

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 \$80,068,449.00 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:                             \$750,000.00

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   \$1,080,000.00

12       Appropriation – FY 2017   \$150,000.00

13       Total Appropriation – Section 5                                 \$6,230,000.00

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	<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 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>(2) Housing:</u>	<u>\$1,800,000.00</u>
2	<u>Appropriation – FY 2016</u>	<u>\$4,800,000.00</u>
3	<u>Appropriation – FY 2017</u>	<u>\$2,800,000.00</u>
4	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 18</u>	<u>\$7,600,000.00</u>

5 Sec. 19. VERMONT INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

6 \$220,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Vermont State Colleges on  
7 behalf of Vermont Interactive Technologies (VIT) for all costs associated with  
8 the dissolution of VIT’s operations.

9 Total Appropriation – Section 19 \$220,000.00

10 Sec. 20. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11 (a) The sum of \$120,000.00 is appropriated in FY 16 to the Office of  
12 Legislative Council budget on behalf of the Office of the Secretary of the  
13 Senate and the Office of the Clerk of the House for upgrades to the legislative  
14 international roll call (IRC) program. All work on the project described in this  
15 section shall be under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of  
16 the House, and the Office of the Legislative Council’s Deputy Director of  
17 Information Technology.

18 (b) The sum of \$5,000.00 is appropriated in FY 17 to the Sergeant at Arms  
19 for security upgrades in the State House.

20	<u>Appropriation – FY 2016</u>	<u>\$120,000.00</u>
21	<u>Appropriation – FY 2017</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>

1	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 20</u>	<u>\$125,000.00</u>
2	* * * Financing this Act * * *	
3	Sec. 21. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS	
4	<u>(a) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and</u>	
5	<u>General Services from prior capital appropriations to defray expenditures</u>	
6	<u>authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:</u>	
7	<u>(1) of the amount appropriated in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161,</u>	
8	<u>Sec. 1 (Bennington State Office Building):</u>	
9		<u>\$49,062.60</u>
10	<u>(2) of the amount appropriated in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161,</u>	
11	<u>Sec. 16 (Ag various projects):</u>	<u>\$352,412.25</u>
12	<u>(3) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,</u>	
13	<u>Sec. 2(b) (State House committee renovations):</u>	<u>\$28,702.15</u>
14	<u>(4) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,</u>	
15	<u>Sec. 13 (Public Safety review of State Police facilities):</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
16	<u>(5) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,</u>	
17	<u>Sec. 17 (VT Public TV):</u>	<u>\$856.00</u>
18	<u>(6) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2</u>	
19	<u>(BGS engineering staff):</u>	<u>\$58,236.66</u>
20	<u>(7) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2</u>	
21	<u>(133 State Street foundation and parking lot):</u>	<u>\$156,642.16</u>





1 of this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor, shall  
2 determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds authorized by this  
3 section consistent with the underlying nature of the appropriation to be funded.  
4 The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated cost of bond issuance or  
5 issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated pursuant to this  
6 section and for which bonding is required as the source of funds, pursuant to  
7 32 V.S.A. § 954.

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

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

13 \* \* \* Policy \* \* \*

14 \* \* \* Buildings and General Services \* \* \*

15 Sec. 23. LEASING PROPERTY; FAIR MARKET VALUE

16 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that any leases for State-owned  
17 space in any State-owned building, structure, or other real property under the  
18 jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services that are in  
19 existence prior to the effective date of this act shall be renewed at fair market  
20 value by July 1, 2019.





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Sec. 27. 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 37 is amended to read:

Sec. 37. COUNTY COURTHOUSES; PLAN

(a) Pursuant to the restructuring of the Judiciary in 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 154, the Court Administrator ~~and~~, in consultation with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, shall evaluate:

(1) the scope of the State’s responsibility for maintaining county courthouses, including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance ~~and~~;

(2) whether an emergency fund is necessary for construction or renovation projects at county courthouses;

(3) the current ownership and maintenance responsibilities for each county courthouse; and

(4) parameters for determining the county’s share of maintaining county courthouses in the future.

(b) On or before January 15, ~~2015~~ 2016, the Judiciary shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions with the results of the evaluation.

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. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2, as amended by 2014 Acts and  
17 Resolves No. 178, Sec. 1, is amended to read:

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

19 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

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

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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 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2, as  
14 amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 1, and Sec. 28 of this act,  
15 shall only become available to the Department of Buildings and General  
16 Services after the Secretary of Human Services notifies the Commissioner of  
17 Finance and Management that the examination described in subsection (a) of  
18 this 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; MEMORANDUM OF**

18 **UNDERSTANDING**

19 (a) The Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and Recreation shall enter into a  
20 memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Town of Duxbury regarding

1 the Town's use of any State-owned parcel in Camel's Hump State Park that  
2 may be conveyed to the Town.

3 (b) On or before January 15, 2016, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and  
4 Recreation shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions  
5 and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the status of the MOU described  
6 in subsection (a) of this section.

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 Institutions and on Education 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 \* \* \*

Sec. 35. JUDICIARY; CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM; REPORT

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

Sec. 36. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

(a) The Executive Branch shall transfer, upon request, one vacant position for use in the Legislative Joint Fiscal Office (JFO) for a two-year staff position, or the JFO shall hire a consultant, to provide support to the General Assembly to conduct independent reviews of State information technology 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 from funds derived from a federal DWSRF capitalization grant that includes  
2 provisions authorizing loan forgiveness. Such loan forgiveness shall be based  
3 on the loan value, but funds to be forgiven shall only consist of federal funds,  
4 except where the loan is used as a match to other federal grants requiring  
5 nonfederal funds as a match.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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16 \* \* \* Public Safety \* \* \*

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

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

1 include the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, the Vermont Fire  
2 Service Training Council, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of  
3 Corrections, and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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

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

12 CHAPTER 19. TRAINING CENTER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

13 § 841. COMMITTEE CREATION

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

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

20 (1) the Executive Director of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training  
21 Council;

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

2           (3) an employee of the Department of Buildings and General Services,

3           appointed by the Commissioner of the Department;

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

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

6           (6) an employee of the Department of Corrections, appointed by the

7           Commissioner of the Department;

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

9           (8) a member of the State Police, appointed by the Commissioner of

10          Public Safety.

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

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

16           (2) Future needs and capital investments.

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

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

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

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

7           (4) Budget and rates.

8           (A) manage the operating budget for the facilities at the Training  
9           Center;

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

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

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

16          (d) Meetings.

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

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

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

20          (e) Reimbursement. Members of the Committee who are not employees of  
21          the State and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their



1 attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of  
2 expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

3 Sec. 44. INITIAL MEETING OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE;

4 TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

5 (a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall call the  
6 initial meeting of the Training Center Governance Committee set forth in  
7 Sec. 43 of this act, to be held on or before September 30, 2015.

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

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

16 Sec. 45. TRAINING CENTER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE; REPORT

17 On or before February 1, 2016, the Training Center Governance Committee  
18 set forth in Sec. 43 of this act shall report to the General Assembly regarding  
19 the operation of its powers and duties to date and recommend any further  
20 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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8 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE