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2 An act related to fiscal year 2024 budget adjustments

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

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

5 Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

6	Personal services	67,754,321	69,564,321
7	Operating expenses	13,861,460	13,861,460
8	Grants	<u>1,591,501</u>	<u>1,591,501</u>
9	Total	83,207,282	85,017,282

10 Source of funds

11	General fund	53,896,213	55,706,213
12	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
13	Special funds	3,166,387	3,166,387
14	Federal funds	4,311,304	4,311,304
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,583,378</u>	<u>1,583,378</u>
16	Total	83,207,282	85,017,282

17 Sec. 2. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.216 is amended to read:

18 Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract

19	Personal services	9,124,240	9,224,240
20	Operating expenses	<u>1,396,315</u>	<u>1,396,315</u>
21	Total	10,520,555	10,620,555

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	665,922	765,922
3	Federal funds	<u>9,854,633</u>	<u>9,854,633</u>
4	Total	10,520,555	10,620,555

5 Sec. 3. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board

7	Personal services	4,829,061	4,917,181
8	Operating expenses	<u>341,631</u>	<u>764,181</u>
9	Total	5,170,692	5,681,362

10 Source of funds

11	Special funds	<u>5,170,692</u>	<u>5,681,362</u>
12	Total	5,170,692	5,681,362

13 Sec. 4. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property

15 Source of funds

16	General fund	208,539,656	210,449,656
17	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
18	Special funds	109,230,607	109,741,277
19	Tobacco fund	635,843	635,843
20	Federal funds	133,784,669	133,784,669
21	Interdepartmental transfers	13,729,981	13,729,981

1	Enterprise funds	<u>13,816,313</u>	<u>13,816,313</u>
2	Total	499,987,069	502,407,739
3	Sec. 5. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office		
5	Personal services	14,083,686	15,401,686
6	Operating expenses	5,402,086	5,402,086
7	Grants	<u>2,895,202</u>	<u>2,895,202</u>
8	Total	22,380,974	23,698,974
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	9,767,874	10,226,874
11	Special funds	135,517	135,517
12	Federal funds	11,678,441	12,537,441
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>799,142</u>	<u>799,142</u>
14	Total	22,380,974	23,698,974
15	Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment		
17	Grants	1,990,896,293	<u>2,036,638,399</u>
18	Total	1,990,896,293	2,036,638,399
19	Source of funds		
20	General fund	648,528,785	656,666,876
21	Special funds	32,994,384	32,994,384

1	Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
2	State health care resources fund	25,265,312	25,438,836
3	Federal funds	1,259,024,269	1,296,751,720
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,034,170</u>	<u>3,737,210</u>
5	Total	1,990,896,293	2,036,638,399

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

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

8	Personal services	136,568,959	127,889,514
9	Operating expenses	44,391,640	44,391,640
10	Grants	<u>2,912,301</u>	<u>2,912,301</u>
11	Total	183,872,900	175,193,455

12 Source of funds

13	General fund	35,605,917	39,109,628
14	Special funds	4,753,011	4,753,011
15	Federal funds	134,621,243	122,016,027
16	Global Commitment fund	4,220,337	4,220,337
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,672,392</u>	<u>5,094,452</u>
18	Total	183,872,900	175,193,455

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

20 Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -
21 global commitment

1	Personal services	547,983	547,983
2	Grants	932,542,238	<u>937,411,761</u>
3	Total	933,090,221	937,959,744
4	Source of funds		
5	Global Commitment fund	933,090,221	<u>937,959,744</u>
6	Total	933,090,221	937,959,744
7	Sec. 9. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -		
9	state only		
10	Grants	53,067,318	<u>55,742,931</u>
11	Total	53,067,318	55,742,931
12	Source of funds		
13	General fund	53,062,626	54,861,587
14	Global Commitment fund	<u>4,692</u>	<u>881,344</u>
15	Total	53,067,318	55,742,931
16	Sec. 10. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:		
17	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver		
18	matched		
19	Grants	34,621,472	<u>34,672,534</u>
20	Total	34,621,472	34,672,534
21	Source of funds		

1	General fund	12,634,069	12,493,853
2	Federal funds	21,987,403	<u>22,178,681</u>
3	Total	34,621,472	34,672,534

4 Sec. 11. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.312 Health - public health

6	Personal services	64,592,946	64,592,946
7	Operating expenses	13,047,530	13,047,530
8	Grants	45,946,724	<u>53,624,870</u>
9	Total	123,587,200	131,265,346

10 Source of funds

11	General fund	12,408,429	12,408,429
12	Special funds	25,017,725	31,148,098
13	Tobacco fund	1,088,918	1,588,918
14	Federal funds	66,753,896	66,753,896
15	Global Commitment fund	16,582,951	17,630,724
16	Interdepartmental transfers	1,710,281	1,710,281
17	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
18	Total	123,587,200	131,265,346

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

20 Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

21	Personal services	47,716,644	50,489,379
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1	Operating expenses	5,272,240	5,272,240
2	Grants	<u>264,539,814</u>	<u>264,343,558</u>
3	Total	317,528,698	320,105,177
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	25,282,556	26,278,924
6	Special funds	1,708,155	1,708,155
7	Federal funds	10,999,654	10,999,654
8	Global Commitment fund	279,524,193	281,104,304
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>	<u>14,140</u>
10	Total	317,528,698	320,105,177
11	Sec. 13. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support		
13	services		
14	Personal services	44,446,942	46,323,033
15	Operating expenses	17,162,151	17,162,151
16	Grants	<u>3,919,106</u>	<u>3,919,106</u>
17	Total	65,528,199	67,404,290
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	37,090,554	38,841,112
20	Special funds	2,781,912	2,781,912
21	Federal funds	23,540,549	23,540,549

1	Global Commitment fund	1,659,321	1,784,854
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>455,863</u>	<u>455,863</u>
3	Total	65,528,199	67,404,290

4 Sec. 14. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services

6	Personal services	43,987,652	43,987,652
7	Operating expenses	5,180,385	5,180,385
8	Grants	93,421,639	<u>93,703,581</u>
9	Total	142,589,676	142,871,618

10 Source of funds

11	General fund	59,707,017	59,046,300
12	Special funds	729,587	729,587
13	Federal funds	33,937,204	34,378,330
14	Global Commitment fund	48,178,131	48,679,664
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>37,737</u>	<u>37,737</u>
16	Total	142,589,676	142,871,618

17 Sec. 15. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

18 Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development

19	Personal services	5,670,999	5,670,999
20	Operating expenses	810,497	810,497
21	Grants	95,860,842	<u>99,707,882</u>

1	Total	102,342,338	106,189,378
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	35,016,309	35,016,309
4	Special funds	16,745,000	16,745,000
5	Federal funds	37,419,258	41,266,298
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>13,161,771</u>	<u>13,161,771</u>
7	Total	102,342,338	106,189,378
8	Sec. 16. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:		
9	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and		
10	disabled		
11	Personal services	2,252,206	2,252,206
12	Grants	10,431,118	<u>11,181,118</u>
13	Total	12,683,324	13,433,324
14	Source of funds		
15	General fund	7,533,333	7,533,333
16	Global Commitment fund	5,149,991	<u>5,899,991</u>
17	Total	12,683,324	13,433,324
18	Sec. 17. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:		
19	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up		
20	Operating expenses	30,633	30,633
21	Grants	35,536,413	<u>36,683,099</u>

1	Total	35,567,046	36,713,732
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	23,233,869	24,114,082
4	Special funds	5,970,229	5,970,229
5	Federal funds	3,531,330	2,806,330
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,831,618</u>	<u>3,823,091</u>
7	Total	35,567,046	36,713,732
8	Sec. 18. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:		
9	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and		
10	independent living grants		
11	Grants	22,380,328	<u>22,922,275</u>
12	Total	22,380,328	22,922,275
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	9,220,695	9,220,695
15	Federal funds	7,321,114	7,321,114
16	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,838,519</u>	<u>6,380,466</u>
17	Total	22,380,328	22,922,275
18	Sec. 19. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:		
19	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and		
20	community based waiver		
21	Grants	6,638,028	<u>6,938,028</u>

