

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 vestibule near the Governor's ceremonial office, the Hall of Flags,  
16 the Cedar Creek Room, the Senate Secretary's Office, and the Card Room:

17 \$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 renovations, planning and design:

9 \$500,000.00

10 (12) Newport, Orleans County Courthouse, replacement, site  
11 acquisition, planning, and design:

\$1,500,000.00

12 (13) Windsor, renovation costs for the Department of Fish and Wildlife  
13 and the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation:

14 \$700,000.00

15 (14) Statewide, installation of electric vehicle charging facilities in

16 State-owned parking lots: \$75,000.00

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

18 \$57,000.00

19 (d) For the amount appropriated in subdivision (b)(4) of this section, the  
20 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to use up to  
21 \$200,000.00 to assess relative costs and resource requirements for potential

1 construction of a correctional facility that ranges in scale in order to  
2 accommodate the results of the Council of State Governments’ study described  
3 in Sec. 28 of this act; provided, however, that the funds shall only become  
4 available after approval by the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Joint Legislative  
5 Justice Oversight Committee. On or before ~~March 15, 2020~~ January 1, 2021,  
6 the Commissioner shall submit a copy of the assessment to the House  
7 Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on  
8 Institutions. Beginning on July 1, 2020, the Commissioner of Buildings and  
9 General Services and the Commissioner of Corrections shall provide monthly  
10 updates on the status of the assessment to the Joint Legislative Justice  
11 Oversight Committee.

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

16 (f) It is the intent of the General Assembly that, for the amount  
17 appropriated in subdivision (c)(13) of this section, the Commissioner of  
18 Buildings and General Services shall look at other State uses for **storage of**  
19 **State-owned equipment.**

20	Appropriation – FY 2020	\$20,323,423.00
21	Appropriation – FY 2021	<del>\$21,325,813.00</del> <u>\$23,657,813.00</u>

1 Total Appropriation – Section 2 \$41,649,236.00 ~~\$43,981,236.00~~

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

3 Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

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

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9 (4) Brattleboro, Brattleboro Retreat, level 1 bed project, reserve funding:

10 \$1,500,000.00

11 (5) Windsor, Southeast State Correctional Facility, site preparation and  
12 relocation and rebuild of a greenhouse, to be constructed by the inmates of that  
13 facility: \$200,000.00

14 \* \* \*

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

18 Appropriation – FY 2020 ~~\$8,828,000.00~~ \$8,100,000.00

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

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

21 \$16,275,000.00

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

2 Sec. 5. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

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

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

13 Monument Road: \$100,000.00

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

15 (e)(d) The funds shall become available after the Agency notifies the  
16 Department that the remaining funds to complete the project have been  
17 secured.

18 (e) It is the intent of the General Assembly, that for the amount  
19 appropriated in subdivision (c)(1), the Agency not commence any new  
20 projects.

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1	Appropriation – FY 2020	\$487,500.00
2	Appropriation – FY 2021	<del>\$300,000.00</del> <u>\$400,000.00</u>
3	Total Appropriation – Section 5	<del>\$787,500.00</del> <u>\$887,000.00</u>

4 Sec. 4. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 8 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 8. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

6 (a) The sum of \$1,300,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2020 to the University  
7 of Vermont for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility  
8 owned or operated by the University in the State.

9 (b) The sum of \$1,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2021 to the University  
10 of Vermont for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section.

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12 Sec. 5. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 9 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 9. VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

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

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

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

21 Sec. 10. NATURAL RESOURCES

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

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

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

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(i)(1) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4753(a)(9), it is the intent of the General Assembly that the reallocation in subsection 11(h) in the amount of \$130,000.00 from the Vermont Drinking Water Revolving Loan be used to support the appropriation in subdivision (f)(3) of this section.

(2) Any monies received in connection with a grant made pursuant to the appropriation in subdivision (h)(3) shall be used for future capital construction acts.

Appropriation – FY 2020	<del>\$9,025,807.00</del> <u>\$8,975,807.00</u>
Appropriation – FY 2021	<del>\$7,341,400.00</del> <u>7,862,538.00</u>
Total Appropriation – Section 10	<del>\$16,367,207.00</del> <u>\$16,838,345.00</u>

1 Sec. 7. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 11 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 11. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

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4 (h) The sum of \$4,294,503.00 is appropriated in FY 2021 to the Agency of  
5 Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants and contracts.

6 (i) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2021 to the Agency of  
7 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation projects  
8 described in this subsection:

9 (1) Water Pollution Control Fund, Clean Water/EPA Revolving Loan  
10 Fund (CWSRF) match: \$1,605,497.00

11 (2) Municipal Pollution Control Grants, pollution control projects, and  
12 planning advances for feasibility studies: \$3,300,000.00

13 (j) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2021 to the Agency of  
14 Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the  
15 following projects:

16 (1) Best management practices at State-owned forest and recreational  
17 access points: \$1,900,000.00

18 (2) Stormwater, three-acre parcel permit application process:  
19 \$500,000.00

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



1	<u>(A) Agricultural water quality projects:</u>	<u>\$1,100,000.00</u>
2	<u>(B) Land conservation and water quality projects:</u>	<u>\$1,700,000.00</u>
3	<u>(2) A grant issued under subdivision (1)(A) of this subsection:</u>	
4	<u>(A) shall not be considered a State grant under 6 V.S.A. chapter 215,</u>	
5	<u>subchapter 3 for purposes of calculating the maximum amount of a State water</u>	
6	<u>quality assistance award under 6 V.S.A. § 4824 or 4826; and</u>	
7	<u>(B) may be used to satisfy a grant recipient’s cost share requirements.</u>	
8	<u>(l) The sum of \$1,146,796.00 is appropriated to the Department of</u>	
9	<u>Buildings and General Service for the stormwater three-acre parcel permit</u>	
10	<u>application process.</u>	
11	<u>(m) The sum of \$144,750.00 is appropriated to the Department of Military</u>	
12	<u>for the stormwater three-acre parcel permit application process.</u>	
13	Appropriation – FY 2020	\$12,100,000.00
14	Appropriation – FY 2021	\$13,900,000.00
15		<u>\$15,691,546.00</u>
16	Total Appropriation – Section 11	
17		<u>\$26,000,000.00</u>
18		<u>\$27,791,546.00</u>

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

2 Sec. 12. MILITARY

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

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

9	Appropriation – FY 2020		\$700,000.00
10	Appropriation – FY 2021	<del>\$800,000.00</del>	<u>\$1,420,000.00</u>
11	Total Appropriation – Section 12	<del>\$1,500,000.00</del>	<u>\$2,120,000.00</u>

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

13 Sec. 13. PUBLIC SAFETY

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

18	Appropriation – FY 2020		\$2,200,000.00
19	Appropriation – FY 2021	<del>\$5,400,000.00</del>	<u>\$7,400,000.00</u>
20	Appropriation – Section 13	<del>\$7,600,000.00</del>	<u>\$9,600,000.00</u>

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

2 Sec. 14. AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS

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4 (c) The sum of ~~\$200,000.00~~ \$280,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2021 to the  
5 Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Agriculture,  
6 Food and Markets for major maintenance at the Vermont building of the  
7 Eastern States Exposition.

8 Appropriation – FY 2020 \$300,000.00

9 Appropriation – FY 2021 ~~\$200,000.00~~ \$280,000.00

10 Total Appropriation – Section 14 ~~\$500,000.00~~ \$580,000.00

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

12 Sec. 18. VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION BOARD

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

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

18 Appropriation – FY 2020 \$1,800,000.00

19 Appropriation – FY 2021 ~~\$1,800,000.00~~ \$3,800,000.00

20 Total Appropriation – Section 18 ~~\$3,600,000.00~~ \$5,600,000.00

1       Sec. 12. AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION

2           (a) The sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2020 to the Agency of  
3       Transportation for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.

4           (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2021 to the Agency of  
5       Transportation for the following projects:

6           (1) Lamoille Valley Rail Trail:                               \$700,000.00

7           (2) Electric Vehicle Equipment (EVSE) Grant Program:   \$750,000.00

8       Appropriation – FY 2020   \$50,000.00

9       Appropriation – FY 2021   \$1,450,000.00

10       Total Appropriation – Section 12                                       \$1,500,000.00

11   \* \* \* Financing this Act \* \* \*

12       Sec. 13. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 20 is amended to read:

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

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

17           (1) of the amount appropriated in ~~2017~~ 2016 Acts and Resolves

18       No. 160, Sec. 13(c) (Waterbury State Office Complex):               \$33,404.00

19           (2) of the amount appropriated in ~~2017~~ 2016 Acts and Resolves

20       No. 160, Sec. 5(d)(2) (Barre courthouse study):                       \$10,076.40

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

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

5           (e) Of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,  
6           Sec. 3(b)(3) (Essex, Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, design and  
7           construction documents) to the Agency of Human Services, the amount of  
8           \$499,139.00 in unexpended funds is reallocated to defray expenditures  
9           authorized in this act.

10          (f) Of the amount appropriated in 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 9(d)  
11          (Montpelier Flood Control) to the Agency of Natural Resources, the amount of  
12          \$21,137.83 in unexpended funds is reallocated to defray expenditures  
13          authorized in this act.

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

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



1 market value provided that the building is for municipal purposes only. If the  
2 Town of Enosburgh no longer uses the building for municipal purposes, it shall  
3 be transferred back to the State.

4 Sec. 16. 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190, Sec. 1, amending 2017 Acts and  
5 Resolves No. 84, Sec. 2, is further amended to read:

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

9 Sec. 17. 29 V.S.A. § 157 is amended to read:

10 § 157. FACILITIES CONDITION ANALYSIS

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

12 (1) ~~Maintain~~ maintain the condition of buildings and infrastructure  
13 under the Commissioner's jurisdiction to provide a safe and healthy  
14 environment through sustainable practices and judicious capital renewal.;

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

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

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

8           Sec. 18. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:

9           § 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY

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



1 Buildings and General Services is authorized to list the sale of this property  
2 with a real estate agent licensed by the State of Vermont. This subsection shall  
3 not apply to ~~exchanges of lands~~ the sale, conveyance, exchange, or lease of  
4 lands or interests in lands, or to the amendment of deeds, leases, and  
5 easements, or sales of timber made in accordance with the provisions of  
6 10 V.S.A. chapter 55 ~~or to the sale of land or interests in land made in~~  
7 ~~accordance with 155~~ or the provisions of 10 V.S.A. chapter 83.

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9 Sec. 19. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 1, Sec. 100(c), as amended by 2014 Acts  
10 and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.113.1, 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58,  
11 Sec. E.113.1, 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 29, and 2018 Acts and  
12 Resolves No. 190, Sec. 18, is further amended to read:

13 (c) Sec. 97 (general obligation debt financing) shall take effect on ~~July 1,~~  
14 ~~2019~~ July 1, 2021.

15 Sec. 20. FUNDING FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT

16 (a) The Agency shall establish and administer, through a memorandum of  
17 understanding with the Department of Housing and Community Development,  
18 a program to support the continued buildout of electric vehicle supply  
19 equipment available to the public and build upon the existing VW EVSE Grant  
20 Program that the Department of Housing and Community Development has

1 been administering on behalf of the Department of Environmental  
2 Conservation.

3 (b) The Agency is authorized to spend up to \$750,000.00, as appropriated  
4 in Sec. 12 of this act, on the Program established in this section in fiscal  
5 year 2021. This funding shall initially be used to support grants for the  
6 construction and operation of direct current (DC) fast-charging stations  
7 strategically located to fill gaps in the State’s highway corridor fast-charging  
8 network. Any remaining funds may be used to support strategically located  
9 level 2 workplace charging.

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

17 Sec. 21. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; DEPARTMENT  
18 OF BUILDINGS AND GENERAL SERVICES; FEE

19 Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 604, the Department of Buildings and General  
20 Services is authorized to charge a fee for consumption of power on any electric

1 vehicle charger that is available to a State worker or to the public in a State-  
2 owned parking lot.

3 **Sec. 22. NAMING OF HOFF STREET; MONTPELIER**

4 \* \* \* Corrections \* \* \*

5 Sec. 23. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT II WOMEN'S RENTRY CONCEPT  
6 WORKGROUP

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

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

16 (1) the Commissioner of Corrections or designee;

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

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

19 and

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

21 (c) Duties.

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

2           (A) secure a consultant to develop and implement a survey of  
3           Vermont community-based organizations that provide services and  
4           programming provided to women within the criminal justice system to  
5           determine the number and programming requirements needed by women likely  
6           to recidivate to a correctional facility;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19                  (e) Report. On or before October 15, 2020, the Workgroup shall  
20                  provide a final report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee, the  
21                  House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, and the Senate Committee

1 on Institutions describing the Workgroup’s work, presenting any high-level  
2 concept drawing, and making recommendations, if any, regarding next steps  
3 toward the construction of a women’s reentry facility, its supporting  
4 programming and the training necessary to ensure its success in transitioning  
5 women from Vermont correctional facility for women to community-based  
6 organizations.

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

9 \* \* \* Human Services \* \* \*

10 **Sec. 24. BRATTLEBORO RETREAT**

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

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

17 (A) income statement, with narrative;

18 (B) balance sheet, with narrative;

19 (C) cash flow statement, with narrative;

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

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

1           (F) copy of the standard monthly financial package that is provided  
2 to the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees.

3           (2) The Retreat shall follow best practices outlined in the March 2020  
4 Best Practices Memorandum and ensure compliance with Medicaid billing  
5 practices and provider enrollment.

6           (3) The Retreat shall keep the Agency advised of any event or  
7 occurrence that materially impacts its financial stability, performance, staffing  
8 service delivery capacity, or viability.

9           (4) The Retreat shall provide information to the Department of Mental  
10 Health necessary for its statutory oversight responsibilities.

11           (5) The Retreat shall work with the Department of Mental Health to  
12 develop an initial strategic plan for the long-term reuse of the renovated  
13 facilities to meet future system of care needs.

14           (6) The Retreat shall provide access to the additional 12 level-1 beds to  
15 the State for a period determined by the Secretary of Human Services to be in  
16 the best interests of the State.

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

20           (b) The Brattleboro Retreat, the Agency of Human Services, and the  
21 Department of Buildings and General Services shall provide a report at the

1 July and September Joint Fiscal Committee meetings that includes the  
2 following information:

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

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

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

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

12 \* \* \* Natural Resources \* \* \*

13 Sec. 25. 24 V.S.A. § 4764 is amended to read:

14 § 4764. PLANNING

15 (a) Engineering planning advance. A municipality or a combination of two  
16 or more municipalities desiring an advance of funds for engineering and  
17 planning for public water supply systems, as defined in subdivision 4752(9) of  
18 this title, or improvements, or for clean water projects or improvements, may  
19 apply to the Department for an advance under this chapter. Not more than 25  
20 percent of funds awarded to a municipality as a planning advance may be  
21 utilized to evaluate land use implications of facilities, including impacts on



1 State Planning Goals, outlined in section 4302 of this title, availability of  
2 housing, and economic development. As used in this subsection, “engineering  
3 planning” may include source exploration, surveys, reports, designs, plans,  
4 specifications, or other engineering services necessary in preparation for  
5 construction of the types of systems or facilities referred to in this section.

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

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

15 (d) Technical assistance from Regional Planning Commission. Any  
16 municipality may contract with a Regional Planning Commission to assist in  
17 administration and management of the planning advance, oversight of  
18 engineering services, and to evaluate land use implications described in this  
19 section. Costs associated with these services from the Regional Planning  
20 Commission shall be eligible for reimbursement under the planning advance  
21 described in subsection (a) of this section.

