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4 Burlington, McGill of Bridport, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry,
5 Small of Winooski, and Whitman of Bennington move that the bill be amended
6 by inserting a new section to be Sec. E.321.1 after Sec. E.321 to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. E.321.1. GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING; PLAN TO END
9 HOTEL AND MOTEL PROGRAM ESTABLISHED DURING
10 COVID-19 EMERGENCY

11 (a)(1) In fiscal year 2024, \$20,000,000.00 is appropriated from the General
12 Fund to the Department for Children and Families to support any services
13 necessary to transition individuals from the hotel and motel housing program
14 established in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The
15 Department shall collaborate with the Vermont Housing and Conservation
16 Board, community action agencies, housing opportunity programs, and other
17 relevant stakeholders to locate alternative housing and supportive services for
18 individuals utilizing the hotel and motel housing program established in
19 response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

20 (2) Of the amount appropriated in subdivision (1) of this subsection,
21 \$10,000,000.00 shall be allocated to the Vermont Housing and Conservation
22 Board for the purchase and support of manufactured housing and the remaining
23 \$10,000,000.00 shall be utilized by the housing opportunity programs,

1 community action agencies, and the Department for the provision of supportive
2 services.

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

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

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

10 (3) a household that has a member who has experienced a dangerous or
11 life-threatening incident related to violence against the member that either
12 occurred within the member's home or caused the member to reasonably
13 believe that the member was at risk of further harm if the member remained in
14 the home;

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 (c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the appropriation in
4 subsection (a) of this section shall reduce the General Fund fiscal year 2024
5 funds available for child care and early education policy adjustments from
6 \$91,679,795.00 to \$71,679,795.00.

7 (d) It is the intent of the General Assembly to revert these funds to child
8 care programming and supports in fiscal year 2025.