

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 839  
3 entitled “An act related to fiscal year 2024 budget adjustments” respectfully  
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate  
5 propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out all after the  
6 enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

8 Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

9	Personal services	<del>67,754,321</del>	69,564,321
10	Operating expenses	13,861,460	13,861,460
11	Grants	<u>1,591,501</u>	<u>1,591,501</u>
12	Total	<del>83,207,282</del>	85,017,282
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	<del>53,896,213</del>	55,706,213
15	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
16	Special funds	3,166,387	3,166,387
17	Federal funds	4,311,304	4,311,304
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,583,378</u>	<u>1,583,378</u>

1	Total	<del>83,207,282</del>	85,017,282
2	Sec. 2. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.216 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract		
4	Personal services	<del>9,124,240</del>	9,224,240
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,396,315</u>	<u>1,396,315</u>
6	Total	<del>10,520,555</del>	10,620,555
7	Source of funds		
8	General fund	<del>665,922</del>	765,922
9	Federal funds	<u>9,854,633</u>	<u>9,854,633</u>
10	Total	<del>10,520,555</del>	10,620,555
11	Sec. 3. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board		
13	Personal services	<del>4,829,061</del>	4,917,181
14	Operating expenses	<u>341,631</u>	<u>764,181</u>
15	Total	<del>5,170,692</del>	5,681,362
16	Source of funds		
17	Special funds	<u>5,170,692</u>	<u>5,681,362</u>

1	Total	<del>5,170,692</del>	5,681,362
2	Sec. 4. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property		
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	<del>208,539,656</del>	210,449,656
6	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
7	Special funds	<del>109,230,607</del>	109,741,277
8	Tobacco fund	635,843	635,843
9	Federal funds	133,784,669	133,784,669
10	Interdepartmental transfers	13,729,981	13,729,981
11	Enterprise funds	<u>13,816,313</u>	<u>13,816,313</u>
12	Total	<del>499,987,069</del>	502,407,739
13	Sec. 5. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:		
14	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office		
15	Personal services	<del>14,083,686</del>	15,401,686
16	Operating expenses	5,402,086	5,402,086
17	Grants	<u>2,895,202</u>	<u>2,895,202</u>

1	Total	<del>22,380,974</del>	23,698,974
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	<del>9,767,874</del>	10,226,874
4	Special funds	135,517	135,517
5	Federal funds	<del>11,678,441</del>	12,537,441
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>799,142</u>	<u>799,142</u>
7	Total	<del>22,380,974</del>	23,698,974
8	Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:		
9	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment		
10	Grants	<del>1,990,896,293</del>	<u>2,039,037,932</u>
11	Total	<del>1,990,896,293</del>	<u>2,039,037,932</u>
12	Source of funds		
13	General fund	<del>648,528,785</del>	657,710,193
14	Special funds	32,994,384	32,994,384
15	Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
16	State health care resources fund	<del>25,265,312</del>	25,438,836
17	Federal funds	<del>1,259,024,269</del>	1,298,107,936

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,034,170</u>	<u>3,737,210</u>
2	Total	<del>1,990,896,293</del>	2,039,037,932

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

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

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

9 Source of funds

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

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

1	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global		
2	commitment		
3	Personal services	547,983	547,983
4	Grants	<u>932,542,238</u>	<u>936,811,294</u>
5	Total	<del>933,090,221</del>	937,359,277
6	Source of funds		
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>933,090,221</u>	<u>937,359,277</u>
8	Total	<del>933,090,221</del>	937,359,277
9	Sec. 9. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:		
10	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state		
11	only		
12	Grants	<u>53,067,318</u>	<u>55,742,931</u>
13	Total	<del>53,067,318</del>	55,742,931
14	Source of funds		
15	General fund	<del>53,062,626</del>	54,861,587
16	Global Commitment fund	<u>4,692</u>	<u>881,344</u>
17	Total	<del>53,067,318</del>	55,742,931

1 Sec. 10. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver

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4	Grants	<u>34,621,472</u>	<u>34,672,534</u>
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5	Total	34,621,472	34,672,534
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6 Source of funds

7	General fund	<del>12,634,069</del>	12,493,853
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8	Federal funds	<u>21,987,403</u>	<u>22,178,681</u>
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9	Total	34,621,472	34,672,534
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10 Sec. 11. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:

11 Sec. B.312 Health - public health

12	Personal services	64,592,946	64,592,946
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13	Operating expenses	13,047,530	13,047,530
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14	Grants	<u>45,946,724</u>	<u>53,124,870</u>
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15	Total	<del>123,587,200</del>	130,765,346
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16 Source of funds

17	General fund	12,408,429	12,408,429
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1	Special funds	<del>25,017,725</del>	31,148,098
2	Tobacco fund	<del>1,088,918</del>	1,088,918
3	Federal funds	66,753,896	66,753,896
4	Global Commitment fund	<del>16,582,951</del>	17,630,724
5	Interdepartmental transfers	1,710,281	1,710,281
6	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
7	Total	<del>123,587,200</del>	130,765,346
8	Sec. 12. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:		
9	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health		
10	Personal services	<del>47,716,644</del>	50,489,379
11	Operating expenses	5,272,240	5,272,240
12	Grants	<u>264,539,814</u>	<u>264,343,558</u>
13	Total	<del>317,528,698</del>	320,105,177
14	Source of funds		
15	General fund	<del>25,282,556</del>	26,278,924
16	Special funds	1,708,155	1,708,155
17	Federal funds	10,999,654	10,999,654



1	Global Commitment fund	<del>279,524,193</del>	281,104,304
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>	<u>14,140</u>
3	Total	<del>317,528,698</del>	320,105,177
4	Sec. 13. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:		
5	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support		
6	services		
7	Personal services	44,446,942	46,323,033
8	Operating expenses	17,162,151	17,162,151
9	Grants	<u>3,919,106</u>	<u>3,919,106</u>
10	Total	<del>65,528,199</del>	67,404,290
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	<del>37,090,554</del>	38,841,112
13	Special funds	2,781,912	2,781,912
14	Federal funds	23,540,549	23,540,549
15	Global Commitment fund	<del>1,659,321</del>	1,784,854
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>455,863</u>	<u>455,863</u>
17	Total	<del>65,528,199</del>	67,404,290

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

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

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

7 Source of funds

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

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

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

16	Personal services	5,670,999	5,670,999
17	Operating expenses	810,497	810,497

1	Grants	<u>95,860,842</u>	<u>99,707,882</u>
2	Total	<del>102,342,338</del>	106,189,378
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	35,016,309	35,016,309
5	Special funds	16,745,000	16,745,000
6	Federal funds	<del>37,419,258</del>	41,266,298
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>13,161,771</u>	<u>13,161,771</u>
8	Total	<del>102,342,338</del>	106,189,378
9	Sec. 16. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:		
10	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and		
11	disabled		
12	Personal services	2,252,206	2,252,206
13	Grants	<u>10,431,118</u>	<u>11,181,118</u>
14	Total	<del>12,683,324</del>	13,433,324
15	Source of funds		
16	General fund	7,533,333	7,533,333
17	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,149,991</u>	<u>5,899,991</u>

