	Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
5	Personal services	443,165
6	Operating expenses	<u>34,750</u>
7	Total	477,915
8	Source of funds	
9	Transportation fund	117,915
10	Federal funds	<u>360,000</u>
11	Total	477,915
12	Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
13	Grants	<u>8,858,000</u>
14	Total	8,858,000
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	<u>8,858,000</u>
17	Total	8,858,000
18	Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
19	Personal services	16,970,000
20	Operating expenses	19,731,775
21	Grants	<u>500,000</u>

1	Total	37,201,775
2	Source of funds	
3	TIB fund	3,099,345
4	Federal funds	32,908,515
5	Local match	<u>1,193,915</u>
6	Total	37,201,775
7	Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
8	Grants	<u>28,672,753</u>
9	Total	28,672,753
10	Source of funds	
11	Transportation fund	<u>28,672,753</u>
12	Total	28,672,753
13	Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
14	Grants	<u>128,750</u>
15	Total	128,750
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
18	Total	128,750
19	Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
20	Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
21	Total	1,150,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
3	Total	1,150,000
4	Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	
5	Grants	<u>180,000</u>
6	Total	180,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	20,000
9	Federal funds	<u>160,000</u>
10	Total	180,000
11	Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program	
12	Personal services	100,000
13	Operating expenses	275,000
14	Grants	<u>10,113,523</u>
15	Total	10,488,523
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	705,000
18	Special funds	5,000,000
19	Federal funds	<u>4,783,523</u>
20	Total	10,488,523
21	Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program	

1	Operating expenses	200,000
2	Grants	<u>1,050,000</u>
3	Total	1,250,000
4	Source of funds	
5	Special funds	50,000
6	Federal funds	1,000,000
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>200,000</u>
8	Total	1,250,000
9	Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
10	Personal services	169,068
11	Operating expenses	<u>24,412</u>
12	Total	193,480
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	<u>193,480</u>
15	Total	193,480
16	Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
17	Source of funds	
18	Transportation fund	306,753,571
19	TIB fund	25,229,215
20	Special funds	5,050,000
21	Federal funds	476,014,899

1	Internal service funds	23,956,385
2	Interdepartmental transfers	2,706,360
3	Local match	<u>11,104,867</u>
4	Total	850,815,297
5	Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
6	Operating expenses	<u>75,705,398</u>
7	Total	75,705,398
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	75,377,993
10	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>
11	Total	75,705,398
12	Sec. B.1001 Total debt service	
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	75,377,993
15	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>
16	Total	75,705,398

17 \* \* \* Fiscal Year 2024 One-time Appropriations \* \* \*

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

19 APPROPRIATIONS

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

(1) ~~\$1,150,000~~ \$1,500,000 General Fund to create, implement, and oversee a comprehensive statewide language access plan;

1 (2) \$5,000,000 General Fund for the purpose of supporting the a new  
2 Community Safety Grant Program; and

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

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

7 (1) \$3,820,000 General Fund and \$5,180,000 ARPA-SFR for bridge  
8 funding to support ongoing system transformation; and

9 (2) \$4,000,000 General Fund for the Community College of Vermont  
10 to reduce the tuition fee for certificates, degrees, and courses that have a direct  
11 nexus to Vermont business and industry needs.

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

14 (1) \$725,000 General Fund to fund seven new permanent full-time  
15 positions in the Operations division in fiscal year 2024. These position costs  
16 shall be funded through the Department of Human Resources Internal Service  
17 Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025.

18 (2) \$75,000 General Fund to fund one new permanent full-time position  
19 in the VTHR Operations division in fiscal year 2024. This position cost will

1 be funded via the Department of Human Resources Internal Service Fund  
2 beginning in fiscal year 2025.

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

7 (d) \$400,000 General Fund to the Office of State Treasurer in fiscal year  
8 2024 for the Vermont Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

9 (e) \$200,000 General Fund to the Department of Libraries in fiscal year  
10 2024 to support the FiberConnect project relating to Internet access in public  
11 libraries.

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

14 (1) \$190,000 General Fund for external carriers (vests) that improve the  
15 ergonomics of ballistic personal protective equipment; and

16 (2) \$500,000 General Fund for hiring incentives, including hiring  
17 bonuses, to be paid to all new sworn members and emergency communication  
18 dispatchers; recruitment awards to current members for successful recruitment  
19 of a new member (criteria dependent); and student loan debt repayment,  
20 offering up to \$10,000 per new hire toward the repayment of preexisting  
21 student loan debt.

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

3                (1) \$10,000 General Fund for granting to the USS Vermont Support  
4        Group, a nonprofit organization supporting military members serving on the  
5        USS Vermont (SSN 792) and their families; and

6                (2) \$10,000 General Fund for granting to North Country Honor Flight,  
7        an organization that sponsors escorted trips for veterans to visit the war  
8        memorials on the National Mall, to cover the expenses of 10 Vermont resident  
9        attendees.

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

12                (1) \$400,000 General Fund for the first year of a three-phase  
13        accreditation process to include job task analysis, curriculum development and  
14        piloting;

15                (2) \$20,000 General Fund for a records management system to ensure  
16        efficient and compliant recordkeeping, including case management tracking  
17        and reporting and compliance monitoring for remote learning; and

18                (3) \$200,000 General Fund for request for proposals and contracts  
19        related to procedure development; off-site course development, records  
20        management system transition, developing pathways to certification, and  
21        medical personnel.



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

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

5            (1) \$110,000 General Fund for electric vehicle charger inspections.  
6        Funds shall be used for the purchase of two testing units and related equipment  
7        to support the development and implementation of the Commercial Electric  
8        Vehicle Fueling Systems regulatory program;

9            (2) \$1,070,000 General Fund for replacement of the existing Food  
10        Safety Inspection Database;

11            (3) \$400,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Sustainable Jobs  
12        Fund as follows:

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

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

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

16            (4) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Salvation Farms to expand  
17        access to locally grown food for all Vermonters; and

18        ~~(5) \$1,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Association of~~  
19        ~~Conservation Districts.~~

*(5) \$1,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the State Natural Resources*  
*Conservation Council.*

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

3            (1) \$105,000 General Fund for expediting competency and sanity  
4        evaluations; and

5            (2) \$985,000 General Fund to provide a grant to Pathways Vermont for  
6        the purchase and renovation of a building to serve as a permanent home for the  
7        Soteria House program.

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

10           (1) \$620,000 General Fund for costs associated with the implementation  
11        of the Vermont Health Care Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System  
12        (VHCURES) database;

13           (2) \$120,500 General Fund for the implementation of a new financial  
14        database solution; and

15           (3) \$50,000 General Fund for the development of the statutorily  
16        required Health Resources Allocation Plan Tool.

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

19           (1) \$975,000 General Fund to the State Refugee Office for the  
20        Employment Assistance Grants program created in 2022 Acts and Resolves

1 No. 185, amended by the 2023 Budget Adjustment Act H.145. Funds  
2 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the General Fund.

3 (2) \$25,000 General Fund to the State Refugee Office for a  
4 comprehensive inventory and needs assessment of Vermont's immigrant  
5 community and the organizations providing support to this community.

6 (3) \$4,400,000 General Fund and \$5,702,529 Federal Revenue Fund  
7 #22005 for the first year of a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health  
8 Hub and Spoke program. Funds shall be used to expand the substances  
9 covered by the program, include mental health and pediatric screenings, and  
10 make strategic investments with community partners.

11 (4) \$10,000,000 General Fund and \$13,693,231 Federal Revenue Fund  
12 #22005 to continue to address the emergent and exigent circumstances  
13 impacting health care providers following the COVID-19 pandemic.

14 (5) \$10,534,603 General Fund for use as Global Commitment matching  
15 funds for one-time caseload pressures due to the suspension of Medicaid  
16 eligibility redeterminations.

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

1 Department of Health Access Medicaid program for the first year of a two-  
2 year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program.

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

5 (1) \$2,297,724 Global Commitment Fund #20405 Division of Health  
6 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program for the first year of a two-year pilot to  
7 expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program.

8 (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund to be granted to the Vermont Foundation  
9 for Recovery for housing support.

10 (3) \$30,000 General Fund for a housing voucher program administered  
11 by the Vermont Association of Recovery Residences and Jenna's Promise to  
12 pay for a recovery home residents' first month of rent.

13 (4) \$150,000 General Fund for a grant to Vermonters for Criminal  
14 Justice Reform for Case Management and Contingency Management Services  
15 for justice-involved Vermonters with substance use disorder.

16 (5) \$1,590,000 General Fund for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program  
17 , in conjunction with an estimated \$1,410,000 to be available from the 30  
18 percent of fiscal year 2023 forecast for cannabis excise tax and to be allocated  
19 in the budget adjustment process consistent with the Substance Misuse  
20 Prevention Coalition funding intent as stated in 2022 Acts and Resolves No.  
21 185, Sec. B.1100(a)(12)(A)(i).

1           (6) \$500,000 General Fund for Division of Substance Use Programs  
2           tobacco and substance use disorder prevention and cessation activities. The  
3           Division shall require that information on the use of the funds appropriated in  
4           accordance with this section be provided to the Division by grantees in an  
5           agreed-upon time frame, including the specific activities supported by the  
6           funds, a description of the number of individuals served, and information on  
7           the outcomes achieved by this investment. On or before, January 10, 2024, the  
8           Division shall report on these metrics to the House and Senate Committees on  
9           Appropriations, to the House Committee on Human Services, and to the  
10          Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.

11           (7) \$100,000 General Fund to the Department of Health to support the  
12          Regional Emergency Medical Services Coordination Study Committee.

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

15           (1) \$2,000,000 General Fund to implement the two-year Reach Ahead  
16          Pilot Program. Funds shall be used to increase monthly food assistance  
17          benefits to Reach Ahead participants, expand the eligibility window for those  
18          leaving Reach Up, and provide incentive payments.

19           (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund to fund a two-year continuation of the  
20          Youth Development Independent Living stipends program.

1           (3) \$40,000 General Fund to fund the purchase of a driving school  
2           vehicle for the Youth Development Program to support foster and former  
3           foster youth access to driver's education.

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

7           (5) \$2,500,000 General Fund to the Housing Opportunity Grant  
8           Program to expand and provide wrap-around support services for households  
9           participating in the General Assistance Emergency Housing program.

10           (6) \$1,000,000 General Fund to grant to the Vermont Food Bank to  
11           support increased capacity of services to meet the persistent of food insecurity.

12           ~~(7) \$768,180 General Fund to build a Salesforce based platform to~~  
13           ~~create a data system solution for an twelve Children's Integrated Services~~  
14           ~~regions in Vermont.~~

*(7) \$768,180 General Fund to support the implementation of a*  
*Salesforce-based community data system to three additional Children's*  
*Integrated Services regions in Vermont.*

15           (8) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont  
16           to provide education regarding the prevention of unsafe infant sleep and to  
17           expand programming and support services regarding child abuse often related  
18           to parental substance misuse.

1           (9) \$130,000 General Fund to be granted to the Snelling Center to  
2           restart the Early Childhood Education Leadership Program.

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

5           (1) \$200,000 General Fund to be granted to the State Workforce  
6           Development Board for the New American Labor Force Program; and

7           (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund to provide services under the Work-Based  
8           Learning and Training Program established pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 547.

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

11          (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the digitization of Natural Resources  
12          Board documents. Funds shall be used for the continued digitization of  
13          permanent, paper-based Act 250 land use permit records currently located at  
14          the Natural Resources Board's five district offices.

15          (2) \$200,000 General Fund for an Act 250 study contract. Funds shall  
16          be used to contract with a consultant to assist with the preparation of a report  
17          on updates necessary to the Act 250 program, per 2022 Acts and Resolves No.  
18          182, Sec. 41(a).

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

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

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

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

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

9               (1) \$500,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to upgrade  
10              and expand the ePSD case management system;

11              (2) \$400,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to complete  
12              the Telecom Plan Update scheduled for June 2024; and

13              (3) \$300,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to craft policy  
14              proposals to reform and streamline electric sector policy.