1	Total	6,638,028	6,938,028
2	Source of funds		
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>6,638,028</u>	<u>6,938,028</u>
4	Total	6,638,028	6,938,028
5	Sec. 20. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:		
6	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care		
7	Grants	<u>268,715,683</u>	<u>286,878,189</u>
8	Total	<u>268,715,683</u>	286,878,189
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	498,579	498,579
11	Federal funds	2,450,000	2,450,000
12	Global Commitment fund	<u>265,767,104</u>	<u>283,929,610</u>
13	Total	<u>268,715,683</u>	286,878,189
14	Sec. 21. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services		
16	Personal services	<u>139,473,576</u>	152,714,793
17	Operating expenses	<u>24,600,099</u>	<u>24,600,099</u>
18	Total	<u>164,073,675</u>	177,314,892
19	Source of funds		
20	General fund	<u>159,502,946</u>	172,744,163
21	Special funds	935,963	935,963

1	Federal funds	492,196	492,196
2	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255	2,746,255
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
4	Total	164,073,675	177,314,892
5	Sec. 22. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.338.1 is amended to read:		
6	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Reinvestment II		
7	Grants	<u>10,659,519</u>	<u>11,206,413</u>
8	Total	10,659,519	11,206,413
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	8,081,831	8,081,831
11	Federal funds	13,147	13,147
12	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>	<u>3,111,435</u>
13	Total	10,659,519	11,206,413
14	Sec. 23. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services		
16	Personal services	18,187,631	24,284,571
17	Operating expenses	<u>5,978,873</u>	<u>6,813,344</u>
18	Total	24,166,504	31,097,915
19	Source of funds		
20	General fund	4,199,478	9,579,745
21	Special funds	11,655,797	13,627,301

1	Federal funds	<u>8,311,229</u>	<u>7,890,869</u>
2	Total	24,166,504	31,097,915
3	Sec. 24. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.347 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.347 Total human services		
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	1,231,153,062	1,266,500,515
7	Special funds	124,537,345	132,639,222
8	Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,588,208
9	State health care resources fund	25,265,312	25,438,836
10	Federal funds	1,785,709,992	1,815,025,311
11	Global Commitment fund	1,943,848,077	1,974,142,022
12	Internal service funds	1,746,397	1,746,397
13	Interdepartmental transfers	28,591,925	28,717,025
14	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
15	Total	5,163,965,318	5,267,822,536
16	Sec. 25. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.500 is amended to read:		
17	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration		
18	Personal services	17,683,192	16,733,192
19	Operating expenses	4,387,522	4,407,522
20	Grants	<u>15,270,700</u>	<u>15,270,700</u>
21	Total	37,341,414	36,411,414

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	7,415,742	7,465,742
3	Special funds	16,575,926	16,595,926
4	Education fund	3,486,447	3,486,447
5	Federal funds	9,220,942	8,220,942
6	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>382,357</u>	<u>382,357</u>
8	Total	37,341,414	36,411,414

9 Sec. 26. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.502 is amended to read:

10 Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants

11	Grants	<u>226,195,600</u>	<u>229,821,806</u>
12	Total	<u>226,195,600</u>	<u>229,821,806</u>

13 Source of funds

14	Education fund	<u>226,195,600</u>	<u>229,821,806</u>
15	Total	<u>226,195,600</u>	<u>229,821,806</u>

16 Sec. 27. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.505 is amended to read:

17 Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment

18	Grants	<u>1,703,317,103</u>	<u>1,711,148,481</u>
19	Total	<u>1,703,317,103</u>	<u>1,711,148,481</u>

20 Source of funds

21	Education fund	<u>1,703,317,103</u>	<u>1,711,148,481</u>
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1	Total	1,703,317,103	1,711,148,481
2	Sec. 28. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.516 Total general education		
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	216,199,064	216,249,064
6	Special funds	19,495,486	19,515,486
7	Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
8	Education fund	2,070,971,937	2,082,429,521
9	Federal funds	493,305,099	492,305,099
10	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
11	Interdepartmental transfers	382,357	382,357
12	Pension trust funds	<u>3,448,255</u>	<u>3,448,255</u>
13	Total	2,804,812,586	2,815,340,170
14	Sec. 29. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.603 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health		
16	Grants	<u>1,157,775</u>	<u>1,774,148</u>
17	Total	1,157,775	1,774,148
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	748,314	274,148
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
21	Total	1,157,775	1,774,148

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

2 Sec. B.608 Total higher education

3 Source of funds

4	General fund	128,339,478	127,865,312
5	Education fund	41,225	41,225
6	Global Commitment fund	409,461	<u>1,500,000</u>
7	Total	128,790,164	129,406,537

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

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

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

14 Source of funds

15	General fund	7,173,206	7,603,314
16	Special funds	370,644	385,694
17	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090	10,921,090
18	Federal funds	9,793,589	10,003,724
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,385,460</u>	<u>1,385,460</u>
20	Total	29,643,989	30,299,282

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

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

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

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	193,565	193,565
9	Special funds	26,236,633	29,736,633
10	Federal funds	14,342,090	14,342,090
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>167,054</u>	<u>167,054</u>
12	Total	40,939,342	44,439,342

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

14 Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

15 Source of funds

16	General fund	37,999,582	38,429,690
17	Special funds	79,971,986	83,487,036
18	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090	10,921,090
19	Federal funds	93,077,302	93,287,437
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,215,308</u>	<u>13,215,308</u>
21	Total	235,185,268	239,340,561

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

2 Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce
3 and community development - administration

4	Personal services	2,610,304	2,510,304
5	Operating expenses	982,307	982,307
6	Grants	<u>539,820</u>	<u>539,820</u>
7	Total	4,132,431	4,032,431

8 Source of funds

9	General fund	3,666,442	3,566,442
10	Federal funds	351,000	351,000
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>114,989</u>	<u>114,989</u>
12	Total	4,132,431	4,032,431

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

14 Sec. B.802 Housing and community development

15	Personal services	6,428,334	6,528,334
16	Operating expenses	705,584	705,584
17	Grants	<u>23,739,005</u>	<u>25,967,039</u>
18	Total	30,872,923	33,200,957

19 Source of funds

20	General fund	5,031,943	5,131,943
21	Special funds	6,937,054	9,165,088

1	Federal funds	15,854,615	15,854,615
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,049,311</u>	<u>3,049,311</u>
3	Total	30,872,923	33,200,957

4 Sec. 36. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.813 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development

6	Source of funds		
7	General fund	21,222,221	21,222,221
8	Special funds	32,106,330	34,334,364
9	Federal funds	93,013,297	93,013,297
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,062,973</u>	<u>5,062,973</u>
11	Total	151,404,821	153,632,855

12 Sec. 37. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1000 is amended to read:

13 Sec. B.1000 Debt service

14	Operating expenses	75,705,398	<u>675,000</u>
15	Total	75,705,398	675,000

16 Source of funds

17	General fund	75,377,993	675,000
18	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>	<u>0</u>
19	Total	75,705,398	675,000

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

21 Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

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

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

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

7 APPROPRIATIONS

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

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11 (4) \$30,000,000 General Fund to be used as Federal Emergency
12 Management Agency (FEMA) matching funds for costs incurred due to the
13 July 2023 flooding event.

14 (5) \$10,000,000 General Fund for grants to municipalities in counties
15 that were impacted by the July 2023 flooding event and are eligible for Federal
16 Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance funds under
17 federal disaster declaration DR-4720-VT.

