

1 H.145

2 Introduced by Committee on Appropriations

3 Date:

4 Subject: Appropriations; budget adjustment act; fiscal year 2023

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make  
6 adjustments in the fiscal year 2023 omnibus appropriations act.

7 An act relating to fiscal year 2023 budget adjustments

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

9 Sec. 1. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.105 is amended to read:

10 Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information  
11 technology

12	Personal services	99,364,395	82,655,019
13	Operating expenses	<u>34,833,539</u>	<u>34,833,539</u>
14	Total	<del>134,197,934</del>	117,488,558
15	Source of funds		
16	General fund	179,572	179,572
17	Special funds	<del>17,159,341</del>	449,965
18	Internal service funds	<u>116,859,021</u>	<u>116,859,021</u>
19	Total	<del>134,197,934</del>	117,488,558

1 Sec. 2. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.145 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.145 Total general government

3 Source of funds

4	General fund	104,811,247	104,811,247
5	Transportation fund	4,059,343	4,059,343
6	Special funds	<del>35,893,006</del>	19,183,630
7	Federal funds	1,308,858	1,308,858
8	Internal service funds	178,033,418	178,033,418
9	Interdepartmental transfers	4,447,671	4,447,671
10	Enterprise funds	6,979	6,979
11	Pension trust funds	2,669,072	2,669,072
12	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,156,575</u>	<u>1,156,575</u>
13	Total	<del>332,386,169</del>	315,676,793

14 Sec. 3. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.209 is amended to read:

15 Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

16	Personal services	<del>62,598,426</del>	62,396,849
17	Operating expenses	12,660,950	12,660,950
18	Grants	<u>1,467,153</u>	<u>1,467,153</u>
19	Total	<del>76,726,529</del>	76,524,952

20 Source of funds

21	General fund	<del>46,676,421</del>	46,474,844
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1	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
2	Special funds	3,116,711	3,116,711
3	Federal funds	4,820,645	4,820,645
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,862,752</u>	<u>1,862,752</u>
5	Total	<del>76,726,529</del>	76,524,952

6 Sec. 4. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.225 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource  
8 management and environmental stewardship

9	Personal services	2,830,318	2,830,318
10	Operating expenses	950,906	950,906
11	Grants	<u>545,334</u>	<u>295,334</u>
12	Total	4,326,558	4,076,558

13 Source of funds

14	General fund	<del>1,191,645</del>	941,645
15	Special funds	2,325,153	2,325,153
16	Federal funds	472,695	472,695
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>337,065</u>	<u>337,065</u>
18	Total	4,326,558	4,076,558

19 Sec. 5. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.225.2 is amended to read:

20 Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, Food and Markets - Clean Water

21	Personal services	3,351,394	3,351,394
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1	Operating expenses	518,202	518,202
2	Grants	<u>5,253,111</u>	<u>5,503,111</u>
3	Total	<u>9,122,707</u>	<u>9,372,707</u>
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	<del>1,100,802</del>	1,350,802
6	Special funds	7,266,122	7,266,122
7	Federal funds	441,907	441,907
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>313,876</u>	<u>313,876</u>
9	Total	<u>9,122,707</u>	<u>9,372,707</u>
10	Sec. 6. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:		
11	Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board		
12	Personal services	3,211,914	3,497,225
13	Operating expenses	<u>278,608</u>	<u>533,608</u>
14	Total	<u>3,490,522</u>	<u>4,030,833</u>
15	Source of funds		
16	Special funds	<u>3,490,522</u>	<u>4,030,833</u>
17	Total	<u>3,490,522</u>	<u>4,030,833</u>
18	Sec. 7. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:		
19	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property		
20	Source of funds		
21	General fund	<del>187,158,391</del>	186,956,814

1	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
2	Special funds	98,238,728	98,779,039
3	Tobacco fund	561,843	561,843
4	Federal funds	127,115,612	127,115,612
5	ARRA funds	510,535	510,535
6	Interdepartmental transfers	12,413,144	12,413,144
7	Enterprise funds	<u>13,619,207</u>	<u>13,619,207</u>
8	Total	<del>459,867,460</del>	460,206,194
9	Sec. 8. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:		
10	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office		
11	Personal services	<del>12,307,314</del>	15,840,385
12	Operating expenses	<del>5,340,825</del>	5,356,835
13	Grants	<u><del>2,895,202</del></u>	<u>3,160,202</u>
14	Total	<del>20,543,341</del>	24,357,422
15	Source of funds		
16	General fund	<del>9,056,662</del>	12,870,743
17	Special funds	135,517	135,517
18	Federal funds	10,569,851	10,569,851
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>781,311</u>	<u>781,311</u>
20	Total	<del>20,543,341</del>	24,357,422

1 Sec. 9. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment

3 Grants 1,835,603,282 1,909,933,492

4 Total 1,835,603,282 1,909,933,492

5 Source of funds

6 General fund 608,430,925 505,638,694

7 Special funds 33,384,536 29,121,769

8 Tobacco fund 21,049,373 21,049,373

9 State health care resources fund ~~17,078,501~~ 25,102,272

10 Federal funds ~~1,151,625,777~~ 1,325,505,425

11 Interdepartmental transfers 4,034,170 3,515,959

12 Total 1,835,603,282 1,909,933,492

13 Sec. 10. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.304 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.304 Human services board

15 Personal services 766,312 619,083

16 Operating expenses 89,396 89,396

17 Total 855,708 708,479

18 Source of funds

19 General fund 490,779 343,550

20 Federal funds 364,929 364,929

21 Total 855,708 708,479

1 Sec. 11. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

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

3	Personal services	133,258,216	133,258,216
4	Operating expenses	<u>27,050,784</u>	27,115,536
5	Grants	<u>2,912,301</u>	<u>8,712,301</u>
6	Total	<del>163,221,301</del>	169,086,053

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	<del>34,666,169</del>	38,930,921
9	Special funds	4,738,197	4,738,197
10	Federal funds	<del>114,997,590</del>	116,597,590
11	Global Commitment fund	3,986,316	3,986,316
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,833,029</u>	<u>4,833,029</u>
13	Total	<del>163,221,301</del>	169,086,053

14 Sec. 12. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.307 is amended to read:

15 Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -

16 global commitment

17	Personal services	547,983	547,983
18	Grants	<u>837,108,046</u>	<u>940,894,531</u>
19	Total	<del>837,656,029</del>	<u>941,442,514</u>

20 Source of funds

21	Global Commitment fund	<u>837,656,029</u>	<u>941,442,514</u>
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1	Total	837,656,029	941,442,514
2	Sec. 13. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -		
4	state only		
5	Grants	<u>54,104,191</u>	<u>49,357,135</u>
6	Total	<del>54,104,191</del>	49,357,135
7	Source of funds		
8	General fund	44,533,864	49,352,443
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>9,570,327</u>	<u>4,692</u>
10	Total	54,104,191	49,357,135
11	Sec. 14. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver		
13	matched		
14	Grants	<u>35,125,592</u>	<u>34,821,686</u>
15	Total	<del>35,125,592</del>	34,821,686
16	Source of funds		
17	General fund	12,736,699	12,218,859
18	Federal funds	<u>22,388,893</u>	<u>22,602,827</u>
19	Total	35,125,592	34,821,686



1 Sec. 15. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.311 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

3	Personal services	<del>7,880,051</del>	7,232,181
4	Operating expenses	<del>7,161,896</del>	8,283,741
5	Grants	<u>15,416,408</u>	<u>15,416,408</u>
6	Total	<del>30,458,355</del>	30,932,330

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	<del>3,120,538</del>	3,594,513
9	Special funds	2,123,150	2,123,150
10	Federal funds	19,371,027	19,371,027
11	Global Commitment fund	5,779,334	5,779,334
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>64,306</u>	<u>64,306</u>
13	Total	<del>30,458,355</del>	30,932,330

14 Sec. 16. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:

15 Sec. B.312 Health - public health

16	Personal services	<del>58,557,637</del>	59,756,793
17	Operating expenses	10,504,324	10,504,324
18	Grants	<u>45,237,061</u>	<u>45,237,061</u>
19	Total	<del>114,299,022</del>	115,498,178

20 Source of funds

21	General fund	<del>12,217,471</del>	13,416,627
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1	Special funds	22,422,908	22,422,908
2	Tobacco fund	1,088,918	1,088,918
3	Federal funds	61,398,428	61,398,428
4	Global Commitment fund	16,159,672	16,159,672
5	Interdepartmental transfers	986,625	986,625
6	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
7	Total	<del>114,299,022</del>	115,498,178
8	Sec. 17. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.313 is amended to read:		
9	Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs		
10	Personal services	<del>5,533,379</del>	4,994,903
11	Operating expenses	511,500	511,500
12	Grants	<u>55,582,806</u>	<u>55,582,806</u>
13	Total	<del>61,627,685</del>	61,089,209
14	Source of funds		
15	General fund	<del>4,706,142</del>	4,167,666
16	Special funds	1,392,101	1,392,101
17	Tobacco fund	949,917	949,917
18	Federal funds	21,131,903	21,131,903
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>33,447,622</u>	<u>33,447,622</u>
20	Total	<del>61,627,685</del>	61,089,209

