

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Institutions to which was referred House Bill No. 492
3 entitled “An act relating to capital construction and State bonding” respectfully
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate
5 propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out all after the
6 enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 * * * Capital Appropriations * * *

8 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

9 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$157,207,752.00
10 authorized in this act, no more than \$79,818,449.00 shall be appropriated in the
11 first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the
12 second year.

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

18 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

19 (a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Buildings
20 and General Services, and the Commissioner is authorized to direct funds
21 appropriated in this section to the projects contained in this section; however,

1 no project shall be canceled unless the Chairs of the Senate Committee on
2 Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions are
3 notified before that action is taken.

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

5	<u>(1) Statewide, asbestos:</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
6	<u>(2) Statewide, building reuse and planning:</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
7	<u>(3) Statewide, contingency:</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
8	<u>(4) Statewide, elevator repairs and replacement:</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
9	<u>(5) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>	<u>\$8,210,287.00</u>
10	<u>(6) Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs:</u>	
11		<u>\$3,567,791.00</u>
12	<u>(7) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
13	<u>(8) Burlington, 32 Cherry Street, HVAC controls upgrades:</u>	
14		<u>\$150,000.00</u>
15	<u>(9) Burlington, 108 Cherry Street, garage and structural audit:</u>	
16		<u>\$50,000.00</u>
17	<u>(10) Montpelier, 120 State Street, life safety and infrastructure</u>	
18	<u>improvements:</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
19	<u>(11) Montpelier, Department of Labor, parking lot expansion:</u>	
20		<u>\$450,000.00</u>
21	<u>(12) Middlesex, State Archives, renovations:</u>	<u>\$660,000.00</u>

1	<u>(13) Newport, Northern State Correctional Facility, maintenance shop:</u>	
2		<u>\$450,000.00</u>
3	<u>(14) Randolph, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and Agency</u>	
4	<u>of Natural Resources, collaborative laboratory, finalizing design and</u>	
5	<u>construction documents, bid proposal, and permitting:</u>	<u>\$2,500,000.00</u>
6	<u>(15) Southern State Correctional Facility, construction of Phase I of</u>	
7	<u>the steamline replacement, design and cost estimation for Phase II:</u>	
8		<u>\$1,200,000.00</u>
9	<u>(16) Southern State Correctional Facility, copper waterline</u>	
10	<u>replacement and project-related costs:</u>	<u>\$1,829,086.00</u>
11	<u>(17) St. Johnsbury, Caledonia Courthouse, stabilize foundation:</u>	
12		<u>\$1,700,000.00</u>
13	<u>(18) Pittsford, Training Center, electrical system upgrade:</u>	
14		<u>\$120,000.00</u>
15	<u>(19) Waterbury State Office Complex, complex restoration, and</u>	
16	<u>project-related costs:</u>	<u>\$19,151,826.00</u>
17	<u>(20) White River Junction, Windsor Courthouse, design and planning</u>	
18	<u>for mechanical, electrical and plumbing, security and energy upgrades:</u>	
19		<u>\$300,000.00</u>

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

1 Sec. 5. JUDICIARY

2 (a) The sum of \$180,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department
3 of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for ADA compliance at
4 county courthouses.

5 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Judiciary:

6 (1) Statewide court security systems and improvements: \$150,000.00

7 (2) Judicial case management system: \$500,000.00

8 (c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Judiciary:

9 (1) Statewide court security systems and improvements: \$150,000.00

10 (2) Judicial case management system: \$5,000,000.00

11 Appropriation – FY 2016 \$830,000.00

12 Appropriation – FY 2017 \$150,000.00

13 Total Appropriation – Section 5 \$980,000.00

14 Sec. 6. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

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

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

5 (2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:
6 \$15,000.00

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:
18 \$15,000.00

19 Appropriation – FY 2016 \$393,000.00

20 Appropriation – FY 2017 \$295,000.00

21 Total Appropriation – Section 6 \$688,000.00

1 Sec. 7. GRANT PROGRAMS

2 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 for Building
3 Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

