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Act No. 180 (H. 739). Appropriations and finance; bonding; capital construction; budget adjustment; State buildings

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment

This act adjusts the second year of the State's biennial capital budget for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, reallocates \$7,737,808.64 from prior capital appropriations, and authorizes the State to issue \$12,840,163.00 of additional general obligation bonds that were authorized but not issued in fiscal year 2022.

This act also:

Appropriations

Appropriates capital funds in the amount of \$143,757,972.00 over two years for capital construction projects, including the following appropriations:

- Increases the FY 2023 appropriation for the State House HVAC renovation from \$2,535,000.00 to \$6,800,000.00.
- Appropriates \$2,000,000.00 in FY 2023 for parking garage repairs for 108 Cherry Street in Burlington.
- Appropriates \$750,000.00 in FY 2023 for the door control system replacement at the Southern State Correctional Facility.
- Appropriates \$400,000.00 in FY 2023 for the demolition, salvage, dismantling, and improvements to the former Southeast State Correctional Facility property in Windsor.
- Appropriates \$1,400,000.00 in FY 2023 for renovations to the Office of Legislative IT and shared common space at 133 State Street.
- Appropriates \$3,200,000.00 in FY 2023 for design and construction for a secure residential recovery facility.
- Appropriates \$1,200,000.00 in FY 2023 for Statewide correctional facilities for ADA improvements.
- Appropriates \$500,000.00 in FY 2023 for Statewide correctional facilities for HVAC programming, schematic design, and design documents.
- Appropriates \$800,000.00 in FY 2023 to the Vermont State Colleges for renovations of nursing simulation laboratories and \$200,000.00 in FY 2023 to Norwich University for the construction of nursing simulation laboratories.
- Appropriates \$3,115,000.00 in FY 2023 for improvements to the High and Significant Hazard Dam and appropriates \$190,000.00 in FY 2023 for rehabilitation of the Little Hosmer Dam.
- Appropriates \$2,833,980.00 in FY 2023 as a State match from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds for drinking and clean water revolving funds,

requiring that these funds are not released until the federal grant has been received by the State.

- Increases appropriation to the Department of Forests, Parks and Reaction for the Rustic Cabin Construction Program from \$500,000.00 to \$700,000.00, requiring that the Department use not more than \$200,000.00 from this appropriation to work with CTEs for assistance with the Program.
- Appropriates \$200,000.00 in FY 2023 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants and contracts.
- Appropriates \$1,548,219.00 in FY 2023 to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.
- Appropriates \$2,715,000.00 in FY 2023 to the Department of Environmental Conservation for municipal pollution control grants.
- Appropriates in FY 2023 \$200,000.00 for agricultural water quality projects and \$2,000,000.00 for land conservation and water quality projects to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.
- Appropriates \$3,500,000.00 in FY 2023 for construction of the Williston Public Safety Field Station.
- Appropriates \$1,400,000.00 FY 2023 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the maintenance, modernization planning and design of the Vermont Building at the Eastern States Exposition
- Appropriates \$185,000.00 in FY 2023 to the Sergeant at Arms for upgrades to 2 Aiken Street.

This act also does the following:

American Rescue Plan Act – Federal Funding

- Adds findings regarding the use of ARPA state and local fiscal recovery funds to offset capital projects funded in FY 2022 and FY 2023.
- Adds intent that certain capital projects that are eligible for ARPA funds receive the authorization in the capital bill but are appropriated funds in the FY 2023 Appropriations Act.
- Authorizes certain capital projects in FY 2022 and FY 2023 to be undertaken with funds appropriated in the FY 2023 Appropriations Act.

Buildings and General Services (BGS)

- Directs the Commissioner of BGS to submit heat source options for a system to dehumidify the State House in the summer months that are consistent with the State Agency Energy Plan to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions by January 15, 2023.
- Amends the sunset date to move the funding of engineering costs from the capital bill to the Big Bill to June 30, 2022.
- Directs BGS to transfer up to \$300,000.00 from the proceeds of the sale of 13 Baldwin Street to FY 2023 major maintenance.

- Authorizes BGS to sell the property at 14-16 Baldwin Street, and also authorizes BGS to sell the property at 9 Baldwin Street contingent upon the completed relocation of the Office of Legislative Information Technology to 133 State Street.
- Sets forth intent that BGS implement strategies to reduce carbon intensity in buildings under its jurisdiction, including use of non-fossil-fuel alternatives when installing or replacing any space conditioning or water-heating systems and use of carbon-storing and least-embodied-carbon materials.
- Also sets forth intent that the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and the Agency of Transportation use the State Energy Management Program.

Commerce and Community Development

- Directs the Division of Historic Preservation to conduct a facilities condition assessment on all the buildings and structures of the State Historic Sites within the next five years, with a cyclical plan update, prioritizing buildings and structures open to the public.
- Encourages the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum to explore all options for the ongoing use of the Schooner Lois McClure.

Legislative Branch

- Authorizes the Legislature to have exclusive use of rooms 264, 267, 268, and 270 on the second floor of 109 State Street from January 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023.

Nursing Programs

- Directs the Vermont State Colleges, Norwich University, and the University of Vermont to each submit a report detailing the infrastructure and programming needs, estimated costs, and timeline to renovate or construct nursing simulation laboratories.

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