

1 H.839

2 Introduced by Committee on Appropriations

3 Date:

4 Subject: Appropriations; budget adjustment act; fiscal year 2024

5 Statement of purpose as introduced: This bill proposes to make adjustments in
6 the fiscal year 2024 omnibus appropriations act.

7 An act related to fiscal year 2024 budget adjustments

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

9 Sec. 1. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.209 is amended to read:

10 Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

11	Personal services	67,754,321	69,564,321
12	Operating expenses	13,861,460	13,861,460
13	Grants	<u>1,591,501</u>	<u>1,591,501</u>
14	Total	83,207,282	85,017,282
15	Source of funds		
16	General fund	53,896,213	55,706,213
17	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
18	Special funds	3,166,387	3,166,387
19	Federal funds	4,311,304	4,311,304
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,583,378</u>	<u>1,583,378</u>

1	Total	83,207,282	85,017,282
2	Sec. 2. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.216 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract		
4	Personal services	9,124,240	9,224,240
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,396,315</u>	<u>1,396,315</u>
6	Total	10,520,555	10,620,555
7	Source of funds		
8	General fund	665,922	765,922
9	Federal funds	<u>9,854,633</u>	<u>9,854,633</u>
10	Total	10,520,555	10,620,555
11	Sec. 3. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board		
13	Personal services	4,829,061	4,917,181
14	Operating expenses	<u>341,631</u>	<u>764,181</u>
15	Total	5,170,692	5,681,362
16	Source of funds		
17	Special funds	<u>5,170,692</u>	<u>5,681,362</u>
18	Total	5,170,692	5,681,362
19	Sec. 4. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:		
20	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property		
21	Source of funds		

1	General fund	208,539,656	210,449,656
2	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
3	Special funds	109,230,607	109,741,277
4	Tobacco fund	635,843	635,843
5	Federal funds	133,784,669	133,784,669
6	Interdepartmental transfers	13,729,981	13,729,981
7	Enterprise funds	<u>13,816,313</u>	<u>13,816,313</u>
8	Total	499,987,069	502,407,739
9	Sec. 5. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:		
10	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office		
11	Personal services	14,083,686	15,401,686
12	Operating expenses	5,402,086	5,402,086
13	Grants	<u>2,895,202</u>	<u>2,895,202</u>
14	Total	22,380,974	23,698,974
15	Source of funds		
16	General fund	9,767,874	10,226,874
17	Special funds	135,517	135,517
18	Federal funds	11,678,441	12,537,441
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>799,142</u>	<u>799,142</u>
20	Total	22,380,974	23,698,974

1 Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment

3	Grants	1,990,896,293	<u>2,036,638,399</u>
4	Total	1,990,896,293	2,036,638,399

5 Source of funds

6	General fund	648,528,785	656,666,876
7	Special funds	32,994,384	32,994,384
8	Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
9	State health care resources fund	25,265,312	25,438,836
10	Federal funds	1,259,024,269	1,296,751,720
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,034,170</u>	<u>3,737,210</u>
12	Total	1,990,896,293	2,036,638,399

13 Sec. 7. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration

15	Personal services	136,568,959	127,889,514
16	Operating expenses	44,391,640	44,391,640
17	Grants	<u>2,912,301</u>	<u>2,912,301</u>
18	Total	183,872,900	175,193,455

19 Source of funds

20	General fund	35,605,917	39,109,628
21	Special funds	4,753,011	4,753,011

1	Federal funds	134,621,243	122,016,027
2	Global Commitment fund	4,220,337	4,220,337
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,672,392</u>	<u>5,094,452</u>
4	Total	183,872,900	175,193,455

5 Sec. 8. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.307 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -

7 global commitment

8	Personal services	547,983	547,983
9	Grants	<u>932,542,238</u>	<u>937,411,761</u>
10	Total	933,090,221	937,959,744

11 Source of funds

12	Global Commitment fund	<u>933,090,221</u>	<u>937,959,744</u>
13	Total	933,090,221	937,959,744

14 Sec. 9. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:

15 Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -

16 state only

17	Grants	<u>53,067,318</u>	<u>55,742,931</u>
18	Total	53,067,318	55,742,931

19 Source of funds

20	General fund	53,062,626	54,861,587
21	Global Commitment fund	<u>4,692</u>	<u>881,344</u>

1	Total	53,067,318	55,742,931
2	Sec. 10. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver		
4	matched		
5	Grants	<u>34,621,472</u>	<u>34,672,534</u>
6	Total	<u>34,621,472</u>	34,672,534
7	Source of funds		
8	General fund	12,634,069	12,493,853
9	Federal funds	<u>21,987,403</u>	<u>22,178,681</u>
10	Total	<u>34,621,472</u>	34,672,534
11	Sec. 11. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.312 Health - public health		
13	Personal services	64,592,946	64,592,946
14	Operating expenses	13,047,530	13,047,530
15	Grants	<u>45,946,724</u>	<u>53,624,870</u>
16	Total	123,587,200	131,265,346
17	Source of funds		
18	General fund	12,408,429	12,408,429
19	Special funds	25,017,725	31,148,098
20	Tobacco fund	1,088,918	1,588,918
21	Federal funds	66,753,896	66,753,896

1	Global Commitment fund	16,582,951	17,630,724
2	Interdepartmental transfers	1,710,281	1,710,281
3	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
4	Total	123,587,200	131,265,346

5 Sec. 12. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

7	Personal services	47,716,644	50,489,379
8	Operating expenses	5,272,240	5,272,240
9	Grants	264,539,814	<u>264,343,558</u>
10	Total	317,528,698	320,105,177

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	25,282,556	26,278,924
13	Special funds	1,708,155	1,708,155
14	Federal funds	10,999,654	10,999,654
15	Global Commitment fund	279,524,193	281,104,304
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>	<u>14,140</u>
17	Total	317,528,698	320,105,177

18 Sec. 13. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:

19 Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support
20 services

21	Personal services	44,446,942	46,323,033
----	-------------------	-----------------------	------------

1	Operating expenses	17,162,151	17,162,151
2	Grants	<u>3,919,106</u>	<u>3,919,106</u>
3	Total	65,528,199	67,404,290
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	37,090,554	38,841,112
6	Special funds	2,781,912	2,781,912
7	Federal funds	23,540,549	23,540,549
8	Global Commitment fund	1,659,321	1,784,854
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>455,863</u>	<u>455,863</u>
10	Total	65,528,199	67,404,290
11	Sec. 14. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services		
13	Personal services	43,987,652	43,987,652
14	Operating expenses	5,180,385	5,180,385
15	Grants	<u>93,421,639</u>	<u>93,703,581</u>
16	Total	142,589,676	142,871,618
17	Source of funds		
18	General fund	59,707,017	59,046,300
19	Special funds	729,587	729,587
20	Federal funds	33,937,204	34,378,330
21	Global Commitment fund	48,178,131	48,679,664

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>37,737</u>	<u>37,737</u>
2	Total	142,589,676	142,871,618
3	Sec. 15. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development		
5	Personal services	5,670,999	5,670,999
6	Operating expenses	810,497	810,497
7	Grants	<u>95,860,842</u>	<u>99,707,882</u>
8	Total	102,342,338	106,189,378
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	35,016,309	35,016,309
11	Special funds	16,745,000	16,745,000
12	Federal funds	37,419,258	41,266,298
13	Global Commitment fund	<u>13,161,771</u>	<u>13,161,771</u>
14	Total	102,342,338	106,189,378
15	Sec. 16. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and		
17	disabled		
18	Personal services	2,252,206	2,252,206
19	Grants	<u>10,431,118</u>	<u>11,181,118</u>
20	Total	12,683,324	13,433,324
21	Source of funds		

1	General fund	7,533,333	7,533,333
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,149,991</u>	<u>5,899,991</u>
3	Total	12,683,324	13,433,324

4 Sec. 17. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up

6	Operating expenses	30,633	30,633
7	Grants	35,536,413	<u>36,683,099</u>
8	Total	35,567,046	36,713,732

9 Source of funds

10	General fund	23,233,869	24,114,082
11	Special funds	5,970,229	5,970,229
12	Federal funds	3,531,330	2,806,330
13	Global Commitment fund	2,831,618	<u>3,823,091</u>
14	Total	35,567,046	36,713,732

15 Sec. 18. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:

16 Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and
17 independent living grants

18	Grants	22,380,328	<u>22,922,275</u>
19	Total	22,380,328	22,922,275

20 Source of funds

21	General fund	9,220,695	9,220,695
----	--------------	-----------	-----------

1	Federal funds	7,321,114	7,321,114
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,838,519</u>	<u>6,380,466</u>
3	Total	22,380,328	22,922,275
4	Sec. 19. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:		
5	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and		
6	community based waiver		
7	Grants	<u>6,638,028</u>	<u>6,938,028</u>
8	Total	<u>6,638,028</u>	6,938,028
9	Source of funds		
10	Global Commitment fund	<u>6,638,028</u>	<u>6,938,028</u>
11	Total	<u>6,638,028</u>	6,938,028
12	Sec. 20. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:		
13	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care		
14	Grants	<u>268,715,683</u>	<u>286,878,189</u>
15	Total	<u>268,715,683</u>	286,878,189
16	Source of funds		
17	General fund	498,579	498,579
18	Federal funds	2,450,000	2,450,000
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>265,767,104</u>	<u>283,929,610</u>
20	Total	<u>268,715,683</u>	286,878,189

1 Sec. 21. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

3 Personal services	139,473,576	152,714,793
4 Operating expenses	<u>24,600,099</u>	<u>24,600,099</u>
5 Total	164,073,675	177,314,892

6 Source of funds

7 General fund	159,502,946	172,744,163
8 Special funds	935,963	935,963
9 Federal funds	492,196	492,196
10 Global Commitment fund	2,746,255	2,746,255
11 Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
12 Total	164,073,675	177,314,892

13 Sec. 22. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.338.1 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Reinvestment II

15 Grants	10,659,519	<u>11,206,413</u>
16 Total	10,659,519	11,206,413

17 Source of funds

18 General fund	8,081,831	8,081,831
19 Federal funds	13,147	13,147
20 Global Commitment fund	2,564,541	<u>3,111,435</u>
21 Total	10,659,519	11,206,413

1 Sec. 23. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services

3	Personal services	18,187,631	24,284,571
4	Operating expenses	<u>5,978,873</u>	<u>6,813,344</u>
5	Total	<u>24,166,504</u>	31,097,915

6 Source of funds

7	General fund	4,199,478	9,579,745
8	Special funds	11,655,797	13,627,301
9	Federal funds	<u>8,311,229</u>	<u>7,890,869</u>
10	Total	<u>24,166,504</u>	31,097,915

11 Sec. 24. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.347 is amended to read:

12 Sec. B.347 Total human services

13 Source of funds

14	General fund	1,231,153,062	1,266,500,515
15	Special funds	124,537,345	132,639,222
16	Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,588,208
17	State health care resources fund	25,265,312	25,438,836
18	Federal funds	1,785,709,992	1,815,025,311
19	Global Commitment fund	1,943,848,077	1,974,142,022
20	Internal service funds	1,746,397	1,746,397
21	Interdepartmental transfers	28,591,925	28,717,025

1	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
2	Total	5,163,965,318	5,267,822,536
3	Sec. 25. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.500 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration		
5	Personal services	17,683,192	16,733,192
6	Operating expenses	4,387,522	4,407,522
7	Grants	<u>15,270,700</u>	<u>15,270,700</u>
8	Total	37,341,414	36,411,414
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	7,415,742	7,465,742
11	Special funds	16,575,926	16,595,926
12	Education fund	3,486,447	3,486,447
13	Federal funds	9,220,942	8,220,942
14	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>382,357</u>	<u>382,357</u>
16	Total	37,341,414	36,411,414
17	Sec. 26. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.502 is amended to read:		
18	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants		
19	Grants	<u>226,195,600</u>	<u>229,821,806</u>
20	Total	226,195,600	229,821,806
21	Source of funds		

1	Education fund	226,195,600	<u>229,821,806</u>
2	Total	226,195,600	229,821,806
3	Sec. 27. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.505 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment		
5	Grants	1,703,317,103	<u>1,711,148,481</u>
6	Total	1,703,317,103	1,711,148,481
7	Source of funds		
8	Education fund	1,703,317,103	<u>1,711,148,481</u>
9	Total	1,703,317,103	1,711,148,481
10	Sec. 28. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:		
11	Sec. B.516 Total general education		
12	Source of funds		
13	General fund	216,199,064	216,249,064
14	Special funds	19,495,486	19,515,486
15	Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
16	Education fund	2,070,971,937	2,082,429,521
17	Federal funds	493,305,099	492,305,099
18	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
19	Interdepartmental transfers	382,357	382,357
20	Pension trust funds	<u>3,448,255</u>	<u>3,448,255</u>
21	Total	2,804,812,586	2,815,340,170

1 Sec. 29. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.603 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health

3	Grants	<u>1,157,775</u>	<u>1,774,148</u>
4	Total	1,157,775	1,774,148

5 Source of funds

6	General fund	748,314	274,148
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
8	Total	1,157,775	1,774,148

9 Sec. 30. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.608 is amended to read:

10 Sec. B.608 Total higher education

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	128,339,478	127,865,312
13	Education fund	41,225	41,225
14	Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
15	Total	128,790,164	129,406,537

16 Sec. 31. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.702 is amended to read:

17 Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services

18	Personal services	21,567,730	22,223,023
19	Operating expenses	7,140,027	7,140,027
20	Grants	<u>936,232</u>	<u>936,232</u>
21	Total	29,643,989	30,299,282

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	7,173,206	7,603,314
3	Special funds	370,644	385,694
4	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090	10,921,090
5	Federal funds	9,793,589	10,003,724
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,385,460</u>	<u>1,385,460</u>
7	Total	29,643,989	30,299,282

8 Sec. 32. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.710 is amended to read:

9 Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management

10	Personal services	26,006,961	29,506,961
11	Operating expenses	10,026,393	10,026,393
12	Grants	<u>4,905,988</u>	<u>4,905,988</u>
13	Total	40,939,342	44,439,342

14 Source of funds

15	General fund	193,565	193,565
16	Special funds	26,236,633	29,736,633
17	Federal funds	14,342,090	14,342,090
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>167,054</u>	<u>167,054</u>
19	Total	40,939,342	44,439,342

20 Sec. 33. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

21 Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	37,999,582	38,429,690
3	Special funds	79,971,986	83,487,036
4	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090	10,921,090
5	Federal funds	93,077,302	93,287,437
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,215,308</u>	<u>13,215,308</u>
7	Total	235,185,268	239,340,561

8 Sec. 34. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.800 is amended to read:

9 Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce
10 and community development - administration

11	Personal services	2,610,304	2,510,304
12	Operating expenses	982,307	982,307
13	Grants	<u>539,820</u>	<u>539,820</u>
14	Total	4,132,431	4,032,431

15	Source of funds		
16	General fund	3,666,442	3,566,442
17	Federal funds	351,000	351,000
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>114,989</u>	<u>114,989</u>
19	Total	4,132,431	4,032,431

20 Sec. 35. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.802 is amended to read:

21 Sec. B.802 Housing and community development

1	Personal services	6,428,334	6,528,334
2	Operating expenses	705,584	705,584
3	Grants	<u>23,739,005</u>	<u>25,967,039</u>
4	Total	30,872,923	33,200,957
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	5,031,943	5,131,943
7	Special funds	6,937,054	9,165,088
8	Federal funds	15,854,615	15,854,615
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,049,311</u>	<u>3,049,311</u>
10	Total	30,872,923	33,200,957
11	Sec. 36. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.813 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development		
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	21,222,221	21,222,221
15	Special funds	32,106,330	34,334,364
16	Federal funds	93,013,297	93,013,297
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,062,973</u>	<u>5,062,973</u>
18	Total	151,404,821	153,632,855
19	Sec. 37. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1000 is amended to read:		
20	Sec. B.1000 Debt service		
21	Operating expenses	<u>75,705,398</u>	<u>675,000</u>

1	Total	75,705,398	675,000
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	75,377,993	675,000
4	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>	<u>0</u>
5	Total	75,705,398	675,000

6 Sec. 38. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1001 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

8 Source of funds

9	General fund	75,377,993	675,000
10	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>	<u>0</u>
11	Total	75,705,398	675,000

12 Sec. 39. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

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

14 APPROPRIATIONS

15 (a) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated

16 for the following:

17 * * *

18 (4) \$30,000,000 General Fund to be used as Federal Emergency

19 Management Agency (FEMA) matching funds for costs incurred due to the

20 July 2023 flooding event.

1 funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment Program to
2 provide state match. If funds are used as matching funds to the Agency of
3 Human Services Global Commitment Program to provide state match, the
4 commensurate amount of Global Commitment Fund spending authority may
5 be requested during the Global Commitment Transfer process pursuant to 2023
6 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.301.1;

7 (4) \$255,000 General Fund for a subgrant to the United Way of
8 Lamoille County to expand resource coordination for employee stability
9 through its Working Bridges Program;

10 (5) \$671,000 General Fund to the State Refugee Office; and

11 (4)(6) \$10,534,603 General Fund and \$13,693,231 Federal Revenue
12 Fund #22005 for use as Global Commitment matching funds for one-time
13 caseload pressures due to the suspension of Medicaid eligibility
14 redeterminations.

15 * * *

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

18 * * *

19 (7) \$5,000,000 General Fund for the purpose of supporting the
20 Community Violence Prevention Program established by legislation enacted in
21 2023. An amount not to exceed five percent of this appropriation may be used

1 for the administrative costs of the program, including the funding of an
2 existing limited service position at the Department of Health. Unexpended
3 appropriations shall carry forward into the subsequent fiscal year and remain
4 available for use for this purpose. All or part of this appropriation may be
5 transferred to the Department of Health for this Program if necessary;

6 * * *

7 (o) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
8 appropriated for the following:

9 * * *

10 (3) ~~\$40,000 General Fund the purchase of a driving school vehicle for~~
11 ~~the Youth Development Program to support foster and former foster youth~~
12 ~~access to driver's education for the Youth Development Program~~ to fund costs
13 associated with supporting youth in foster care, or formerly in foster care, to
14 learn to drive and to obtain their drivers' licenses and independent
15 transportation;

16 * * *

17 (6) ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$4,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont
18 Food Bank to support increased capacity of services to meet persistent food
19 insecurity;

20 * * *

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

3 (2) \$400,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to complete
4 the Telecom Plan Update scheduled for June 2024; ~~and~~

5 (3) \$300,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to craft policy
6 proposals to reform and streamline electric sector policy; and

7 (4) \$20,000,000 General Fund for the appropriation established in 2022
8 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100(a)(28), as amended by 2023 Acts and
9 Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45, to replenish the \$20,000,000 of General Fund
10 spending authority transferred by the Emergency Board on July 31, 2023, per
11 32 V.S.A. §§ 133(b) and 706(2), as directed by order of the Emergency Board
12 under Item 5(a) – Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

13 * * *

14 (aa) Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living. In fiscal
15 year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

16 (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund to grant to meal providers that provide
17 meals to seniors with low income; and

18 (2) \$450,000 General Fund to the Department of Disabilities, Aging,
19 and Independent Living to continue the SASH pilot for another year.

20 * * *

1 Sec. 40. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1101 is amended to read:

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

4 * * *

5 (b) Youth workforce and high school completion.

6 * * *

7 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$1,500,000 is
8 appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Education for grants to
9 Adult Basic Education programs to provide bridge funding for Adult Basic
10 Education programs while the study and report required by Sec. E.504 of this
11 act is completed.

12 * * *

13 (d) Healthcare and social services workforce.

14 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from
15 the General Fund to the Department of Health to be ~~transferred~~ granted as
16 needed to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the Vermont
17 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Forgivable Loan Incentive
18 Program created in 18 V.S.A. § 39.

19 * * *

20 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from
21 the General Fund to the ~~Department of Mental Health~~ Agency of Human
22 Services to address workforce needs at the designated and specialized services

1 agencies. These funds shall not be released until a plan to meet training and
2 retention is mutually agreed upon by the Department of Disabilities, Aging,
3 and Independent Living and the designated and specialized services agencies
4 and approved by the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the
5 legislature is not in session. All or a portion of these funds may be used as
6 matching funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment
7 program to provide State match if any part of the plan is eligible to draw
8 federal funds. It is the intent of the General Assembly to maximize the value
9 of this one-time funding through eligible Global Commitment investment.

10 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$6,899,724 is appropriated from
11 the Global Commitment Fund to the Department of Mental Health for purposes
12 of leveraging the appropriation in subdivision (4) of this subsection for Global
13 Commitment investment.

14 * * *

15 (g) Agriculture Economic Development.

16 * * *

17 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of ~~\$6,900,000~~ \$7,152,203 General
18 Fund is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to fund
19 Agriculture Development Grants for the Organic Dairy Farm Assistance
20 Program

21 * * *

1 Sec. 41. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1102 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.1102 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT – FISCAL
3 YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

4 * * *

5 (c) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$400,000 General Fund is
6 appropriated to the Department for Children and Families Office of Economic
7 Opportunity for grants for rental housing stabilization services pursuant to
8 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 43.

9 (d) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,025,000 General Fund is
10 appropriated to the Agency of Human Services for grants for the Tenant
11 Representation Pilot Program pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec.
12 44.

13 (e) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 General Fund is
14 appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a
15 grant to the Vermont State Housing Authority for the Rent Arrears Assistance
16 Fund pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 45.

17 (f) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$4,500,000 General Fund is
18 appropriated to the Department for Housing and Community Development for
19 a grant to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency for its Middle-Income
20 Homeownership Development Program.

1 (g) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of ~~\$50,000,000~~ \$54,500,000 General
2 Fund is appropriated to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
3 (VHCB):

4 (1) \$10,000,000 to provide support and enhance capacity for emergency
5 shelter and permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness. The funds
6 shall be used to expand Vermont's shelter capacity, provide homes for those
7 experiencing homelessness, and decrease reliance on the General Assistance
8 Emergency Housing hotel and motel program. The Vermont Housing and
9 Conservation Board shall consult with the Agency of Human Services to
10 ensure new investments in homes and shelters are paired with appropriate
11 support services for residents, including services supported through Medicaid.
12 Funded projects may utilize a range of housing options, including the
13 expansion of shelter capacity, the conversion of hotels to housing, creation of
14 permanent supportive housing, and utilization of manufactured homes on infill
15 sites.

16 (2) ~~\$40,000,000~~ \$44,500,000 to provide support and enhance capacity
17 for the production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing
18 and homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes
19 and communities, permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness,
20 recovery residences, and housing available to farm workers and refugees. The

1 Board is authorized to utilize up to 10 percent of these resources for innovative
2 approaches to helping communities meet their housing needs.

3 Sec. 42. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1103 is amended to read:

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

5 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

6 * * *

7 (h) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 General Fund is
8 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
9 Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act as codified in
10 10 V.S.A. chapter 159. Funds shall be used for ~~the~~ assessment and cleanup
11 planning ~~for a maximum~~ of 25 brownfields sites.

12 * * *

13 (n) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$165,000 General Fund is
14 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation to complete the
15 engineering assessment for the Green River Reservoir Dam.

16 Sec. 43. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1104 is amended to read:

17 Sec. B.1104 FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION;

18 RETIRED TEACHERS’ COST OF LIVING PAYMENT

19 (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025
20 to the contrary, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State
21 Teachers’ Retirement System from the Education Fund for Calendar Year

1 2023 supplemental payments made in Sec. E.514.2(b) of this act and
2 associated costs and to fund the present value of modifications to the
3 postretirement adjustments allowance.

4 Sec. 44. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1105(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) In fiscal year 2024, to the extent funds are available from transfers
6 made in Sec. C.109 of this act, and before the appropriation identified in 2023
7 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 7(a), the projects in this subsection shall
8 receive an appropriation from the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments,
9 and Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential
10 Investments in the following order:

11 * * *

12 Sec. 45. 29 V.S.A. § 161 is amended to read:

13 § 161. REQUIREMENTS ON STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

14 * * *

15 (b) Each contract awarded under this section for any State project with a
16 construction cost exceeding \$100,000.00, a construction project with a
17 construction cost exceeding \$200,000.00 that is authorized and is at least
18 50 percent funded by a capital construction act pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 701a, or
19 a construction project with a construction cost exceeding \$200,000.00 that is at
20 least 50 percent funded by the Cash Fund for Capital Infrastructure and Other
21 Essential Investments established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b shall provide that all

1 construction employees working on the project shall be paid not less than the
2 mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont Department of
3 Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey plus an additional
4 fringe benefit of 42 and one-half percent of wage, as calculated by the current
5 Vermont prevailing wage survey. As used in this section, “fringe benefits”
6 means benefits, including paid vacations and holidays, sick leave, employer
7 contributions and reimbursements to health insurance and retirement benefits,
8 and similar benefits that are incidents of employment.

9 Sec. 46. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.108 is amended to read:

10 Sec. C.108 RESERVES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND
11 JOBS ACT (IIJA) MATCH

12 * * *

13 (b) To the extent available in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, the amount of
14 \$14,500,000 is reserved in the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and
15 Reserves subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments,
16 from the transfer provided in subdivision D.101(a)(10)(D)(ii) of this act, to
17 provide the State match in fiscal years 2025 and 2026 needed for federal
18 funding for water and wastewater related projects under the IIJA. These funds
19 shall only be expended if authorized by the General Assembly.

1 Sec. 47. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.109 is amended to read:

2 Sec. C.109 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTINGENT TRANSFERS TO CASH
3 FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS:

4 (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, to the extent any fund
5 specified in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. D.101(b)(2) as amended by
6 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 48 has ~~an~~ a remaining unobligated fund
7 balance in fiscal year 2023 after the transfers to the General Fund are made, the
8 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer to the subaccount
9 created under 32 V.S.A. 1001b(b)(2) the respective fiscal year 2023
10 unobligated special fund balances. The Commissioner shall report the amounts
11 transferred pursuant to this provision to the Joint Fiscal Committee in July
12 2023.

13 ***

14 Sec. 48. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2023
15 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.115, is further amended to read:

16 Sec. B.1100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND
17 APPROPRIATIONS

18 * * *

19 (b) \$11,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
20 Department of Public Safety for regional dispatch funding. The funds are
21 subject to the following conditions:

1 (1) Up to \$1,000,000 shall be available for the retention of technical
2 experts to assist the Public Safety Communications Task Force with the
3 analysis and planning required by ~~Sec. C.112 of this act~~ 2023 Acts and
4 Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.114 and to fund the administrative expenses incurred
5 by the Public Safety Communications Task Force. If the Task Force
6 determines ~~in calendar year 2023~~ that additional funding is necessary to
7 achieve its purposes, it may submit a request to the Joint Fiscal Committee.
8 The Joint Fiscal Committee is authorized to approve up to an additional
9 \$1,000,000.

10 (2) Up to \$4,500,000 shall be available to provide funding for pilot
11 projects pursuant to ~~Sec. C.112(f), of this act~~ 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78,
12 Sec. C.114(f).

13 (3) Any remaining amounts not obligated pursuant to subdivisions (1)
14 and (2) of this subsection (b) shall ~~be held in reserve~~ remain unobligated and
15 unexpended until approval to expend the funds is authorized by further
16 enactment of the General Assembly.

17 (4) ~~It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Public~~
18 Safety In order to extract the greatest value from the limited State and federal
19 dollars currently available for public safety communications modernization, it
20 is the intent of the General Assembly that all such funding is expended in an
21 efficient and complementary manner. To that end, the Commissioner of Public

1 Safety shall seek to draw and deploy the \$9,000,000 in Congressionally
2 Directed Spending to support Vermont’s transition to a modernized, regional
3 communications network in a manner that coordinates with and advances, to
4 the greatest extent possible, the ~~goals of~~ a statewide public safety
5 communications system developed by the Public Safety Communications Task
6 Force. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall ~~consult with~~ promptly inform
7 the Public Safety Communications Task Force as ~~the~~ federal parameters for
8 expending the funds become available and as the Commissioner develops a
9 and, if necessary, revises the plan to expend such funds. The plan and any
10 revisions to the plan, including specific expenditures and the implementation
11 schedule, are subject to the approval of the Task Force. In addition, the
12 Commissioner shall update the Joint Fiscal Committee on planned
13 expenditures.

14 Sec. 49. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.114(f), is amended to read:

15 (f)(1) If the Task Force determines that sufficient minimum technical and
16 operational standards have been developed to warrant the funding of one or
17 more pilot projects, the Task Force may submit for approval a pilot project
18 plan to the Joint Fiscal Committee ~~in calendar year 2023.~~

19 * * *

1 Sec. 50. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.120 is amended to read:

2 Sec. C.120 ~~BALANCE RESERVE UNRESERVED; RESERVED FOR~~
3 ~~VCBB~~

4 ~~(a) In fiscal year 2024, \$20,000,000 is unreserved from the General Fund~~
5 ~~Balance Reserve established by 32 V.S.A. § 308c.~~

6 ~~(b) In fiscal year 2024, \$20,000,000 is reserved in the General Fund for the~~
7 ~~exclusive benefit of the Vermont Community Broadband Board and for the~~
8 ~~sole purpose of securing federal funding under the National~~
9 ~~Telecommunications and Information Administration's Enabling Middle Mile~~
10 ~~Broadband Infrastructure Program. The State's pending application requires a~~
11 ~~commitment to provide contingency reserve funding equal to 25 percent of the~~
12 ~~total award amount if the application is approved and the award is accepted by~~
13 ~~the State.~~

14 ~~(1) In the fiscal year 2024 budget adjustment act, any funds reserved,~~
15 ~~but not required, for the purpose described in Sec. C.120(b) of this act shall be~~
16 ~~unreserved and reserved within the General Fund Balance Reserve established~~
17 ~~by 32 V.S.A. § 308e [Repealed].~~

18 Sec. 51. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.123 is amended to read:

19 Sec. C.123 HOUSING TRANSITION; RESOURCES FOR
20 COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY RESPONSE

21 * * *

1 (d) \$9,400,000 of the funds described in subsection (c) of this section shall
2 be transferred to the Department for Children and Families as set forth in this
3 subsection. The Agency of Administration shall structure the program in
4 accordance with the requirements of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 and in a manner
5 designed to achieve rapid deployment and administrative efficiency, and may
6 reallocate funds across governmental units in a net-neutral manner as follows
7 for a total of \$9,400,000:

8 (1) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to
9 reallocate General Fund appropriations made to the ~~Vermont Housing and~~
10 ~~Conservation Board in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45~~ Department of
11 Corrections in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.338. In exchange, the
12 Secretary of Administration shall provide an amount equal to the reallocation
13 amount to the ~~Vermont Housing and Conservation Board from the federal~~
14 ~~funds appropriated through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which~~
15 ~~was originally approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to Grant~~
16 ~~Request #3034.~~

17 (2) ~~The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to~~
18 ~~reallocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) — Coronavirus State Fiscal~~
19 ~~Recovery Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in 2021 Acts~~
20 ~~and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300(a)(31), as amended by 2022 Acts and~~
21 ~~Resolves No. 83, Sec. 68~~ Department of Corrections from American Rescue

1 Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds appropriated to
2 the Agency of Human Services in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec.
3 G.300(a)(31), as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 68.

4 * * *

5 Sec. 52. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.100 is amended to read:

6 Sec. D.100 ~~APPROPRIATIONS~~ ALLOCATIONS; PROPERTY

7 TRANSFER TAX

8 (a) This act contains the following amounts ~~appropriated from~~ allocated to
9 special funds that receive revenue from the property transfer tax. ~~Expenditures~~
10 ~~from these appropriations~~ These allocations shall not exceed available
11 revenues.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 Sec. 53. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.100.1 is amended to read:

6 Sec. D.100.1 LEGISLATIVE INTENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

7 PLANNING FUNDS

8 (a) ~~It is the intent of the General Assembly that an amount not to exceed~~
9 \$500,000 of the planning funds provided in Sec. D.100 of this act shall be used
10 for municipal bylaw modernization.