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

1 (1) ~~\$725,000~~ \$600,000 General Fund to fund ~~seven~~ six new permanent
2 full-time positions in the Operations division in fiscal year 2024. These
3 position costs shall be funded through the Department of Human Resources –
4 Internal Service Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025;

5 (2) ~~\$75,000~~ \$200,000 General Fund to fund ~~one~~ two new permanent
6 full-time ~~position~~ positions in the VTHR Operations division in fiscal year
7 2024. This position cost shall be funded through the ~~Department of Human~~
8 ~~Resources~~ Financial Management – Internal Service Fund beginning in fiscal
9 year 2025; and

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11 (d) ~~\$200,000 General Fund to the~~ Department of Libraries in. In fiscal year
12 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

13 (1) \$200,000 General Fund to support the FiberConnect project relating
14 to Internet access in public libraries; and

15 (2) \$11,500 General Fund for contract costs incurred in support of the
16 Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont pursuant to 2021 Acts
17 and Resolves No. 66, Sec. 1.

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19 (i) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2024, funds
20 are appropriated for the following:

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

5 (2) \$1,070,000 General Fund for replacement of the existing Food
6 Safety Inspection Database; ~~and~~

7 (3) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Salvation Farms to expand
8 access to locally grown food for all Vermonters; and

9 (4) \$6,000,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State
10 Fiscal Recovery Fund for water quality grants to partners and farmers, in
11 accordance with the Clean Water Board’s fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024
12 budget recommendations and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec.
13 G.700(a)(6)(A).

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15 (j) Department of Mental Health. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
16 appropriated for the following:

17 (1) \$166,000 General Fund for a grant to the Howard Center to support
18 the Cultural Liaison Program; and

19 (2) \$105,000 General Fund to the Department of Mental Health in fiscal
20 year 2024 for expediting competency and sanity evaluations.

1 (k) Green Mountain Care Board. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
2 appropriated for the following:

3 (1) \$620,000 General Fund for costs associated with the implementation
4 of the Vermont Health Care Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System
5 (VHCURES) database; and

6 ~~(2) \$120,500 General Fund for the implementation of a new financial~~
7 ~~database solution; and~~

8 ~~(3) \$50,000 General Fund for the development of the statutorily required~~
9 Health Resources Allocation Plan Tool.

10 (l) Agency of Human Services Central Office. In fiscal year 2024, funds
11 are appropriated for the following:

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13 (3) \$10,000,000 General Fund to continue to address the emergent and
14 exigent circumstances impacting health care providers following the COVID-
15 19 pandemic. All or a portion of these funds may also be used as matching
16 funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment Program to
17 provide state match. If funds are used as matching funds to the Agency of
18 Human Services Global Commitment Program to provide state match, the
19 commensurate amount of Global Commitment Fund spending authority may
20 be requested during the Global Commitment Transfer process pursuant to 2023
21 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.301.1;

1 (4) \$255,000 General Fund for a subgrant to the United Way of
2 Lamoille County to expand resource coordination for employee stability
3 through its Working Bridges Program;

4 (5) \$671,000 General Fund to the State Refugee Office for grants to
5 support transitional housing for refugees; and

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

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

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14 (7) \$5,000,000 General Fund for the purpose of supporting the
15 Community Violence Prevention Program established by legislation enacted in
16 2023. An amount not to exceed five percent of this appropriation may be used
17 for the administrative costs of the program, including the funding of an
18 existing limited service position at the Department of Health. Unexpended
19 appropriations shall carry forward into the subsequent fiscal year and remain
20 available for use for this purpose. All or part of this appropriation may be
21 transferred to the Department of Health for this Program if necessary;

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

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

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

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(9) \$130,000 General Fund for a grant to the Snelling Center to restart the Early Childhood Education Leadership Program; ~~and~~

(10) \$300,000 General Fund for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont to provide education regarding the prevention of unsafe infant sleep and to expand programming and support services regarding child abuse often related to parental substance misuse;

1 (11) \$13,204,802 General Fund for emergency housing needs through
2 the end of fiscal year 2024; and

3 (12) \$4,000,000 General Fund for standing up shelters in five
4 communities.

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6 (r) Agency of Education. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the
7 following:

8 (1) \$200,000 General Fund in ~~fiscal year 2024 to the Agency of~~
9 Education for the work of the School Construction Task Force; and

10 (2) \$1,924,495 Education Fund to hold Local Education Agencies
11 harmless for the Special Education Census Block Grant miscalculation.

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13 (v) Public Service Department. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
14 for the following:

15 (1) \$500,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to upgrade and
16 expand the ePSD case management system;

17 (2) \$400,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to complete
18 the Telecom Plan Update scheduled for June 2024; ~~and~~

19 (3) \$300,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to craft policy
20 proposals to reform and streamline electric sector policy; and

1 (4) \$20,000,000 General Fund for the appropriation established in 2022
2 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100(a)(28), as amended by 2023 Acts and
3 Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45, to replenish the \$20,000,000 of General Fund
4 spending authority transferred by the Emergency Board on July 31, 2023, per
5 32 V.S.A. §§ 133(b) and 706(2), as directed by order of the Emergency Board
6 under Item 5(a) – Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

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8 (x) Judiciary. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

9 (1) \$300,000 General Fund for the Essex County Courthouse renovation
10 planning; and

11 (2)(A) \$4,680,000 General Fund to the Judiciary for the Judiciary
12 network replacement project.

13 (B) Judiciary shall update the Joint Information Technology
14 Oversight Committee on the status of this project on or before December 1,
15 2023.

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

19 (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund to grant to meal providers that provide
20 meals to seniors with low income; and

1 (2) \$450,000 General Fund to the Department of Disabilities, Aging,
2 ~~and Independent Living~~ to continue the SASH pilot for another year.

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

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

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8 (b) Youth workforce and high school completion.

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

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16 (d) Healthcare and social services workforce.

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

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(4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the ~~Department of Mental Health~~ Agency of Human Services to address workforce needs at the designated and specialized services agencies. These funds shall not be released until a plan to meet training and retention is mutually agreed upon by the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and the designated and specialized services agencies and approved by the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the legislature is not in session. All or a portion of these funds may be used as matching funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment program to provide State match if any part of the plan is eligible to draw federal funds. It is the intent of the General Assembly to maximize the value of this one-time funding through eligible Global Commitment investment.

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

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(g) Agriculture Economic Development.

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1 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of ~~\$6,900,000~~ \$7,152,203 General
2 Fund is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to fund
3 Agriculture Development Grants for the Organic Dairy Farm Assistance
4 Program. Farms eligible for assistance and operating when they timely filed a
5 complete application in calendar year 2023 shall be eligible for an award under
6 the Program.

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

9 Sec. B.1102 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT – FISCAL

10 YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

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12 (c) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$400,000 General Fund is
13 appropriated to the Department for Children and Families Office of Economic
14 Opportunity for grants for rental housing stabilization services pursuant to
15 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 43.

16 (d) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,025,000 General Fund is
17 appropriated to the Agency of Human Services for grants for the Tenant
18 Representation Pilot Program pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec.
19 44.

20 (e) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 General Fund is
21 appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a

1 grant to the Vermont State Housing Authority for the Rent Arrears Assistance
2 Fund pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 45.

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

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

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

1 (2) ~~\$40,000,000~~ \$44,500,000 to provide support and enhance capacity
2 for the production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing
3 and homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes
4 and communities, permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness,
5 recovery residences, and housing available to farm workers and refugees. The
6 Board is authorized to utilize up to 10 percent of these resources for innovative
7 approaches to helping communities meet their housing needs.

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

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

10 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

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12 (h) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 General Fund is
13 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
14 Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act as codified in
15 10 V.S.A. chapter 159. Funds shall be used for ~~the~~ assessment and cleanup
16 planning for a ~~maximum~~ of ~~25~~ brownfields sites.

17 * * *

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

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

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

3 RETIRED TEACHERS' COST OF LIVING PAYMENT

4 (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025
5 to the contrary, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State
6 Teachers' Retirement System from the Education Fund for Calendar Year
7 2023 supplemental payments made in Sec. E.514.2(b) of this act and
8 associated costs and to fund the present value of modifications to the
9 postretirement adjustments allowance.

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

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

17 * * *

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

19 § 161. REQUIREMENTS ON STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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1 (b) Each contract awarded under this section for any State project with a
2 construction cost exceeding \$100,000.00, a construction project with a
3 construction cost exceeding \$200,000.00 that is authorized and is at least
4 50 percent funded by a capital construction act pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 701a,
5 or a construction project with a construction cost exceeding \$200,000.00 that is
6 at least 50 percent funded by the Cash Fund for Capital ~~Infrastructure~~ and
7 ~~Other~~ Essential Investments established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001~~b~~ shall provide
8 that all construction employees working on the project shall be paid not less
9 than the mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont
10 Department of Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey plus an
11 additional fringe benefit of 42 and one-half percent of wage, as calculated by
12 the current Vermont prevailing wage survey. As used in this section, “fringe
13 benefits” means benefits, including paid vacations and holidays, sick leave,
14 employer contributions and reimbursements to health insurance and retirement
15 benefits, and similar benefits that are incidents of employment.

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

17 Sec. C.108 RESERVES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND
18 JOBS ACT (IIJA) MATCH

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20 (b) To the extent available in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, the amount of
21 \$14,500,000 is reserved in the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and

1 Reserves subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments,
2 from the transfer provided in subdivision D.101(a)(10)(D)(ii) of this act, to
3 provide the State match in fiscal years 2025 and 2026 needed for federal
4 funding for water and wastewater related projects under the IIJA. These funds
5 shall only be expended if authorized by the General Assembly.

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

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

9 (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, to the extent any fund
10 specified in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. D.101(b)(2) as amended by
11 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 48 has ~~an~~ a remaining unobligated fund
12 balance in fiscal year 2023 after the transfers to the General Fund are made, the
13 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer to the subaccount
14 created under 32 V.S.A. 1001b(b)(2) the respective fiscal year 2023
15 unobligated special fund balances. The Commissioner shall report the amounts
16 transferred pursuant to this provision to the Joint Fiscal Committee in July
17 2023.

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

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

2 APPROPRIATIONS

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

7 (1) Up to \$1,000,000 shall be available for the retention of technical
8 experts to assist the Public Safety Communications Task Force with the
9 analysis and planning required by ~~Sec. C.112 of this act~~ 2023 Acts and
10 Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.114 and to fund the administrative expenses incurred
11 by the Public Safety Communications Task Force. If the Task Force
12 determines ~~in calendar year 2023~~ that additional funding is necessary to
13 achieve its purposes, it may submit a request to the Joint Fiscal Committee.
14 The Joint Fiscal Committee is authorized to approve up to an additional
15 \$1,000,000.

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

19 (3) Any remaining amounts not obligated pursuant to subdivisions
20 (1) and (2) of this subsection (b) shall ~~be held in reserve~~ remain unobligated

1 and unexpended until approval to expend the funds is authorized by further
2 enactment of the General Assembly.

3 (4) ~~It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of~~
4 ~~Public Safety~~ In order to extract the greatest value from the limited State and
5 federal dollars currently available for public safety communications
6 modernization, it is the intent of the General Assembly that all such funding is
7 expended in an efficient and complementary manner. To that end, the
8 Commissioner of Public Safety shall seek to draw and deploy the \$9,000,000
9 in Congressionally Directed Spending to support Vermont's transition to a
10 modernized, regional communications network in a manner that coordinates
11 with and advances, to the greatest extent possible, the goals of a statewide
12 public safety communications system developed by the Public Safety
13 Communications Task Force. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall
14 ~~consult with~~ promptly inform the Public Safety Communications Task Force as
15 ~~the~~ federal parameters for expending the funds become available and as the
16 Commissioner develops a and, if necessary, revises the plan to expend such
17 funds. The Commissioner shall solicit recommendations from the Task Force
18 regarding the plan, including any revisions to the plan, the implementation
19 schedule, and specific expenditures. In addition, the Commissioner shall
20 update the Joint Fiscal Committee on planned expenditures.

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

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

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

8 Sec. C.120 ~~BALANCE RESERVE UNRESERVED; RESERVED FOR~~
9 ~~VCBB~~

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

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

20 ~~(1) In the fiscal year 2024 budget adjustment act, any funds reserved,~~
21 ~~but not required, for the purpose described in Sec. C.120(b) of this act shall be~~

1 ~~unreserved and reserved within the General Fund Balance Reserve established~~
2 ~~by 32 V.S.A. § 308e [Repealed].~~

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

4 Sec. C.123 HOUSING TRANSITION; RESOURCES FOR
5 COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY RESPONSE

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

14 (1) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to
15 reallocate General Fund appropriations made to the ~~Vermont Housing and~~
16 ~~Conservation Board in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45 Department of~~
17 ~~Corrections in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.338.~~ In exchange, the
18 Secretary of Administration shall provide an amount equal to the reallocation
19 amount to the ~~Vermont Housing and Conservation Board from the federal~~
20 ~~funds appropriated through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which~~

1 ~~was originally approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to Grant~~
2 ~~Request #3034.~~

3 ~~(2) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to~~
4 ~~reallocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal~~
5 ~~Recovery Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in 2021 Acts~~
6 ~~and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300(a)(31), as amended by 2022 Acts and~~
7 ~~Resolves No. 83, Sec. 68 Department of Corrections from American Rescue~~
8 ~~Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds appropriated to~~
9 ~~the Agency of Human Services in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec.~~
10 ~~G.300(a)(31), as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 68.~~

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

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

14 TRANSFER TAX

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

19 (1) The sum of \$560,000 is ~~appropriated~~ allocated from the Current Use
20 Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of
21 the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),

1 amounts in excess of \$560,000 from the property transfer tax deposited into the
2 Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General
3 Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 PLANNING FUNDS

15 (a) ~~It is the intent of the General Assembly that an amount not to exceed~~
16 \$500,000 of the planning funds provided in Sec. D.100 of this act shall be used
17 for municipal bylaw modernization.

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

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

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

1 (1) From the General Fund to:

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3 (E) the Fire Prevention/Building Inspection Special Fund (21901):
4 \$1,500,000.00; and

5 (F) the Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (21909):
6 \$3,600,000.00;

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

8 (H) the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (21555):
9 \$6,000,000.00;

10 (I) the Act 250 Permit Fund (21260): \$120,300.00;

11 (J) the General Government Projects Fund (31100): \$139.24;

12 (K) the Protection Projects Fund (31200): \$1,180,584.31;

13 (L) the Natural Resources Projects Fund (31500): \$2,127,949.51;

14 (M) the Commerce and Community Development Projects Fund
15 (31600): \$545,295.85; and

16 (N) the General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (35100):
17 \$71,202,993.

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19 (4) From the Transportation Fund to:

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

4 (B) the General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (35100):
5 \$327,405.

6 (5) From the Waste Management Assistance Fund (21285) to:

7 (A) the Environmental Contingency Fund (21275): \$3,500,000.

8 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
9 2024:

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

12	22005 AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts	\$4,641,960
13	50300 Liquor Control Fund	\$21,200,000
14	<u>50250 Sports Wagering Fund</u>	\$1,204,000 <u>\$3,200,000</u>
15	Caledonia Fair	\$5,000
16	North Country Hospital Loan Repayment	\$24,047
17	Springfield Hospital Promissory Note Repayment	\$121,416
18	<u>21970 Registration Fees Fund</u>	<u>\$605,273.01</u>
19	<u>21064 Financial Institutions Supervision Fund</u>	<u>\$4,024,748</u>

20 (2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of
21 unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred to the General Fund. The

1 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report to the Joint Fiscal
2 Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred from each fund
3 and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency, office, or department
4 reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory requirements.

