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Act No. 84 (H.519). Appropriations and finance; capital appropriations; bonding

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding

This act sets out the State's fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019 capital budget and authorizes the State to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$132,460,000.00 and to reallocate \$14,822,286.78 from prior capital appropriations. It also provides that there will be a budget adjustment process in the second year of the biennium and that fiscal year 2019 appropriations are subject to budget adjustment unless otherwise specified. This act also:

Appropriations

- Appropriates capital funds in the amount of \$147,282,287.00 over two years for capital construction projects
- Appropriates \$6,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2018 and \$5,707,408.00 in fiscal year 2019 to statewide major maintenance projects
- Appropriates \$4,500,000.00 in fiscal year 2018 and \$3,944,000.00 in fiscal year 2019 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and Agency of Natural Resources' collaborative laboratory
- Appropriates \$4,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2018 and \$900,000.00 in fiscal year 2019 to the Waterbury State Office Complex
- Appropriates \$5,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2018 and \$5,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2019 for the parking garage at 108 Cherry Street in Burlington
- Appropriates \$3,050,000.00 in fiscal year 2018 to the Judiciary for a judicial case management IT system
- Appropriates \$2,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2018 and \$2,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2019 for the Building Communities Grants Program
- Appropriates \$2,720,000.00 in fiscal year 2018 for the construction of the Roxbury Hatchery
- Appropriates \$21,936,616.00 in fiscal year 2018 and \$23,470,212.00 in fiscal year 2019 for various clean water initiatives
- Appropriates \$1,923,000.00 in fiscal year 2018 and \$5,573,000.00 in fiscal year 2019 for site acquisition, design, permitting, and construction of the Williston Public Field Safety Field Station

- Appropriates \$300,000.00 in fiscal year 2018 to the Vermont Veterans' Home for kitchen renovations and mold remediation, and \$90,000.00 in fiscal year 2018 and \$50,000.00 in fiscal year 2019 for resident care furnishings
- Appropriates \$1,200,000.00 in fiscal year 2018 and \$1,800,000.00 in fiscal year 2019 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for housing projects

Clean Water Initiatives

- Directs the Clean Water Fund Board to submit a report to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, and the Senate Committees on Institutions and on Natural Resources and Energy by November 1, 2017 with a list of all clean water initiatives programs and projects receiving funding in fiscal year 2018 and the amount of the investment
- Directs the Clean Water Fund Board to review and recommend Clean Water Act implementation programs for fiscal year 2019 funding, and submit a list of recommended programs to the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and to the Governor for inclusion in the fiscal year 2019 capital budget report by January 15, 2018
- Requires any agency receiving fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019 capital funding for clean water initiatives to consult with the State Treasurer to ensure that the projects are capital eligible

Department of Buildings and General Services

- Authorizes the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services to:
 - sell the building and adjacent land located at 26 Terrace Street in Montpelier (the Redstone Building) and direct the proceeds from the sale to fiscal year 2019 major maintenance projects
 - sell the Rutland Multi-Modal Transit Center (parking garage) located at 102 West Street in Rutland
 - sell a portion of State property in the Village of Waterbury that borders Randall Street if the Commissioner determines it is in the best interest of the State
- Amends the requirements for the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services to conduct facilities condition analysis by directing the Commissioner to conduct an analysis each year of 20 percent of the building area and infrastructure under his or her jurisdiction so that all property is assessed within five years

State House

- Amends the duties of the Sergeant at Arms to require the provision of security for all furniture, draperies, rugs, desks, and other furnishings kept in the State House
- Amends the meeting times for the Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House, directs the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services to keep minutes of the Committee meetings, and requires the Committee to consider the responsibilities of the State Curator when consulted by the Sergeant at Arms and the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services and issuing recommendations
- Amends the responsibilities of the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services to obtain legislative approval prior to making any permanent change to the State House, including to any materials used in the interior or exterior of the building
- Creates the position of the State Curator within the Department of Buildings and General Services

Human Services

- Authorizes the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services to purchase an option on land or purchase land for a permanent secure residential facility by June 30, 2018
- Requires the Secretary of Human Services to conduct an examination of the facility needs of certain vulnerable populations and develop a plan to support these populations, taking into consideration certain reports and data previously submitted to the General Assembly. The Secretary is required to submit an update on the examination to the Joint Legislative Committee on Justice Oversight and the Health Reform Oversight Committee by September 1, 2017, and the final report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Corrections and Institutions, on Health Care, and on Human Services, and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on Institutions by January 15, 2018.

Information Technology

- Directs the Executive Branch to transfer one vacant position for use in the Joint Fiscal Office or for the Joint Fiscal Office to hire a consultant to provide support to the General Assembly to conduct independent reviews of State information technology projects and operations
- Directs the Secretary and CIO of Digital Services and the Secretary of Administration to evaluate and update the organization model, design, and budget of the new Agency of Digital Services and submit a report with any recommended legislative action to the House Committees on Appropriations,

on Corrections and Institutions, on Energy and Technology, and on Government Operations, and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Government Operations, and on Institutions by January 15, 2018

Agency of Natural Resources

- Requires the Secretary of Natural Resources to submit a plan or process for how and to what extent the Secretary shall contract with regional planning commissions (RPCs) and the Natural Resources Conservation Council to assist in or produce tactical basin plans and assign, develop, implement, and administer water quality projects to municipalities, RPCs, or other organizations
- Authorizes the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation to amend certain terms and conditions of two conservation easements on the Hancock Forest Legacy Easement Lands in Essex and Orleans Counties, and to sell the Bertha Tract in the Town of Mendon and the Burch Tract in the Town of Killington to the Trust for Public Land
- Authorizes the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services to develop a plan for signage to identify any clean water projects funded by the State during the construction phase of the project

Public Safety

- Authorizes the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services to purchase land for a public field station and an equipment storage facility and to sell the current Williston Public Safety Field Station and adjacent land

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