15              (4) \$1,000,000 General Fund to the Public Service Department for a  
16              grant to the Vermont Access Network to provide a third year of bridge funding  
17              to a secure funding stream to replace declining cable revenues.

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



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

3               (1) \$5,000,000 from the Technology Modernization Fund #21951 for  
4       Network & Security Infrastructure Modernization for the planning and design  
5       and for the replacement of legacy infrastructure, hardware and software,  
6       platforms underlying the network and security architecture.

7               (A) The Agency of Digital Services shall select a vendor through a  
8       competitive bid process. The Agency of Digital Services shall consider bids  
9       with options to buy or lease equipment. Per 3 V.S.A. § 3303, any project with  
10       a total cost of \$1,000,000 or greater shall be subject to an expert independent  
11       review. The review shall include an analysis of all options, although the  
12       Agency of Digital Services is limited to the bids that it receives. The Agency  
13       of Digital Services may also purchase or lease equipment through a separate  
14       competitive bid process.

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

18               (2) \$2,500,000 for IT investments to modernize existing IT systems or  
19       automate manual processes by adding IT solutions.

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

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

8                                   \* \* \* Workforce Development \* \* \*

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

11           (a) Education workforce.

12           (1) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(d), in fiscal year 2024, the  
13           amount of \$500,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of  
14           Education for the purpose of funding the Emerging Pathways Grant Program  
15           established by Sec. F.4 of this act.

16           (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from  
17           the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the  
18           Vermont Teacher Forgivable Loan Incentive Program created in 16 V.S.A.  
19           § 2871.

20           (3) In fiscal year 2024, the sum of \$30,000 is appropriated from the  
21           General Fund to the Agency of Education for the purpose of funding the

1 Historically Underrepresented Educator Affinity Groups Grant Program  
2 created in Sec. F.6 of this act.

3 (b) Corrections workforce.

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

11 (c) Youth workforce.

12 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,400,000 is appropriated from  
13 the General Fund to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to  
14 continue funding through the pilot project the Vermont Serve, Learn, and Earn  
15 Program, which supports workforce development goals through creating  
16 meaningful paid service and learning opportunities for young adults, through  
17 the Serve, Learn, and Earn Partnership made up of the Vermont Youth  
18 Conservation Corps, Vermont Audubon, Vermont Works for Women, and  
19 Resource VT. The Department shall enter into a grant agreement with the  
20 Partnership that specifies the required services and outcomes for the Program.

21 (d) Climate workforce.

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

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

10          (e) Higher education.

11           (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from  
12           the General Fund to the University of Vermont Office of Engagement, in  
13           consultation with the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, for additional  
14           forgivable loans of \$5,000 per graduate for recent college graduates across all  
15           Vermont higher education institutions who commit to work in Vermont for two  
16           years after graduation.

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

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

4           (4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,800,000 is appropriated from  
5           the General Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to provide Critical  
6           Occupations Scholarships for eligible students with a household income of  
7           \$75,000 or less enrolled in education programs that lead to a career in an  
8           occupation with critical need, including early childhood occupations, clinical  
9           mental health counseling, criminal justice occupations, dental hygienists, and  
10          all levels of nursing.

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

15          (6) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$350,000 is appropriated from the  
16          General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a subgrant to  
17          Advance Vermont to continue work pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No.  
18          183, Sec. 39 in support of the State's goal articulated in 10 V.S.A. § 546 that  
19          70 percent of working-age Vermonters hold a credential of value by 2025.

20          (f) Healthcare and social services workforce.

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

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

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

13          (4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from  
14          the General Fund to the Agency of Human Services to be distributed to the  
15          designated and specialized service agencies equitably consistent with the  
16          requirements in Sec. F.15 of this act.

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

21          (g) Economic development.

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

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

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

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

19           (5) \$8,000,000 General Fund for Brownfields redevelopment consistent  
20           with Sec. F.18 of this act.

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

*(6) In fiscal year 2024, \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to fund Agriculture Development Grants for meat, produce, and maple processing. The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall determine that there are significant interests in establishing certain parameters in the grant program before making an award. Grants should be awarded to farmers, processors, and businesses, which shall not include hydroponic operations. Furthermore, the Secretary shall not allocate more than 25 percent of grant funds toward the maple industry. Of the funds appropriated under this subdivision, an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 may be used by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to support the cost of temporary employees to administer the grants.*





1       (d) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$50,000,000 General Fund is  
2       appropriated to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.  
3       Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 322, the entirety of this appropriation shall be  
4       allocated toward affordable housing development.

5                               \* \* \* Climate and Environment \* \* \*

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

7                               ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

1       (c) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 General Fund is  
2       appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources – Central Office for the  
3       Clean Heat Homes program. Funds shall be used to augment federal funding  
4       for a single-point program to help Vermonters with low and moderate income  
5       with “whole home” climate improvements, including weatherization, clean  
6       heat systems, and electrification-ready upgrades, supported by on-bill  
7       financing.

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

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

19       (f) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 General Fund is  
20       appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for Small  
21       Communities Outdoor Recreation Grant matching funds. Funds shall be used

1 to support communities with low income in Vermont by providing State match  
2 funds for federal recreation grants.

3 (g) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 General Fund is  
4 appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for emerald  
5 ash borer mitigation and low-income heating assistance. Funds shall be used  
6 to remove high-risk ash trees on Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation  
7 lands and provide free firewood to households with low income.

8 (h) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 General Fund is  
9 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
10 Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act/Brownfields.  
11 Funds shall be used for the assessment and cleanup planning for a maximum of  
12 25 brownfields sites.

13 (i) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$200,000 General Fund is  
14 appropriated to the Emissions Repair Program. Funds shall be used for the  
15 emissions repair program established by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec.  
16 25 for fiscal year 2024.

17 (j) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 ARPA-SFR is  
18 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Healthy  
19 Homes Initiative. Funds shall be used to make repairs or improvements to  
20 drinking water, wastewater, or stormwater systems for Vermonters who have

1 low to moderate income or who live in manufactured housing communities, or  
2 both.

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

7 (l) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 Environmental  
8 Contingency Fund #21275 is appropriated to the Department of Environmental  
9 Conservation for statewide Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) groundwater  
10 remediation.

11 (m) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$93,613 Clean Water Fund #21932  
12 is appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for one  
13 limited service Forester II position in accordance with Sec. E.100 of this act.

14 (n) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$402,525 Federal Revenue Fund  
15 #22005 is appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for  
16 the following four IJA funded positions in accordance with Sec. E.100 of this  
17 act: one Climate Forester, two Forester IIs, and one Communications and  
18 Outreach Coordinator.

19 \* \* \* Pension Funding \* \* \*

20 Sec. B.1104 REQUIRED PENSION PLUS FUNDING – FISCAL YEAR

21 2024

1       (a) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$18,000,000 General Fund is  
2       appropriated to the Office of the State Treasurer. This the first year of a three-  
3       year funding requirement that will result in each pension system receiving a  
4       base funding supplement of \$15,000,000.

5               (1) \$9,000,000 for the additional contribution to the Vermont State  
6       Employees' Retirement System per 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 114, Sec. 11  
7       and 3 V.S.A. §473(c)(8)(A); and

8               (2) \$9,000,000 for the additional contribution to the Vermont State  
9       Teachers' Retirement System contribution per 2022 Acts and Resolves No.  
10       114, Sec. 19 and 16 V.S.A. §1944(c)(13)(A).

11                               \* \* \* Capital Projects \* \* \*

12       ~~Sec. B.1105. CAPITAL PROJECTS - FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE TIME~~

13                               APPROPRIATIONS

14       (a) In fiscal year 2024, \$7,385,000 Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund is  
15       appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services the  
16       following projects :

17               (1) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
18       spend \$250,000 for planning, reuse, and contingency;

19               (2) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
20       spend \$125,000 for 32 Cherry Street, parking garage repairs;

1 ~~(2) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to~~  
2 ~~spend \$1,000,000 for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120~~  
3 ~~State Street;~~

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

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

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

13 ~~(7) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to~~  
14 ~~spend \$1,500,000 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and~~  
15 ~~design for the replacement of the women's correctional facility and reentry~~  
16 ~~facility;~~

17 ~~(8) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to~~  
18 ~~spend \$1,000,000 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and~~  
19 ~~design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term stabilization~~  
20 ~~facility;~~

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

4 (10) 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 Special Teams Facility and Storage;

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

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

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

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

20 (2) The Vermont State Colleges is authorized to spend \$9,000,000 for  
21 construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or



1 operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure

2 transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green  
3 Hall and Vail Hall.

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

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

11 (5) The Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend  
12 \$4,000,000 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
13 Municipal Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and  
14 planning advances for feasibility studies.

15 (6) The Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend  
16 \$3,000,000 for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the  
17 maintenance facilities at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest  
18 State Park.

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

*Sec. B.1105 CAPITAL PROJECTS – FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME*

*APPROPRIATIONS*

*(a) In fiscal year 2024, \$7,385,000 is authorized from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund for the following appropriations:*

*(1) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;*

*(2) \$135,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for 32 Cherry Street, parking garage repairs;*

*(3) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120 State Street;*

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

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

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

(7) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design for the replacement of the women's correctional facility and reentry facility;

(8) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term stabilization facility;

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

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

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

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

(b) In fiscal year 2024, \$32,000,000 is authorized from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund for the following appropriations. This funding is provided by the General Fund transfer in Sec. D.101(a)(1)(E) of this act.

(1) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for electric vehicle charging stations at State buildings.

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

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

(4) \$4,500,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Waterbury Dam rehabilitation.

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

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

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

1 \* \* \* Fiscal Year 2023 Adjustments, Appropriations, and Amendments \* \* \*

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

3 CARRYFORWARD

4 (a) After satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, and after other  
5 reserve requirements have been met, but prior to satisfying the requirements of  
6 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the first \$337,300,000 of remaining unreserved and  
7 undesignated funds at the close of fiscal year 2023 shall remain in the General  
8 Fund and be carried forward to fiscal year 2024.

9 Sec. C.101 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FISCAL YEAR 2022 OUT

10 OF STATE BEDS CARRYFORWARD FUNDS AND JUSTICE

11 REINVESTMENT II FUNDING

12 (a) Notwithstanding 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.335, as  
13 amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 62, and by 2022 Acts and  
14 Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.111, \$1,000,000 of Department of Corrections Out  
15 of State Bed General Fund appropriation carried forward from fiscal year 2022

1 shall revert to the General Fund in fiscal year 2023 for appropriation to Justice  
2 Reinvestment II in fiscal year 2023.

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

5 (1) \$95,640 for a 3 percent COLA increase for fiscal year 2024; and

6 (2) \$154,360 in grants to be distributed equally to the 17 Community  
7 Justice Centers to be used for program development and implementation,  
8 technology upgrades, and staff and volunteer recruitment.

9 (c) \$250,000 for re-Entry Services to support the re-entry services for  
10 incarcerated women at Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility as provided  
11 by the Lund, Mercy Connections, Vermont Works for Women, and the DIVAS  
12 program.

13 (d) \$500,000 to the Department of Corrections for the development and  
14 implementation of the Offender Management System (OMS) intelligence  
15 layer.

16 Sec. C.102 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.335, as amended by 2022  
17 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 62, and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec.  
18 C.111 is further amended to read:

19 Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; UNEXPENDED

20 FUNDS TRANSFER; JUSTICE REINVESTMENT;

21 REPORT

1 \* \* \*

2 (c) ~~Any funds expended~~ authorized to be used on community-based service  
3 ~~programs~~ justice reinvestment programs pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
4 section shall be included in the subsequent year Department of Corrections  
5 budget for the same purpose at the same amount may be spent over multiple  
6 fiscal years until fully expended.

7 Sec. C.103 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.335 is amended to read:

8 Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; UNEXPENDED  
9 FUNDS TRANSFER; JUSTICE REINVESTMENT; REPORT

10 \* \* \*

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

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

16 Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

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

20 (1) The sum of \$560,000 is appropriated from the Current Use  
21 Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of

1 the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),  
2 amounts in excess of \$560,000 from the property transfer tax deposited into  
3 the Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the  
4 General Fund.