5 21638 AG-Fees and reimbursement
6 – Court order \$1,000,000 \$4,000,000
7 621000 Unclaimed Property Fund ~~\$3,270,225~~ \$4,806,692

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9 (3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.228,
10 ~~\$60,044,000~~ \$57,667,840 of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance
11 Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory
12 and Supervision Fund (21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision
13 Fund (21080) shall be transferred to the General Fund.

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

18 3400004000 Agency of Human Services –
19 ~~Secretary's Office~~ – Global Commitment \$15,103,683

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

4	<u>1130892201</u>	<u>Lib – Working Group Per Diem</u>	<u>\$11,550.00</u>
5	<u>1140070000</u>	<u>Use Tax Reimbursement Program</u>	<u>\$120,096.98</u>
6	<u>1140330000</u>	<u>Renter Rebates</u>	<u>\$943,487.35</u>
7	<u>1150891901</u>	<u>Electric Vehicle Charge</u>	<u>\$4,412.78</u>
8	<u>1250010000</u>	<u>Auditor of Accounts</u>	<u>\$21,067.71</u>
9	<u>1260010000</u>	<u>Office of the Treasurer</u>	<u>\$110,821.00</u>
10	<u>2110010000</u>	<u>Assigned Counsel</u>	<u>\$3.37</u>
11	<u>2120892203</u>	<u>JUD – County Courthouse HVAC</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
12	<u>2130200000</u>	<u>Sheriffs</u>	<u>\$29,880.53</u>
13	<u>2130400000</u>	<u>SIUS Parent Account</u>	<u>\$167,678.27</u>
14	<u>2130500000</u>	<u>Crime Victims Advocates</u>	<u>\$18,465.95</u>
15	<u>2150010000</u>	<u>Military – Administration</u>	<u>\$100,782.00</u>
16	<u>2160892102</u>	<u>CCVS-BCJC for St Jo’s Orphan</u>	<u>\$88.00</u>
17	<u>2200010000</u>	<u>Administration Division</u>	<u>\$389,654.70</u>
18	<u>2230892202</u>	<u>SOS – One-Time FY22 Election Cost</u>	<u>\$171,400.78</u>
19	<u>2320020000</u>	<u>Liquor Enforcement & Licensing</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
20	<u>3150070000</u>	<u>Mental Health</u>	<u>\$2,772,735.17</u>
21	<u>3310000000</u>	<u>Commission on Women</u>	<u>\$11,173.77</u>

1	<u>3330010000</u>	<u>Green Mountain Care Board</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
2	<u>3400001000</u>	<u>Secretary's Office Admin Costs</u>	<u>\$475,775.00</u>
3	<u>3400004000</u>	<u>Global Commitment</u>	<u>\$11,676,230.24</u>
4	<u>3400010000</u>	<u>Human Services Board</u>	<u>\$110,000.00</u>
5	<u>3400892109</u>	<u>St Match – Act 155 4(a),5(a)</u>	<u>\$34,350.00</u>
6	<u>3400892203</u>	<u>AHSCO – COVID-19 Emergent/Exigen</u>	<u>\$4,868,985.74</u>
7	<u>3400892205</u>	<u>AHSCO – Workforce Recruitment</u>	<u>\$4,367,147.39</u>
8	<u>3400892312</u>	<u>AHSCO – VT Nursing Forgivable Loan</u>	<u>\$13,403.00</u>
9	<u>3410018000</u>	<u>DVHA – Medicaid-Non-Waiver Program</u>	<u>\$525,610.73</u>
10	<u>3420060000</u>	<u>Substance Use Programs</u>	<u>\$119,130.89</u>
11	<u>3440010000</u>	<u>DCFS – Admin & Support Services</u>	<u>\$2,595,167.55</u>
12	<u>3440020000</u>	<u>DCFS – Family Services</u>	<u>\$2,864,970.25</u>
13	<u>3440030000</u>	<u>DCFS – Child Development</u>	<u>\$3,131,063.24</u>
14	<u>3440050000</u>	<u>DCFS – AABD</u>	<u>\$451,263.27</u>
15	<u>3440060000</u>	<u>DCFS – General Assistance</u>	<u>\$1,414,739.60</u>
16	<u>3440080000</u>	<u>DCFS – Reach Up</u>	<u>\$979,674.76</u>
17	<u>3440100000</u>	<u>DCFS – OEO Office of Economic Opp.</u>	<u>\$273,038.00</u>
18	<u>3440120000</u>	<u>DCFS – Secure Res. Treatment</u>	<u>\$2,752,270.00</u>
19	<u>3440130000</u>	<u>DCFS – DDS</u>	<u>\$80,299.43</u>
20	<u>3440891908</u>	<u>Weatherization Assist Bridge</u>	<u>\$1,892.85</u>
21	<u>3440892214</u>	<u>DCF – Childcare Provider Workforce</u>	<u>\$2,879,549.25</u>

1	<u>3440892309</u>	<u>DCF – Worker Retention Grant</u>	<u>\$564,500.00</u>
2	<u>3480007000</u>	<u>Corrections – Justice Reinvest</u>	<u>\$831,964.28</u>
3	<u>4100500000</u>	<u>VT Department of Labor</u>	<u>\$2,400,000.00</u>
4	<u>5100010000</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$0.03</u>
5	<u>5100060000</u>	<u>Adult Basic Education</u>	<u>\$136.13</u>
6	<u>5100892214</u>	<u>AOA – School Food Program Admin</u>	<u>\$50,670.70</u>
7	<u>5100892301</u>	<u>AOE – Child Nutrition</u>	<u>\$244,648.60</u>
8	<u>5100892309</u>	<u>AOE – Staffing</u>	<u>\$146,649.08</u>
9	<u>6100040000</u>	<u>Property Tax Assessment Approp.</u>	<u>\$9,542.14</u>
10	<u>6130030000</u>	<u>Parks</u>	<u>\$3.85</u>
11	<u>6130891903</u>	<u>Logger Safety, Value Added</u>	<u>\$108.51</u>
12	<u>6140040000</u>	<u>Water Programs Appropriation</u>	<u>\$0.20</u>
13	<u>7110010000</u>	<u>Housing & Community Development</u>	<u>\$1.86</u>
14	<u>7120010000</u>	<u>Economic Development</u>	<u>\$0.71</u>
15	<u>7130000000</u>	<u>Dept. of Tourism & Marketing</u>	<u>\$230.47</u>
16	<u>(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year</u>		
17	<u>2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Transportation Fund from the</u>		
18	<u>accounts indicated:</u>		
19	<u>1150400000</u>	<u>BGS – Information Centers</u>	<u>\$183,952.35</u>

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

4 8100001100 Program Development \$3,239,445.00

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

8 5100010000 Administration \$1,280,710.79

9 5100110000 Small School Grant \$391,067.00

10 5100200000 Education – Technical Education \$1,204,216.38

11 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
12 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Clean Water Fund from the
13 accounts indicated:

14 1100010000 Secretary of Administration \$100,000.00

15 (6) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
16 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the American Rescue Plan Act
17 (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund from the accounts

18 indicated:

19 6140892207 Department of Environmental Conservation

20 – Clean Water Board \$6,000,000.00

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

4 3400891802 Invest Substance Use Treat \$1,500,000

5 3400891803 Finance Substance Use Treat \$724,241.80

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7 Sec. 55. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.100 is amended to read:

8 Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

9 (a) The establishment of ~~68~~ 75 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal
10 year 2024 for the following:

11 (1) Permanent classified positions:

12 * * *

13 (R) Department for Children and Families:

14 (i) five Family Service Workers;

15 (S) Cannabis Control Board:

16 (i) one Compliance Agent; and

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

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

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

20 SPECIAL FUND; AUTHORIZATIONS

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

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

10 * * *

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

12 § 3306. TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND

13 (a) Creation. There is created the Technology Modernization Special Fund,
14 to be administered by the Agency of Digital Services. Monies in the Fund
15 shall be used to fund business process transformation and to purchase,
16 implement, and upgrade technology platforms, systems, and cybersecurity
17 services used by State agencies and departments to carry out their statutory
18 functions.

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1 Sec. 58. AGENCY OF ADMINISTRATION; ENTERPRISE RESOURCE
2 PLANNING

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

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

8 Sec. E.111.2 TAX COMPUTER SYSTEM MODERNIZATION FUND
9 TRANSFER

10 (a) Any remaining funds on June 30, 2023 in the Tax Computer System
11 Modernization Fund established by 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 282,
12 and amended from time to time, shall ~~be deposited into~~ remain in the fund
13 ~~established as codified~~ by 32 V.S.A. § 3209.

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

15 Sec. E.131.2 TREASURER; STATE RESERVES STUDY

16 (a) Report. On or before December 15, 2024, the Treasurer shall, in
17 consultation with the Department of Finance and Management and the Joint
18 Fiscal Office, submit a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on the
19 State’s fiscal reserve practices and the fiscal reserve practices of other states.
20 The report shall include a review of:

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

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

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

6 (4) the cash reserve policies of the State as it compares to reserve
7 requirements.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 PROGRAM PILOT; FUND SOURCES

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

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

8 Sec. E.301 SECRETARY’S OFFICE – GLOBAL COMMITMENT

9 * * *

10 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a
11 total estimated sum of ~~\$25,231,644~~ \$25,050,921 is anticipated to be certified as
12 State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

13 * * *

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

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

19 Sec. E.312 HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH

20 (a) HIV/AIDS funding:

21 * * *

1	Personal services	5,321,306	<u>5,212,164</u>
2	Operating expenses	673,807	<u>671,358</u>
3	Grants	77,056,152	<u>27,259,532</u>
4	Total	83,051,265	<u>33,143,054</u>
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	4,065,708	4,065,708
7	Special funds	7,204,966	7,747,606
8	Federal funds	68,364,457	<u>18,456,246</u>
9	Interdepartmental transfers	2,873,494	2,873,494
10	Total	83,051,265	<u>33,143,054</u>

11 Sec. 67. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2023

12 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45 is further amended to read:

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

14 APPROPRIATIONS

15 (a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriated from the General Fund for

16 new and ongoing initiatives as follows:

17 * * *

18 (38) \$30,000 to the Department of Health ~~for a grant to~~ enter into an

19 agreement with the American Heart Association for CPR and First Aid

20 Training kits to facilitate training in schools.

21 * * *

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

3 (a) Reversion. In fiscal year 2023, of the amounts appropriated in 2021
4 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300(a)(13) and 2021 Acts and Resolves
5 No. 9, Sec. 3(b)(1), from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) –
6 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Agency of Commerce and
7 Community Development for the Economic Recovery Grant Program,
8 ~~\$25,042,000.00~~ \$24,980,874.93 shall revert to the American Rescue Plan Act
9 (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

10 Sec. 69. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 22, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION; COMMUNITY NEEDLE AND SYRINGE
12 DISPOSAL PROGRAMS

13 ~~in~~ Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2024,
14 \$150,000.00 is ~~authorized~~ appropriated from the Evidence-Based Education
15 and Advertising Fund ~~in~~ established by 33 V.S.A. § 2004a to the Department
16 of Health’s Division of Substance Use Programs to provide grants and
17 consultations for municipalities, hospitals, community health centers, and other
18 publicly available community needle and syringe disposal programs that
19 participated in a stakeholder meeting pursuant to Sec. 2 of this act.

1 Sec. 70. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 22, Sec. 14 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 14. APPROPRIATION; OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL FUND

3 In fiscal year 2023, the following monies shall be appropriated from the
4 Opioid Abatement Special Fund pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4774:

5 * * *

6 (9) All appropriations made in this section shall carry forward into fiscal
7 year 2024 unless reverted as part of the fiscal year 2024 budget adjustment act.

8 Sec. 71. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.600(b), as amended by 2023
9 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 85, and 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 62, Sec.
10 26, is further amended to read:

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

15 * * *

16 (4) ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$3,500,000 to the Agency of Transportation to grant to
17 the Community Action Agencies to support the MileageSmart Program,
18 established in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34, as amended.

19 (5) ~~\$2,350,000.00~~ \$1,850,000 to the Agency of Transportation for the
20 Replace Your Ride Program, established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55,
21 Sec. 27, as amended.

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

Sec. 17. PRACTICAL NURSE; WORKFORCE FUNDING

(a) Due to the increasing challenge of the pandemic on the health professions, the sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to ~~open 40 to 45 seats in the Practical Nurse Program in partnership with skilled nursing facilities across the State to upskill existing staff to achieve certification as a practical nurse~~ purchase nursing simulation equipment to expand nursing student enrollment capacity and address the critical nursing shortage facing Vermont. These funds shall be used as follows:

- (1) Up to \$500,000.00 for administrative and start-up costs for Vermont Technical College.
- (2) Up to \$260,000.00 in incentive payments in the amount of \$6,000.00 per student to offset lost income during enrollment in the Program.
- (3) All remaining funds shall be allocated for tuition and fees payments for required prerequisite courses at Community College of Vermont and for the Practical Nurse Program at Vermont Technical College after available federal and State financial aid is applied to ensure no cost to the student.

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

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

5 § 6083a. ACT 250 FEES

6 (a) All applicants for a land use permit under section 6086 of this title shall
7 be directly responsible for the costs involved in the publication of notice in a
8 newspaper of general circulation in the area of the proposed development or
9 subdivision and the costs incurred in recording any permit or permit
10 amendment in the land records. In addition, applicants shall be subject to each
11 of the following fees for each individual permit or permit application for the
12 purpose of compensating the State of Vermont for the direct and indirect costs
13 incurred with respect to the administration of the Act 250 program:

14 * * *

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

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

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

19 § 1001. REPORTS TO COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

20 * * *

1 (b) Public health records developed or acquired by State or local public
2 health agencies that relate to HIV or AIDS and that contain either personally
3 identifying information or information that may indirectly identify a person
4 shall be confidential and only disclosed following notice to and written
5 authorization from the individual subject of the public health record or the
6 individual's legal representative. Notice otherwise required pursuant to this
7 section shall not be required for disclosures to the federal government; other
8 departments, agencies, or programs of the State; or other states' infectious
9 disease surveillance programs if the disclosure is for the purpose of comparing
10 the details of potentially duplicative case reports, public health surveillance, or
11 epidemiological follow-up, provided the information shall be shared using the
12 least identifying information first so that the individual's name shall be used
13 only as a last resort.

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

16 § 3511. DEFINITIONS

17 As used in this chapter:

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19 (7) "Family child care home" means a child care facility that provides
20 care on a regular basis in the caregiver's own residence ~~for not more than 10~~
21 ~~children at any one time. Of this number, up to six children may be provided~~

1 ~~care on a full-time basis and the remainder on a part-time basis. As used in this~~
2 ~~subdivision, care of a child on a part-time basis shall mean care of a school-age~~
3 ~~child for not more than four hours a day. These limits shall not include children~~
4 ~~who reside in the residence of the caregiver, except:~~

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

8 ~~(B) During the school summer vacation, up to 12 children may be~~
9 ~~cared for provided that at least six of these children are of school age and a~~
10 ~~second staff person is present and on duty when the number of children in~~
11 ~~attendance exceeds six. These limits shall not include children who are~~
12 ~~required by law to attend school (seven years of age and older) and who reside~~
13 ~~in the residence of the caregiver.~~

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

16 CHAPTER 61. MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT LOAN FUND

17 * * *

18 § 1602. APPLICATION; LOANS; CONDITIONS

19 (a) Upon application of a municipality or two or more municipalities
20 applying jointly, the State Treasurer may loan money from the Fund to that
21 municipality or municipalities for the purchase of equipment. Purchases of

1 equipment eligible for loans from the Fund shall have a useful life of at least
2 five years and a purchase price of at least \$20,000.00 but shall not be eligible
3 for loans in excess of ~~\$110,000.00~~ \$150,000.00 from this Fund.

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

10 (c) The rates of interest shall be as established by this section to assist
11 municipalities in purchasing equipment upon terms more favorable than in the
12 commercial market. Such rates shall be ~~no~~ not more than two percent per
13 annum for a loan to a single municipality, and loans shall bear no interest
14 charge if made to two or more municipalities purchasing equipment jointly.

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

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

2 CHAPTER 18. VT SAVES

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4 § 532. VT SAVES PROGRAM; ESTABLISHMENT

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6 (c) Contributions.

7 (1) Unless otherwise specified by the covered employee, a covered
8 employee shall automatically initially contribute five percent of the covered
9 employee's ~~salary or~~ wages to the Program. A covered employee may elect to
10 opt out of the Program at any time or contribute at any higher or lower rate,
11 expressed as a percentage of ~~salary or~~ wages, or, as permitted by the Treasurer,
12 expressed as a flat dollar amount, subject in all cases to the IRA contribution
13 and eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code at no
14 additional charge.

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

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§ 535. PENALTIES

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

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

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

Sec. 2. VT SAVES; IMPLEMENTATION

(a) Subject to an appropriation from the General Assembly, the State Treasurer shall implement the VT Saves Program (Program), established in 3

1 V.S.A. chapter 18, ~~as follows:~~ in stages as determined by the Treasurer, which
2 may include phasing in the Program based on the size of employers or other
3 factors. The Program shall be implemented so that all covered employees will
4 begin participation and make contributions on or before July 1, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 § 7601. DEFINITIONS

20 As used in this chapter:

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1 (3) The Advisory Committee shall adopt procedures to govern its
2 proceedings and organization, including voting procedures and how the
3 staggered terms shall be apportioned among members.

4 (4) All meetings of the Advisory Committee shall be consistent with
5 Vermont's Open Meeting Law pursuant to 1 V.S.A. chapter 5, subchapter 2.

6 (g) Compensation and reimbursement.

7 (1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General
8 Assembly, a legislative member of the Advisory Committee serving in the
9 member's capacity as a legislator shall be entitled to per diem compensation
10 and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 23 for not more than ~~six~~
11 12 meetings per year. These payments shall be appropriated from the Opioid
12 Abatement Special Fund.

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

17 Sec. 85. [Deleted.]

18 Sec. 86. [Deleted.]

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

20 § 1513. PAYMENT OR DELIVERY OF PROPERTY TO

21 ADMINISTRATOR

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2 (f) If property reported to the Administrator under section 1491 of this title
3 is virtual currency, the holder shall liquidate the virtual currency and remit the
4 proceeds to the Administrator. The liquidation shall occur anytime within
5 30 days prior to the remittance. The owner of the property shall not have
6 recourse against the holder or the Administrator to recover any gain in value
7 that occurs after the liquidation of the virtual currency for property properly
8 reported as set forth in this chapter.

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

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

17 ~~(h)~~(i) A holder is not required to deliver to the Administrator a security
18 identified by the holder as a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable security. If the
19 Administrator or holder determines that a security is no longer a ~~non-freely~~
20 nonfreely transferable security, the holder shall deliver the security on the next
21 regular date prescribed for delivery of securities under this chapter. The holder

1 shall make a determination annually whether a security identified in a report
2 filed under section 1491 of this title as a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable
3 security is no longer a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable security.

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

5 § 3173. MONETARY BENEFIT

6 (a) The survivors of emergency personnel who dies while in the line of
7 duty or from an occupation-related illness may apply for a payment of
8 ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$80,000.00 from the State.

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

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

14 § 1949. POSTRETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIREMENT

15 ALLOWANCES

16 (a) Postretirement adjustments to retirement allowance. On January 1 of
17 each year, the retirement allowance of each beneficiary of the System who is in
18 receipt of a retirement allowance for at least a one-year period as of December
19 31 in the previous year, and who meets the eligibility criteria set forth in this
20 section, shall be adjusted by the amount described in subsection (d) of this

1 section. In no event shall a beneficiary receive a negative adjustment to the
2 beneficiary's retirement allowance.

3 (b) Calculation of net percentage increase. Each year, a determination shall
4 be made of any increase or decrease, to the nearest one-tenth of a percent, in
5 the Consumer Price Index for the month ending on June 30 of that year to the
6 average of the Consumer Price Index for the month ending on June 30 of the
7 previous year.

8 ~~(1) Consumer Price Index; maximum and minimum amounts. Any~~
9 ~~increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index shall be subject to~~
10 ~~adjustment so as to remain within the following maximum and minimum~~
11 ~~amounts:~~

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

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

19 ~~(2) Consumer Price Index; decreases. In the event of a decrease of the~~
20 ~~Consumer Price Index as of June 30 for the preceding year, there shall be no~~

1 adjustment to the retirement allowance of a beneficiary for the subsequent year
2 beginning on January 1; provided, however, that:

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

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

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

17 (c) Eligibility for postretirement adjustment. In order for a beneficiary to
18 receive a postretirement adjustment allowance, the beneficiary must meet the
19 following eligibility requirements:

20 (1) ~~for~~ For any Group A or Group C member eligible for normal
21 retirement, or who is vested deferred, on or before June 30, 2022, the member

1 must be in receipt of a retirement allowance for at least 12 months prior to the
2 January 1 effective date of any postretirement adjustment;~~and~~.

3 (2) ~~for~~ For any Group C member who is first eligible for normal
4 retirement and leaves active service on or after July 1, 2022, the member must
5 be in receipt of a retirement allowance for at least 24 months prior to the
6 January 1 effective date of any postretirement adjustment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 (A) For Group C members eligible for normal retirement or who are
4 vested deferred on or before June 30, 2022, the maximum amount of any
5 adjustment under this section shall be five percent. An adjustment of less than
6 one percent shall be assigned a value of one percent.

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

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

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

16 Sec. 36 MIDDLE-INCOME HOMEOWNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
17 PROGRAM

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

20 (b) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (A) the Agency includes conditions in the subsidy, agreement or uses
21 another legal mechanism, to ensure that, ~~to the extent the home value has risen,~~

1 ~~the amount of the subsidy~~ upon sale of the home, to the extent proceeds are
2 available, the amount of the affordability subsidy either:

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

4 or

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

7 (B) the subsidy is subject to a housing subsidy covenant, as defined
8 in 27 V.S.A. § 610, that preserves the affordability of the home for a period of
9 99 years or longer.

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

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

15 (1) project location;

16 (2) geographic distribution;

17 (3) leveraging of other programs;

18 (4) housing market needs;

19 (5) project characteristics, including whether the project includes the use
20 of existing housing as part of a community revitalization plan;

21 (6) construction standards, including considerations for size;

1 (7) priority for plans with deeper affordability and longer duration of
2 affordability requirements;

3 (8) sponsor characteristics;

4 (9) energy efficiency of the development; and

5 (10) the historic nature of the project.

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

8 (2) The Program shall include:

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

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

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

15 (i) geographic distribution;

16 (ii) community size;

17 (iii) community economic need; and

18 (iv) whether an application has already received an investment or
19 is from an applicant in a community that has already received Program
20 funding.

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

1 ~~(A) that investments awarded are targeted to the geographic~~
2 ~~communities or regions with the most pressing economic and employment~~
3 ~~needs; and~~

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

6 (g) The Agency may assign its rights under any investment or subsidy
7 made under this section to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board or
8 any State agency or nonprofit organization qualifying under 26 U.S.C §
9 501(c)(3), provided such assignee acknowledges and agrees to comply with the
10 provisions of this section.

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

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

1 Sec. 92. UNRESERVED EDUCATION FUNDS; VERMONT STATE

2 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM APPROPRIATION

3 (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025
4 to the contrary, the amount of \$9,100,000 in Education Fund dollars reserved
5 in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.104(a) is unreserved, and the sum of
6 \$9,340,000 in Education Fund dollars is appropriated to the Vermont
7 Teachers' Retirement Fund, established in 16 V.S.A. § 1944, to fund the
8 present value of modifications made to the postretirement adjustments
9 allowance set forth in Sec. 89 of this act.

10 Sec. 93. TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING

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

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

20 (c) On or before the last day of each month from April 2024 through June
21 2024, the Agency of Human Services, or other relevant agency or department,

1 shall continue submitting a substantially similar report to that due pursuant to
2 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b).

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

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

9 (2) Department of Health, Licensed Lodging Establishment Rule (CVR
10 13-140-023); and

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

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

18 (2) If the Agency determines that a contractual arrangement with a
19 licensed hotel or motel operator to secure temporary emergency housing
20 capacity is beneficial to improve the quality, cleanliness, and access to services
21 for those households temporarily housed in the facility, the Agency shall be

1 authorized to enter into such an agreement; provided, however, that in no event
2 shall such an agreement or the negotiations for such an agreement cause a
3 household to become unhoused.

4 (3) In no event shall an agreement under this subsection exceed a rate of
5 \$75 per day per household.

6 Sec. 94. HOME-DELIVERED MEALS

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

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

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

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

15 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that all American Rescue Plan
16 Act funds be obligated on or before December 31, 2024. To the extent to
17 which American Rescue Plan Act funds remain unobligated by November 15,
18 2024, the funds shall revert to the American Rescue Plan Act Fund and be
19 reappropriated in the following order:

20 (1) \$5,000,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community
21 Development for the Vermont Community Development Program. It is the

1 intent of the General Assembly that grants from these funds be made to
2 municipalities in counties that were impacted by the July 2023 flooding event
3 and are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public
4 Assistance funds under federal disaster declaration DR-4720-VT.

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

11 (3) \$25,000,000 to the Department for Housing and Community
12 Development for a grant to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency for the
13 Middle-Income Homeownership Development Program and the Vermont
14 Rental Revolving Loan Fund.

15 (b) As part of the fiscal year 2025 budget process, the Secretary of
16 Administration shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on
17 Appropriations on the first Tuesday of March, April, and May of calendar year
18 2024 on the extent to which American Rescue Plan Act funds remain
19 unobligated.

20 (c) At each meeting of the Joint Fiscal Committee in calendar year 2024,
21 the Secretary of Administration shall report on the extent to which there are

1 unobligated American Rescue Plan Act funds. On or before November 15,
2 2024, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall submit any
3 recommendations on how these funds should be transferred so that they may
4 be obligated on or before December 31, 2024. The Joint Fiscal Committee
5 shall review the Commissioner’s recommendations and may approve the
6 transfer of any unobligated American Rescue Plan Act funds.

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

10 Sec. 1. VERMONT STRONG MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES

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

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

16 (1) ~~The department of motor vehicles (“department”)~~ Department of
17 Motor Vehicles is authorized to design, manufacture or procure, and distribute
18 one or more commemorative plates that include the text “Vermont Strong” in
19 accordance with this section. ~~The department and Vermont Life magazine are~~
20 Department is authorized to sell commemorative plates individually or in
21 conjunction with a bundled promotional item. ~~The department~~ Department

1 may also authorize other persons to sell commemorative plates, provided that
2 such persons are required to pay the ~~department \$25.00~~ Department \$35.00 per
3 plate within 30 days of after receiving the plates from the ~~department~~
4 Department.

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

1 (c) Use. An approved Vermont Strong commemorative plate may be
2 displayed on a motor vehicle registered in Vermont as a pleasure car or on a
3 motor truck registered in Vermont for less than 26,001 pounds ~~(₂~~ but excluding
4 vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan)₂ by covering the
5 front registration plate with the commemorative plate any time from the
6 effective date of this act. The regular front registration plate shall not be
7 removed. The regular rear registration plate shall be in place and clearly
8 visible at all times.

9 (d) Price and allocation of revenue.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 Sec. 97. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 1, as amended by 2012 Acts and
16 Resolves No. 143, Sec. 13, 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 189, Sec. 26, 2017
17 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 24, and Sec. 96 of this act is further amended
18 to read:

19 Sec. 1. VERMONT STRONG MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES

20 (a) [Repealed.]

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

1 (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to design,
2 manufacture or procure, and distribute one or more commemorative plates that
3 include the text “Vermont Strong” in accordance with this section. The
4 Department is authorized to sell commemorative plates ~~individually or in~~
5 ~~conjunction with a bundled promotional item~~. The Department may also
6 authorize other persons to sell commemorative plates, provided that such
7 persons are required to pay the Department \$35.00 per plate within 30 days
8 after receiving the plates from the Department.

9 (2) The Vermont Strong Commemorative Plate Fund is established. The
10 Fund shall be under the control of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or
11 designee, and shall consist of all receipts from the sales of Vermont Strong
12 commemorative plates and bundled promotional items. The Commissioner
13 shall account for all proceeds of sales of commemorative plates and bundled
14 promotional items and all receipts into and disbursements from the Fund; shall
15 track the number of plates and bundled promotional items distributed and sold;
16 and shall track and collect payments owed for plates distributed. The
17 Commissioner shall transfer funds from the Fund in accordance with
18 subsection (d) of this section not less often than once per month. The
19 Department shall report its accounting of Fund receipts and disbursements,
20 plate inventory, and uncollected payments for plates distributed to the House

1 and Senate Committees on Transportation and the Joint Fiscal Committee not
2 later than May 1, 2024.

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4 (d) Price and allocation of revenue.

5 (1) The retail price of the plate shall be \$35.00, except that on or after
6 July 1, 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 \$35.00 shall be
9 allocated as follows:

10 (A) \$5.00 to the Department; and

11 (B) ~~\$15.00~~ \$30.00 to the ~~Vermont Community Foundation~~; and

12 ~~(C) \$15.00 to the Agency of Commerce and Community~~

13 ~~Development's Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program~~ General Fund
14 for natural disaster relief.

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

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

19 (B) 50 percent to the Agency of Commerce and Community

20 Development's Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

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1 (g) Bundled promotional items. The State shall not be involved with the
2 sale of any bundled promotional items.

3 Sec. 98. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

4 REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT

5 (a) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal
6 Committee at each of its scheduled meetings in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 on
7 funding received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
8 Public Assistance Program and associated emergency relief and assistance
9 funds match for the damages due to the July 2023 flooding event. The report
10 shall include:

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

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

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

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

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

3 Sec. 99. CARRYFORWARD AUTHORITY

4 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval
5 of the Secretary of Administration, General, Transportation, Transportation
6 Infrastructure Bond, Education Fund, Clean Water Fund (21932), and
7 Agricultural Water Quality Fund (21933) appropriations remaining
8 unexpended on June 30, 2024 in the Executive Branch shall be carried forward
9 and shall be designated for expenditure.

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

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

18 Sec. 100. EFFECTIVE DATES

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

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

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

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