

1 Introduced by Committee on Corrections and Institutions

2 Date:

3 Subject: Budget; capital construction; capital appropriations; State bonding

4 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize
5 bonding, appropriate capital funds, and address miscellaneous related items.

6 An act relating to capital construction and State bonding

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

8 * * * Capital Appropriations * * *

9 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

10 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$158,659,861.00
11 authorized in this act, no more than \$73,896,833.00 shall be appropriated in the
12 first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the
13 second year.

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

1 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

2 (a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Buildings
3 and General Services, and the Commissioner is authorized to direct funds
4 appropriated in this section to the projects contained in this section; however,
5 no project shall be canceled unless the Chairs of the Senate Committee on
6 Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions are
7 notified before that action is taken.

8 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016:

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| 9 | <u>(1) Statewide, asbestos:</u> | <u>\$50,000.00</u> |
| 10 | <u>(2) Statewide, building reuse and planning:</u> | <u>\$75,000.00</u> |
| 11 | <u>(3) Statewide, contingency:</u> | <u>\$100,000.00</u> |
| 12 | <u>(4) Statewide, elevator repairs and replacement:</u> | <u>\$100,000.00</u> |
| 13 | <u>(5) Statewide, major maintenance:</u> | <u>\$9,000,000.00</u> |
| 14 | <u>(6) Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs:</u> | |
| 15 | | <u>\$3,567,791.00</u> |
| 16 | <u>(7) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u> | <u>\$200,000.00</u> |
| 17 | <u>(8) Burlington, 32 Cherry Street, HVAC controls upgrades:</u> | |
| 18 | | <u>\$150,000.00</u> |
| 19 | <u>(9) Burlington, 108 Cherry Street, garage and structural audit:</u> | |
| 20 | | <u>\$50,000.00</u> |

1	<u>(10) Montpelier, 120 State Street, life safety and infrastructure</u>	
2	<u>improvements:</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
3	<u>(11) Montpelier, Department of Labor, parking lot expansion:</u>	
4		<u>\$450,000.00</u>
5	<u>(12) Middlesex, State Archives, renovations:</u>	<u>\$660,000.00</u>
6	<u>(13) Newport, Northern State Correctional Facility, maintenance shop:</u>	
7		<u>\$450,000.00</u>
8	<u>(14) Randolph, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and Agency</u>	
9	<u>of Natural Resources, collaborative laboratory, finalizing design and</u>	
10	<u>construction documents, bid proposal, and permitting:</u>	<u>\$2,500,000.00</u>
11	<u>(15) Southern State Correctional Facility, steamline</u>	
12	<u>replacement:</u>	<u>\$600,000.00</u>
13	<u>(16) Southern State Correctional Facility, copper waterline</u>	
14	<u>replacement and project-related costs:</u>	<u>\$1,829,086.00</u>
15	<u>(17) St. Johnsbury, Caledonia Courthouse, stabilize foundation:</u>	
16		<u>\$1,700,000.00</u>
17	<u>(18) Pittsford, Training Center, electrical system upgrade:</u>	
18		<u>\$120,000.00</u>
19	<u>(19) Waterbury State Office Complex, complex restoration, and fee for</u>	
20	<u>space and project-related costs:</u>	<u>\$19,151,826.00</u>

1	<u>(20) White River Junction, Windsor Courthouse, design and planning</u>	
2	<u>for mechanical, electrical and plumbing, security and energy upgrades:</u>	
3		<u>\$300,000.00</u>
4	<u>(21) Montpelier, State House, security protocol:</u>	<u>\$60,000.00</u>
5	<u>(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017:</u>	
6	<u>(1) Statewide, asbestos:</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
7	<u>(2) Statewide, building reuse and planning:</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
8	<u>(3) Statewide, contingency:</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
9	<u>(4) Statewide, elevator repairs and replacement:</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
10	<u>(5) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>	<u>\$9,000,000.00</u>
11	<u>(6) Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs:</u>	
12		<u>\$3,677,448.00</u>
13	<u>(7) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
14	<u>(8) Montpelier, 115 State Street, State House lawn, access</u>	
15	<u>improvements and water intrusion:</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
16	<u>(9) Montpelier, 120 State Street, life safety and infrastructure</u>	
17	<u>improvements:</u>	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>
18	<u>(10) Randolph, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and Agency</u>	
19	<u>of Natural Resources, collaborative laboratory, site construction:</u>	
20		<u>\$16,931,385.00</u>

1	<u>(1) Corrections, perimeter intrusion:</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
2	<u>(2) Corrections, security upgrades and enhancements:</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
3	<u>Appropriation – FY 2016</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
4	<u>Appropriation – FY 2017</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
5	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 4</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>

6 Sec. 5. JUDICIARY

7 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of
8 Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for the projects described in
9 this subsection:

10	<u>(1) Hyde Park, Lamoille County Courthouse, building renovations:</u>	
11		<u>\$5,200,000.00</u>
12	<u>(2) ADA compliance, county courthouses:</u>	<u>\$180,000.00</u>
13	<u>(3) Statewide court security systems and improvements:</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>

14 (b) The sum of \$100,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017 to the Department
15 of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for Statewide court
16 security systems and improvements.

17	<u>Appropriation – FY 2016</u>	<u>\$5,480,000.00</u>
18	<u>Appropriation – FY 2017</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
19	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 5</u>	<u>\$5,580,000.00</u>

1 Sec. 6. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of
3 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Commerce and Community
4 Development for the following projects described in this subsection:

5 (1) Major maintenance at historic sites statewide: \$200,000.00

6 (2) Bennington Monument, elevator, roof repairs: \$118,000.00

7 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of
8 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described
9 in this subsection:

10 (1) Underwater preserves: \$30,000.00

11 (2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:
12 \$15,000.00

13 (3) Unmarked burial fund: \$30,000.00

14 (c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Department of
15 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Commerce and Community
16 Development for the following projects described in this subsection:

17 (1) Major maintenance at historic sites statewide: \$200,000.00

18 (2) Bennington Monument, elevator, roof repairs: \$50,000.00

19 (d) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of
20 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described
21 in this subsection:

1	<u>(1) Underwater preserves:</u>	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
2	<u>(2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:</u>	
3		<u>\$15,000.00</u>
4	<u>Appropriation – FY 2016</u>	<u>\$393,000.00</u>
5	<u>Appropriation – FY 2017</u>	<u>\$295,000.00</u>
6	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 6</u>	<u>\$688,000.00</u>
7	Sec. 7. GRANT PROGRAMS	
8	<u>(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 for Building</u>	
9	<u>Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:</u>	
10	<u>(1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,</u>	
11	<u>Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant</u>	
12	<u>Program:</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
13	<u>(2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,</u>	
14	<u>Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant</u>	
15	<u>Program:</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
16	<u>(3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultural Facilities Grant</u>	
17	<u>Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that may be made</u>	
18	<u>available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided that all capital</u>	
19	<u>funds are made available to the cultural facilities grant program:</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
20	<u>(4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the</u>	
21	<u>Recreational Facilities Grant Program:</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>

1	<u>(1) Emergency projects:</u>	<u>\$60,000.00</u>
2	<u>(2) School district consolidation projects</u> <u>(described in Sec. 31 of this</u>	
3	<u>act):</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
4	<u>Appropriation – FY 2016</u>	<u>\$4,057,688.00</u>
5	<u>Appropriation – FY 2017</u>	<u>\$360,000.00</u>
6	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 8</u>	<u>\$4,417,688.00</u>

7 Sec. 9. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

8 (a) The sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the University
9 of Vermont for construction, renovation, and major maintenance.

10 (b) The sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017 to the University
11 of Vermont for construction, renovation, and major maintenance.

12 Total Appropriation – Section 9 \$2,800,000.00

13 Sec. 10. VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

14 (a) The sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Vermont
15 State Colleges for construction, renovation, and major maintenance.

