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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 Vern	nont:
4	Sec. 1. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.2	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	1,591,501	1,591,501
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	1,583,378	1,583,378
16	Total	83,207,282	85,017,282
17	Sec. 2. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.2	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	1,396,315	1,396,315
21	Total	10,520,555	10,620,555

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1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	665,922	765,922
3	Federal funds	9,854,633	9,854,633
4	Total	10,520,555	10,620,555
5	Sec. 3. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78,	Sec. B.240 is amended to	o read:
6	Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board		
7	Personal services	4,829,061	4,917,181
8	Operating expenses	<u>341,631</u>	764,181
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	o read:
14	Sec. B.241 Total protection to person	ns 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

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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 2,895,202 2,895,202 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
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11 Special funds 135,517 135,517
12 Federal funds 11 678 441 12 537 441
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13 Interdepartmental transfers <u>799,142</u> <u>799,142</u>
14 Total 22,380,974 23,698,974
Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:
Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment
17 Grants <u>1,990,896,293</u> <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
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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	1,296,751,720
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,034,170</u>	3,737,210
5	Total	1,990,896,293	2,036,638,399
6	Sec. 7. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78,	Sec. B.306 is amended t	o read:
7	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont h	nealth access - administra	ntion
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>	2,912,301
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>	5,094,452
18	Total	183,872,900	175,193,455
19	Sec. 8. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78,	Sec. B.307 is amended t	o read:
20	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont h	ealth access - Medicaid	program -
21	global commitment		

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1	Personal services	547,983	547,983
2	Grants	932,542,238 93	7,411,761
3	Total	933,090,221 93	7,959,744
4	Source of funds		
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>933,090,221</u> <u>93</u>	7,959,744
6	Total	933,090,221 93	7,959,744
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	<u>53,067,318</u> <u>5</u>	5,742,931
11	Total	53,067,318 5	5,742,931
12	Source of funds		
13	General fund	53,062,626 5	4,861,587
14	Global Commitment fund	<u>4,692</u>	881,344
15	Total	53,067,318 5	5,742,931
16	Sec. 10. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78	, Sec. B.310 is amended to r	ead:
17	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont h	ealth access - Medicaid non	-waiver
18	matched		
19	Grants	<u>34,621,472</u> <u>3</u>	4,672,534
20	Total	34,621,472 3	4,672,534

Source of funds

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1	General fund	12,634,069	12,493,853
2	Federal funds	21,987,403	22,178,681
3	Total	34,621,472	34,672,534
4	Sec. 11. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. I	3.312 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	<u>45,946,724</u>	53,624,870
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. I	3.314 is amended	to read:
20	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health		
21	Personal services	4 7,716,64 4	50,489,379

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1	Operating expenses	5,272,240	5,272,240
2	Grants	264,539,814	264,343,558
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>	14,140
10	Total	317,528,698	320,105,177
11	Sec. 13. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78	S, Sec. B.316 is amended	to read:
12	Sec. B.316 Department for children a	and families - administra	tion & 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>	3,919,106
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

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1	Global Commitment fund	1,659,321	1,784,854
2	Interdepartmental transfers	455,863	455,863
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 a	and families - family serv	vices
6	Personal services	43,987,652	43,987,652
7	Operating expenses	5,180,385	5,180,385
8	Grants	93,421,639	93,703,581
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

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

Interdepartmental transfers

Total

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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 <u>95,860,842</u> <u>99,707,882</u>

<u>37,737</u>

142,871,618

<u>37,737</u>

142,589,676

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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	13,161,771	13,161,771
7	Total	102,342,338	106,189,378
8	Sec. 16. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78	8, Sec. B.320 is amended	to read:
9	Sec. B.320 Department for children	and families - aid to aged	l, blind and
10	disabled		
11	Personal services	2,252,206	2,252,206
12	Grants	<u>10,431,118</u>	11,181,118
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	<u>5,149,991</u>	5,899,991
17	Total	12,683,324	13,433,324
18	Sec. 17. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78	8, 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

Grants

<u>35,536,413</u> <u>36,683,099</u>

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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	2,831,618	3,823,091
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	22,922,275
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>	6,380,466
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, an	d independent living - TBI h	ome and
20	community based waiver		
21	Grants	<u>6,638,028</u>	6,938,028

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

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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 amende	ed to read:
6	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Re	einvestment II	
7	Grants	10,659,519	11,206,413
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 service	ces
16	Personal services	18,187,631	24,284,571
17	Operating expenses	<u>5,978,873</u>	6,813,344
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

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1	Federal funds	<u>8,311,229</u>	7,890,869
2	Total	24,166,504	31,097,915
3	Sec. 24. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, S	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, 9	Sec. B.500 is amended	to read:
17	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and ada	ministration	
18	Personal services	17,683,192	16,733,192
19	Operating expenses	4,387,522	4,407,522
20	Grants	15,270,700	15,270,700
21	Total	37,341,414	36,411,414

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1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	7,415,742 7,465,742	2
3	Special funds	16,575,926 16,595,926	5
4	Education fund	3,486,447 3,486,447	7
5	Federal funds	9,220,942 8,220,942	2
6	Global Commitment fund	260,000 260,000)
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>382,357</u> <u>382,357</u>	<u>7</u>
8	Total	37,341,414 36,411,414	4
9	Sec. 26. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, S	Sec. B.502 is amended to read:	
10	Sec. B.502 Education - special education	on: formula grants	
11	Grants	<u>226,195,600</u> <u>229,821,806</u>	<u>5</u>
12	Total	226,195,600 229,821,806	5
13	Source of funds		
14	Education fund	<u>226,195,600</u> <u>229,821,806</u>	<u>5</u>
15	Total	226,195,600 229,821,806	5
16	Sec. 27. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, S	Sec. B.505 is amended to read:	
17	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted educat	tion payment	
18	Grants	<u>1,703,317,103</u> <u>1,711,148,481</u>	<u>1</u>
19	Total	1,703,317,103 1,711,148,481	1
20	Source of funds		

Education fund

<u>1,703,317,103</u> <u>1,711,148,481</u>

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	n
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	s - 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	8, 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	1,500,000
7	Total	128,790,164	129,406,537
8	Sec. 31. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78	3, Sec. B.702 is amended	to read:
9	Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - suppor	rt and field services	
10	Personal services	21,567,730	22,223,023
11	Operating expenses	7,140,027	7,140,027
12	Grants	936,232	936,232
13	Total	29,643,989	30,299,282
14	Source of funds		
15	General fund	7,173,206	7,603,314
16	Special funds	370,6 44	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	1,385,460	1,385,460
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	4,905,988	4,905,988
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>	167,054
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	13,215,308	13,215,308
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 - admir	nistration	
4	Personal services	2,610,304	2,510,304
5	Operating expenses	982,307	982,307
6	Grants	539,820	539,820
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>	114,989
12	Total	4,132,431	4,032,431
13	Sec. 35. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.802 is amended to read:		to read:
14	Sec. B.802 Housing and commun	nity development	
15	Personal services	6,428,334	6,528,334
16	Operating expenses	705,584	705,584
17	Grants	23,739,005	25,967,039
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

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1	Federal funds	15,854,615	15,854,615
2	Interdepartmental transfers	3,049,311	3,049,311
3	Total	30,872,923	33,200,957
4	Sec. 36. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Se	ec. B.813 is amended	to read:
5	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and communication	nity 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	5,062,973	5,062,973
11	Total	151,404,821	153,632,855
12	Sec. 37. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Se	ec. B.1000 is amende	d to read:
13	Sec. B.1000 Debt service		
14	Operating expenses	75,705,398	675,000
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, Se	ec. B.1001 is amende	d to read:
21	Sec. B.1001 Total debt service		

	0.0.1		
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 t	to read:
6	Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FIS	CAL YEAR 2024 ONE-T	TIME
7	APPROPRIATIONS		
8	(a) Agency of Administration. In fisca	al year 2024, funds are ap	propriated
9	for the following:		
10	* * *	k	
11	(4) \$30,000,000 General Fund to be	e used as Federal Emerge	ncy
12	Management Agency (FEMA) matching to	funds for costs incurred di	ue 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 flood	ling event and are eligible	for Federal
16	Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance funds	under
17	federal disaster declaration DR-4720-VT.		
18	* * *	k	
19	(c) Department of Human Resources.	In fiscal year 2024, funds	s 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
10	* * *
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.
18	* * *
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).
14	* * *
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:
12	* * *
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;

I	(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.
10	* * *
11	(n) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for
12	the following:
13	* * *
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;

1	* * *
2	(o) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
3	appropriated for the following:
4	* * *
5	(3) \$40,000 General Fund the purchase of a driving school vehicle for
6	the Youth Development Program to support foster and former foster youth
7	access to driver's education for the Youth Development Program to fund costs
8	associated with supporting youth in foster care, or formerly in foster care, to
9	learn to drive and to obtain their drivers' licenses and independent
10	transportation;
11	* * *
12	(6) \$3,000,000 \$4,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont
13	Food Bank to support increased capacity of services to meet persistent food
14	insecurity;
15	* * *
16	(9) \$130,000 General Fund for a grant to the Snelling Center to restart
17	the Early Childhood Education Leadership Program; and
18	(10) \$300,000 General Fund for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse
19	Vermont to provide education regarding the prevention of unsafe infant sleep
20	and to expand programming and support services regarding child abuse often
21	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.
5	* * *
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.
12	* * *
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.
7	* * *
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.
16	* * *
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.
3	* * *
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
7	* * *
8	(b) Youth workforce and high school completion.
9	* * *
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.
15	* * *
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.
7	* * *
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
11	* * *
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	<u>44.</u>
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

I	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.

(2) \$40,000,000 \$44,500,000 to provide support and enhance capacity
for the production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing
and homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes
and communities, permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness,
recovery residences, and housing available to farm workers and refugees. The
Board is authorized to utilize up to 10 percent of these resources for innovative
approaches to helping communities meet their housing needs.
Sec. 42. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1103 is amended to read:
Sec. B.1103 CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT – FISCAL YEAR 2024
ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS
* * *
(h) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 General Fund is
appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act as codified in
10 V.S.A. chapter 159. Funds shall be used for the assessment and cleanup
planning for a maximum of 25 brownfields sites.
* * *
(n) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$165,000 General Fund is
appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation to complete the

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
20	* * *

(b) Each contract awarded under this section for any State project with a
construction cost exceeding \$100,000.00, a construction project with a
construction cost exceeding \$200,000.00 that is authorized and is at least
50 percent funded by a capital construction act pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 701a,
or a construction project with a construction cost exceeding \$200,000.00 that is
at least 50 percent funded by the Cash Fund for Capital Infrastructure and
Other Essential Investments established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001 <u>b</u> shall provide
that all construction employees working on the project shall be paid not less
than the mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont
Department of Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey plus an
additional fringe benefit of 42 and one-half percent of wage, as calculated by
the current Vermont prevailing wage survey. As used in this section, "fringe
benefits" means benefits, including paid vacations and holidays, sick leave,
employer contributions and reimbursements to health insurance and retirement
benefits, and similar benefits that are incidents of employment.
Sec. 46. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.108 is amended to read:
Sec. C.108 RESERVES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND
JOBS ACT (IIJA) MATCH
* * *
(b) To the extent available in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, the amount of
\$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.
18	* * *
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
3	* * *
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 <u>Public Safety Communications</u> 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

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

(4) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of
Public Safety In order to extract the greatest value from the limited State and
federal dollars currently available for public safety communications
modernization, it is the intent of the General Assembly that all such funding is
expended in an efficient and complementary manner. To that end, the
Commissioner of Public Safety shall seek to draw and deploy the \$9,000,000
in Congressionally Directed Spending to support Vermont's transition to a
modernized, regional communications network in a manner that coordinates
with and advances, to the greatest extent possible, the goals of a statewide
public safety communications system developed by the Public Safety
Communications Task Force. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall
consult with promptly inform the Public Safety Communications Task Force as
the federal parameters for expending the funds become available and as the
Commissioner develops a and, if necessary, revises the plan to expend such
funds. The Commissioner shall solicit recommendations from the Task Force
regarding the plan, including any revisions to the plan, the implementation
schedule, and specific expenditures. In addition, the Commissioner shall
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.
6	* * *
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 25percent 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. § 308c [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
6	* * *
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	<u>Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds appropriated to</u>
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.
11	* * *
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),

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

- (2) The sum of \$21,462,855 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB). Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of \$21,462,855 from the property transfer tax and surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a that are deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.
- (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the affordable housing bond (10 V.S.A. § 314) shall be offset by the reduction of \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2024 appropriation of \$21,462,855 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board reflects the \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing bond and related property transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the \$1,500,000 reduction in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board should be 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:	
2	* * *	
3	(E) the Fire Prevention/Building Inspection Special Fund (21901)	
4	\$1,500,000 <u>.00</u> ; and	
5	(F) the Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (21909):	
6	\$3,600,000. <u>00;</u>	
7	(G) the State Liability Insurance Fund (56200): \$9,500,000.00;	
8	(H) the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (21555):	
9	<u>\$6,000,000.00;</u>	
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	<u>\$71,202,993</u> .	
18	* * *	
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	<u>\$327,405</u> .			
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	50250 Sports Wagering Fund \$1,204,000 \$3,200,000			
15	Caledonia Fair \$5,000			
16	North Country Hospital Loan Repayment \$24,047			
17	Springfield Hospital Promissory Note Repayment \$121,416			
18	21970 Registration Fees Fund \$605,273.01			
19	21064 Financial Institutions Supervision Fund \$4,024,748			
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	
8	* * *			
9	(3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves I	No. 172, Sec.	E.228,	
10	\$60,044,000 \$57,667,840 of the unencumbered balan	nces in the In	surance	
11	Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21075), the Capti	ve 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 t	o 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 o	f 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		l Fund from the
3	accounts indicated:		
4	1130892201	<u>Lib – Working Group Per Diem</u>	<u>\$11,550.00</u>
5	1140070000	<u>Use Tax Reimbursement Program</u>	\$120,096.98
6	1140330000	Renter Rebates	\$943,487.35
7	1150891901	Electric Vehicle Charge	\$4,412.78
8	1250010000	Auditor of Accounts	\$21,067.71
9	1260010000	Office of the Treasurer	\$110,821.00
10	2110010000	Assigned Counsel	\$3.37
11	2120892203	JUD – County Courthouse HVAC	\$300,000.00
12	2130200000	Sheriffs	\$29,880.53
13	2130400000	SIUS Parent Account	\$167,678.27
14	2130500000	Crime Victims Advocates	<u>\$18,465.95</u>
15	2150010000	<u>Military – Administration</u>	\$100,782.00
16	2160892102	CCVS-BCJC for St Jo's Orphan	<u>\$88.00</u>
17	2200010000	Administration Division	\$389,654.70
18	2230892202	SOS – One-Time FY22 Election Cost	\$171,400.78
19	2320020000	Liquor Enforcement & Licensing	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
20	3150070000	Mental Health	\$2,772,735.17
21	3310000000	Commission on Women	\$11,173.77

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1	333001000	0 Green Mountain Care Board	\$250,000.00
2	340000100	0 Secretary's Office Admin Costs	\$475,775.00
3	340000400	0 Global Commitment	\$11,676,230.24
4	340001000	0 Human Services Board	\$110,000.00
5	340089210	9 St Match – Act 155 4(a),5(a)	\$34,350.00
6	340089220	3 AHSCO – COVID-19 Emergent/Exigen	\$4,868,985.74
7	340089220	5 AHSCO – Workforce Recruitment	\$4,367,147.39
8	340089231	2 AHSCO – VT Nursing Forgivable Loan	\$13,403.00
9	341001800	0 DVHA – Medicaid-Non-Waiver Program	\$525,610.73
10	342006000	O Substance Use Programs	\$119,130.89
11	344001000	0 DCFS – Admin & Support Services	\$2,595,167.55
12	344002000	0 DCFS – Family Services	\$2,864,970.25
13	344003000	0 DCFS – Child Development	\$3,131,063.24
14	344005000	0 DCFS – AABD	\$451,263.27
15	344006000	0 DCFS – General Assistance	\$1,414,739.60
16	344008000	0 DCFS – Reach Up	\$979,674.76
17	344010000	0 DCFS – OEO Office of Economic Opp.	\$273,038.00
18	344012000	0 DCFS – Secure Res. Treatment	\$2,752,270.00
19	344013000	0 DCFS – DDS	\$80,299.43
20	<u>344089190</u>	8 Weatherization Assist Bridge	\$1,892.85
21	344089221	4 DCF – Childcare Provider Workforce	\$2,879,549.25

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1	3440892309 DCF – Worker Retention Grant	<u>\$564,500.00</u>
2	3480007000 Corrections – Justice Reinvest	\$831,964.28
3	4100500000 VT Department of Labor	\$2,400,000.00
4	5100010000 Administration	\$0.03
5	5100060000 Adult Basic Education	<u>\$136.13</u>
6	5100892214 AOA – School Food Program Admin	\$50,670.70
7	5100892301 AOE – Child Nutrition	\$244,648.60
8	<u>5100892309</u> <u>AOE – Staffing</u>	\$146,649.08
9	6100040000 Property Tax Assessment Approp.	\$9,542.14
10	6130030000 Parks	\$3.85
11	6130891903 Logger Safety, Value Added	<u>\$108.51</u>
12	6140040000 Water Programs Appropriation	\$0.20
13	7110010000 Housing & Community Development	<u>\$1.86</u>
14	7120010000 Economic Development	\$0.71
15	7130000000 Dept. of Tourism & Marketing	<u>\$230.47</u>
16	(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrar	ry, in fiscal year
17	2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Transportation	Fund from the
18	accounts indicated:	
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	<u>8100001100</u> <u>Program Development</u> \$3,239,445.0		
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 \$1,280,710.7		
9	<u>5100110000</u> <u>Small School Grant</u> <u>\$391,067.0</u>		
10	5100200000 Education – Technical Education \$1,204,216.3		
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 \$100,000.0		
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	<u>- Clean Water Board</u> \$6,000,000.0		

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	<u>3400891802</u> <u>Invest Substance Use Treat</u> <u>\$1,500,000</u>
5	<u>3400891803</u> <u>Finance Substance Use Treat</u> <u>\$724,241.80</u>
6	* * *
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 <u>year</u> 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.
19	* * *

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	<u>Planning (ERP) – Modernization Business Transformation project changes.</u>
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	(5) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
2	the amount of \$300,000 in General Funds Fund dollars and \$500,000 in
3	Tobacco Settlement Fund dollars to the current syringe exchange programs in
4	Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS
5	prevention providers for syringe exchange programs. The method by which
6	these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual
7	agreement of the Department of Health, the Vermont AIDS service
8	organizations, and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The
9	performance period for these grants shall be State fiscal year 2024. Grant
10	reporting shall include outcomes and results.
11	* * *
12	Sec. 65. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.1000.1 is added to read:
13	Sec. E.1000.1 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS DEBT SERVICE
14	FUND ONE-TIME TRANSFERS
15	(a) The transfers from the General Fund and Transportation Fund to the
16	General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund made in Sec. D.101(a)(1)(N) and
17	Sec. D.101(a)(4)(B) of this act are one-time transfers that shall not reoccur in
18	future fiscal years.
19	Sec. 66. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.802, as amended by 2023
20	Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 41, is further amended to read:
21	Sec. B.802 Housing and community development

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1	Personal services	5,321,306	5,212,164
2	Operating expenses	673,807	671,358
3	Grants	77,056,152	27,259,532
4	Total	83,051,265	33,143,054
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	18,456,246
9	Interdepartmental transfers	2,873,494	2,873,494
10	Total	83,051,265	33,143,054
11	Sec. 67. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec.	B.1100, as amend	ded by 2023
12	Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45 is further amen	nded to read:	
13	Sec. B.1100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME	ME GENERAL F	UND
14	APPROPRIATIONS		
15	(a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriate	d from the Gener	al Fund for
16	new and ongoing initiatives as follows:		
17	* * *		
18	(38) \$30,000 to the Department of Health	for a grant to ent	er into an
19	agreement with the American Heart Association	for CPR and Firs	st Aid
20	Training kits to facilitate training in schools.		

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 <u>\$1,850,000</u> 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.

1	(6) \$500,000 to the Agency of Transportation Electrify Your Fleet
2	Program.
3	(7) \$2,200,000 \$2,350,000 general funds and \$550,000 Transportation
4	funds to the Agency of Transportation for the following:
5	* * *
6	(C) \$50,000 Transportation funds and \$100,000 <u>\$150,000</u> general
7	funds to the Agency of Transportation for electric bicycle incentives.
8	* * *
9	Sec. 72. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 8 is amended to read:
10	Sec. 8. EMERGENCY HOUSING TRANSITION; FUNDING; FISCAL
11	YEAR 2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
12	(a) The Agency of Human Services shall hold in reserve revert as much
13	funding spending authority as possible from during the Agency's fiscal year
14	2023 closeout process as carryforward for potential investment in assisting
15	households with transitioning out of the pandemic-era General Assistance
16	Emergency Housing Program. The reserved funds shall not be used unless
17	pursuant to the Secretary of Administration's discretion under 2023 Acts and
18	Resolves No. 3, Sec. 109. If the amounts appropriated pursuant to Sec. 7 of
19	this act are not sufficient to fully implement the phase-out of the pandemic-era
20	General Assistance Emergency Housing Program as set forth in this act, then
21	the General Assembly may provide additional spending authority as needed.

1	* * *
2	Sec. 73. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 9, Sec. 17 is amended to read:
3	Sec. 17. PRACTICAL NURSE; WORKFORCE FUNDING
4	(a) Due to the increasing challenge of the pandemic on the health
5	professions, the sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated from the American
6	Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the
7	Vermont State Colleges to open 40 to 45 seats in the Practical Nurse Program
8	in partnership with skilled nursing facilities across the State to upskill existing
9	staff to achieve certification as a practical nurse purchase nursing simulation
10	equipment to expand nursing student enrollment capacity and address the
11	critical nursing shortage facing Vermont. These funds shall be used as follows:
12	(1) Up to \$500,000.00 for administrative and start-up costs for Vermont
13	Technical College.
14	(2) Up to \$260,000.00 in incentive payments in the amount of \$6,000.00
15	per student to offset lost income during enrollment in the Program.
16	(3) All remaining funds shall be allocated for tuition and fees payments
17	for required prerequisite courses at Community College of Vermont and for the
18	Practical Nurse Program at Vermont Technical College after available federal

and State financial aid is applied to ensure no cost to the student.

I	(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.
14	* * *
15	Sec. 77. 33 V.S.A. § 3511 is amended to read:
16	§ 3511. DEFINITIONS
17	As used in this chapter:
18	* * *
19	(7) "Family child care home" means a child care facility that provides

care on a regular basis in the caregiver's own residence for not more than 10

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-ag-
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.
14	* * *
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

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

- (b) The Treasurer is authorized to establish terms and conditions, including repayment schedules of up to five years for loans from the Fund to ensure repayment of loans to the Fund. Before a municipality may receive a loan from the Fund, it shall give to the Treasurer security for the repayment of the funds. The security shall be in such form and amount as the Treasurer may determine and may include a lien on the equipment financed by the loan.
- (c) The rates of interest shall be as established by this section to assist municipalities in purchasing equipment upon terms more favorable than in the commercial market. Such rates shall be no not more than two percent per annum for a loan to a single municipality, and loans shall bear no interest charge if made to two or more municipalities purchasing equipment jointly.
- (d) In any fiscal year, new loans from the Municipal Equipment Fund shall not exceed an aggregate of \$1,500,000.00. The Treasurer shall put forth recommendations to the General Assembly on a maximum loan amount every five years, commencing on January 15, 2028, based on requests received and 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
5	* * *
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

contribution and eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code.

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2	§ 535. PENALTIES
3	(a) Failure to enroll comply. If a covered employer fails to enroll a covered
4	employee be in compliance with this chapter without reasonable cause, the
5	covered employer is subject to a penalty for each covered employee for each
6	calendar year or portion of a calendar year during which the covered employee
7	was not enrolled in the Program or had not opted out of participation in the
8	Program. The amount of any penalty imposed on a covered employer for the
9	failure to enroll a covered employee without reasonable cause is determined as
10	follows:
11	* * *
12	(b) Waivers. The Treasurer is authorized to establish a rule waiving the
13	penalty for a covered employer for any failure to enroll a covered employee
14	that fails to be in compliance with this chapter for which it is established that
15	the covered employer did not know that the failure existed and exercised
16	reasonable diligence to meet the requirements of this chapter, provided that:
17	* * *
18	Sec. 80. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 2 is amended to read:
19	Sec. 2. VT SAVES; IMPLEMENTATION
20	(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) "Savings" means the difference remaining at the conclusion of each
2	fiscal year between the amount of funds appropriated for Choices for Care and
3	the sum of expended and obligated funds, less an amount equal to one percent
4	of that fiscal year's total Choices for Care expenditure. The one percent shall
5	function as a reserve to avoid implementing a High Needs wait list due to
6	unplanned Choices for Care budget pressures throughout the fiscal year.
7	Sec. 83. 18 V.S.A. § 9435 is amended to read:
8	§ 9435. EXCLUSIONS
9	* * *
10	(g) With the approval of the Commissioner of Health, excluded from this
11	subchapter is a facility in which the prescription, distribution, or administration
12	of medication for opioid use disorder is a principal activity.
13	Sec. 84. 18 V.S.A. § 4772 is amended to read:
14	§ 4772. OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
15	* * *
16	(f) Meetings.
17	(1) The Commissioner of Health shall call the first meeting of the
18	Advisory Committee to occur on or before June 30, 2022.
19	(2) The Advisory Committee shall meet at least quarterly but not more
20	than six 12 times per calendar year.

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

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

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

(h)(i) A holder is not required to deliver to the Administrator a security identified by the holder as a non-freely nonfreely transferable security. If the Administrator or holder determines that a security is no longer a non-freely nonfreely transferable security, the holder shall deliver the security on the next 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

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

Consumer Price Index as of June 30 for the preceding year, there shall be no

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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

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 <u>calculated pursuant to</u>
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:

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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

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

l	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 eommissioner 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 (, but excluding
4	vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan), 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 $$25.00$, except that on or
11	after July 1, 2016 2026, plates may be sold by the Commissioner for \$5.00.
12	(2) Funds received from the sale of plates for \$5.00 shall be allocated to
13	the Department; funds received from the sale of the plates for $$25.00$
14	shall be allocated as follows:
15	(1)(A) \$5.00 to the Department;
16	(2)(B) \$18.00 to the Vermont Disaster Relief Fund \$15.00 to the
17	Vermont Community Foundation; and
18	(3)(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	<u>Vehicles</u> 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	<u>Vehicles</u> 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) The Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to design, manufacture or procure, and distribute one or more commemorative plates that include the text "Vermont Strong" in accordance with this section. The Department is authorized to sell commemorative plates individually or in conjunction with a bundled promotional item. The Department may also authorize other persons to sell commemorative plates, provided that such persons are required to pay the Department \$35.00 per plate within 30 days after receiving the plates from the Department.

(2) The Vermont Strong Commemorative Plate Fund is established. The Fund shall be under the control of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or designee, and shall consist of all receipts from the sales of Vermont Strong commemorative plates and bundled promotional items. The Commissioner shall account for all proceeds of sales of commemorative plates and bundled promotional items and all receipts into and disbursements from the Fund; shall track the number of plates and bundled promotional items distributed and sold; and shall track and collect payments owed for plates distributed. The Commissioner shall transfer funds from the Fund in accordance with subsection (d) of this section not less often than once per month. The Department shall report its accounting of Fund receipts and disbursements, 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 <u>prior to</u>
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.
21	* * *

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