

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Institutions to which was referred House Bill No. 923
3 entitled “An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget
4 adjustment” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by
6 striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the
7 following:

8 Sec. 1. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

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11 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2018:

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13 (13) Burlington, 108 Cherry Street, ~~parking garage, repairs design,~~
14 engineering, and architectural costs for the repair of the parking garage and
15 related eligible project costs: \$5,000,000.00 \$2,281,094.00

16 (c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2019:

17 (1) Statewide, planning, use, and contingency:
18 \$500,000.00 \$600,000.00

19 (2) Statewide, major maintenance: \$5,707,408.00 \$6,900,000.00

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1 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services determines it is in the best
2 interests of the State to sell the John J. Zampieri State Office Building at 108
3 Cherry Street in Burlington, he or she may notify the Chairs of the House
4 Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on
5 Institutions and request the approval to sell. The Chairs shall recommend to
6 approve or deny the request to the Joint Fiscal Committee. The Joint Fiscal
7 Committee may approve or deny the recommendation of the Chairs of the
8 House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee
9 on Institutions; provided, however, that an approval to sell shall also require
10 that the proceeds from the sale be appropriated to future capital construction
11 projects and expended within two years after the date of sale.

12 (f) For the amount appropriated in subdivision (c)(13) of this section, the
13 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall evaluate all proposals
14 for a generator, including the use of a generator or battery backup. After
15 evaluation of the proposals, the Commissioner of Buildings and General
16 Services shall notify the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and
17 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions of the decision prior to
18 the purchase of a generator or battery backup. If required by 29 V.S.A.
19 chapter 6, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall ensure
20 that the Capitol Complex Commission is provided with the proposal.

1 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions that an agreement has
2 been executed between the Brattleboro Retreat and the State of Vermont.

3 (B) The agreement described in subdivision (2)(A) of this subsection
4 (d) shall include the following provisions:

5 (i) the Brattleboro Retreat shall provide a minimum of 12 beds,
6 including level-1 beds, to the State for a period determined by the Secretary to
7 be in the best interests to the State; and

8 (ii) terms and conditions that ensure the protection of State
9 investment of capital appropriations.

10 (C) Prior to execution, the State Treasurer shall approve the
11 agreement described in subdivision (2)(A) of this subsection (d) to ensure that
12 it is in compliance with applicable tax-exempt bond requirements.

13 (D) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services and
14 Secretary of Human Services may also propose draft legislation to the House
15 Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on
16 Institutions that may be necessary to fulfill the agreement.

17 (3)(A) On or before October 15, 2018, the Secretary of Human Services
18 shall notify the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions
19 and the Senate Committee on Institutions if an agreement between the
20 Brattleboro Retreat and the State of Vermont cannot be reached and shall
21 submit to them an alternative proposal for the 12 beds. The Secretary of

1 Human Services shall also send the alternative proposal to the Joint Fiscal
2 Committee.

3 (B) With approval of the Speaker of the House and the President Pro
4 Tempore of the Senate, as appropriate, the House Committee on Corrections
5 and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions may meet up to two
6 times when the General Assembly is not in session to evaluate, approve, or
7 recommend alterations to the proposal. The House Committee on Corrections
8 and Institutions’ and the Senate Committee on Institutions’ members shall be
9 entitled to receive a per diem and expenses as provided in 2 V.S.A. § 406.

10	Appropriation – FY 2018		\$300,000.00
11	Appropriation – FY 2019	\$300,000.00	<u>\$5,900,000.00</u>
12	Total Appropriation – Section 3	\$600,000.00	<u>\$6,200,000.00</u>

13 Sec. 3. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 4 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 4. JUDICIARY

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16 (c) The sum of \$1,496,398.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the Judiciary
17 for the case management IT system.

18	Appropriation – FY 2018		\$3,050,000.00
19	<u>Appropriation – FY 2019</u>		<u>\$1,496,398.00</u>
20	Total Appropriation – Section 4	\$3,050,000.00	<u>\$4,546,398.00</u>

1 Sec. 4. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 5 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 5. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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4 (c) The sum of ~~\$200,000.00~~ \$300,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the
5 Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Commerce
6 and Community Development for major maintenance at historic sites
7 statewide.

8 (d) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2019 to the Agency of
9 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described
10 in this subsection:

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

12 (2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:

13 ~~\$15,000.00~~ \$29,000.00

14 (3) VT Center for Geographic Information, digital orthophotographic
15 quadrangle mapping: \$125,000.00

16 (4) Schooner Lois McClure, repairs and upgrades: \$25,000.00

17 (5) Civil War Heritage Trail, signs: \$30,000.00

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19 Appropriation – FY 2018 \$450,000.00

20 Appropriation – FY 2019 ~~\$370,000.00~~ \$539,000.00

21 Total Appropriation – Section 5 ~~\$820,000.00~~ \$989,000.00

1 Sec. 5. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 6 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 6. GRANT PROGRAMS

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4 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2019 for Building
5 Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

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7 (9) To the Enhanced 911 Board for the Enhanced 911 Compliance

8	<u>Grants Program for school safety:</u>		<u>\$400,000.00</u>
9	Appropriation – FY 2018		\$1,475,000.00
10	Appropriation – FY 2019	\$1,400,000.00	<u>\$1,800,000.00</u>
11	Total Appropriation – Section 6	\$2,875,000.00	<u>\$3,275,000.00</u>

12 Sec. 6. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 8 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 8. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

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15 (b) The sum of ~~\$1,400,000.00~~ \$1,650,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to
16 the University of Vermont for the projects described in subsection (a) of this
17 section.

18	Appropriation – FY 2018		\$1,400,000.00
19	Appropriation – FY 2019	\$1,400,000.00	<u>\$1,650,000.00</u>
20	Total Appropriation – Section 8	\$2,800,000.00	<u>\$3,050,000.00</u>

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Sec. 6a. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 9 is amended to read:

Sec. 9. VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

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(b) The sum of ~~\$2,000,000.00~~ \$3,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the Vermont State Colleges for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section.

Appropriation – FY 2018	\$2,000,000.00
Appropriation – FY 2019	\$2,000,000.00 <u>\$3,000,000.00</u>
Total Appropriation – Section 9	\$4,000,000.00 <u>\$5,000,000.00</u>

Sec. 7. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 10 is amended to read:

Sec. 10. NATURAL RESOURCES

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(e) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2019 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the projects described in this subsection:

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(3) State’s share of the Federal Superfund and State Lead Hazardous Waste Program (Elizabeth Mine ~~and Ely Mine~~): ~~\$2,755,000.00~~ \$177,259.00

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Appropriation – FY 2018	\$10,914,000.00
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1 Appropriation – FY 2019 \$8,205,000.00 \$5,627,259.00
2 Total Appropriation – Section 10 \$19,119,000.00 \$16,541,259.00

3 Sec. 8. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 11 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 11. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

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6 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2018 to the Agency of
7 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation projects
8 described in this subsection:

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10 (4) Municipal Pollution Control Grants, pollution control projects and
11 planning advances for feasibility studies, new projects (Ryegate, Springfield,
12 ~~St. Johnsbury~~, and St. Albans): \$2,704,232.00

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14 (d)(1) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2018 to the Vermont
15 Housing and Conservation Board for the following projects:

16 (1)(A) Statewide water quality improvement projects or other
17 conservation projects: \$2,800,000.00

18 (2)(B) Water quality farm improvement grants or fee purchase projects
19 that enhance water quality impacts by leveraging additional funds:
20 \$1,000,000.00

21 (2) A grant issued under subdivision (1)(B) of this subsection:

1 (h) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Secretary of Natural
2 Resources shall use the amount appropriated in ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions (b)(4)
3 and (f)(6) of this section to fund new projects in Ryegate, Springfield,
4 ~~St. Johnsbury~~, and St. Albans City, and in FY 2019 in Colchester, Rutland
5 City, Middlebury, St. Johnsbury, and St. Albans; provided, however, that if the
6 Secretary determines that one of these projects is not ready in FY 2018 or
7 FY 2019, or the amount appropriated exceeds the amount needed to fund these
8 projects, the funds may be used for an eligible new project as authorized by
9 10 V.S.A. chapter 55 and 24 V.S.A. chapter 120.

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11 (l) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2019 to the Municipal
12 Mitigation Assistance Program in the Agency of Transportation:

13 (1) Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Program:

14 \$1,000,000.00

15 (2) Better Roads Program: \$1,400,000.00

16 (m) The sum of \$200,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the Agency of
17 Commerce and Community Development for the Downtown Transportation
18 Fund pilot project.

19 Appropriation – FY 2018 \$21,936,616.00

20 Appropriation – FY 2019 \$23,470,212.00 \$25,755,000.00

21 Total Appropriation – Section 11 \$45,406,828.00 \$47,691,616.00

1 Sec. 9. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 12 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 12. MILITARY

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4 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2019 to the Department of
5 Military for the projects described in this subsection:

6 (1) Maintenance, renovations, roof replacements, ADA renovations, and
7 energy upgrades at State armories. To the extent feasible, these funds shall be
8 used to match federal funds: \$700,000.00 \$780,000.00

9 (2) Bennington Armory, site acquisition: \$60,000.00

10 Appropriation – FY 2018 \$750,000.00

11 Appropriation – FY 2019 \$760,000.00 \$840,000.00

12 Total Appropriation – Section 12 \$1,510,000.00 \$1,590,000.00

13 Sec. 10. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 13 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 13. PUBLIC SAFETY

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16 (b) ~~The sum of \$5,573,000.00 is~~ following sums are appropriated in
17 FY 2019 to the Department of Buildings and General Services ~~for~~:

18 (1) construction of the Williston Public Safety Field Station;
19 \$5,573,000.00

20 (2) East Cottage, Robert H. Wood Criminal Justice and Fire Training
21 Center, renovation and fit-up, and historic windows: \$1,850,000.00

1 funds shall be used to match federal funds and shall only become available
2 after the Veterans' Home notifies the Chairs of the House Committee on
3 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and the
4 Commissioner of Finance and Management that the electronic medical records
5 system is in compliance with the criteria for creating and maintaining
6 connectivity established by the Vermont Information Technology Leaders
7 pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9352(i).

8	Appropriation – FY 2018		\$390,000.00
9	Appropriation – FY 2019	\$50,000.00	<u>\$150,000.00</u>
10	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 16</u>	<u>\$440,000.00</u>	<u>\$540,000.00</u>

11 Sec. 12. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 16a is added to read:

12 Sec. 16a. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

13 The sum of \$500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the Department of
14 Labor to fund the Adult Career and Technical Education Equipment Grant
15 Pilot Program to provide equipment to support adult tech programs.

16 Sec. 13. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 16b is added to read:

17 Sec. 16b. SERGEANT AT ARMS

18 (a) The sum of \$15,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the Sergeant at
19 Arms to contract with a third party to conduct an assessment of the sound
20 system in the State House and 1 Baldwin Street pursuant to 2 V.S.A.

1 Institutions with an update on the status of the two projects described in
2 subsection (a) of this section. The report shall include an update on the
3 progress of each project and whether any requests for proposals have been
4 issued.

5 Total Appropriation – Section 16c \$1,293,000.00

6 Sec. 15. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 18 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 18. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

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12 (22) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,
13 Sec. 5(a) (County courthouses, ADA compliance, repairs and upgrades):

14 \$2,079.09

15 (23) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,
16 Sec. 5(b) (County courthouses, ADA compliance, repairs and upgrades):

17 \$18,688.70

18 (24) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51,
19 Sec. 4(b)(1) (UVM Health Lab, colocation):

\$383.90

20 (25) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51,
21 Sec. 5(b) (Lamoille County Courthouse, planning):

\$540.00

1 \$14,822,286.78 \$17,939,541.85

2 Sec. 16. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 19 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 19. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS

4 (a) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in
5 the amount of \$132,460,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations
6 of this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor, shall
7 determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds authorized by this
8 section consistent with the underlying nature of the appropriation to be funded.

9 The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated cost of bond issuance or
10 issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated pursuant to this
11 section and for which bonding is required as the source of funds, pursuant to
12 32 V.S.A. § 954.

13 (b) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue additional general obligation
14 bonds in the amount of \$10,936,961.00 that were previously authorized but
15 unissued under this act for the purpose of funding the appropriations of
16 this act.

17 Total Revenues – Section 19 \$132,460,000.00 \$143,396,961.00

18 Sec. 17. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 20 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 20. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS; MISCELLANEOUS

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1 ~~(b) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to~~
2 ~~sell the Rutland Multi-Modal Transit Center (parking garage) located at~~
3 ~~102 West Street in Rutland pursuant to the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166.~~
4 ~~The proceeds from the sale shall be appropriated to future capital construction~~
5 ~~projects. [Repealed.]~~

6 (c) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
7 sell or transfer the buildings and adjacent land located at 1987 Rockingham
8 Road in Rockingham (Troop Headquarters and Garage) pursuant to the
9 requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166; provided, however, that if a transfer occurs,
10 the buildings and adjacent land may only be transferred to another State
11 agency for a State use. If the buildings and adjacent land are sold, the proceeds
12 from the sale shall be appropriated to future capital construction projects and
13 expended within two years after the date of sale.

14 (d) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
15 sell the Rutland Multi-Modal Transit Center (parking garage) located at
16 102 West Street in Rutland pursuant to the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166.
17 The proceeds from the sale shall be appropriated to future capital construction
18 projects and expended within two years after the date of sale.

19 (e)(1) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the Department of Buildings
20 and General Services is authorized to sell or transfer to the City of Newport a
21 portion of the remaining lands of the State of Vermont and boardwalk located

1 north of the Emory A. Hebard State Office Building. The land and boardwalk
2 to be sold or transferred is described as being the land north of the bike path up
3 to the approximate shoreline of Lake Memphremagog, bounded on the west by
4 lands owned by the City of Newport and the Northern VT Railroad Co., Inc,
5 bounded on the east by lands owned by the City of Newport, and bounded on
6 the south by the right-of-way retained by Newport & Richford R.R.

7 (2) On or before October 1, 2018, the Commissioner of Buildings and
8 General Services shall have a survey prepared to more particularly describe
9 and delineate the land and boardwalk to be sold or transferred that is described
10 in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

11 Sec. 18. 2012 Acts and Resolves, No. 104, Sec. 14, amending 2011 Acts and
12 Resolves, No. 40, Sec. 26, is further amended to read:

13 Sec. 16. Sec. 26 of No. 40 of the Acts of 2011 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 26. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS; MISCELLANEOUS

15 ~~(a) The commissioner of buildings and general services may sell the Asa~~
16 ~~Bloomer State Office Building and the Rutland Multi-Modal Transit Center in~~
17 ~~accordance with the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166(d) and following~~
18 ~~negotiations with the City of Rutland. If negotiations with the city result in the~~
19 ~~city's management of the Transit Center, the commissioner may use \$81,000 in~~
20 ~~unexpended capital funds previously appropriated to the department for other~~
21 ~~purposes to purchase a flexible parking machine for the Transit Center. It is~~

1 ~~the intent of the general assembly that state offices remain downtown.~~

2 [Repealed.]

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4 Sec. 19. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 1, Sec. 100(c), as amended by 2014 Acts
5 and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.113.1, 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58,
6 Sec. E.113.1, and 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 29, is further amended
7 to read:

8 (c) Sec. 97 (general obligation debt financing) shall take effect on ~~July 1,~~
9 2018 July 1, 2019.

10 * * * Human Services * * *

11 Sec. 20. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; FACILITIES PLAN; UPDATE

12 On or before February 1, 2019, the Secretary of Human Services, in
13 consultation with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, shall
14 update the facilities plan and recommendations required by 2017 Acts and
15 Resolves No. 84, Sec. 31, taking into consideration changes proposed in the
16 2017 legislative session. The Agency's update shall include a review of the
17 populations and bed capacity needs described in 2017 Acts and Resolves No.
18 84, Sec. 31.

* * * Labor * * *

Sec. 21. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Secs. 33a and 33b are added to read:

Sec. 33a. ADULT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
EQUIPMENT GRANT PILOT PROGRAM

(a) The General Assembly hereby establishes a pilot grant program to authorize the Department of Labor, in consultation with the State Workforce Development Board, to administer the Adult Career and Technical Education Equipment Grant Pilot Program to support the purchase of equipment necessary for the delivery of occupational training for students enrolled in a postsecondary course offered by Vermont's Career and Technical Education Centers.

(b) An applicant's training program shall qualify for a grant described in subsection (a) of this section if it includes all of the following requirements:

(1) meets current occupational demand, as evidenced by current labor market information;

(2) aligns with a career pathway or set of stackable credentials involving a college or university accredited in Vermont;

(3) guarantees delivery of equipment to more than one region of the State;

(4) is supported with a business or industry partnership;

1 (5) sets forth how equipment will be maintained, insured, shared, and
2 transported, if applicable; and

3 (6) is endorsed by the Adult Career and Technical Education
4 Association.

5 (c) Grants awarded under this program shall be used to purchase capital-
6 eligible equipment. Grants shall not be used to support curriculum
7 development, instruction, or program administration.

8 (d) On or before July 15, 2018, the Department shall develop and publish a
9 simplified grant application that meets the criteria described in subsection (b)
10 of this section. The Department shall consult with the Agency of Education
11 and the State Workforce Development Board in reviewing applications and
12 selecting grantees.

13 (e) Grantees shall have ownership over any share of equipment purchased
14 with the use of these funds. Any equipment purchased from this program may
15 also be used by secondary career technical education programs.

16 (f) On or before February 15, 2019, the Department of Labor shall submit a
17 report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
18 Committee on Institutions that includes the following:

19 (1) how the funds were used, expected outcomes, recommended
20 performance metrics to ensure success of the program, and any other relevant
21 information that would inform future decisions about the use of this program;

1 Cemetery to allow the State to convey that land to the Alburgh Cemetery
2 Association.

3 (b) On or before January 15, 2019, the Commissioner shall report back to
4 the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
5 Committee on Institutions on whether the Vermont Housing and Conservation
6 Board and The Nature Conservancy have amended their easements. If the
7 easements have been amended, the Commissioner shall submit a proposal to
8 the General Assembly, either by legislation or resolution, to approve the land
9 transfer to the Alburgh Cemetery Association.

10 * * * School Safety and Security * * *

11 Sec. 24. 30 V.S.A. § 7051 is amended to read:

12 § 7051. DEFINITIONS

13 As used in this chapter:

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15 (14) “Dispatchable Location” means the location information delivered
16 to the public safety answering point with a 911 call.

17 (15) “Enterprise Communications Systems (ECS)” means any
18 networked communication system serving two or more stations, or living units,
19 within an enterprise. ECS includes circuit-switched networks, such as multi-
20 line telephone systems or legacy ECS, IP-enabled service, and cloud-based
21 technology.

1 (16) “Station” means a telephone handset, customer premise equipment
2 (CPE) or calling device that is capable of initiating a call to 911.

3 Sec. 25. 30 V.S.A. § 7057 is amended to read:

4 § 7057. ~~PRIVATELY OWNED TELEPHONE SYSTEMS~~ ENTERPRISE
5 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

6 Any ~~privately owned telephone system~~ enterprise communications system
7 shall provide to those end users the same level of 911 service that other end
8 users receive and shall provide ANI signaling, station identification data,
9 including dispatchable location, and updates to Enhanced 911 databases under
10 rules adopted by the Board. The Board may waive the provisions of this
11 section for any ~~privately owned telephone system~~ enterprise communications
12 system, provided that in the judgment of the Board, the owner of the system is
13 actively engaged in becoming compliant with this section, is likely to comply
14 with this section in a reasonable amount of time, and will do so in accordance
15 with standards and procedures adopted by the Board by rule.

16 Sec. 26. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Secs. 36a and 37a are added to read:

17 Sec. 36a. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

18 (a) Creation. There is created the School Safety and Security Grant
19 Program to be administered by the Department of Public Safety to enhance
20 safety and security in Vermont schools, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 3447.

1 (b) Use of funds. Grants authorized in subsection (a) of this section shall
2 be used for the planning, delivery, and installation of equipment for upgrades
3 to existing school security equipment and new school security equipment
4 identified through threat assessment planning and surveys designed to enhance
5 building security.

6 (c) Guidelines. The following guidelines shall apply to capital grants for
7 school safety measures:

8 (1) Grants shall be awarded competitively to schools for capital-eligible
9 expenses to implement safety and security measures identified in a security
10 assessment. Capital-eligible expenses may include video monitoring and
11 surveillance equipment, intercom systems, window coverings, exterior and
12 interior doors, locks, and perimeter security measures.

13 (2) Grants shall only be awarded after a security assessment has been
14 completed by the Agency of Education and Department of Public Safety.

15 (3) The Program is authorized to award grants of up to \$25,000.00 per
16 school.

17 (d) Administration. The Department of Public Safety, in coordination with
18 the Agency of Education, shall administer and coordinate grants made pursuant
19 to this section. Grant funds shall not be used to administer the Program.

1 (e) Reporting. The Department of Public Safety shall provide notice of any
2 grants awarded under this section to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on
3 Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

4 * * * Sunset of School Security Grant Program * * *

5 Sec. 36b. REPEAL OF SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

6 The School Safety and Security Grant Program established in Sec. 17 of this
7 act shall be repealed on July 1, 2019.

8 * * * School Planning Grants * * *

9 Sec. 27. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING GRANTS FOR CAPITAL
10 CONSTRUCTION; UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICTS;
11 SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

12 (a) Applications for planning grants. The Secretary of Education shall
13 accept applications for planning grants for capital construction that would
14 result in the consolidation of student populations and the closure of at least one
15 building pursuant to the provisions of this section.

16 (b) Districts eligible to apply. A district is eligible to apply for a planning
17 grant under this section (eligible district) if it:

18 (1) is a unified union school district created by the affirmative votes of
19 the electorate between June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2018;

20 (2) is either its own supervisory district or is a member district within a
21 supervisory union;

1 (3) is fully operational or will be fully operational before July 2,
2 2019; and

3 (4) provides or has intended to provide education for students in the
4 same grade, after becoming fully operational, by operating more than one
5 school building offering that grade.

6 (c) Eligible projects.

7 (1) An eligible district can apply for a grant to reimburse the cost of
8 architects, engineers, or other professional planning costs under this section if
9 the proposed project will:

10 (A) consolidate the provision of education for all resident students in
11 at least four grade levels into one existing building that will house those grades
12 either by renovating or adding additional square-footage to that building or
13 both; and

14 (B) result in the closure of at least one existing building that houses
15 those grades in the year prior to the proposed consolidation of students.

16 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1)(A) of this
17 subsection, if an eligible district operates more than two schools providing
18 education in the pertinent grades, then a project is eligible under this section if
19 the project will result in the closure of at least one school building and the
20 consolidation of students into one or more remaining buildings.

21 (d) Process.

1 (1) An eligible district shall submit a written application to the Secretary
2 of Education on or before October 1, 2018. The application shall specify the
3 purpose of and need for the proposed eligible project, shall include educational
4 specifications based upon a facility analysis and enrollment projections, and
5 shall concisely provide details addressing the ways in which the proposed
6 project:

7 (A) will cause the eligible district to provide education in a manner
8 that is more educationally appropriate;

9 (B) will cause the eligible district to provide education in a manner
10 that provides greater educational opportunities in a more equitable manner;

11 (C) will result in or lead to sustained financial savings for the eligible
12 district;

13 (D) will result in or lead to more efficient use of statewide education
14 funds;

15 (E) will result in improvements that comply with standards for school
16 construction adopted by the Division of Fire Safety, the Agency of Natural
17 Resources, the Division for Historic Preservation, the Department of Health,
18 the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, the Agency of Transportation,
19 and any standards of other State or federal agencies and local or regional
20 planning authorities; and

1 (F) will incorporate recommendations received after consultation
2 with the School Energy Management Program and Efficiency Vermont, as
3 appropriate.

4 (2) The Secretary, in consultation with other public and private entities
5 at the Secretary’s discretion, shall evaluate and rank all eligible projects based
6 upon the proposed project’s ability:

7 (A) to promote the goals outlined in subdivision (1) of this
8 subsection (d);

9 (B) to support increased connectivity, energy efficiency, and use of
10 renewable resources; and

11 (C) to cease using buildings that are inappropriate for direct
12 instruction due to, for example, conditions that threaten the health or safety of
13 students or employees, difficulty in complying with the requirements of the
14 Americans with Disabilities Act or other State or federal laws or regulations, or
15 excessive energy use.

16 (3) On or before January 15, 2019, the Secretary shall present a
17 prioritized list of eligible projects to the General Assembly together with a
18 request for capital funding not to exceed a total of \$300,000.00 to provide
19 planning grants for some or all projects on the list. Nothing shall prohibit the
20 Secretary from declining to include one or more projects on the prioritized list
21 if the Secretary, in his or her sole judgment, determines that the project does

1 not sufficiently promote the goals outlined in subdivision (1) of this
2 subsection.

3 (e) Disclaimers. Nothing in this section shall be construed:

4 (1) to guarantee that the General Assembly shall appropriate funds
5 during the 2019 Legislative Session or after for planning grants contemplated
6 by this section; or

7 (2) to suggest that the General Assembly intends to lift the suspension of
8 state aid for school construction imposed by 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51,
9 Sec. 45.

10 * * * Effective Date * * *

11 Sec. 28. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on passage.

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15 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE