

Section by Section Summary of H.882
Capital Construction and State Bonding Budget Adjustment
As Proposed by House Corrections and Institutions

Sec. 1. Legislative Intent

- Increases total FY 24 and FY 25 capital construction bonding from \$122,767,376 to \$130,606,224
- Decreases FY 24 capital construction bonding from \$56,520,325 to \$56,420,325
- Increases FY 25 capital construction bonding from \$66,247,051 to \$74,185,899

Sec. 2. State Buildings; amends 2023 No. 69, Sec. 2

- For FY 25 increases appropriations from \$25,275,000 to 25,795,998
 - Increases statewide major maintenance from \$8,500,000 to \$8,717,818
 - Reduces Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence master plan, design and decommissioning from \$400,000 to \$50,000
 - Eliminates \$50,000 for replacement of Statehouse historic finishes
 - Reduces statewide R22 refrigerant phase out from \$1,000,000 to \$750,000
 - Adds \$75,000 for art in State buildings
 - Adds \$400,000 for the NW State Correctional Facility roof replacement
 - Provides \$478,180 to begin demolition at former SE State Correctional Facility (\$378,180 is reallocated from FY22-23 Capital Bill and \$100,000 is new funding)
- Total FY 24 and 25 appropriations increase from \$48,401,244 to \$48,922,242

Sec. 3. Human Services; amends 2023 No. 69, Sec. 3

- For FY 25 increases appropriations from \$16,200,000 to \$21,772,000
 - Increases NW State Correctional Facility booking expansion planning, design, and construction from \$2,500,000 to \$2,600,000
 - Increases statewide correction HVAC upgrades and replacements from \$700,000 to \$5,150,000
 - Adds \$822,000 for statewide correctional facility accessibility upgrades
 - Adds \$200,000 for a feasibility study of whether the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility site could be reused as the site of a reentry facility for men
- Total FY 24 and 25 appropriations increase from \$18,000,000 to \$23,572,000

Sec. 4. Commerce and Community Development; amends 2023 No. 69, Sec. 4

- For FY 25 increases appropriations from \$596,000 to \$796,000
 - Increases major maintenance at State historic sites from \$500,000 to \$700,000

- Total FY 24 and 25 appropriations increase from \$1,192,000 to \$1,392,000

Sec. 5. Natural Resources; amends 2023 No. 69, Sec. 9

- Decreases FY 24 appropriations from \$6,997,081 to \$6,897,081
 - Decreases dam safety and hydrology projects from \$500,000 to \$400,000
- Increases FY 25 appropriations from \$7,497,051 to \$8,152,901
 - Increases general infrastructure projects, small-scale maintenance and rehab of infrastructure, and improvements to buildings (incl. conservation camps) from \$1,344,150 to \$1,900,000
 - Adds \$100,000 for study of upgrading Salisbury fish hatchery or replacing its production capacity
- Increases total FY 24 and 25 appropriations from \$14,494,132 to \$15,049,982

Sec. 6. Clean water initiatives; amends 2023 No. 69, Sec. 10

- Decreases FY 25 appropriations from \$6,000,000 to \$5,450,000
 - Eliminates \$6,000,000 placeholder for ANR/DEC clean water implementation projects
 - Adds \$1,600,000 for CWSRF match for Water Pollution Control Fund
 - Adds \$3,300,000 for municipal pollution control grants
 - Adds \$550,000 for Forests, Parks & Recreation forestry/recreation access roads and water quality improvements
- Decreases FY 24 and 25 appropriations from \$15,885,000 to \$15,335,000

Sec. 7. Department of Labor; adds Sec. 15a to 2023 No. 69

- Appropriates \$1,540,000 for HVAC/mechanical upgrades, life safety needs, and minor interior renovations at DOL offices in Montpelier

Sec. 8. Reallocation of funds

- Increases reallocation total from \$14,767,376.32 to \$17,358,383.85

Sec. 9. Bond authorization; amends 2023 No. 69, Sec. 17

- Subsec. (a)
 - Updates cross-reference to reflect addition of DOL section
 - Repeals obsolete language
- Subsec. (b), bond premium authorization of \$5,247,838.90 in additional bonding

- Total authorized bonds increases from \$108,000,000 to \$113,247,838.90

Sec. 10. Cash Fund authorizations; amends 2023 No. 69, Sec. 18

- FY 24 authorizations reduced from \$39,485,000 to \$36,235,000
 - Eliminates \$600,000 for boiler replacement at Northern State Correctional Facility
 - Eliminates \$600,000 for planning and design of booking expansion at NW State Correctional Facility
 - Reduces planning and design for DCF short-term stabilization facility from \$1,000,000 to \$750,000
 - Updates language re: Barre Courthouse to permit use of funds for design and land acquisition in addition to renovations
 - Reduces VSC construction, renovation, and major maintenance from \$7,500,000 to \$6,500,000
 - Eliminates \$800,000 for Department of Fish and Wildlife infrastructure maintenance and building improvements
- FY 25 reduced from 10,000,000 to \$9,550,000
 - Reduces HVAC steam lines at 120 State Street, Montpelier, from \$2,000,000 to \$1,500,000
 - Reduces Barre Courthouse from \$1,000,000 to \$850,000 and updates language to permit use of funds for design and land acquisition in addition to renovations
 - Reduces Department of Public Safety Special Teams Facility and Storage from \$1,000,000 to \$850,000
 - Reduces Department of Public Safety planning and design of Rutland Field Station from \$1,000,000 to \$850,000
 - Eliminates \$500,000 from Newport courthouse replacement, planning, and design
 - Adds \$1,000,000 to McFarland State Office Building in Barre, roof replacement, and repairs

Sec. 11. Amends 10 V.S.A. § 2603. Powers and duties of Commissioner

- Sets out authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation Facilities Engineering Section to reflect current practice
- Repeals obsolete language

Sec. 12. Fish hatchery feasibility study

- Requires Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife to report by 12/15/24 on:

- Feasibility of upgrading Salisbury Fish Hatchery to permit operations to continue past 12/31/27
- Feasibility of transferring production capacity of Salisbury Fish Hatchery to Ed Weed Fish Hatchery
- Alternative approaches to maintaining the State’s hatchery production capacity

Sec. 13. Sale of properties, amends 2023 No. 69, Sec. 22

- Adds new language providing that:
 - \$6,242,500 from sale of 108 Cherry Street will go to Property Management Revolving Fund to cover deficit incurred because of purchase of the property; and
 - \$293,753.63 from sale of 108 Cherry Street will go to State Energy Revolving Fund to repay outstanding debt for energy improvement projects on the property

Sec. 14. Sale of former Williston State Police Barracks; intent; report

- Provides legislative intent that Williston will report back in January 2025 regarding whether it wants to purchase the former barracks property and, if so, how it wants to use it

Sec. 15. Amends 29 V.S.A. § 166. Selling or renting State property

- Requires Commissioner of BGS to sell State property for at least fair market value

Sec. 16. Former SE State Correctional Facility; building demolition

- Requires Commissioner of BGS, in consultation with Mt. Ascutney Regional Commission, to determine which buildings at former SE State Correctional Facility should be demolished
- Requires report back on demolition plans and for demolition to begin in CY 24

Sec. 17. Former SE State Correctional Facility; potential land transfer; report

- Requires Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife, in consultation with Commissioner of BGS, to evaluate the potential for transferring a portion of the former SE State Correctional Facility, including:
 - Portions of property that could be transferred into adjacent wildlife management area
 - Portion of property that can be redeveloped, taking into account land transferred to WMA and any required setbacks/buffers
 - Any rights of way or easements needed for redevelopment

Sec. 18. State Building Naming Study Committee

- Creates committee to develop a proposed process for naming buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings and General Services
- Report due by 1/15/25

Sec. 19. Forensic Facility; needs; review; report

- Placeholder for language to require BGS, in consultation with DMH and DAIL, to review programming and facility needs for individuals who will be housed in a forensic facility

Sec. 20. DCF Youth Short-Term Stabilization and Treatment Center; long-term lease; authorization

- Permits BGS to enter into a long-term, below-market rate ground lease of 20 years plus up to 4 5-year renewals for DCF Short-Term Stabilization and Treatment Center.

Sec. 21. Capitol Complex flood recovery; Special Committee

- Creates a special committee of JFC and chairs of HCI and SI to review and recommend alterations to proposals/plans for Capitol Complex flood recovery and, if necessary, grant approvals while General Assembly is out of session

Sec. 22. State House; improvements; design; Special Committee

- Creates a special committee of JLMC and chairs of HCI and SI to review, recommend alterations to, and approve schematic design plans for accessibility, life safety, and mechanical systems improvements to the State House
- Sets 7/15/24 as deadline for draft schematic design and 9/15/24 as deadline for final

Sec. 23. Amends 29 V.S.A. § 152. Duties of Commissioner

- Revises the maximum amount that Commissioner of BGS can pay to acquire an option on property from \$75,000 to 5% of the listed sale price of the property
- Increases the threshold for E Board review of transfers of unexpended balances from previous capital bills to the current one from \$100,000 to \$200,000
- Increases the threshold for Secretary of Administration approval of amounts from the contingency fund used to cover shortfalls from \$50,000 to \$100,000

Sec. 24. Amends 2023 No. 69, Sec. 28. Replacement Women’s Facility; site location proposal; design intent

- Updates deadline for site location proposal from 1/15/24 to 1/15/25
- Contemplates purchase of land
- Requires site location to be near services and supports to facilitate reentry and in reasonable proximity to existing workforce

Sec. 25. Replacement Women’s Facility; authority to purchase land; intent; report

- Provides Commissioner of BGS with authority to purchase land if appropriate State-owned land cannot be identified
- Requires site location to be near services and supports to facilitate reentry and in reasonable proximity to existing workforce
- Requires quarterly reports on progress in identifying a site location

Sec. 26. Potential reuse of Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility site; feasibility; report

- Requires BGS, in consultation with DOC, to report by 2/15/25 regarding potential to reuse CRCF site for a men’s reentry facility after new women’s facilities are built

Sec. 27. Barre; Washington County Superior Courthouse; land acquisition; authorization; communication with City

- Provides authority to purchase land as necessary to renovate or replace Barre Superior Courthouse
- Requires consultation with and updates to the City regarding the renovation/replacement

Sec. 28. White River Junction; Windsor County Superior Courthouse; temporary relocation of employees

- Provides legislative intent that State’s Attorney will be relocated to leased office space across from Courthouse that is currently being used as temporary offices for Court employees

Sec. 29. Effective on passage