1	Introduced by Committee on Corrections and Institutions
2	Date:
3	Subject: Capital construction; State bonding; budget adjustment
4	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to adjust the FY
5	2024 capital construction budget.
6	An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment
7	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
8	Sec. 1. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 1 is amended to read:
9	* * * Legislative Intent * * *
10	Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT
11	(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$122,767,376.00
12	\$XXX,XXX,XXX authorized in this act, not more than \$56,520,325.00
13	\$XX,XXX,XXXXX shall be appropriated in the first year of the biennium,
14	and the remainder shall be appropriated in the second year.
15	(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the
16	biennium, any amendments to the appropriations or authorities granted in this
17	act shall take the form of the Capital Construction and State Bonding
18	Adjustment Bill. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unless otherwise
19	indicated, all appropriations in this act are subject to capital budget adjustment

1	* * * Capital Appropriations * * *	
2	Sec. 2. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 2 is amended to read:	
3	Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS	
4	* * *	
5	(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025:	
6	(1) Statewide, major maintenance: \$8,500,000.00 \$8,61	<del>7,818.00</del>
7	* * *	
8	(4) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence,	master
9	plan, design, and decommissioning: \$400,000.00 \( \)55	0,000.00
10	(5) Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:	
11	\$50,000.00 <u>\$10</u>	0,000.00
12	* * *	
13	(11) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase out:	
14	\$1,000,000.00 <u>\$75</u>	0,000.00
15	(12) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program: \$7	5,000.00
16	(13) St. Albans, Northwest State Correctional Facility, roof rep	olacement
17	<u>\$40</u>	0,000.00
18	(14) Windsor, former Southeast State Correctional Facility, ne	<u>cessary</u>
19	demolition, salvage, dismantling, and improvements to facilitate future	re use of
20	the facility, evaluation of potential land transfer: \$10	0,000.00
21	* * *	

1	Appropriation – FY 2024 \$23,126,244.00
2	Appropriation – FY 2025 \$25,275,000.00 \$25,417,818.00
3	Total Appropriation – Section 2 \$48,401,244.00 \$48,544,062.00
4	Sec. 3. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 3 is amended to read:
5	Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES
6	* * *
7	(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of
8	Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the
9	following projects described in this subsection:
10	(1) Northwest State Correctional Facility, booking expansion, planning,
11	design, and construction: \$2,500,000.00 \$2,600,000.00
12	* * *
13	(3) Statewide, correctional facilities, HVAC systems, planning, design,
14	and construction for upgrades and replacements:
15	<del>\$700,000.00</del> <u>\$5,150,000.00</u>
16	(4) Statewide, correctional facilities, accessibility upgrades:
17	<u>\$822,000.00</u>
18	(5) South Burlington, justice-involved men, feasibility study for reentry
19	<u>facility:</u> \$200,000.00
20	* * *
21	Appropriation – FY 2024 \$1,800,000.00

1	Appropriation – FY 2025 \$\frac{\\$16,200,000.00}{200}\$\$ \frac{\\$21,772,000.00}{200}\$\$
2	Total Appropriation – Section 3 \$18,000,000.00 \$23,572,000.00
3	Sec. 4. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 4 is amended to read:
4	Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
5	* * *
6	(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
7	Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described
8	in this subsection:
9	(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:
10	\$ <del>500,000.00</del> <u>\$700,000.00</u>
11	* * *
12	Appropriation – FY 2024 \$596,000.00
13	Appropriation – FY 2025 \$596,000.00 \$796,000.00
14	Total Appropriation – Section 4 \$1,192,000.00 \$1,392,000.00
15	Sec. 5. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 9 is amended to read:
16	Sec. 9. NATURAL RESOURCES
17	(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
18	Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
19	projects described in this subsection:
20	* * *
21	(2) Dam safety and hydrology projects: \$500,000.00 \$400,000.00