11 Sec. 54. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

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

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

15 (1) From the General Fund to:

16 * * *

17 (E) the Fire Prevention/Building Inspection Special Fund (21901):

18 \$1,500,000.00; ~~and~~

19 (F) the Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (21909):

20 \$3,600,000.00;

21 (G) the State Liability Insurance Fund (56200): \$9,500,000.00;

1 (3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.228,
2 ~~\$60,044,000~~ \$57,667,840 of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance
3 Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory
4 and Supervision Fund (21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision
5 Fund (21080) shall be transferred to the General Fund.

6 (c)(1)(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal
7 year 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the
8 ~~accounts indicated~~ the general funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act for
9 the Global Commitment Program:

10 3400004000 ~~Agency of Human Services –~~

11 ~~Secretary’s Office—~~ Global Commitment \$15,103,683

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

15	<u>1130892201</u>	<u>Lib – Working Group Per Diem</u>	<u>\$11,550.00</u>
16	<u>1140070000</u>	<u>Use Tax Reimbursement Program</u>	<u>\$120,096.98</u>
17	<u>1140330000</u>	<u>Renter Rebates</u>	<u>\$943,487.35</u>
18	<u>1150891901</u>	<u>Electric Vehicle Charge</u>	<u>\$4,412.78</u>
19	<u>1250010000</u>	<u>Auditor of Accounts</u>	<u>\$21,067.71</u>
20	<u>1260010000</u>	<u>Office of the Treasurer</u>	<u>\$110,821.00</u>
21	<u>2110010000</u>	<u>Assigned Counsel</u>	<u>\$3.37</u>

1	<u>2120892203</u>	<u>JUD – County Courthouse HVAC</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
2	<u>2130200000</u>	<u>Sheriffs</u>	<u>\$29,880.53</u>
3	<u>2130400000</u>	<u>SIUS Parent Account</u>	<u>\$167,678.27</u>
4	<u>2130500000</u>	<u>Crime Victims Advocates</u>	<u>\$18,465.95</u>
5	<u>2150010000</u>	<u>Military – Administration</u>	<u>\$100,782.00</u>
6	<u>2160892102</u>	<u>CCVS-BCJC for St Jo’s Orphan</u>	<u>\$88.00</u>
7	<u>2200010000</u>	<u>Administration Division</u>	<u>\$389,654.70</u>
8	<u>2230892202</u>	<u>SOS – One-Time FY22 Election Cost</u>	<u>\$171,400.78</u>
9	<u>2320020000</u>	<u>Liquor Enforcement & Licensing</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
10	<u>3150070000</u>	<u>Mental Health</u>	<u>\$2,772,735.17</u>
11	<u>3310000000</u>	<u>Commission on Women</u>	<u>\$11,173.77</u>
12	<u>3330010000</u>	<u>Green Mountain Care Board</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
13	<u>3400001000</u>	<u>Secretary’s Office Admin Costs</u>	<u>\$475,775.00</u>
14	<u>3400004000</u>	<u>Global Commitment</u>	<u>\$11,676,230.24</u>
15	<u>3400010000</u>	<u>Human Services Board</u>	<u>\$110,000.00</u>
16	<u>3400892109</u>	<u>St Match – Act 155 4(a),5(a)</u>	<u>\$34,350.00</u>
17	<u>3400892203</u>	<u>AHSCO – COVID-19 Emergent/Exigen</u>	<u>\$4,868,985.74</u>
18	<u>3400892205</u>	<u>AHSCO – Workforce Recruitment</u>	<u>\$4,367,147.39</u>
19	<u>3400892312</u>	<u>AHSCO – VT Nursing Forgivable Loan</u>	<u>\$13,403.00</u>
20	<u>3410018000</u>	<u>DVHA – Medicaid-Non-Waiver Program</u>	<u>\$525,610.73</u>
21	<u>3420060000</u>	<u>Substance Use Programs</u>	<u>\$119,130.89</u>

1	<u>3440010000</u>	<u>DCFS – Admin & Support Services</u>	<u>\$2,595,167.55</u>
2	<u>3440020000</u>	<u>DCFS – Family Services</u>	<u>\$2,864,970.25</u>
3	<u>3440030000</u>	<u>DCFS – Child Development</u>	<u>\$3,131,063.24</u>
4	<u>3440050000</u>	<u>DCFS – AABD</u>	<u>\$451,263.27</u>
5	<u>3440060000</u>	<u>DCFS – General Assistance</u>	<u>\$1,414,739.60</u>
6	<u>3440080000</u>	<u>DCFS – Reach Up</u>	<u>\$979,674.76</u>
7	<u>3440100000</u>	<u>DCFS – OEO Office of Economic Opp.</u>	<u>\$273,038.00</u>
8	<u>3440120000</u>	<u>DCFS – Secure Res. Treatment</u>	<u>\$2,752,270.00</u>
9	<u>3440130000</u>	<u>DCFS – DDS</u>	<u>\$80,299.43</u>
10	<u>3440891908</u>	<u>Weatherization Assist Bridge</u>	<u>\$1,892.85</u>
11	<u>3440892214</u>	<u>DCF – Childcare Provider Workforce</u>	<u>\$2,879,549.25</u>
12	<u>3440892309</u>	<u>DCF – Worker Retention Grant</u>	<u>\$564,500.00</u>
13	<u>3480007000</u>	<u>Corrections – Justice Reinvest</u>	<u>\$831,964.28</u>
14	<u>4100500000</u>	<u>VT Department of Labor</u>	<u>\$2,400,000.00</u>
15	<u>5100010000</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$0.03</u>
16	<u>5100060000</u>	<u>Adult Basic Education</u>	<u>\$136.13</u>
17	<u>5100892214</u>	<u>AOA – School Food Program Admin</u>	<u>\$50,670.70</u>
18	<u>5100892301</u>	<u>AOE – Child Nutrition</u>	<u>\$244,648.60</u>
19	<u>5100892309</u>	<u>AOE – Staffing</u>	<u>\$146,649.08</u>
20	<u>6100040000</u>	<u>Property Tax Assessment Approp.</u>	<u>\$9,542.14</u>
21	<u>6130030000</u>	<u>Parks</u>	<u>\$3.85</u>

1	<u>6130891903</u>	<u>Logger Safety, Value Added</u>	<u>\$108.51</u>
2	<u>6140040000</u>	<u>Water Programs Appropriation</u>	<u>\$0.20</u>
3	<u>7110010000</u>	<u>Housing & Community Development</u>	<u>\$1.86</u>
4	<u>7120010000</u>	<u>Economic Development</u>	<u>\$0.71</u>
5	<u>7130000000</u>	<u>Dept. of Tourism & Marketing</u>	<u>\$230.47</u>

6 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
7 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Transportation Fund from the
8 accounts indicated:

9	<u>1150400000</u>	<u>BGS – Information Centers</u>	<u>\$183,952.35</u>
---	-------------------	----------------------------------	---------------------

10 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
11 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Transportation Infrastructure
12 Bond Fund from the accounts indicated:

13	<u>8100001100</u>	<u>Program Development</u>	<u>\$3,239,445.00</u>
----	-------------------	----------------------------	-----------------------

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

17	<u>5100010000</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$1,280,710.79</u>
18	<u>5100110000</u>	<u>Small School Grant</u>	<u>\$391,067.00</u>
19	<u>5100200000</u>	<u>Education – Technical Education</u>	<u>\$1,204,216.38</u>

1 ***

2 (R) Department for Children and Families:

3 (i) five Family Service Workers;

4 (S) Cannabis Control Board:

5 (i) one Compliance Agent; and

6 (ii) one Deputy Director of Compliance and Enforcement.

7 Sec. 56. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E. 105.2 is amended to read:

8 Sec. E.105.2 FISCAL YEAR 2023; TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION

9 SPECIAL FUND; AUTHORIZATIONS

10 (a) In fiscal year 2023, the following expenditures are authorized from the
11 Technology Modernization Special Fund to the projects described in this
12 section:

13 (1) the sum of \$11,800,000 for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)
14 system upgrade of core statewide financial accounting system and integration
15 with the Vermont Department of Labor and the Agency of Transportation
16 financial systems. Up to \$3,000,000 of these funds may be transferred to other
17 agencies and departments for other Enterprise Resource Planning
18 modernization-related projects, including business process transformation;

19 * * *

20 Sec. 57. 3 V.S.A. § 3306 is amended to read:

21 § 3306. TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND

1 (a) Creation. There is created the Technology Modernization Special Fund,
2 to be administered by the Agency of Digital Services. Monies in the Fund
3 shall be used to fund business process transformation and to purchase,
4 implement, and upgrade technology platforms, systems, and cybersecurity
5 services used by State agencies and departments to carry out their statutory
6 functions.

7 * * *

8 Sec. 58. AGENCY OF ADMINISTRATION; ENTERPRISE RESOURCE
9 PLANNING

10 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the Agency of Administration shall report to the
11 Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee within three business days
12 after any change in status of any contract relating to the Enterprise Resource
13 Planning (ERP) – Modernization Business Transportation project changes.

14 (b) The Agency of Administration shall share the results of its independent
15 review with the Committee within three business days after its completion.

16 Sec. 59. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.111.2 is amended to read:

17 Sec. E.111.2 TAX COMPUTER SYSTEM MODERNIZATION FUND
18 TRANSFER

19 (a) Any remaining funds on June 30, 2023 in the Tax Computer System
20 Modernization Fund established by 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 282,

1 and amended from time to time, shall ~~be deposited into~~ remain in the fund
2 ~~established as codified~~ by 32 V.S.A. § 3209.

3 Sec. 60. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.131.2 is added to read:

4 Sec. E.131.2 TREASURER; STATE RESERVES STUDY

5 (a) Report. On or before December 15, 2024, the Treasurer shall, in
6 consultation with the Department of Finance and Management and the Joint
7 Fiscal Office, submit a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on the
8 State's fiscal reserve practices and the fiscal reserve practices of other states.

9 The report shall include a review of:

10 (1) the current fiscal reserve practices of the State, including a review of
11 which funds have statutory reserves and which funds do not;

12 (2) the fiscal reserve practices of other states and best practices;

13 (3) how Vermont's fiscal reserve practices compare to those of other
14 states and to best practices; and

15 (4) the cash reserve policies of the State as it compares to reserve
16 requirements.

17 (b) The report shall include the Treasurer's findings and any
18 recommendations for changes in the fiscal reserve practices of the State.

19 Sec. 61. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.131.3 is added to read:

20 Sec. E.131.3 TREASURER; STRESS-TESTING REPORT

1 (a) Report. On or before December 15, 2024, the Treasurer, in consultation
2 with the Department of Finance and Management and the Joint Fiscal Office,
3 shall submit a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on fiscal stress-
4 testing practices and methodologies in other states. The report shall address
5 the extent to which such practices may be useful or beneficial and include any
6 recommendations for the implementation of stress-testing practices in State
7 government.

8 Sec. 62. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.300.2 is amended to read:

9 Sec. E.300.2 BLUEPRINT FOR HEALTH HUB AND SPOKE

10 PROGRAM PILOT; FUND SOURCES

11 (a) The Agency of Human Services, in collaboration with the Departments
12 of Vermont Health Access and of Health, shall identify alternative fund
13 sources, including sales tax revenue from tobacco, cannabis, and liquor, for
14 ongoing funding of the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke pilot program
15 funded in Sec. B.1100 of this act and shall update the Joint Fiscal Committee
16 on its findings on or before November 15, 2023.

17 Sec. 63. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.301 is amended to read:

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

19 * * *

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~~ \$25,050,921 is anticipated to be certified as
3 State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

4 * * *

5 (c) Up to ~~\$4,034,170~~ \$3,737,210 is transferred from the AHS Federal
6 Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund consistent
7 with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301, Secretary's Office – Global
8 Commitment, of this act.

9 Sec. 64. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.312 is amended to read:

10 Sec. E.312 HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH

11 (a) HIV/AIDS funding:

12 * * *

13 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
14 the amount of \$300,000 in General Funds Fund dollars and \$500,000 in
15 Tobacco Settlement Fund dollars to the current syringe exchange programs in
16 Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS
17 prevention providers for syringe exchange programs. The method by which
18 these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual
19 agreement of the Department of Health, the Vermont AIDS service
20 organizations, and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The

1 performance period for these grants shall be State fiscal year 2024. Grant
2 reporting shall include outcomes and results.

3 * * *

4 Sec. 65. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.1000.1 is added to read:

5 Sec. E.1000.1 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS DEBT SERVICE

6 FUND ONE-TIME TRANSFERS

7 (a) The transfers from the General Fund and Transportation Fund to the
8 General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund made in Sec. D.101(a)(1)(N) and
9 Sec. D.101(a)(4)(B) of this act are one-time transfers that shall not reoccur in
10 future fiscal years.

11 Sec. 66. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.802, as amended by 2023
12 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 41, is further amended to read:

13 Sec. B.802 Housing and community development

14	Personal services	5,321,306	<u>5,212,164</u>
15	Operating expenses	673,807	<u>671,358</u>
16	Grants	77,056,152	<u>27,259,532</u>
17	Total	83,051,265	<u>33,143,054</u>
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	4,065,708	4,065,708
20	Special funds	7,204,966	7,747,606
21	Federal funds	68,364,457	<u>18,456,246</u>

1	Interdepartmental transfers	2,873,494	2,873,494
2	Total	83,051,265	<u>33,143,054</u>

3 Sec. 67. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2023
4 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45 is further amended to read:

5 Sec. B.1100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

6 APPROPRIATIONS

7 (a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriated from the General Fund for
8 new and ongoing initiatives as follows:

9 * * *

10 (38) \$30,000 to the Department of Health ~~for a grant to enter into an~~
11 agreement with the American Heart Association for CPR and First Aid
12 Training kits to facilitate training in schools.

13 * * *

14 Sec. 68. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 53(a), as amended by 2023
15 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 81 is further amended to read:

16 (a) Reversion. In fiscal year 2023, of the amounts appropriated in 2021
17 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300(a)(13) and 2021 Acts and Resolves
18 No. 9, Sec. 3(b)(1), from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) –
19 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Agency of Commerce and
20 Community Development for the Economic Recovery Grant Program,

1 Sec. 71. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.600(b), as amended by 2023
2 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 85, and 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 62, Sec.
3 26, is further amended to read:

4 (b) In fiscal year 2023, \$32,200,000 is appropriated from the General Fund
5 and \$550,000 is appropriated from the Transportation Fund for electric vehicle
6 charging infrastructure, electrification incentives and public transportation
7 investments as follows:

8 * * *

9 (4) ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$3,500,000 to the Agency of Transportation to grant to
10 the Community Action Agencies to support the MileageSmart Program,
11 established in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34, as amended.

12 (5) ~~\$2,350,000.00~~ \$1,850,000 to the Agency of Transportation for the
13 Replace Your Ride Program, established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55,
14 Sec. 27, as amended.

15 (6) \$500,000 to the Agency of Transportation Electrify Your Fleet
16 Program.

17 (7) ~~\$2,200,000~~ \$2,350,000 general funds and \$550,000 Transportation
18 funds to the Agency of Transportation for the following:

19 (C) \$50,000 Transportation funds and ~~\$100,000~~ \$150,000 general
20 funds to the Agency of Transportation for electric bicycle incentives.

21 * * *

1 Sec. 72. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 8 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 8. EMERGENCY HOUSING TRANSITION; FUNDING; FISCAL
3 YEAR 2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

4 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall ~~hold in reserve~~ revert as much
5 ~~funding spending authority~~ as possible ~~from~~ during the Agency's fiscal year
6 2023 closeout process ~~as carryforward for potential investment in assisting~~
7 ~~households with transitioning out of the pandemic era General Assistance~~
8 ~~Emergency Housing Program. The reserved funds shall not be used unless~~
9 pursuant to the Secretary of Administration's discretion under 2023 Acts and
10 Resolves No. 3, Sec. 109. If the amounts appropriated pursuant to Sec. 7 of
11 this act are not sufficient to fully implement the phase-out of the pandemic-era
12 General Assistance Emergency Housing Program as set forth in this act, then
13 the General Assembly may provide additional spending authority as needed.

14 * * *

15 Sec. 73. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 9, Sec. 17 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 17. PRACTICAL NURSE; WORKFORCE FUNDING

17 (a) Due to the increasing challenge of the pandemic on the health
18 professions, the sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated from the American
19 Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the
20 Vermont State Colleges to ~~open 40 to 45 seats in the Practical Nurse Program~~
21 ~~in partnership with skilled nursing facilities across the State to upskill existing~~

1 ~~staff to achieve certification as a practical nurse~~ purchase nursing simulation
2 equipment to expand nursing student enrollment capacity and address the
3 critical nursing shortage facing Vermont. These funds shall be used as follows:

4 (1) Up to \$500,000.00 for administrative and start-up costs for Vermont
5 Technical College.

6 (2) Up to \$260,000.00 in incentive payments in the amount of \$6,000.00
7 per student to offset lost income during enrollment in the Program.

8 (3) All remaining funds shall be allocated for tuition and fees payments
9 for required prerequisite courses at Community College of Vermont and for the
10 Practical Nurse Program at Vermont Technical College after available federal
11 and State financial aid is applied to ensure no cost to the student.

12 (b) To be eligible to participate in the program, a skilled nursing facility
13 shall provide an incentive match in the amount of \$4,000.00 per student during
14 enrollment in the Program.

15 Sec. 74. 10 V.S.A. § 6083a is amended to read:

16 § 6083a. ACT 250 FEES

17 (a) All applicants for a land use permit under section 6086 of this title shall
18 be directly responsible for the costs involved in the publication of notice in a
19 newspaper of general circulation in the area of the proposed development or
20 subdivision and the costs incurred in recording any permit or permit
21 amendment in the land records. In addition, applicants shall be subject to each

1 of the following fees for each individual permit or permit application for the
2 purpose of compensating the State of Vermont for the direct and indirect costs
3 incurred with respect to the administration of the Act 250 program:

4 * * *

5 Sec. 75. 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b)(2) is amended to read:

6 (2) To cover the cost of fund auditing, accounting, revenue collection,
7 and of short-term borrowing to meet fund cash flow requirements.

8 Sec. 76. 18 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

9 § 1001. REPORTS TO COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

10 * * *

11 (b) Public health records developed or acquired by State or local public
12 health agencies that relate to HIV or AIDS and that contain either personally
13 identifying information or information that may indirectly identify a person
14 shall be confidential and only disclosed following notice to and written
15 authorization from the individual subject of the public health record or the
16 individual's legal representative. Notice otherwise required pursuant to this
17 section shall not be required for disclosures to the federal government; other
18 departments, agencies, or programs of the State; or other states' infectious
19 disease surveillance programs if the disclosure is for the purpose of comparing
20 the details of potentially duplicative case reports, public health surveillance, or
21 epidemiological follow-up, provided the information shall be shared using the

1 least identifying information first so that the individual's name shall be used
2 only as a last resort.

3 * * *

4 Sec. 77. 33 V.S.A. § 3511 is amended to read:

5 § 3511. DEFINITIONS

6 As used in this chapter:

7 * * *

8 (7) "Family child care home" means a child care facility that provides
9 care on a regular basis in the caregiver's own residence ~~for not more than 10~~
10 ~~children at any one time. Of this number, up to six children may be provided~~
11 ~~care on a full time basis and the remainder on a part time basis. As used in this~~
12 ~~subdivision, care of a child on a part time basis shall mean care of a school age~~
13 ~~child for not more than four hours a day. These limits shall not include children~~
14 ~~who reside in the residence of the caregiver, except:~~

15 ~~(A) These part time, school age children may be cared for on a full-~~
16 ~~day basis during school closing days, snow days, and vacation days that occur~~
17 ~~during the school year.~~

18 ~~(B) During the school summer vacation, up to 12 children may be~~
19 ~~cared for provided that at least six of these children are of school age and a~~
20 ~~second staff person is present and on duty when the number of children in~~
21 ~~attendance exceeds six. These limits shall not include children who are~~

1 ~~required by law to attend school (seven years of age and older) and who reside~~
2 ~~in the residence of the caregiver.~~

3 * * *

4 Sec. 78. 29 V.S.A. chapter 61 is amended to read:

5 CHAPTER 61. MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT LOAN FUND

6 * * *

7 § 1602. APPLICATION; LOANS; CONDITIONS

8 (a) Upon application of a municipality or two or more municipalities
9 applying jointly, the State Treasurer may loan money from the Fund to that
10 municipality or municipalities for the purchase of equipment. Purchases of
11 equipment eligible for loans from the Fund shall have a useful life of at least
12 five years and a purchase price of at least \$20,000.00 but shall not be eligible
13 for loans in excess of ~~\$110,000.00~~ \$150,000.00 from this Fund.

14 (b) The Treasurer is authorized to establish terms and conditions, including
15 repayment schedules of up to five years for loans from the Fund to ensure
16 repayment of loans to the Fund. Before a municipality may receive a loan from
17 the Fund, it shall give to the Treasurer security for the repayment of the funds.
18 The security shall be in such form and amount as the Treasurer may determine
19 and may include a lien on the equipment financed by the loan.

20 (c) The rates of interest shall be as established by this section to assist
21 municipalities in purchasing equipment upon terms more favorable than in the

1 commercial market. Such rates shall be ~~no~~ not more than two percent per
2 annum for a loan to a single municipality, and loans shall bear no interest
3 charge if made to two or more municipalities purchasing equipment jointly.

4 (d) In any fiscal year, new loans from the Municipal Equipment Fund shall
5 not exceed an aggregate of \$1,500,000.00. The Treasurer shall put forth
6 recommendations to the General Assembly on a maximum loan amount every
7 five years, commencing on January 15, 2028, based on requests received and
8 loans granted pursuant to this chapter.

9 * * *

10 Sec. 79. 3 V.S.A. chapter 18 is amended to read:

11 CHAPTER 18. VT SAVES

12 * * *

13 § 532. VT SAVES PROGRAM; ESTABLISHMENT

14 * * *

15 (c) Contributions.

16 (1) Unless otherwise specified by the covered employee, a covered
17 employee shall automatically initially contribute five percent of the covered
18 employee's ~~salary or~~ wages to the Program. A covered employee may elect to
19 opt out of the Program at any time or contribute at any higher or lower rate,
20 expressed as a percentage of ~~salary or~~ wages, or, as permitted by the Treasurer,
21 expressed as a flat dollar amount, subject in all cases to the IRA contribution

1 and eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code at no
2 additional charge.

3 (2) The Treasurer shall provide for, on a uniform basis, an annual
4 increase of each active participant's contribution rate, by not less than one
5 percent, but not more than eight percent, of ~~salary or~~ wages each year. Any
6 such increases shall apply to active participants, including participants by
7 default with an option to opt out or participants who are initiated by affirmative
8 participant election, provided that any increase is subject to the IRA
9 contribution and eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code.

10 * * *

11 § 535. PENALTIES

12 (a) Failure to ~~enroll~~ comply. If a covered employer fails to ~~enroll a covered~~
13 ~~employee~~ be in compliance with this chapter without reasonable cause, the
14 covered employer is subject to a penalty for each covered employee for each
15 calendar year or portion of a calendar year during which the covered employee
16 was not enrolled in the Program or had not opted out of participation in the
17 Program. The amount of any penalty imposed on a covered employer for the
18 failure to enroll a covered employee without reasonable cause is determined as
19 follows:

20 * * *

1 (b) Waivers. The Treasurer is authorized to establish a rule waiving the
2 penalty for a covered employer ~~for any failure to enroll a covered employee~~
3 that fails to be in compliance with this chapter for which it is established that
4 the covered employer did not know that the failure existed and exercised
5 reasonable diligence to meet the requirements of this chapter, provided that:

6 * * *

7 Sec. 80. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 2. VT SAVES; IMPLEMENTATION

9 (a) Subject to an appropriation from the General Assembly, the State
10 Treasurer shall implement the VT Saves Program (Program), established in 3
11 V.S.A. chapter 18, ~~as follows:~~ in stages as determined by the Treasurer, which
12 may include phasing in the Program based on the size of employers or other
13 factors. The Program shall be implemented so that all covered employees will
14 begin participation and make contributions on or before July 1, 2026

15 ~~(1) Beginning on July 1, 2025, all covered employers with 25 or more~~
16 ~~covered employees shall offer the Program to all covered employees.~~

17 ~~(2) Beginning on January 1, 2026, all covered employers with 15 to 24~~
18 ~~covered employees shall offer the Program to all covered employees.~~

19 ~~(3) Beginning on July 1, 2026, all covered employers with five to 14~~
20 ~~covered employees shall offer the Program to all covered employees.~~

1 (b) As used in this section, “covered employer” and “covered employee”
2 have the same meanings as in 3 V.S.A. § 531.

3 Sec. 81. 17 V.S.A. § 2732(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The electors shall meet at the State House on the first ~~Monday~~ Tuesday
5 after the second Wednesday in December next following their election to vote
6 for the President and Vice President of the United States, agreeably to the laws
7 of the United States.

8 Sec. 82. 33 V.S.A. § 7601 is amended to read:

9 § 7601. DEFINITIONS

10 As used in this chapter:

11 * * *

12 (3) “Savings” means the difference remaining at the conclusion of each
13 fiscal year between the amount of funds appropriated for Choices for Care and
14 the sum of expended ~~and obligated~~ funds, less an amount equal to one percent
15 of that fiscal year’s total Choices for Care expenditure. The one percent shall
16 function as a reserve to avoid implementing a High Needs wait list due to
17 unplanned Choices for Care budget pressures throughout the fiscal year.

18 Sec. 83. 18 V.S.A. § 9435 is amended to read:

19 § 9435. EXCLUSIONS

20 * * *

1 12 meetings per year. These payments shall be appropriated from the Opioid
2 Abatement Special Fund.

3 (2) Other members of the Advisory Committee shall be entitled to per
4 diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32
5 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than ~~six~~ 12 meetings per year. These payments
6 shall be appropriated from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund.

7 Sec. 85. 33 V.S.A. § 8003 is amended to read:

8 § 8003. PROGRAM LIMITATIONS

9 (a) Cash contributions. The Treasurer or designee shall not accept a
10 contribution:

11 (1) unless it is in cash; or

12 (2) except in the case of a contribution under 26 U.S.C. § 529A(c)(1)(C)
13 (relating to a change in a designated beneficiary or program), if such
14 contribution to an ABLE account would result in aggregate contributions from
15 all contributors to the ABLE account for the taxable year exceeding the
16 amount in effect under 26 U.S.C. § 2503(b) for the calendar year in which the
17 taxable year begins.

18 (b) Separate accounting. The Treasurer or designee shall provide separate
19 accounting for each designated beneficiary.

20 (c) Limited investment direction. A designated beneficiary may, directly or
21 indirectly, direct the investment of any contributions to the Vermont ABLE

1 Savings Program, or any earnings thereon, ~~no~~ not more than two times in any
2 calendar year.

3 (d) No pledging of interest as security. A person shall not use an interest in
4 the Vermont ABLE Savings Program, or any portion thereof, as security for a
5 loan.

6 (e) Prohibition on excess contributions. The Treasurer or designee shall
7 adopt adequate safeguards under the Vermont ABLE Savings Program to
8 prevent aggregate contributions on behalf of a designated beneficiary in excess
9 of the limit established by the State pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 529(b)(6).

10 (f) Exemption from Medicaid estate recovery. Unless otherwise required
11 by the Social Security Act:

12 (1) the term “estate” as used in 42 U.S.C. § 1396p(b) does not include
13 an account established under a qualified ABLE program that complies with the
14 requirements of 26 U.S.C. § 529A; and

15 (2) neither the State nor any agency or instrumentality of the State shall
16 seek adjustment or recovery against an ABLE account for the costs of
17 Medicaid benefits provided to a designated beneficiary.

18 (g) Abandoned accounts. Any abandoned ABLE accounts shall be subject
19 to the unclaimed property provisions in 27 V.S.A. chapter 18.

20 Sec. 86. 27 V.S.A. § 1452 is amended to read:

21 § 1452. DEFINITIONS

1 As used in this chapter:

2 * * *

3 (24) “Property” means tangible property described in section 1465 of
4 this title or a fixed and certain interest in intangible property held, issued, or
5 owed in the course of a holder’s business or by a government, governmental
6 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality. The term:

7 * * *

8 (C) does not include:

9 (i) ~~property held in a plan described in 26 U.S.C. § 529A, as may~~
10 ~~be amended; [Repealed.]~~

11 (ii) game-related digital content;

12 (iii) a loyalty card; or

13 (iv) a gift card.

14 * * *

15 Sec. 87. 27 V.S.A. § 1513 is amended to read:

16 § 1513. PAYMENT OR DELIVERY OF PROPERTY TO
17 ADMINISTRATOR

18 * * *

19 (f) If property reported to the Administrator under section 1491 of this title
20 is virtual currency, the holder shall liquidate the virtual currency and remit the
21 proceeds to the Administrator. The liquidation shall occur anytime within

1 30 days prior to the remittance. The owner of the property shall not have
2 recourse against the holder or the Administrator to recover any gain in value
3 that occurs after the liquidation of the virtual currency for property properly
4 reported as set forth in this chapter.

5 (g) The Administrator shall establish procedures for the registration,
6 issuance, method of delivery, transfer, and maintenance of securities delivered
7 to the Administrator by a holder.

8 ~~(g)~~(h) An issuer, holder, and transfer agent or other person acting under this
9 section under instructions of and on behalf of the issuer or holder is not liable
10 to the apparent owner for, and must be indemnified by the State against, a
11 claim arising with respect to property after the property has been delivered to
12 the Administrator.

13 ~~(h)~~(i) A holder is not required to deliver to the Administrator a security
14 identified by the holder as a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable security. If the
15 Administrator or holder determines that a security is no longer a ~~non-freely~~
16 nonfreely transferable security, the holder shall deliver the security on the next
17 regular date prescribed for delivery of securities under this chapter. The holder
18 shall make a determination annually whether a security identified in a report
19 filed under section 1491 of this title as a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable
20 security is no longer a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable security.

1 Sec. 88. 20 V.S.A. § 3173 is amended to read:

2 § 3173. MONETARY BENEFIT

3 (a) The survivors of emergency personnel who dies while in the line of
4 duty or from an occupation-related illness may apply for a payment of
5 ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$80,000.00 from the State.

6 (b) The State Treasurer shall disburse from the Special Fund established in
7 section 3175 of this title the monetary benefit described in subsection (a) of
8 this section and shall adopt necessary procedures for the disbursement of such
9 funds.

10 Sec. 89. 16 V.S.A. § 1949 is amended to read:

11 § 1949. POSTRETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIREMENT

12 ALLOWANCES

13 (a) Postretirement adjustments to retirement allowance. On January 1 of
14 each year, the retirement allowance of each beneficiary of the System who is in
15 receipt of a retirement allowance for at least a one-year period as of December
16 31 in the previous year, and who meets the eligibility criteria set forth in this
17 section, shall be adjusted by the amount described in subsection (d) of this
18 section. In no event shall a beneficiary receive a negative adjustment to the
19 beneficiary's retirement allowance.

20 (b) Calculation of net percentage increase. Each year, a determination shall
21 be made of any increase or decrease, to the nearest one-tenth of a percent, in

1 the Consumer Price Index for the month ending on June 30 of that year to the
2 average of the Consumer Price Index for the month ending on June 30 of the
3 previous year.

4 ~~(1) Consumer Price Index; maximum and minimum amounts. Any~~
5 ~~increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index shall be subject to~~
6 ~~adjustment so as to remain within the following maximum and minimum~~
7 ~~amounts:~~

8 ~~(A) For Group A members and Group C members who are eligible~~
9 ~~for normal retirement or unreduced early retirement, or who are vested~~
10 ~~deferred, on or before June 30, 2022, the maximum amount of any increase or~~
11 ~~decrease utilized to determine the net percentage increase shall be five percent.~~

12 ~~(B) For Group C members who are eligible for retirement and leave~~
13 ~~active service on or after July 1, 2022, the maximum amount of any increase or~~
14 ~~decrease utilized to determine the net percentage increase shall be four percent.~~

15 ~~(2) Consumer Price Index; decreases. In the event of a decrease of the~~
16 ~~Consumer Price Index as of June 30 for the preceding year, there shall be no~~
17 ~~adjustment to the retirement allowance of a beneficiary for the subsequent year~~
18 ~~beginning on January 1; provided, however, that:~~

19 ~~(A) such decrease shall be applied as an offset against the first~~
20 ~~subsequent year's increase of the Consumer Price Index up to the full amount~~
21 ~~of such increase; and~~

1 (B) to the extent that such decrease is greater than such subsequent
2 year's increase, such decrease shall be offset in the same manner against two
3 or more years of such increases, for up to but not exceeding five subsequent
4 years of such increases, until fully offset.

5 ~~(3)~~(2) Consumer Price Index; increases. ~~Subject to the maximum and~~
6 ~~minimum amounts set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, in~~ In the
7 event of an increase in the Consumer Price Index, and provided there remains
8 an increase following the application of any offset as in subdivision ~~(2)~~(1) of
9 this subsection, that amount shall be identified as the net percentage increase
10 and used to determine the members' postretirement adjustment as set forth in
11 subsection (d) of this section.

12 (c) Eligibility for postretirement adjustment. In order for a beneficiary to
13 receive a postretirement adjustment allowance, the beneficiary must meet the
14 following eligibility requirements:

15 (1) ~~for~~ For any Group A or Group C member eligible for normal
16 retirement, or who is vested deferred, on or before June 30, 2022, the member
17 must be in receipt of a retirement allowance for at least 12 months prior to the
18 January 1 effective date of any postretirement adjustment; ~~and,~~

19 (2) ~~for~~ For any Group C member who is first eligible for normal
20 retirement and leaves active service on or after July 1, 2022, the member must

1 be in receipt of a retirement allowance for at least 24 months prior to the
2 January 1 effective date of any postretirement adjustment.

3 (3) Special rule for Group C early retirement. A Group C member in
4 receipt of an early retirement allowance shall not receive a postretirement
5 adjustment to the member's retirement allowance until such time as the
6 member has reached normal retirement age, provided the member meets all
7 eligibility criteria set forth in this subsection.

8 (d) Amount of postretirement adjustment. The postretirement adjustment
9 for each member who meets the eligibility criteria set forth in subsection (c) of
10 this section shall be as follows:

11 (1) the full amount of the net percentage increase calculated pursuant to
12 subsection (b) of this section for all Group A members; ~~and~~, provided that:

13 (A) the net percentage increase following the application of any
14 offset as provided in this section equals or exceeds one percent; and

15 (B) the maximum amount of any adjustment under this section shall
16 be five percent; and

17 (2) one-half of the net percentage increase calculated pursuant to
18 subsection (b) of this section for all Group C members; provided that:

19 (A) For Group C members eligible for normal retirement or who are
20 vested deferred on or before June 30, 2022, the maximum amount of any

1 adjustment under this section shall be five percent. An adjustment of less than
2 one percent shall be assigned a value of one percent.

3 (B) For Group C members first eligible for normal retirement and
4 who leave active service on or after July 1, 2022, the maximum amount of any
5 adjustment under this section shall be four percent and the minimum amount
6 shall be zero percent.

7 (e) As used in this section, “Consumer Price Index” ~~shall mean~~ means the
8 Northeast Region Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, designated as
9 “CPI-U,” in the northeast region, as published by the U.S. Department of
10 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

11 Sec. 90. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 36 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 36 MIDDLE-INCOME HOMEOWNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
13 PROGRAM

14 (a) The Vermont Housing Finance Agency shall establish a Middle-Income
15 Homeownership Development Program pursuant to this section.

16 (b) As used in this section:

17 (1) “Affordable owner-occupied housing” means owner-occupied
18 housing identified in 26 U.S.C. § 143(c)(1) or that qualifies under Vermont
19 Housing Finance Agency criteria governing owner-occupied housing.

20 (2) “Income-eligible homebuyer” means a Vermont household with
21 annual income that does not exceed 150 percent of area median income.

1 (c) The Agency shall use the funds appropriated in this section to provide
2 subsidies for new construction or acquisition and substantial rehabilitation of
3 affordable owner-occupied housing for purchase by income-eligible
4 homebuyers.

5 (d) The total amount of subsidies for a project shall not exceed 35 percent
6 of eligible development costs, as determined by the Agency, which the Agency
7 may allocate consistent with the following:

8 (1) Developer subsidy. The Agency may provide a direct subsidy to the
9 developer, which shall not exceed the difference between the cost of
10 development and the market value of the home as completed.

11 (2) Affordability subsidy. Of any remaining amounts available for the
12 project after the developer subsidy, the Agency may provide a subsidy for the
13 benefit of the homebuyer to reduce the cost of purchasing the home, provided
14 that:

15 (A) the Agency includes conditions in the subsidy; agreement or uses
16 another legal mechanism; to ensure that, ~~to the extent the home value has risen,~~
17 ~~the amount of the subsidy upon sale of the home, to the extent proceeds are~~
18 available, the amount of the affordability subsidy either:

19 (i) remains with the home to offset the cost to future homebuyers;

20 or

1 (ii) is recaptured by the Agency upon sale of the home for use in a
2 similar program to support affordable homeownership development; or

3 (B) the subsidy is subject to a housing subsidy covenant, as defined
4 in 27 V.S.A. § 610, that preserves the affordability of the home for a period of
5 99 years or longer.

6 (3) The Agency shall allocate not less than 33 percent of the funds
7 available through the Program to projects that include a housing subsidy
8 covenant consistent with subdivision (2)(B) of this subsection.

9 (e) The Agency shall adopt a Program plan that establishes application and
10 selection criteria, including:

- 11 (1) project location;
- 12 (2) geographic distribution;
- 13 (3) leveraging of other programs;
- 14 (4) housing market needs;
- 15 (5) project characteristics, including whether the project includes the use
16 of existing housing as part of a community revitalization plan;
- 17 (6) construction standards, including considerations for size;
- 18 (7) priority for plans with deeper affordability and longer duration of
19 affordability requirements;
- 20 (8) sponsor characteristics;
- 21 (9) energy efficiency of the development; and

1 (10) the historic nature of the project.

2 (f)(1) When implementing the Program, the Agency shall consult
3 stakeholders and experts in the field.

4 (2) The Program shall include:

5 (A) a streamlined and appropriately scaled application process;

6 (B) an outreach and education plan, including specific tactics to reach
7 and support eligible applicants, especially those from underserved regions or
8 sectors;

9 (C) an equitable system for distributing investments statewide on the
10 basis of need according to a system of priorities that includes consideration of:

11 (i) geographic distribution;

12 (ii) community size;

13 (iii) community economic need; and

14 (iv) whether an application has already received an investment or
15 is from an applicant in a community that has already received Program
16 funding.

17 ~~(3) The Agency shall use its best efforts to ensure:~~

18 ~~(A) that investments awarded are targeted to the geographic~~
19 ~~communities or regions with the most pressing economic and employment~~
20 ~~needs; and~~

1 ~~(B) that the allocation of investments provides equitable access to the~~
2 ~~benefits to all eligible geographical areas.~~

3 (g) The Agency may assign its rights under any investment or subsidy
4 made under this section to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board or
5 any State agency or nonprofit organization qualifying under 26 U.S.C §
6 501(c)(3), provided such assignee acknowledges and agrees to comply with the
7 provisions of this section.

8 (h) The Department shall report to the House Committee on General and
9 Housing and the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and
10 General Affairs on the status of the Program annually, on or before January 15.
11 Sec. 91. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 37 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 37. ~~MIDDLE INCOME HOMEOWNERSHIP; IMPLEMENTATION~~
13 ~~The duty to implement Sec. 36 of this act is contingent upon an appropriation~~
14 ~~of funds in fiscal year 2024 from the General Fund to the Department of~~
15 ~~Housing and Community Development for a subgrant to the Vermont Housing~~
16 ~~Finance Agency for the Middle Income Homeownership Development~~
17 ~~Program. [Repealed.]~~

18 Sec. 92. UNRESERVED EDUCATION FUNDS; VERMONT STATE
19 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM APPROPRIATION

20 (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A.
21 § 4025 to the contrary, the amount of \$9,100,000 in Education Fund dollars

1 reserved in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.104(a) is unreserved, and
2 the sum of \$9,340,000 in Education Fund dollars is appropriated to the
3 Vermont Teachers' Retirement Fund, established in 16 V.S.A. § 1944, to fund
4 the present value of modifications made to the postretirement adjustments
5 allowance set forth in Sec. 89 of this act.

6 Sec. 93. TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING

7 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families shall ensure that
8 temporary emergency housing is provided through June 30, 2024 to individuals
9 participating in the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program,
10 including individuals participating under the Adverse Weather Conditions
11 Policy, and beneficiaries of the emergency housing transition benefit that is
12 set to conclude on April 1, 2024, pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81,
13 Sec. 6.

14 (b) Temporary emergency housing required pursuant to subsection (a) of
15 this section may be provided through the use of approved shelters, new unit
16 generation, open units, or other appropriate shelter space.

17 (c) On or before the last day of each month from April 2024 through June
18 2024, the Agency of Human Services, or other relevant agency or department,
19 shall continue submitting a substantially similar report to that due pursuant to
20 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b).

1 (d) Beginning on March 1, 2024, the Agency of Human Services shall not
2 reimburse any licensed hotel or motel establishment more than \$75 a day to
3 shelter a household experiencing homelessness and shall strictly enforce the
4 following rules:

5 (1) Section 2650.1 of the Department for Children and Families, General
6 Assistance (CVR 13-170-260);

7 (2) Department of Health, Licensed Lodging Establishment Rule (CVR
8 13-140-023); and

9 (3) Department of Public Safety, Vermont Fire and Building Safety
10 Code (CVR 28-070-001).

11 (e)(1) Prior to June 1, 2024, the Agency of Human Services and either a
12 shelter provider or a community housing agency may enter into a full facility
13 lease or sales agreement with a hotel or motel provider. Any facility
14 conversion under this section shall comply with the Office of Economic
15 Opportunity's shelter standards.

16 (2) If the Agency determines that a contractual arrangement with a
17 licensed hotel or motel operator to secure temporary emergency housing
18 capacity is beneficial to improve the quality, cleanliness, and access to services
19 for those individuals temporarily housed in the facility, the Agency shall be
20 authorized to enter into such an agreement. In no event shall an agreement
21 under this subsection exceed a rate of \$75 per day.

1 Sec. 94. HOME-DELIVERED MEALS

2 (a) The Secretary of Human Services shall request approval from the
3 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to Vermont's
4 Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 demonstration that allows home-
5 delivered meals to be a Medicaid covered service when the meals:

6 (1) are part of a participant's service plan of care; and

7 (2) meet Vermont's area agencies on aging's nutrition requirements in
8 accordance with the Older Americans Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 3001–3058ff.

9 Sec. 95. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; UNOBLIGATED FUNDS

10 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that all American Rescue Plan
11 Act funds be obligated on or before December 31, 2024. To the extent to
12 which American Rescue Plan Act funds remain unobligated by November 15,
13 2024, the funds shall revert to the American Rescue Plan Act Fund and be
14 reappropriated in the following order:

15 (1) \$5,000,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community
16 Development for the Vermont Community Development Program. It is the
17 intent of the General Assembly that grants from these funds be made to
18 municipalities in counties that were impacted by the July 2023 flooding event
19 and are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public
20 Assistance funds under federal disaster declaration DR-4720-VT.

1 (2) \$30,000,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
2 (VHCB) to provide support and enhance capacity for the production and
3 preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing and homeownership
4 units, including improvements to manufactured homes and communities,
5 permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness, recovery residences,
6 and housing available to farm workers and refugees.

7 (3) \$25,000,000 to the Department for Housing and Community
8 Development for a grant to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency for the
9 Middle-Income Homeownership Development Program and the Vermont
10 Rental Revolving Loan Fund.

11 (b) As part of the fiscal year 2025 budget process, the Secretary of
12 Administration shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on
13 Appropriations on the first Tuesday of March, April, and May of calendar year
14 2024 on the extent to which American Rescue Plan Act funds remain
15 unobligated.

16 (c) At each meeting of the Joint Fiscal Committee in calendar year 2024,
17 the Secretary of Administration shall report on the extent to which there are
18 unobligated American Rescue Plan Act funds. On or before November 15,
19 2024, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall submit any
20 recommendations on how these funds should be transferred so that they may
21 be obligated on or before December 31, 2024. The Joint Fiscal Committee

1 shall review the Commissioner’s recommendations and may approve the
2 transfer of any unobligated American Rescue Plan Act funds.

3 Sec. 96. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 1, as amended by 2012 Acts and
4 Resolves No. 143, Sec. 13, 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 189, Sec. 26, and 2017
5 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 24, is further amended to read:

6 Sec. 1. VERMONT STRONG MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES

7 (a) ~~Intent. It is the intent of this act to recognize all of those who have~~
8 ~~suffered losses because of the destruction brought by Tropical Storm Irene and~~
9 ~~the flooding of 2011, and to commemorate the contributions of the many who~~
10 ~~are helping to rebuild Vermont and to make it stronger. [Repealed.]~~

11 (b) Authority; accounting and reporting; bundles.

12 (1) The ~~department of motor vehicles (“department”)~~ Department of
13 Motor Vehicles is authorized to design, manufacture or procure, and distribute
14 one or more commemorative plates that include the text “Vermont Strong” in
15 accordance with this section. The ~~department and Vermont Life magazine are~~
16 Department is authorized to sell commemorative plates individually or in
17 conjunction with a bundled promotional item. The ~~department~~ Department
18 may also authorize other persons to sell commemorative plates, provided that
19 such persons are required to pay the ~~department~~ Department ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00 per
20 plate within 30 days ~~of~~ after receiving the plates from the ~~department~~
21 Department.

1 (2) ~~A~~ The Vermont Strong commemorative plate fund (the “fund”)
2 Commemorative Plate Fund is established. The ~~fund~~ Fund shall be under the
3 control of the ~~commissioner of motor vehicles~~ Commissioner of Motor
4 Vehicles or designee; and shall consist of all receipts from the sales of
5 Vermont Strong commemorative plates and bundled promotional items. The
6 ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall account for all proceeds of sales of
7 commemorative plates and bundled promotional items and all receipts into and
8 disbursements from the ~~fund~~ Fund; shall track the number of plates and
9 bundled promotional items distributed and sold; and shall track and collect
10 payments owed for plates distributed. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall
11 transfer funds from the ~~fund~~ Fund in accordance with subsection (d) of this
12 section ~~no~~ not less often than once per month. The ~~department~~ Department
13 shall report its accounting of ~~fund~~ Fund receipts and disbursements, plate
14 inventory, and uncollected payments for plates distributed to the ~~joint fiscal~~
15 ~~committee at its November 2012 meeting~~ House and Senate Committees on
16 Transportation and the Joint Fiscal Committee not later than May 1, 2024.

17 (c) Use. An approved Vermont Strong commemorative plate may be
18 displayed on a motor vehicle registered in Vermont as a pleasure car or on a
19 motor truck registered in Vermont for less than 26,001 pounds ~~(, but excluding~~
20 vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan~~),~~ by covering the
21 front registration plate with the commemorative plate any time from the

1 effective date of this act. The regular front registration plate shall not be
2 removed. The regular rear registration plate shall be in place and clearly
3 visible at all times.

4 (d) Price and allocation of revenue.

5 (1) The retail price of the plate shall be ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00, except that on or
6 after July 1, ~~2016~~ 2026, plates may be sold by the Commissioner for \$5.00.

7 (2) Funds received from the sale of plates for \$5.00 shall be allocated to
8 the Department; funds received from the sale of the plates for ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00
9 shall be allocated as follows:

10 ~~(1)(A)~~ (A) \$5.00 to the Department;

11 ~~(2)(B)~~ (B) ~~\$18.00 to the Vermont Disaster Relief Fund~~ \$15.00 to the
12 Vermont Community Foundation; and

13 ~~(3)(C)~~ (C) ~~\$2.00 to the Vermont Foodbank~~ \$15.00 to the Agency of
14 Commerce and Community Development's Business Emergency Gap
15 Assistance Program.

16 (3) Funds received from the sale of bundled promotional items, less any
17 costs to the Department for the purchase of the bundled promotional items,
18 shall be allocated as follows:

19 (A) 50 percent to the Vermont Community Foundation; and

20 (B) 50 percent to the Agency of Commerce and Community
21 Development's Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

1 (e) Funding. The ~~department of motor vehicles~~ Department of Motor
2 Vehicles is authorized to obtain an advance from the Vermont Strong
3 ~~commemorative plate fund~~ Commemorative Plate Fund in an amount to be
4 determined by the ~~commissioner of motor vehicles~~ Commissioner of Motor
5 Vehicles in anticipation of receipts from the administration of this section.

6 (f) Tax exemption. Sales of commemorative plates pursuant to this section
7 shall be exempt from the sales and use tax established by 32 V.S.A.
8 chapter 233.

9 Sec. 97. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 1, as amended by 2012 Acts and
10 Resolves No. 143, Sec. 13, 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 189, Sec. 26, 2017
11 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 24, and Sec. 96 of this act is further amended
12 to read:

13 Sec. 1. VERMONT STRONG MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES

14 (a) [Repealed.]

15 (b) Authority; accounting and reporting; ~~bundles~~.

16 (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to design,
17 manufacture or procure, and distribute one or more commemorative plates that
18 include the text “Vermont Strong” in accordance with this section. The
19 Department is authorized to sell commemorative plates ~~individually or in~~
20 ~~conjunction with a bundled promotional item~~. The Department may also
21 authorize other persons to sell commemorative plates, provided that such

1 persons are required to pay the Department \$35.00 per plate within 30 days
2 after receiving the plates from the Department.

3 (2) The Vermont Strong Commemorative Plate Fund is established. The
4 Fund shall be under the control of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or
5 designee, and shall consist of all receipts from the sales of Vermont Strong
6 commemorative plates and bundled promotional items. The Commissioner
7 shall account for all proceeds of sales of commemorative plates and bundled
8 promotional items and all receipts into and disbursements from the Fund; shall
9 track the number of plates and bundled promotional items distributed and sold;
10 and shall track and collect payments owed for plates distributed. The
11 Commissioner shall transfer funds from the Fund in accordance with
12 subsection (d) of this section not less often than once per month. The
13 Department shall report its accounting of Fund receipts and disbursements,
14 plate inventory, and uncollected payments for plates distributed to the House
15 and Senate Committees on Transportation and the Joint Fiscal Committee not
16 later than May 1, 2024.

17 * * *

18 (d) Price and allocation of revenue.

19 (1) The retail price of the plate shall be \$35.00, except that on or after
20 July 1, 2026, plates may be sold by the Commissioner for \$5.00.

1 funding received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
2 Public Assistance Program and associated emergency relief and assistance
3 funds match for the damages due to the July 2023 flooding event. The report
4 shall include:

5 (1) a projection of the total funding needs for the Federal Emergency
6 Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program and to the extent
7 possible, details about the projected funding by State agency or municipality;

8 (2) spending authority (appropriated and excess receipts) granted to date
9 for the FEMA Public Assistance Program and the associated emergency relief
10 and assistance funds match;

11 (3) information on any audit findings that may result in financial
12 impacts to the State; and

13 (4) actual expenditures to date made from the spending authority
14 granted and to the extent possible, details about the expended funds by State
15 agency or municipality.

16 (b) Reports shall be posted on the legislative and administration websites
17 after submission.

18 Sec. 99. CARRYFORWARD AUTHORITY

19 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval
20 of the Secretary of Administration, General, Transportation, Transportation
21 Infrastructure Bond, Education Fund, Clean Water Fund (21932), and

1 Agricultural Water Quality Fund (21933) appropriations remaining
2 unexpended on June 30, 2024 in the Executive Branch shall be carried forward
3 and shall be designated for expenditure.

4 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, General Fund
5 appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2024 in the Legislative and
6 Judicial Branches shall be carried forward and shall be designated for
7 expenditure.

8 (c) As part the fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment presentation, the
9 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall provide the House and
10 Senate Committees on Appropriations with a report on reversions and
11 approved carryforward by appropriation.

12 Sec. 100. EFFECTIVE DATES

13 (a) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 75 (16 V.S.A. § 4025(b)
14 amendment) is effective retroactively on July 1, 2023.

15 (b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 20 (B.334.1 amendment) is
16 effective retroactively on January 1, 2024.

17 (c) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 96 (Vermont Strong license
18 plates through passage) shall take effect retroactively on August 23, 2023.

19 (d) All other sections shall take effect on passage.