1	Total	<del>12,683,324</del>	13,433,324
2	Sec. 17. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up		
4	Operating expenses	30,633	30,633
5	Grants	<del>35,536,413</del>	<u>36,683,099</u>
6	Total	<del>35,567,046</del>	36,713,732
7	Source of funds		
8	General fund	<del>23,233,869</del>	24,114,082
9	Special funds	5,970,229	5,970,229
10	Federal funds	<del>3,531,330</del>	2,806,330
11	Global Commitment fund	<del>2,831,618</del>	<u>3,823,091</u>
12	Total	<del>35,567,046</del>	36,713,732
13	Sec. 18. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:		
14	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and		
15	independent living grants		
16	Grants	<del>22,380,328</del>	<u>22,922,275</u>
17	Total	<del>22,380,328</del>	22,922,275

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	9,220,695	9,220,695
3	Federal funds	7,321,114	7,321,114
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,838,519</u>	<u>6,380,466</u>
5	Total	<u>22,380,328</u>	22,922,275

6 Sec. 19. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and  
8 community based waiver

9	Grants	<u>6,638,028</u>	<u>6,938,028</u>
10	Total	<u>6,638,028</u>	6,938,028

11 Source of funds

12	Global Commitment fund	<u>6,638,028</u>	<u>6,938,028</u>
13	Total	<u>6,638,028</u>	6,938,028

14 Sec. 20. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:

15 Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care

16	Grants	<u>268,715,683</u>	<u>289,878,189</u>
17	Total	<u>268,715,683</u>	289,878,189

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	498,579	498,579
3	Federal funds	2,450,000	2,450,000
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>265,767,104</u>	<u>286,929,610</u>
5	Total	<del>268,715,683</del>	289,878,189
6	Sec. 21. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services		
8	Personal services	<del>139,473,576</del>	152,714,793
9	Operating expenses	<u>24,600,099</u>	<u>24,600,099</u>
10	Total	<del>164,073,675</del>	177,314,892
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	<del>159,502,946</del>	167,744,163
13	Special funds	935,963	935,963
14	ARPA State Fiscal	0	5,000,000
15	Federal funds	492,196	492,196
16	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255	2,746,255
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>

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

1	Special funds	<del>41,655,797</del>	13,627,301
2	Federal funds	<u>8,311,229</u>	<u>7,890,869</u>
3	Total	<del>24,166,504</del>	31,097,915
4	Sec. 24. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.347 is amended to read:		
5	Sec. B.347 Total human services		
6	Source of funds		
7	General fund	<del>1,231,153,062</del>	1,262,543,832
8	Special funds	<del>124,537,345</del>	132,639,222
9	Tobacco fund	<del>23,088,208</del>	23,088,208
10	State health care resources fund	<del>25,265,312</del>	25,438,836
11	ARPA State Fiscal	0	5,000,000
12	Federal funds	<del>1,785,709,992</del>	1,816,381,527
13	Global Commitment fund	<del>1,943,848,077</del>	1,976,541,555
14	Internal service funds	1,746,397	1,746,397
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<del>28,591,925</del>	28,717,025
16	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
17	Total	<del>5,163,965,318</del>	5,272,121,602



1 Sec. 25. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.500 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration

3	Personal services	<del>17,683,192</del>	16,733,192
4	Operating expenses	<del>4,387,522</del>	4,407,522
5	Grants	<u>15,270,700</u>	<u>15,270,700</u>
6	Total	<del>37,341,414</del>	36,411,414

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	<del>7,415,742</del>	7,465,742
9	Special funds	<del>16,575,926</del>	16,595,926
10	Education fund	3,486,447	3,486,447
11	Federal funds	<del>9,220,942</del>	8,220,942
12	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>382,357</u>	<u>382,357</u>
14	Total	<del>37,341,414</del>	36,411,414

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

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

17	Grants	<del>226,195,600</del>	<u>229,821,806</u>
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1	Total	226,195,600	229,821,806
2	Source of funds		
3	Education fund	<u>226,195,600</u>	<u>229,821,806</u>
4	Total	226,195,600	229,821,806
5	Sec. 27. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.505 is amended to read:		
6	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment		
7	Grants	<u>1,703,317,103</u>	<u>1,711,148,481</u>
8	Total	1,703,317,103	1,711,148,481
9	Source of funds		
10	Education fund	<u>1,703,317,103</u>	<u>1,711,148,481</u>
11	Total	1,703,317,103	1,711,148,481
12	Sec. 28. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:		
13	Sec. B.516 Total general education		
14	Source of funds		
15	General fund	216,199,064	216,249,064
16	Special funds	19,495,486	19,515,486
17	Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388

1	Education fund	<del>2,070,971,937</del>	2,082,429,521
2	Federal funds	<del>493,305,099</del>	492,305,099
3	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
4	Interdepartmental transfers	382,357	382,357
5	Pension trust funds	<u>3,448,255</u>	<u>3,448,255</u>
6	Total	<del>2,804,812,586</del>	2,815,340,170

7 Sec. 29. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.603 is amended to read:

8 Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health

9	Grants	<u>1,157,775</u>	<u>1,774,148</u>
10	Total	<del>1,157,775</del>	1,774,148

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	748,314	274,148
13	Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
14	Total	<del>1,157,775</del>	1,774,148

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

16 Sec. B.608 Total higher education

17 Source of funds

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

5 Sec. 31. 2 023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.702 is amended to read:

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

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

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	<del>7,173,206</del>	7,603,314
13	Special funds	<del>370,644</del>	385,694
14	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090	10,921,090
15	Federal funds	<del>9,793,589</del>	10,003,724
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,385,460</u>	<u>1,385,460</u>
17	Total	<del>29,643,989</del>	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	<del>26,006,961</del>	29,506,961
4	Operating expenses	10,026,393	10,026,393
5	Grants	<u>4,905,988</u>	<u>4,905,988</u>
6	Total	<del>40,939,342</del>	44,439,342

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	193,565	193,565
9	Special funds	<del>26,236,633</del>	29,736,633
10	Federal funds	14,342,090	14,342,090
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>167,054</u>	<u>167,054</u>
12	Total	<del>40,939,342</del>	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	<del>37,999,582</del>	38,429,690
17	Special funds	<del>79,971,986</del>	83,487,036

1	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090	10,921,090
2	Federal funds	<del>93,077,302</del>	93,287,437
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,215,308</u>	<u>13,215,308</u>
4	Total	<del>235,185,268</del>	239,340,561

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

6 Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce  
7 and community development - administration

8	Personal services	<del>2,610,304</del>	2,510,304
9	Operating expenses	982,307	982,307
10	Grants	<u>539,820</u>	<u>539,820</u>
11	Total	<del>4,132,431</del>	4,032,431

12 Source of funds

13	General fund	<del>3,666,442</del>	3,566,442
14	Federal funds	351,000	351,000
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>114,989</u>	<u>114,989</u>
16	Total	<del>4,132,431</del>	4,032,431

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

1	Sec. B.802 Housing and community development		
2	Personal services	6,428,334	6,528,334
3	Operating expenses	705,584	705,584
4	Grants	<u>23,739,005</u>	<u>25,967,039</u>
5	Total	<del>30,872,923</del>	33,200,957
6	Source of funds		
7	General fund	<del>5,031,943</del>	5,131,943
8	Special funds	<del>6,937,054</del>	9,165,088
9	Federal funds	15,854,615	15,854,615
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,049,311</u>	<u>3,049,311</u>
11	Total	<del>30,872,923</del>	33,200,957
12	Sec. 36. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.813 is amended to read:		
13	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development		
14	Source of funds		
15	General fund	21,222,221	21,222,221
16	Special funds	<del>32,106,330</del>	34,334,364
17	Federal funds	93,013,297	93,013,297

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,062,973</u>	<u>5,062,973</u>
2	Total	<del>151,404,821</del>	153,632,855
3	Sec. 37. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1000 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.1000 Debt service		
5	Operating expenses	<u><del>75,705,398</del></u>	<u>675,000</u>
6	Total	<u><del>75,705,398</del></u>	675,000
7	Source of funds		
8	General fund	<u><del>75,377,993</del></u>	675,000
9	Transportation fund	<u><del>327,405</del></u>	<u>0</u>
10	Total	<u><del>75,705,398</del></u>	675,000
11	Sec. 38. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1001 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.1001 Total debt service		
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	<u><del>75,377,993</del></u>	675,000
15	Transportation fund	<u><del>327,045</del></u>	<u>0</u>
16	Total	<u><del>75,705,398</del></u>	675,000

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







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

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

7 (2) \$1,070,000 General Fund for replacement of the existing Food  
8 Safety Inspection Database; ~~and~~

9 (3) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Salvation Farms to expand  
10 access to locally grown food for all Vermonters; and

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

16 \* \* \*

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



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

3 \* \* \*

4 (7) \$5,000,000 General Fund for the purpose of supporting the  
5 Community Violence Prevention Program established by legislation enacted in  
6 2023. An amount not to exceed five percent of this appropriation may be used  
7 for the administrative costs of the program, including the funding of an  
8 existing limited service position at the Department of Health. Unexpended  
9 appropriations shall carry forward into the subsequent fiscal year and remain  
10 available for use for this purpose. All or part of this appropriation may be  
11 transferred to the Department of Health for this Program if necessary;

12 \* \* \*

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

15 \* \* \*

16 (3) \$40,000 General Fund ~~the purchase of a driving school vehicle for~~  
17 ~~the Youth Development Program to support foster and former foster youth~~  
18 ~~access to driver's education for the Youth Development Program to fund costs~~  
19 associated with supporting youth in foster care, or formerly in foster care, to

1 learn to drive and to obtain their drivers' licenses and independent  
2 transportation;

3 \* \* \*

4 (9) \$130,000 General Fund for a grant to the Snelling Center to restart  
5 the Early Childhood Education Leadership Program; ~~and~~

6 (10) \$300,000 General Fund for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse  
7 Vermont to provide education regarding the prevention of unsafe infant sleep  
8 and to expand programming and support services regarding child abuse often  
9 related to parental substance misuse;

10 (11) \$10,704,802 General Fund for emergency housing needs through  
11 the end of fiscal year 2024; and

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

14 \* \* \*

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

17 (1) \$200,000 General Fund in fiscal year 2024 to the Agency of  
18 Education for the work of the School Construction Task Force; and









1 of leveraging the appropriation in subdivision (4) of this subsection for Global  
2 Commitment investment.

3 \* \* \*

4 (g) Agriculture Economic Development.

5 \* \* \*

6 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of ~~\$6,900,000~~ \$7,025,492 General  
7 Fund is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to fund  
8 Agriculture Development Grants for the Organic Dairy Farm Assistance  
9 Program. Farms eligible for assistance that timely filed a complete application  
10 in calendar year 2023 and that are currently operating as of the passage of the  
11 fiscal year 2024 budget adjustment act shall be eligible for an award under the  
12 Program.

13 \* \* \*

14 Sec. 41. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1103 is amended to read:

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

16 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

17 \* \* \*

18 (h) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 General Fund is  
19 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
20 Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act as codified in

1 10 V.S.A. chapter 159. Funds shall be used for ~~the~~ assessment and cleanup  
2 planning ~~for a maximum~~ of 25 brownfields sites.

3 \* \* \*

4 (n) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$165,000 General Fund is  
5 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation to complete the  
6 engineering assessment for the Green River Reservoir Dam. The Department  
7 shall share the findings of the assessment with Morrisville Water and Light.

8 Sec. 42. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1104 is amended to read:

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

10 RETIRED TEACHERS' COST OF LIVING PAYMENT

11 (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025  
12 to the contrary, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State  
13 Teachers' Retirement System from the Education Fund for Calendar Year  
14 2023 supplemental payments made in Sec. E.514.2(b) of this act and  
15 associated costs and to fund the present value of modifications to the  
16 postretirement adjustments allowance.

17 Sec. 43. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1105(d) is amended to read:

18 (d) In fiscal year 2024, to the extent funds are available from transfers  
19 made in Sec. C.109 of this act, and before the appropriation identified in 2023  
20 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 7(a), the projects in this subsection shall  
21 receive an appropriation from the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments,

1 and Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential  
2 Investments in the following order:

3 \* \* \*

4 Sec. 44. 29 V.S.A. § 161 is amended to read:

5 § 161. REQUIREMENTS ON STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

6 \* \* \*

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

1 Sec. 45. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.108 is amended to read:

2 Sec. C.108 RESERVES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND  
3 JOBS ACT (IIJA) MATCH

4 \* \* \*

5 (b) To the extent available in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, the amount of  
6 \$14,500,000 is reserved in the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and  
7 Reserves subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments,  
8 from the transfer provided in subdivision D.101(a)(1)(D)(ii) of this act, to  
9 provide the State match in fiscal years 2025 and 2026 needed for federal  
10 funding for water and wastewater related projects under the IIJA. These funds  
11 shall only be expended if authorized by the General Assembly.

12 Sec. 46. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.109 is amended to read:

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

15 (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, to the extent any fund  
16 specified in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. D.101(b)(2) as amended by  
17 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 48 has ~~an~~ a remaining unobligated fund  
18 balance in fiscal year 2023 after the transfers to the General Fund are made, the  
19 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer to the subaccount  
20 created under 32 V.S.A. 1001b(b)(2) the respective fiscal year 2023  
21 unobligated special fund balances. The Commissioner shall report the amounts

1 transferred pursuant to this provision to the Joint Fiscal Committee in July  
2 2023.

3 \* \* \*

4 Sec. 47. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2023  
5 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.115, is further amended to read:

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

7 APPROPRIATIONS

8 \* \* \*

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

12 (1) Up to \$1,000,000 shall be available for the retention of technical  
13 experts to assist the Public Safety Communications Task Force with the  
14 analysis and planning required by ~~Sec. C.112 of this act~~ 2023 Acts and  
15 Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.114 and to fund the administrative expenses incurred  
16 by the Public Safety Communications Task Force. If the Task Force  
17 determines ~~in calendar year 2023~~ that additional funding is necessary to  
18 achieve its purposes, it may submit a request to the Joint Fiscal Committee.  
19 The Joint Fiscal Committee is authorized to approve up to an additional  
20 \$1,000,000.