5 (2) The sum of \$21,462,855 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing  
6 and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board  
7 (VHCB). Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of \$21,462,855  
8 from the property transfer tax and surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a  
9 that are deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall  
10 be transferred into the General Fund.

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



1 appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board should be  
2 restored.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (1) From the General Fund to:

18 (A) the Transportation Fund – Non-Dedicated (20105):  
19 \$10,925,980;

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

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

1                    (i) Of the funds transferred to the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board Fund in  
2                    subdivision (C) of this section, \$815,000 shall be used to support necessary 9-  
3                    1-1 system upgrades beginning in fiscal year 2024;

4                    (D) the Technology Modernization Special Fund (21951):  
5                    \$7,500,000;

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

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

10                   (2) From the Clean Water Fund (21932) established by 10 V.S.A.  
11                   § 1388 to:

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

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

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

20                   (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
21                   2024:

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

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

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

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

17           (3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E. 228,  
18           \$60,044,000 of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance Regulatory and  
19           Supervision Fund (21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision  
20           Fund (21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21080)  
21           shall be transferred to the General Fund.

1       (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
2       2024, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the  
3       accounts indicated:

4       3400004000 Agency of Human Services –

5                               Secretary’s Office – Global Commitment                       \$15,103,683

6       (d) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
7       2024 the following estimated General Fund reserves shall be made:

8               (1) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 308, an estimated amount of \$1,768,423  
9       shall be unreserved from the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve.

10       Sec. D.102 27/53 RESERVE

11       (a) \$5,350,000 General Fund shall be transferred to the 27/53 reserve in  
12       fiscal year 2023. This action is the fiscal year 2024 contribution to the reserve  
13       for the 53rd week of Medicaid as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e and the 27th  
14       payroll reserve as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

15       Sec. D.103 UNRESERVED; INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

16       (a) In fiscal year 2024, \$700,000 in general funds reserved per 2022 Act  
17       and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.107.2(b) are unreserved and available for  
18       appropriation.

19       Sec. D.104 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME SURPLUS; ADDITIONAL  
20                               FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME FUNDING PRIORITIES

1        (a) To the extent that the close of fiscal year 2023 results in fund balances  
2        in the General Fund or other special funds, it is the intent of the General  
3        Assembly that the following areas be prioritized for additional one-time  
4        funding in fiscal year 2024:

5            (1) In the Agency of Human Services, \$4,625,000 for state match for  
6            the second year of a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and  
7            Spoke program. Funds shall be used to expand the substances covered by the  
8            program, include mental health and pediatric screenings, and make strategic  
9            investments with community partners.

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

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

14           (4) In the Agency of Administration, \$10,000,000 to be used to offset  
15           the cost of denied claims for Federal Emergency Management Agency  
16           (FEMA) reimbursement.

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



- 1           (C) Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living:
- 2                 (i) nine Quality and Program Participant Specialists;
- 3                 (ii) one Dementia Coordinator; and
- 4                 (iii) three Public Guardians;
- 5           (D) Department of Financial Regulation: two Insurance Examiners;
- 6           (E) Department of Human Resources:
- 7                 (i) one Compensation Analyst;
- 8                 (ii) one Configuration Analyst II;
- 9                 (iii) one Employee Support Specialist;
- 10                (iv) one FMLI Manager;
- 11                (v) one HR Administrator III;
- 12                (vi) one HR Administrator IV;
- 13                (vii) one HR Manager; and
- 14                (viii) one Talent Coordinator;
- 15           (F) Department of Liquor and Lottery:
- 16                 (i) one Financial Analyst; and
- 17                 (ii) one Sports Betting Director;
- 18           (G) Department of Mental Health:
- 19                 (i) one Crisis Program Director;
- 20                 (ii) one Mental Health Analyst I;
- 21                 (iii) one Operations Manager; and

1                    (iv) one Training and Curriculum Development Supervisor;

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

3                    Program:

4                    (i) one Property Valuation and Review Program Manager;

5                    (I) Office of the State Treasurer:

6                    (i) one Program Technician;

7                    (ii) one Administrative Services Coordinator;

8                    (iii) one Financial Specialist III;

9                    (iv) one Financial Manager I;

10                  (v) one Financial Manager II; and

11                  (vi) one Program Technician II;

12                  (J) E911 Board:

13                  (i) one Program Technician I;

14                  (K) Department of Motor Vehicles:

15                  (i) three Motor Vehicle Inspectors;

16                  (L) Office of the Defender General:

17                  (i) one Financial Director;

18                  (M) Agency of Natural Resources:

19                  (i) one Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Specialist;

20                  (N) Vermont Pension Investment Commission:

21                  (i) one Administrative Assistant; and



1           (O) Agency of Transportation – Highway Division:

2                   (i) one Transportation Operations Technician III; and

3                   (ii) one Transportation Technician IV.

4           (2) Permanent exempt positions:

5                   (A) Department of Taxes – State Appraisal and Litigation Assistance  
6 Program: one Staff Attorney;

7                   (B) Agency of Commerce and Community Development – Division  
8 for Historic Preservation – Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs:  
9 one Executive Director;

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

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

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

14                   (1) Criminal Justice Council:

15                           (A) one Victims Services Specialist;

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

17                           (A) one HCR Integration Manager;

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

19                           (A) one Administrative Services Manager I;

20                           (B) five DVHA Program Consultants;

21                           (C) one DVHA Quality Control Manager;

1           (D) one Health Reform Enterprise Director I;

2           (E) two Medicaid Operations Administrators;

3           (F) one Project & Operations Director;

4           (G) one Project & Operations Specialist; and

5           (H) one Project Director;

6           (4) Department of Vermont Health Access, Medicaid Policy Fiscal &

7           Support Unit:

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

9           (B) three DVHA Healthcare QC Auditors;

10          (C) one DVHA Healthcare QC CAP Auditor;

11          (D) two DVHA Program & Operations Auditors;

12          (E) one DVHA Program Consultant;

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

14          (G) one Nurse Auditor;

15          (5) Department of Vermont Health Access, Payment

16          Reform/Reimbursement Unit:

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

18          (B) three Change Management Practitioners;

19          (C) one Deputy Director of Payment Reform;

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

21          (E) one Grant Programs Manager;

1           (F) one Health Care Project Director;

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

3           (H) one Senior Policy Advisor; and

4           (6) Agency of Transportation – Aviation Program:

5           (A) nine Airport Maintenance Workers;

6           (B) one Airport Operations Specialist.

7           (c) The establishment of 30 new classified limited service positions is  
8           authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

9           (1) Department of Children and Families for the Reach Ahead pilot  
10          program:

11           (A) one Benefits Program Assistant Administrator; and

12           (B) two Reach Up Case Manager IIs;

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

14           (A) one Communications & Outreach Coordinator;

15           (B) one Climate Forester; and

16           (C) three Forester IIs;

17          (3) Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs:

18           (A) six Deputy State’s Attorneys;

19           (B) six State’s Attorney Legal Assistants;

20           (C) six State’s Attorney Victim Advocates; and

21           (D) four State’s Attorney Secretaries.

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

2 § 479. GROUP INSURANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7           (2) Notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (1)(A)(i) or (ii) of this  
8           subsection to the contrary, a member may be offered health coverage other  
9           than coverage in the group medical benefit plan provided by the State of  
10          Vermont for active State employees if the following conditions are met:

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

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

15           (i) the State;

16           (ii) the Vermont State Employees' Association;

17           (iii) the Vermont Troopers' Association; and

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

19           (b) As of July 1, 2007, members of the Group C plan who separate from  
20          service prior to being eligible for retirement benefits under this chapter, who  
21          have at least 20 years of creditable service, and who participated in the group

1 medical benefit plan at the time of separation from service shall have a one-  
2 time option at the time retirement benefits commence to participate in the  
3 group medical benefit plan provided by the State of Vermont for active State  
4 employees or any alternative health coverage provided pursuant to subdivision  
5 (a)(2) of this section. Premiums for the plan shall be prorated between the  
6 retired member and the Retirement System pursuant to section 631 of this title.

7 (c) Premiums for coverage of retired members of the Group C plan and  
8 their dependents in the group medical benefit plan or any alternative health  
9 coverage provided pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall be  
10 prorated on the same basis as is provided for active employees by the current  
11 collective bargaining agreement for the nonmanagement unit. The amounts  
12 designated as the State's share of premium for the medical benefit plan and the  
13 total premium for group life insurance provided under subdivision (a)(2) of  
14 this section shall be paid by the Fund as an operating expense in accordance  
15 with subsection 473(d) of this title.

16 (d) After January 1, 2007, the State Treasurer may offer and administer a  
17 dental benefit plan for retired members, beneficiaries, eligible dependents, and  
18 eligible retirees of special affiliated groups and the dependents of members of  
19 those groups who are eligible for coverage in the State Employee Group  
20 Medical Benefit Plan or any alternative health coverage provided pursuant to  
21 subdivision (a)(2) of this section. The Plan shall be separate and apart from

1 any dental benefit plan offered to Vermont State employees. The original plan  
2 of benefits, and any changes thereto, shall be determined by the State  
3 Treasurer with due consideration of recommendations from the Retired  
4 Employees' Committee on Insurance established in section 636 of this title.

5 \* \* \*

6 (3) Dependent eligibility shall be determined in the manner applied to  
7 determinations for coverage in the State Employee Medical Benefit Plan or  
8 any alternative health coverage provided pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this  
9 section.

10 (4) [Repealed.]

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

1 (f) [Repealed.]

2 (g) A member of the Group F or Group G plan who is first included in the  
3 membership of the System on or after July 1, 2008, who separates from  
4 service prior to being eligible for retirement benefits under this chapter, who  
5 has at least 20 years of creditable service, and who participated in the group  
6 medical benefit plan at the time of separation from service shall have a one-  
7 time option at the time retirement benefits commence to reinstate the same  
8 level of coverage, in the group medical benefit plan provided by the State of  
9 Vermont for active State employees or any alternative health coverage  
10 provided pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section, that existed at the date  
11 of separation from service. Premiums for the plan shall be prorated between  
12 the retired member and the Retirement System pursuant to subsection 479(a)  
13 of this title.

14 \* \* \*

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

16 § 925. MEDIATION; FACT FINDING

17 \* \* \*

18 (i)(1) In the case of the Vermont State Colleges or the University of  
19 Vermont, if the dispute remains unresolved 20 days after transmittal of  
20 findings and recommendations to the parties or within a time frame mutually  
21 agreed upon by the parties that may be not more than an additional 30 days,



1 each party shall submit as a single package its last best offer on all disputed  
2 issues to the Board. Each party's last best offer shall be filed with the Board  
3 under seal and shall be unsealed and placed in the public record only when  
4 both parties' last best offers are filed with the Board. The Board shall hold  
5 one or more hearings. Within 30 days of the certifications, the Board shall  
6 select between the last best offers of the parties, considered in their entirety  
7 without amendment.

8 (2) In the case of the State of Vermont or the Department of State's  
9 Attorneys and Sheriffs, if the dispute remains unresolved 20 days after  
10 transmittal of findings and recommendations to the parties or within a time  
11 frame mutually agreed upon by the parties that may be not more than an  
12 additional 30 days, each party shall submit as a single package its last best  
13 offer on all disputed issues to the Board, or upon the request of either party, to  
14 an arbitrator mutually agreed upon by the parties. If the parties cannot agree  
15 on an arbitrator, the American Arbitration Association shall appoint a neutral  
16 third party to act as arbitrator. Each party's last best offer shall be filed with  
17 the Board or the arbitrator under seal and shall be unsealed and placed in the  
18 public record only when both parties' last best offers are filed with the Board  
19 or the arbitrator. A party's last best offer shall not include a proposal to  
20 provide alternative health coverage to retired State employees that has not  
21 been agreed to pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 479(a)(2) of this title.

1 The Board or the arbitrator shall hold one or more hearings. Within 30 days of  
2 the certifications, the Board or the arbitrator shall select between the last best  
3 offers of the parties, considered in their entirety without amendment.

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5 Sec. E.108.2 3 V.S.A. § 1018 is amended to read:

6 § 1018. MEDIATION; FACT-FINDING; LAST BEST OFFER

7 \* \* \*

8 (i)(1) If the dispute remains unresolved 20 days after transmittal of  
9 findings and recommendations or within a period of time mutually agreed  
10 upon by the parties that may be not more than an additional 30 days, each  
11 party shall submit to the Board or, upon the request of either party, to an  
12 arbitrator mutually agreed upon by the parties its last best offer on all disputed  
13 issues as a single package. If the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator, the  
14 American Arbitration Association shall appoint a neutral third party to act as  
15 arbitrator.

16 (2) Each party's last best offer shall be:

17 (A) filed with the Board or the arbitrator under seal;

18 (B) certified to the Board or the arbitrator by the fact finder; and

19 (C) unsealed and placed in the public record only when both parties'

20 last best offers are filed with the Board or the arbitrator.



1 Fund at the end of each fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain part of  
2 the Fund. Interest earned by the Fund shall be deposited into the Fund.

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

7 (c) The Fund shall be used for the development, implementation,  
8 enhancement, and maintenance of information technology systems and  
9 services for the administration of taxes and programs administered by the  
10 Department. This shall include requests for proposal, business requirements,  
11 analysis, implementation of new tax types, enhancements to existing systems,  
12 and payments due to vendors of information technology systems and services.

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

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

18 (c) Any tax imposed under the authority of this section shall be collected  
19 and administered by the Department of Taxes, in accordance with State law  
20 governing such State tax or taxes; provided, however, that a sales tax imposed  
21 under this section shall be collected on each sale that is subject to the Vermont

1 sales tax using a destination basis for taxation. Except with respect to taxes  
2 collected on the sale of aviation jet fuel, a per-return fee of \$5.96 shall be  
3 assessed to compensate the Department for the costs of administration and  
4 collection, 70 percent of which shall be borne by the municipality, and  
5 30 percent of which shall be borne by the State to be paid from the PILOT  
6 Special Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law or municipal charter to  
7 the contrary, revenue from the fee shall be used to compensate the Department  
8 for the costs of administering and collecting the local option tax and of  
9 administering the State appraisal and litigation program established in  
10 32 V.S.A. § 5413. The fee shall be subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A.  
11 § 605.

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

14 Sec. 8. REPEAL

15 ~~On June 30, 2024:~~

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

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

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

2 (a) The establishment of two new permanent exempt Capitol Police Officer  
3 positions in the Office of the Sergeant at Arms are authorized in fiscal year  
4 2024.

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

6 (a) The Office of the Sergeant at Arms is authorized to use not more than  
7 \$10,000 from resources available within the General Assembly's budget to  
8 provide honoraria to speakers and performing groups who are invited to  
9 participate in the 2024 Farmers' Night Concert Series and who are not  
10 otherwise sponsored or compensated for their participation.

11 Sec. E.131 STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE – VCBB ESCROW  
12 ACCOUNT

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

19 (b) On or before January 15, 2024, the Vermont Community Broadband  
20 Board shall submit a recommendation to the House and Senate Committees on  
21 Appropriations with a recommendation for legislative action to create a long-

1 term funding plan for the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure  
2 Program.

3 Sec. E.133 VERMONT RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND VERMONT  
4 PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; SOURCE OF  
5 FUNDS

6 (a) The funds appropriated from the pension systems for administrative  
7 costs in Secs. B.133, B.134, and B.514.1 of this act are intended to provide  
8 spending authority needed to cover the operating costs of the State's pensions  
9 systems, including transferring funds from the State's pension systems to the  
10 Treasurers Retirement Admin Costs Fund (21520) and to the Vermont Pension  
11 Investment Commission Special Fund (21521) to cover the portion of the  
12 Treasurer's budget attributable to the State's pension systems and the Vermont  
13 Pension Investment Commission's budget.

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

19 (2) Of the \$1,650,789 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,309,958  
20 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating  
21 budget, and \$340,831 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension

1 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont Municipal  
2 Employees' Retirement System.

3 (3) Of the \$3,299,987 appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act,  
4 \$2,309,460 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System  
5 operating budget, and \$990,527 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension  
6 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers'  
7 Retirement System.

8 Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

9 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec B.139 of this act, \$9,000 shall be  
10 transferred to the Attorney General and \$70,000 shall be transferred to the  
11 Department of Taxes, Division of Property Valuation and Review and reserved  
12 and used with any remaining funds from the amount previously transferred for  
13 final payment of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of  
14 grand list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and  
15 other property owned by TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. and its successor  
16 Great River Hydro, LLC in the State of Vermont.

17 Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

18 (a) The appropriation in Sec. B.142 of this act is for State payments in lieu  
19 of property taxes under 32 V.S.A. § 3701. The payments shall be calculated in  
20 addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier  
21 and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes



1 under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A.  
2 § 3709.

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

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

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

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

11 FACILITIES

12 (a) Payments in lieu of taxes under Sec. B.144 of this act shall be paid  
13 from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

14 \* \* \* Protection \* \* \*

15 Sec. E.200 ATTORNEY GENERAL

16 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Office of the  
17 Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit, is authorized  
18 to retain, subject to appropriation, one-half of the State share of any recoveries  
19 from Medicaid fraud settlements, excluding interest, that exceed the State  
20 share of restitution to the Medicaid Program. All such designated additional

1 recoveries retained shall be used to finance Medicaid Fraud and Residential  
2 Abuse Unit activities.

3 (b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A.  
4 § 2458(b)(4), \$1,545,393 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

5 Sec. E.204 JUDICIARY; NEW POSITIONS

6 (a) The establishment of two new permanent exempt positions at the  
7 Judiciary are authorized in fiscal year 2024: one Judge, and one court clerk.

8 Sec. E.204.1. 13 V.S.A. § 7282 is amended to read:

9 § 7282. SURCHARGE

10 (a) In addition to any penalty or fine imposed by the court or ~~Judicial~~  
11 ~~Bureau~~ for a criminal offense or any civil penalty imposed by the Judicial  
12 Bureau for a traffic violation, including any violation of a fish and wildlife  
13 statute or regulation, violation of a motor vehicle statute, or violation of any  
14 local ordinance relating to the operation of a motor vehicle, except violations  
15 relating to seat belts and child restraints and ordinances relating to parking  
16 violations, the clerk of the court or Judicial Bureau shall levy an additional  
17 surcharge of:

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



1 Sec. E.208 PUBLIC SAFETY – ADMINISTRATION

2 (a) The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a  
3 performance-based contract with the Essex County Sheriff’s Department to  
4 provide law enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the  
5 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Essex County Sheriff.

6 Sec. E.209 PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE POLICE

7 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$35,000  
8 shall be available to the Southern Vermont Wilderness Search and Rescue  
9 Team, which comprises State Police, the Department of Fish and Wildlife,  
10 county sheriffs, and local law enforcement personnel in Bennington,  
11 Windham, and Windsor Counties, for snowmobile enforcement.

12 (b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$405,000  
13 is allocated for grants in support of the Drug Task Force. Of this amount,  
14 \$190,000 shall be used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town  
15 Task Force officers. These town Task Force officers shall be dedicated to  
16 enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18  
17 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any  
18 unobligated funds may be allocated by the Commissioner to the Drug Task  
19 Force or carried forward.



1 (14) “Electric vehicle supply equipment” and “electric vehicle supply  
2 equipment available to the public” have the same meanings as in 30 V.S.A.  
3 § 201.

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

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

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

11 \* \* \* Human Services \* \* \*

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

13 ADVOCATE; VERMONT LEGAL AID

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

15 (1) \$1,847,406 shall be used for the contract with the Office of the  
16 Health Care Advocate; and

17 (2) \$500,000 is for the purposes of maintaining current Vermont Legal  
18 Aid program capacity and addressing increased requests for services, including  
19 eviction prevention and protection from foreclosure and consumer debt.

20 Sec. E.300.1 STATE REFUGEE OFFICE; INVENTORY AND NEEDS

21 ASSESSMENT; REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

1        (a) Request for proposal. On or before September 15, 2023, the State  
2        Refugee Office shall issue a request for proposal for a comprehensive  
3        inventory and needs assessment of Vermont’s immigrant community and the  
4        organizations providing support to this community. For purposes of this  
5        section, “Vermont’s immigrant community” includes refugees, asylum seekers,  
6        asylees, humanitarian parolees, immigrants, individuals without a legal  
7        immigrant status, and any permanent lawful residents who may have held one  
8        of these statuses in the past.

9        (b) Inventory and assessment. The State Refugee Office shall contract with  
10       an independent third party to conduct the inventory and assessment described  
11       in subsection (a) of this section. On or before November 15, 2024, the  
12       completed inventory and assessment shall be delivered to the State Refugee  
13       Office.

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

16            (1) a list of any organizations in the State that formally provide social,  
17            housing, health, mental health, or legal support services to Vermont’s  
18            immigrant community;

19            (2) a summary of the services provided by each listed organization to  
20            Vermont’s immigrant community;

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

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

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

6           (6) the governing structure of each organization.

7           (d) Reports.

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

12           (2) On or before December 1, 2024, the State Refugee Office shall  
13           submit a copy of the final inventory and assessment described in subsection (b)  
14           of this section to the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate  
15           Committee on Health and Welfare.

16           Sec. E.300.2 LUND; SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

17           It is the intent of the General Assembly that Lund will develop a  
18           sustainability plan and share it with the Agency of Human Services and the  
19           General Assembly.

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

21                           INCREASE



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

8       Sec. E.300.4 HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE SYSTEMS ANALYSIS

9       (a) On or before September 1, 2023, the Agency of Human Services shall  
10       convene a working group, including individuals with lived experience of  
11       homelessness, local and statewide representatives of the Continuums of Care  
12       Program, representatives of housing- and homelessness-related organizations, a  
13       member from the House Committee on General and Housing, a member from  
14       the House Committee on Human Services, a member from the Senate  
15       Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and a  
16       member from the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to review, develop,  
17       and provide recommendations on Vermont's homelessness response and  
18       prevention programs and governance system, including any measures of  
19       success that incorporate recent and relevant assessments and statewide plans.

20       (b)(1) On or before January 15, 2024, the working group established  
21       pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall submit its initial findings and

1 recommendations to the House Committees on Human Services and on  
2 General and Housing and to the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and  
3 on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs to align with the  
4 federal goal to reduce homelessness by 25 percent by 2025, in accordance with  
5 the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, including  
6 strategies to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14           (a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in Sec.  
15 B.301 of this act for payment of the actuarially certified premium required  
16 under the intergovernmental agreement between the Agency of Human  
17 Services and the managed care entity, the Department of Vermont Health  
18 Access, as provided for in the Global Commitment to Health Section 1115  
19 demonstration (Global Commitment) approved by the Centers for Medicare  
20 and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

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

4               **(1) \$21,957,400 certified State match available from local education**  
5       **agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under**  
6       **Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$28,542,600 of federal**  
7       **funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated**  
8       **expenditure of \$50,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal**  
9       **matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services**  
10       **under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment**  
11       **Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A.**  
12       **§ 2959a.**

13               **(2) \$3,093,521 certified State match available from local designated**  
14       **mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health**  
15       **services provided under Global Commitment.**

16       **(c) Up to \$4,034,170 is transferred from the AHS Federal Receipts**  
17       **Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund consistent with the**  
18       **amount appropriated in Sec. B.301, Secretary's Office – Global Commitment,**  
19       **of this act.**

20       **Sec. E.301.1 GLOBAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER;**

21               **REPORT**



1 (b), (c), and (e) of this section may be transferred on a net-neutral basis in  
2 fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024 in the same manner as the Global  
3 Commitment appropriations in ~~Sec. E.301 of H.740 of 2022~~ 2022 Acts and  
4 Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.301. The Agency shall report to the Joint Fiscal  
5 Committee in September 2023 and September 2024, respectively, on transfers  
6 of appropriations made and final amounts expended by each department in  
7 fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024, respectively, and any obligated funds  
8 carried forward to be expended in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025,  
9 respectively.

