

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 \$53,945,325.00
11 authorized in this act, not more than \$68,822,051.00 shall be appropriated in the
12 first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the second
13 year.

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

1	<u>(9) Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:</u>	
2		<u>\$50,000.00</u>
3	<u>(10) Montpelier, State House, HVAC renovations:</u>	<u>\$3,725,000.00</u>
4	<u>(11) Montpelier, 133 State Street, Office of Legislative Information</u>	
5	<u>Technology, renovations:</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
6	<u>(12) Montpelier, State House expansion, design documents:</u>	
7		<u>\$250,000.00</u>
8	<u>(13) Newport, courthouse replacement, planning, and design:</u>	
9		<u>\$750,000.00</u>
10	<u>(14) St. Albans, Northwest State Correctional Facility, roof replacement:</u>	
11		<u>\$1,300,000.00</u>
12	<u>(15) St. Johnsbury, Northeast State Correctional Facility, Caledonia</u>	
13	<u>Community Work Camp, door control system replacement:</u>	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>
14	<u>(16) White River Junction, courthouse, renovations:</u>	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>
15	<u>(17) Statewide, three-acre parcel, stormwater, planning, design, and</u>	
16	<u>construction:</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
17	<u>(18) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase out:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
18	<u>(19) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program:</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
19	<u>(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025:</u>	
20	<u>(1) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>	<u>\$8,500,000.00</u>
21	<u>(2) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>

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

3 <u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$26,151,244.00</u>
4 <u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$25,350,000.00</u>
5 <u>Total Appropriation – Section 2</u>	<u>\$51,501,244.00</u>

6 Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

7 (a) The sum of \$300,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Department of
8 Buildings and General Services for the Department of Corrections for planning,
9 design, and construction for upgrades and replacements at statewide correctional
10 facilities.

11 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of
12 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the
13 following projects described in this subsection:

14 (1) Northwest State Correctional Facility, booking expansion, planning,
15 design, and construction: \$2,500,000.00

16 (2) Women’s correctional facility and reentry facility, replacement,
17 planning and design: \$13,000,000.00

18 (3) Statewide, correctional facilities, HVAC systems, planning, design,
19 and construction for upgrades and replacements: \$700,000.00

20 (c)(1) For the amount appropriated in subsection (a) and subdivision (b)(3)
21 of this section, the Department of Buildings and General Services shall evaluate

1 and develop a design for upgrades and replacement of HVAC systems in all
2 State correctional facilities. To the extent the Department identifies HVAC
3 systems in common areas, break rooms, day rooms, and cafeterias that can be
4 replaced to immediately alleviate heat-related stress for staff and residents at the
5 facility, the Department is authorized to use the funds appropriated in subsection
6 (a) and subdivision (b)(3) of this section for installation of HVAC systems in
7 those areas.

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	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
13	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$16,200,000.00</u>
14	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 3</u>	<u>\$16,500,000.00</u>

15 Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

19	<u>(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
20	<u>(2) Underwater preserves:</u>	<u>\$46,000.00</u>

1	<u>(7) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Regional</u>	
2	<u>Economic Development Grant Program:</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
3	<u>(8) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural</u>	
4	<u>Fairs and Field Days Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program:</u>	
5		<u>\$300,000.00</u>
6	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$2,100,000.00</u>
7	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$2,100,000.00</u>
8	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 5</u>	<u>\$4,200,000.00</u>

9 Sec. 6. EDUCATION

10 (a) The sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
11 Education for funding emergency projects.

12 (b) The sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
13 Education for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section.

14	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
15	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
16	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 6</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>

17 Sec. 7. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

18 (a) The sum of \$1,600,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the University
19 of Vermont for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility
20 owned or operated in the State by the University of Vermont.

1 (c) The sum of \$1,678,632.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
2 Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for general
3 infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance and rehabilitation of
4 infrastructure.

5 (d) The sum of \$2,207,901.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
6 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
7 State’s match to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the drinking
8 water supply.

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

12 (1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small-scale
13 rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of
14 restrooms and bathhouses, statewide small-scale road rehabilitation projects, and
15 three-acre stormwater rule compliance: \$3,000,000.00

16 (2) Open access recreational infrastructure and forest park access roads:
17 \$920,000.00

18 (f) The sum of \$1,344,150.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
19 Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for general
20 infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance and rehabilitation of
21 infrastructure.

1	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$6,872,081.00</u>
2	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$7,472,051.00</u>
3	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 8</u>	<u>\$14,344,132.00</u>

4 Sec. 9. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

5 (a) The sum of \$2,202,019.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
6 Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants and contracts.

7 (b) The sum of \$332,981.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
8 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
9 Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match for the Water
10 Pollution Control Fund.

11 (c) The sum of \$550,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
12 Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for
13 forestry access roads, recreation access roads, and water quality improvements.

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

16 (A) Agricultural water quality projects: \$800,000.00

17 (B) Land conservation and water quality projects: \$2,000,000.00

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

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

1 **Sec. 12.** VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

2 (a) The sum of \$150,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Department of
3 Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the dry
4 hydrant program.

5 (b) The sum of \$150,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of
6 Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the project
7 described in subsection (a) of this section.

8 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$150,000.00

9 Appropriation – FY 2025 \$150,000.00

10 Total Appropriation – Section 12 \$300,000.00

11 **Sec. 13.** VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION BOARD

12 (a) The sum of \$1,800,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Vermont
13 Housing and Conservation Board for housing and conservation projects.

14 (b) The sum of \$1,800,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Vermont
15 Housing and Conservation Board for the project described in subsection (a) of
16 this section.

17 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$1,800,000.00

18 Appropriation – FY 2025 \$1,800,000.00

19 Total Appropriation – Section 13 \$3,600,000.00

1 **Sec. 14.** VETERANS HOME

2 (a) The sum of \$260,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Department of
3 Buildings and General Services for the Vermont Veterans' Home for
4 maintenance at the Veterans' Home.

5 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Vermont
6 Veterans' Home for the following projects:

7 (1) an emergency generator and boiler plant replacement:

8 \$4,500,000.00

9 (2) elevator upgrade:

\$1,000,000.00

10 (3) resident care furnishings and security systems:

\$230,000.00

11 (c) For the amounts appropriated in subsection (a) and subdivision (b)(3) of
12 this section, on or before January 15, 2024, the Veterans' Home shall submit a
13 report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
14 Committee on Institutions on the status of expended funds and an anticipated
15 timeline of when any remaining funds will be expended.

16 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$5,990,000.00

17 Total Appropriation – Section 14 \$5,990,000.00

18 * * * Funding * * *

19 **Sec. 15.** REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

4 (1) of the amount appropriated in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec.
5 19(a) (Veterans’ Home, replace nurse call system): \$14,668.72

6 (2) of the amount appropriated 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 19(b)
7 (Veterans’ Home kitchen upgrade): \$13,522.98

8 (3) of the amount appropriated in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec.
9 2(b) (various projects): \$365.00

10 (4) of the amount appropriated in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 17
11 (Veterans’ Home kitchen renovation and mold remediation): \$21,493.59

12 (5) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec.
13 2(b) (various projects): \$65,463.17

14 (6) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec.
15 2(b)(9) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage): \$134,937.34

16 (7) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,
17 Sec. 1(c)(5) (major maintenance): \$93,549.00

18 (8) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,
19 Sec. 9(g) (Roxbury Fish Hatchery): \$6,175.00

20 (9) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.
21 2(b)(13) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage): \$1,736,256.55

1 (3) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
2 spend \$1,000,000.00 for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120
3 State Street;

4 (4) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
5 spend \$600,000.00 for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern State
6 Correctional Facility in Newport;

7 (5) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
8 spend \$750,000.00 for planning for renovations to the administration building,
9 West Cottage, at the Criminal Justice Training Council in Pittsford;

10 (6) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
11 spend \$600,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
12 design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;

13 (7) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
14 spend \$1,500,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
15 design for the replacement of the women’s correctional facility and reentry
16 facility;

17 (8) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
18 spend \$1,000,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
19 design of the Department for Children and Families’ short-term stabilization
20 facility;

1 (9) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
2 spend \$750,000.00 for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County
3 Superior Courthouse in Barre;

4 (10) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
5 spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
6 design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

7 (11) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
8 spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
9 design of the Rutland Field Station;

10 (12) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
11 spend \$300,000.00 for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the
12 planning and design of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory
13 Heat Plant; and

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

18 (1) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
19 Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

20 (2) the sum of \$2,300,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
21 Services for parking garage repairs at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington;

1 (3) the sum of \$2,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
2 Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120 State Street
3 in Montpelier;

4 (4) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
5 Services for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County Superior
6 Courthouse in Barre;

7 (5) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
8 Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the
9 Special Teams Facility and Storage;

10 (6) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
11 Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the
12 Rutland Field Station;

13 (7) the sum of \$1,500,000.00 to the Vermont Veterans’ Home for design
14 for the renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units;

15 (8) the sum of \$500,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
16 Services for the Newport courthouse replacement, planning, and design.

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

1 (10) 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. 18. 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 \$1,000,000.00 for electric vehicle charging stations at State buildings;

3 (2) the Vermont State Colleges is authorized to spend \$9,000,000.00 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 \$9,700,000.00
9 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State match to the
10 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Drinking Water State Revolving
11 Fund;

12 (4) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$4,500,000.00
13 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Waterbury Dam
14 rehabilitation;

15 (5) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
16 \$4,000,000.00 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 \$3,000,000.00 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 \$800,000.00
4 for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and
5 improvements of the Department’s buildings, including conservation camps.

6 * * * Policy * * *

7 * * * Buildings and General Services * * *

8 Sec. 19. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:

9 § 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY

10 * * *

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

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

21 (A) by electronic means; or

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. 24. 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. 25. 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. 28.** 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

6 * * *

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. 29.** 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. 30.** 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. 31.** 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. 32.** 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

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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~~