16 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Vermont State
17 Colleges:

18 (1) Construction, renovation, and major maintenance: \$1,400,000.00

19 (2) Laboratory, plan, design, and upgrade: \$1,000,000.00

20 (c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the amount appropriated in
21 subdivision (b)(2) of this section shall be used as a challenge grant for the

1 Vermont State Colleges to raise funds to upgrade the laboratory. The funds
2 shall only become available after the Vermont State Colleges has notified the
3 Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
4 Committee on Institutions that \$1,000,000.00 has been raised to fund the
5 remaining costs of the laboratory upgrade.

6	<u>Appropriation – FY 2016</u>	<u>\$1,400,000.00</u>
7	<u>Appropriation – FY 2017</u>	<u>\$2,400,000.00</u>
8	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 10</u>	<u>\$3,800,000.00</u>

9 Sec. 11. NATURAL RESOURCES

10 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of
11 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
12 projects described in this subsection:

13 (1) the Water Pollution Control Fund, Clean Water State/EPA
14 Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match: \$1,300,000.00

15 (2) the Water Pollution Control Fund, administrative support –
16 engineering, oversight, and program management: \$300,000.00

17 (3) Drinking Water Supply, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:
18 \$1,750,834.00

19 (4) Drinking Water Supply, engineering oversight and project
20 management: \$300,000.00

21 (5) EcoSystem restoration and protection: \$3,750,000.00

1 and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions that the electronic
2 medical records system is in compliance with the criteria for creating and
3 maintaining connectivity to the State’s health information exchange network
4 established by the Vermont Information Technology Leaders pursuant to
5 18 V.S.A. 9352(i).

6 Total Appropriation – Section 16 \$500,000.00

7 Sec. 17. VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

8 The sum of \$75,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of
9 Buildings and General Services for the Vermont Historical Society for a
10 matching grant to reduce debt at the Vermont History Center (VHC) in Barre.

11 The funds shall only become available after the VHC notifies the Department
12 that the funds have been matched.

13 Total Appropriation – Section 17 \$75,000.00

14 Sec. 18. VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION BOARD

15 (a) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Vermont
16 Housing and Conservation Board for housing development and conservation
17 projects. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Board give priority
18 to conservation projects that protect and improve water quality in the Lake
19 Champlain Basin. The Board shall seek to use at least one-half of its
20 conservation appropriation, but no less than \$1,000,000.00, for this purpose.

21 (1) Conservation: \$3,000,000.00

1 (4) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 2011 Acts
2 and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 2, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104,
3 Sec. 3 (121 and 123 South Main Street, Waterbury): \$75,000.00

4 (5) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by by 2011 Acts
5 and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 2, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104,
6 Sec. 3 (Ladd Hall, Waterbury): \$228,000.00

7 Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section X \$3,100,765.08

8 Sec. 20. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS

9 (a) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in
10 the amount of \$144,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations
11 of this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor, shall
12 determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds authorized by this
13 section consistent with the underlying nature of the appropriation to be funded.
14 The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated cost of bond issuance or
15 issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated pursuant to this
16 section and for which bonding is required as the source of funds, pursuant to
17 32 V.S.A. § 954.

18 (b) The State Treasurer is further authorized to issue additional general
19 obligation bonds in the amount of \$11,559,096.05 that were previously
20 authorized but unissued under 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178 for the purpose
21 of funding the appropriations of this act.

1 Sec. 24. 29 V.S.A. § 821(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) State buildings.

3 (1) “Asa Bloomer State Office Building” shall be the name of the
4 building now known as the “Hulett” office building in the city of Rutland.

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6 (13) “Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory” shall be the
7 name of the State laboratory in Randolph.

8 Sec. 25. 29 V.S.A. § 161(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) Each contract awarded under this section for any State project with a
10 construction cost exceeding \$100,000.00 and construction projects which is are
11 authorized or funded in whole or in part by a capital construction act pursuant
12 to 32 V.S.A. § 701a, including such a project of the University of Vermont and
13 State Agricultural College and of the Vermont State Colleges, shall provide
14 that all construction employees working on the project shall be paid no less
15 than the mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Department of
16 Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey determinations as have
17 been made by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor in accordance
18 with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. § 276a, as may be amended. The
19 Commissioner of Labor, in consultation with the Commissioner of Buildings
20 and General Services, may adopt rules as necessary, pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
21 chapter 25, to implement this subsection. This section does not require that the

1 federal Davis-Bacon Act reporting requirements be applied to State
2 construction projects.

3 **Sec. 26. STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS; CONTRACTS SUBJECT**
4 **TO STATE PREVAILING WAGE**

5 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the transition to the use of
6 the prevailing wage determinations as have been made by the Secretary of the
7 U.S. Department of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C.
8 § 276a, as may be amended, in State construction projects shall not change the
9 scope of State construction projects that are subject to the requirements of
10 29 V.S.A. § 161(b).

11 (b) Notwithstanding Sec. 1 of this act, the following contracts shall remain
12 subject to the mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont
13 Department of Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey:

14 (1) contracts for State construction projects executed prior to July 1,
15 2016;

16 (2) any change orders or amendments to contracts for State construction
17 projects executed prior to July 1, 2016; and

18 (3) contracts for State construction projects that result from instructions
19 to bidders posted by the State of Vermont prior to July 1, 2016.

1 **Sec. 27. PREVAILING WAGE; UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND**

2 **VERMONT STATE COLLEGES**

3 The University of Vermont and State Agricultural College and the Vermont
4 State Colleges shall pay no less than the prevailing wage determinations as
5 have been made by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor in
6 accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. § 276a, as may be amended,
7 for any new construction or major renovation project that receives funding in
8 any capital construction act.

9 **Sec. 28. PREVAILING WAGE; AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD**

10 **AND MARKETS AND AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

11 **LABORATORY**

12 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, prevailing wage determinations
13 for the construction of the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and the
14 Agency of Natural Resources laboratory shall be made in accordance with the
15 requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 161(b).

16 **Sec. 29. PREVAILING WAGE; AUDITS**

17 The Commissioner of Labor, in consultation with the Commissioner of
18 Buildings and General Services, shall conduct random audits of the contractor
19 subject to 29 V.S.A. § 161(b) in sufficient number to ensure that the goals of
20 the statute are met.

1 Sec. 30. 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 1, amending 2013 Acts and

2 Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2, is amended to read:

3 Sec. 1. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

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6 (c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2015:

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8 (13) Permanent secure residential facility, proposal for siting ~~and design~~

9 (as described in Sec. 40 of this act): \$50,000.00

10 * * * Education * * *

11 Sec. 31. STATE AID FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

12 (a) Notwithstanding the suspension of State aid for school construction
13 pursuant to the terms of 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 36, and 2008
14 Acts and Resolves No. 200, Sec. 45, as amended by 2009 Acts and Resolves
15 No. 54, Sec. 22, in fiscal year 2017, any union school district established under
16 16 V.S.A. chapter 11 on or after July 1, 2015 or any two or more districts that
17 enter into a contract pursuant to 16 V.S.A. chapter 11, subchapter 1 on or after
18 July 1, 2015 to operate a school jointly shall be eligible for State aid for school
19 construction under 16 V.S.A. § 3447. Eligible union school districts may
20 make application for aid to the Secretary of Education pursuant to the
21 requirements set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 3448.

1 § 991. JOINT LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

2 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

3 (a) Creation. There is created a Joint Legislative Information Technology
4 Oversight Committee (“the Committee”) to examine, oversee, and improve the
5 procurement and provision of information technology (IT) related services by
6 and within the Executive and Judicial Branches of State government.

7 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following eight
8 members:

9 (1) four current members of the House of Representatives, not all from
10 the same political party, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
11 House; and

12 (2) four current members of the Senate, not all from the same political
13 party, who shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees.

14 (c) Powers and duties.

15 (1) The Committee shall:

16 (A) Exercise oversight over how IT-related services are procured,
17 managed, and provided by and within the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial
18 Branches of State Government, including:

19 (i) evaluating whether the departments, agencies, and persons
20 within the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches that are responsible

1 for procuring, providing, and managing IT services are doing so in an effective,
2 timely, efficient, and cost-effective manner;

3 (ii) examining and evaluating:

4 (I) the strategic plan of the Department of Information and
5 Innovation;

6 (II) the development of new and proposed IT projects;

7 (III) the process for requesting proposals, selecting vendors,
8 and negotiating contracts;

9 (IV) the management and supervision over new and ongoing
10 projects;

11 (V) whether projects are completed on time and on budget;

12 (VI) whether the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches
13 are effective in obtaining the high quality IT services in a cost-effective
14 manner; and

15 (VII) the development and allocation of staff, budgets, and
16 resources;

17 (iii) evaluating which projects and programs are the most
18 effective, timely, efficient, and cost-effective, and the reasons why;

19 (iv) determining if there are any deficiencies in the development
20 of projects, the procurement of services, and the oversight over new and

1 ongoing projects, the reasons for those deficiencies, and how those deficiencies
2 can be improved; and

3 (v) comparing the performance of the Executive and Judicial
4 Branches to the public sector and to private industry.

5 (B) Suggest improvements in how the Executive, Legislative, and
6 Judicial Branches procure, provide, and manage IT projects and services.

7 (C) At least annually, report on the Committee's activities, findings,
8 and recommendations to the General Assembly.

9 (2) The Committee shall:

10 (A) examine any IT project, proposal, contract, and service with an
11 estimated cost of greater than \$2,000,000.00, including taking testimony and
12 reviewing information and documents concerning the development,
13 contracting, and award process, oversight and management, and any other
14 aspect of the project, proposal, contract, and service;

15 (B) review and make recommendations to the House and Senate
16 Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Corrections and
17 Institutions, and the Senate Committee on Institutions regarding budget
18 proposals and appropriations relating to information technology; and

19 (C) take any other action as necessary to fulfill the Committee's
20 duties.

1 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,
2 policy, and legal assistance of the Office of Legislative Council and the Joint
3 Fiscal Office. The Committee may retain consultants or hire persons to
4 provide additional assistance as necessary.

5 (e) Data and records. The Executive and Judicial Branches and all persons
6 within the Executive and Judicial Branches shall provide testimony,
7 information, documents, data, and records to the Committee upon request.
8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Committee
9 members and staff and other persons hired by the Committee may receive
10 records that are confidential, privileged, or the release of which is restricted
11 under law. Any such records shall be exempt from public inspection and
12 copying, shall be kept confidential by the Committee members, staff, and other
13 persons hired by the Committee, and shall not be disclosed.

14 (f) Retaliation. No person who is an employee of the State of Vermont or
15 of any State, local, county, or municipal department, agency, or person, and
16 who testifies before, supplies information to, or cooperates with the Committee
17 shall be subject to retaliation by his or her employer. Retaliation shall include
18 job termination, demotion in rank, reduction in pay, alteration in duties and
19 responsibilities, transfer, or a negative job performance evaluation based on the
20 person's having testified before, supplied information to, or cooperated with
21 the Committee.

1 (g) Meetings.

2 (1) One of the members of the House of Representatives, to be
3 designated by the Speaker, shall call the first meeting of the Committee to
4 occur on or before April 15, 2015.

5 (2) The Committee shall select a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary from
6 among its members at the first meeting. The Chair and Vice Chair shall rotate
7 biennially between the House and the Senate members.

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

9 (4) The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair, but not less than
10 three times when the General Assembly is in session and not less than six times
11 during adjournment.

12 (h) Reimbursement. For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the
13 General Assembly, members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem
14 compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406.

15 (i) Appropriation. In fiscal year 2017:

16 (1) the sum of \$10,000.00 is appropriated for per diem compensation
17 and reimbursement; and

18 (2) the sum of \$100,000.00 is appropriated to the Committee to retain
19 consultants or hire persons to provide assistance.

1 **Sec. 34. COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS; MAINFRAME**

2 (a) The Commissioner of Information and Innovation shall conduct a
3 cost-benefit analysis of the State’s legacy mainframe system. The analysis
4 shall include a review of the cost-effectiveness of the legacy mainframe versus
5 implementation of new projects.

6 (b) On or before December 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Information and
7 Innovation shall submit a report on the analysis described in subsection (a) of
8 this section to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Corrections and
9 Institutions, and on Government Operations, and the Senate Committees on
10 Appropriations, on Institutions, and on Government Operations.

11 **Sec. 35. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REVIEW**

12 (a) The Department of Information and Innovation shall transfer, upon
13 request, one position to the Joint Fiscal Committee for use in the Legislative
14 Joint Fiscal Office (JFO) for a two-year staff position or consultant to provide
15 support to the General Assembly to conduct independent reviews of State
16 information technology projects and operations.

17 (b) The Secretary of Administration and the Commissioner of Innovation
18 shall provide to the JFO:

19 (1) Access to the reviews conducted by Independent Verification and
20 Validation (IVV) firms hired to evaluate the State’s current and planned
21 information technology project, as requested; and

1 other than nonpayment of fees, provided it is not the same municipality that is
2 disconnecting the household.

3 Sec. 38. 24 V.S.A. § 4755(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Except as provided by subsection (c) of this section, the bond bank may
5 make loans to a municipality on behalf of the ~~state~~ State for one or more of the
6 purposes set forth in section 4754 of this chapter. Each of such loans shall be
7 made subject to the following conditions and limitations:

8 (1) no loan shall be made for any purpose permitted under this chapter
9 other than from the revolving fund in which the same purpose is included;

10 (2) the total amount of loan out of a particular revolving fund shall not
11 exceed the balance of that fund;

12 (3) the loan shall be evidenced by a municipal bond, payable by the
13 municipality over a term not to exceed ~~20~~ 30 years, or the projected useful life
14 of the project, which is less, except:

15 (A) and without there shall be no deferral of payment ~~except as~~
16 ~~provided, unless authorized under~~ by 10 V.S.A. §§ ~~1624(b) and~~ § 1624a, ~~or;~~

17 (B) the term shall not exceed 20 years when required by 10 V.S.A.
18 § 1624(b); and

19 (C) the loan may be evidenced by any other permitted debt
20 instrument payable as permitted by chapter 53 of this title;

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1 Sec. 39. 24 V.S.A. § 4756 is amended to read:

2 § 4756. ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION

3 (a) No construction loan or loan for the purchase of land or conservation
4 easements to a municipality shall be made under this chapter, nor shall any part
5 of any revolving fund which is designated for project construction be expended
6 under section 4757 of this title, until such time as:

7 * * *

8 (b) The bond bank may make loans to a municipality for the preparation of
9 final engineering plans and specifications subject to the following conditions
10 and limitations:

11 (1) The loan shall be evidenced by a note, executed by the municipality,
12 payable over a term not to exceed ~~20~~ 30 years at zero percent interest in equal
13 annual payments.

14 (2) The ~~secretary of natural resources~~ Secretary of Natural Resources
15 shall have certified to the bond bank that the project:

16 (A) has priority for award of a planning loan;

17 (B) for which final engineering plans are to be prepared, is described
18 in a preliminary engineering plan or facilities plan that has been approved by
19 the ~~secretary~~ Secretary; and

20 (C) is in conformance with applicable ~~state~~ State and federal law and
21 regulations promulgated thereunder.

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2 * * * Public Safety * * *

3 **Sec. 40. TRAINING CENTER; FINDINGS, PURPOSE, AND INTENT**

4 (a) The General Assembly finds that the Robert H. Wood, Jr. Criminal
5 Justice and Fire Service Training Center of Vermont (the Training Center) is
6 an asset to the State because it provides multiple agencies with the space to
7 train people who protect the lives of Vermonters. These agencies presently
8 include the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, the Vermont Fire
9 Service Training Council, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of
10 Corrections, and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

11 (b) The purpose of this act is to create a committee to govern the access to,
12 the use and future needs of, and the capital investments in Training Center
13 facilities so that agencies continue to enjoy access to it and so that members of
14 the public may also be able to use the Training Center. While this committee
15 is established to oversee Training Center facilities, it is the General
16 Assembly's intent that this committee shall not have jurisdiction over any
17 training content provided at the Training Center.

18 **Sec. 41. 29 V.S.A. chapter 19 is added to read:**

19 CHAPTER 19. TRAINING CENTER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

20 § 841. COMMITTEE CREATION

1 (a) Creation. There is created the Training Center Governance Committee
2 to manage access to the facilities of the Robert H. Wood, Jr. Criminal Justice
3 and Fire Service Training Center of Vermont (Training Center), located in
4 Pittsford, Vermont.

5 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following eight
6 members:

7 (1) the Executive Director of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training
8 Council;

9 (2) the Chair of the Vermont Fire Service Training Council;

10 (3) an employee of the Department of Buildings and General Services,
11 appointed by the Commissioner of the Department;

12 (4) the Chair of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council;

13 (5) the Chief Training Officer of the Vermont Fire Academy;

14 (6) an employee of the Department of Corrections, appointed by the
15 Commissioner of the Department;

16 (7) the Director of the Division of Fire Safety;

17 (8) a member of the State Police, appointed by the Commissioner of
18 Public Safety;

19 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall:

20 (1) Use and access. Govern the use of and access to the Training
21 Center. In so governing, the Committee shall take into consideration the needs

1 of the State’s various agencies and members of the public in using the Training
2 Center’s facilities.

3 (2) Future needs and capital investments.

4 (A) Plan for the future capital needs of the Training Center.

5 (B) Submit a capital program plan to the Department of Buildings
6 and General Services for the capital construction bill set forth in 32 V.S.A.
7 § 701a and report to the General Assembly as necessary on any recommended
8 legislative action for capital needs.

9 (C) On an ongoing basis, monitor the effectiveness of any capital
10 investments related to training needs.

11 (3) Performance analysis. Establish policies to ensure the facility
12 training needs of those persons that use the Training Center are cost-effectively
13 met, and establish performance measures for assessing on an ongoing basis
14 how well those needs are met.

15 (4) Budget and rates.

16 (A) Prepare, submit, and administer the budget for operating and
17 staffing expenses for the facilities at the Training Center.

18 (B) Set the rates for use of space at the Training Center.

19 (C) Enter into and administer contracts on behalf of the Training
20 Center.

1 (D) Develop approaches to budgeting, paying for space, and facility
2 maintenance that encourage collaboration among those persons that use the
3 Training Center.

4 (d) Meetings.

5 (1) The Committee shall meet no fewer than four times per year.

6 (2) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

7 (3) The Committee shall elect a chair and may adopt rules of procedure.

8 (e) Reimbursement. Members of the Committee who are not employees of
9 the State and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their
10 attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of
11 expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

12 **Sec. 42. INITIAL MEETING OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE;**

13 **TRANSITIONAL PROVISION**

14 (a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall call the
15 initial meeting of the Training Center Governance Committee set forth in
16 Sec. 2 of this act, to be held on or before September 30, 2015.

17 (b) The Training Center Governance Committee shall be responsible for
18 requests for use of the Robert H. Wood, Jr. Criminal Justice and Fire Service
19 Training Center of Vermont made on and after the initial Committee meeting,
20 but shall permit any scheduled use of the Training Center made prior to that
21 date.

1 **Sec. 43. TRAINING CENTER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE; REPORT**

2 On or before February 1, 2016, the Training Center Governance Committee
3 set forth in Sec. 2 of this act shall report to the General Assembly regarding the
4 operation of its powers and duties to date and recommend any further
5 legislative action it finds necessary.

6 * * * Security * * *

7 **Sec. 44. STATE HOUSE SECURITY**

8 (a) The Capitol Complex Security Working Group, established in 2014
9 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 26, is authorized to retain consultant services
10 to create a security protocol for the State House and One Baldwin Street. Any
11 consultants retained pursuant to this subsection shall work through the Joint
12 Fiscal Office under the direction of the Chair of the Working Group.

13 (b) The Joint Fiscal Office, in consultation with the Speaker of the House
14 and the Committee on Committees, shall hire the consultants to undertake the
15 security protocol authorized in subsection (a) of this section. The Joint Fiscal
16 Office is authorized to use funds appropriated in Sec. 2(b)(21) of this act and
17 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2(c)(17), as amended by 2014 Acts and
18 Resolves No. 178, Sec. 1, to retain consultant services.

19 * * * Effective Date * * *

20 **Sec. 45. EFFECTIVE DATE**

21 This act shall take effect on passage.