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2 An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment

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

4 Sec. 1. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 1 is amended to read:

5 * * * Legislative Intent * * *

6 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

7 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the ~~\$122,767,376.00~~
8 \$130,606,224.00 authorized in this act, not more than ~~\$56,520,325.00~~
9 \$56,420,325.00 shall be appropriated in the first year of the biennium, and the
10 remainder shall be appropriated in the second year.

11 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the
12 biennium, any amendments to the appropriations or authorities granted in this
13 act shall take the form of the Capital Construction and State Bonding
14 Adjustment Bill. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unless otherwise
15 indicated, all appropriations in this act are subject to capital budget adjustment.

16 * * * Capital Appropriations * * *

17 Sec. 2. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

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20 (c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025:

21 (1) Statewide, major maintenance: ~~\$8,500,000.00~~ \$8,717,818.00

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2 (4) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence, master
3 plan, design, and decommissioning: \$400,000.00 \$50,000.00

4 (5) ~~Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:~~
5 \$50,000.00 [Repealed.]

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7 (11) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase out:
8 \$1,000,000.00 \$750,000.00

9 (12) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program: \$75,000.00

10 (13) St. Albans, Northwest State Correctional Facility, roof replacement:
11 \$400,000.00

12 (14) Windsor, former Southeast State Correctional Facility, necessary
13 environmental testing, remediation, demolition, salvage, dismantling, and
14 improvements to facilitate future use of the facility: \$478,180.00

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16 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$23,126,244.00

17 Appropriation – FY 2025 ~~\$25,275,000.00~~ \$25,795,998.00

18 Total Appropriation – Section 2 ~~\$48,401,244.00~~ \$48,922,242.00

19 Sec. 3. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

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1 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of
2 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the
3 following projects described in this subsection:

4 (1) Northwest State Correctional Facility, booking expansion, planning,
5 design, and construction: ~~\$2,500,000.00~~ \$2,600,000.00

6 * * *

7 (3) Statewide, correctional facilities, HVAC systems, planning, design,
8 and construction for upgrades and replacements:

9 ~~\$700,000.00~~ \$5,150,000.00

10 (4) Statewide, correctional facilities, accessibility upgrades:

11 \$822,000.00

12 (5) South Burlington, justice-involved men, feasibility study for reentry
13 facility: \$200,000.00

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15 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$1,800,000.00

16 Appropriation – FY 2025 ~~\$16,200,000.00~~ \$21,772,000.00

17 Total Appropriation – Section 3 ~~\$18,000,000.00~~ \$23,572,000.00

18 Sec. 4. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 4 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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1 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
2 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described
3 in this subsection:

4 (1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:

5 ~~\$500,000.00~~ \$700,000.00

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7 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$596,000.00

8 Appropriation – FY 2025 ~~\$596,000.00~~ \$796,000.00

9 Total Appropriation – Section 4 ~~\$1,192,000.00~~ \$1,392,000.00

10 Sec. 5. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 9 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 9. NATURAL RESOURCES

12 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
13 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
14 projects described in this subsection:

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16 (2) Dam safety and hydrology projects: ~~\$500,000.00~~ \$400,000.00

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18 (f) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
19 Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the projects
20 described in this subsection:

1 (1) General infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance
2 and rehabilitation of infrastructure, and improvements to buildings, including
3 conservation camps:

4 \$1,344,150.00 \$1,900,000.00

5 * * *

6 (3) Salisbury fish hatchery, feasibility study: \$100,000.00

7 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$6,997,081.00 \$6,897,081.00

8 Appropriation – FY 2025 \$7,497,051.00 \$8,152,901.00

9 Total Appropriation – Section 9 \$14,494,132.00 \$15,049,982.00

10 Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 10 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

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13 (e) ~~The sum of \$6,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of~~
14 ~~Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for~~
15 ~~clean water implementation projects. [Repealed.]~~

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17 (g) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
18 Natural Resources for the following projects:

19 (1) the Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match
20 for the Water Pollution Control Fund: \$1,600,000.00

21 (2) municipal pollution control grants: \$3,300,000.00

1 (h) The sum of \$550,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
2 Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for
3 forestry access roads, recreation access roads, and water quality improvements.

