

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 ~~\$XXXXXXX~~

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 interest 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 a minimum of 12 beds, including level-1 beds, to the State for a period
2 determined by the Secretary to be in the best interest to the State. The
3 agreement shall include terms and conditions that ensure the protection of State
4 investment of capital appropriations. The Commissioner of Buildings and
5 General Services and Secretary of Human Services may also propose draft
6 legislation to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the
7 Senate Committee on Institutions that may be necessary to fulfill the
8 agreement.

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

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

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| 1 | Appropriation – FY 2018 | \$300,000.00 |
| 2 | Appropriation – FY 2019 | \$300,000.00 <u>\$6,900,000.00</u> |
| 3 | Total Appropriation – Section 3 | \$600,000.00 <u>\$7,200,000.00</u> |

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

5 Sec. 4. JUDICIARY

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

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| 9 | Appropriation – FY 2018 | \$3,050,000.00 |
| 10 | <u>Appropriation – FY 2019</u> | <u>\$1,496,398.00</u> |
| 11 | Total Appropriation – Section 4 | \$3,050,000.00 <u>\$4,546,398.00</u> |

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

13 Sec. 5. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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| 1 | (1) Underwater preserves: | \$30,000.00 |
| 2 | (2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers: | |
| 3 | | \$15,000.00 <u>\$29,000.00</u> |
| 4 | (3) VT Center for Geographic Information, digital orthophotographic | |
| 5 | quadrangle mapping: | \$125,000.00 |
| 6 | <u>(3) Schooner Lois McClure, repairs and upgrades:</u> | <u>\$25,000.00</u> |
| 7 | <u>(4) Civil War Heritage Trail, signs:</u> | <u>\$30,000.00</u> |

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| 9 | Appropriation – FY 2018 | \$450,000.00 |
| 10 | Appropriation – FY 2019 | \$370,000.00 <u>\$539,000.00</u> |
| 11 | Total Appropriation – Section 5 | \$820,000.00 <u>\$989,000.00</u> |

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

13 Sec. 6. GRANT PROGRAMS

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15 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2019 for Building

16 Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

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

19 Grants Program for school safety: \$450,000.00

20 Appropriation – FY 2018 \$1,475,000.00

21 Appropriation – FY 2019 \$1,400,000.00 \$1,850,000.00

1 **Total Appropriation – Section 6** ~~\$2,875,000.00~~ \$3,325,000.00

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

3 Sec. 10. NATURAL RESOURCES

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

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

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12 Appropriation – FY 2018 \$10,914,000.00

13 Appropriation – FY 2019 ~~\$8,205,000.00~~ \$5,627,259.00

14 Total Appropriation – Section 10 ~~\$19,119,000.00~~ \$16,541,259.00

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

16 Sec. 11. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

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

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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) Berlin, scoping and preliminary design for the Berlin Public Safety
11 Field 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 \$11,458,000.00

17 Total Appropriation – Section 13 \$7,500,000.00 \$13,385,000.00

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).

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| 18 | Appropriation – FY 2018 | \$390,000.00 |
| 19 | Appropriation – FY 2019 | \$50,000.00 <u>\$150,000.00</u> |
| 20 | <u>Total Appropriation – Section 16</u> | \$440,000.00 <u>\$540,000.00</u> |

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 \$500,000.00 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 Committee on Joint Rules, and to the Secretary of
20 Administration to request inclusion in the Governor's biennial capital budget
21 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 Sec. 14. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 19 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 19. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS

3 (a) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in
4 the amount of \$132,460,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations
5 of this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor, shall
6 determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds authorized by this
7 section consistent with the underlying nature of the appropriation to be funded.
8 The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated cost of bond issuance or
9 issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated pursuant to this
10 section and for which bonding is required as the source of funds, pursuant to
11 32 V.S.A. § 954.

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

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

17 Sec. 15. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 20 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 20. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS; MISCELLANEOUS

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20 ~~(b) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to~~
21 ~~sell the Rutland Multi-Modal Transit Center (parking garage) located at~~

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

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

17 (e)(1) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the Department of Buildings
18 and General Services is authorized to sell or transfer to the City of Newport a
19 portion of the remaining lands of the State of Vermont and boardwalk located
20 north of the Emory A. Hebard State Office Building. The land and boardwalk
21 to be sold or transferred is described as being the land north of the bike path up

1 to the approximate shoreline of Lake Memphremagog, bounded on the west by
2 lands owned by the City of Newport and the Northern VT Railroad Co., Inc.
3 bounded on the east by lands owned by the City of Newport, and bounded on
4 the south by the right-of-way retained by Newport & Richford R.R.

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

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

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

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

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

21 [Repealed.]

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

5 (c) Sec. 97 (general obligation debt financing) shall take effect on ~~July 1,~~
6 2018 July 1, 2019.

7 * * * Human Services * * *

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

9 On or before January 15, 2019, the Secretary of Human Services, in
10 consultation with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, shall
11 update the facilities plan and recommendations required by 2017 Acts and
12 Resolves No. 84, Sec. 31, taking into consideration changes proposed in the
13 2017 legislative session to the Agency's bed capacity and populations.

14 * * * Labor * * *

15 Sec. 19. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Secs. 33a and 33b are added to read:

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

18 (a) The General Assembly hereby establishes a pilot grant program to
19 authorize the Department of Labor, in consultation with the State Workforce
20 Development Board, to administer the Adult Career and Technical Education
21 Equipment Grant Pilot Program to support the purchase of equipment

1 necessary for the delivery of occupational training for students enrolled in a
2 postsecondary course offered by Vermont’s Career and Technical Education
3 Centers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (6) is endorsed by the Adult Career and Technical Education
16 Association.

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

20 (d) On or before July 15, 2018, the Department shall develop and publish a
21 simplified grant application that meets the criteria described in subsection (b)

1 of this section. The Department shall consult with the Agency of Education
2 and the State Workforce Development Board in reviewing applications and
3 selecting grantees.

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

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

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

13 (2) assessment of the functionality and accessibility of shared-
14 equipment agreements; and

15 (3) how, and the extent to which, the program shall be funded in the
16 future.

17 * * * Sunset of Adult Career and Technical Education

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. 22. 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. 23. 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. 24. 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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* * * Effective Date * * *

Sec. 25. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: _____)

Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE