

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 or replacement of the
15 existing building and related eligible project costs: \$5,000,000.00 \$XXXXXXXX

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 \$XXXXXXXX

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1 (2) renovating 108 Cherry Street and continuing to use it as State office
2 space for all employees currently housed there; and

3 (3) renovating 108 Cherry Street and using it as State office space for all
4 direct-service employees currently housed there and leasing the remainder of
5 the space to a nonState entity.

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

15 (g) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
16 use up to \$250,000.00 from the amount appropriated in subdivision (c)(2) of
17 this section to prepare a State-owned building for sale if any renovations are
18 needed.

19	<u>Appropriation – FY 2018</u>	<u>\$27,857,525.00</u>
20	<u>Appropriation – FY 2019</u>	<u>\$27,853,933.00 \$29,565,664.00</u>
21	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 2</u>	<u>\$55,711,458.00 \$57,423,189.00</u>

1 Sec. 2. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

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4 (b) ~~The sum of \$300,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the Department~~
5 ~~of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the~~
6 ~~projects described in subsection (a) of this section.~~ The following sums are
7 appropriated in FY 2019 to the Department of Buildings and General Services
8 for the Agency of Human Services:

9 (1) Statewide correctional facilities, cameras, locks, perimeter intrusion
10 at correctional facilities, and renovations for up to 50 beds at the Southeast
11 State Correctional Facility: \$300,000.00

12 (2) Chittenden County Regional Correctional Facility and Southern
13 State Correctional Facility, renovations, beds for therapeutic placement:
14 \$600,000.00

15 (3) Secure residential facility, replacement of the facility in Middlesex:
16 \$2,500,000.00

17 (4) Essex, Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, design and
18 construction documents: \$XXXXXXX

19 (5) Brattleboro, Brattleboro Retreat, renovation and fit-up: \$XXXXXXX

20 (c) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
21 use the amount appropriated in subdivision (b)(3) of this section to purchase

1 land or a building, or both, to replace the secure residential facility currently
2 located in Middlesex. Any funds remaining after the purchase of land or a
3 building may be used for design documents either to renovate a building or
4 construct a new building.

5 (d) For the amount appropriated in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, it is
6 the intent of the General Assembly that the funds be used to construct a
7 therapeutic environment in the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility and
8 in the Southern State Correctional Facility for persons in the custody of the
9 Department of Corrections who do not meet the clinical criteria for inpatient
10 hospitalization but would benefit from a more therapeutic placement. The
11 therapeutic environment shall include the addition of three beds in the
12 Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility and ten beds in the Southern State
13 Correctional Facility.

14 (e) For the amount appropriated in subdivision (b)(4) of this section:

15 (1) the funds shall not be released to the Department of Buildings and
16 General Services until the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services
17 has notified the Commissioner of Finance and Management and the Chairs of
18 House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee
19 on Institutions that an agreement has been executed between the Brattleboro
20 Retreat and the State of Vermont. This agreement shall include the provision
21 that the Brattleboro Retreat shall provide a minimum of 12 level-1 beds to the

1 State for at least a ten-year period. The agreement shall include terms and
2 conditions that ensure the protection of State investment of capital
3 appropriations. The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may
4 also propose draft legislation to the House Committee on Corrections and
5 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions that may be necessary to
6 fulfill the agreement.

7 (2)(A) On or before October 15, 2018, the Secretary of Human Services
8 shall notify the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions
9 and the Senate Committee on Institutions if an agreement between the
10 Brattleboro Retreat and the State of Vermont cannot be reached and shall
11 submit to them an alternative proposal for 12 level-1 beds.

12 (B) With approval of the Speaker of the House and the President Pro
13 Tempore of the Senate, as appropriate, the House Committee on Corrections
14 and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions may meet up to two
15 times when the General Assembly is not in session to evaluate, approve or
16 recommend alterations to the proposal. House Committee on Corrections and
17 Institutions' and the Senate Committee on Institutions' members shall be
18 entitled to receive a per diem and expenses as provided in 2 V.S.A. § 406.

19 (C) The Joint Fiscal Committee may review and approve or deny any
20 recommended alterations to the proposal made by the House Committee on

1 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions

2 described in subdivision (B) of this section at its November 2018 meeting.

3 Appropriation – FY 2018 \$300,000.00

4 Appropriation – FY 2019 ~~\$300,000.00~~ \$4,400,000.00

5 Total Appropriation – Section 3 ~~\$600,000.00~~ \$4,700,000.00

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

7 Sec. 4. JUDICIARY

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

11 Appropriation – FY 2018 \$3,050,000.00

12 Appropriation – FY 2019 \$1,496,398.00

13 Total Appropriation – Section 4 ~~\$3,050,000.00~~ \$4,546,398.00

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

15 Sec. 5. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

5 (2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:
6 \$15,000.00 \$29,693.00

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

9 (4) Civil War Heritage Trail, signs: \$XXXXXXX

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11 Appropriation – FY 2018 \$450,000.00

12 Appropriation – FY 2019 \$370,000.00 \$484,693.00

13 Total Appropriation – Section 5 \$820,000.00 \$934,693.00

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

15 Sec. 6. GRANT PROGRAMS

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

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20 (9) To the Enhanced 911 Board for the Enhanced 911 Compliance
21 Grants Program for school safety: \$XXXXXXX

1	Appropriation – FY 2018	\$1,475,000.00
2	Appropriation – FY 2019	\$1,400,000.00 <u>\$1,625,000.00</u>
3	Total Appropriation – Section 6	\$2,875,000.00 <u>\$3,100,000.00</u>

4 Sec. 6. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 10 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 10. NATURAL RESOURCES

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

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

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14 (h) The sum of \$XXXXXX is appropriated in FY 2019 to the Department
15 of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for
16 the construction of the Roxbury Hatchery.

17	Appropriation – FY 2018	\$10,914,000.00
18	Appropriation – FY 2019	\$8,205,000.00 <u>\$5,627,259.00</u>
19	Total Appropriation – Section 10	\$19,119,000.00 <u>\$16,541,259.00</u>

1 Sec. 7. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 11 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 11. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

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

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

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

14 ~~(1)~~(A) Statewide water quality improvement projects or other
15 conservation projects: \$2,800,000.00

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

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

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

<u>(1) Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Program:</u>	
	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>
<u>(2) Better Roads Program:</u>	<u>\$1,400,000.00</u>
Appropriation – FY 2018	\$21,936,616.00
Appropriation – FY 2019	\$23,470,212.00 <u>\$24,267,024.00</u>
Total Appropriation – Section 11	<u>\$45,406,828.00</u> <u>\$46,203,640.00</u>

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

Sec. 12. MILITARY

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

<u>(1) Maintenance, renovations, roof replacements, ADA renovations, and energy upgrades at State armories. To the extent feasible, these funds shall be used to match federal funds:</u>	<u>\$700,000.00</u>
<u>(2) Bennington Armory, site acquisition:</u>	<u>\$60,000.00</u>
Appropriation – FY 2018	\$750,000.00
Appropriation – FY 2019	\$760,000.00
Total Appropriation – Section 12	<u>\$1,510,000.00</u>

1 Sec. 9. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 13 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 13. PUBLIC SAFETY

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

6 (1) construction of the Williston Public Safety Field Station:

7 \$5,573,000.00

8 (2) East Cottage, Robert H. Wood Criminal Justice and Fire Training

9 Center, renovation and fit-up, and historic windows: \$1,850,000.00

10 (3) scoping and preliminary design for the Berlin Public Safety Field

11 Station. \$35,000.00

12 (c) The sum of \$4,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the

13 Department of Public Safety for the School Safety and Security Grant

14 Program.

15 Appropriation – FY 2018 \$1,927,000.00

16 Appropriation – FY 2019 \$5,573,000.00 \$11,423,000.00

17 Total Appropriation – Section 13 \$7,500,000.00 \$13,350,000.00

18 Sec. 10. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 16 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 16. VERMONT VETERANS' HOME

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1 (c) ~~The sum of \$50,000.00 is~~ following sums are appropriated in FY 2019
2 to the Vermont Veterans' Home for:

3 (1) resident care furnishings: \$50,000.00

4 (2) security, access system, and safety upgrades: \$100,000.00

5 (d) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the amounts appropriated
6 in ~~subsections~~ subsection (a) and subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall be
7 used to match federal funds to purchase resident care furnishings for the
8 Veterans' Home.

9 (e) The Veterans' Home shall only use the funds appropriated in 2015 Acts
10 and Resolves No. 26, Sec. 16 for an electronic medical records system. These
11 funds shall be used to match federal funds and shall only become available
12 after the Veterans' Home notifies the Chairs of the House Committee on
13 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and the
14 Commissioner of Finance and Management that the electronic medical records
15 system is in compliance with the criteria for creating and maintaining
16 connectivity established by the Vermont Information Technology Leaders
17 pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9352(i).

18 Appropriation – FY 2018 \$390,000.00

19 Appropriation – FY 2019 \$50,000.00 \$150,000.00

20 Total Appropriation – Section 16 \$440,000.00 \$540,000.00

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

2 Sec. 16a. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

3 The sum of \$250,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the Department of
4 Labor to fund the Adult Career and Technical Education Equipment Grant
5 Pilot Program to provide equipment to support adult tech programs.

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

7 Sec. 16b. SERGEANT AT ARMS

8 (a) The sum of \$15,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the Sergeant at
9 Arms to contract with a third party to conduct an assessment of the sound
10 system in the State House and 1 Baldwin Street pursuant to 2 V.S.A.
11 § 62(a)(8). The Sergeant at Arms shall submit a copy of the assessment to the
12 Committee on Joint Rules.

13 (b) On or before November 15, 2018, the Sergeant at Arms shall develop a
14 proposal for a sound system for the State House and 1 Baldwin Street based on
15 the assessment described in subsection (a) of this section. As part of the
16 proposal development process, the Sergeant at Arms may consult with the
17 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services.

18 (c) The Sergeant at Arms shall submit the proposal described in subsection
19 (b) of this section to the Secretary of Administration for inclusion in the
20 Governor's biennial capital budget report pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 309.

1 Sec. 13. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 18 is amended to read:

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

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

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

9 \$2,079.09

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

12 \$18,688.70

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

\$383.90

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

\$540.00

17 (26) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26,
18 Sec. 2(b) (Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, project design and
19 planning):

\$52,003.54

20 (27) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26,
21 Sec. 5 (Judiciary, ADA compliance, county courthouses):

\$157,394.00

1 ~~102 West Street in Rutland pursuant to the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166.~~
2 ~~The proceeds from the sale shall be appropriated to future capital construction~~
3 ~~projects. [Repealed.]~~

4 (c) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
5 sell the John J. Zampieri State Office Building located at 108 Cherry Street in
6 Burlington pursuant to the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166. The proceeds
7 from the sale shall be appropriated to future capital construction projects and
8 expended within two years after the date of sale.

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

17 (e) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
18 sell the Rutland Multi-Modal Transit Center (parking garage) located at
19 102 West Street in Rutland pursuant to the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166.
20 The proceeds from the sale shall be appropriated to future capital construction
21 projects and expended within two years after the date of sale.

1 (f)(1) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the Department of Buildings
2 and General Services is authorized to sell or transfer to the City of Newport a
3 portion of the remaining lands of the State of Vermont located north of the
4 Emory A. Hebard State Office Building. The land to be sold or transferred is
5 described as being the land north of the bike path up to the approximate
6 shoreline of Lake Memphremagog, bounded on the west by lands owned by
7 the City of Newport and the Northern VT Railroad Co., Inc, bounded on the
8 east by lands owned by the City of Newport, and bounded on the south by the
9 right-of-way retained by Newport & Richford R.R.

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

14 Sec. 16. 2012 Acts and Resolves, No. 104, Sec. 14, amending 2011 Acts and
15 Resolves, No. 40, Sec. 26, is further amended to read:

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

17 Sec. 26. ~~PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS; MISCELLANEOUS~~

18 ~~The commissioner of buildings and general services may sell the Asa~~
19 ~~Bloomer State Office Building and the Rutland Multi-Modal Transit Center in~~
20 ~~accordance with the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166(d) and following~~
21 ~~negotiations with the City of Rutland. If negotiations with the city result in the~~

1 ~~city's management of the Transit Center, the commissioner may use \$81,000 in~~
2 ~~unexpended capital funds previously appropriated to the department for other~~
3 ~~purposes to purchase a flexible parking machine for the Transit Center. It is~~
4 ~~the intent of the general assembly that state offices remain downtown.~~

5 [Repealed.]

6 Sec. 17. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 1, Sec. 100(c), as amended by 2014 Acts
7 and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.113.1, 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58,
8 Sec. E.113.1, and 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 29, is further amended
9 to read:

10 (c) Sec. 97 (general obligation debt financing) shall take effect on ~~July 1,~~
11 2018 July 1, 2019.

12 * * * Human Services * * *

13 **Sec. 18. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; FACILITIES PLAN; UPDATE**

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

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 line telephone systems or legacy ECS, IP-enabled service, and cloud-based
2 technology.

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

5 Sec. 21. 30 V.S.A. § 7057 is amended to read:

6 § 7057. PRIVATELY OWNED TELEPHONE SYSTEMS ENTERPRISE
7 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

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

1 Sec. 22. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Secs. 36a and 37a are added to read:

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

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

6 (b) Use of funds. Grants authorized in subsection (a) of this section shall
7 be used for the planning, delivery, and installation of equipment for upgrades
8 to existing school security equipment and new school security equipment
9 identified through threat assessment planning and surveys designed to enhance
10 building security.

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

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

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

20 (3) The Program is authorized to award one-to-one matching grants of
21 up to \$25,000.00 per school. The required match shall be met through dollars

1 raised and not in-kind services. It is the intent of the General Assembly that
2 grants shall be used to match federal funds from the Department of Homeland
3 Security at a ratio of four State dollars to one federal dollar.

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

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

10 * * * Sunset of School Security Grant Program * * *

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

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

14 Sec. 23. SCHOOL SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP; REPORT

15 (a) Creation. There is created the School Safety Advisory Group to
16 develop statewide guidelines and best practices concerning school safety and
17 the prevention of school shootings.

18 (b) Membership. The Advisory Group shall be composed of the following
19 seven members:

20 (1) the Secretary of Administration or designee;

21 (2) the Secretary of Education or designee;

1 (3) the Commissioner of Public Safety or designee;

2 (4) the Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association or
3 designee;

4 (5) the President of the Vermont National Education Association or
5 designee;

6 (6) a representative of the Vermont Principals' Association; and

7 (7) the Executive Director of the Vermont Independent Schools
8 Association.

9 (c) Powers and duties. The Advisory Group shall study the following
10 issues and develop specific guidelines and best practices for Vermont schools
11 concerning them:

12 (1) improving security in and around school buildings and property;

13 (2) ensuring staff and students know what they should do in the event of
14 a school shooting or other incident;

15 (3) training for staff and students, including the type and frequency of
16 the training;

17 (4) sharing information with parents and community if an event
18 occurs; and

19 (5) gathering information on security measures implemented in schools
20 from corresponding State education and public safety departments in states
21 where school shootings have occurred.

1 (d) Assistance. The Advisory Group shall have the administrative,
2 technical, and legal assistance of the Agency of Education and the Department
3 of Public Safety.

4 (e) Report. On or before July 1, 2018, the Advisory Group shall submit a
5 written report to the General Assembly with its findings, including specific
6 guidelines and best practices, and any recommendations for legislative action
7 necessary to ensure that all schools in Vermont begin implementing those
8 guidelines and best practices and have a plan for compliance before the
9 beginning of the next school year.

10 (f) Meetings.

11 (1) The Secretary of Education shall call the first meeting of the
12 Advisory Group.

13 (2) The Commissioner of Public Safety or designee shall be the Chair.

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

15 (4) The Advisory Group shall cease to exist on July 1, 2019.

16 (g) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Advisory Group
17 who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise
18 compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem
19 compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010
20 for meetings. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the
21 General Assembly.

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Sec. 24. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: _____)

Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE