

# House Calendar

Friday, February 16, 2024

45th DAY OF THE ADJOURNED SESSION

House Convenes at 9:30 A.M.

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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**ACTION CALENDAR**

**Third Reading**

**S. 154**

An act relating to the Vermont State Plane Coordinate System

**NOTICE CALENDAR**

**Favorable with Amendment**

**H. 543**

An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the Social Work Licensure Compact

**Rep. Cina of Burlington**, for the Committee on Health Care, recommends the bill be amended as follows:

In Sec. 2, effective date, by striking out "2024" and inserting in lieu thereof "2025"

**(Committee Vote: 10-0-1)**

**Rep. Andrews of Westford**, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommends the bill ought to pass when amended as recommended by the Committee on Health Care and when further amended as follows:

First: By inserting a new Sec. 2 before the existing Sec. 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 123 is amended to read:

§ 123. DUTIES OF OFFICE

\* \* \*

(j)(1) The Office may inquire into the criminal background histories of applicants for initial licensure and for license renewal of any Office-issued credential, including a license, certification, registration, or specialty designation for the following professions:

\* \* \*

(I) speech-language pathologists licensed under 26 V.S.A. chapter 87; and

(J) social workers licensed under 26 V.S.A. chapter 61; and

(K) individuals registered on the roster of psychotherapists who are nonlicensed and noncertified.

\* \* \*

and by renumbering the existing Sec. 2 to be Sec. 3

Second: In the newly renumbered Sec. 3, effective date, by striking out “July 1, 2025” and inserting in lieu thereof “passage”

**(Committee Vote: 12-0-0)**

**Rep. Toleno of Brattleboro**, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommends the bill ought to pass when amended as recommended by the Committee on Health Care and when further amended as recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means.

**(Committee Vote: 12-0-0)**

#### **H. 847**

An act relating to peer support provider and recovery support specialist certification

**(Rep. Berbeco of Winooski** will speak for the Committee on Health Care.)

**Rep. Andrews of Westford**, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommends the bill ought to pass when amended as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 3, 3 V.S.A. § 125, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 3 and Sec. 3a to read as follows:

Sec. 3. 3 V.S.A. § 125 is amended to read:

§ 125. FEES

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(b) Unless otherwise provided by law, the following fees shall apply to all professions regulated by the Director in consultation with advisor appointees under Title 26:

\* \* \*

(2) Application for licensure or certification, \$115.00, except application for:

\* \* \*

(Q) Peer support providers or recovery support specialists, \$50.00.

\* \* \*

(4) Biennial renewal, \$275.00, except biennial renewal for:

\* \* \*

(V) Peer support provider or recovery support specialist, \$50.00.

\* \* \*

Sec. 3a. 3 V.S.A. § 125 is amended to read:

§ 125. FEES

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(b) Unless otherwise provided by law, the following fees shall apply to all professions regulated by the Director in consultation with advisor appointees under Title 26:

\* \* \*

(2) Application for licensure or certification, \$115.00, except application for:

\* \* \*

(Q) Peer support providers or recovery support specialists, \$50.00 \$75.00.

\* \* \*

Second: By striking out Sec. 6, effective dates, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 6 to read as follows:

Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025, except:

(1) this section and Sec. 5 (rulemaking; peer support providers and recovery support specialists) shall take effect on passage; and

(2) Sec. 3a (fees) shall take effect on July 1, 2027.

**(Committee Vote: 12-0-0)**

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rules 16a - 16d

The following concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration in that member's chamber before today's adjournment. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Senate Secretary's Office or the House Clerk's Office, as applicable. For text of resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar of February 15, 2024.

#### H.C.R. 151

House concurrent resolution commemorating the fifth anniversary of the death of Jenna Tatro and honoring the work of Jenna's Promise

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## H.C.R. 159

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont State Employees' Association on its 80th anniversary

### For Informational Purposes

#### NOTICE OF CROSSOVER DATES

The Committee on Joint Rules adopted the following Crossover dates:

(1) All **House/Senate** bills must be reported out of the last committee of reference (including the Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means/Finance, except as provided below in (2) and the exceptions listed below) on or before **Friday, March 15, 2024** and filed with the Clerk/Secretary so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day – Committee bills must be voted out of Committee by **Friday, March 15, 2024**.

(2) All **House/Senate** bills referred pursuant to House Rule 35(a) or Senate Rule 31 to the Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means/Finance must be reported out by the last of those committees on or before **Friday, March 22, 2024** and filed with the Clerk/Secretary so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

**Exceptions the foregoing deadlines include the major money bills (the general Appropriations bill (“The Big Bill”), the Transportation Capital bill, the Capital Construction bill, the Pay Act, and the Fee and miscellaneous tax bills).**

#### NOTICE OF JOINT ASSEMBLIES

**Friday, March 1, 2024 – 10:30 A.M. – House Chamber** – Election of a Sergeant at Arms.

Candidates for the position of Sergeant at Arms, must notify the Secretary of State **in writing** of their candidacies not later than Friday, February 23, 2023, by 4:00 P.M., pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §12(b). Otherwise their names will not appear on the ballots for these positions.

The following rules shall apply to the conduct of this election:

First: All nominations for this office will be presented in alphabetical order prior to voting.

Second: There will be only one nominating speech of not more than three (3) minutes and not more than two seconding speeches of not more than one (1) minute each for each nominee.

### **H.C.R. DRAFTING REQUEST DEADLINE**

For a House Concurrent Resolution (H.C.R.) to be available for presentation during the Town Meeting Week break, it must be adopted pursuant to the Consent Calendar published not later than the preceding week (Thurs., Feb. 29 and Fri., March 1, 2024).

Any Member who wishes to present an H.C.R. during the Town Meeting Week break should submit a drafting request to Michael Chernick, Legislative Counsel, **not later than Friday, February 16, 2024 at 4:30 P.M.** to ensure adequate time for the drafting and Consent Calendar adoption process. Any H.C.R. drafting request received after that deadline cannot be guaranteed to be adopted in time for Town Meeting Week presentation.

### **JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE NOTICES**

Grants and Positions that have been submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee by the Administration, under 32 V.S.A. §5(b)(3)(D):

**JFO #3186:** \$4,525,801.81 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The majority of funds to be sub-awards to Vermont's agricultural businesses and organizations to build resilience in the middle of the food supply chain and to support market development for small farms and food businesses. Includes full funding for one (1) limited-service position, Agriculture Development Specialist II and 50% support for one (1) limited-service position, Contracts and Grants Specialist I. The other 50% for the position will come from already approved JFO #2982.

*[Received February 8, 2024]*

**JFO #3185:** \$70,000.00 to the Attorney General's Office from the Sears Consumer Protection and Education Fund to improve accessibility and outreach of the Vermont Consumer Assistance Program to underserved populations in Vermont.

*[Received January 31, 2024]*

**JFO #3184:** Three (3) limited-service positions to the Agency of Human Services, Department of Health. One (1) Substance Abuse Program Evaluator, funded through 8/31/28; and one (1) Public Health Specialist II, and one (1) Family Service Specialist both funded through 9/29/2024. The positions are fully funded by previously approved JFO requests #3036 and #1891. These

positions will support Vermont's Overdose Data to Action program and the Maternal Mortality Review Panel.

*[Received January 31, 2024]*

**JFO #3183:** \$182,500.00 to the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Funds will be used to complete the purchase of a conservation easement on a 183-acre parcel of land in Townshend, Vermont (Peterson Farm). *[Note: Remainder of the easement (\$82,500) is supported by a State appropriation agreement between the department and the VHCB. Closing costs, including department staff time, is funded by already budgeted federal funds. Ongoing enforcement costs are managed by the department's Lands and Facilities Trust Fund. A \$15,000.00 stewardship contribution to this fund will be made by the landowner at the time of the sale.]*

*[Received January 31, 2024]*

**JFO #3182:** \$125,000.00 to Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation from the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission to expand current monitoring of cyanotoxins in Lake Champlain and Vermont inland lakes.

*[Received January 31, 2024]*

**JFO #3181:** \$409,960.00 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Department of Housing and Community Development from the U.S. Department of the Interior/National Park Service. Funds will be used for the preservation, repair, and restoration of the Old Constitution House, located in Windsor, Vermont. The first Constitution of Vermont was adopted on this site, then known as Elijah West's Tavern, on July 8, 1777. *[Note: A State match of \$53,714.00 is accomplished within the agency budget through the reduction of a fraction of an existing position base and existing capital bill funds.]*

*[Received January 31, 2024]*

**JFO #3180:** One (1) limited-service position, Administrative Services Director III, to the Agency of Administration, Recovery Office. Position will ensure that flood recovery projects are integrated with existing state and federal programs. Will also ensure compliance and tracking of already awarded grants as well as those anticipated in the wake of the July 2023 flooding event. Position is funded through already approved JFO Request #3165 as well as Acts 74 (2021) and 185 (2022). The position is fully funded through 7/31/2027.

*[Received January 31, 2024]*

**JFO #3179:** Two (2) limited-service positions. One (1) to the Department of Mental Health, Project AWARE Lead Coordinator and one (1) to the Agency of Education, Project AWARE Co-Coordinator. The positions will liaison to coordinate and expand the state's efforts to develop sustainable infrastructure for school-based mental health. Both positions are fully funded through 9/29/28 from previous SAMHSA grant award JFO #2934.

*[Received January 26, 2024]*

**JFO #3178: \$456,436.00** to the Agency of Natural Resources, Secretary's Office from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Funds will support (1) limited-service position, Environmental Analyst IV. This position will serve as administrative lead developing the updated Climate Action Plan with the Vermont Climate Council and perform added work required by the EPA grant. Position is funded through 6/30/2027.

*[Received January 11, 2024]*

**JFO #3177: \$2,543,564.00** to the Agency of Natural Resources, Secretary's Office from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Funding is phase one of a two-phase funding opportunity aimed to support Vermont with climate change mitigation planning efforts. A comprehensive climate action plan will be developed, to overlap with and be synonymous to the required update to Vermont's Climate Action Plan in 2025.

*[Received January 12, 2024]*

**JFO #3176:** \$250,000.00 to the Agency of Human Services, Department of Mental Health from the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors. These funds will increase rapid access to behavioral health care by supporting the peer service component of the mental health urgent care clinic being established in Chittenden County. This clinic will offer an alternative to seeking mental health care in emergency departments

*[Received January 11, 2024]*