10 Sec. E.306 VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE RULES

11 (a) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.  
12 chapter 25 to conform Vermont's rules regarding health care eligibility and  
13 enrollment and the operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to State  
14 and federal law and guidance. The Agency may use the emergency rules  
15 process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 prior to June 30, 2024, but only if new  
16 State or federal law or guidance requires Vermont to amend or adopt its rules  
17 in a time frame that cannot be accomplished under the traditional rulemaking  
18 process. An emergency rule adopted under these exigent circumstances shall  
19 be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of emergency rules required  
20 pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

1 Sec. E.306.1 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 60(10), as amended by  
2 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 14, 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 187,  
3 Sec. 5, 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 21, and 2021 Acts and Resolves  
4 No. 73, Sec. 14, is further amended to read:

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

7 Sec. E.306.2 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Sec. 105, as amended by 2019  
8 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 19 and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec.  
9 75, is further amended to read:

10 Sec. 105. EFFECTIVE DATES

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

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15 Sec. E.306.3 ADULT DAY PROGRAMS; RATE STUDY

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





1       (a) On or before January 15, 2024, the Director of Health Care Reform in  
2       the Agency of Human Services shall recommend to the House Committees on  
3       Health Care and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health and  
4       Welfare, on Appropriations, and on Finance the amounts by which health  
5       insurers and Vermont Medicaid should increase the amount of the per person,  
6       per month payments they make to Blueprint for Health patient-centered  
7       medical homes in furtherance of the goal of providing the additional resources  
8       necessary for delivery of comprehensive primary care services to Vermonters  
9       and in order to sustain access to primary care services in Vermont. The  
10       Agency shall provide an estimate of the State funding that would be needed to  
11       support the increase for Medicaid, both with and without federal financial  
12       participation. The Agency shall also evaluate and report on potential  
13       mechanisms for ensuring that all payers are contributing equitably to the  
14       Blueprint on behalf of their covered lives in Vermont, including a  
15       consideration of supporting Blueprint initiatives through the health care claims  
16       tax established in 32 V.S.A. chapter 243.

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

18       § 1992. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR ADULT DENTAL SERVICES

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

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(2) Diagnostic, restorative, and endodontic procedures, to a maximum of ~~\$1,000.00~~ \$1,500.00 per calendar year, provided that the Department of Vermont Health Access may approve expenditures in excess of that amount when exceptional medical circumstances so require.

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

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to improve access to dental care for Vermont Medicaid beneficiaries by eliminating individual caps on dental spending. Following implementation of a proposed increase in the dental cap from \$1,000 to \$1,500 and evaluation of the financial impacts of the increase, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall project the potential costs of eliminating the dental cap entirely. The Department shall report its findings on the projected costs of lifting the dental cap as part of its fiscal year 2026 budget presentation.

Sec. E.312 HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH

(a) AIDS/HIV funding:

(1) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication Rebates special funds to Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the

1 Community Advisory Group (CAG) with current information and data relating  
2 to service initiatives. The funds shall be allocated according to an RFP  
3 process.

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (B) The Secretary of Human Services shall work in collaboration  
19 with the VMAP Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of not less  
20 than 50 percent of members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification  
21 to the program's eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the

1 Committee shall make recommendations regarding the program's formulary of  
2 approved medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and  
3 eligibility for the program.

4 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in  
5 the amount of \$100,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service  
6 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for  
7 community-based HIV prevention programs and services. These funds shall  
8 be used for HIV/AIDS prevention purposes, including syringe exchange  
9 programs; improving the availability of confidential and anonymous HIV  
10 testing; prevention work with at-risk groups such as women, intravenous drug  
11 users, and people of color; and anti-stigma campaigns. Not more than 15  
12 percent of the funds may be used for the administration of such services by the  
13 recipients of these funds. The method by which these prevention funds are  
14 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of  
15 Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont  
16 HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

17 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in  
18 the amount of \$300,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service  
19 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for syringe  
20 exchange programs. The method by which these prevention funds are  
21 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of

1 Health, the Vermont AIDS service organizations, and other Vermont  
2 HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The performance period for these grants  
3 shall be State fiscal year 2024. Grant reporting shall include outcomes and  
4 results.

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

10 Sec. E.312.1 REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

11 COORDINATION; STUDY COMMITTEE; REPORT

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

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

17 (1) a member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker  
18 of the House;

19 (2) a member of the Senate, appointed by the Committee on  
20 Committees;

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

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

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

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

4           (7) one member who is a volunteer emergency medical technician or

5 paramedic, appointed by the Vermont Ambulance Association;

6           (8) one member, appointed by the Vermont Association of Hospitals and

7 Health Systems;

8           (9) one member, appointed by the Vermont State Firefighters’

9 Association;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19           (1) ways to decrease costs;

20           (2) ways to improve EMS coordination;

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

2           and

3           (4) ways to optimize the EMS District structure and authority, including  
4           consideration of recommendations on the number and configuration of EMS  
5           Districts and their powers, duties, and authority.

6           (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,  
7           and legal assistance of the Department of Health.

8           (e) Report. On or before December 31, 2023, the Committee shall submit  
9           a written report to the House Committees on Government Operations and  
10           Military Affairs and on Health Care and the Senate Committees on  
11           Government Operations and on Health and Welfare with its findings and any  
12           recommendations for legislative action.

13           (f) Meetings.

14           (1) The EMS Chief of the EMS Office in the Department of Health  
15           shall call the first meeting of the Committee to occur on or before July 15,  
16           2023.

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

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

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

21           (g) Compensation and reimbursement.

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

7           (2) Other members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem  
8           compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A.  
9           § 1010 for not more than eight meetings. These payments shall be made from  
10           monies appropriated to the Department of Health.

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

16           Sec. E.313 HEALTH; SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAMS

17           (a) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide additional  
18           grants from the Global Commitment in the amount of \$1,850,000 to Vermont's  
19           13 recovery centers, including Jenna's Promise and Vermont Recovery  
20           Partners, for recovery center operations. The methods by which these funds  
21           are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department



1 and the recipient recovery centers. The performance period of these grants  
2 shall be State fiscal year 2024. Recipient recovery centers shall report  
3 outcomes to the Department.

4 Sec. E.316 STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP; FACILITY PLANNING  
5 FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH

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

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

14 (1) the families of children in the Department's custody for delinquency  
15 offenses;

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

17 (3) the Juvenile Defender's Office;

18 (4) the Office of State's Attorneys;

19 (5) the Family Court;

20 (6) the Office of Racial Equity;

21 (7) the Vermont Family Network;

- 1           (8) the Vermont Federation of Families;
- 2           (9) the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs;
- 3           (10) the Vermont Protection and Advocacy;
- 4           (11) the Department of Mental Health;
- 5           (12) the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living;
- 6           (13) the State Program Standing Committees for Developmental
- 7 Services, Children’s Mental Health, and Adult Mental Health; and
- 8           (14) any other groups the Department may select.

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

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

15           (2) the Department’s data and assumptions for size, type of treatment,  
16 and security levels for future permanent facilities included in the planning  
17 process proposed in the fiscal year 2024 capital bill; optimal locations,  
18 including whether a campus plan is appropriate; and any plans regarding the  
19 use of outside contractors for facility operations, including State oversight of  
20 appropriate quality of care.

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

3        (e) On or before January 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Children and  
4        Families shall develop and submit a strategic plan to the House Committees on  
5        Corrections and Institutions and on Human Services and to the Senate  
6        Committees on Health and Welfare and Institutions, as part of the overall  
7        planning process for development of the high-end system of care, for  
8        preventing the disproportionality of youth who are Black, Indigenous, or  
9        Persons of Color in staff- or building-secure facilities. The strategic plan shall  
10       include mechanisms for collecting necessary data, and the process of  
11       development shall include input from relevant public stakeholders.

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

Sec. ~~E.316.1~~ **E.316.1** REPORT; CRISIS STANDARDS – EMERGENCY

#### HOUSING

13       (a) On or before January 1, 2024, the Department for Children and  
14       Families shall develop and submit a plan to coordinate and deliver crisis  
15       standards, including for emergency housing and shelter with strong  
16       connections to housing, health, and employment services, to the House  
17       Committees on Human Services and on General and Housing and to the Senate  
18       Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on  
19       Health and Welfare. In developing the plan, the Department shall consult with

1 stakeholders who specialize in homelessness prevention and mitigation,  
2 including those organizations who participated in developing the Vermont  
3 Roadmap to End Homelessness developed pursuant to 2016 Acts and Resolves  
4 No. 172, Sec. B.1102(a).

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

6 SALARIES AND BENEFITS

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

Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING: ADVERSE WEATHER

10 CONDITIONS

11 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families may, by policy, provide  
12 temporary housing for a limited duration in adverse weather conditions when  
13 appropriate shelter space is not available.

*Sec. E.321.1. GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING; PLAN TO END*

*HOTEL AND MOTEL PROGRAM ESTABLISHED DURING*

*COVID-19 EMERGENCY*

*(a)(1) In fiscal year 2024, \$20,000,000.00 is appropriated from the*  
*General Fund to the Department for Children and Families to support any*  
*services necessary to transition individuals from the hotel and motel housing*  
*program established in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.*

The Department shall collaborate with the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, community action agencies, housing opportunity programs, and other relevant stakeholders to locate alternative housing and supportive services for individuals utilizing the hotel and motel housing program established in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(2) Of the amount appropriated in subdivision (1) of this subsection, \$10,000,000.00 shall be allocated to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for the purchase and support of manufactured housing and the remaining \$10,000,000.00 shall be utilized by the housing opportunity programs, community action agencies, and the Department for the provision of supportive services.

(b) The following households participating in the hotel and motel program on June 1, 2023 shall be eligible for alternative housing and supportive services pursuant to this section:

(1) a household that lost its housing due to a natural disaster, such as a flood, fire, or hurricane;

(2) a household that has a member who has experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;

(3) a household that has a member who has experienced a dangerous or life-threatening incident related to violence against the member that either occurred within the member's home or caused the member to reasonably

believe that the member was at risk of further harm if the member remained in the home;

(4) a household with a child or children who are either under 18 years of age or who are 18 or 19 years of age and attending secondary school on a full-time basis or an equivalent level of vocational or technical training;

(5) a household that has a member who is 60 years of age or older;

(6) a household that has a member who receives SSI or SSDI;

(7) a household that has a member who is pregnant;

(8) a household that is pursuing legal resolution of violations of the Rental Housing Health Code through the Department of Health or appropriate local officials; and

(9) a household that has been physically barred from entering their residence through an intentional act of the landlord.

(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section shall reduce the General Fund fiscal year 2024 funds available for child care and early education policy adjustments from \$91,679,795.00 to \$71,679,795.00.

1 Sec. E.323 33 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

2 § 1001. DEFINITIONS

3 As used in this chapter:



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

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

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

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

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

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

12           ~~(L) the provision, consistent with the Department's rules applicable~~  
13 ~~to self-employment, of child care services to an individual who is participating~~  
14 ~~in a community service program;~~

15           ~~(M) attendance at a financial literacy class; and~~

16           ~~(N) any other work activity recognized in accordance with Part A of~~  
17 ~~Title IV of the Social Security Act, as amended. [Repealed.]~~

18           ~~(27) "Work-ready" means the participant possesses the education or~~  
19 ~~skills demanded by the local job market or is capable of participating in one or~~  
20 ~~more work activities at the level required by the participant's work~~  
21 ~~requirement, and is not subject to any barrier. [Repealed.]~~



1 Sec. E.323.1 33 V.S.A. § 1004 is amended to read:

2 § 1004. REACH FIRST PAYMENT

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4 (c) For the purposes of calculating the payment, child support shall be  
5 treated as income, except that the first ~~\$500.00~~ \$100.00 amount of child  
6 support shall be disregarded from income.

7 Sec. E.323.2 33 V.S.A. § 1005(b)(8) is amended to read:

8 (8) ~~Assistance with obtaining documentation of an apparent or claimed~~  
9 ~~physical, emotional, or mental condition that reasonably can be presumed to~~  
10 ~~limit or eliminate the individual's capacity to engage in employment or other~~  
11 ~~work activity.~~ [Repealed.]

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

13 § 1006. CASE MANAGEMENT; FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PLANS;  
14 COORDINATED SERVICES

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16 (b) The family development plan shall include:

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

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

21 § 1011. TRANSITION TO OTHER PROGRAMS

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

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

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

§ 1203. ELIGIBILITY

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



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

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

5           (4) provide incentive payments to participating families in the amounts  
6           of:

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

9                   (B) \$1,000, to be paid after participating in the Program for  
10                  12 months;

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

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

15       Sec. E.323.8 REACH AHEAD PILOT PROGRAM

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

1 Sec. E.324 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

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

9 Sec. E.325 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – OFFICE  
10 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

11 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act,  
12 \$14,789,597 shall be granted to community agencies to assist individuals  
13 experiencing homelessness by preserving existing services, increasing services,  
14 or increasing resources available statewide. These funds may be granted alone  
15 or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions Grants funds. Funds shall  
16 be administered in consultation with the Vermont Coalition to End  
17 Homelessness.

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

20 Sec. E.325.1 CHILD CARE FACILITIES FINANCING PROGRAM



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

4           (2) “Proceeding” means any judicial proceeding, contested case under  
5           3 V.S.A. chapter 25, or other hearing before an administrative agency not  
6           included under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.

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

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

13          § 332. RIGHT TO INTERPRETER; ASSISTIVE LISTENING EQUIPMENT

14          (a) Any person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or  
15          DeafBlind who is a party or witness in any proceeding shall be entitled to be  
16          provided with a qualified interpreter for the duration of the person’s  
17          participation in the proceeding.

18          (b) Any person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or  
19          DeafBlind shall be entitled to be provided with a qualified interpreter upon  
20          five working days’ notice that the person has reasonable need to do any of the  
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(c) If a person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind is unable to use or understand sign language, the presiding officer or State board or agency or State legislative official shall, upon five working days' notice, make available appropriate assistive listening equipment for use during the proceeding or activity.

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

§ 333. APPOINTMENT OF INTERPRETER

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

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

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

(3) interpret the proceedings to the person who ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind.

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Sec. E.330.3 1 V.S.A. § 336 is amended to read:

§ 336. RULES; INFORMATION; LIST OF INTERPRETERS

(a) ~~The Vermont Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing shall, by rule, establish factors to be considered by the presiding officer under section~~



1 ~~333 of this title before appointing an interpreter who is not a qualified~~  
2 ~~interpreter. Such factors shall encourage the widest availability of interpreters~~  
3 ~~in Vermont while at the same time ensuring~~ The State of Vermont shall  
4 maintain a contract to operate a statewide sign language interpreter referral  
5 service to provide services to all Vermonters in need of sign language  
6 interpreters, which shall ensure that the interpreter:

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

9 (2) is able to interpret accurately statements or communications by the  
10 person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind;

11 (3) is able to interpret the proceedings to the person who is ~~deaf or hard~~  
12 ~~of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind;

13 (4) shall maintain confidentiality;

14 (5) shall be impartial with respect to the outcome of the proceeding;

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

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

19 (b) ~~Rules established by the Vermont Commission of the Deaf and Hard of~~  
20 ~~Hearing pursuant to subdivision 331(3) of this title amending the standards of~~

1 competency established by the national or Vermont Registry of the Deaf shall  
2 be limited to the factors set forth in subsection (a) of this section. [Repealed.]

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

6 (d) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall  
7 maintain a list of qualified interpreters in Vermont and, where such  
8 information is available, in surrounding states. The list shall be distributed  
9 State of Vermont, through a statewide contract, shall maintain access to  
10 qualified interpreters in Vermont. Access to qualified interpreters shall be  
11 available to all State agencies and courts.

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

13 § 337. REVIEW

14 (a) A decision, order, or judgment of a court or administrative agency may  
15 be reversed on appeal if the court or agency finds that a person who is deaf or  
16 ~~hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind who was a party or a  
17 witness in the proceeding was deprived of an opportunity to communicate  
18 effectively, and that the deprivation was prejudicial.

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

21 § 338. ADMISSIONS; CONFESSIONS

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

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

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

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

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

16 § 339. COMMUNICATIONS MADE TO INTERPRETERS; PROHIBITION

17 ON DISCLOSURE

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

20 (1) a communication made by a person to an interpreter acting in ~~his or~~  
21 ~~her~~ the capacity as of an interpreter for a person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~

1 Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind or a person with limited English  
2 proficiency; or

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

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

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13 (d) As used in this section, “person with limited English proficiency”  
14 means a person who does not speak English as ~~his or her~~ the person’s primary  
15 language and who has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand  
16 English.

17 Sec. E.334 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND TRAUMATIC  
18 BRAIN INJURY SERVICES RATE STUDY; REPORT

19 (a) The Department of Vermont Health Access, in collaboration with the  
20 Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, shall conduct a

1 rate study of the Medicaid reimbursement rates paid for developmental  
2 disability and traumatic brain injury (TBI) related services.

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

7 Sec. E. 334.1 NURSING HOME RATE SETTING

8 (a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and the  
9 Department of Vermont Health Access shall report to the House Committees  
10 on Human Services and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on  
11 Health and Welfare and on Appropriations not later than December 15, 2023,  
12 on the budgetary impact of eliminating the minimum occupancy threshold in  
13 the nursing home rate setting process and reducing the minimum occupancy  
14 threshold to not more than 80 percent in the nursing home rate setting process.  
15 The report shall include a recommendation on whether to eliminate or reduce  
16 the minimum occupancy requirement, timeline, and next steps for  
17 implementing the recommendation and anticipated impact on sustainability of  
18 Vermont nursing homes.

19 Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS OUT-OF-STATE BEDS APPROPRIATION;

20 UNEXPENDED FUNDS CARRY FORWARD TO JUSTICE

21 REINVESTMENT II APPROPRIATION; REPORT

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

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

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

15       (a) To the extent that the General Fund is reduced in the Correctional  
16       Services – out-of-state beds appropriation under Sec. B.339 of this act, the  
17       corresponding amount of General Fund is budgeted in the Correctional  
18       Services Justice Reinvestment II appropriation under Sec. B.338.1 of this act  
19       in a net-neutral manner. As a result of this neutral reallocation of General  
20       Fund among the two appropriations, any unexpended appropriations remaining

1 in Correctional Services – out-of-state beds appropriation on June 30 of any  
2 fiscal year shall revert pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 703.

3 Sec. E.338 CORRECTIONS – CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

4 (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the special funds appropriation  
5 of \$152,000 for the supplemental facility payments to Newport and  
6 Springfield will be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A.  
7 § 3709.

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

9 § 7554b. HOME DETENTION PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

8        Sec. E.338.3 REPEALS

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

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

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

12       (d) 13 V.S.A. § 7554d is repealed.

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

14                                CHAPTER 11. SUPERVISION OF ADULT INMATES AT

15    THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

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17    Subchapter 1A. Offender Reintegration

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19        § 722. DEFINITIONS

20        As used in this subchapter:

21                (1) “Absconding” means:





1 § 724. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

2 FURLOUGH

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4 (d) Technical violations.

5 ~~(1) As used in this section, “technical violation” means a violation of~~  
6 ~~conditions of furlough that does not constitute a new crime.~~

7 ~~(2) It shall be abuse of the Department’s discretion to revoke furlough~~  
8 ~~or interrupt furlough status for 90 days or longer for a technical violation,~~  
9 ~~unless:~~

10 ~~(A)(1) The offender’s risk to reoffend can no longer be adequately~~  
11 ~~controlled in the community, and no other method to control noncompliance is~~  
12 ~~suitable.~~

13 ~~(B)(2) The violation or pattern of violations indicate the offender poses~~  
14 ~~a danger to others.~~

15 ~~(C)(3) The offender’s violation is absconding from community~~  
16 ~~supervision furlough. As used in this subdivision, “absconding” means:~~

17 ~~(i) the offender has not met supervision requirements, cannot be~~  
18 ~~located with reasonable efforts, and has not made contact with Department~~  
19 ~~staff within three days if convicted of a listed crime as defined in 13 V.S.A.~~  
20 ~~§ 5301(7) or seven days if convicted of a crime not listed in 13 V.S.A.~~  
21 ~~§ 5301(7);~~





1       (a) The Global Commitment funds appropriated in Sec. B.500 of this act  
2       shall be used for physician claims for determining medical necessity of  
3       Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). These services are intended to  
4       increase access to quality health care for uninsured persons, underinsured  
5       persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

6       Sec. E.500.1 UNIVERSAL AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER

7       (a) Pursuant to 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 164, which dedicates the  
8       cannabis sales tax revenue to support grant programs for the expansion of  
9       summer and afterschool programs, with an emphasis on increasing access in  
10       underserved areas of the State, a Universal Afterschool and Summer Special  
11       Fund is created, to be managed by the Secretary of Education. The cannabis  
12       sales tax revenue shall be transferred to the Universal Afterschool and Summer  
13       Special Fund. The Secretary shall use the assets in the Fund as follows:

14           (1) To set up programs to support the expansion of universal afterschool  
15       and summer programs with a focus on underserved areas of the State.

16           (2) Cannabis sales tax revenue shall be used to support a mixed delivery  
17       system for afterschool and summer programming. Eligible recipients can be  
18       public, private, or nonprofit organizations.

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

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

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

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

10           (1) State's Chief Prevention Officer;

11           (2) DCF Commissioner or designee;

12           (3) VDH Commissioner or designee;

13           (4) DMH Commissioner or designee;

14           (5) ANR Secretary or designee;

15           (6) ACCD Secretary or designee;

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

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

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

19           17d is amended to read:

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

21           REVENUE

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

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

13           (a) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and  
14           notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed  
15           \$4,195,600 will be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2024 as  
16           funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the  
17           Secretary will not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. §  
18           2969(c)–(d).

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

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

5 Sec. E.504 EDUCATION – FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

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

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

11 (1) \$921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs notwithstanding  
12 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);

13 (2) \$2,000,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual High School;

14 (3) \$400,000 is available for secondary school reform grants;

15 (4) \$3,400,000 is available for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §  
16 946; and

17 (5) \$600,000 is available for the Vermont Academy of Science and  
18 Technology.

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

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



1        (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to  
2        the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS) will be  
3        \$194,281,051 of which \$184,811,051 will be the State's contribution and  
4        \$9,470,000 will be contributed from local school systems or educational  
5        entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c).

6        (b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution,  
7        \$34,825,673 is the "normal contribution," and \$159,455,378 is the "accrued  
8        liability contribution."

9        Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM;  
10        CALENDAR YEAR 2023–2024 SUPPLEMENTAL COST OF  
11        LIVING PAYMENTS; INTENT; ACTUARIAL COST  
12        ANALYSIS

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

14        (1) The maximum percentage value methodology set forth in 16 V.S.A.  
15        § 1949 that applies to the postretirement adjustment allowances for the  
16        Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS) shall be actuarially  
17        evaluated to determine the cost required to revert to the methodology used  
18        prior to the enactment of 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 114.

19        (2) The General Assembly further intends to make such a reversion by  
20        future legislative action amending 16 V.S.A. § 1949, provided that the present  
21        value of changes to the postretirement adjustment allowance methodology be

1 fully funded at the time the change is made and not increase the unfunded  
2 liability in VSTRS.

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

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

16 (c) Actuarial cost analysis. Following the completion of the next  
17 experience study, expected in fall 2023, the State Treasurer shall conduct an  
18 actuarial analysis to evaluate the cost of changing the current methodology for  
19 calculating the postretirement adjustment allowance for the Vermont State  
20 Teachers' Retirement System to a methodology calculated by applying the  
21 maximum percentage values set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 1949(b)(1) to the

1 postretirement adjustment allowance rather than applying the statutory  
2 maximum percentage values to the net percentage change in the Consumer  
3 Price Index. The actuarial analysis shall take into account any changes to  
4 actuarial assumptions that may occur following the experience study to be  
5 performed at the end of fiscal year 2023, as required by 16 V.S.A. § 1942.

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

11 Sec. E.514.2 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM;  
12 SUPPLEMENTAL COST OF LIVING PAYMENT; FISCAL  
13 YEAR 2024 APPROPRIATION

14 (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, the amount of  
15 \$3,000,000 is appropriated to VSTRS from the Education Fund, for Calendar  
16 Year 2023 supplemental payments made in Sec. E.514.1 of this act and  
17 associated costs.

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

19 § 1944. VERMONT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND

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

1 (b) Member contributions.

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

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

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

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

10 \* \* \*

11 (ii) Beginning on July 1, 2023, a Group C member shall have the  
12 rate set forth in this subdivision (b)(2)(B)(ii) applied to the member's total  
13 earnable compensation for the fiscal year, which shall include compensation  
14 paid for absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title, and any  
15 additional stipends identified as of July 1. A member's rate shall not be  
16 adjusted during the fiscal year unless the member's full-time equivalency  
17 status changes, which shall require that the member's rate be recalculated and  
18 the new rate applied for the remainder of that fiscal year. For a member who  
19 works a part-time equivalency status, the rate shall apply to the member's total  
20 earnable compensation and not to an amount equal to an annualized base  
21 salary. If a member is employed on a part-time equivalency status with two or

1 more employers, the highest rate shall be applied to the amounts deducted  
2 from each employer. A member's rate shall be calculated according to the  
3 following rates and income brackets:

4 \* \* \*

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

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

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

14 (II) if a member's base salary is \$40,000.01 or more but not  
15 more than \$60,000.00, ~~the rate is the equivalent of \$2,900.00 on \$40,000.00~~  
16 ~~and 6.75 percent of the member's salary that is \$40,000.01 or more~~  
17 \$50,000.00, the rate is 6.20 percent;

18 (III) if a member's base salary is ~~\$60,000.01~~ \$50,000.01 or  
19 more but not more than ~~\$80,000.00~~ \$60,000.00, the rate is ~~the equivalent of~~  
20 ~~\$3,850.00 on \$60,000.00 and 7.5 percent of the member's salary that is~~  
21 ~~\$60,000.01 or more~~ 6.30 percent;

1 (IV) if a member's base salary is ~~\$80,000.01~~ \$60,000.01 or  
2 more but not more than ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$70,000.00, the rate is ~~the equivalent of~~  
3 ~~\$5,350.00 on \$80,000.00 and 8.25 percent of the member's salary that is~~  
4 ~~\$80,000.01 or more~~ 6.40 percent; and

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

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

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

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

15 Sec. E.515 RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL

16 BENEFITS

17 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), and 16 V.S.A.  
18 § 1944b(h)(1), the annual contribution to the Retired Teachers' Health and  
19 Medical Benefits plan shall be \$61,290,528, of which \$53,740,528 shall be the  
20 State's contribution and \$7,550,000 shall be from the annual charge for teacher  
21 health care contributed by employers pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §1944d. Of the

1 annual contribution, \$17,589,046 is the “normal contribution,” and  
2 \$43,701,482 is the “accrued liability contribution.”

3 Sec. E.600 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

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

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

11 Sec. E.602 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

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

15 (b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont  
16 Manufacturing Extension Center to comply with State matching fund  
17 requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds, or  
18 both.

19 Sec. E. 602.1 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

20 (a) For the appropriation in B.1100(a)(3)(B) of this act, those programs  
21 eligible for the 50 percent tuition reduction shall be determined annually in



1 consultation with the Commissioner of Labor, the Secretary of Commerce and  
2 Community Development, and the Executive Director of the State Workforce  
3 Development Board. The Community Colleges of Vermont (CCV) shall report  
4 annually on or before December 15 to the Governor and General Assembly on  
5 enrollment and degree or certificate completion in programs that receive the  
6 50 percent tuition reduction, including any enrollment or graduation growth  
7 trends as compared to the previous five years.

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

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

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

17 Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

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



1 program eligibility. Funds shall be granted to eligible students on a first-come,  
2 first-served basis until funds are depleted.

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

8 Sec. E.700 CLEAN HEAT HOMES PROGRAM

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

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

19 (1) identify and conduct outreach to eligible households;

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

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

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

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

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

13           Sec. E.900 TRANSPORTATION FUND RESERVE – REVERSIONS

14                   EXCLUDED

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

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

20           § 1001b. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE CASH FUND INFRASTRUCTURE

21                   RESERVE FUND

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

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

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

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

15 (1) ~~costs associated with a proposed capital project that occur prior to~~  
16 ~~the construction phase of that project, including feasibility, planning, design,~~  
17 ~~and engineering and architectural costs~~ tangible capital investments, as  
18 described in section 310 of this title, with an anticipated lifespan of 20 years or  
19 more;

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

1           (3) costs associated with the early redemption of general obligation  
2 bonds; and

3           (4) other eligible capital projects receiving an appropriation from the  
4 General Assembly.

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

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

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

16          (e)(g) Early redemption transfer. If any expenditures are made from the  
17 Fund or the General Assembly appropriates general funds to pay for the early  
18 redemption of general obligation bonds pursuant to subdivision (c)(3) of this  
19 section, then an amount equal to the reduction in debt service required in any  
20 fiscal year resulting from that redemption shall be transferred to the Fund.

21          (h) Report.



1 Infrastructure Reserve Fund, established pursuant to Sec. 1001b of this title.

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

5 \* \* \*

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

7 § 307. FORM OF BUDGET

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

10 \* \* \*

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

14 Sec. E.1000.3 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83 Sec. 53(b)(5), as amended by  
15 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.102, is further amended to read:

16 \* \* \*

17 (B) \$20,000,000 shall be appropriated to the State Treasurer's Office  
18 and used for redeeming State of Vermont general obligation bonds prior to  
19 maturity. ~~Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. §1001b(e), beginning in fiscal year~~  
20 ~~2024, to the extent bonds are redeemed, an amount equal to the reduction in~~  
21 ~~payments for debt service required resulting from any redemption shall be~~



1 ~~transferred and reserved in the Capital Expenditure Cash Fund, as establish in~~  
2 ~~32 V.S.A. §1001b created in Sec. E. 106.1 of H.740 of 2022.~~

3 \* \* \* Workforce and Economic Development Policies (H.484) \* \* \*

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

5 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

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

9 (1) \$200,000 to the State Workforce Development Board for the New  
10 American Labor Force Program as appropriated in Sec. B.1100 (q).

11 (2) \$1,000,000 to provide services through the Work-Based Learning  
12 and Training Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 547 as appropriated in Sec.  
13 B.100(q).

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

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

16 (a) Establishment and appropriation.

17 (1) There is established in the Department of Financial Regulation the  
18 COVID-19-Related Paid Leave Grant Program to administer and award grants  
19 to employers to reimburse the cost of providing COVID-19-related paid leave  
20 to employees as provided in subsection (e) of this section.





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

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

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

15                   Subchapter 6. Forgivable Loan Incentive Programs

16           § 2871. VERMONT TEACHER FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE

17                   PROGRAM

18           (a) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

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

11           (b) The Vermont Teacher Forgivable Loan Incentive Program is created  
12 and shall be administered by the Corporation. The Program provides  
13 forgivable loans to students enrolled in an eligible school who commit to  
14 working as a teacher in a Vermont public school and who meet the eligibility  
15 requirements in subsection (d) of this section. The intent of the Program is to  
16 encourage students to enter into teaching professions, with an emphasis on  
17 encouraging Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color Vermonters, New  
18 Americans, and other historically underrepresented communities in an effort to  
19 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  
8           credit agreement or promissory note signed by the individual at the time of  
9           entering 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 Vermont  
11 educator workforce, including underrepresentation of Black, Indigenous, and  
12 Persons of Color; New Americans; and other historically underrepresented  
13 communities, the Agency of Education shall collect demographic information  
14 from educators and report such information in its annual teacher and staff full-  
15 time equivalencies report. The Agency shall submit the educator demographic  
16 information section of the report annually to the General Assembly on or  
17 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  
15 between any other Department staff member, including any oral or written  
16 information, shall not be disclosed by any individual participating in the  
17 communication.

18 (3) Written communications described in this subsection, such as notes,  
19 records, and reports related to a peer support session, are exempt from public  
20 inspection and copying under the Public Records Act and shall be kept  
21 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  
21 peer support services to a participant of the peer support program shall be

1 immune from criminal or civil liability for any injury to the participant unless  
2 the peer support specialist's conduct constitutes gross negligence, recklessness,  
3 or 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  
4           eligibility 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  
3       that would entitle the individual to the full forgivable loan benefit received by  
4       the 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  
11 Health Care, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on  
12 Appropriations and on Health and Welfare on the use of the funds appropriated  
13 in this section.

14 Sec. F.16 18 V.S.A. § 40 is added to read:

15 § 40. VERMONT DENTAL HYGIENIST FORGIVABLE LOAN

16 INCENTIVE PROGRAM

17 (a) As used in this section:

18 (1) "Corporation" means the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation  
19 established in 16 V.S.A. § 2821.

20 (2) "Eligible individual" means an individual who satisfies the  
21 eligibility 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  
19       been involved with the correction system, Black, Indigenous, and Persons of  
20       Color Vermonters, New Americans, and other historically marginalized  
21       populations; 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  
10           workers, youth, individuals with disabilities, individuals who have been  
11           involved with the correction system, Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color  
12           Vermonters, New Americans, and other historically marginalized populations;  
13           and

14           (3) supporting businesses in anticipating and addressing changing  
15           workforce needs and availability through creative solutions, including split  
16           shifts, shorter workweeks, and cross training.

17           (d) The regional development corporations shall publish a report on the  
18           activities and performance of the Exchange on or before January 15 and July  
19           15 each year.

20           Sec. F.18 BROWNFIELDS FUNDING; USE IN FISCAL YEAR 2024

1       (a) The Department of Economic Development shall use the \$8,000,000  
2 appropriated in fiscal year 2024 for brownfields redevelopment for the  
3 remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites to be used in the same  
4 manner as the Brownfields Revitalization Fund established by 10 V.S.A.  
5 § 6654 except, notwithstanding the grant limitations in 10 V.S.A. § 6654,  
6 projects supported by this appropriation shall not be limited to a maximum  
7 amount per site. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development  
8 shall award the amount of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 to regional planning  
9 commissions for the purposes of brownfields assessment. In awarding funds  
10 under this section, the Secretary, in consultation with the Vermont Association  
11 of Planning and Development Agencies, shall select one regional planning  
12 commission to administer these funds. To ensure statewide availability, the  
13 selected regional planning commission shall subgrant to regional planning  
14 commissions with brownfield programs, with not more than 10 percent of the  
15 funds being used for administrative purposes.

16       Sec. F.19 10 V.S.A. § 6654(e) is amended to read:

17       (e) A grant may be awarded by the Secretary of Commerce and  
18       Community Development with the approval of the Secretary of Natural  
19       Resources, provided that:

20               (1) A grant may not exceed \$50,000 for characterization and assessment  
21       of a site.



1           (A)(i) ~~On or after July 1, 2021~~ the individual is a new relocating  
2 employee who meets the following criteria:

3                   (I) the individual becomes a full-time resident of this State;

4                   (II) the individual becomes a full-time employee at a Vermont  
5 location of a for-profit or nonprofit business organization domiciled or  
6 authorized to do business in this State, or of a State, municipal, or other public  
7 sector employer; and

8                   (III) the employer attests to the Agency that, after reasonable  
9 time and effort, the employer was unable to fill the employee's position from  
10 among Vermont applicants; or

11           (ii) ~~on or after February 1, 2022~~ the individual is a new remote  
12 employee who meets the following criteria:

13                   (I) the individual becomes a full-time resident of this State; and

14                   (II) the individual is a full-time employee of an out-of-state  
15 business and performs the majority of ~~his or her~~ the employee's employment  
16 duties remotely from a home office or a co-working space located in this State.