4 (1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,
5 Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant
6 Program: \$225,000.00

7 (2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,
8 Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant
9 Program: \$225,000.00

10 (3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultural Facilities Grant
11 Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that may be made
12 available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided that all capital
13 funds are made available to the cultural facilities grant program: \$225,000.00

14 (4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the
15 Recreational Facilities Grant Program: \$225,000.00

16 (5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for
17 the Regional Economic Development Grant Program: \$225,000.00

18 (b) The following sum is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency
19 of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural Fairs Capital
20 Projects Competitive Grant Program: \$225,000.00

1 (c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 for Building
2 Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

3 (1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,
4 Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant
5 Program: \$225,000.00

6 (2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,
7 Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation
8 Grant Program: \$225,000.00

9 (3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultural Facilities
10 Grant Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that may
11 be made available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided
12 that all capital funds are made available to the cultural facilities grant
13 program: \$225,000.00

14 (4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the
15 Recreational Facilities Grant Program: \$225,000.00

16 (5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the
17 Regional Economic Development Grant Program: \$225,000.00

18 (d) The following sum is appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of
19 Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural Fairs Capital Projects
20 Competitive Grant Program: \$225,000.00

1 (e) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department
2 of Buildings and General Services for the Human Services and Educational
3 Facilities Competitive Grant Program:

4 (1) Human Services: \$120,000.00
5 (2) Educational Facilities: \$120,000.00

6 (f) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department
7 of Buildings and General Services for the Human Services and Educational
8 Facilities Competitive Grant Program:

9 (1) Human Services: \$110,000.00
10 (2) Educational Facilities: \$110,000.00

11 Appropriation – FY 2016 \$1,590,000.00
12 Appropriation – FY 2017 \$1,570,000.00
13 Total Appropriation – Section 7 \$3,160,000.00

14 Sec. 8. EDUCATION

15 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of
16 Education for funding the State share of completed school construction
17 projects pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 3448 and emergency projects:

18 (1) Emergency projects: \$82,188.00
19 (2) School construction projects: \$3,975,500.00

20 (b) The sum of \$60,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of
21 Education for State aid for emergency projects.

1	<u>Appropriation – FY 2016</u>	<u>\$4,057,688.00</u>
2	<u>Appropriation – FY 2017</u>	<u>\$60,000.00</u>
3	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 8</u>	<u>\$4,117,688.00</u>

4 Sec. 9. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

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

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

9	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 9</u>	<u>\$2,800,000.00</u>
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10 Sec. 10. VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

11 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Vermont State
12 Colleges:

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

14 (2) Engineering technology laboratories, plan, design, and upgrade:
15 \$1,000,000.00

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: \$500,000.00

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 to raise

1 funds to upgrade engineering technology laboratories at the Vermont Technical
2 College. The funds shall only become available after the Vermont Technical
3 College has notified the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and
4 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and the Commissioner of
5 Finance and Management that \$500,000.00 in committed funds has been raised
6 to match the appropriation in subdivision (b)(2) of this section and finance
7 additional costs of comprehensive laboratory improvements.

8 Appropriation – FY 2016 \$2,400,000.00

9 Appropriation – FY 2017 \$1,900,000.00

10 Total Appropriation – Section 10 \$4,300,000.00

11 Sec. 11. NATURAL RESOURCES

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

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

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

19 (3) Drinking Water Supply, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:
20 \$1,750,834.00

