

1 Introduced by Committee on Corrections and Institutions

2 Date:

3 Subject: Capital construction; capital appropriations; State bonding

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

6 An act relating to capital construction and State bonding

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

8 \* \* \* Legislative Intent \* \* \*

9 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

10 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$[X] authorized in this  
11 act, not more than \$[X] shall be appropriated in the first year of the biennium,  
12 and the remainder shall be appropriated in the second year.

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

18 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

19 (a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Buildings and  
20 General Services, and the Commissioner is authorized to direct funds

1 appropriated in this section to the projects contained in this section; however, no  
2 project shall be canceled unless the Chairs of the Senate Committee on  
3 Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions are  
4 notified before that action is taken.

5 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024:

6 (1) Statewide, major maintenance: \$X,XXX,XXX

7 (2) Statewide, physical security enhancements: \$X,XXX,XXX

8 (3) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency: \$X,XXX,XXX

9 (4) Barre, McFarland State Office Building, roof replacement and brick  
10 façade repairs: \$X,XXX,XXX

11 (5) Bennington, Battle Monument, construction of safety fencing:

12 \$X,XXX,XXX

13 (6) Brattleboro, courthouse, roof replacement:

14 \$X,XXX,XXX

15 (7) Middlesex, Central Services complex, roof replacement:

16 \$X,XXX,XXX

17 (8) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence, master  
18 plan, design, and decommissioning: \$X,XXX,XXX

19 (9) Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:

20 \$X,XXX,XXX

21 (10) Montpelier, State House, HVAC renovations:

\$X,XXX,XXX



1 \$X,XXX,XXX

2 (4) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence, master

3 plan, design, and decommissioning: \$X,XXX,XXX

4 (5) Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:

5 \$X,XXX,XXX

6 (6) Montpelier, State House, HVAC renovations: \$X,XXX,XXX

7 (7) St. Johnsbury, Northeast State Correctional Facility, Caledonia

8 Community Work Camp, door control system replacement: \$X,XXX,XXX

9 (8) White River Junction, courthouse, renovations: \$X,XXX,XXX

10 (9) Statewide, three-acre parcel, stormwater, planning, design, and

11 construction: \$X,XXX,XXX

12 (10) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase out: \$X,XXX,XXX

13 (11) Statewide, correctional facilities, HVAC systems, planning for

14 upgrades and replacements: \$X,XXX,XXX

15 (d) For the project described in subdivisions (b)(10) and (c)(6) of this

16 section:

17 (1) The Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to

18 expend funds for a water-to-water heat pump system to dehumidify the State

19 House in the summer months.

20 (2) Beginning September 15, 2023 and ending January 15, 2024, the

21 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit monthly updates

1 on the status of the project to the House Committee on Corrections and  
2 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

3 (e)(1) For the amount appropriated in subdivisions (b)(20) and (c)(11) of this  
4 section, the Department of Buildings and General Services shall evaluate the  
5 HVAC systems in all State correctional facilities to determine if an HVAC  
6 system in a common area of a correctional facilities can be upgraded to alleviate  
7 staff pressures and if any HVAC system needs replacement.

8 (2) Beginning September 15, 2023 and ending January 15, 2024, the  
9 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit monthly updates  
10 on the status of the project to the House Committee on Corrections and  
11 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

12 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$X,XXX,XXX

13 Appropriation – FY 2025 \$X,XXX,XXX

14 Total Appropriation – Section 2 \$X,XXX,XXX

15 Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

16 The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of  
17 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the  
18 following projects described in this subsection:

19 (1) Northwest State Correctional Facility, booking expansion, planning,  
20 design, and construction: \$X,XXX,XXX

1	<u>(2) Women’s correctional facility and reentry facility, replacement,</u>	
2	<u>planning and design:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
3	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
4	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 3</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>

5 Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

6 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of  
7 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described in  
8 this subsection:

9	<u>(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
10	<u>(2) Underwater preserves:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
11	<u>(3) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:</u>	
12		<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
13	<u>(4) Unmarked Burial Sites Special Fund:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>

14 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of  
15 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described in  
16 this subsection:

17	<u>(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
18	<u>(2) Underwater preserves:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
19	<u>(3) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:</u>	
20		<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
21	<u>(4) Unmarked Burial Sites Special Fund:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>







1	<u>available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided that all capital</u>	
2	<u>funds are made available to the Cultural Facilities Grant Program:</u>	
3		<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
4	<u>(4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the</u>	
5	<u>Recreational Facilities Grant Program:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
6	<u>(5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human</u>	
7	<u>Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program (Human</u>	
8	<u>Services):</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
9	<u>(6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human</u>	
10	<u>Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program (Education):</u>	
11		<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
12	<u>(7) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Regional</u>	
13	<u>Economic Development Grant Program:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
14	<u>(8) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural</u>	
15	<u>Fairs and Field Days Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program:</u>	
16		<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
17	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
18	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
19	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 5</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
20	Sec. 6. EDUCATION	





1       (e) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of  
2       Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the  
3       following projects:

4             (1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small-scale  
5       rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of  
6       restrooms and bathhouses, statewide small-scale road rehabilitation projects, and  
7       three-acre stormwater rule compliance:                     \$X,XXX,XXX

8             (2) Open access recreational infrastructure and forest park access roads:  
9   \$X,XXX,XXX

10       (f) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of  
11       Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the following  
12       projects:

13             (1) Improving public access to wildlife management areas and  
14       maintaining critical infrastructure:                             \$X,XXX,XXX

15             (2) Hatchery improvements:                             \$X,XXX,XXX

16       Appropriation – FY 2024                                     \$X,XXX,XXX

17       Appropriation – FY 2025                                     \$X,XXX,XXX

18       Total Appropriation – Section 8                             \$X,XXX,XXX

19       Sec. 9. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

20       (a) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of  
21       Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants and contracts.

1        (b) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of  
2        Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
3        Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match for the Water  
4        Pollution Control Fund.

5        (c) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of  
6        Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for  
7        forestry access roads, recreation access roads, and water quality improvements.

8        (d)(1) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Vermont  
9        Housing and Conservation Board for the following projects:

10        (A) Agricultural water quality projects:                    \$X,XXX,XXX

11        (B) Land conservation and water quality projects:        \$X,XXX,XXX

12        (2) A grant issued under subdivision (1)(A) of this subsection:

13        (A) shall not be considered a State grant under 6 V.S.A. chapter 215,  
14        subchapter 3 for purposes of calculating the maximum amount of a State water  
15        quality assistance award under 6 V.S.A. § 4824 or 4826; and

16        (B) may be used to satisfy a grant recipient’s cost-share requirements.

17        (e) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of  
18        Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for clean  
19        water implementation projects.

20        (f) On or before December 1, 2023:

1           (1) the Clean Water Board shall review and recommend Clean Water Act  
2           implementation programs funded from subsection (e) of this section; and

3           (2) the Board shall submit the list of programs recommended for FY 2025  
4           to the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the  
5           Senate Committee on Institutions and to the Governor for the FY 2024 capital  
6           budget adjustment report.

7           (g) In FY 2024 and FY 2025, any agency that receives funding from this  
8           section shall consult with the State Treasurer to ensure that the projects are  
9           capital eligible.

10	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
11	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
12	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 9</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>

13       Sec. 10. MILITARY

14           (a) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Department  
15           of Military for maintenance, renovations, and ADA compliance at State  
16           armories.

17           (b) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department  
18           of Military for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section.

19	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
20	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
21	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 10</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>



1 Total Appropriation – Section 12 \$X,XXX,XXX

2 Sec. 13. VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

3 (a) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Department  
4 of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the dry  
5 hydrant program.

6 (b) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department  
7 of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the  
8 project described in subsection (a) of this section.

9 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$X,XXX,XXX

10 Appropriation – FY 2025 \$X,XXX,XXX

11 Total Appropriation – Section 13 \$X,XXX,XXX

12 Sec. 14. VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION BOARD

13 (a) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Vermont  
14 Housing and Conservation Board for housing and conservation projects.

15 (b) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Vermont  
16 Housing and Conservation Board for the project described in subsection (a) of  
17 this section.

18 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$X,XXX,XXX

19 Appropriation – FY 2025 \$X,XXX,XXX

20 Total Appropriation – Section 14 \$X,XXX,XXX

21 Sec. 15. VETERANS HOME





1	<u>(1) of the amount appropriated in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec.</u>	
2	<u>19(a) (Veterans Home, replace nurse call system):</u>	<u>\$14,668.72</u>
3	<u>(2) of the amount appropriated 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 19(b)</u>	
4	<u>(Veterans Home kitchen upgrade):</u>	<u>\$13,522.98</u>
5	<u>(3) of the amount appropriated in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec.</u>	
6	<u>2(b) (various projects):</u>	<u>\$365.00</u>
7	<u>(4) of the amount appropriated in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 17</u>	
8	<u>(Veterans Home kitchen renovation and mold remediation):</u>	<u>\$21,493.59</u>
9	<u>(5) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec.</u>	
10	<u>2(b) (various projects):</u>	<u>\$65,463.17</u>
11	<u>(6) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec.</u>	
12	<u>2(b)(9) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage):</u>	<u>\$134,937.24</u>
13	<u>(7) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,</u>	
14	<u>Sec. 1(c)(5) (major maintenance):</u>	<u>\$219,519.77</u>
15	<u>(8) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,</u>	
16	<u>Sec. 9(g) (Roxbury Fish Hatchery):</u>	<u>\$6,175.00</u>
17	<u>(9) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.</u>	
18	<u>2(b)(13) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage):</u>	<u>\$1,736,256.55</u>
19	<u>(10) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.</u>	
20	<u>2(c) (various projects):</u>	<u>\$24,363.00</u>







1        (a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that in addition to the issuance of  
2        general obligation bonds, eligible capital projects may be funded from the  
3        Capital Expenditure Cash Fund established pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1001b.

4        (b) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize certain  
5        projects that are eligible for funding through the Capital Expenditure Cash Fund  
6        in this act but appropriate the funds for these projects in the FY 2024  
7        Appropriations Act. It is also the intent of the General Assembly that the FY  
8        2024 Appropriations Act appropriate funds to the Capital Expenditure Cash  
9        Fund for projects in FY 2025, which shall be allocated pursuant to the process  
10       set forth in subsection (e) of this section.

11       (c) Authorizations. In FY 2024, spending authority for the following capital  
12       projects funded by the Capital Expenditure Cash Fund are authorized as follows:

13           (1) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
14           spend \$X,XXX,XXX for planning, reuse, and contingency;

15           (2) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
16           spend \$X,XXX,XXX for 32 Cherry Street, parking garage repairs;

17           (3) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
18           spend \$X,XXX,XXX for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120  
19           State Street;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11           (13) the Vermont Veterans Home is authorized to spend \$X,XXX,XXX  
12 for the design and renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units.

13           (d) FY 2025 Capital Projects. To the extent general funds are available to  
14 appropriate to the Capital Expenditure Cash Fund in FY 2025, it is the intent of  
15 the General Assembly that the following capital projects receiving funding from  
16 the Fund:

17           (1) the sum of \$1,500.00 to the Vermont Veterans home for design for the  
18 renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units;

19           (2) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General  
20 Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel waterproofing and  
21 Aiken Avenue reconstruction; and



1           (3) the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General  
2           Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the elevator  
3           replacement at 111 State Street.

4           (e) Recommendation. On or before December 15, 2023:

5                 (1) the Secretary of Administration shall review and recommend capital  
6                 projects to be funded from the Capital Expenditure Cash Fund; and

7                 (2) the Secretary of Administration shall submit the list of capital projects  
8                 recommended for FY 2025 to the Chairs of the House Committee on  
9                 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and to the  
10                 Governor for the FY 2025 capital budget adjustment report.

11           Sec. 19. FY 2024; ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS;

12                                 CAPITAL PROJECTS; AUTHORIZATIONS

13                 (a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that in addition to the issuance of  
14                 general obligation bonds, eligible capital projects may be funded from one-time  
15                 General Fund appropriations in the FY 2024 Annual Appropriations Act.

16                 (b) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize certain  
17                 projects that are eligible for funding through in this act but appropriate one-time  
18                 general funds for these projects in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act.

19                 (c) Authorization. In FY 2024, the spending authority for the following  
20                 capital projects funded with general funds appropriated in the FY 2024 Annual  
21                 Appropriations Act are authorized as follows:

- 1           (1) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
2 spend \$X,XXX,XXX for electric vehicle charging stations at State buildings;
- 3           (2) the Vermont State Colleges is authorized to spend \$X,XXX,XXX for  
4 construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or  
5 operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure  
6 transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green  
7 Hall and Vail Hall;
- 8           (3) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend  
9 \$X,XXX,XXX for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State  
10 match to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Drinking Water  
11 State Revolving Fund;
- 12           (4) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend  
13 \$X,XXX,XXX for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
14 Waterbury Dam rehabilitation;
- 15           (5) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend  
16 \$X,XXX,XXX for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
17 Municipal Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning  
18 advances for feasibility studies;
- 19           (6) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend  
20 \$X,XXX,XXX for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the

1 maintenance facilities at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest State  
2 Park; and

3 (7) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend  
4 \$X,XXX,XXX for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure  
5 maintenance and improvements of the Department’s buildings, including  
6 conservation camps.

7 \* \* \* Policy \* \* \*

8 \* \* \* Buildings and General Services \* \* \*

9 Sec. 20. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:

10 § 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY

11 \* \* \*

12 (b)(1) Upon authorization by the General Assembly, which may be granted  
13 by resolution, and with the advice and consent of the Governor, the  
14 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may sell real estate owned by  
15 the State. Such property shall be sold to the highest bidder therefor at public  
16 auction or upon sealed bids in the discretion of the Commissioner of Buildings  
17 and General Services, who may reject any or all bids. ~~Notice, or the~~  
18 Commissioner is authorized to list the sale of property with a real estate agent  
19 licensed by the State.

20 (2) If the Commissioner elects to sell the property at auction or by sealed  
21 bid, notice of the sale or a request for sealed bids shall be posted;



1           (1) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the Commissioner of Buildings  
2           and General Services is authorized to subdivide, sell, or otherwise dispose of the  
3           portion of land in the Waterbury State Office Complex (Parcel ID # 916-0103.V  
4           as designated on the Town of Waterbury’s Tax Parcel Maps) that housed the  
5           former Stanley Hall and the adjacent parking lot, located at 32 Park Row, and  
6           Wasson Hall, located at 64 Horseshoe Drive, to the Town of Waterbury.

7           (2) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall notify, in  
8           writing, the Town of Waterbury of the right to purchase or acquire the properties  
9           described in subdivision (1) of this subsection provided that the following  
10          conditions are met:

11           (A) the Town of Waterbury’s Select Board takes a formal action  
12          indicating the Town’s interest in purchasing or acquiring the properties;

13           (B) the Department of Buildings and General Services conducts a site  
14          survey of the properties described in subdivision (1) of this subsection (b);

15           (C) the Department of Buildings and General Services determines that  
16          no other State department or agency has a use for the properties; and

17           (D) the deed includes a restriction limiting the use of the properties  
18          described in subdivision (1) of this subsection (b) to housing.

19           (3) If the Town rejects or fails to accept the offer in a timely manner, the  
20          Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall require approval from  
21          the General Assembly to sell to another party.



1 Governor pursuant to sections 309 and 310 of this title. The Committee shall  
2 also propose to the General Assembly:

3 (1) a prudent amount of total general obligation bonding for the following  
4 fiscal year, for support of the capital budget, in consideration of the  
5 recommendation of the Capital Debt Affordability Advisory Committee  
6 pursuant to chapter 13, subchapter 8 of this title; and

7 (2) recommendations for capital projects that may be paid for from the  
8 Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund, established in section 1001b of this title.

9 (b) As soon as possible, the Committee shall prepare a bill to be known as  
10 the “capital construction bill,” which shall be introduced for action by the  
11 General Assembly.

12 (c) The spending authority authorized by a capital construction act shall  
13 carry forward until expended, unless otherwise provided.

14 (1) All unexpended funds remaining for projects authorized by capital  
15 construction acts enacted in a legislative session that was two or more years  
16 prior to the current legislative session shall be reported to the General Assembly  
17 and may be reallocated in future capital construction acts.

18 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, any amounts  
19 appropriated in a previous capital construction act that are unexpended for at  
20 least five years shall be reallocated to future capital construction acts.





1        The Department of Buildings and General Services shall coordinate with the  
2        Department of Corrections on the design and planning for any maintenance,  
3        renovation, or construction to a State correctional facility to ensure that  
4        evidence-based design principles for wellness environments are incorporated  
5        into the design and planning phase of a project.

6        Sec. 25. NORTHWEST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; FUNDING  
7                    REQUEST FOR FEDERAL DETAINEES; INTENT FOR  
8                    BOOKING EXPANSION DESIGN

9        (a) On or before August 15, 2023, the Secretary of Human Services shall  
10       request federal funds to support capital construction at the Northwest State  
11       Correctional Facility, which houses federal detainees, including U.S.  
12       Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees. The Commissioner of  
13       Finance and Management shall only release the funds appropriated in Sec. 3(1)  
14       of this act upon notification from the Secretary that the request was submitted.

15       (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commissioner of  
16       Buildings and General Services shall incorporate into booking expansion design  
17       at the Northwest State Correctional Facility:

18                (1) renovations to the HVAC system;

19                (2) enhanced employee amenities, including amenities to address  
20       employee health and wellness needs;

21                (3) the use of renewable energy; and

1           (4) the use of evidence-based principles for wellness environments for  
2 supporting trauma-informed practices.

3 **Sec. 26. REPLACEMENT WOMEN’S FACILITIES;**

4 **SITE LOCATION PROPOSAL; DESIGN INTENT**

5 (a)(1) Site location proposal. On or before January 15, 2024, the  
6 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a site location  
7 proposal for replacement women’s facilities for justice-involved women to the  
8 House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on  
9 Institutions. It is the intent of the General Assembly that when evaluating site  
10 locations, preference shall be given to State-owned property. The proposal shall  
11 consider both co-locating facilities in a campus-style approach for operational  
12 efficiencies and the need for separate facilities at different locations.

13 (2) Beginning September 15, 2023 and ending December 15, 2023, the  
14 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit monthly status  
15 reports on the site location proposal described in subdivision (1) of this  
16 subsection (a).

17 (b) Design intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the  
18 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the  
19 Commissioner of Corrections, shall incorporate into the design of any women’s  
20 replacement facility the use of evidence-based principles for wellness  
21 environments for supporting trauma-informed practices.

1 **Sec. 27. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REPLACEMENT WOMEN’S**  
2 **FACILITIES; REPORT**

3 On or before January 1, 2024, the Department of Corrections shall submit a  
4 written report to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on  
5 Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Institutions and on Judiciary regarding  
6 the proposed size and scale of replacement women’s facilities. The report shall  
7 address the following:

8 (1) proposed allocation of beds in correctional and re-entry facilities;

9 (2) bed types for specialized populations in each facility; and

10 (3) data and rationale used to inform size of each facility.

11 **Sec. 28. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED**  
12 **INDIVIDUALS; WORKING GROUP; REPORT**

13 (a) Creation. There is created the Transitional Housing For Justice-Involved  
14 Individuals Working Group (Working Group) to study the needs of and vision  
15 for a Department of Corrections (DOC) managed women’s replacement facility  
16 or facilities and develop a plan to transition the State of Vermont from housing  
17 justice-involved individuals in a correctional facility to rehabilitating individuals  
18 through a system of community-based supports grounded in restorative justice  
19 principles.

20 (b) Membership. The Working Group shall be composed of the following  
21 members:

- 1           (1) the Chair of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions or  
2           designee;
- 3           (2) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Institutions or designee;
- 4           (3) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee;
- 5           (4) the Commissioner of Corrections or designee;
- 6           (5) the Secretary of Human Services or designee;
- 7           (6) the Commissioner of Labor or designee;
- 8           (5) the Chief Health Care Advocate of the Office of the Health Care  
9           Advocate or designee;
- 10           (6) the Executive Director of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and  
11           Sexual Violence or designee with lived experience in the criminal justice  
12           system;
- 13           (7) the President of the Vermont State Employees’ Association or  
14           designee with experience working in the correctional system;
- 15           (8) an individual with lived experience with incarceration in the criminal  
16           justice system appointed by the Executive Director of the National Council for  
17           Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls;
- 18           (9) a former employee of the Department of Corrections appointed by the  
19           Vermont State Employees’ Association;
- 20           (10) an individual with lived experience with incarceration in the criminal  
21           justice system appointed by Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform;

1           (11) an individual with lived experience with incarceration in the criminal  
2           justice system appointed by Vermont Works for Women; and

3           (12) an individual with lived experience with incarceration in the criminal  
4           justice system appointed by Mercy Connections.

5           (c) Powers and duties. The Working Group shall have the following  
6           responsibilities:

7           (1) Conduct a review to determine the criteria and number of justice-  
8           involved individuals that need to be housed in a secure facility.

9           (2) Develop a vision and broad policy goals for a women’s replacement  
10          facility or facilities.

11          (3) Consult with Vermont organizations that currently provide transitional  
12          housing for those under the custody of the Commissioner of Corrections,  
13          including Lund and Pathways Vermont, to inform the policies and vision of a  
14          facility or facilities.

15          (4) Review and confirm programming needs at a facility or facilities and  
16          the community resources that are offered, including wraparound services offered  
17          upon release related to transitional housing, educational opportunities,  
18          workforce development, health care access, financial services, and mentorship  
19          and peer support programs.

1           (5) Identify any initiatives or programs that invest in community supports  
2 grounded in restorative justice principles shown to be effective at reducing  
3 recidivism rates.

4           (6) Review, consider, and enumerate impediments to an individual’s  
5 successful completion of the programing described in subdivision (5) of this  
6 subsection.

7           (7) Analyze the costs, benefits, and feasibility of developing small secure  
8 residential facilities for mixed populations of justice-involved individuals; and

9           (8) Analyze the realignment of existing funding mechanisms related to  
10 incarceration to fully fund a system of community-based supports grounded in  
11 restorative justice principles to rehabilitate all the State’s justice-involved  
12 individuals.

13           (d) Assistance. For purposes of scheduling meetings and preparing  
14 recommended legislation, the Working Group shall have the assistance of the  
15 Department of Corrections.

16           (e) Report. On or before January 15, 2024, the Working Group shall submit  
17 a written report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, the  
18 Senate Committee on Institutions, and the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight  
19 Committee, with its findings and any recommendations for Department of  
20 Corrections’ policy or legislative action, or both.

21           (f) Meetings.



1 **Sec. 30.** 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. E.126.3, as amended by 2021  
2 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 31 and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 180, Sec.  
3 20, is further amended to read:

4 Sec. E.126.3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY; STATE BUILDINGS; USE OF  
5 SPACE; AUTHORITY OF SERGEANT AT ARMS

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7 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024,  
8 notwithstanding the provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 165 and any other provision of  
9 law to the contrary, in order to perform its constitutional duties, the Legislative  
10 Branch shall have exclusive use of rooms 264, 267, 268, and 270 on the second  
11 floor of 109 State Street.

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13 **Sec. 31.** STATE HOUSE; EXPANSION; DESIGN; SPECIAL COMMITTEE

14 (a) The Department of Buildings and General Services has contracted with  
15 Freeman, French, Freeman to develop programming options that will be the  
16 basis for a schematic design for the expansion of the State House. The  
17 programming options will be finalized in June 2023 and the schematic design in  
18 November 2023 when the General Assembly is not in session. It is the intent of  
19 the General Assembly to approve the programming option for a schematic  
20 design plan for the State House expansion as soon as practicable to allow the



1 Department of Buildings and General Services to begin the design development  
2 phase of the expansion.

3 (b) A special committee consisting of the Joint Legislative Management  
4 Committee and the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and  
5 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions (special committee) is  
6 hereby established. The special committee is authorized to meet to review,  
7 approve, or recommend alterations to the schematic design described in  
8 subsection (a) of this section at a regularly scheduled Joint Legislative  
9 Management Committee meeting. In making its decision, the special committee  
10 shall consider:

11 (1) how the design impacts the ability of the General Assembly to  
12 conduct legislative business;

13 (2) allows for public access to citizens;

14 (3) the financial consequences to the State of approval or disapproval of  
15 the proposal; and

16 (4) whether any potential alternatives are available.

17 (c) The special committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as  
18 provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.

19 Sec. 32. 29 V.S.A. § 152 is amended to read:

20 § 152. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER

1 (a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in addition to the  
2 duties expressly set forth elsewhere by law, shall have the authority to:

3 \* \* \*

4 (36) Consult, at least two times per month, with the Sergeant at Arms or  
5 designee on any maintenance, renovation, or construction projects for the State  
6 House or other legislative space.

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

9 **Sec. 33.** REPEAL

10 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. 12 (suspension of private loans for  
11 clean water projects) is repealed.

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

13 **Sec. 34.** 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 12, as amended by 2022 Acts and  
14 Resolves No. 180, Sec. 10, is further amended to read:

15 Sec. 12. PUBLIC SAFETY

16 \* \* \*

17 (b) ~~The following amounts are~~ sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY  
18 2023 to the Department of Public Safety for the ~~projects described in this~~  
19 ~~subsection:~~

- 20 (1) ~~Pittsford, Vermont Policy Academy, feasibility study:—\$50,000.00,~~  
21 (2) ~~Williston Public Safety Field Station, construction:—\$3,500,000.00~~