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2	(f) The following amounts are appr	ropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency	y of
3	Natural Resources for the Department	of Fish and Wildlife for the projec	ts
4	described in this subsection:		
5	(1) General infrastructure projec	ets, including small-scale maintena	nce
6	and rehabilitation of infrastructure, and	d improvements to buildings, inclu	ding
7	conservation camps:		
8		\$1,344,150.00 <u>\$1,900,</u> 0	000.00
9	*	* *	
10	(3) Salisbury fish hatchery, feas	ibility study: \$100,00	00.00
11	Appropriation – FY 2024	<del>\$6,997,081.00</del> <u>\$6,897,08</u>	81.00
12	Appropriation – FY 2025	<del>\$7,497,051.00</del> <u>\$8,152,90</u>	<u>01.00</u>
12 13	Appropriation – FY 2025  Total Appropriation – Section 9	\$7,497,051.00 <u>\$8,152,90</u> \$14,494,132.00 <u>\$15,049,98</u>	
		\$14,494,132.00 <u>\$15,049,98</u>	
13	Total Appropriation – Section 9	\$14,494,132.00 \$15,049,98 9, Sec. 10 is amended to read:	
13 14	Total Appropriation – Section 9  Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69  Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIA	\$14,494,132.00 \$15,049,98 9, Sec. 10 is amended to read:	
13 14 15	Total Appropriation – Section 9  Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69  Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIA	\$14,494,132.00 \$15,049,98  9, Sec. 10 is amended to read:  TIVES  * *	82.00
<ul><li>13</li><li>14</li><li>15</li><li>16</li></ul>	Total Appropriation – Section 9  Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69  Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIA'  *	\$14,494,132.00 \$15,049,98  9, Sec. 10 is amended to read:  TIVES  **  propriated in FY 2025 to the Agen	82.00
13 14 15 16 17	Total Appropriation – Section 9  Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69  Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIA  *  (e) The sum of \$6,000,000.00 is ap	\$14,494,132.00 \$15,049,98  9, Sec. 10 is amended to read:  TIVES  * *  propriated in FY 2025 to the Agent of Environmental Conservation for	82.00

1	(g) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
2	Natural Resources for the following projects:
3	(1) the Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match
4	for the Water Pollution Control Fund: \$1,600,000.00
5	(2) municipal pollution control grants: \$3,300,000.00
6	(h) The sum of \$550,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
7	Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for
8	forestry access roads, recreation access roads, and water quality improvements.
9	(i) In FY 2024 and FY 2025, any agency that receives funding from this
10	section shall consult with the State Treasurer to ensure that the projects are
11	capital eligible.
12	Appropriation – FY 2024 \$9,885,000.00
13	Appropriation – FY 2025 \$6,000,000.00 \$5,450,000.00
14	Total Appropriation – Section 10 \$15,885,000.00 \$15,335,000.00
15	Sec. 7. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 15a is added to read:
16	Sec. 15a. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
17	The sum of \$1,540,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of
18	Buildings and General Services for the Department of Labor for upgrades of
19	mechanical systems and HVAC, life safety needs, and minor interior
20	renovations at 5 Green Mountain Drive in Montpelier.

1	* * * Funding	y * * *
2	Sec. 8. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Se	c. 16 is amended to read:
3	Sec. 16. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS	S; TRANSFER OF FUNDS
4	(a) The following sums are reallocated to	to the Department of Buildings
5	and General Services from prior capital app	propriations to defray expenditures
6	authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:	
7	(1) of the amount appropriated in 20	12 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec.
8	19(a) 2(b)(4) (Veterans' Home, replace nur	se call system BGS – Statewide,
9	major maintenance):	<del>\$14,668.72</del> <u>\$21,876.90</u>
10	(2) of the amount appropriated 2012	in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 40
11	42, Sec. 19(b) 2(b)(9) (Veterans' Home kite	<del>chen upgrade</del> <u>Newport, Northeast</u>
12	State Correctional Facility, direct digital H	VAC control system replacement):
13		<del>\$13,522.98</del> <u>\$23,129.47</u>
14	* * *	
15	(5) of the amount appropriated in 20	15 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec.
16	2(b) (various projects):	<del>\$65,463.17</del> <u>\$147,206.37</u>
17	* * *	
18	(7) of the amount appropriated in 20	16 Acts and Resolves No. 160,
19	Sec. 1(c)(5) (major maintenance):	<del>\$93,549.00</del> <u>\$116,671.15</u>
20	* * *	

1	(9) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.
2	2(b)(13) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage):
3	\$1,736,256.55 <u>\$1,774,782.00</u>
4	(10) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
5	Sec. 2(c) (various projects): \$24,363.06 \( \frac{\$476,725.66}{} \)
6	* * *
7	(13) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
8	Sec. 2(b)(3) (major maintenance): \$32,780.00 \$439,889.66
9	* * *
10	(17) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
11	Sec. 2(b)(1) (Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs):
12	<u>\$26,951.52</u>
13	(18) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
14	Sec. 11(b)(4) (municipal pollution control grants, pollution control projects
15	and planning advances for feasibility studies, new projects):
16	\$4,498.17
17	(19) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
18	Sec. 11(f)(2) (EcoSystem restoration and protection): \$4,298.22
19	(20) of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,
20	Sec. 8(m) (Downtown Transportation Fund pilot project): \$9,150.00
21	* * *

1	(h) From prior year bond issuance cost estimates allocated to the entities
2	to which funds were appropriated and for which bonding was required as the
3	source of funds, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 954, \$1,148,251.79 is reallocated to
4	defray expenditures authorized by this act.
5	Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 16
6	\$ <del>14,767,376.32</del> \$ <u>16,980,203.85</u>
7	Sec. 9. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 17 is amended to read:
8	Sec. 17. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS
9	(a) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in
10	the amount of \$108,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations
11	made in Secs. 2–15a of this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the
12	Governor, shall determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds
13	authorized by this section consistent with the underlying nature of the
14	appropriation to be funded. The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated
15	cost of bond issuance or issuances to the entities to which funds are
16	appropriated pursuant to this section and for which bonding is required as the
17	source of funds, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 954.
18	(b) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue additional general obligation
19	bonds in the amount of \$5,247,838.90 that were previously appropriated but
20	unissued under 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69 for the purposes of funding the
21	appropriations in this act.

1	Total Revenues – Section 17	\$108,000,000.00 <u>\$113,247,838.90</u>
2	Sec. 10. 2023 Acts and Resolves No	o. 69, Sec. 18 is amended to read:
3	Sec. 18. FY 2024 AND 2025; CA	APITAL PROJECTS; FY 2024
4	APPROPRIATIONS AG	CT; INTENT; AUTHORIZATIONS
5		* * *
6	(c) Authorizations. In FY 2024,	spending authority for the following
7	capital projects are authorized as foll	lows:
8		* * *
9	(7) the Department of Building	gs and General Services is authorized to
10	spend \$600,000.00 for planning for t	the boiler replacement at the Northern
11	State Correctional Facility in Newpo	ort; [Repealed.]
12		* * *
13	(9) the Department of Building	gs and General Services is authorized to
14	spend \$600,000.00 for the Agency of	f Human Services for the planning and
15	design of the booking expansion at the	he Northwest State Correctional Facility;
16	[Repealed.]	
17	(10) the Department of Buildi	ngs and General Services is authorized to
18	spend \$1,000,000.00 \$750,000.00 fo	or the Agency of Human Services for the
19	planning and design of the Departme	ent for Children and Families' short-term
20	stabilization facility;	

1	(11) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
2	spend \$750,000.00 for the Judiciary for design, renovations, and land
3	acquisition at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;
4	* * *
5	(16) the Vermont State Colleges is authorized to spend \$7,500,000.00
6	\$6,500,000.00 for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any
7	facility owned or operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges;
8	infrastructure transformation planning; and the planning, design, and
9	construction of Green Hall and Vail Hall;
10	* * *
11	(19) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
12	\$4,000,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
13	Municipal Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning
14	advances for feasibility studies; and
15	(20) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
16	\$3,000,000.00 for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the
17	maintenance facilities at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest
18	State Park; and.
19	(21) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
20	\$800,000.00 for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure

1	maintenance and improvements of the Department's buildings, including
2	conservation camps. [Repealed.]
3	(d) FY 2025 capital projects. To the extent general funds are available to
4	appropriate to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in FY 2025, it is the
5	intent of the General Assembly that the following capital projects receive
6	funding from the Fund:
7	* * *
8	(3) the sum of $\$2,000,000.00$ $\$1,500,000.00$ to the Department of
9	Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam
10	lines at 120 State Street in Montpelier;
11	(4) the sum of $\$1,000,000.00$ $\$850,000.00$ to the Department of
12	Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for design, renovations, and
13	land acquisition at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;
14	(5) the sum of $\$1,000,000.00$ $\$850,000.00$ to the Department of
15	Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the
16	planning and design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;
17	(6) the sum of $\$1,000,000.00$ $\$850,000.00$ to the Department of
18	Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the
19	planning and design of the Rutland Field Station;
20	* * *

1	(8) the sum of \$500,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
2	Services for the Newport courthouse replacement, planning, and design;
3	[Repealed.]
4	(9) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
5	Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel waterproofing and
6	Aiken Avenue reconstruction; and
7	(10) the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
8	General Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the
9	elevator replacement at 111 State Street; and
10	(11) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
11	General Services for roof replacement and brick façade repairs at the
12	McFarland State Office Building in Barre.
13	* * *
14	* * * Policy * * *
15	* * * Agency of Natural Resources * * *
16	Sec. 11. 10 V.S.A. § 2603 is amended to read:
17	§ 2603. POWERS AND DUTIES: COMMISSIONER
18	* * *
19	(g) The Commissioner shall consult with and receive approval from the
20	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services concerning proposed
21	construction or renovation of individual projects involving capital

1	improvements which are expected, either in phases of in total, to cost more
2	than \$200,000.00. The Department of Environmental Conservation shall
3	manage all contracts for engineering services for capital improvements made
4	by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. The Department of
5	Environmental Conservation Facilities Engineering Section:
6	(1) may execute and consult on design for the Department of Forests,
7	Parks and Recreation;
8	(2) shall provide professional engineering services for compliance with
9	environmental operating permits; and
10	(3) shall be the custodian of all plans of record for work executed by the
11	Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, regardless of the source and
12	designer of record.
13	* * *
14	Sec. 12. FISH HATCHERY FEASIBILITY STUDY
15	(a) On or before December 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Fish and
16	Wildlife shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions
17	and the Senate Committee on Institutions regarding the feasibility of
18	continuing operations at the Salisbury Fish Hatchery after December 31, 2027,
19	of transferring the stocking capacity of the Salisbury Fish Hatchery to the Ed
20	Weed Fish Hatchery in Grand Isle, and of alternative options for replacing the
21	stocking capacity of the Salisbury Fish Hatchery.

1	(b) The report shall:
2	(1) identify the repairs, improvements, and other work necessary to
3	enable the Salisbury Fish Hatchery to obtain any permits necessary to continue
4	operating after December 31, 2027 and provide a detailed analysis of the
5	associated costs and a plan for accomplishing the work;
6	(2) identify any repairs, improvements, and other work necessary to
7	enable the stocking capacity of the Salisbury Fish Hatchery to be transferred to
8	the Ed Weed Fish Hatchery and provide a detailed analysis of the associated
9	costs and a plan for accomplishing the work; and
10	(3) examine alternative approaches to maintaining the State's fish
11	stocking capacity, including an analysis of associated costs and work necessary
12	to successfully implement each identified alternative approach.
13	* * * Buildings and General Services * * *
14	Sec. 13. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 22 is amended to read:
15	Sec. 22. SALE OF PROPERTIES
16	* * *
17	(c) 108 Cherry Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the
18	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the
19	property located at 108 Cherry Street in the City of Burlington. The
20	Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to purchase the
21	property.

1	* * *
2	(3) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(d) and 29 V.S.A. § 160, of the
3	proceeds received by the State for the sale of the property located at 108
4	Cherry Street in the City of Burlington, \$6,242,500.00 shall be deposited into
5	the Property Management Revolving Fund (58700) to recover the deficit
6	incurred in the fund as a result of the original purchase of the property and,
7	notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 168(c), \$293,753.63 shall be deposited into the
8	State Energy Revolving Fund (59700) to repay debt outstanding for loans for
9	energy improvement projects on the property.
10	Sec. 14. SALE OF WILLISTON STATE POLICE BARRACKS; INTENT;
11	REPORT
12	Prior to authorizing the sale of the Williston State Police Barracks, it is the
13	intent of the General Assembly that the Town of Williston shall report to the
14	House Committee on Corrections and Institutions in January 2025 regarding:
15	(1) whether the town desires to purchase the property; and
16	(2) if so:
17	(A) the feasibility of the Town purchasing the property, including
18	any requested conditions on the sale of the property; and
19	(B) the potential future uses of the property envisioned by the Town
20	Sec. 15. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:
21	§ 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY

1	* * *
2	(b)(1) Upon authorization by the General Assembly, which may be granted
3	by resolution, and with the advice and consent of the Governor, the
4	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may sell real estate owned
5	by the State. Such The property shall be sold to the highest bidder therefor at
6	public auction or upon sealed bids in at the discretion of the Commissioner of
7	Buildings and General Services, who may reject any or all bids, or the
8	Commissioner is authorized to list the sale of property with a real estate agent
9	licensed by the State. <u>In no event shall the property be sold for less than fair</u>
10	market value as determined by the Commissioner in consultation with an
11	independent real estate broker or appraiser, or both, retained by the
12	Commissioner, unless otherwise authorized by the General Assembly.
13	* * *
14	Sec. 16. FORMER SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;
15	BUILDING DEMOLITION
16	(a) The Department of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with
17	the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission, shall determine the buildings at
18	the former Southeast State Correctional Facility property that shall be
19	prioritized for environmental remediation, demolition, salvage, and
20	dismantling. The Commissioner shall consider the impact of building

1	demolition on future site development when determining which buildings to
2	prioritize.
3	(b) The Commissioner shall notify the Chairs of the House Committee on
4	Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions of the
5	buildings proposed for environmental remediation, demolition, salvage, and
6	dismantling.
7	(c) Environmental testing and remediation, demolition, salvage, and
8	dismantling shall commence during calendar year 2024.
9	Sec. 17. SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; POTENTIAL
10	LAND TRANSFER; REPORT
11	(a) The Department of Fish and Wildlife, in consultation with the
12	Department of Buildings and General Services, shall evaluate the potential
13	transfer of a portion of the former Southeast State Correctional Facility
14	property to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for inclusion in the adjacent
15	wildlife management area. The evaluation shall:
16	(1) delineate the portions of the former Southeast State Correctional
17	Facility property that could be used for future redevelopment of the site, taking
18	into account any necessary setbacks from wetlands, streams, or wildlife
19	<u>habitat;</u>
20	(2) identify any portions of the property that could be transferred into
21	the adjacent wildlife management area and potential impacts on the

1	redevelopment or sale of the property from the transfer of the identified
2	portions; and
3	(3) identify any rights of way or easements that will be necessary for the
4	potential future redevelopment of any retained portion of the property.
5	(b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife
6	and the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall report to the
7	House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee
8	on Institutions regarding the evaluation and any legislative action that may be
9	necessary to facilitate a proposed transfer or redevelopment of the property.
10	Sec. 18. STATE BUILDING NAMING; STUDY COMMITTEE; REPORT
11	(a) Creation. There is created the State Building Naming Study Committee
12	to develop a proposed process for naming State buildings that are under the
13	jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings and General Services.
14	(b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following
15	members:
16	(1) the State Historic Preservation Officer or designee;
17	(2) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or
18	designee;
19	(3) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee;
20	(4) the Executive Director of the Vermont Historical Society or
21	designee;

1	(5) the State Librarian or designee
2	(6) the Executive Director of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns
3	or designee; and
4	(7) the Executive Director of the Office of Racial Equity or designee.
5	(c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall develop a proposed process
6	for naming State buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of
7	Buildings and General Services. The proposed process developed by the
8	Committee shall address the following:
9	(1) an entity within State government, other than the General Assembly,
10	that should have authority for naming State buildings that are under the
11	jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings and General Services;
12	(2) entities and individuals who should be involved in determining
13	whether to name specific State buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the
14	Department of Buildings and General Services;
15	(3) methods by which a municipality or the general public may petition
16	to name a State building under the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings
17	and General Services after a specific person;
18	(4) any requirements for a historical nexus between the building
19	proposed to be named and the person for whom it is proposed to be named; and

1	(5) the process for considering a petition to name a State building,
2	including requirements related to public notice, conduct of hearings, and
3	standards for rendering a decision on a petition.
4	(d) Report. On or before January 15, 2025, the Committee shall report to
5	the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
6	Committee on Institutions regarding its proposal and any recommendations for
7	legislative action.
8	(e) Meetings.
9	(1) The State Historic Preservation Officer shall call the first meeting of
10	the Committee to occur on or before September 1, 2024.
11	(2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the
12	first meeting.
13	(3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.
14	(4) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 30, 2025.
15	Sec. 19. FORENSIC FACILITY; NEEDS; REVIEW; REPORT
16	(a)(1) The Department of Buildings and General Services, in consultation
17	with the Departments of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and
18	Independent Living, shall review the programming needs and facility
19	requirements of individuals who:
20	(A) present significant risk of danger to self or others if not treated in
21	a secure setting; and

1	(B) are held without bail pursuant to 13 V.S.A. §§ 7553 and 7553a
2	and either found not competent to stand trial due to mental illness or
3	intellectual disability or adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity.
4	(2) The review shall include an analysis of the potential costs of any
5	identified options for meeting the programming needs and facility
6	requirements.
7	(3) The facility requirements shall provide that individuals who are
8	found not competent to stand trial due to an intellectual disability are housed
9	separately from individuals who are found not competent to stand trial due to
10	mental illness or adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity.
11	(b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Buildings and
12	General Services shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on
13	Corrections and Institutions, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the
14	Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on
15	Institutions regarding the findings of the review conducted pursuant to
16	subsection (a) of this section. The report may include recommendations for
17	legislative action.
18	Sec. 20. DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES YOUTH
19	SHORT-TERM STABILIZATION AND TREATMENT CENTER;
20	LONG-TERM LEASE; AUTHORIZATION

1	Notwithstanding any provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 165(h) or 29 V.S.A.
2	§ 166(a) to the contrary, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services
3	is authorized to enter into a long-term ground lease agreement at a below-
4	market rate for an initial term of not more than 20 years with not more than
5	four five-year renewal options for the Department for Children and Families
6	Youth Short Term Stabilization and Treatment Center. At the end of the term
7	and any renewals, the ground lease shall terminate.
8	Sec. 21. CAPITOL COMPLEX FLOOD RECOVERY; SPECIAL
9	COMMITTEE
10	(a) The Special Committee on Capitol Complex Flood Recovery is
11	established. The Special Committee shall comprise the Joint Fiscal Committee
12	and the chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the
13	Senate Committee on Institutions.
14	(b)(1) The Special Committee shall meet at the call of the chair of the Joint
15	Fiscal Committee, in consultation with the chairs of the House Committee on
16	Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.
17	(2)(A) The Special Committee shall meet to review and recommend
18	alterations to proposals and plans for Capitol Complex flood recovery.
19	(B) The Special Committee may, as necessary, grant approval to
20	proposals and plans for Capitol Complex flood recovery.

1	(c) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall provide
2	quarterly updates to the Special Committee on the planning process for Capitol
3	Complex flood recovery.
4	(d) The Special Committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as
5	provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.
6	Sec. 22. STATE HOUSE; EXPANSION; DESIGN; SPECIAL COMMITTEE
7	(a)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly to approve the programming
8	option for a schematic design plan for the State House expansion as soon as
9	practicable to allow the Department of Buildings and General Services to begin
10	the design development phase of the expansion.
11	(2) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall provide
12	the Special Committee established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section
13	with a schematic design plan for the State House expansion on or before
14	August 15, 2024.
15	(b) A Special Committee to be called the Special Committee on State
16	House Expansion consisting of the Joint Legislative Management Committee
17	and the chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the
18	Senate Committee on Institutions is established. The Special Committee is
19	authorized to meet to review, approve, or recommend alterations to the
20	schematic design described in subsection (a) of this section at a regularly

1	scheduled Joint Legislative Management Committee meeting. In making its
2	decision, the Special Committee shall consider:
3	(1) how the design impacts the ability of the General Assembly to
4	conduct legislative business;
5	(2) whether the design allows for public access to citizens;
6	(3) the financial consequences to the State of approval or disapproval of
7	the proposal; and
8	(4) whether any potential alternatives are available.
9	(c) The Special Committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as
10	provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.
11	Sec. 23. 29 V.S.A. § 152 is amended to read:
12	§ 152. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER
13	(a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in addition to the
14	duties expressly set forth elsewhere by law, shall have the authority to:
15	* * *
16	(3) Prepare or cause to be prepared plans and specifications for
17	construction and repair on all State-owned buildings:
18	* * *
19	(B) For which no specific appropriations have been made by the
20	General Assembly or the Emergency Board. The Commissioner may, with the
21	approval of the Secretary of Administration, acquire an option, for a price not

to exceed \$75,000.00, on an individual property without prior legislative approval, for a price not to exceed five percent of the listed sale price of the property, provided the option contains a provision stating that purchase of the property shall occur only upon the approval of the General Assembly and the appropriation of funds for this purpose. The State Treasurer is authorized to advance a sum not to exceed \$75,000.00 five percent of the listed sale price of the property, upon warrants drawn by the Commissioner of Finance and Management for the purpose of purchasing an option on a property pursuant to this subdivision.

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- (19) Transfer any unexpended project balances between projects that are authorized within the same section of an annual a biennial capital construction act.
- (20) Transfer any unexpended project balances between projects that are authorized within different capital construction acts, with the approval of the Secretary of Administration, when the unexpended project balance does not exceed \$100,000.00 \$200,000.00, or with the additional approval of the Emergency Board when such balance exceeds \$100,000.00 \$200,000.00.

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(22) Use the contingency fund appropriation to cover shortfalls for any project approved in any capital construction act; however, transfers from the

1	contingency in excess of $\$50,000.00$ $\$100,000.00$ shall be done with the
2	approval of the Secretary of Administration.
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4	* * * Corrections * * *
5	Sec. 24. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 28 is amended to read:
6	Sec. 28. REPLACEMENT WOMEN'S FACILITIES; SITE LOCATION
7	PROPOSAL; DESIGN INTENT
8	(a) Site location proposal.
9	(1)(A) Site location proposal. On or before January 15, 2024 2025, the
10	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a site location
11	proposal for replacement women's facilities for justice-involved women to the
12	House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee
13	on Institutions.
14	(B) It is the intent of the General Assembly that:
15	(i) when evaluating site locations, preference shall be given to
16	State-owned property; and
17	(ii) the site location, regardless of whether it is on State-owned
18	land or land proposed to be purchased by the State, shall be:
19	(I) near support services, programming, and work opportunities
20	needed to facilitate successful reentry into the community; and