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

4           (3) Any remaining amounts not obligated pursuant to subdivisions (1)  
5 and (2) of this subsection (b) shall ~~be held in reserve~~ remain unobligated and  
6 unexpended until approval to expend the funds is authorized by further  
7 enactment of the General Assembly.

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

1 shall solicit recommendations from the Task Force regarding the plan,  
2 including any revisions to the plan, the implementation schedule, and specific  
3 expenditures. In addition, the Commissioner shall update the Joint Fiscal  
4 Committee on planned expenditures.

5 \* \* \*

6 Sec. 48. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.114(f), is amended to read:

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

11 \* \* \*

12 Sec. 49. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.120 is amended to read:

13 Sec. C.120 ~~BALANCE RESERVE UNRESERVED; RESERVED FOR~~  
14 ~~VCBB~~

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

17 ~~(b) In fiscal year 2024, \$20,000,000 is reserved in the General Fund for the~~  
18 ~~exclusive benefit of the Vermont Community Broadband Board and for the~~  
19 ~~sole purpose of securing federal funding under the National~~  
20 ~~Telecommunications and Information Administration's Enabling Middle Mile~~  
21 ~~Broadband Infrastructure Program. The State's pending application requires a~~



1 ~~commitment to provide contingency reserve funding equal to 25 percent of the~~  
2 ~~total award amount if the application is approved and the award is accepted by~~  
3 ~~the State.~~

4 ~~(1) In the fiscal year 2024 budget adjustment act, any funds reserved,~~  
5 ~~but not required, for the purpose described in Sec. C.120(b) of this act shall be~~  
6 ~~unreserved and reserved within the General Fund Balance Reserve established~~  
7 ~~by 32 V.S.A. § 308e [Repealed].~~

8 Sec. 50. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.123 is amended to read:

9 Sec. C.123 HOUSING TRANSITION; RESOURCES FOR

10 COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY RESPONSE

11 \* \* \*

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

19 (1) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to  
20 reallocate General Fund appropriations made to the ~~Vermont Housing and~~  
21 ~~Conservation Board in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45~~ Department of

1 Corrections in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.338. In exchange, the  
2 Secretary of Administration shall provide an amount equal to the reallocation  
3 amount to the ~~Vermont Housing and Conservation Board from the federal~~  
4 ~~funds appropriated through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which~~  
5 ~~was originally approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to Grant~~  
6 ~~Request #3034.~~

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

15 \* \* \*

16 Sec. 51. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.100 is amended to read:

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

18 TRANSFER TAX

19 (a) This act contains the following amounts ~~appropriated from~~ allocated to  
20 special funds that receive revenue from the property transfer tax. ~~Expenditures~~

1 ~~from these appropriations~~ These allocations shall not exceed available  
2 revenues.

3 (1) The sum of \$560,000 is ~~appropriated~~ allocated from the Current Use  
4 Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of  
5 the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),  
6 amounts in excess of \$560,000 from the property transfer tax deposited into the  
7 Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General  
8 Fund.

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

15 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property  
16 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the  
17 affordable housing bond (10 V.S.A. § 314) shall be offset by the reduction of  
18 \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation  
19 Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a.  
20 The fiscal year 2024 appropriation of \$21,462,855 to the Vermont Housing and  
21 Conservation Board reflects the \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing

1 bond and related property transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed  
2 after the life of the bond on July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, it is the  
3 intent of the General Assembly that the \$1,500,000 reduction in the  
4 appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board should be  
5 restored.

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

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

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

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

17 Sec. 52. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.100.1 is amended to read:

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

19 PLANNING FUNDS





1	<del>North Country Hospital Loan Repayment</del>	<del>\$24,047</del>
2	<del>Springfield Hospital Promissory Note Repayment</del>	<del>\$121,416</del>
3	<u>21970 Registration Fees Fund</u>	<u>\$605,273.01</u>
4	<u>21064 Financial Institutions Supervision Fund</u>	<u>\$4,024,748</u>

5 (2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of  
6 unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred to the General Fund. The  
7 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report to the Joint Fiscal  
8 Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred from each fund  
9 and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency, office, or department  
10 reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory requirements.

11	21638 AG-Fees and reimbursement		
12	– Court order	<del>\$1,000,000</del>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>
13	621000 Unclaimed Property Fund	<del>\$3,270,225</del>	<u>\$4,806,692</u>

14 \* \* \*

15 (3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.228,  
16 ~~\$60,044,000~~ \$57,667,840 of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance  
17 Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory  
18 and Supervision Fund (21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision  
19 Fund (21080) shall be transferred to the General Fund.

20 (c)(1)(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal  
21 year 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the

1 ~~accounts indicated~~ the general funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act for  
2 the Global Commitment Program:

3 3400004000 ~~Agency of Human Services –~~

4 ~~Secretary’s Office—~~ Global Commitment \$15,103,683

5 (B) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal

6 year 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the

7 accounts indicated:

8	<u>1130892201</u>	<u>Lib – Working Group Per Diem</u>	<u>\$11,550.00</u>
9	<u>1140070000</u>	<u>Use Tax Reimbursement Program</u>	<u>\$120,096.98</u>
10	<u>1140330000</u>	<u>Renter Rebates</u>	<u>\$943,487.35</u>
11	<u>1150891901</u>	<u>Electric Vehicle Charge</u>	<u>\$4,412.78</u>
12	<u>1250010000</u>	<u>Auditor of Accounts</u>	<u>\$21,067.71</u>
13	<u>1260010000</u>	<u>Office of the Treasurer</u>	<u>\$110,821.00</u>
14	<u>2110010000</u>	<u>Assigned Counsel</u>	<u>\$3.37</u>
15	<u>2120892203</u>	<u>JUD – County Courthouse HVAC</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
16	<u>2130200000</u>	<u>Sheriffs</u>	<u>\$29,880.53</u>
17	<u>2130400000</u>	<u>SIUS Parent Account</u>	<u>\$167,678.27</u>
18	<u>2130500000</u>	<u>Crime Victims Advocates</u>	<u>\$18,465.95</u>
19	<u>2150010000</u>	<u>Military – Administration</u>	<u>\$100,782.00</u>
20	<u>2160892102</u>	<u>CCVS-BCJC for St Jo’s Orphan</u>	<u>\$88.00</u>
21	<u>2200010000</u>	<u>Administration Division</u>	<u>\$389,654.70</u>



1	<u>2230892202</u>	<u>SOS – One-Time FY22 Election Cost</u>	<u>\$171,400.78</u>
2	<u>2320020000</u>	<u>Liquor Enforcement &amp; Licensing</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
3	<u>3150070000</u>	<u>Mental Health</u>	<u>\$2,772,735.17</u>
4	<u>3310000000</u>	<u>Commission on Women</u>	<u>\$11,173.77</u>
5	<u>3330010000</u>	<u>Green Mountain Care Board</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
6	<u>3400001000</u>	<u>Secretary’s Office Admin Costs</u>	<u>\$475,775.00</u>
7	<u>3400004000</u>	<u>Global Commitment</u>	<u>\$11,676,230.24</u>
8	<u>3400010000</u>	<u>Human Services Board</u>	<u>\$110,000.00</u>
9	<u>3400892109</u>	<u>St Match – Act 155 4(a),5(a)</u>	<u>\$34,350.00</u>
10	<u>3400892203</u>	<u>AHSCO – COVID-19 Emergent/Exigen</u>	<u>\$4,868,985.74</u>
11	<u>3400892205</u>	<u>AHSCO – Workforce Recruitment</u>	<u>\$4,367,147.39</u>
12	<u>3400892312</u>	<u>AHSCO – VT Nursing Forgivable Loan</u>	<u>\$13,403.00</u>
13	<u>3410018000</u>	<u>DVHA – Medicaid-Non-Waiver Program</u>	<u>\$525,610.73</u>
14	<u>3420060000</u>	<u>Substance Use Programs</u>	<u>\$119,130.89</u>
15	<u>3440010000</u>	<u>DCFS – Admin &amp; Support Services</u>	<u>\$2,595,167.55</u>
16	<u>3440020000</u>	<u>DCFS – Family Services</u>	<u>\$2,864,970.25</u>
17	<u>3440030000</u>	<u>DCFS – Child Development</u>	<u>\$3,131,063.24</u>
18	<u>3440050000</u>	<u>DCFS – AABD</u>	<u>\$451,263.27</u>
19	<u>3440060000</u>	<u>DCFS – General Assistance</u>	<u>\$1,414,739.60</u>
20	<u>3440080000</u>	<u>DCFS – Reach Up</u>	<u>\$979,674.76</u>
21	<u>3440100000</u>	<u>DCFS – OEO Office of Economic Opp.</u>	<u>\$273,038.00</u>

1	<u>3440120000</u>	<u>DCFS – Secure Res. Treatment</u>	<u>\$2,752,270.00</u>
2	<u>3440130000</u>	<u>DCFS – DDS</u>	<u>\$80,299.43</u>
3	<u>3440891908</u>	<u>Weatherization Assist Bridge</u>	<u>\$1,892.85</u>
4	<u>3440892214</u>	<u>DCF – Childcare Provider Workforce</u>	<u>\$2,879,549.25</u>
5	<u>3440892309</u>	<u>DCF – Worker Retention Grant</u>	<u>\$564,500.00</u>
6	<u>3480007000</u>	<u>Corrections – Justice Reinvest</u>	<u>\$831,964.28</u>
7	<u>4100500000</u>	<u>VT Department of Labor</u>	<u>\$2,400,000.00</u>
8	<u>5100010000</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$0.03</u>
9	<u>5100060000</u>	<u>Adult Basic Education</u>	<u>\$136.13</u>
10	<u>5100892214</u>	<u>AOA – School Food Program Admin</u>	<u>\$50,670.70</u>
11	<u>5100892301</u>	<u>AOE – Child Nutrition</u>	<u>\$244,648.60</u>
12	<u>5100892309</u>	<u>AOE – Staffing</u>	<u>\$146,649.08</u>
13	<u>6100040000</u>	<u>Property Tax Assessment Approp.</u>	<u>\$9,542.14</u>
14	<u>6130030000</u>	<u>Parks</u>	<u>\$3.85</u>
15	<u>6130891903</u>	<u>Logger Safety, Value Added</u>	<u>\$108.51</u>
16	<u>6140040000</u>	<u>Water Programs Appropriation</u>	<u>\$0.20</u>
17	<u>7110010000</u>	<u>Housing &amp; Community Development</u>	<u>\$1.86</u>
18	<u>7120010000</u>	<u>Economic Development</u>	<u>\$0.71</u>
19	<u>7130000000</u>	<u>Dept. of Tourism &amp; Marketing</u>	<u>\$230.47</u>

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

4                   1150400000 BGS – Information Centers                   \$183,952.35

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

8                   8100001100 Program Development                   \$3,239,445.00

9           (4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
10           2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the  
11           accounts indicated:

12                   5100010000 Administration                   \$1,280,710.79

13                   5100110000 Small School Grant                   \$391,067.00

14                   5100200000 Education – Technical Education                   \$1,204,216.38

15                   5100892310 Education – Universal Meals                   \$6,823,849.84

16           (5) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
17           2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Clean Water Fund from the  
18           accounts indicated:

19                   1100010000 Secretary of Administration                   \$100,000.00

20           (6) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
21           2024, the following amounts shall revert to the American Rescue Plan Act

1 (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund from the accounts  
2 indicated:

3	<u>6140892207</u>	<u>Department of Environmental Conservation</u>	
4		<u>– Clean Water Board</u>	<u>\$6,000,000.00</u>
5	<u>1110892111</u>	<u>University of Vermont – Workforce Upskill</u>	<u>\$131,670.00</u>
6	<u>1110892112</u>	<u>VSAC HS Grad Advancement</u>	<u>\$24,539.92</u>
7	<u>1110892219</u>	<u>University of Vermont – New Career</u>	<u>\$184,485.00</u>
8	<u>2200892308</u>	<u>AAFM – Soil Quality Practices</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
9	<u>3400892204</u>	<u>AHSCO – Workforce Retention</u>	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>
10	<u>3440892205</u>	<u>DCF – OEO – Community Action Agc</u>	<u>\$3,182.48</u>
11	<u>4100892203</u>	<u>DOL-COVID-19 Unemployment Syst</u>	<u>\$2,456,122.60</u>

12 (7) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
13 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Tobacco Fund from the  
14 accounts indicated:

15	<u>3400891802</u>	<u>Invest Substance Use Treat</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>
16	<u>3400891803</u>	<u>Finance Substance Use Treat</u>	<u>\$724,241.80</u>

17 \* \* \*

18 (e)(1) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.3 of the Rules for State Matching Funds  
19 Under the Federal Public Assistance Program, in fiscal year 2024, the  
20 Secretary of Administration may provide funding from the Emergency Relief  
21 and Assistance Fund that was transferred pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(H) of

1 this section to subgrantees prior to the completion of a project. In fiscal year  
2 2024, up to 70 percent of the State funding match on the non-federal share of  
3 an approved project for municipalities in counties that were impacted by the  
4 July 2023 flooding event and are eligible for Federal Emergency Management  
5 Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declaration  
6 DR-4720-VT may be advanced at the request of a municipality.

7 (2) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.1 of the Rules for State Matching Funds  
8 Under the Federal Public Assistance Program, in fiscal year 2024, the  
9 Secretary of Administration shall increase the standard State funding match on  
10 the non-federal share of an approved project to the highest percentage possible  
11 given available funding for municipalities in counties that were impacted by  
12 the July 2023 flooding event and are eligible for Federal Emergency  
13 Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance funds under federal disaster  
14 declaration DR-4720-VT.

15 \* \* \*

16 Sec. 54. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.100 is amended to read:

17 Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

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

20 (1) Permanent classified positions:

21 \* \* \*



1 (1) \$40,010,000 to the Agency of Digital Services to be used as follows:

2 (A) \$11,800,000 for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system  
3 upgrade of core statewide financial accounting system and integration with the  
4 Department of Labor and Agency of Transportation financial systems. The  
5 Commissioner of Finance and Management may transfer up to \$3,000,000 of  
6 these funds to other agencies and departments for other Enterprise Resource  
7 Planning modernization-related projects, including business process  
8 transformation;

9 \* \* \*

10 Sec. 56. 3 V.S.A. § 3306 is amended to read:

11 § 3306. TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND

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

18 \* \* \*

19 Sec. 57. AGENCY OF ADMINISTRATION; ENTERPRISE RESOURCE

20 PLANNING







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. 62. 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. 63. 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 to~~ the current syringe  
3 exchange programs in Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont  
4 HIV/AIDS prevention providers for syringe exchange programs. The method  
5 by which these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual  
6 agreement of the Department of Health, the Vermont AIDS service  
7 organizations, and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The  
8 performance period for these grants shall be State fiscal year 2024. Grant  
9 reporting shall include outcomes and results.

10 \* \* \*

11 Sec. 64. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.802, as amended by 2023  
12 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 41, is further amended to read:

13 Sec. B.802 Housing and community development

14	Personal services	5,321,306	<u>5,212,164</u>
15	Operating expenses	<del>673,807</del>	<u>671,358</u>
16	Grants	<del>77,056,152</del>	<u>27,259,532</u>
17	Total	<del>83,051,265</del>	<u>33,143,054</u>
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	4,065,708	4,065,708
20	Special funds	<del>7,204,966</del>	7,747,606
21	Federal funds	<del>68,364,457</del>	<u>18,456,246</u>

1	Interdepartmental transfers	2,873,494	2,873,494
2	Total	<del>83,051,265</del>	<u>33,143,054</u>

3 Sec. 65. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2023  
4 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45 is further 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:

9 \* \* \*

10 (38) \$30,000 to the Department of Health ~~for a grant to~~ enter into an  
11 agreement with the American Heart Association for CPR and First Aid  
12 Training kits to facilitate training in schools.

13 \* \* \*

14 Sec. 66. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 53(a), as amended by 2023  
15 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 81 is further amended to read:

16 (a) Reversion. In fiscal year 2023, of the amounts appropriated in 2021  
17 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300(a)(13) and 2021 Acts and Resolves  
18 No. 9, Sec. 3(b)(1), from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) –  
19 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Agency of Commerce and  
20 Community Development for the Economic Recovery Grant Program,





1 Sec. 70. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 8 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 8. EMERGENCY HOUSING TRANSITION; FUNDING; FISCAL  
3 YEAR 2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

4 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall ~~hold in reserve~~ revert as much  
5 ~~funding spending authority~~ as possible ~~from~~ during the Agency's fiscal year  
6 2023 closeout process ~~as carryforward for potential investment in assisting~~  
7 ~~households with transitioning out of the pandemic era General Assistance~~  
8 ~~Emergency Housing Program. The reserved funds shall not be used unless~~  
9 pursuant to the Secretary of Administration's discretion under 2023 Acts and  
10 Resolves No. 3, Sec. 109. If the amounts appropriated pursuant to Sec. 7 of  
11 this act are not sufficient to fully implement the phase-out of the pandemic-era  
12 General Assistance Emergency Housing Program as set forth in this act, then  
13 the General Assembly may provide additional spending authority as needed.

14 \* \* \*

15 Sec. 71. 10 V.S.A. § 6083a is amended to read:

16 § 6083a. ACT 250 FEES

17 (a) All applicants for a land use permit under section 6086 of this title shall  
18 be directly responsible for the costs involved in the publication of notice in a  
19 newspaper of general circulation in the area of the proposed development or  
20 subdivision and the costs incurred in recording any permit or permit  
21 amendment in the land records. In addition, applicants shall be subject to each

1 of the following fees for each individual permit or permit application for the  
2 purpose of compensating the State of Vermont for the direct and indirect costs  
3 incurred with respect to the administration of the Act 250 program:

4 \* \* \*

5 Sec. 72. 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b)(2) is amended to read:

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

8 Sec. 73. 18 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

9 § 1001. REPORTS TO COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

10 \* \* \*

11 (b) Public health records developed or acquired by State or local public  
12 health agencies that relate to HIV or AIDS and that contain either personally  
13 identifying information or information that may indirectly identify a person  
14 shall be confidential and only disclosed following notice to and written  
15 authorization from the individual subject of the public health record or the  
16 individual's legal representative. Notice otherwise required pursuant to this  
17 section shall not be required for disclosures to the federal government; other  
18 departments, agencies, or programs of the State; or other states' infectious  
19 disease surveillance programs if the disclosure is for the purpose of comparing  
20 the details of potentially duplicative case reports, public health surveillance, or  
21 epidemiological follow-up, provided the information shall be shared using the



1 least identifying information first so that the individual's name shall be used  
2 only as a last resort.

3 \* \* \*

4 Sec. 74. 33 V.S.A. § 3511 is amended to read:

5 § 3511. DEFINITIONS

6 As used in this chapter:

7 \* \* \*

8 (7) "Family child care home" means a child care facility that provides  
9 care on a regular basis in the caregiver's own residence ~~for not more than 10~~  
10 ~~children at any one time. Of this number, up to six children may be provided~~  
11 ~~care on a full time basis and the remainder on a part time basis. As used in this~~  
12 ~~subdivision, care of a child on a part time basis shall mean care of a school age~~  
13 ~~child for not more than four hours a day. These limits shall not include children~~  
14 ~~who reside in the residence of the caregiver, except:~~

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

18 ~~(B) During the school summer vacation, up to 12 children may be~~  
19 ~~cared for provided that at least six of these children are of school age and a~~  
20 ~~second staff person is present and on duty when the number of children in~~  
21 ~~attendance exceeds six. These limits shall not include children who are~~

1 ~~required by law to attend school (seven years of age and older) and who reside~~  
2 ~~in the residence of the caregiver.~~

3 \* \* \*

4 Sec. 75. 29 V.S.A. chapter 61 is amended to read:

5 CHAPTER 61. MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT LOAN FUND

6 \* \* \*

7 § 1602. APPLICATION; LOANS; CONDITIONS

8 (a) Upon application of a municipality or two or more municipalities  
9 applying jointly, the State Treasurer may loan money from the Fund to that  
10 municipality or municipalities for the purchase of equipment. Purchases of  
11 equipment eligible for loans from the Fund shall have a useful life of at least  
12 five years and a purchase price of at least \$20,000.00 but shall not be eligible  
13 for loans in excess of ~~\$110,000.00~~ \$150,000.00 from this Fund.

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

20 (c) The rates of interest shall be as established by this section to assist  
21 municipalities in purchasing equipment upon terms more favorable than in the

1 commercial market. Such rates shall be ~~no~~ not more than two percent per  
2 annum for a loan to a single municipality, and loans shall bear no interest  
3 charge if made to two or more municipalities purchasing equipment jointly.

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

9 \* \* \*

10 Sec. 76. 3 V.S.A. chapter 18 is amended to read:

11 CHAPTER 18. VT SAVES

12 \* \* \*

13 § 532. VT SAVES PROGRAM; ESTABLISHMENT

14 \* \* \*

15 (c) Contributions.

16 (1) Unless otherwise specified by the covered employee, a covered  
17 employee shall automatically initially contribute five percent of the covered  
18 employee's ~~salary or~~ wages to the Program. A covered employee may elect to  
19 opt out of the Program at any time or contribute at any higher or lower rate,  
20 expressed as a percentage of ~~salary or~~ wages, or, as permitted by the Treasurer,  
21 expressed as a flat dollar amount, subject in all cases to the IRA contribution

1 and eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code at no  
2 additional charge.

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

10 \* \* \*

11 § 535. PENALTIES

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

20 \* \* \*

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

6 \* \* \*

7 Sec. 77. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 2. VT SAVES; IMPLEMENTATION

9 (a) Subject to an appropriation from the General Assembly, the State  
10 Treasurer shall implement the VT Saves Program (Program), established in 3  
11 V.S.A. chapter 18, ~~as follows:~~ in stages as determined by the Treasurer, which  
12 may include phasing in the Program based on the size of employers or other  
13 factors. The Program shall be implemented so that all covered employees will  
14 begin participation and make contributions on or before July 1, 2026

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

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

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

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

3 Sec. 78. 17 V.S.A. § 2732(a) is amended to read:

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

8 Sec. 79. 18 V.S.A. § 9435 is amended to read:

9 § 9435. EXCLUSIONS

10 \* \* \*

11 (g) With the approval of the Commissioner of Health, excluded from this  
12 subchapter is a facility in which the prescription, distribution, or administration  
13 of medication for opioid use disorder is a principal activity.

14 Sec. 80. 18 V.S.A. § 4772 is amended to read:

15 § 4772. OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

16 \* \* \*

17 (f) Meetings.

18 (1) The Commissioner of Health shall call the first meeting of the  
19 Advisory Committee to occur on or before June 30, 2022.

20 (2) The Advisory Committee shall meet at least quarterly but not more  
21 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. 81. 27 V.S.A. § 1513 is amended to read:

18 § 1513. PAYMENT OR DELIVERY OF PROPERTY TO

19 ADMINISTRATOR

20 \* \* \*

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

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

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

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



1 filed under section 1491 of this title as a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable  
2 security is no longer a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable security.

3 Sec. 82. 20 V.S.A. § 3173 is amended to read:

4 § 3173. MONETARY BENEFIT

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

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

12 Sec. 83. 16 V.S.A. § 1949 is amended to read:

13 § 1949. POSTRETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIREMENT

14 ALLOWANCES

15 (a) Postretirement adjustments to retirement allowance. On January 1 of  
16 each year, the retirement allowance of each beneficiary of the System who is in  
17 receipt of a retirement allowance for at least a one-year period as of December  
18 31 in the previous year, and who meets the eligibility criteria set forth in this  
19 section, shall be adjusted by the amount described in subsection (d) of this  
20 section. In no event shall a beneficiary receive a negative adjustment to the  
21 beneficiary's retirement allowance.

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

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

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

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

17 (2) Consumer Price Index; decreases. In the event of a decrease of the  
18 Consumer Price Index as of June 30 for the preceding year, there shall be no  
19 adjustment to the retirement allowance of a beneficiary for the subsequent year  
20 beginning on January 1; provided, however, that:

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

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

8 ~~(3)(2)~~ Consumer Price Index; increases. ~~Subject to the maximum and~~  
9 ~~minimum amounts set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, in~~ In the  
10 event of an increase in the Consumer Price Index, and provided there remains  
11 an increase following the application of any offset as in subdivision ~~(2)(1)~~ (1) of  
12 this subsection, that amount shall be identified as the net percentage increase  
13 and used to determine the members' postretirement adjustment as set forth in  
14 subsection (d) of this section.

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

18 (1) ~~for~~ For any Group A or Group C member eligible for normal  
19 retirement, or who is vested deferred, on or before June 30, 2022, the member  
20 must be in receipt of a retirement allowance for at least 12 months prior to the  
21 January 1 effective date of any postretirement adjustment; ~~and~~.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13          Sec. 84. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 36 is amended to read:

14            Sec. 36 MIDDLE-INCOME HOMEOWNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
15                           PROGRAM

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

18           (b) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

17           (A) the Agency includes conditions in the subsidy; agreement or uses  
18           another legal mechanism; to ensure that, ~~to the extent the home value has risen,~~  
19           ~~the amount of the subsidy~~ upon sale of the home, to the extent proceeds are  
20           available, the amount of the affordability subsidy either:

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

2                   or

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

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

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

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

13                   (1) project location;

14                   (2) geographic distribution;

15                   (3) leveraging of other programs;

16                   (4) housing market needs;

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

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

20                   (7) priority for plans with deeper affordability and longer duration of  
21                  affordability requirements;

- 1           (8) sponsor characteristics;
- 2           (9) energy efficiency of the development; and
- 3           (10) the historic nature of the project.

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

6           (2) The Program shall include:

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

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

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

13                   (i) geographic distribution;

14                   (ii) community size;

15                   (iii) community economic need; and

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

19           ~~(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. 85. UNRESERVED EDUCATION FUNDS; VERMONT STATE  
15          TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM APPROPRIATION

16          (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A.  
17          § 4025 to the contrary, the amount of \$9,100,000 in Education Fund dollars  
18          reserved in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.104(a) is unreserved, and  
19          the sum of \$9,340,000 in Education Fund dollars is appropriated to the  
20          Vermont Teachers' Retirement Fund, established in 16 V.S.A. § 1944, to fund

1 the present value of modifications made to the postretirement adjustments  
2 allowance set forth in Sec. 89 of this act.

3 Sec. 86. TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING

4 (a) Beneficiaries of the emergency housing transition benefit that is set to  
5 conclude on April 1, 2024, pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6,  
6 shall continue to receive the benefit through June 30, 2024.

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

10 (c) On or before the last day of each month from April 2024 through June  
11 2024, the Agency of Human Services, or other relevant agency or department,  
12 shall continue submitting a substantially similar report to that due pursuant to  
13 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b).

14 (d) Beginning on March 1, 2024, the Agency of Human Services shall not  
15 reimburse any licensed hotel or motel establishment more than the lowest  
16 advertised room rate and no more than \$80 a day per household to shelter a  
17 household experiencing homelessness unless the Commissioner for Children  
18 and Families issues an exception to reimburse a licensed hotel or motel  
19 establishment more than \$80 a day to shelter a household experiencing  
20 homelessness due to exigent circumstances.

1           (e) Beginning on March 1, 2024, the Agency of Human Services shall  
2           strictly enforce the following rules:

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

5                   (2) Department of Health, Licensed Lodging Establishment Rule (CVR  
6           13-140-023); and

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

9           (f)(1) Prior to June 1, 2024, the Agency of Human Services may work with  
10          either a shelter provider or a community housing agency to enter into a full  
11          facility lease or sales agreement with a hotel or motel provider. Any facility  
12          conversion under this section shall comply with the Office of Economic  
13          Opportunity's shelter standards.

14                  (2) If the Agency determines that a contractual arrangement with a  
15          licensed hotel or motel operator to secure temporary emergency housing  
16          capacity is beneficial to improve the quality, cleanliness, and access to services  
17          for those households temporarily housed in the facility, the Agency shall be  
18          authorized to enter into such an agreement, provided, however, that in no event  
19          shall such an agreement cause a household to become unhoused.

20                  (3) In no event shall an agreement under this subsection exceed a rate of  
21          \$80 per day per household.

1 Sec. 87. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 1, as amended by 2012 Acts and  
2 Resolves No. 143, Sec. 13, 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 189, Sec. 26, and 2017  
3 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 24, is further amended to read:

4 Sec. 1. VERMONT STRONG MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES

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

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

10 (1) ~~The department of motor vehicles (“department”)~~ Department of  
11 Motor Vehicles is authorized to design, manufacture or procure, and distribute  
12 one or more commemorative plates that include the text “Vermont Strong” in  
13 accordance with this section. ~~The department and Vermont Life magazine are~~  
14 Department is authorized to sell commemorative plates individually or in  
15 conjunction with a bundled promotional item. ~~The department~~ Department  
16 may also authorize other persons to sell commemorative plates, provided that  
17 such persons are required to pay the ~~department~~ Department ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00 per  
18 plate within 30 days ~~of~~ after receiving the plates from the ~~department~~  
19 Department.

20 (2) ~~A The Vermont Strong commemorative plate fund (the “fund”)~~  
21 Commemorative Plate Fund is established. ~~The fund~~ Fund shall be under the

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

15 (c) Use. An approved Vermont Strong commemorative plate may be  
16 displayed on a motor vehicle registered in Vermont as a pleasure car or on a  
17 motor truck registered in Vermont for less than 26,001 pounds ~~(, but excluding~~  
18 ~~vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan)~~, by covering the  
19 front registration plate with the commemorative plate any time from the  
20 effective date of this act. The regular front registration plate shall not be

1 removed. The regular rear registration plate shall be in place and clearly  
2 visible at all times.

3 (d) Price and allocation of revenue.

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

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

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

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

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

15 (3) Funds received from the sale of bundled promotional items, less any  
16 costs to the Department for the purchase of the bundled promotional items,  
17 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.

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

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

9 Sec. 88. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 1, as amended by 2012 Acts and  
10 Resolves No. 143, Sec. 13, 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 189, Sec. 26, 2017  
11 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 24, and Sec. 96 of this act is further amended  
12 to read:

13 Sec. 1. VERMONT STRONG MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES

14 (a) [Repealed.]

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

16 (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to design,  
17 manufacture or procure, and distribute one or more commemorative plates that  
18 include the text “Vermont Strong” in accordance with this section. The  
19 Department is authorized to sell commemorative plates ~~individually or in~~  
20 ~~conjunction with a bundled promotional item~~. The Department may also  
21 authorize other persons to sell commemorative plates, provided that such

1 persons are required to pay the Department \$35.00 per plate within 30 days  
2 after receiving the plates from the Department.

3 (2) The Vermont Strong Commemorative Plate Fund is established. The  
4 Fund shall be under the control of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or  
5 designee, and shall consist of all receipts from the sales of Vermont Strong  
6 commemorative plates and bundled promotional items. The Commissioner  
7 shall account for all proceeds of sales of commemorative plates and bundled  
8 promotional items and all receipts into and disbursements from the Fund; shall  
9 track the number of plates and bundled promotional items distributed and sold;  
10 and shall track and collect payments owed for plates distributed. The  
11 Commissioner shall transfer funds from the Fund in accordance with  
12 subsection (d) of this section not less often than once per month. The  
13 Department shall report its accounting of Fund receipts and disbursements,  
14 plate inventory, and uncollected payments for plates distributed to the House  
15 and Senate Committees on Transportation and the Joint Fiscal Committee not  
16 later than May 1, 2024.

17 \* \* \*

18 (d) Price and allocation of revenue.

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



1 (2) Funds received from the sale of plates for \$5.00 shall be allocated to  
2 the Department; funds received from the sale of the plates for \$35.00 shall be  
3 allocated as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 Development's Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

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

18 Sec. 89. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

19 REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT

20 (a) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal

21 Committee at each of its scheduled meetings in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 on

1 funding received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
2 Public Assistance Program and associated emergency relief and assistance  
3 funds match for the damages due to the July 2023 flooding event. The report  
4 shall include:

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

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

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

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

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

18 Sec. 90. 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 2, as amended by 2013 Acts and  
19 Resolves No. 65, Sec. 1, 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 117, Sec. 2, and 2019  
20 Acts and Resolves No. 5, Sec. 1, is further amended to read:

21 Sec. 2. CERTIFICATE OF NEED WORK GROUP; MORATORIUM

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(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no CON shall be granted for the offering of home health services, which includes hospice, or for a new home health agency during the period beginning on the effective date of this act and continuing through January 1, ~~2025~~ 2030, or until the General Assembly lifts the moratorium after considering a progress report on the Green Mountain Care Board's implementation of its health care reform initiatives and health planning function and how they relate to home health agencies, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that the moratorium established pursuant to this subsection shall not apply to a continuing care retirement community that has been issued a certificate of authority or to a licensed home for persons who are terminally ill as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 7102.

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Sec. 91. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 2, as amended by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 117, Sec. 3 and 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 5, Sec. 2, is further amended to read:

Sec. 2. PERIODIC HEALTH PLANNING FUNCTION  
PROGRESS REPORTS

For as long as the moratorium continues for certificates of need for the offering of home health services, as established in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 2 and as amended by 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 1, 2016

1 Acts and Resolves No.117, Sec. 2, 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 5, Sec. 1, and  
2 this act, the Green Mountain Care Board shall provide to the House  
3 Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and the Senate Committee  
4 on Health and Welfare any progress reports the Board generates on its  
5 implementation of its health care reform initiatives and health planning  
6 function and how they relate to home health agencies.

7 Sec. 92. 21 V.S.A. § 384 is amended to read:

8 § 384. EMPLOYMENT; WAGES

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10 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, an employer shall not  
11 pay an employee less than one and one-half times the regular wage rate for any  
12 work done by the employee in excess of 40 hours during a workweek.

13 However, this subsection shall not apply to:

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15 (8) Permanent employees of the Vermont General Assembly.

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17 Sec. 93. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 64, Sec. 3a. is amended to read:

18 Sec. 3a. APPROPRIATION; SCHOOL MEALS

19 The sum of ~~\$29,000,000.00~~ \$24,000,000 is appropriated from the Education  
20 Fund to the Agency of Education for fiscal year 2024 to provide  
21 reimbursement for school meals under 16 V.S.A. § 4017.

1       Sec. 94. 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, 2024 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, 2024 in the Legislative and  
10          Judicial Branches shall be carried forward and shall be designated for  
11          expenditure.

12       Sec. 95. EFFECTIVE DATES

13          (a) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 72 (16 V.S.A. § 4025(b)  
14          amendment) is effective retroactively on July 1, 2023.

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

17          (c) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 87 (Vermont Strong license  
18          plates through passage) shall take effect retroactively on August 23, 2023.

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