4 (i) In FY 2024 and FY 2025, any agency that receives funding from this
5 section shall consult with the State Treasurer to ensure that the projects are
6 capital eligible.

7 Appropriation – FY 2024		\$9,885,000.00
8 Appropriation – FY 2025	\$6,000,000.00	<u>\$5,450,000.00</u>
9 Total Appropriation – Section 10	\$15,885,000.00	<u>\$15,335,000.00</u>

10 Sec. 7. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 15a is added to read:

11 Sec. 15a. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

12 The sum of \$1,540,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of
13 Buildings and General Services for the Department of Labor for upgrades of
14 mechanical systems and HVAC, life safety needs, and minor interior
15 renovations at 5 Green Mountain Drive in Montpelier.

16 * * * Funding * * *

17 Sec. 8. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 16 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 16. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS

19 (a) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings
20 and General Services from prior capital appropriations to defray expenditures
21 authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:

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2 (5) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec.

3 2(b) (various projects): ~~\$65,463.17~~ \$147,206.37

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5 (7) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,

6 Sec. 1(c)(5) (major maintenance): ~~\$93,549.00~~ \$116,671.15

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8 (10) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,

9 Sec. 2(c) (various projects): ~~\$24,363.06~~ \$476,725.66

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11 (13) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,

12 Sec. 2(b)(3) (major maintenance): ~~\$32,780.00~~ \$439,889.66

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14 (17) of the amount appropriated in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40,

15 Sec. 2(b)(4) (Statewide, major maintenance): \$9,606.45

16 (18) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec.

17 2(b)(4) (Statewide, major maintenance): \$7,207.90

18 (19) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.

19 2(b)(5) (Montpelier, State House, Dome, Drum, and Ceres, design, permitting,

20 construction, restoration, renovation, and lighting):

21 \$38,525.00

1 Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 16

2 \$14,767,376.32 \$17,358,383.85

3 Sec. 9. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 17 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 17. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS

5 (a) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in
6 the amount of \$108,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations
7 made in Secs. 2–15a of this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the
8 Governor, shall determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds
9 authorized by this section consistent with the underlying nature of the
10 appropriation to be funded. ~~The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated~~
11 ~~cost of bond issuance or issuances to the entities to which funds are~~
12 ~~appropriated pursuant to this section and for which bonding is required as the~~
13 ~~source of funds, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 954.~~

14 (b) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue additional general obligation
15 bonds in the amount of \$5,247,838.90 that were previously appropriated but
16 unissued under 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69 for the purposes of funding the
17 appropriations in this act.

18 Total Revenues – Section 17 \$108,000,000.00 \$113,247,838.90

19 Sec. 10. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 18. FY 2024 AND 2025; CAPITAL PROJECTS; FY 2024

21 APPROPRIATIONS ACT; INTENT; AUTHORIZATIONS

1 * * *

2 (c) Authorizations. In FY 2024, spending authority for the following
3 capital projects are authorized as follows:

4 * * *

5 ~~(7) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to~~
6 ~~spend \$600,000.00 for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern~~
7 ~~State Correctional Facility in Newport; [Repealed.]~~

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9 ~~(9) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to~~
10 ~~spend \$600,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and~~
11 ~~design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;~~
12 ~~[Repealed.]~~

13 (10) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
14 spend ~~\$1,000,000.00~~ \$750,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the
15 planning and design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term
16 stabilization facility;

17 (11) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
18 spend \$750,000.00 for the Judiciary for design, renovations, and land
19 acquisition at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

20 * * *

1 intent of the General Assembly that the following capital projects receive
2 funding from the Fund:

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4 (3) the sum of ~~\$2,000,000.00~~ \$1,500,000.00 to the Department of
5 Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam
6 lines at 120 State Street in Montpelier;

7 (4) the sum of ~~\$1,000,000.00~~ \$850,000.00 to the Department of
8 Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for design, renovations, and
9 land acquisition at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

10 (5) the sum of ~~\$1,000,000.00~~ \$850,000.00 to the Department of
11 Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the
12 planning and design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

13 (6) the sum of ~~\$1,000,000.00~~ \$850,000.00 to the Department of
14 Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the
15 planning and design of the Rutland Field Station;

16 * * *

17 (8) ~~the sum of \$500,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General~~
18 ~~Services for the Newport courthouse replacement, planning, and design;~~

19 [Repealed.]

1 (9) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
2 Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel waterproofing and
3 Aiken Avenue reconstruction; ~~and~~

4 (10) the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
5 General Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the
6 elevator replacement at 111 State Street; and

7 (11) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
8 General Services for roof replacement and brick façade repairs at the
9 McFarland State Office Building in Barre.

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11 * * * Policy * * *

12 * * * Agency of Natural Resources * * *

13 Sec. 11. 10 V.S.A. § 2603 is amended to read:

14 § 2603. POWERS AND DUTIES: COMMISSIONER

15 * * *

16 (g) ~~The Commissioner shall consult with and receive approval from the~~
17 ~~Commissioner of Buildings and General Services concerning proposed~~
18 ~~construction or renovation of individual projects involving capital~~
19 ~~improvements which are expected, either in phases or in total, to cost more~~
20 ~~than \$200,000.00. The Department of Environmental Conservation shall~~
21 ~~manage all contracts for engineering services for capital improvements made~~

1 ~~by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.~~ The Department of
2 Environmental Conservation Facilities Engineering Section:

3 (1) may execute and consult on design for the Department of Forests,
4 Parks and Recreation;

5 (2) shall provide professional engineering services for compliance with
6 environmental operating permits; and

7 (3) shall be the custodian of all plans of record for work executed by the
8 Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, regardless of the source and
9 designer of record.

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11 Sec. 12. FISH HATCHERY FEASIBILITY STUDY

12 (a) On or before December 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Fish and
13 Wildlife shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions
14 and the Senate Committee on Institutions regarding the feasibility of
15 continuing operations at the Salisbury Fish Hatchery after December 31, 2027,
16 of transferring the production capacity of the Salisbury Fish Hatchery to the Ed
17 Weed Fish Hatchery in Grand Isle, and of alternative options for replacing the
18 production capacity of the Salisbury Fish Hatchery.

19 (b) The report shall:

20 (1) identify the repairs, improvements, and other work necessary to
21 enable the Salisbury Fish Hatchery to obtain any permits necessary to continue

1 operating after December 31, 2027 and provide a detailed analysis of the
2 associated costs and a plan for accomplishing the work;

3 (2) identify any repairs, improvements, and other work necessary to
4 enable the production capacity of the Salisbury Fish Hatchery to be transferred
5 to the Ed Weed Fish Hatchery and provide a detailed analysis of the associated
6 costs and a plan for accomplishing the work; and

7 (3) examine alternative approaches to maintaining the State's fish
8 production capacity, including an analysis of associated costs and work
9 necessary to successfully implement each identified alternative approach.

10 * * * Buildings and General Services * * *

11 Sec. 13. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 22 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 22. SALE OF PROPERTIES

13 * * *

14 (c) 108 Cherry Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the
15 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the
16 property located at 108 Cherry Street in the City of Burlington. The
17 Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to purchase the
18 property.

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20 (3) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(d) and 29 V.S.A. § 160, of the
21 proceeds received by the State for the sale of the property located at 108

1 Cherry Street in the City of Burlington, \$6,242,500.00 shall be deposited into
2 the Property Management Revolving Fund (58700) to recover the deficit
3 incurred in the fund as a result of the original purchase of the property and,
4 notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 168(c), \$293,753.63 shall be deposited into the
5 State Energy Revolving Fund (59700) to repay debt outstanding for loans for
6 energy improvement projects on the property.

7 Sec. 14. SALE OF FORMER WILLISTON STATE POLICE BARRACKS;
8 INTENT; REPORT

9 Prior to authorizing the sale of the former Williston State Police Barracks, it
10 is the intent of the General Assembly that the Town of Williston shall report to
11 the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions in January 2025
12 regarding:

13 (1) whether the town desires to purchase the property; and

14 (2) if so:

15 (A) the feasibility of the Town purchasing the property, including
16 any requested conditions on the sale of the property; and

17 (B) the potential future uses of the property envisioned by the Town.

18 Sec. 15. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:

19 § 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY

20 * * *

1 (b) The Commissioner shall notify the Chairs of the House Committee on
2 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions of the
3 buildings proposed for environmental remediation, demolition, salvage, and
4 dismantling.

5 (c) Environmental testing and remediation, demolition, salvage, and
6 dismantling shall commence during calendar year 2024.

7 Sec. 17. SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; POTENTIAL
8 LAND TRANSFER; REPORT

9 (a) The Department of Fish and Wildlife, in consultation with the
10 Department of Buildings and General Services, shall evaluate the potential
11 transfer of a portion of the former Southeast State Correctional Facility
12 property to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for inclusion in the adjacent
13 wildlife management area. The evaluation shall:

14 (1) delineate the portions of the former Southeast State Correctional
15 Facility property that could be used for future redevelopment of the site, taking
16 into account any necessary setbacks from wetlands, streams, or wildlife
17 habitat;

18 (2) identify any portions of the property that could be transferred into
19 the adjacent wildlife management area and potential impacts on the
20 redevelopment or sale of the property from the transfer of the identified
21 portions; and

1 (3) identify any rights of way or easements that will be necessary for the
2 potential future redevelopment of any retained portion of the property.

3 (b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife
4 and the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall report to the
5 House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee
6 on Institutions regarding the evaluation and any legislative action that may be
7 necessary to facilitate a proposed transfer or redevelopment of the property.

8 Sec. 18. STATE BUILDING NAMING; STUDY COMMITTEE; REPORT

9 (a) Creation. There is created the State Building Naming Study Committee
10 to develop a proposed process for naming State buildings that are under the
11 jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings and General Services.

12 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following
13 members:

14 (1) the State Historic Preservation Officer or designee;

15 (2) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or
16 designee;

17 (3) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee;

18 (4) the Executive Director of the Vermont Historical Society or
19 designee;

20 (5) the State Librarian or designee

1 (6) the Executive Director of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns
2 or designee; and

3 (7) the Executive Director of the Office of Racial Equity or designee.

4 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall develop a proposed process
5 for naming State buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of
6 Buildings and General Services. The proposed process developed by the
7 Committee shall address the following:

8 (1) an entity within State government, other than the General Assembly,
9 that should have authority for naming State buildings that are under the
10 jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings and General Services;

11 (2) entities and individuals who should be involved in determining
12 whether to name specific State buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the
13 Department of Buildings and General Services;

14 (3) methods by which a municipality or the general public may petition
15 to name a State building under the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings
16 and General Services after a specific person;

17 (4) any requirements for a historical nexus between the building
18 proposed to be named and the person for whom it is proposed to be named; and

19 (5) the process for considering a petition to name a State building,
20 including requirements related to public notice, conduct of hearings, and
21 standards for rendering a decision on a petition.

1 (d) Report. On or before January 15, 2025, the Committee shall report to
2 the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
3 Committee on Institutions regarding its proposal and any recommendations for
4 legislative action.

5 (e) Meetings.

6 (1) The State Historic Preservation Officer shall call the first meeting of
7 the Committee to occur on or before September 1, 2024.

8 (2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the
9 first meeting.

10 (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

11 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 30, 2025.

12 Sec. 19. FORENSIC FACILITY; NEEDS; REVIEW; REPORT

13 The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with
14 the Commissioners of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and
15 Independent Living, shall review the programming needs and facility
16 requirements of individuals who will be housed in a proposed forensic facility.

17 Sec. 20. DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES YOUTH

18 SHORT-TERM STABILIZATION AND TREATMENT CENTER;

19 LONG-TERM LEASE; AUTHORIZATION

20 Notwithstanding any provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 165(h) or 29 V.S.A.

21 § 166(a) to the contrary, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services

1 is authorized to enter into a long-term ground lease agreement at a below-
2 market rate for an initial term of not more than 20 years with not more than
3 four five-year renewal options for the Department for Children and Families
4 Youth Short Term Stabilization and Treatment Center. At the end of the term
5 and any renewals, the ground lease shall terminate.

