

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 (1) Statewide, asbestos: \$50,000.00

6 (2) Statewide, building reuse and planning: \$75,000.00

7 (3) Statewide, contingency: \$100,000.00

8 (4) Statewide, elevator repairs and replacement: \$100,000.00

9 (5) Statewide, major maintenance: \$8,210,287.00

10 (6) Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs:

11 \$3,567,791.00

12 (7) Statewide, physical security enhancements: \$200,000.00

13 (8) Burlington, 32 Cherry Street, HVAC controls upgrades:

14 \$150,000.00

15 (9) Burlington, 108 Cherry Street, garage and structural audit:

16 \$50,000.00

17 (10) Montpelier, 120 State Street, life safety and infrastructure

18 improvements: \$300,000.00

19 (11) Montpelier, Department of Labor, parking lot expansion:

20 \$450,000.00

21 (12) Middlesex, State Archives, renovations: \$660,000.00

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 Sec. 18. VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION BOARD

2 (a) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2016 to the Vermont
3 Housing and Conservation Board.

4 (1) Statewide, water quality improvement projects: \$2,750,000.00

5 (2) Housing: \$1,800,000.00

6 (b) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2017 to the Vermont
7 Housing and Conservation Board.

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

9 (2) Housing: \$1,800,000.00

10 Appropriation – FY 2016 \$4,550,000.00

11 Appropriation – FY 2017 \$2,800,000.00

12 Total Appropriation – Section 18 \$7,350,000.00

13 Sec. 19. VERMONT INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

14 \$220,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2016 to the Vermont State Colleges on
15 behalf of Vermont Interactive Technologies (VIT) for all costs associated with
16 the dissolution of VIT's operations.

17 Total Appropriation – Section 19 \$220,000.00

18 Sec. 20. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 (a) The sum of \$120,000.00 is appropriated in FY 16 to the Office of
20 Legislative Council budget on behalf of the Office of the Secretary of the
21 Senate and the Office of the Clerk of the House for upgrades to the legislative

1 international roll call (IRC) program. All work on the project described in this
2 section shall be under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of
3 the House, and the Office of the Legislative Council’s Deputy Director of
4 Information Technology.

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

7 <u>Appropriation – FY 2016</u>	<u>\$120,000.00</u>
8 <u>Appropriation – FY 2017</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
9 <u>Total Appropriation – Section 20</u>	<u>\$125,000.00</u>

10 * * * Financing this Act * * *

11 Sec. 21. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

15 (1) of the amount appropriated in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161,
16 Sec. 1 (Bennington State Office Building):
17 \$49,062.60

18 (2) of the amount appropriated in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 161,
19 Sec. 16 (Ag various projects): \$352,412.25

20 (3) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,
21 Sec. 2(b) (State House committee renovations): \$28,702.15

1 (4) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,
2 Sec. 13 (Public Safety review of State Police facilities): \$5,000.00
3 (5) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,
4 Sec. 17 (VT Public TV): \$856.00
5 (6) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2
6 (BGS engineering staff): \$58,236.66
7 (7) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2
8 (133 State Street foundation and parking lot): \$156,642.16
9 (8) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 4
10 (DOC facilities assessment): \$19,913.12
11 (9) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51,
12 Sec. 18a (E-911): \$9,940.00
13 (10) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51,
14 Sec. 15 (VT Public TV): \$0.21
15 (b) The following unexpended funds appropriated to the Agency of Natural
16 Resources for capital construction projects are reallocated to the Department of
17 Buildings and General Services to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of
18 this act:
19 (1) of the amount appropriated in 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43,
20 Sec. 14 (Fish and Wildlife): \$0.07

1 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions an
2 appropriate State agency or department to name State buildings and facilities.

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

4 (a) State buildings.

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

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

10 Sec. 37. COUNTY COURTHOUSES; PLAN

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

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

16 and;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Sec. 29. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2, as amended by 2014 Acts and
2 Resolves No. 178, Sec. 1, 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 Sec. 30. SECURE RESIDENTIAL FACILITY; PLAN FOR SITING AND
11 DESIGN

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

18 (b) The funds appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2, as
19 amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 1, and Sec. 28 of this act,
20 shall only become available to the Department of Buildings and General
21 Services after the Secretary of Human Services notifies the Commissioner of

1 Finance and Management that the examination described in subsection (a) of
2 this section is completed.

3 (c) On or before February 1, 2016, the Secretary of Human Services shall
4 present the results of the examination described in subsection (a) of this section
5 to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Corrections and Institutions,
6 and on Human Services, and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on
7 Health and Welfare, and on Institutions.

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

9 § 156. CITY OF MONTPELIER DISTRICT HEAT PLANT

10 MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND

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

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

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

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

1 Sec. 32. LAND TRANSFER; DUXBURY; MEMORANDUM OF
2 UNDERSTANDING

3 (a) The Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and Recreation shall enter into a
4 memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Town of Duxbury regarding
5 the Town's use of any State-owned parcel in Camel's Hump State Park that
6 may be conveyed to the Town.

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

11 * * * Education * * *

12 Sec. 33. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AID AWARDS

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

18 Sec. 34. VERMONT INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

19 (a) On or before January 15, 2016, the Secretary of Administration and the
20 Executive Director of the Vermont Interactive Technologies (VIT), or its
21 successor entity, shall examine and submit a report to the House Committee on

1 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the
2 ownership of all VIT property funded in whole or in part by a capital
3 construction act.

4 (b) During the 2015 legislative session, the General Assembly shall
5 determine the ownership of VIT's property based on the report described in
6 subsection (a) of this section. No State or private entity shall assume
7 ownership of the property until the General Assembly makes this
8 determination.

9 * * * Information Technology * * *

10 Sec. 35. JUDICIARY; CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM; REPORT

11 Prior to finalizing vendor selection for the case management system
12 described in Sec. 5 of this act, the Judiciary shall present a report to the House
13 Committee on Corrections and Institutions, the Senate Committee on
14 Institutions, and the Joint Legislative Criminal Justice Oversight Committee
15 established in the Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations Act. The report shall
16 include a description of the Judiciary's process and rationale for choosing the
17 vendor, whether the Judiciary incorporated any recommendations from the
18 Special Committee on the Utilization of Information Technology in
19 Government established in the Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations Act, and
20 whether any efforts were made to integrate the case management system with
21 any systems implemented by the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs

1 and the Office of the Defender General. The reporting requirement of this
2 section may be satisfied by providing testimony to the Committees.

3 Sec. 36. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

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

9 (b) The Secretary of Administration and the Chief Information Officer
10 shall:

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

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

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

1 percentage of the sale price, or value in the building, equal to the percentage of
2 capital funding appropriated to the Courthouse in the event the County decides
3 to sell the building or to cease operations of the building as a Courthouse, or
4 the State ceases to use the Courthouse for Superior Court functions.

5 (b) Any amounts repaid to the State under subsection (a) of this section
6 shall not be in excess of the amount of the original State capital appropriation,
7 and shall be appropriated to future capital construction acts.

8 (c) The Judiciary and the Lamoille County side judges shall enter into an
9 operating agreement regarding the internal functions and use of space within
10 the Lamoille County Courthouse.

11 (d) The MOU described in subsection (a) of this section and the operating
12 agreement described in subsection (b) of this section shall be executed prior to
13 the State's occupancy of the Courthouse.

14 * * * Military * * *

15 Sec. 38. DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY; CEMETERY EXPANSION

16 PROJECT

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

20 * * * Natural Resources * * *

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

1 (e) Loan forgiveness; drinking water.

2 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law regarding loan
3 forgiveness, upon the award of a loan from the Vermont Environmental
4 Protection Agency Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), the
5 Secretary of Natural Resources, in a manner that is consistent with federal
6 grant provisions, may forgive up to 100 percent of a loan if the award is made
7 for a project on the priority list and the project is capitalized, at least in part,
8 from funds derived from a federal DWSRF capitalization grant that includes
9 provisions authorizing loan forgiveness. Such loan forgiveness shall be based
10 on the loan value, but funds to be forgiven shall only consist of federal funds,
11 except where the loan is used as a match to other federal grants requiring
12 nonfederal funds as a match.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (B) the term of the loan shall not exceed 20 years when required by
16 10 V.S.A. § 1624(b); and

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

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1 Sec. 41. 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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* * * Public Safety * * *

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

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

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

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

2 CHAPTER 19. TRAINING CENTER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

3 § 841. COMMITTEE CREATION

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

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

10 (1) the Executive Director of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training
11 Council;

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

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

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

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

17 (6) an employee of the Department of Corrections, appointed by the
18 Commissioner of the Department;

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

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

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

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

6 (2) Future needs and capital investments.

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

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

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

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

18 (4) Budget and rates.

19 (A) manage the operating budget for the facilities at the Training
20 Center;

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

1 but shall permit any scheduled use of the Training Center made prior to that
2 date.

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

6 Sec. 45. TRAINING CENTER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE; REPORT

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

11 * * * Security * * *

12 Sec. 46. STATE HOUSE SECURITY

13 (a) The Sergeant at Arms, in consultation with the Chair of the Capitol
14 Complex Working Group established in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 178,
15 Sec. 26, is authorized to create a security and safety protocol for the State
16 House, conduct trainings for the State House and One Baldwin Street, and
17 install security cameras at the exterior entrances of the State House. The
18 Sergeant at Arms may retain consultant services to complete the work
19 described in this subsection. Any consultants retained pursuant to this
20 subsection shall be hired by the Joint Fiscal Office and shall work through the

1 Joint Fiscal Office under the direction of the Sergeant at Arms and the Chair of
2 the Working Group.

3 (b) The Sergeant at Arms is authorized to use funds appropriated in 2013
4 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2(c)(17), as amended by 2014 Acts and
5 Resolves No. 178, Sec. 1 and Sec. 20(b) of this act, to directly conduct the
6 work described in subsection (a) of this section or retain consultant services
7 through the Joint Fiscal Office to conduct the work described in subsection (a)
8 of this section.

9 (c) Prior to the installation, the Sergeant at Arms, in consultation with the
10 Chair of the Working Group, shall establish a policy for the use of the security
11 cameras described in subsection (a) of this section. The policy shall include
12 requirements on limiting access rights to the camera and video feed, and
13 retaining video feed for a minimum of seven days and a maximum of 30 days.

14 * * * Effective Date * * *

15 Sec. 47. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on passage.

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19 (Committee vote: _____)

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21 Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE