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2 Representative Donahue of Northfield moves that the bill be amended by
3 striking out Sec. 24, COVID-19 Emergency Response; Reallocations, and
4 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 Sec. 24. COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE; REALLOCATIONS

6 (a) Intent. In response to the unprecedented challenges posed by the
7 COVID-19 pandemic, the General Assembly acknowledges that continued
8 funding of capital projects and infrastructure will help boost our local economy
9 and support the health and welfare of Vermonters. Accordingly, it is the intent
10 of the General Assembly that the projects funded in this capital construction
11 act will serve to support and help drive growth in Vermont’s economy during
12 this uncertain time.

13 (b) On or before July 1, 2020, the Commissioner of Buildings and General
14 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance and Management,
15 shall submit to the Emergency Board:

16 (1) a report of all projects that received an appropriation in the FY 2020
17 Capital Construction Act and have unencumbered funds remaining; and

18 (2) a list of any projects identified in subdivision (1) of this subsection

19 (b) that may be delayed with the least disruption to the project timeline and

20 that account for 50 percent of the unencumbered remaining funds.

1 (c) Reallocation authority. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 152(a)(20) and
2 (a)(25) nor any other provision of law, the Emergency Board, in consultation
3 with the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and
4 the Senate Committee on Institutions, is authorized to reallocate any project
5 balances from any capital construction acts for any capital expenditures
6 associated with the COVID-19 emergency response.

7 (d) On or before August 15, 2020, the Commissioner of Finance and
8 Management, in consultation with the Joint Fiscal Office and the Office of
9 Legislative Council, shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and
10 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions, with a review of all
11 capital expenditures associated with the COVID-19 emergency response, an
12 assessment of whether CARES Act funding may be used to address any capital
13 expenditures, whether any other federal funds are available to meet those
14 needs, and an assessment of any General Fund need that may qualify as a
15 capital expenditure.

16 (e) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall not release funds
17 to the following projects until September 15, 2020:

18 (1) Sec. 1 of this act, amending 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
19 Sec. 2(c)(4) (Statewide, planning, use, and contingency);

20 (2) Sec. 1 of this act, amending 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
21 Sec. 2(c)(12) of this act (Newport, Orleans County Courthouse, replacement,

1 site acquisition, planning, and design for a stand-alone courthouse with no
2 retail space);

3 (3) Sec. 1 of this act, amending 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
4 Sec. 2(c)(13) (Windsor, costs to renovate space at the former Southeast State
5 Correctional Facility associated with the relocation of the Department of Fish
6 and Wildlife and the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation from the
7 Springfield State Office Building);

8 (4) Sec. 1 of this act, amending 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
9 Sec. 2(c)(14) (Statewide, installation of electric vehicle charging facilities in
10 State-owned parking lots under the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings
11 and General Services);

12 (5) Sec. 1 of this act, amending 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
13 Sec. 2(c)(15) (State House, cafeteria renovation for a flexible meeting room);

14 (6) Sec. 2 of this act, amending 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
15 Sec. 3(c)(4) (Brattleboro, Brattleboro Retreat, level 1 bed project construction);

16 (7) Sec. 2 of this act, amending 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
17 Sec. 3(c)(5)(Windsor and St. Johnsbury, site preparation, relocation and
18 rebuild of a greenhouse at the Caledonia County workcamp from the former
19 Southeast State Correctional Facility, with the use of inmate labor for the
20 rebuild, where appropriate);

- 1 (8) Sec. 2 of this act, amending 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
2 Sec. 3(d) (Agency of Human Services for the Department of Vermont Health
3 Access, Integrated Eligibility and Enrollment system);
- 4 (9) Sec. 7 of this act, amending 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec.
5 (11(j))(Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and
6 Recreation for best management practices at State-owned forest and
7 recreational access points;
- 8 (10) Sec. 8 of this act, amending 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec.
9 12(a) (Military, maintenance and renovations at State armories);
- 10 (11) Sec. 9 of this act, amending 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec.
11 13(d)(Department of Buildings and General Services, relocation and
12 replacement for the Middlesex Field Station to the former Department of
13 Libraries in Berlin;
- 14 (12) Sec. 10 of this act, amending 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec.
15 14(c) (Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, major maintenance at the
16 Vermont building of the Eastern States Exposition);
- 17 (13) Sec. 12(b)(1) of this act (Agency of Transportation, Lamoille
18 Valley Rail Trail);
- 19 (14) Sec. 12(b)(2) of this act (Agency of Transportation, Electric
20 Vehicle Equipment (EVSE) Grant Program); and
- 21 (15) the list of projects identified in subdivision (b)(2) of this section.