1 Sec. 18. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

3	Personal services	37,550,464	45,679,048
4	Operating expenses	5,023,808	5,406,921
5	Grants	<u>251,958,650</u>	<u>252,383,242</u>
6	Total	<u>294,532,922</u>	303,469,211

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	<u>12,966,387</u>	23,720,891
9	Special funds	1,690,187	1,690,187
10	Federal funds	10,279,911	10,279,911
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>269,471,344</u>	267,653,129
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>125,093</u>	<u>125,093</u>
13	Total	<u>294,532,922</u>	303,469,211

14 Sec. 19. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:

15 Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration &

16 support services

17	Personal services	41,932,610	41,930,824
18	Operating expenses	17,284,575	23,063,394
19	Grants	<u>3,819,106</u>	<u>3,415,106</u>
20	Total	<u>63,036,291</u>	68,409,324

21 Source of funds

1	General fund	36,020,845	36,575,221
2	Special funds	2,789,842	2,788,056
3	Federal funds	22,463,191	27,033,191
4	Global Commitment fund	1,409,481	1,659,924
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>352,932</u>	<u>352,932</u>
6	Total	<del>63,036,291</del>	68,409,324
7	Sec. 20. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services		
9	Personal services	41,455,253	41,755,292
10	Operating expenses	5,392,584	5,392,584
11	Grants	<u>88,864,318</u>	<u>89,371,619</u>
12	Total	<del>135,712,155</del>	136,519,495
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	56,028,109	66,125,629
15	Special funds	729,587	729,587
16	Federal funds	32,206,285	32,206,285
17	Global Commitment fund	46,710,437	37,420,257
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>37,737</u>	<u>37,737</u>
19	Total	<del>135,712,155</del>	136,519,495

1 Sec. 21. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

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

3	Personal services	5,486,947	5,487,235
4	Operating expenses	860,622	860,581
5	Grants	<u>106,205,300</u>	<u>100,677,216</u>
6	Total	<del>112,552,869</del>	107,025,032

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	<del>33,130,398</del>	27,602,602
9	Special funds	16,820,011	16,820,011
10	Federal funds	50,457,478	50,457,478
11	Global Commitment fund	12,144,941	12,144,941
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>41</u>	<u>0</u>
13	Total	<del>112,552,869</del>	107,025,032

14 Sec. 22. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:

15 Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and  
16 disabled

17	Personal services	2,252,206	2,252,206
18	Grants	<u>10,431,118</u>	<u>9,624,177</u>
19	Total	<del>12,683,324</del>	11,876,383

20 Source of funds

21	General fund	<del>7,533,333</del>	6,726,392
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1	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,149,991</u>	<u>5,149,991</u>
2	Total	<del>12,683,324</del>	11,876,383
3	Sec. 23. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.321 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance		
5	Personal services	15,000	15,000
6	Grants	<u>2,823,574</u>	<u>2,147,995</u>
7	Total	<u>2,838,574</u>	2,162,995
8	Source of funds		
9	General fund	<u>2,541,239</u>	1,865,660
10	Federal funds	11,320	11,320
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>286,015</u>	<u>286,015</u>
12	Total	<u>2,838,574</u>	2,162,995
13	Sec. 24. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:		
14	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up		
15	Operating expenses	30,633	30,633
16	Grants	<u>27,235,606</u>	<u>36,679,489</u>
17	Total	<u>27,266,239</u>	36,710,122
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	<u>15,097,457</u>	24,541,340
20	Special funds	5,955,834	5,955,834
21	Federal funds	3,531,330	3,531,330

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,681,618</u>	<u>2,681,618</u>
2	Total	<del>27,266,239</del>	36,710,122
3	Sec. 25. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.325 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic		
5	opportunity		
6	Personal services	707,738	707,738
7	Operating expenses	80,979	80,979
8	Grants	<del>19,896,892</del>	<u>19,096,328</u>
9	Total	<del>20,685,609</del>	19,885,045
10	Source of funds		
11	General fund	<del>14,328,930</del>	13,528,366
12	Special funds	58,135	58,135
13	Federal funds	4,942,559	4,942,559
14	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,355,985</u>	<u>1,355,985</u>
15	Total	<del>20,685,609</del>	19,885,045
16	Sec. 26. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.326 is amended to read:		
17	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization		
18	assistance		
19	Personal services	376,286	376,286
20	Operating expenses	<del>47,090</del>	247,090
21	Grants	<del>12,038,018</del>	<u>11,838,018</u>

1	Total	12,461,394	12,461,394
2	Source of funds		
3	Special funds	7,643,920	7,643,920
4	Federal funds	<u>4,817,474</u>	<u>4,817,474</u>
5	Total	12,461,394	12,461,394

6 Sec. 27. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.327 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.327 Department for Children and Families - Secure Residential  
8 Treatment

9	Personal services	258,100	258,100
10	Operating expenses	441,999	441,999
11	Grants	<u><del>3,476,862</del></u>	<u>8,103,368</u>
12	Total	<del>4,176,961</del>	8,803,467
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	<del>4,146,961</del>	8,773,467
15	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
16	Total	<del>4,176,961</del>	8,803,467

17 Sec. 28. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.329 is amended to read:

18 Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &  
19 support

20	Personal services	<del>37,398,355</del>	38,484,107
21	Operating expenses	<u><del>6,178,888</del></u>	<u>6,214,683</u>



1	Total	43,577,243	44,698,790
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	19,725,270	20,846,817
4	Special funds	1,390,457	1,390,457
5	Federal funds	21,360,232	21,360,232
6	Global Commitment fund	35,000	35,000
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>	<u>1,066,284</u>
8	Total	<del>43,577,243</del>	44,698,790

9 Sec. 29. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:

10 Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and  
11 independent living grants

12	Grants	<u>19,709,925</u>	<u>20,278,107</u>
13	Total	<u>19,709,925</u>	<u>20,278,107</u>
14	Source of funds		
15	General fund	7,754,865	7,754,865
16	Federal funds	7,148,466	7,148,466
17	Global Commitment fund	<u>4,806,594</u>	<u>5,374,776</u>
18	Total	<u>19,709,925</u>	<u>20,278,107</u>

19 Sec. 30. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.333 is amended to read:

20 Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental  
21 services

1	Grants	<u>282,169,830</u>	<u>284,711,348</u>
2	Total	282,169,830	284,711,348
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	<del>155,125</del>	555,125
5	Special funds	15,463	15,463
6	Federal funds	359,857	359,857
7	Global Commitment fund	<del>281,589,385</del>	283,730,903
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
9	Total	282,169,830	284,711,348
10	Sec. 31. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:		
11	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and		
12	community based waiver		
13	Grants	<u>6,163,669</u>	<u>6,620,179</u>
14	Total	6,163,669	6,620,179
15	Source of funds		
16	Global Commitment fund	<u>6,163,669</u>	<u>6,620,179</u>
17	Total	6,163,669	6,620,179
18	Sec. 32. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:		
19	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care		
20	Grants	<u>247,242,665</u>	<u>269,943,753</u>
21	Total	247,242,665	269,943,753

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	498,579	1,598,579
3	Federal funds	2,083,333	2,083,333
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>244,660,753</u>	<u>266,261,841</u>
5	Total	<del>247,242,665</del>	269,943,753

6 Sec. 33. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:

7	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services		
8	Personal services	124,883,844	129,447,504
9	Operating expenses	24,337,405	24,571,221
10	Total	<del>149,221,249</del>	154,018,725

11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	<del>144,682,340</del>	149,264,201
13	Special funds	935,963	935,963
14	Federal funds	460,376	675,991
15	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255	2,746,255
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
17	Total	<del>149,221,249</del>	154,018,725

18 Sec. 34. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.338.1 is amended to read:

19	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Reinvestment II		
20	Personal services	160,140	
21	Grants	<u>9,868,567</u>	<u>12,467,844</u>

1	Total	9,868,567	12,627,984
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	7,290,879	10,050,296
4	Federal funds	13,147	13,147
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>	<u>2,564,541</u>
6	Total	9,868,567	12,627,984
7	Sec. 35. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.339 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services-out of state beds		
9	Personal services	<u>4,130,378</u>	<u>2,148,131</u>
10	Total	4,130,378	2,148,131
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>	<u>2,148,131</u>
13	Total	4,130,378	2,148,131
14	Sec. 36. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services		
16	Personal services	<del>18,693,897</del>	23,557,937
17	Operating expenses	<u>4,698,211</u>	<u>5,719,013</u>
18	Total	23,392,108	29,276,950
19	Source of funds		
20	General fund	4,068,733	5,655,522
21	Special funds	11,892,624	16,190,677

1	Federal funds	<u>7,430,751</u>	<u>7,430,751</u>
2	Total	23,392,108	29,276,950
3	Sec. 37. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.346 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.346 Total human services		
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	<del>1,118,252,689</del>	1,066,060,732
7	Special funds	<del>122,249,086</del>	122,282,586
8	Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
9	State health care resources fund	<del>17,078,501</del>	25,102,272
10	Federal funds	<del>1,651,894,729</del>	1,832,373,926
11	Global Commitment fund	<del>1,788,710,309</del>	1,896,840,505
12	Internal service funds	1,699,065	1,699,065
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<del>28,014,227</del>	27,495,975
14	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
15	Total	4,751,011,814	4,994,968,269
16	Sec. 38. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.505 is amended to read:		
17	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment		
18	Grants	<del>1,561,661,000</del>	<u>1,577,649,173</u>
19	Total	<del>1,561,661,000</del>	1,577,649,173
20	Source of funds		
21	Education fund	<del>1,561,661,000</del>	<u>1,577,649,173</u>

1	Total	<del>1,561,661,000</del>	1,577,649,173
2	Sec. 39. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.514 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system		
4	Grants	<u>187,273,782</u>	<u>188,073,782</u>
5	Total	<del>187,273,782</del>	188,073,782
6	Source of funds		
7	General fund	<del>154,345,678</del>	154,645,678
8	Education fund	<u>32,928,104</u>	<u>33,428,104</u>
9	Total	<del>187,273,782</del>	188,073,782
10	Sec. 40. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:		
11	Sec. B.516 Total general education		
12	Source of funds		
13	General fund	<del>204,865,262</del>	205,165,262
14	Special funds	19,450,491	19,450,491
15	Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
16	Education fund	<del>1,900,680,013</del>	1,917,168,186
17	Federal funds	512,572,265	512,572,265
18	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
19	Interdepartmental transfers	365,324	365,324
20	Pension trust funds	<u>1,846,063</u>	<u>1,846,063</u>
21	Total	<del>2,640,789,806</del>	2,657,577,979

1 Sec. 41. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.802 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.802 Housing and community development

3	Personal services	5,321,306	5,321,306
4	Operating expenses	673,807	673,807
5	Grants	<u>76,513,512</u>	<u>77,056,152</u>
6	Total	<del>82,508,625</del>	83,051,265

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	4,065,708	4,065,708
9	Special funds	<del>7,204,966</del>	7,747,606
10	Federal funds	68,364,457	68,364,457
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,873,494</u>	<u>2,873,494</u>
12	Total	<del>82,508,625</del>	83,051,265

13 Sec. 42. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.813 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development

15 Source of funds

16	General fund	18,279,159	18,279,159
17	Special funds	<del>32,584,165</del>	33,126,805
18	Federal funds	160,118,217	160,118,217
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,532,656</u>	<u>5,532,656</u>
20	Total	<del>216,514,197</del>	217,056,837

1 Sec. 43. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.903 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development

3	Personal services	67,084,877	67,084,877
4	Operating expenses	317,718,748	317,718,748
5	Grants	<u>28,106,566</u>	<u>28,106,566</u>
6	Total	412,910,191	412,910,191

7 Source of funds

8	Transportation fund	<del>63,006,826</del>	59,806,826
9	TIB fund	<del>16,199,908</del>	19,399,908
10	Federal funds	330,355,267	330,355,267
11	Interdepartmental transfers	75,000	75,000
12	Local match	<u>3,273,190</u>	<u>3,273,190</u>
13	Total	412,910,191	412,910,191

14 Sec. 44. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.922 is amended to read:

15 Sec. B.922 Total transportation

16 Source of funds

17	Transportation fund	<del>298,509,742</del>	295,309,742
18	TIB fund	<del>19,802,363</del>	23,002,363
19	Special funds	4,367,498	4,367,498
20	Federal funds	438,299,601	438,299,601
21	Internal service funds	22,754,095	22,754,095



1	Interdepartmental transfers	3,597,177	3,597,177
2	Local match	<u>4,585,799</u>	<u>4,585,799</u>
3	Total	791,916,275	791,916,275

4 Sec. 45. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

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

6 APPROPRIATIONS

7 (a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriated from the General Fund for  
8 new and ongoing initiatives as follows:

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10 (7) ~~\$2,408,000~~ \$11,608,000 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and  
11 Markets, as follows:

12 \* \* \*

(H) \$9,200,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. These funds shall be used to make grant payments to organic dairy farmers to partially offset economic losses in calendar year 2022 related to the increased cost of production and stagnant wholesale prices within this period. These funds shall be held in reserve until a plan for equitable disbursement is submitted to and reviewed by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations; the House Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry; and the Senate Committee on Agriculture. The Agency shall develop the plan in collaboration with

appropriate representatives of the impacted industry. ~~The plan shall be submitted not later than March 15, 2023 and shall be reviewed by the committees of jurisdiction and approved by the General Assembly.~~*The plan shall be submitted not later than March 15, 2023 and shall be reviewed by the committees of jurisdiction and enacted into law by the General Assembly prior to implementation.*

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(18) ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$3,600,000 to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) to be used for grants to adult day service providers ~~to support operating costs and program infrastructure as specified in subdivisions (A) and (B) of this subdivision.~~ To the extent that the current service provision model is projected to remain economically unsustainable in fiscal year 2024 resulting in the closure of adult day programs, the adult day providers in collaboration with AHS, DAIL, and other relevant health care and social service community organizations shall report as soon as possible to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on such closures. The report shall include any recommended alternative local service provision arrangements or models that could be reasonably implemented to meet or partially meet the needs of impacted populations caused by program closures.

(A) ~~The funds \$1,500,000~~ shall be allocated on an equitable basis per a methodology developed by DAIL. On or before the first day of each quarter of

1 fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022, October 1, 2022, January 1, 2023, and April 1,  
2 2023), the Vermont Association of Adult Day Services shall provide a  
3 spreadsheet to the Department detailing quarterly expenditures versus the  
4 annual budget. DAIL shall work with community partners to seek  
5 organizations interested in opening an adult day center in the underserved  
6 regions where adult day centers closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Up to  
7 \$50,000 of these funds may be used to support the start-up costs of a new adult  
8 day center. Any amount of this appropriation remaining at the end of fiscal  
9 year 2023 shall be carried forward and shall be used to support operating costs,  
10 and program infrastructure.

11 (B) \$2,100,000 for grants to existing adult day service providers to  
12 maintain the existing program infrastructure through fiscal year 2023.  
13 Subsequent to the enactment of this provision, the Vermont Association of  
14 Adult Day Services shall provide a spreadsheet to the Department detailing the  
15 amount of grants to be distributed to each adult day program for the remainder  
16 of fiscal year 2023.

17 \* \* \*

18 ~~(24) \$2,000,000 to the Secretary of Administration to implement the~~  
19 ~~Rural Infrastructure Assistance Program. These funds shall be held in reserve~~  
20 ~~until a plan for disbursement is submitted to and reviewed by the House and~~  
21 ~~Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Commerce,~~

1 ~~the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, Senate~~  
2 Committee on Government Operations; and the Senate Committee on  
3 Economic Development. The Agency shall develop the plan in collaboration  
4 with appropriate stakeholders. The plan shall be submitted not later than  
5 March 15, 2023 and shall be reviewed by the committees of jurisdiction and  
6 ~~approved by the General Assembly.~~

*(24) \$3,000,000 to the Secretary of Administration to provide funding  
for municipal technical assistance and related services pursuant to Sec. 87a of  
this act.*

7 (25) \$3,345,000 to the Secretary of Administration to be used as the  
8 10 percent State match required for FEMA COVID funds starting on July 1,  
9 2022.

10 (26) \$1,734,000 to the Agency of Digital Services to be used as state  
11 match for a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Light Detection and Ranging  
12 (LIDAR) grant.

13 (27) \$1,115,000 to the Military Department to be used as state match for  
14 the federal Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization (SRM)  
15 funds eligible for receipt in federal fiscal year 2023.

16 (28) \$30,000,000 to the Public Service Department to be used as state  
17 match for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
18 (NTIA) broadband grant (Middle Mile).

1           (29) \$350,000 to the State Refugee Resettlement Office, located within  
2           the Agency of Human Services Central Office, to implement Employment  
3           Assistance Grants for New Americans created in Section E.300.2 of this act.  
4           Funds remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the General  
5           Fund.

6           (30) \$9,225,000 to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to increase  
7           the number of psychiatric youth inpatient beds in the State. These funds shall  
8           be reserved until a feasibility study is completed to site a psychiatric youth  
9           inpatient facility as specified in a bidder proposal submitted in response to the  
10          Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by the DMH on January 28, 2022.

11           (A) DMH shall submit a report on or before April 15, 2023, to the  
12          House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on  
13          Health Care, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare outlining the  
14          findings of the feasibility study. In the event this proposal is not feasible,  
15          DMH shall report on alternate plans to move forward with increasing the  
16          number of psychiatric youth inpatient beds in the State, which may include the  
17          issuance of a new request for proposal.

18           (31) \$3,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families Office of  
19          Economic Opportunity for the CARES Housing Voucher Program.

1           (32) \$5,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community  
2           Development as additional support for the Vermont Housing Improvement  
3           Program (VHIP).

4           (33) \$350,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and  
5           Community Development in fiscal year 2023 to provide state match for the  
6           Northeast Kingdom Build to Scale proposal to be submitted to the U.S.  
7           Economic Development Administration for federal funding.

8           (34) \$20,924,710 to the Department for Children and Families to extend  
9           the General Assistance Temporary Housing program to the end of fiscal year  
10          2023.

11           (A) \$13,424,710 to the Department for Children and Families to  
12           extend the General Assistance Temporary Housing program between March  
13           15, 2023 and July 1, 2023, for households that are otherwise eligible for GA  
14           housing pursuant to section 2652.3 of DCF's General Assistance rule (13-170-  
15           260) and that have an individual who is either 60 years of age or older, in  
16           receipt of SSI or SSDI, or has a child who is 18 years of age or younger shall  
17           be eligible for temporary housing independent of maximum nights received or  
18           weather forecasts or conditions.

19           (B) \$7,500,000 to the Department for Children and Families to  
20           extend the General Assistance Temporary Housing program between March  
21           15, 2023 and July 1, 2023, for all other households that are otherwise eligible

1 for GA housing pursuant to section 2652.3 of DCF's General Assistance rule  
2 (13-170-260) for temporary housing independent of maximum nights received  
3 or weather forecasts or conditions.

4 (35) \$952,000 to the Department of Mental Health to be granted to the  
5 Howard Center. These funds shall be reserved until the following assessment is  
6 complete and report submitted:

7 (A) The Secretary of Human Services shall assess the feasibility of  
8 the Howard Center purchasing properties located at 71, 73, and 77 Park Street  
9 in Rutland, Vermont, for use as a community based residential program for  
10 adolescent males with sexually harming behaviors. The feasibility study shall  
11 assess the costs and benefits of the purchase and long-term ownership of the  
12 property, including any estimated costs for deferred maintenance and  
13 renovation, and any costs associated with moving the program to another  
14 location. In making this assessment, the Secretary shall seek the assistance of  
15 the Commissioners of Buildings and General Services, for Children and  
16 Families, and of Mental Health, as well as the Chief Executive Officer of the  
17 Howard Center and any other interested stakeholders as deemed appropriate by  
18 the Secretary.

19 (B) On or before April 1, 2023, the Secretary shall submit a report  
20 with the findings of the study described in subdivision (A) of this subdivision  
21 (35) and any recommendations to the House Committees on Appropriations,

1 on Corrections and Institutions, and on Health Care and Human Services and  
2 the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on  
3 Institutions.

4 (36) \$1,550,000 to the Judiciary as follows:

5 (A) \$750,000 for internal network cabling upgrade.

6 (B) \$500,000 for courthouses sound system replacement.

7 (C) \$300,000 for correctional facilities remote hearings  
8 improvement.

9 (37) \$50,000,000 to the Vermont Housing Conservation Board (VHCB)  
10 to provide affordable mixed-income income rental housing and  
11 homeownership units; improvements to manufactured homes and  
12 communities; recovery residences; and, if determined eligible, housing  
13 available to farm workers and refugees. VHCB shall also use the funds for  
14 shelter and permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness in  
15 consultation with the Secretary of Human Services.

16 (38) \$1,200,000 to the Department for Children and Families for a grant  
17 to the Lund Center for its Residential Treatment program.

18 (39) \$30,000 to the Department of Health for a grant to the American  
19 Heart Association for CPR and First Aid Training kits to facilitate training in  
20 schools.

21 Sec. 46. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1101 is added to read:





1 management and public interaction functionalities related to permitting and  
2 licensing;

3 (D) \$2,200,000 for a case management system at the Office of the  
4 Attorney General;

5 (E) \$20,250,000 for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Core  
6 System Modernization Phase II; and

7 (F) \$3,000,000 for the Department of Labor Unemployment  
8 Insurance Modernization project.

9 Sec. 48. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

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

11 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are  
12 transferred from the funds indicated:

13 \* \* \*

14 (8) From the General Fund to the Emergency Relief and Assistance  
15 Fund (21555): \$2,100,000.

16 (9) From the General Fund to the Environmental Contingency Fund  
17 (21275): \$3,000,000.

18 (10) From the General Fund to the Cannabis Regulation Fund (21998):  
19 \$540,311.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
21 2023:



1	<u>1260010000</u>	<u>Office of the Treasurer</u>	<u>\$206,201.60</u>
2	<u>2100001000</u>	<u>Attorney General</u>	<u>\$1,181.15</u>
3	<u>2140010000</u>	<u>Department of Public Safety – State Police</u>	<u>\$329,311.26</u>
4	<u>2140090000</u>	<u>Forensic Laboratory</u>	<u>\$60,701.18</u>
5	<u>2150010000</u>	<u>Military Administration/TAGO</u>	<u>\$347,364.99</u>
6	<u>2230892001</u>	<u>Calendar Year 2020 General Election</u>	<u>\$59,295.39</u>
7	<u>3330892202</u>	<u>GMCB – Benchmarking Analyses</u>	<u>\$80,443.00</u>
8	<u>3400891804</u>	<u>Medicaid Financial Requirements</u>	<u>\$40,341.34</u>
9	<u>3400892109</u>	<u>St Match-Act 155 4(a),5(a)</u>	<u>\$277,500.00</u>
10	<u>3400892112</u>	<u>AHS-VT Food Bank-Food Box</u>	<u>\$1,376,000.00</u>
11	<u>3420892203</u>	<u>VDH-Recovery Centers</u>	<u>\$1.09</u>
12	<u>3440892203</u>	<u>DCF-Parent Child Ctrs Cap Imp</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
13	<u>5100010000</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$282.00</u>
14	<u>5100060000</u>	<u>Adult Basic Education</u>	<u>\$7,192.22</u>
15	<u>5100070000</u>	<u>Education Services</u>	<u>\$3,870.00</u>
16	<u>5100210000</u>	<u>Education – Flexible Pathways</u>	<u>\$182,072.00</u>
17	<u>5100400000</u>	<u>State Board of Education</u>	<u>\$54,755.46</u>
18	<u>5100892214</u>	<u>AOA School Food Program Administration</u>	<u>\$50,670.70</u>
19	<u>5100892216</u>	<u>AOE Vaccine Incentive Program</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
20	<u>6100040000</u>	<u>Property Tax Assessment Appropriation</u>	<u>\$4,263.13</u>
21	<u>6130030000</u>	<u>Parks</u>	<u>\$504.96</u>

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(d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2023, the following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the accounts indicated:

<u>5100010000</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$1,607,144.76</u>
<u>5100040000</u>	<u>Special Education Formula</u>	<u>\$27,333,400.07</u>
<u>5100050000</u>	<u>State-Placed Students</u>	<u>\$1,443,542.45</u>
<u>5100090000</u>	<u>Education Grant</u>	<u>\$11,754,133.93</u>
<u>5100110000</u>	<u>Small School Grant</u>	<u>\$34,348.00</u>
<u>5100200000</u>	<u>Education-Technical Education</u>	<u>\$1,497,300.35</u>
<u>5100210000</u>	<u>Education – Flexible Pathways</u>	<u>\$1,843,900.61</u>

Sec. 49. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. D.102(a) is amended to read:

(a) \$3,020,000 from the General Fund shall be reserved in the 27/53 reserve in fiscal year ~~2022~~ 2023. This action is the fiscal year 2023 contribution to the reserve for the 53rd week of Medicaid as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e and the 27th payroll reserve as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

Sec. 50. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.100 is amended to read:

Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

(a) The establishment of the following new positions is authorized in fiscal year 2023:

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1 (2) Permanent Exempt Positions:

2 (A) Vermont Pension Investment Commission: one Principal  
3 Assistant.

4 (B) Office of Child, Youth and Family Advocate:

5 (i) One Child, Youth and Family Advocate; and

6 (ii) One Deputy Child, Youth and Family Advocate.

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8 (g) The establishment of the following exempt limited-service positions is  
9 authorized in the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026.

10 (1) Truth and Reconciliation Commission

11 (A) Three Commissioners.

12 Sec. 51. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.105.2 is amended to read:

13 Sec. E.105.2 FISCAL YEAR 2023; TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION  
14 SPECIAL FUND; AUTHORIZATIONS

15 (a) ~~In fiscal 2023, the following expenditures are authorized from the~~  
16 ~~Technology Modernization Special Fund to the projects described in this~~  
17 ~~section:~~

18 (1) ~~the sum of \$11,800,000 for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)~~  
19 ~~system upgrade of core statewide financial accounting system and integration~~  
20 ~~with the Vermont Department of Labor and the Agency of Transportation~~  
21 ~~financial systems;~~

1           (2) ~~the sum of \$1,800,000 for continued implementation of the~~  
2           ~~Workplace Information Management System for property management at the~~  
3           ~~Department of Buildings and General Services;~~

4           (3) ~~the sum of \$960,000 for the Fire Safety System Modernization to~~  
5           ~~replace the current technology with a modern platform to improve records~~  
6           ~~management and public interaction functionalities related to permitting and~~  
7           ~~licensing; and~~

8           (4) ~~the sum of \$2,200,000 for a case management system at the Office~~  
9           ~~of the Attorney General.~~

10          (b) The expenditures authorized in ~~subdivision (a)(1) of this section~~ section  
11          B.1102 of this act shall only be released following approval by the Joint  
12          Information Technology Oversight Committee upon a review of the following  
13          documentation as provided by the Agency of Digital Services, the Agency of  
14          Administration, and the Joint Fiscal Office's IT consultant:

- 15               (1) adequacy of departmental readiness;
- 16               (2) the responsiveness of requests for proposals; and
- 17               (3) results of the independent review.

18          (e)(b) In fiscal year ~~2023~~ 2024, if funds are available per section C.102(b)  
19          of this act, the following expenditures are authorized from the Technology  
20          Modernization Special Fund to the projects described in this section:





1 Sec. 52. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.233.2(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) In fiscal year 2023 there is appropriated to the Vermont Community  
3 Broadband Board a total of \$1,500,000 \$1,435,531 from special funds and  
4 \$684,127 from federal funds to operate the Board. ~~The intent of this section is~~  
5 ~~to provide the necessary spending authority to the Board to operate in fiscal~~  
6 ~~year 2023 until a new line-item budget is included in the budget adjustment for~~  
7 ~~fiscal year 2023 pursuant to Sec. 233.1. of this act.~~

8 Sec. 53. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.300.2 is added to read:

9 Sec. E.300.2 EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS FOR NEW AMERICANS

10 (a) Employment Assistance Grants. The State Refugee Office, in  
11 consultation with the Vermont Department of Labor, shall administer a grant  
12 program to support the development of coordinated community-based systems,  
13 with consideration of regional networks and resources, to assist in achieving  
14 economic self-sufficiency for New Americans, including refugees,  
15 humanitarian parolees, special immigrant visa holders, asylees, asylum-seekers  
16 and other immigrants with low income who are or intend to become residents  
17 of Vermont.

18 (b) Grant funds may be allocated to:

19 (1) assess the current ability of a municipality or region supporting the  
20 resettlement of New Americans, including the availability of English language

1 services, transportation, housing, employment supports and economic and  
2 health services:

3 (2) provide employment and related support services for refugees,  
4 asylum seekers and other New Americans including technical support,  
5 employment training before or during employment, English language learning,  
6 employment- related case management, job placement, transportation or other  
7 related services; and

8 (3) provide staff support for the coordination of local and State  
9 resources to secure partnerships with organizations employing refugees,  
10 development of sustainable New American support systems for regions where  
11 New Americans are being settled, creation of employer partnerships to serve  
12 multiple refugees, identification of cultural barriers for individual or groups of  
13 refugees, and facilitation with necessary stakeholders to remove barriers and  
14 prepare for successful employment.

15 Sec. 54. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.301 is amended to read:

16 Sec. E.301 SECRETARY’S OFFICE – GLOBAL COMMITMENT:

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18 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in this section, a total  
19 estimated sum of ~~\$25,231,144~~ \$22,682,952 is anticipated to be certified as  
20 State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

1           (1) ~~\$22,230,100~~ \$19,881,850 certified State match available from local  
2 education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid  
3 services under the Global Commitment. This amount combined with  
4 ~~\$28,269,900~~ \$30,618,150 of federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this  
5 act equals a total estimated expenditure of \$50,500,000. An amount equal to  
6 the amount of the federal matching funds for eligible special education school-  
7 based Medicaid services under Global Commitment shall be transferred from  
8 the Global Commitment Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund  
9 created in 16 V.S.A. § 2959a.

10           (2) ~~\$3,001,544~~ \$2,801,102 certified State match available from local  
11 designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible  
12 mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

13           (c) Up to ~~\$4,034,170~~ \$3,515,959 is transferred from the AHS Federal  
14 Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund consistent  
15 with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act – Secretary’s Office –  
16 Global Commitment.

17 Sec. 55. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.314.3 is added to read:

18           Sec. E.314.3 REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PRIVATE

19                           NONMEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

20           (a) Of the amounts appropriated in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec.  
21 B.314 as amended by this act, \$420,000 is appropriated for the purposes of

1 increasing reimbursement rates for Private Nonmedical Institutions which have  
2 rates set according to the Department of Vermont Health Access, Division of  
3 Rate Setting's Methods, Standards and Principles for Establishing Payment  
4 Rates for Private Nonmedical Institutions Providing Residential Child Care  
5 Services. This amount shall be distributed by increasing the per diem rates set  
6 by the Department of Vermont Health Access, Division of Rate Setting for  
7 each Private Nonmedical Institution. The Division of Rate Setting shall  
8 increase the treatment portion of the final per diem rate for each Private  
9 Nonmedical Institution whose rate is set by the Division of Rate Setting by an  
10 amount sufficient to ensure the appropriation in this section is fully utilized  
11 from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

12 Sec. 56. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.317.1 is added to read:

13 Sec. E.317.1 REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PRIVATE

14 NONMEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

15 (a) Of the amounts appropriated in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec.  
16 B.317 as amended by this act, \$1,900,000 is appropriated for the purposes of  
17 increasing reimbursement rates for Private Nonmedical Institutions that have  
18 rates set according to the Department of Vermont Health Access, Division of  
19 Rate Setting's Methods, Standards and Principles for Establishing Payment  
20 Rates for Private Nonmedical Institutions Providing Residential Child Care  
21 Services. This amount shall be distributed by increasing the per diem rates set

1 by the Department of Vermont Health Access, Division of Rate Setting for  
2 each Private Nonmedical Institution. The Division of Rate Setting shall  
3 increase the treatment portion of the final per diem rate for each Private  
4 Nonmedical Institution whose rate is set by the Division of Rate Setting by an  
5 amount sufficient to ensure the appropriation in this section is fully utilized  
6 from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

7 Sec. 57. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.501.1 is added to read:

8 Sec. E.501.1 EDUCATION RECOVERY AND REVITALIZATION

9 (a) The Agency of Education may adjust any of the allocations concerning  
10 ESSER II and ARP ESSER state set aside funds made in 2021 Acts and  
11 Resolves Nos. 9, 67, 72, and 74 and 2022 Acts and Resolves Nos. 28, 83, 112,  
12 166, and 185 during the final reconciliation process to ensure the entirety of  
13 the federal awards are expended. The Agency of Education shall provide a  
14 final reconciliation report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on the reallocation of  
15 these funds in October 2023 and October 2024.

16 Sec. 58. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.514 is amended to read:

17 Sec. E.514 STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

18 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), and consistent with system  
19 changes enacted for fiscal year 2023 in the 2022 session, the annual  
20 contribution to the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) shall be  
21 ~~\$194,161,651~~ \$194,961,651 of which ~~\$187,273,782~~ \$188,073,782 shall be the

1 State's contribution and \$6,887,869 shall be contributed from local school  
2 systems or educational entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

3 (b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution,  
4 ~~\$34,342,965~~ \$34,842,965 is the "normal contribution," and \$159,818,686  
5 \$160,118,686 is the "accrued liability contribution."

6 Sec. 59. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.300(c)(2) is amended to  
7 read:

8 (2) \$6,000,000 to the Department of Economic Development for the  
9 remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites to be used in the same  
10 manner as the Brownfields Revitalization Fund established by 10 V.S.A.  
11 § 6654, except notwithstanding the grant limitations in 10 V.S.A. § 6654,  
12 projects supported by this appropriation shall not be limited to \$200,000 grants  
13 per parcel. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development shall  
14 award the amount of \$1,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2023 to regional planning  
15 commissions for the purposes of brownfields assessment. In awarding funds  
16 under this section, the Secretary, in consultation with VAPDA, shall select one  
17 regional planning commission to administer these funds. To ensure statewide  
18 availability, the selected regional planning commission shall subgrant to  
19 regional planning commissions with brownfield programs, with not more than  
20 10 percent of the funds being used for administrative purposes.

21 Sec. 60. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G. 500(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) \$95,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2023 to the Department of  
2 Public Service, Vermont Community Broadband Board from the American  
3 Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund in order to support the  
4 State's goal of achieving universal access to reliable, high-quality, affordable  
5 broadband. This appropriation shall be ~~transferred to the Vermont Community~~  
6 ~~Broadband Fund~~ used to make grants through the Broadband Construction  
7 Grant Program. The Board may use monies appropriated in this subsection to  
8 fund any match requirements applicable to broadband grants funded by the  
9 federal ~~Infrastructure~~ Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

10 Sec. 61. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G. 600(a)(2) is amended to  
11 read:

12 (2) \$35,000,000 to the Department of Public Service to grant to  
13 Efficiency Vermont for the purpose of weatherization incentives to Vermonters  
14 with a moderate income. These funds shall be deposited in the Electric  
15 Efficiency Fund established under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3) and shall be available  
16 for ~~use~~ obligation by Efficiency Vermont through December 31, 2024.

17 Households approved for assistance in this section will also be offered services  
18 outlined in subdivision (4) of this subsection.

19 Sec. 62. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G. 800(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) The establishment of the following ~~23~~ 32 new classified limited-service  
21 positions is authorized in fiscal year 2023.

1 Sec. 63. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.127.1(d) is amended to read:

2 (d) ~~To fund this work for fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023,~~  
3 ~~notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706, at the close of fiscal year 2021, \$250,000.00~~  
4 ~~in carryforward from the legislative budget shall be transferred to the JFO.~~

5 [Repealed.]

6 Sec. 64. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. D.101, and amended by 2022

7 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 48 is further amended to read:

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

9 \* \* \*

10 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
11 2022, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the  
12 accounts indicated:

13 \* \* \*

14 1225001000 Legislative IT \$60,000.00 \$120,000.00

15 1230001000 Sergeant-at-Arms \$60,000.00

16 \* \* \*

17 Sec. 65. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300, as amended by 2022

18 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 68 is further amended to read:

19 Sec. G.300 INVESTMENTS IN VERMONT'S ECONOMY,

20 WORKFORCE, AND COMMUNITIES

21 \* \* \*





1 based on the number of FTEs identified by the eligible employer in its grant  
2 application.

3 \* \* \*

4 ~~(4) Eligible employers shall distribute the full amount of their awards~~  
5 ~~within 12 months following receipt of the grant funds.~~

6 \* \* \*

7 (f) Allocations.

8 (1) Of the funds made available in subsection (e) of this section,  
9 \$45,000,000 shall be allocated for a first round of funding, to be made  
10 available to the eligible employers identified in subsection (b) of this section.  
11 The remaining \$15,000,000 shall be reserved for a second round of funding  
12 pending identification of a set of additional health care and social service  
13 provider employers with a demonstrated need for the recruitment and retention  
14 incentive grant funding, as recommended by the Agency of Human Services  
15 and accepted by the General Assembly, or by the Joint Fiscal Committee if the  
16 General Assembly is not in session, except that the Agency is authorized to  
17 access all or a portion of the reserved funding to the extent that a funding  
18 deficiency is identified when meeting the needs of the first round of eligible  
19 employers.

1           (2) Any remaining funds following a second round of funding may be  
2           used for one or more of the following workforce recruitment and retention  
3           purposes:

4                   (A)(i) Incentive grants to nurses employed by health care  
5           employers in Vermont for serving as preceptors for nursing students enrolled  
6           in Vermont nursing schools. The Agency shall distribute all or a portion of the  
7           remaining funds to health care employers employing nurses who provide  
8           student preceptor supervision based on the number of preceptor hours to be  
9           provided, at a rate of \$5.00 per preceptor hour, or a lesser hourly rate if the  
10          need exceeds the available funds. The Agency shall prioritize funding for  
11          health care employers that provide matching funds for additional preceptor  
12          compensation or that commit to providing future compensation and support to  
13          expanding the number of preceptors.

14                   (ii) If nurse preceptors receiving compensation pursuant to a grant  
15          awarded to a health care employer under this section are subject to a collective  
16          bargaining agreement, the use of the grant funds provided to the health care  
17          employer for the nurse preceptors shall be subject to bargaining between the  
18          health care employer and the collective bargaining representative of the nurses  
19          to the extent required by the collective bargaining agreement.

20                   (B) Grants to health care employers, including hospitals, long-term  
21          care facilities, designated and specialized service agencies, federally qualified

1 health centers, and other health care providers, to establish or expand  
2 partnerships with Vermont nursing schools to create nursing pipeline or  
3 apprenticeship programs, or both, that will train members of the health care  
4 employers' existing staff, including personal care attendants, licensed nursing  
5 assistants, and licensed practical nurses, to become higher-level nursing  
6 professionals. Through a combination of scholarship awards, grants awarded  
7 to health care employers pursuant to this section, grants awarded to health care  
8 employers pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 22, and the  
9 health care employer's contributions, the trainees' tuition and fees shall be  
10 covered in full, and trainees shall be provided with assistance in meeting their  
11 living costs, such as housing and child care, while attending the program.

12 Sec. 67. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 21 is amended to read:

13       Sec. 21. NURSE PRECEPTOR INCENTIVE GRANTS; HOSPITALS;  
14                                   WORKING GROUP; REPORT

15       (a)(1) In fiscal year 2023, the amount of \$400,000.00 is appropriated  
16 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal  
17 Recovery Funds to the Agency of Human Services to provide incentive grants  
18 to nurses employed by critical access hospitals in Vermont for serving as  
19 preceptors for nursing students enrolled in Vermont nursing school programs.  
20 The Agency shall distribute the funds to critical access hospitals employing  
21 nurses who provide student preceptor supervision based on the number of

1 preceptor hours to be provided, at a rate of \$5.00 per preceptor hour, or a  
2 lesser hourly rate if the need exceeds the available funds. The Agency shall  
3 prioritize funding for hospitals that provide matching funds for additional  
4 preceptor compensation or that commit to providing future compensation and  
5 support to expanding the number of preceptors. If funding is not fully  
6 obligated after offering an initial grant opportunity to critical access hospitals,  
7 the Agency may open the grant opportunity to other health care employers,  
8 including non-critical access hospitals, long-term care facilities, designated and  
9 specialized service agencies, federally qualified health centers, and other  
10 health care providers.

11 (2) If nurse preceptors receiving compensation pursuant to a grant  
12 awarded to a hospital or other health care employer under this section are  
13 subject to a collective bargaining agreement, the use of the grant funds  
14 provided to the hospital or other health care employer for the nurse preceptors  
15 shall be subject to impact bargaining between the hospital or other health care  
16 employer and the collective bargaining representative of the nurses to the  
17 extent required by the collective bargaining agreement.

18 Sec. 68. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 3. MANUFACTURED HOME IMPROVEMENT AND  
20 REPLACEMENT PROGRAM



1 Sec. 71. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 25 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 25. VERMONT NURSING FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE  
3 PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION

4 (a) In fiscal year 2023, the amount of \$227,169.00 in Global Commitment  
5 funds is appropriated to the Department of Health for forgivable loans for  
6 nursing students under the Vermont Nursing Forgivable Loan Incentive  
7 Program established in 18 V.S.A. § 34 by Sec. 23 of this act.

8 (b) In fiscal year 2023, the amount of \$100,000.00 is appropriated from the  
9 General Fund to the Agency of Human Services, Global Commitment  
10 ~~appropriation~~ Program for the State match for the Vermont Nursing Forgivable  
11 Loan Incentive Program established in 18 V.S.A. § 34 by Sec. 23 of this act.

12 (c) In fiscal year 2023, \$127,169.00 in federal funds is appropriated to the  
13 Agency of Human Services, Global Commitment ~~appropriation~~ Program for  
14 the Vermont Nursing Forgivable Loan Incentive Program established in  
15 18 V.S.A. § 34 by Sec. 23 of this act.

16 Sec. 72. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 47(d)(3) is amended to read:

17 (3) the amount of the cumulative decline in adjusted net operating  
18 income during the COVID-19 public health emergency in 2020 and 2021, or  
19 other appropriate basis of comparison used to determine eligibility under  
20 subdivision (c)(4) of this section. Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 71 of  
21 this act (amending 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 47(d)(3)), shall take

1 effect on July 1, 2022 and apply retroactively to applications received on or  
2 after that date.

3 Sec. 73. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 53(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Reversion. In fiscal year ~~2022~~ 2023, of the amounts appropriated in  
5 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G. 300(a)(13), from the American  
6 Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to the  
7 Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the Economic  
8 Recovery Grant Program, ~~\$25,500,000.00~~ \$25,042,000.00 shall revert to the  
9 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
10 Funds.

11 Sec. 74. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 54 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 54. ~~APPROPRIATION; DOWNTOWN AND VILLAGE~~

13 CENTER TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

14 ~~There is appropriated the sum of \$2,450,000.00 from the General Fund to~~  
15 ~~the Vermont Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit Program to be used in~~  
16 ~~fiscal years 2023 and 2024. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 5930ee, the funds~~  
17 ~~until the end of fiscal year 2024, up to \$5,450,000 shall be used to increase the~~  
18 ~~amount of for Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit Program tax credits~~  
19 ~~that may be awarded to on qualified projects. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.~~  
20 ~~§ 5930ee, any tax credit capacity for this program not used in fiscal year 2023~~  
21 ~~shall carry forward. Of those tax credits awarded in fiscal years 2023 and~~



1 2024, up to \$2,000,000.00 may be awarded to qualified projects located in  
2 designated neighborhood development areas. It is the intent of the General  
3 Assembly that this section be a temporary increase to the Program for fiscal  
4 years 2023 and 2024.

5 Sec. 75. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 184, Sec. 2(8)(C) and (D) are amended  
6 to read:

7 (C) Replace Your Ride Program. Sec. 5(c) of this act authorizes  
8 ~~\$3,000,000.00~~ \$2,900,000.00 for incentives under Replace Your Ride, which  
9 will be the State's program to incentivize Vermonters to remove older low-  
10 efficiency vehicles from operation and switch to modes of transportation that  
11 produce fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and capped administrative costs.

12 (D) eBike Incentives. Sec. 5(d) of this act authorizes ~~\$50,000.00~~  
13 \$150,000.00 for eBike incentives and capped administrative costs.

14 Sec. 76. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 184, Sec. 5(c) and (d) are amended to  
15 read:

16 (c) Replace Your Ride Program. The Agency is authorized to spend up to  
17 ~~\$3,000,000.00~~ \$2,900,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on  
18 the Replace Your Ride Program established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55,  
19 Sec. 27, as amended.

1 (d) eBike Incentives. The Agency is authorized to spend up to \$50,000.00  
2 \$150,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on an eBike  
3 incentive program.

4 Sec. 77. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.600(b) is amended to read:

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

9 \* \* \*

10 (5) ~~\$3,000,000.00~~ \$2,900,000.00 to the Agency of Transportation for  
11 the Replace Your Ride Program, established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No.  
12 55, Sec. 27, as amended.

13 (6) \$2,200,000 general funds and \$550,000 Transportation funds to the  
14 Agency of Transportation for the following:

15 \* \* \*

16 (C) \$50,000 Transportation funds and \$100,000 general funds to the  
17 Agency of Transportation for electric bicycle incentives.

18 Sec. 78. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 186, Sec. 4(b) is amended to read:

19 (b) In fiscal year 2023, \$102,000.00 is ~~appropriated~~ allocated to the  
20 Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living from the Global  
21 Commitment Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) home- and

1 community-based services monies appropriated in 2022 Acts and Resolves  
2 No. 83, Sec. 72a, as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. 105, to  
3 fund the Residential Program Developer position established in subsection (a)  
4 of this section.

5 Sec. 79. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 186, Sec. 5(b)(1) is amended to read:

6 (b)(1) In fiscal year 2023, \$500,000.00 is ~~appropriated~~ allocated to the  
7 Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living from the Global  
8 Commitment Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) home- and  
9 community-based services monies appropriated in 2022 Acts and Resolves  
10 No. 83, Sec. 72a, as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. 105, to  
11 develop housing and residential service pilot planning grants in at least three  
12 regions of the State, in partnership with designated and specialized service  
13 agencies, for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

14 The Department shall issue a request for proposals seeking entities to develop  
15 regional pilot planning grants with not more than one grant per designated  
16 agency catchment area.

17 Sec. 80. 33 V.S.A. § 3543 is amended to read:

18 § 3543. STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE

19 (a)(1) There is established a need-based student loan repayment  
20 assistance program for the purpose of providing student loan repayment

1 assistance to any individual employed by a regulated, privately operated  
2 center-based child care program or family child care home.

3 (2) An eligible individual shall:

4 (A)(i) work in a privately operated center-based child care program  
5 or in a family child care home that is regulated by the Division for at least an  
6 average of 30 hours per week for 48 weeks of the year; or

7 (ii) if the individual is an employee of a Vermont Head Start  
8 program that operates fewer than 48 weeks per year, work a minimum of nine  
9 months of the year, inclusive of any employer-approved time off; or

10 (B) receive an annual salary of not more than ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$60,000.00  
11 through the individual's work in regulated childcare; and

12 (C)(i) have earned an associate's or bachelor's degree with a major  
13 or concentration in early childhood, child and human development, elementary  
14 education, special education with a birth to age eight focus, or child and family  
15 services ~~within the preceding five years; or~~

16 (ii) have earned an associate's, bachelor's, or master's degree that  
17 contributes to an Early Childhood Career Ladder Certificate Level IIIB or  
18 higher through Northern Lights at the Community College of Vermont.

19 (3) To participate in the program set forth in this section, an eligible  
20 individual shall submit to the Department for Children and Families  
21 documentation expressing the individual's intent to work in a regulated,

1 privately operated center-based child care program or family child care home  
2 for at least the 12 months following the annual loan repayment award  
3 notification. A participant may receive up to \$4,000.00 annually in student  
4 loan repayment assistance, which shall be distributed by the Department in  
5 four allotments. The Department shall distribute at least one-quarter of the  
6 individual's total annual benefit after the individual has completed three  
7 months of employment in accordance with the program. The remainder of an  
8 individual's total annual benefit shall be distributed by the Department every  
9 three months after the initial  
10 payment.

11 \* \* \*

12 (d) An individual who has not received student loan repayment assistance  
13 pursuant to subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall be eligible for a one-time  
14 retroactive payment of \$4,000.00 if the individual met all eligibility  
15 requirements within the 12 months preceding the date of application.

16 Sec. 81. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 164, Sec. 6d. is amended to read:

17 Sec. 6d. AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS REPORT

18 On or before November 15, 2023 2024, the Auditor of Accounts shall report to  
19 the General Assembly regarding the organizational structure and membership  
20 of the Cannabis Control Board and whether the structure continues to be the  
21 most efficient for carrying out the statutory duties of the Board.

1 Sec. 82. 32 V.S.A. § 7811 is amended to read:

2 § 7811. IMPOSITION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX

3 \* \* \*

4 (b) The tax established in this section shall not be imposed on:

5 (1) cannabis-related supplies sold by a dispensary registered under 18

6 V.S.A. chapter 86 7 V.S.A. chapter 37 to registered patients and registered

7 caregivers, as those terms are defined in 18 V.S.A. § 4472 7 V.S.A. § 972;

8 (2) cannabis products, as defined in 7 V.S.A. § 831, that do not contain

9 tobacco; or

10 (3) hemp or hemp products, as defined in 6 V.S.A. § 562, that do not

11 contain tobacco.

12 \* \* \*

13 Sec. 83. REPEALS; MENTAL HEALTH RISK POOL

14 1998 Acts and Resolves No. 147, Sec. 138a is repealed.

15 Sec. 84. JUDICIARY NETWORK REPLACEMENT REVIEW

16 (a) On or before April 15, 2023, the Judiciary shall obtain an independent

17 expert review for their proposed Network Replacement project. The review

18 shall include:

19 (1) an acquisition cost assessment;

20 (2) a technology architecture and standards review;

1           (3) an implementation plan assessment, including a review of the  
2           staffing plan for the ongoing operation of the network;

3           (4) a cost analysis and a model for benefit analysis;

4           (5) an analysis of alternatives;

5           (6) an impact analysis on the Judiciary's net operating costs; and

6           (7) a security assessment.

7           (b) The Judiciary shall submit a copy of the review described in  
8           subsection (a) of this section to the House Committees on Appropriations and  
9           on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committees on  
10           Appropriations and on Government Operations. No funds shall be  
11           appropriated for the Judiciary's Network Replacement project until the results  
12           of the review are assessed by the General Assembly.

13           (c) Any costs associated with the review described in subsection (a) of this  
14           section shall be paid for from the Judiciary's Fiscal Year 2023 operating  
15           budget.

16           Sec. 85. CHILDREN'S INTEGRATED SERVICES PER MEMBER PER  
17           MONTH PAYMENT

18           Providers of children's integrated services shall receive a per member per  
19           month payment of \$650.00 for all eligible recipients.

20           Sec. 86. SECURE RESIDENTIAL STABILIZATION FACILITIES FOR  
21           YOUTH

1       (a) \$4,626,506 of funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services  
2       shall be held in reserve until the Department for Children and Families submits  
3       a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services  
4       and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare  
5       providing a detailed plan for the location, design, and budget of the proposed  
6       secure residential stabilization facilities for youth, on or before March 31,  
7       2023. The report shall include:

8               (1) the proposed timeframe in which each temporary facility would be  
9       operational while plans for a suitable permanent facility are developed and  
10       implemented; and

11              (2) the timeframe for the additional stabilization and treatment unit  
12       plans.

13       Sec. 87. GENERAL ASSISTANCE TEMPORARY HOUSING PROGRAM

14       (a) The Department for Children and Families shall convene a group of  
15       broad stakeholders, including Continuum of Care organizations, Community  
16       Action Agencies, people with lived experience, lodging establishments,  
17       homelessness shelters, and other interested parties, to examine the public  
18       policy options for administering temporary housing assistance. The group  
19       shall make recommendations to the Commissioner for Children and Families  
20       on the design and implementation of a sustainable, long-term plan for  
21       providing emergency housing after fiscal year 2023 that ends reliance on the



1 General/Emergency Assistance Motel Voucher Program. This group shall  
2 consider investments needed to build local capacity to support emergency  
3 housing needs, which may include funding, training, technical assistance, and  
4 planning support. The Department for Children and Families and the  
5 workgroup shall also consider the Governor’s proposed permanent housing  
6 initiative when developing its recommendations.

7 (b) On or before April 15, 2023, the Department for Children and Families  
8 shall submit a written report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on  
9 General and Housing, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on  
10 Appropriations, on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and  
11 on Health and Welfare with recommendations on the development of a  
12 sustainable, long-term plan for emergency housing.

13 (c) The Department shall also continue to engage interested local and  
14 statewide parties, including the Continuum of Care organizations, service  
15 providers, people with lived experience, and representatives of Vermont’s  
16 health care system, in the design, implementation, and evaluation of housing  
17 assistance programs and community-based alternatives to General/Emergency  
18 Assistance temporary housing.

19 (d) The Department for Children and Families shall implement the  
20 identified sustainable housing plan on July 1, 2023 in line with  
21 recommendations made in the April 15, 2023 written report. The Department

1 for Children and Families shall take into consideration steps necessary to  
2 ensure an effective and efficient transition that ends reliance on the  
3 General/Emergency Assistance Motel Voucher Program on June 30, 2023.

*Sec. 87a. MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ACCESS STATE  
AND FEDERAL FUNDING*

*(a) Expanding municipal access to State and federal funding. The Agency of Administration, consistent with the provisions of this section, shall design and implement a process to provide expanded technical and administrative assistance to municipalities with high need that may be eligible for State or federal funding for the following activities:*

*(1) Community needs assessment. Conducting a review of community assets and needs, strategic planning, and identifying potential eligible projects, including in the following categories:*

*(A) water supply and wastewater infrastructure;*

*(B) housing;*

*(C) community recovery, workforce development, and business support;*

*(D) climate change mitigation and resilience; and*

*(E) other community economic development projects identified by a municipality and approved by the Agency of Administration.*

(2) Opportunity assessment. Assessing the technical assistance and funding available from State, federal, and private sources; evaluating eligibility and compliance requirements; and conducting a feasibility analysis of whether the municipality has, or can develop, the capacity to complete a project and meet applicable requirements.

(3) Application and permit assistance. Providing technical and administrative assistance with completing funding applications, permit applications, and satisfying initial regulatory requirements.

(4) Project management and implementation. Providing ongoing support to successful grant recipients with project management, funding program implementation, funding program compliance, and administrative and regulatory compliance through project completion.

(5) Other capacity-building activities. Providing additional assistance, subject to approval by the Agency, to advance priority projects identified by municipalities.

(b) Eligible service providers; service delivery.

(1) Eligibility.

(A) The Agency shall develop eligibility criteria, issue a request for proposals, and implement an approval process for service providers within each region to provide the technical assistance and services specified in subsection (a) of this section.

(B) The Agency may exercise its discretion in structuring the terms of service and payments, provided that the Agency shall adopt a set of minimum standards, duties, and performance requirements applicable to all service providers.

(2) Providers; mode of delivery. The Agency may:

(A) award a grant or contract for services to a regional planning commission, regional development corporation, or other similar instrumentality; to a private for-profit or nonprofit contractor; or to a combination of these;

(B) award funding to two or more municipalities to create a shared full-time, part-time, or limited-service position; or

(C) authorize an eligible municipality to directly contract for services from one or more providers approved by the Agency, subject to terms approved by the Agency.

(3) Regional collaboration. In approving service providers, the Agency shall give priority to applicants that demonstrate a commitment and ability to promote regional collaboration and maximize the efficient use of resources.

(c) Eligible municipalities; communities index.

(1) The Agency shall develop an index that ranks Vermont municipalities based on their relative administrative capacity to access and

maximize the benefits of technical assistance and funding that is available from State, federal, and other sources.

(2) In developing the index, for each municipality in this State, the Agency shall consider its demographic profile, geographic location, and economic resources; the current size and administrative capacity of the municipal government; the availability of regional partners and supports; and other factors the Agency determines to be relevant in assessing the municipality's capacity to fully access available funding and related assistance.

(d) Eligible municipalities; priority.

(1) The Agency shall approve funding on a first-come, first-served basis to municipalities that rank in the top 25th percentile on the index developed pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, the Agency may adopt a process to consider and approve funding for a municipality that ranks below the top 25th percentile but demonstrates exceptional circumstances.

(3) If funds remain available after meeting the funding requirements of municipalities that qualify under subdivisions (1)–(2) of this subsection, the Agency may award funding to other municipalities according to index ranking.

(e) Outreach; implementation.

(1) The Agency, in coordination with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, shall conduct a general public engagement campaign to make municipalities aware of the potential opportunity for services and funding pursuant to this section.

(2) The Agency, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, and each regional planning commission and regional development corporation that serves a municipality that is eligible for funding priority under subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall work collaboratively to ensure that individual outreach to each eligible municipality occurs:

(A) to inform the municipality that it is eligible for funding for technical assistance and related services based on its index ranking;

(B) to educate the municipality on the process for identifying the types of services and assistance available, identifying eligible service providers, and accessing funding pursuant to this section; and

(C) to determine whether the municipality intends to further pursue funding for technical assistance and related services or waives its priority for funding.

(f) Reporting.

(1) The Agency shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Government Operations, the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, the House

Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, and the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs on or before the following dates:

(A) April 1, 2023;

(B) July 1, 2023; and

(C) January 15, 2024.

(2) The Agency shall address in its reports the design and implementation of the process for providing municipal technical assistance pursuant to this section, including information addressing:

(A) the activities specified in subsection (a) of this section for which the Agency provided funding and the type and amount of State, federal, or other funds that were leveraged for each activity;

(B) the eligibility criteria, request for proposals, and approval process for service providers; the standards, duties, and performance requirements applicable to service providers; and the identity and scope of services performed by approved service providers;

(C) the mode of delivery, amount, and purpose of funding awarded to municipalities;

(D) the design, methodology, and efficacy of the index; the effectiveness of the index in identifying relative priority and capacity of

*municipalities; and, if applicable, the basis of any funding awards made due to exceptional circumstances pursuant to subdivision (d)(3) of this section; and (E) the design, implementation, and effectiveness of outreach efforts undertaken pursuant to subsection (e) of this section.*

1       Sec. 88. CARRYFORWARD AUTHORITY

2           (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval  
3       of the Secretary of Administration, General, Transportation, Transportation  
4       Infrastructure Bond, Education Fund, Clean Water Fund (21932), and  
5       Agricultural Water Quality Fund (21933) appropriations remaining  
6       unexpended on June 30, 2023 in the Executive Branch shall be carried forward  
7       and shall be designated for expenditure.

8           (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, General Fund  
9       appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2023 in the Legislative and  
10       Judicial Branches shall be carried forward and shall be designated for  
11       expenditure.

12       Sec. 89. EFFECTIVE DATES

13           This act shall take effect upon passage except, notwithstanding 1 V.S.A.  
14       § 214:

15           (1) Sec. 72 (amending 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 47(d)(3))  
16       shall take effect retroactively on July 1, 2022 and apply retroactively to  
17       applications received on or after that date; and



1           (2) Sec. 82 (amending 32 V.S.A. § 7811; imposition of tobacco products  
2           tax) shall take effect on July 1, 2023, except that 32 V.S.A. § 7811(b)(1)  
3           (exemption for cannabis sold by dispensaries) shall take effect retroactively on  
4           March 1, 2022.