17           (B) The individual receives gross salary or wages that equal or  
18 exceed the Vermont livable wage rate calculated pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 526.

19           (C) The individual is subject to Vermont income tax.

20                           \* \* \* Economic Development;

21                           Community Recovery and Revitalization Grant Program \* \* \*

1 Sec. F.21 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. H.18, as amended by 2022

2 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 46, is further amended to read:

3 Sec. H.18. COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND REVITALIZATION

4 GRANT PROGRAM

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6 (b) Eligible applicants.

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8 (3) The following are ineligible to apply for a grant:

9 (A) a State or local government-operated business, except when a  
10 municipality applies for a grant for a privately-operated business providing  
11 public water supply or wastewater treatment services to the municipality;

12 (B) a business that, together with any affiliated business, owns or  
13 operates more than 20 locations, regardless of whether those locations do  
14 business under the same name or within the same industry; and

15 (C) a publicly traded company.

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17 Sec. F.22 10 V.S.A. § 6 is added to read:

18 § 6. RURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

19 (a) Creation; purpose.

20 (1) A Rural Industry Development Grant Program is created within the  
21 Agency of Commerce and Community Development to provide grant funding

1 through local development corporations for business relocation and expansion  
2 efforts, including the purchase, demolition, and renovation of property for  
3 industrial use.

4 (2)(A) There is established a Rural Industry Development Special Fund  
5 comprising amounts appropriated to the Fund, contributions from other  
6 sources, and the return of principal from the sale of any property invested  
7 through the Program.

8 (B) Monies in the Fund shall be available to Agency to make grants  
9 through the Program to assist local development corporations with business  
10 relocation and expansion efforts throughout Vermont.

11 (C) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, interest  
12 earned and any remaining balance at the end of the fiscal year shall be retained  
13 by the Fund and carried forward in the Fund.

14 (b) Grant considerations. In making grant awards, the Agency shall  
15 consider:

16 (1) the real estate needs of growing and relocating businesses, including  
17 nonprofit organizations, in the applicant's region;

18 (2) the ability of the proposed project to meet the site-specific needs of  
19 businesses considering whether to expand or locate in this State;

20 (3) the funding that the applicant has identified, or secured, to leverage  
21 a grant award; and



1           (4) the readiness of an applicant to move a project forward.

2           (c) Eligible applicants; priority.

3           (1) To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must be a local development  
4 corporation, as defined in subdivision 212(10) of this title, located within this  
5 State.

6           (2) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development may  
7 designate projects and agreements as first priority based on rural communities  
8 that continue to experience insufficient economic and grand list growth.

9           (d) Eligible activities. A grant recipient may use funding for the  
10 following:

11           (1) to purchase land for potential industrial use;

12           (2) for the costs of site development, permitting, or providing  
13 infrastructure for property the recipient owns;

14           (3) for the equity investment required for a loan transaction through the  
15 Vermont Economic Development Authority under 10 V.S.A. chapter 12,  
16 subchapter 3; or

17           (4) for the matching requirement of another State or federal grant  
18 consistent with this section.

19           (e) Application; market assessment.

20           (1) An applicant shall include in its application a local and regional  
21 market assessment that demonstrates reasonable need for the proposed

1 development and identifies imminent, potential, or existing business growth  
2 opportunities.

3 (2) An applicant shall submit the following to demonstrate a readiness  
4 to begin and complete the proposed project:

5 (A) community and regional support for the project;

6 (B) that grant funding is needed to complete the proposed project;

7 (C) an ability to manage the project, with requisite experience and a  
8 plan for fiscal viability; and

9 (D) a description of the permitting required to proceed with the  
10 project and a plan for obtaining the permits.

11 (f) Awards; amount.

12 (1) An award shall not exceed the lesser of \$1,000,000 or 20 percent of  
13 the total project cost.

14 (2) A recipient may combine grant funds with funding from other  
15 sources.

16 (3) The Agency shall release grant funds upon determining that the  
17 applicant has met all application conditions and requirements.

18 (4) A grant recipient may apply for additional grant funds if future  
19 amounts are appropriated for the Program and the funds are for a separate but  
20 eligible use.

1        (g) Deed restrictions; property sales. The Agency shall include deed  
2        restrictions that require the return of the principal amount of the grant to the  
3        Special Fund and may require the payment of a percentage of the sales profit.

4        Sec. F.23 24 V.S.A. § 2799 is amended to read:

5        § 2799. BETTER PLACES PROGRAM; CROWD GRANTING

6        (a)(1) There is created the Better Places Program within the Department of  
7        Housing and Community Development, and the Better Places Fund, which the  
8        Department shall manage pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5.

9        (2) The purpose of the Program is to utilize crowdfunding to spark  
10       community revitalization through collaborative grantmaking for projects that  
11       create, activate, or revitalize public spaces.

12       (3) The Department may administer the Program in coordination with  
13       and support from other State agencies and nonprofit and philanthropic  
14       partners.

15       (b) The Fund is composed of the following:

16            (1) State or federal funds appropriated by the General Assembly;

17            (2) gifts, grants, or other contributions to the Fund; and

18            (3) any interest earned by the Fund.

19       (c) As used in this section, “public space” means an area or place that is  
20       open and accessible to all people with no charge for admission and includes  
21       village greens, squares, parks, community centers, town halls, libraries, and

1 other publicly accessible buildings and connecting spaces such as sidewalks,  
2 streets, alleys, and trails.

3 (d)(1) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall  
4 establish an application process, eligibility criteria, and criteria for prioritizing  
5 assistance for awarding grants through the Program.

6 (2) The Department may award a grant to a municipality, a nonprofit  
7 organization, or a community group with a fiscal sponsor for a project that is  
8 located in or serves a designated downtown, village center, new town center,  
9 or neighborhood development area that will create a new public space or  
10 revitalize or activate an existing public space.

11 (3) The Department may award a grant to not more than ~~one project~~  
12 three projects per calendar year within a municipality.

13 (4) The minimum amount of a grant award is \$5,000, and the maximum  
14 amount of a grant award is \$40,000.

15 (5) The Department shall develop matching grant eligibility  
16 requirements to ensure a broad base of community and financial support for  
17 the project, subject to the following:

18 (A) A project shall include in-kind support and matching funds  
19 raised through a crowdfunding approach that includes multiple donors.

20 (B) An applicant may not donate to its own crowdfunding campaign.

1 (C) A donor may not contribute more than \$10,000 or 35 percent of  
2 the campaign goal, whichever is less.

3 (D) An applicant shall provide matching funds raised through  
4 crowdfunding of not less than 33 percent of the grant award.

5 (e) The Department of Housing and Community Development, with the  
6 assistance of a fiscal agent, shall distribute funds under this section in a  
7 manner that provides funding for projects of various sizes in as many  
8 geographical areas of the State as possible.

9 (f) The Department of Housing and Community Development may use up  
10 to 15 percent of any appropriation to the Fund from the General Fund to assist  
11 with crowdfunding, administration, training, and technological needs of the  
12 Program.

13 Sec. F.24 24 V.S.A. § 2792(d) is amended to read:

14 (d) The Department shall provide staff and administrative support to the  
15 State Board, ~~and~~ shall produce guidelines to direct municipalities seeking to  
16 obtain designation under this chapter, and shall pay per diem compensation for  
17 board members pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010(b).

18 Sec. F.25 24 V.S.A. § 2793(b) is amended to read:

19 (b) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ Upon the first  
20 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed

1 application, the State Board shall designate a downtown development district  
2 if the State Board finds in its written decision that the municipality has:

3 \* \* \*

4 Sec. F.26 24 V.S.A. § 2793a(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ Upon the first  
6 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed  
7 application, the State Board shall designate a village center if the State Board  
8 finds the applicant has met the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

9 Sec. F.27 24 V.S.A. § 2793b(b) is amended to read:

10 (b) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ Upon the first  
11 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed  
12 application, the State Board shall designate a new town center development  
13 district if the State Board finds, with respect to that district, the municipality  
14 has:

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16 Sec. F.28 24 V.S.A. § 2793e(d) is amended to read:

17 (d) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ Upon the first  
18 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed  
19 application, for designation of a neighborhood development area, the State  
20 Board, after opportunity for public comment, shall approve a neighborhood

1 development area if the Board determines that the applicant has met the  
2 requirements of this section.

3 Sec. F.29 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 196, Sec. 1, as amended by 2019 Acts  
4 and Resolves No. 80, Sec. 13, is further amended to read:

5 Sec. 1. SIMPLIFYING GOVERNMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

6 (a) The Secretary of State Digital Services shall serve as the chair of a  
7 steering committee, composed of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of  
8 Commerce and Community Development, the Secretary of Administration,  
9 and the Secretary of Digital Services or their designees.

10 (b) ~~The Secretary of State, in collaboration with the~~ steering committee,  
11 and in collaboration with other State agencies and departments and interested  
12 stakeholders ~~as necessary~~, shall:

13 (1) review and consider the necessary procedural and substantive steps  
14 to enhance the Secretary of State's one-stop business portal for businesses,  
15 entrepreneurs, and citizens to provide information about starting and operating  
16 a business in Vermont; and

17 (2) submit on or before December 15, ~~2019~~ 2023:

18 (A) a design proposal that includes a project scope, timeline,  
19 roadmap, and cost projections;

20 (B) any statutory or regulatory changes needed to implement the  
21 proposal; and

1 (C) a sustainable funding model for the portal.

2 (c) The steering committee shall evaluate the cost and efficacy, and  
3 integrate into the current one-stop portal to the extent feasible, features that:

4 (1) enhance State websites to simplify registrations and provide a clear  
5 comprehensive, one-stop compilation of other State business requirements,  
6 including permits and licenses;

7 (2) implement a data collection component that offers the registrant the  
8 option to self-identify, and make available to the public through the business  
9 search function, demographic information concerning ownership of the  
10 business, including whether the business is woman-owned, veteran-owned,  
11 BIPOC-owned, LGBTQ-owned, or minority-owned;

12 (3) simplify the mechanism for making payments to the State by  
13 allowing a person to pay amounts ~~he or she~~ the person owes to the State for  
14 taxes, fees, or other charges to a single recipient within State government;

15 ~~(3)~~(4) simplify annual filing requirements by allowing a person to make  
16 a single filing to a single recipient within State government and check a box if  
17 nothing substantive has changed from the prior year;

18 ~~(4)~~(5) provide guidance, assistance with navigation, and other support to  
19 persons who are forming or operating a small business;



1           ~~(5)~~(6) after registration, provide information about additional and  
2 ongoing State requirements and a point of contact to discuss questions or  
3 explore any assistance needed;

4           ~~(6)~~(7) provide guidance and information about State and federal  
5 programs and initiatives, as well as State partner organizations and Vermont-  
6 based businesses of interest; and

7           ~~(7)~~(8) map communication channels for project updates, including  
8 digital channels such as e-mail, social media, and other communications.

9           (d) All State agencies and departments shall designate a single employee or  
10 team of employees who are charged with the duty to provide assistance to the  
11 steering committee upon its request.

12           (e) The steering committee shall focus its review on providing services  
13 through the one-stop business portal primarily for the benefit of businesses  
14 with 20 or fewer employees.

15           (f) The Agency of Digital Services shall assign a project manager or  
16 business analyst to report directly to the Secretary of State to assist with the  
17 implementation of this act through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2025 for the purpose of  
18 developing and implementing a one-stop navigable portal for businesses,  
19 entrepreneurs, and citizens to access information about starting a business in  
20 Vermont, and to provide ongoing support to businesses interfacing with State  
21 government.

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

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Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

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(a) This section and Secs. C.100 through C.103 (fiscal year 2023

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adjustments, appropriations, and amendments) shall take effect upon passage.

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(b) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2023.