1	<u>(4) Drinking Water Supply, engineering oversight and project</u>	
2	<u>management:</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
3	<u>(5) EcoSystem restoration and protection:</u>	<u>\$3,750,000.00</u>
4	<u>(6) Dam safety and hydrology projects:</u>	<u>\$538,580.00</u>
5	<u>(7) Municipal Pollution Control Grants, principal and interest associated</u>	
6	<u>with funding for the Pownal project:</u>	<u>\$530,000.00</u>
7	<u>(8) Municipal Pollution Control Grants, Waterbury waste treatment</u>	
8	<u>facility for phosphorous removal:</u>	<u>\$379,929.00</u>
9	<u>(9) Municipal Pollution Control Grants, pollution control projects and</u>	
10	<u>planning advances for feasibility studies:</u>	<u>\$392,258.00</u>
11	<u>(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of</u>	
12	<u>Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the</u>	
13	<u>projects described in this subsection:</u>	
14	<u>(1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small scale</u>	
15	<u>rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of</u>	
16	<u>restrooms and bathhouses, and statewide small-scale road rehabilitation</u>	
17	<u>projects:</u>	<u>\$3,000,000.00</u>
18	<u>(2) Guilford, Sweet Pond:</u>	<u>\$90,000.00</u>
19	<u>(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Agency of</u>	
20	<u>Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife:</u>	
21	<u>(1) General infrastructure projects:</u>	<u>\$1,125,000.00</u>

1 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Agency of
2 Agriculture, Food and Markets for the projects described in this subsection:

3 (1) Best Management Practices and Conservation Reserve Enhancement

4 Program: \$1,800,000.00

5 (2) Vermont Exposition Center Building, upgrades: \$115,000.00

6 Appropriation – FY 2016 \$1,952,412.00

7 Appropriation – FY 2017 \$1,915,000.00

8 Total Appropriation – Section 14 \$3,867,412.00

9 Sec. 15. VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

10 (a) The sum of \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department
11 of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the dry
12 hydrant program.

13 (b) The sum of \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2017 to the Department
14 of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the
15 project described in subsection (a) of this section.

16 Total Appropriation – Section 15 \$250,000.00

17 Sec. 16. VERMONT VETERANS’ HOME

18 The sum of \$500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Vermont
19 Veterans’ Home for an electronic medical records system. These funds shall
20 be used to match federal funds and shall only become available after the
21 Veterans’ Home notifies the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections

1 and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and the
2 Commissioner of Finance and Management that the electronic medical records
3 system is in compliance with the criteria for creating and maintaining
4 connectivity established by the Vermont Information Technology Leaders
5 pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9352(i).

6 Total Appropriation – Section 16 \$500,000.00

7 Sec. 17. VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

8 The sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Department of
9 Buildings and General Services for the Vermont Historical Society (VHS) for a
10 matching grant to reduce debt at the Vermont History Center in Barre. The
11 funds shall only become available after the VHS notifies the Department that
12 the funds have been matched.

13 Total Appropriation – Section 17 \$50,000.00

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.**

17 **(1) Statewide, water quality improvement projects: \$3,000,000.00**

18 **(2) Housing: \$1,800,000.00**

19 **(b) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Vermont**
20 **Housing and Conservation Board.**

21 **(1) Statewide, water quality improvement projects: \$1,000,000.00**

1	<u>Appropriation – FY 2017</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
2	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 20</u>	<u>\$125,000.00</u>
3	* * * Financing this Act * * *	
4	Sec. 21. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS	
5	<u>(a) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and</u>	
6	<u>General Services from prior capital appropriations to defray expenditures</u>	
7	<u>authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:</u>	
8	<u>(1) of the amount appropriated in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161,</u>	
9	<u>Sec. 1 (Bennington State Office Building):</u>	
10		<u>\$49,062.60</u>
11	<u>(2) of the amount appropriated in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161,</u>	
12	<u>Sec. 16 (Ag various projects):</u>	
13	<u>\$352,412.25</u>	
14	<u>(3) of the amount appropriated in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161,</u>	
15	<u>Sec. 2 (DII, VIEWS):</u>	
16	<u>\$XXXX.00</u>	
17	<u>(4) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,</u>	
18	<u>Sec. 2(b) (State House committee renovations):</u>	
19	<u>\$28,702.15</u>	
20	<u>(5) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,</u>	
	<u>Sec. 13 (Public Safety review of State Police facilities):</u>	
	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	
	<u>(6) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,</u>	
	<u>Sec. 17 (VT Public TV):</u>	
	<u>\$856.00</u>	

1	<u>(4) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,</u>	
2	<u>Sec. 12 (Fish and Wildlife, Roxbury):</u>	<u>\$128,802.00</u>
3	<u>(5) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,</u>	
4	<u>Sec. 12, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104, Sec 8 (Fish and</u>	
5	<u>Wildlife, Roxbury):</u>	<u>\$87,204.00</u>
6	<u>(c) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and</u>	
7	<u>General Services to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:</u>	
8	<u>(1) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 1996 Acts</u>	
9	<u>and Resolves No. 102, Sec. 1 (Duxbury land sale):</u>	<u>\$45,556.36</u>
10	<u>(2) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 2009 Acts</u>	
11	<u>and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 25 (Building 617, Essex):</u>	<u>\$7,078.21</u>
12	<u>(3) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 2009 Acts</u>	
13	<u>and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 25 (1193 North Avenue, Burlington):</u>	<u>\$353,785.97</u>
14	<u>(4) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by 2011 Acts</u>	
15	<u>and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 2, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104,</u>	
16	<u>Sec. 3 (121 and 123 South Main Street, Waterbury):</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
17	<u>(5) of the proceeds from the sale of property authorized by by 2011 Acts</u>	
18	<u>and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 2, as amended by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104,</u>	
19	<u>Sec. 3 (Ladd Hall, Waterbury):</u>	<u>\$228,000.00</u>
20	<u>Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 21</u>	<u>\$1,648,656.08</u>

1 Sec. 22. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

15 Total Revenues – Section 22 \$155,559,096.05

16 *** Policy ***

17 *** Buildings and General Services ***

18 **Sec. 23. LEASING PROPERTY; FAIR MARKET VALUE**

19 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that any leases for State-owned
20 space in any State-owned building, structure, or other real property under the
21 jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services that are in

1 existence prior to the effective date of this act shall be renewed at fair market
2 value by July 1, 2019.

3 (b) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall evaluate
4 whether to sell any State-owned building, structure, or other real property that
5 is being leased under fair market value.

6 Sec. 24. AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS AND
7 AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES LABORATORY

8 Notwithstanding the authority contained in 29 V.S.A. § 164, the
9 Department of Buildings and General Services shall enter into a ground lease
10 or other similar legal instrument with Vermont Technical College for the
11 purpose of locating the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and Agency
12 of Natural Resources collaborative laboratory on the Vermont Technical
13 College campus in Randolph, Vermont.

14 Sec. 25. NAMING OF STATE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

15 On or before January 15, 2016, the Commissioner of Buildings and General
16 Services and the State Librarian shall recommend to the House Committee on
17 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions an
18 appropriate State agency or department to name State buildings and facilities.

19 Sec. 26. 29 V.S.A. § 821(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) State buildings.

21 * * *

1 Sec. 28. 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 17 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 17. 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 26(c) is amended to read:

3 (c) ~~The~~ Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166, the Commissioner of Buildings
4 and General Services is authorized to do any or all of the following with
5 respect to the Vermont health laboratory located at 195 Colchester Avenue in
6 Burlington:

7 (1) investigate all potential uses of the land and building, including
8 redeveloping the land, provided that it is consistent with existing deed
9 covenants; ~~and~~

10 (2) enter into agreements and execute any necessary documentation to
11 release or extinguish any of the existing deed covenants with respect to the
12 land; and

13 (3) convey by quitclaim deed any interest in the building as is with no
14 warranties and no representations as to conditions to the University of
15 Vermont.

16 Sec. 29. 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 1, amending 2013 Acts and
17 Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2, is amended to read:

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

19 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

20 * * *

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

2 * * *

3 (13) Permanent secure residential facility, proposal for siting ~~and design~~
4 (as described in Sec. 40 of this act): \$50,000.00

5 Sec. 30. SECURE RESIDENTIAL FACILITY; PLAN FOR SITING AND
6 DESIGN

7 (a) The Secretary of Human Services shall conduct an examination of the
8 needs of the Agency of Human Services for siting and designing a secure
9 residential facility. The examination shall analyze the operating costs for the
10 facility, including the staffing, size of the facility, the quality of care supported
11 by the structure, and the broadest options available for the management and
12 ownership of the facility.

13 (b) The funds appropriated in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 1,
14 amending 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2, and Sec. 28 of this act, shall
15 only become available to the Department of Buildings and General Services
16 after the Secretary of Human Services notifies the Commissioner of Finance
17 and Management that the examination described in subsection (a) of this
18 section is completed.

19 (c) On or before February 1, 2016, the Secretary of Human Services shall
20 present the results of the examination described in subsection (a) of this section
21 to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Corrections and Institutions,

1 and on Human Services, and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on
2 Health and Welfare, and on Institutions.

3 Sec. 31. 29 V.S.A. § 156 is added to read:

4 § 156. CITY OF MONTPELIER DISTRICT HEAT PLANT

5 MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND

6 (a) There is established a special fund pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7,
7 subchapter 5 known as the City of Montpelier District Heat Plant Maintenance
8 Reserve Fund.

9 (b) The Fund shall comprise payments from the City of Montpelier for the
10 City's share of the maintenance of the District Heat Plant.

11 (c) Monies in the Fund shall be available to the Commissioner of Buildings
12 and General Service for the maintenance of the District Heat Plant upon
13 commencement of the District Heat Plant's operations.

14 (d) The Commissioner of Finance and Management may draw warrants for
15 disbursements from this Fund in anticipation of receipts. Any remaining
16 balance at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward in the Fund.

17 Sec. 32. LAND TRANSFER; DUXBURY

18 (a) Pursuant to the terms of Executive Order 04-15, the Commissioner of
19 Buildings and General Services is authorized to transfer the 32.3 acre
20 State-owned parcel in Camel's Hump State Park known as the "Father Logue's

1 Camp” property to the jurisdiction of the Department of Forest, Parks, and
2 Recreation.

3 (b) Pursuant to 10 V.S.A §2606(b), the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and
4 Recreation is authorized to convey:

5 (1) a 137 acre portion of Camel’s Hump State Park and the adjacent
6 32.3 acre State-owned parcel known as the “Father Logue’s Camp” property in
7 the Town of Duxbury to the Town of Duxbury for use as a municipal
8 forest; and

9 (2) a conservation easement encumbering the parcels described in
10 subdivision (1) of this subsection to the Duxbury Land Trust.

11 (c) The parcels described in subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be
12 conveyed to the Town of Duxbury at no cost, and shall be used by the Town
13 for forestry, conservation, and recreation purposes only. The Town of
14 Duxbury shall be responsible for any and all associated costs that may be
15 necessary to complete these conveyances.

16 (d) The Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and Recreation shall only finalize
17 the conveyances described in subsection (b) of this section after notifying the
18 Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
19 Committee on Institutions of the following:

20 (1) the Town of Duxbury Selectboard has voted to accept the parcels
21 described in subdivision (b)(1) of this section as a municipal forest;

1 (2) the Duxbury Land Trust has voted to accept and steward the
2 conservation easement described in subdivision (b)(2) of this section; and

3 (3) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services has transferred
4 the property described in subsection (a) of this section from the Department of
5 Buildings and General Services to the Department of Forests, Parks and
6 Recreation.

7 * * * Education * * *

8 Sec. 33. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AID AWARDS

9 It is the intent of the General Assembly that the House Committees on
10 Corrections and Institutions and on Education, and the Senate Committees on
11 Education and on Institutions develop a plan to evaluate strategically the
12 statutory process set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 3448 for awarding State aid for
13 school construction.

14 Sec. 34. VERMONT INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

15 On or before January 15, 2016, the Secretary of Administration and the
16 Executive Director of the Vermont Interactive Technologies (VIT), or its
17 successor entity, shall examine and submit a report to the House Committee on
18 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the
19 ownership and disposition of all VIT property funded in whole or in part by a
20 capital construction act.

* * * Information Technology * * *

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2 **Sec. 35. JUDICIARY; CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM; REPORT**

3 Prior to finalizing vendor selection for the case management system
4 described in Sec. 5 of this act, the Judiciary shall present a report to the House
5 Committee on Corrections and Institutions, the Senate Committee on
6 Institutions, and the Joint Legislative Criminal Justice Oversight Committee
7 established in the Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations Act. The report shall
8 include a description of the Judiciary's process and rationale for choosing the
9 vendor, whether the Judiciary incorporated any recommendations from the
10 Special Committee on the Utilization of Information Technology in
11 Government established in the Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations Act, and
12 whether any efforts were made to integrate the case management system with
13 any new systems implemented by the Department of State's Attorneys and
14 Sheriffs' Association. The reporting requirement of this section may be
15 satisfied by providing testimony to the Committees.

16 **Sec. 36. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REVIEW**

17 (a) The Executive Branch shall transfer, upon request, one vacant position
18 for use in the Legislative Joint Fiscal Office (JFO) for a two-year staff
19 position, or the JFO shall hire a consultant, to provide support to the General
20 Assembly to conduct independent reviews of State information technology
21 projects and operations.

1 **(b) The Secretary of Administration and the Chief Information Officer**

2 **shall:**

3 **(1) provide to the JFO access to the reviews conducted by Independent**
4 **Verification and Validation (IVV) firms hired to evaluate the State's current**
5 **and planned information technology project, as requested; and**

6 **(2) ensure that IVV firms' contracts allow the JFO to make requests for**
7 **information related to the projects that they are reviewing and that such**
8 **requests are provided to the JFO in a confidential manner.**

9 **(c) The JFO shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the**
10 **Executive Branch relating to any work conducted by IVV firms that shall**
11 **protect security and confidentiality.**

12 **(d) In fiscal years 2016 and 2017, the JFO is authorized to use up to**
13 **\$250,000.00 of the amounts appropriated in Sec. 3(b) and (c) of this act to fund**
14 **activities described in this section.**

15 **(e) On or before January 15, 2017, the Secretary of Administration and the**
16 **JFO shall submit reports to the House Committee on Corrections and**
17 **Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the effectiveness of**
18 **the position described in subsection (a) of this section and whether the process**
19 **of conducting independent legislative reviews of State information technology**
20 **projects and operations should be continued.**

1 (c) The MOU described in subsection (a) of this section and the operating
2 agreement described in subsection (b) of this section shall be executed prior to
3 the State's occupancy of the Courthouse.

4 * * * Military * * *

5 Sec. 38. DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY; CEMETERY EXPANSION
6 PROJECT

7 The Department of Military may accept federal grants, gifts, or donations to
8 support the cemetery expansion project at the Vermont Veterans' Memorial
9 Cemetery in Randolph, Vermont.

10 * * * Natural Resources * * *

11 Sec. 39. 24 V.S.A. § 4753a(e) is amended to read:

12 (e) Loan forgiveness; drinking water.

13 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law regarding loan
14 forgiveness, upon the award of a loan from the Vermont Environmental
15 Protection Agency Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), the
16 Secretary of Natural Resources, in a manner that is consistent with federal
17 grant provisions, may forgive up to 100 percent of a loan if the award is made
18 for a project on the priority list and the project is capitalized, at least in part,
19 from funds derived from a federal DWSRF capitalization grant that includes
20 provisions authorizing loan forgiveness. Such loan forgiveness shall be based
21 on the loan value, but funds to be forgiven shall only consist of federal funds,

1 except where the loan is used as a match to other federal grants requiring
2 nonfederal funds as a match.

3 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law regarding loan
4 forgiveness, upon the award of a loan from the Vermont Drinking Water State
5 Revolving Loan Fund, the Secretary of Natural Resources may provide loan
6 forgiveness for preliminary engineering and final design costs when a
7 municipality undertakes such engineering on behalf of a household that has
8 been disconnected involuntarily from a public water supply system for reasons
9 other than nonpayment of fees, provided it is not the same municipality that is
10 disconnecting the household.

11 Sec. 40. 24 V.S.A. § 4755(a) is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

6 (B) the term of the loan shall not exceed 20 years when required by
7 10 V.S.A. § 1624(b); and

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

10 * * *

11 Sec. 41. 24 V.S.A. § 4756 is amended to read:

12 § 4756. ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION

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

17 * * *

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

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

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

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

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

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

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13 * * * Public Safety * * *

14 Sec. 42. TRAINING CENTER; FINDINGS, PURPOSE, AND INTENT

15 (a) The General Assembly finds that the Robert H. Wood, Jr. Criminal
16 Justice and Fire Service Training Center of Vermont (the Training Center) is
17 an asset to the State because it provides multiple agencies with the space to
18 train people who protect the lives of Vermonters. These agencies presently
19 include the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, the Vermont Fire
20 Service Training Council, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of
21 Corrections, and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

1 (b) The purpose of Sec. 43 of this act is to create a committee to govern the
2 access to, the use and future needs of, and the capital investments in Training
3 Center facilities so that agencies continue to enjoy access to it and so that
4 members of the public may also be able to use the Training Center. While this
5 committee is established to oversee Training Center facilities, it is the General
6 Assembly’s intent that this committee shall not have jurisdiction over any
7 training content provided at the Training Center.

8 Sec. 43. 29 V.S.A. chapter 19 is added to read:

9 CHAPTER 19. TRAINING CENTER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

10 § 841. COMMITTEE CREATION

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

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

17 (1) the Executive Director of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training
18 Council;

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

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

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

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

3 (6) an employee of the Department of Corrections, appointed by the
4 Commissioner of the Department;

5 (7) the Director of the Division of Fire Safety; and

6 (8) a member of the State Police, appointed by the Commissioner of
7 Public Safety.

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

9 (1) Use and access. Govern the use of and access to the Training
10 Center. In so governing, the Committee shall take into consideration the needs
11 of the State’s various agencies and members of the public in using the Training
12 Center’s facilities.

13 (2) Future needs and capital investments.

14 (A) plan for the future capital needs of the Training Center;

15 (B) submit a capital program plan to the Department of Buildings and
16 General Services for the capital construction bill set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 701a
17 and report to the General Assembly as necessary on any recommended
18 legislative action for capital needs; and

19 (C) on an ongoing basis, monitor the effectiveness of any capital
20 investments related to training needs.

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

5 (4) Budget and rates.

6 (A) manage the operating budget for the facilities at the Training
7 Center;

8 (B) set the rates for use of space at the Training Center;

9 (C) enter into and administer new contracts on behalf of the Training
10 Center regarding the operations of the Training Center; and

11 (D) develop approaches to budgeting and paying for space that
12 encourage collaboration among those persons that use the Training Center, and
13 address future major maintenance needs.

14 (d) Meetings.

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

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

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

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

1 Sec. 44. INITIAL MEETING OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE;

2 TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

3 (a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall call the
4 initial meeting of the Training Center Governance Committee set forth in
5 Sec. 42 of this act, to be held on or before September 30, 2015.

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

11 (c) The Training Center Governance Committee shall have access to any
12 contracts regarding the operations of the Training Center that are in existence
13 prior to the date of the initial Committee meeting.

14 Sec. 45. TRAINING CENTER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE; REPORT

15 On or before February 1, 2016, the Training Center Governance Committee
16 set forth in Sec. 43 of this act shall report to the General Assembly regarding
17 the operation of its powers and duties to date and recommend any further
18 legislative action it finds necessary.

1 requirements on limiting access rights to the camera and video feed, and
2 retaining video feed for a minimum of seven days and a maximum of 30 days.

3 * * * Effective Date * * *

4 Sec. 47. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.

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10 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE