

1 Introduced by Committee on Corrections and Institutions

2 Date:

3 Subject: Capital construction; State bonding; budget adjustment

4 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to adjust the
5 FY 2021 capital construction budget.

6 An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment

7 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

8 * * * Capital Appropriations * * *

9 Sec. 1. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

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12 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2020:

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14 (7) Montpelier, State House, new drapes and carpeting or carpeting
15 repair in the Governor's ceremonial office and the vestibule near the
16 Governor's ceremonial office, the Hall of Flags, the Cedar Creek Room, the
17 Senate Secretary's Office, and the carpeting in the Card Room: \$45,000.00

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1 (c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2021:

2 (5) Burlington, 108 Cherry Street, parking garage repairs:

3 \$7,500,000.00 ~~\$7,000,000.00~~

4 (6) Montpelier, State House, ~~historical restorations~~ new drapes and
5 carpeting or carpeting repair in the vestibule near the Governor's ceremonial
6 office, the Hall of Flags, Senate Secretary's Office, and the Card Room:

7 \$75,000.00

8 (11) Montpelier, State House, HVAC, planning and design:

9 \$500,000.00

10 (12) Newport, Orleans County Courthouse, replacement, site acquisition,
11 planning, and design for a stand-alone courthouse with no retail space:

12 \$1,500,000.00

13 (13) Windsor, former Southeast State Correctional Facility, renovation
14 costs for relocated office space for the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the
15 Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation: \$700,000.00

16 (14) Statewide, installation of electric vehicle charging facilities in
17 State-owned parking lots under the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings
18 and General Services: \$75,000.00

19 (15) State House, cafeteria renovations, flexible meeting rooms:

20 \$57,000.00

1 (d) For the amount appropriated in subdivision (b)(4) of this section, the
2 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to use up to
3 \$200,000.00 to ~~assess relative costs and resource requirements for potential~~
4 ~~construction of a correctional facility that ranges in scale~~ analyze different
5 state-of-the-art correctional facility models in order to accommodate the results
6 of the Council of State Governments’ study described in Sec. 28 of this act;
7 provided, however, that the funds shall only become available after approval
8 by the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight
9 Committee. On or before ~~March 15, 2020~~ January 1, 2021, the Commissioner
10 shall submit a copy of the assessment to the House Committee on Corrections
11 and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions. Beginning on July
12 1, 2020, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services and the
13 Commissioner of Corrections shall provide monthly updates on the status of
14 the assessment to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee.

15 (e) On or before January 15, 2021, the Commissioner of Buildings and
16 General Services shall submit a plan for reuse of the former Southeast State
17 Correctional Facility to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions
18 and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

19 (f) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commissioner of
20 Buildings and General Services shall look at other State uses for storage of

1 State-owned equipment and whether the former Southeast State Correctional
2 Facility would be an appropriate place for storage.

3	Appropriation – FY 2020		\$20,323,423.00
4	Appropriation – FY 2021	\$21,325,813.00	<u>\$23,657,813.00</u>
5	Total Appropriation – Section 2	\$41,649,236.00	<u>\$43,981,236.00</u>

6 Sec. 2. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

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9 (c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2021 to the Department of
10 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the
11 following projects described in this subsection:

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13 (4) Brattleboro, Brattleboro Retreat, level 1 bed project construction:

14 \$1,500,000.00

15 (5) Windsor and St. Johnsbury, site preparation at the Caledonia County

16 Workcamp for the relocation and rebuild of a greenhouse at the former

17 Southeast State Correctional Facility, to be constructed by the inmates of the

18 Workcamp, where feasible:

\$200,000.00

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1 (d) The sum of ~~\$3,900,000.00~~ \$4,500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2021 to
2 the Agency of Human Services for the Department of Vermont Health Access,
3 Integrated Eligibility and Enrollment system.

4 Appropriation – FY 2020 \$8,828,000.00 \$8,100,000.00

5 Appropriation – FY 2021 \$5,875,000.00 \$8,175,000.00

6 Total Appropriation – Section 3 \$14,703,000.00

7 \$16,275,000.00

8 Sec. 3. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 5 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 5. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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11 (c) ~~The sum of \$250,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2021 to the Department~~
12 ~~of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Commerce and~~
13 ~~Community Development for major maintenance at statewide historic sites.~~

14 (d) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2021 to the Agency of
15 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described
16 in this subsection:

17 (1) Underwater preserves: \$25,000.00

18 (2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers: \$25,000.00

19 (3) Highgate Native American Cemetery, slope stabilization,

20 Monument Road: \$100,000.00

21 (4) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites: \$250,000.00

1 (a) The sum of \$2,100,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2020 to the Vermont
2 State Colleges for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any
3 facility owned or operated by the Colleges in the State.

4 (b) The sum of \$2,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2021 to the Vermont
5 State Colleges for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section.

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7 Sec. 6. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 10 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 10. NATURAL RESOURCES

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10 (f) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2021 to the Agency of
11 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
12 projects described in this subsection:

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14 (2) Dam safety and hydrology projects: \$895,000.00 \$916,138.00

15 (3) Engineering and construction grants related to improvements for
16 public water systems with confirmed concentrations of PFAS exceeding
17 20 nanograms per liter and on a do-not-drink notice: \$500,000.00

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19 (i)(1) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4753(a)(9), it is the intent of the
20 General Assembly that the reallocation in subsection 11(h) in the amount of

1 (j) The sum of \$1,900,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2021 to the Agency of
2 Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for best
3 management practices at State-owned forest and recreational access points.

4 (k)(1) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2021 to the Vermont
5 Housing and Conservation Board for the following projects:

6 (A) Agricultural water quality projects: \$1,100,000.00

7 (B) Land conservation and water quality projects: \$1,700,000.00

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

9 (A) shall not be considered a State grant under 6 V.S.A. chapter 215,
10 subchapter 3 for purposes of calculating the maximum amount of a State water
11 quality assistance award under 6 V.S.A. § 4824 or 4826; and

12 (B) may be used to satisfy a grant recipient's cost share requirements.

13 Appropriation – FY 2020 \$12,100,000.00

14 Appropriation – FY 2021 \$13,900,000.00

15 Total Appropriation – Section 11 \$26,000,000.00

16 Sec. 8. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 12 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 12. MILITARY

18 (a) The sum of \$700,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2020 to the Department
19 of Military for maintenance and renovations at State armories. To the extent
20 feasible, these funds shall be used to match federal funds.

1 (b) The sum of ~~\$800,000.00~~ \$1,420,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2021 to
2 the Department of Military for the projects described in subsection (a) of this
3 section.

4	Appropriation – FY 2020	\$700,000.00
5	Appropriation – FY 2021	\$800,000.00 <u>\$1,420,000.00</u>
6	Total Appropriation – Section 12	\$1,500,000.00 <u>\$2,120,000.00</u>

7 Sec. 9. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 13 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 13. PUBLIC SAFETY

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10 (d) The sum of \$2,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2021 to the
11 Department of Buildings and General Services for relocation and new
12 construction of a replacement for the Middlesex Field Station.

13	Appropriation – FY 2020	\$2,200,000.00
14	Appropriation – FY 2021	\$5,400,000.00 <u>\$7,400,000.00</u>
15	Appropriation – Section 13	\$7,600,000.00 <u>\$9,600,000.00</u>

16 Sec. 10. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 14 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 14. AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS

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19 (c) The sum of ~~\$200,000.00~~ \$280,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2021 to the
20 Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Agriculture,

1	Food and Markets for major maintenance at the Vermont building of the		
2	Eastern States Exposition.		
3	Appropriation – FY 2020		\$300,000.00
4	Appropriation – FY 2021	\$200,000.00	<u>\$280,000.00</u>
5	Total Appropriation – Section 14	\$500,000.00	<u>\$580,000.00</u>

6 Sec. 11. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 18 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 18. VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION BOARD

8 (a) The sum of \$1,800,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2020 to the Vermont
9 Housing and Conservation Board for housing projects.

10 (b) The sum of ~~\$1,800,000.00~~ \$3,800,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2021 to
11 the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for ~~the project described in~~
12 ~~subsection (a) of this section~~ housing and conservation projects.

13	Appropriation – FY 2020		\$1,800,000.00
14	Appropriation – FY 2021	\$1,800,000.00	<u>\$3,800,000.00</u>
15	Total Appropriation – Section 18	\$3,600,000.00	<u>\$5,600,000.00</u>

16 **Sec. 12. THREE-ACRE GENERAL PARCEL PERMITS**

17 (a) The sum of \$1,146,796.00 is appropriated to the Department of
18 Buildings and General Service for the stormwater three-acre parcel permit
19 application process.

20 (b) The sum of \$144,750.00 is appropriated to the Department of Military
21 for the stormwater three-acre parcel permit application process.

1	<u>Appropriation – FY 2020</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
2	<u>Appropriation – FY 2021</u>	<u>\$1,450,000.00</u>
3	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 13</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>

4 * * * Financing this Act * * *

5 Sec. 14. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 20 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 20. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

10 (1) of the amount appropriated in ~~2017~~ 2016 Acts and Resolves
11 No. 160, Sec. 13(c) (Waterbury State Office Complex): \$33,404.00

12 (2) of the amount appropriated in ~~2017~~ 2016 Acts and Resolves
13 No. 160, Sec. 5(d)(2) (Barre courthouse study): \$10,076.40

14 (3) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.
15 2(b)(11) (109 and 111 State Street, final design and construction): \$104,244.77

16 (4) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.
17 2(c)(10) (109 and 111 State Street, final design and construction): \$395,755.23

18 (e) Of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,
19 Sec. 3(b)(3) (Essex, Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, design and
20 construction documents) to the Agency of Human Services, the amount of

1 \$499,139.00 in unexpended funds is reallocated to defray expenditures
2 authorized in this act.

3 (f) Of the amount appropriated in 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 9(d)
4 (Montpelier Flood Control) to the Agency of Natural Resources, the amount of
5 \$21,137.83 in unexpended funds is reallocated to defray expenditures
6 authorized in this act.

7 (g) Of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec. 16
8 (electronic medical records) to the Vermont Veterans' Home, the amount of
9 \$497,483.00 in unexpended funds is reallocated to defray expenditures in this
10 act.

11 (h) Of the amount appropriated in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104, Sec. 8,
12 amending 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 12 (Vermont Drinking Water
13 Revolving Loan Fund), the amount of \$130,000.00 in unexpended funds is
14 reallocated to defray expenditures in this act.

15 (i) Of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160, Sec. 15
16 (State House security), the amount of \$94.67 in unexpended funds is
17 reallocated to defray expenditures in this act.

18 Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 20 \$1,375,341.06 \$1,647,854.50

1 Sec. 15. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS; FY

2 2021

3 The State Treasurer is authorized to issue additional general obligation
4 bonds in the amount of \$11,634,361.00 that were previously authorized but
5 unissued under 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42 for the purpose of funding the
6 appropriations in this act.

7 Total Revenues – Section 10 \$11,634,361.00

8 * * * Policy * * *

9 * * * Buildings and General Services * * *

10 Sec. 16. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS; MISCELLANEOUS

11 (a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
12 sell the properties located at 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16 Baldwin Street in Montpelier
13 pursuant to the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166.

14 (b) Notwithstanding 20 V.S.A. § 542 or any other provision of law to the
15 contrary, on or before December 31, 2020, the Board of Armory
16 Commissioners is authorized to sell the Enosburg Armory building located at
17 134 Pearl Street in Enosburg Falls to the Town of Enosburgh for below fair
18 market value provided that the building is for municipal purposes only. If the
19 Town of Enosburgh no longer uses the building for municipal purposes, the
20 State shall have the right of first refusal.

1 Sec. 17. 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190, Sec. 1, amending 2017 Acts and
2 Resolves No. 84, Sec. 2, is further amended to read:

3 (17) Waterbury, Waterbury State Office Complex, Stanley and Wasson,
4 demolition of Stanley Hall; and ~~programming, schematic design, and design~~
5 ~~development for~~ Wasson Hall: \$950,000.00

6 Sec. 18. 29 V.S.A. § 157 is amended to read:

7 § 157. FACILITIES CONDITION ANALYSIS

8 (a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall:

9 (1) ~~Maintain~~ maintain the condition of buildings and infrastructure
10 under the Commissioner’s jurisdiction to provide a safe and healthy
11 environment through sustainable practices and judicious capital renewal;:

12 (2) ~~Conduct~~ conduct a facilities condition analysis each year of 20
13 percent of the building area and infrastructure under the Commissioner’s
14 jurisdiction ~~so that within five years all property is assessed. At the end of the~~
15 ~~five years, the process shall begin again. The analysis conducted pursuant to~~
16 ~~this subsection shall include the thermal envelope of buildings and a report on~~
17 ~~the annual energy consumption and energy costs and recommendations for~~
18 ~~reducing energy consumption; and~~

19 (3) conduct investment grade energy audits to develop a pipeline of
20 energy efficiency and conservation measures to be implemented through the
21 State Energy Management Program or during construction projects.

1 (b) The Commissioner may use up to ~~two~~ four percent of the funds
2 appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for major
3 maintenance and planning for the purpose described in subsection (a) of this
4 section.

5 Sec. 19. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:

6 § 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY

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8 (b) Upon authorization by the General Assembly, which may be granted by
9 resolution, and with the advice and consent of the Governor, the Commissioner
10 of Buildings and General Services may sell real estate owned by the State.
11 Such property shall be sold to the highest bidder therefor at public auction or
12 upon sealed bids in the discretion of the Commissioner of Buildings and
13 General Services, who may reject any or all bids. Notice of the sale or a
14 request for sealed bids shall be posted in at least three public places in the town
15 where the property is located and also published three times in a newspaper
16 having a known circulation in the town, the last publication to be not less than
17 10 days before the date of sale or opening of the bids. Failing to consummate a
18 sale under the method prescribed in this section, the Commissioner of
19 Buildings and General Services is authorized to list the sale of this property
20 with a real estate agent licensed by the State of Vermont. This subsection shall
21 not apply to ~~exchanges of lands~~ the sale, conveyance, exchange, or lease of

1 lands or interests in lands, or to the amendment of deeds, leases, and
2 easements, or sales of timber made in accordance with the provisions of
3 10 V.S.A. chapter 55 or to the sale of land or interests in land made in
4 accordance with 155 or the provisions of 10 V.S.A. chapter 83.

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6 Sec. 20. 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, 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 29, and 2018 Acts and
9 Resolves No. 190, Sec. 18, is further amended to read:

10 (c) Sec. 97 (general obligation debt financing) shall take effect on ~~July 1,~~
11 2019 July 1, 2021.

12 Sec. 21. FUNDING FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT

13 (a) The Agency of Transportation shall establish and administer, through a
14 memorandum of understanding with the Department of Housing and
15 Community Development, a program to support the continued buildout of
16 electric vehicle supply equipment available to the public and build upon the
17 existing VW EVSE Grant Program that the Department of Housing and
18 Community Development has been administering on behalf of the Department
19 of Environmental Conservation.

20 (b) The Agency is authorized to spend up to \$750,000.00, as appropriated
21 in Sec. 12 of this act, on the Program established in this section in fiscal

1 year 2021. This funding shall initially be used to support grants for the
2 construction and operation of direct current (DC) fast-charging stations
3 strategically located to fill gaps in the State’s highway corridor fast-charging
4 network. Any remaining funds may be used to support strategically located
5 level 2 workplace charging.

6 (c) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall consult
7 with an interagency team consisting of the Commissioner of Housing and
8 Community Development or designee, the Commissioner of Environmental
9 Conservation or designee, the Commissioner of Health or designee, the
10 Commissioner of Public Service or designee, and the Agency’s Division
11 Director of Policy, Planning, and Intermodal Development or designee on all
12 major decisions regarding the administration of this program.

13 Sec. 22. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; DEPARTMENT
14 OF BUILDINGS AND GENERAL SERVICES; FEE

15 Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 604, the Department of Buildings and General
16 Services shall charge a fee for consumption of power on any electric vehicle
17 charger that is available to a State worker or to the public in a State-owned
18 parking lot.

1 Sec. 22. NAMING OF HOFF STREET; MONTPELIER

2 Sec. 23. OFFICE RELOCATION; LEGISLATIVE STAFF

3 The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall require approval
4 from the Joint Legislative Management Committee for any proposals to
5 relocate legislative staff offices. The Joint Legislative Management
6 Committee shall consult with the Chair of the House Committee on
7 Corrections and Institutions and the Chair of the Senate Committee on
8 Institutions prior to granting approval.

9 * * * Corrections * * *

10 Sec. 24. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT II WOMEN’S RENTRY CONCEPT

11 WORKGROUP

12 (a) Creation. There is created the Justice Reinvestment II Women’s
13 Reentry Concept Workgroup (Workgroup) to determine the bed count and
14 programing needs for a women’s correctional reentry facility using data from
15 the Council of State Governments (CSG), the Department of Corrections
16 (DOC), and a survey of community-based organizations. If warranted, the
17 Workgroup may also determine staff requirements, staff training, space needs,
18 potential design, and rough costs of the facility and related programming.

19 (b) Membership. The Workgroup shall be composed of the following four
20 members:

21 (1) the Commissioner of Corrections or designee;

1 (2) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee;

2 (3) a member of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions;

3 and

4 (4) a member of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

5 (c) Duties.

6 (1) The Workgroup shall have the following duties:

7 (A) secure a consultant to develop and implement a survey of
8 Vermont community-based organizations that provide services and
9 programming provided to women within the criminal justice system to
10 determine the number and programming requirements needed by women likely
11 to recidivate to a correctional facility;

12 (B) secure testimony from community-based organizations that
13 currently provide services to nonincarcerated women under the supervision of
14 the Department of Corrections to determine their ability to provide necessary
15 services and what needs, if any, are required to fulfill the needs of women
16 transitioning from incarceration into the community;

17 (C) determine the number and nature of currently incarcerated
18 women who will benefit from the programming and therapeutic environment
19 of a least restrictive facility that enables them to work in the community or
20 continue educational progress while under the direct supervision of DOC
21 personnel;

1 (D) use the information provided in subdivisions (1) and (2) to
2 determine the bed count needed for a women’s reentry facility that will provide
3 the services and programming that enables them to transition to community-
4 based organizations;

5 (2) if the Workgroup determines that information obtained by
6 subdivision (1) of this subsection warrants further investigation, the
7 Workgroup shall:

8 (A) use the information provided by subdivisions (1)(A) and (B) of
9 this subsection to determine the type of programming and services needed by
10 women transitioning from incarceration to community base organizations;

11 (B) receive testimony on gender-informed, trauma aware best-
12 practices in the management and treatment of justice involved women and
13 make recommendations, if any, regarding the training of the Corrections
14 Officers that will work within a women’s reentry facility;

15 (C) if warranted, research current design concepts for correctional
16 facilities that serve the supervisory and programmatic needs identified by the
17 Workgroup; and

18 (D) secure the services of a consultant to generate high-level concept
19 designs of a facility that accommodates the needs identified by the efforts of
20 the Workgroup.

1 (d) Assistance. The Workgroup shall have the assistance of the Joint
2 Fiscal Office and the Office of Legislative Council.

3 (e) Report. On or before October 15, 2020, the Workgroup shall
4 provide a final report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee, the
5 House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, and the Senate Committee
6 on Institutions describing the Workgroup’s work, presenting any high-level
7 concept drawing, and making recommendations, if any, regarding next steps
8 toward the construction of a women’s reentry facility, its supporting
9 programming and the training necessary to ensure its success in transitioning
10 women from Vermont correctional facility for women to community-based
11 organizations.

12 (f) Meetings. Beginning on June 1, 2020, the Workgroup may meet every
13 two weeks, as needed until the final report is presented on October 15, 2020.

14 * * * Human Services * * *

15 Sec. 25. BRATTLEBORO RETREAT

16 (a) For the amount appropriated in subdivision (c)(4) of Sec. 3, the
17 Brattleboro Retreat must comply with the following provisions:

18 (1) The Retreat shall deliver to the Agency of Human Services monthly
19 reports covering financial performance upon passage of this bill. All financial
20 reports shall be delivered by the end of the month for the previous month’s
21 fiscal performance period. Financial reports shall include the following:

1 (A) income statement, with narrative;

2 (B) balance sheet, with narrative;

3 (C) cash flow statement, with narrative;

4 (D) accounts payable update and summary, with narrative;

5 (E) accounts receivable update and summary, with narrative, and

6 (F) copy of the standard monthly financial package that is provided

7 to the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees.

8 (2) The Retreat shall follow best practices outlined in the March 2020

9 Best Practices Memorandum and ensure compliance with Medicaid billing

10 practices and provider enrollment.

11 (3) The Retreat shall keep the Agency advised of any event or

12 occurrence that materially impacts its financial stability, performance, staffing

13 service delivery capacity, or viability.

14 (4) The Retreat shall provide information to the Department of Mental

15 Health necessary for its statutory oversight responsibilities.

16 (5) The Retreat shall work with the Department of Mental Health to

17 develop an initial strategic plan for the long-term reuse of the renovated

18 facilities to meet future system of care needs.

19 (6) The Retreat shall provide access to the additional 12 level-1 beds to

20 the State for a period determined by the Secretary of Human Services to be in

21 the best interests of the State.

1 (7) The Retreat shall adhere to the terms and conditions of the contract
2 of the operation of the 12 new level-1 beds with the Department of Mental
3 Health.

4 (b) The Brattleboro Retreat, the Agency of Human Services, and the
5 Department of Buildings and General Services shall provide a report at the
6 July and September Joint Fiscal Committee meetings that includes the
7 following information:

8 (1) the Retreat financial reports, including income statement, balance
9 sheet, and cash flow projections;

10 (2) the status of the 12 new Level 1 beds, including anticipated opening
11 date and cost estimates to complete;

12 (3) an update on the development of a long-term strategic plan that
13 analyzes current and future needs of the service delivery priorities and role of
14 the Retreat in Vermont's mental health system of care; and

15 (4) an update on the strategic plan for the long-term reuse of the
16 renovated facility to meet future system of care needs

17 * * * Natural Resources * * *

18 Sec. 26. 24 V.S.A. § 4764 is amended to read:

19 § 4764. PLANNING

20 (a) Engineering planning advance. A municipality or a combination of two
21 or more municipalities desiring an advance of funds for engineering and

1 planning for public water supply systems, as defined in subdivision 4752(9) of
2 this title, or improvements, or for clean water projects or improvements, may
3 apply to the Department for an advance under this chapter. Not more than 25
4 percent of funds awarded to a municipality as a planning advance may be
5 utilized to evaluate land use implications of facilities, including impacts on
6 State Planning Goals, outlined in section 4302 of this title, availability of
7 housing, and economic development. As used in this subsection, “engineering
8 planning” may include source exploration, surveys, reports, designs, plans,
9 specifications, or other engineering services necessary in preparation for
10 construction of the types of systems or facilities referred to in this section.

11 (b) Regional engineering planning. The Department, with the approval of
12 the Secretary, may use up to ten percent of the total capital appropriation for
13 construction grants to undertake regional engineering planning and process
14 research. Funds approved for regional engineering planning may be awarded
15 directly to a lead municipality and administered in accordance with this
16 chapter.

17 (c) Funding. In each fiscal year, the Department may use up to 30 percent
18 of the total capital appropriation for construction grants provided under 10
19 V.S.A. chapter 55 to award engineering planning advances.

20 (d) Technical assistance from Regional Planning Commission. Any
21 municipality may contract with a Regional Planning Commission to assist in

1 administration and management of the planning advance, oversight of
2 engineering services, and to evaluate land use implications described in this
3 section. Costs associated with these services from the Regional Planning
4 Commission shall be eligible for reimbursement under the planning advance
5 described in subsection (a) of this section.

6 * * * Effective Date * * *

7 Sec. 27. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on passage.