6 Sec. 21. CAPITOL COMPLEX FLOOD RECOVERY; SPECIAL
7 COMMITTEE

8 (a) The Special Committee on Capitol Complex Flood Recovery is
9 established. The Special Committee shall comprise the Joint Fiscal Committee
10 and the chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the
11 Senate Committee on Institutions.

12 (b)(1) The Special Committee shall meet at the call of the chair of the Joint
13 Fiscal Committee, in consultation with the chairs of the House Committee on
14 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

15 (2)(A) The Special Committee shall meet to review and recommend
16 alterations to proposals and plans for Capitol Complex flood recovery.

17 (B) The Special Committee may, as necessary, grant approval to
18 proposals and plans for Capitol Complex flood recovery.

19 (c) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall provide
20 quarterly updates to the Special Committee on the planning process for Capitol
21 Complex flood recovery.

1 (d) The Special Committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as
2 provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.

3 Sec. 22. STATE HOUSE; IMPROVEMENTS; DESIGN; SPECIAL
4 COMMITTEE

5 (a)(1) To allow the Department of Buildings and General Services to begin
6 the design development phase, it is the intent of the General Assembly to
7 approve a schematic design plan for accessibility, life safety, and mechanical
8 systems improvements to the State House identified in Scenario 1, as approved
9 by the Joint Legislative Mangement Committee on December 15, 2023 and
10 excluding any improvements that would impact committee rooms.

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 draft schematic design plan for the work identified pursuant to
14 subdivision (1) of this subsection on or before July 15, 2024 and a final
15 schematic design plan on or before September 15, 2024.

16 (b)(1) A Special Committee to be called the Special Committee on State
17 House Improvements consisting of the Joint Legislative Management
18 Committee and the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and
19 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions is established.

20 (2) The Special Committee is authorized to meet to:

1 (3) Prepare or cause to be prepared plans and specifications for
2 construction and repair on all State-owned buildings:

3 * * *

4 (B) For which no specific appropriations have been made by the
5 General Assembly or the Emergency Board. The Commissioner may, with the
6 approval of the Secretary of Administration, acquire an option, ~~for a price not~~
7 ~~to exceed \$75,000.00,~~ on an individual property without prior legislative
8 approval, for a price not to exceed five percent of the listed sale price of the
9 property, provided the option contains a provision stating that purchase of the
10 property shall occur only upon the approval of the General Assembly and the
11 appropriation of funds for this purpose. The State Treasurer is authorized to
12 advance a sum not to exceed ~~\$75,000.00~~ five percent of the listed sale price of
13 the property, upon warrants drawn by the Commissioner of Finance and
14 Management for the purpose of purchasing an option on a property pursuant to
15 this subdivision.

16 * * *

17 (19) Transfer any unexpended project balances between projects that are
18 authorized within the same section of ~~an annual~~ a biennial capital construction
19 act.

20 (20) Transfer any unexpended project balances between projects that are
21 authorized within different capital construction acts, with the approval of the

1 Secretary of Administration, when the unexpended project balance does not
2 exceed ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$200,000.00, or with the additional approval of the
3 Emergency Board when such balance exceeds ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$200,000.00.

4 * * *

5 (22) Use the contingency fund appropriation to cover shortfalls for any
6 project approved in any capital construction act; however, transfers from the
7 contingency in excess of ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$100,000.00 shall be done with the
8 approval of the Secretary of Administration.

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10 * * * Corrections * * *

11 Sec. 24. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 28 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 28. REPLACEMENT WOMEN'S FACILITIES; SITE LOCATION
13 PROPOSAL; DESIGN INTENT

14 (a) Site location proposal.

15 (1)(A) ~~Site location proposal.~~ On or before January 15, ~~2024~~ 2025, the
16 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a site location
17 proposal for replacement women's facilities for justice-involved women to the
18 House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee
19 on Institutions.

20 (B) It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

1 (i) when evaluating site locations, preference shall be given to
2 State-owned property; and

3 (ii) the site location, regardless of whether it is on State-owned
4 land or land proposed to be purchased by the State, shall be:

5 (I) near support services, programming, and work opportunities
6 needed to facilitate successful reentry into the community; and

7 (II) in a reasonable proximity to the existing workforce to
8 facilitate retention and continuity of experienced staff.

9 (C) The proposal shall consider both collocating facilities in a
10 campus-style approach for operational efficiencies and the need for separate
11 facilities at different locations.

12 * * *

13 Sec. 25 REPLACEMENT WOMEN’S FACILITIES; AUTHORITY TO
14 PURCHASE LAND; INTENT; REPORT

15 (a) Contingent authority to purchase land. In the event that the
16 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the
17 Commissioner of Corrections, is unable to identify appropriate State-owned
18 site locations for the replacement facilities for justice-involved women, the
19 Commissioner is authorized to purchase land, provided that any land purchased
20 for the replacement facilities shall be in a location that is:

1 (1) near support services, programming, and work opportunities needed
2 to facilitate successful reentry into the community; and

3 (2) in a reasonable proximity to the existing workforce to facilitate
4 retention and continuity of experienced staff.

5 (b) Reports. Beginning in July 2024 and ending in January 2025, the
6 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the
7 Commissioner of Corrections, shall report at least once per calendar quarter to
8 the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
9 Committee on Institutions regarding the progress in identifying State-owned
10 property and, if necessary, purchasing property on which to locate the
11 replacement facilities for justice-involved women.

12 Sec. 26. POTENTIAL REUSE OF CHITTENDEN REGIONAL
13 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SITE; FEASIBILITY; REPORT

14 (a) On or before February 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Buildings and
15 General Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Corrections, shall
16 report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
17 Committees on Institutions and on Judiciary regarding the feasibility of
18 utilizing the site of the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility for a reentry
19 facility for eligible justice-involved men following the construction of
20 replacement facilities for justice-involved women.

21 (b) The report shall evaluate:

1 (1)(A) the condition and structure of the existing facility to determine if
2 it can be repurposed as a reentry facility in a manner that supports the
3 programmatic goals of the Department of Corrections using evidence-based
4 principles for wellness environments for supporting trauma-informed practices;
5 and

6 (B) if it can be repurposed as a reentry facility, the improvements and
7 other work necessary to support the programmatic goals of the Department of
8 Corrections using evidence-based principles for wellness environments for
9 supporting trauma-informed practices and the estimated cost of performing the
10 work;

11 (2)(A) whether a new reentry facility could be constructed on the site
12 following the demolition of some or all of the existing facility;

13 (B) potential designs for a newly constructed reentry facility at the
14 site that supports the programmatic goals of the Department of Corrections
15 using evidence-based principles for wellness environments for supporting
16 trauma-informed practices; and

17 (C) site work, improvements, and other work necessary to construct a
18 new reentry facility on the site, including the cost of any such work.

1 * * * Judiciary * * *

2 Sec. 27. BARRE; WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE;
3 LAND ACQUISITION; AUTHORIZATION; COMMUNICATION
4 WITH CITY

5 (a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation
6 with the Judiciary, is authorized to use the amounts appropriated in 2023 Acts
7 and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(c)(11) and (d)(4) to purchase land as needed to
8 renovate or replace the Washington County Superior Courthouse.

9 (b) The Commissioner shall:

10 (1) consult with the City of Barre on potential options for renovating or
11 replacing the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre; and

12 (2) provide updates to the City on progress made with respect to
13 renovating or replacing the Courthouse.

14 Sec. 28. WHITE RIVER JUNCTION; WINDSOR COUNTY SUPERIOR
15 COURTHOUSE; TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF EMPLOYEES

16 It is the intent of the General Assembly that following completion of the
17 renovations to the Windsor County Superior Courthouse in White River
18 Junction, the offices of the Windsor County State's Attorney shall be relocated
19 to the leased office space at 55 Railroad Row that is being used as temporary
20 office space for Courthouse employees during the renovation.

