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2 Senator Kitchel moves that the Senate proposal of amendment be amended
3 as follows:

4 First: By striking out Sec. B.1102, unobligated General Fund contingent
5 appropriations, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. B.1102 to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. B.1102 UNOBLIGATED GENERAL FUND CONTINGENT

8 APPROPRIATIONS

9 (a) After satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, but prior to
10 satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the remaining unobligated and
11 unexpended balance of the General Fund at the close of fiscal year 2024 shall
12 be appropriated or transferred, to the extent that funds are available, in fiscal
13 year 2025 in the following order:

14 (1) \$20,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families for the
15 General Assistance Emergency Housing program.

16 (2) \$3,500,000 to the Community Resilience and Disaster Mitigation
17 Fund, which shall be used for grants to municipalities with FEMA-approved
18 Individuals and Households Program registrations for Individual Assistance
19 relating to a calendar year 2023 flooding event for subgrants to residential
20 building owners of up to \$300,000 for residential structure elevation projects.

21 (3) \$1,000,000 to the Dam Safety Revolving Loan Fund.

1 (4) \$1,000,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
2 Healthy Homes Initiative.

3 (5) \$2,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community
4 Development for the Vermont Housing Improvement Program.

5 (6) \$2,500,000 to the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and
6 Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments.

7 It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds be used for the State
8 match needed for water- and wastewater-related projects under the federal
9 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These funds shall only be expended if
10 authorized by the General Assembly.

11 (7) \$1,300,000 to the Department for Children and Families for a grant
12 to the Vermont Foodbank. It is the intent of the General Assembly that
13 \$1,000,000 of these funds be distributed proportionally to the Vermont
14 Foodbank’s network partner food shelves.

15 (8) \$500,000 to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent
16 Living for grants to skilled nursing facilities to increase the pipeline of
17 employed licensed nursing assistants, including increasing the capacity of new
18 and existing facility-based training programs, and developing or expanding
19 collaborations with other programs, including career and technical education
20 programs. Grants may support training program costs, paid internships,
21 student support, and recruitment and retention bonuses.

1 (A) Of the funds appropriated in this subdivision (8), \$150,000 shall
2 be for grants of \$30,000 or less.

3 (B) Of the funds appropriated in this subdivision (8), \$350,000 shall
4 be for up to three grants.

5 (9) \$500,000 to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent
6 Living for Medical Director recruitment and retention grants of not more than
7 \$50,000 per grant at skilled nursing facilities.

8 (10) \$1,500,000 to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for
9 the Vermont Serve, Learn, and Earn Program.

10 (11) \$2,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community
11 Development for the Vermont Housing Improvement Program.

12 (12) \$2,500,000 to the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and
13 Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments.

14 It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds be used for the State
15 match needed for water- and wastewater-related projects under the federal
16 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These funds shall only be expended if
17 authorized by the General Assembly.

18 (13) \$1,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety's Division of Fire
19 Safety to subsidize the cost of providing cancer screening to all Vermont
20 professional and volunteer firefighters, as well as all enrollees in the Vermont
21 Fire Academy Firefighter I program.

1 (14) \$5,000,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community
2 Development for the Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

3 (15) \$3,913,200 to the Human Services Caseload Reserve.

4 (16) \$12,500,000 to the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and
5 Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments.

6 It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds be used for the State
7 match needed for transportation-related projects under the federal
8 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These funds shall only be expended if
9 authorized by the General Assembly.

10 (17) \$5,000,000 to the Dam Safety Revolving Loan Fund.

11 (18) \$10,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families' Office
12 of Economic Opportunity to expand shelter bed and permanent supportive
13 housing capacity in the State.

14 Second: In Sec. C.120, Department for Children and Families; family
15 services; unused funds, in subdivision (a)(2), following “grants”, by striking
16 out “to Vermont’s 13 recovery centers and”

17 Third: In Sec. D.101, fund transfers, in subdivision (b)(3), following “Sec.
18 E.228,”, by striking out “\$68,440,000” and inserting in lieu thereof
19 \$68,035,000

1 Fourth: In Sec. E.100, positions, by striking out subdivision (a)(1) in its
2 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (a)(1) to read as
3 follows:

4 (1) Permanent classified positions:

5 (A) Department of Public Safety:

6 (i) one Criminal History Record Specialist I; and

7 (ii) three Regional Emergency Management Program
8 Coordinators.

9 (B) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation:

10 (i) four Field Park Manager IVs.

11 (C) Office of the Treasurer:

12 (i) one Internal Auditor.

13 (D) Office of the Secretary of State:

14 (i) one Administrative Services Coordinator IV; and

15 (ii) one Information Technology Specialist III.

16 (E) Department of Environmental Conservation:

17 (i) ten Environmental Analysts;

18 (ii) two Environmental Engineers;

19 (iii) two Environmental Technicians; and

20 (iv) one Administrative Services Coordinator.

21 (F) Agency of Education:

1 (i) one CTE Education Programs Coordinator.

2 (G) Department of Corrections:

3 (i) five Probation and Parole Officers.

4 Fifth: By striking out Sec. E.300.4, client housing; case management
5 services, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. E.300.4 to read
6 as follows:

7 Sec. E.300.4 [Deleted.]

8 Sixth: In Sec. E.321, General Assistance emergency housing, by striking
9 out subdivision (a)(3) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new
10 subdivision (a)(3) to read as follows:

11 (3) is a child 19 years of age or under;

12 Seventh: By striking out Sec. E.602.1, amending 2021 Acts and Resolves
13 No. 74, Sec. E.602.2, as amended, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a
14 new Sec. E.602.1 to read as follows:

15 Sec. E.602.1 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.602.2, as amended by
16 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 67 and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185,
17 Sec. C.101, is further amended to read:

18 Sec. E.602.2 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

19 (a) The Vermont State College (VSC) system shall transform itself into a
20 fully integrated system that achieves financial stability in a responsible and
21 sustainable way in order to meet each of these strategic priorities:

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(b) VSC shall meet the following requirements during the transformation of its system required under subsection (a) of this section and shall accommodate the oversight of the General Assembly in so doing.

(1) VSC shall reduce its structural deficit by \$5,000,000.00 per year for three years and by \$3,500,000.00 per year for the following two years through a combination of annual operating expense reductions and increased enrollment revenues, for a total of ~~\$25,000,000.00~~ \$22,000,000.00 by the end of fiscal year 2026. These reductions shall be structural in nature and shall not be met by use of one-time funds. The VSC Board of Trustees, through the Chancellor or designee, shall report the results of these structural reductions to the House and Senate Committees on Education and on Appropriations annually during the Chancellor’s budget presentation.

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