1	(II) in a reasonable proximity to the existing workforce to
2	facilitate retention and continuity of experienced staff.
3	(C) The proposal shall consider both colocating facilities in a
4	campus-style approach for operational efficiencies and the need for separate
5	facilities at different locations.
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7	Sec. 25 REPLACEMENT WOMEN'S FACILITIES; AUTHORITY TO
8	PURCHASE LAND; INTENT; REPORT
9	(a) Contingent authority to purchase land. In the event that the
10	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the
11	Commissioner of Corrections, is unable to identify appropriate State-owned
12	site locations for the replacement facilities for justice-involved women, the
13	Commissioner is authorized to purchase land, provided that any land purchased
14	for the replacement facilities shall be in a location that is:
15	(1) near support services, programming, and work opportunities needed
16	to facilitate successful reentry into the community; and
17	(2) in a reasonable proximity to the existing workforce to facilitate
18	retention and continuity of experienced staff.
19	(b) Reports. Beginning in July 2024 and ending in January 2025, the
20	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the
21	Commissioner of Corrections, shall report at least once per calendar quarter to

1	the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
2	Committee on Institutions regarding the progress in identifying State-owned
3	property and, if necessary, purchasing property on which to locate the
4	replacement facilities for justice-involved women.
5	Sec. 26. POTENTIAL REUSE OF CHITTENDEN REGIONAL
6	CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SITE; FEASIBILITY; REPORT
7	(a) On or before February 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Buildings and
8	General Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Corrections, shall
9	report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
10	Committees on Institutions and on Judiciary regarding the feasibility of
11	utilizing the site of the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility for a reentry
12	facility for eligible justice-involved men following the construction of
13	replacement facilities for justice-involved women.
14	(b) The report shall evaluate:
15	(1)(A) the condition and structure of the existing facility to determine if
16	it can be repurposed as a reentry facility in a manner that supports the
17	programmatic goals of the Department of Corrections; and
18	(B) if it can be repurposed as a reentry facility, the improvements and
19	other work necessary to support the programmatic goals of the Department of
20	Corrections and the estimated cost of performing the work;

1	(2)(A) whether a new reentry facility could be constructed on the site
2	following the demolition of some or all of the existing facility:
3	(B) potential designs for a newly constructed reentry facility at the
4	site; and
5	(C) site work, improvements, and other work necessary to construct a
6	new reentry facility on the site, including the cost of any such work.
7	* * * Judiciary * * *
8	Sec. 27. BARRE; WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE;
9	LAND ACQUISITION; AUTHORIZATION; COMMUNICATION
10	WITH CITY
11	(a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation
12	with the Judiciary, is authorized to use the amounts appropriated in 2023 Acts
13	and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(c)(11) and (d)(4) to purchase land as needed to
14	renovate or replace the Washington County Superior Courthouse.
15	(b) The Commissioner shall:
16	(1) consult with the City of Barre on potential options for renovating or
17	replacing the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre; and
18	(2) provide updates to the City on progress made with respect to
19	renovating or replacing the Courthouse.
20	Sec. 28. WHITE RIVER JUNCTION; WINDSOR COUNTY SUPERIOR
21	COURTHOUSE; TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF EMPLOYEES

1	It is the intent of the General Assembly that following completion of the
2	renovations to the Windsor County Superior Courthouse in White River
3	Junction, the offices of the Windsor County State's Attorney shall be relocated
4	to the leased office space at 55 Railroad Row that is being used as temporary
5	office space for Courthouse employees during the renovation.
6	* * * Effective Date * * *
7	Sec. 29. EFFECTIVE DATE
8	This act shall take effect on passage.