

1 Introduced by Committee on Corrections and Institutions

2 Date:

3 Subject: Capital construction; capital appropriations; State bonding

4 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize
5 bonding, appropriate capital funds, and address miscellaneous related items.

6 An act relating to capital construction and State bonding

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

8 * * * Legislative Intent * * *

9 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

10 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$XXXXXX
11 authorized in this act, not more than \$XXXXXX shall be appropriated in the
12 first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the
13 second year.

14 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the
15 biennium, any amendments to the appropriations or authorities granted in this
16 act shall take the form of the Capital Construction and State Bonding
17 Adjustment Bill. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unless otherwise
18 indicated, all appropriations in this act are subject to capital budget adjustment.

19 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

20 (a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Buildings

1 and General Services, and the Commissioner is authorized to direct funds
2 appropriated in this section to the projects contained in this section; however,
3 no project shall be canceled unless the Chairs of the Senate Committee on
4 Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions are
5 notified before that action is taken.

6 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2022:

- 7 (1) Statewide, major maintenance: \$XXXXXXX
- 8 (2) Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs:
9 \$XXXXXXX
- 10 (3) Statewide, physical security enhancements: \$XXXXXXX
- 11 (4) Statewide, planning, use and contingency: \$XXXXXXX
- 12 (5) Burlington, 108 Cherry Street, parking garage repairs: \$XXXXXXX
- 13 (6) Montpelier, State House, maintenance of interior historic elements:
14 \$XXXXXXX
- 15 (7) Montpelier, State House, exhibition, interpretation design and
16 construction: \$XXXXXXX
- 17 (8) Newport, courthouse replacement, design documents: \$XXXXXXX
- 18 (9) Rutland, Asa Bloomer, major renovation: \$XXXXXXX
- 19 (10) Springfield, Southern State Correctional Facility, door control
20 system replacement: \$XXXXXXX

1	<u>(11) Waterbury, State Office Complex, historic core, roof replacements:</u>	
2		<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
3	<u>(12) White River Junction, courthouse, renovation:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
4	<u>(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2023:</u>	
5	<u>(1) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
6	<u>(2) Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs:</u>	
7		<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
8	<u>(3) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
9	<u>(4) Statewide, planning, use and contingency:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
10	<u>(5) Montpelier, State House, maintenance of interior historic elements:</u>	
11		<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
12	<u>(6) Montpelier, State House, exhibition, interpretation design and</u>	
13	<u>construction:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
14	<u>(7) Newport, courthouse replacement, design documents:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
15	<u>(8) Rutland, Asa Bloomer, major renovation:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
16	<u>(9) Waterbury, State Office Complex, historic core, roof replacements:</u>	
17		<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
18	<u>(10) White River Junction, courthouse, renovation:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
19	<u>(11) Brattleboro, courthouse, re-roof:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
20	<u>(12) Burlington, 32 Cherry Street, parking garage renovations planning,</u>	
21	<u>design, and construction:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>

1	<u>(13) Montpelier, 111 State Street, renovation of stack area, HVAC</u>	
2	<u>upgrades, and elevator:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
3	<u>(14) Montpelier, 120 State Street, steam lines, interior renovations:</u>	
4		<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
5	<u>(15) Montpelier, State House, HVAC renovations:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
6	<u>(16) Rutland, multimodal garage renovation:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
7	<u>(17) Statewide, three-acre parcel, stormwater planning, design and</u>	
8	<u>implementation:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
9	<u>(18) Statewide, correctional facilities, door control system replacements:</u>	
10		<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
11	<u>Appropriation – FY 2022</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
12	<u>Appropriation – FY 2023</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
13	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 2</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
14	Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES	
15	<u>(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2022 to the Department of</u>	
16	<u>Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the</u>	
17	<u>following projects described in this subsection:</u>	
18	<u>(1) Physically secure recovery residence, design and construction:</u>	
19		<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
20	<u>(2) Women’s correctional facility, multipurpose campus:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>

1 made available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided that all
2 capital funds are made available to the Cultural Facilities Grant Program:

3 \$XXXXXXX

4 (4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the
5 Recreational Facilities Grant Program:

\$XXXXXXX

6 (5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human
7 Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program (Human
8 Services):

\$XXXXXXX

9 (6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human
10 Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program (Education):

11 \$XXXXXXX

12 (7) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the
13 Regional Economic Development Grant Program:

\$XXXXXXX

14 (8) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural
15 Fairs Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program:

\$XXXXXXXX

16 Appropriation – FY 2022

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17 Appropriation – FY 2023

\$XXXXXXXX

18 Total Appropriation – Section 5

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19 Sec. 6. EDUCATION

20 (a) The sum of \$XXXXXXX is appropriated in FY 2022 to the Agency of
21 Education for funding emergency projects.

1 [(c) Prior to any funds being expended in this section, the Corporation shall
2 submit a transformation plan to Institutions and Education Committees and
3 notify the Commissioner of Finance and Management.]

4 Appropriation – FY 2022 \$XXXXXXXX

5 Appropriation – FY 2023 \$XXXXXXXX

6 Total Appropriation – Section 8 \$XXXXXXXX

7 Sec. 9. NATURAL RESOURCES

8 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2022 to the Agency of
9 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
10 projects described in this subsection:

11 (1) Drinking Water Supply, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:
12 \$XXXXXXXX

13 (2) Dam safety and hydrology projects: \$XXXXXXXX

14 (3) Waterbury Dam Spillway Project: \$XXXXXXXX

15 (4) Contaminants of Emerging Concern Special Fund: \$XXXXXXXX

16 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2022 to the Agency of
17 Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the
18 following projects:

19 (1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small-scale
20 rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of

1 restrooms and bathhouses, and statewide small-scale road rehabilitation

2 projects: \$XXXXXXXX

3 (2) Three-acre stormwater rule compliance: \$XXXXXXXX

4 (3) Gifford Woods and Groton Forest Park, maintenance facilities:

5 \$XXXXXXXX

6 (4) Rustic Cabin Construction Program: \$XXXXXXXX

7 (c) The sum of \$XXXXXXXX is appropriated in FY 2023 to the Agency of
8 Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for general
9 infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance and rehabilitation of
10 infrastructure.

11 (d) The sum of \$85,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2022 to the Green
12 Mountain Club Inc. to conserve 12.9-acres of forested land in the Town of
13 Johnson containing the Long Trail treadway and the future location of an off-
14 road trailhead parking area.

15 (e) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2023 to the Agency of
16 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
17 projects described in this subsection:

18 (1) Drinking Water Supply, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:

19 \$XXXXXXXX

20 (2) Dam safety and hydrology projects: \$XXXXXXXX

21 (3) Waterbury Dam Spillway Project: \$XXXXXXXX

1 **(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2022 to the Agency of**
2 **Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation projects**
3 **described in this subsection:**

4 **(1) Water Pollution Control Fund, Clean Water State/EPA Revolving**
5 **Loan Fund (CWSRF) match:** **\$XXXXXXX**

6 **(2) Municipal Pollution Control Grants, pollution control projects and**
7 **planning advances for feasibility studies:** **\$XXXXXXX**

8 **(c) The sum of \$XXXXXXX is appropriated in FY 2022 to the Agency of**
9 **Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for**
10 **forestry access road water quality improvements.**

11 **(d)(1) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2022 to the Vermont**
12 **Housing and Conservation Board for the following projects:**

13 **(A) Agricultural water quality projects:** **\$XXXXXXX**

14 **(B) Land conservation and water quality projects:** **\$XXXXXXX**

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

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

19 **(B) may be used to satisfy a grant recipient’s cost share requirements.**

1 (a) The sum of \$XXXXXXX is appropriated in FY 2022 to the Department
2 of Military for maintenance and renovations at State armories. To the extent
3 feasible, these funds shall be used to match federal funds.

4 (b) The sum of \$XXXXXXX are appropriated in FY 2023 to the Department
5 of Military for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section.

6 <u>Appropriation – FY 2022</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
7 <u>Appropriation – FY 2023</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
8 <u>Total Appropriation – Section 11</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>

9 Sec. 12. PUBLIC SAFETY

10 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2022 to the Department of
11 Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the
12 following projects:

13 <u>(1) Williston Public Safety Field Station, construction:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>
14 <u>(2) Middlesex Field Station, renovation:</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXX</u>

15 (b) The sum of \$XXXXXXX is appropriated in FY 2023 to the Department
16 of Public Safety for a feasibility study for the Vermont Police Academy in
17 Pittsford.

18 <u>Appropriation – FY 2022</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXXX</u>
19 <u>Appropriation – FY 2023</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXXX</u>
20 <u>Appropriation – Section 12</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXXX</u>

1 Sec. 13. AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS

2 (a) The sum of \$XXXXXX is appropriated in FY 2022 to the Department
3 of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and
4 Markets for major maintenance at the Vermont building of the Eastern States
5 Exposition.

6 (b) The sum of \$XXXXXX is appropriated in FY 2023 to the Department
7 of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and
8 Markets for the project described in subsection (a) of this section.

9 <u>Appropriation – FY 2022</u>	<u>XXXXXXXX</u>
10 <u>Appropriation – FY 2023</u>	<u>XXXXXXXX</u>
11 <u>Total Appropriation – Section 13</u>	<u>XXXXXXXX</u>

12 Sec. 14. VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

13 (a) The sum of \$XXXXXX is appropriated in FY 2022 to the Department
14 of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the dry
15 hydrant program.

16 (b) The sum of \$XXXXXX is appropriated in FY 2023 to the Department
17 of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the
18 project described in subsection (a) of this section.

19 <u>Appropriation – FY 2022</u>	<u>XXXXXXXX</u>
20 <u>Appropriation – FY 2023</u>	<u>XXXXXXXX</u>
21 <u>Total Appropriation – Section 14</u>	<u>XXXXXXXX</u>

1 Sec. 15. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

2 (a) The sum of \$XXXXXX is appropriated in FY 2022 to the Department
3 of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Labor for upgrades of
4 mechanical systems and HVAC, life safety needs, and minor interior
5 renovations at 5 Green Mountain Drive in Montpelier.

6 (b) The sum of \$XXXXXX is appropriated in FY 2023 to the Department
7 of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Labor for the project
8 described in subsection (a) of this section.

9 <u>Appropriation – FY 2022</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXXX</u>
10 <u>Appropriation – FY 2023</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXXX</u>
11 <u>Total Appropriation – Section 15</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXXX</u>

12 Sec. 16. VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION BOARD

13 (a) The sum of \$XXXXXX is appropriated in FY 2022 to the Vermont
14 Housing and Conservation Board for housing and conservation projects.

15 (b) The sum of \$XXXXXX is appropriated in FY 2023 to the Vermont
16 Housing and Conservation Board for the project described in subsection (a) of
17 this section.

18 <u>Appropriation – FY 2022</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXXX</u>
19 <u>Appropriation – FY 2023</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXXX</u>
20 <u>Total Appropriation – Section 16</u>	<u>\$XXXXXXXX</u>

21 Sec. 17. AGENCY OF DIGITAL SERVICES

1 (b) The following sums appropriated to the Department of Labor from prior
2 capital appropriations are reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in this
3 act:

4 (1) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.
5 16a, as 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190, Sec. 12: \$133,399.66

6 (2) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec.
7 16(a): \$262,691.00

8 (3) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec.
9 16(b): \$299,809.00

10 (c) The following sums appropriated to the Department of Public Safety
11 from prior capital appropriations are reallocated to defray expenditures
12 authorized in this act:

13 (1) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.
14 13, as amended by 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190, Sec. 10(c) (school safety
15 and security grant program): \$840,000.00

16 (2) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec.
17 13(b) (school safety and security grant program): \$34,000.00

18 (d) Of the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Service in
19 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 16c, as amended by 2018 Acts and
20 Resolves No. 190, Sec. 14, the sum of \$898,451.00 is reallocated to defray
21 expenditures authorized in this act.

1 **Sec. 21. USE OF FORMER SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL**
2 **FACILITY; WINDSOR; STUDY COMMITTEE; REPORT**

3 **(a) Creation. There is created the Former Southeast State Correctional**
4 **Facility Use Study Committee to review and recommend potential uses for the**
5 **property located at 546 State Farm Road in Windsor.**

6 **(b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following**
7 **members:**

8 **(1) the Chair of the Town of Windsor Selectboard or designee;**

9 **(2) the Executive Director of the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission**
10 **or designee;**

11 **(3) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee;**

12 **(4) the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets or designee;**

13 **(5) the Executive Director of the Vermont Housing and Conservation**
14 **Board or designee;**

15 **(6) the Secretary of Transportation or designee; and**

16 **(7) the Secretary of Natural Resources or designee.**

17 **(c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall review options for the**
18 **potential use of the land located at 546 State Farm Road in Windsor, including**
19 **the following:**

20 **(1) _____;**

21 **(2) _____; and**

1 (3) _____.

2 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,
3 and legal assistance of the Department of Buildings and General Services.

4 (e) Report. On or before December 15, 2021, the Committee shall submit a
5 written report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the
6 Senate Committee on Institutions with its findings and any recommendations
7 for legislative action.

8 (f) Meetings.

9 (1) [Person] shall call the first meeting of the Committee to occur on or
10 before [date].

11 (2) [Person] shall be the chair [OR The Committee shall select a chair
12 from among its members at the first meeting].

13 (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

14 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on [date].

15 Sec. 22. NEW HAVEN DEPOT BUILDING; RELOCATION

16 (a)(1) The General Assembly finds that the building located at 5450 Ethan
17 Allen Highway in the Town of New Haven (the New Haven Depot Building),
18 owned by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division
19 of Historic Preservation pursuant to Executive Order No. 22, dated November
20 26, 1975, must be relocated to meet the safety standards required for the
21 changing operations of rail service.

1 (2) The General Assembly also finds that the land at 5450 Ethan Allen
2 Highway in the Town of New Haven, is owned by the Agency of
3 Transportation pursuant to Executive Order No. 29-8, dated March 22, 1983.

4 (b)(1) the Secretary of the Agency of Transportation, which owns the land
5 on which the depot is located, and the Director of the Division for Historic
6 Preservation, which owns the historic building, are authorized to determine
7 how best to preserve the New Haven Depot Building by relocating it to another
8 parcel.

9 (2) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized
10 to execute a quitclaim deed to transfer any existing or future interest in the
11 New Haven Depot Building. The transfer shall be subject to a preservation
12 easement to be held by the Division for Historic Preservation.

13 (c) If the Secretary of Transportation and the Director for the Division of
14 Historic Preservation deem a relocation of the New Haven Depot Building is
15 not physically or financially practicable, the Commissioner of Buildings and
16 General Services, in coordination with the Secretary of Transportation and the
17 Director for the Division of Historic Preservation, is authorized to
18 decommission the building.

19 Sec. 23. 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 2(c)(12) is amended to read:

20 (12) Montpelier, 133 State Street, renovations of mainframe workspace
21 to Office Space (~~Agency of Digital Services~~): \$700,000.00

1 Sec. 24. 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 3a, as amended by 2019 Acts
2 and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 24, is further amended to read:

3 Sec. 3a. REPEAL

4 2 V.S.A. chapter 30 (Capitol Complex Security Advisory Committee) is
5 repealed on ~~June 30, 2021~~ June 30, 2023.

6 Sec. 25. 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, 2018 Acts and Resolves
9 No. 190, Sec. 18, and 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 25, and 2020 Acts
10 and Resolves No. 139, Sec. 19, is further amended to read:

11 (c) Sec. 97 (general obligation debt financing) shall take effect on ~~July 1,~~
12 ~~2021~~ July 1, 2023.

13 Sec. 26. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. E.126.2 is amended to read:

14 Sec. E.126.2 ~~USE OF SPACE; FINDINGS; PURPOSE~~

15 ~~(a) The General Assembly currently finds that it may be necessary for the~~
16 ~~Legislative Branch to use space in addition to the State House in Montpelier~~
17 ~~during the 2021–22 biennium to meet social distancing requirements and~~
18 ~~mitigate the public health impacts of the COVID–19 pandemic.~~

19 ~~(b) The purpose of Sec. E.126.3 of this act is to provide alternative~~
20 ~~locations during the 2021–22 biennium of the General Assembly for the~~
21 ~~Legislative Branch to use in order to protect the public health, safety, and~~

1 ~~welfare during the COVID-19 pandemic while also maintaining the ability of~~
2 ~~the Legislative Branch to perform its constitutional legislative duties.~~

3 [Repealed.]

4 Sec. 27. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. E.126.3 is amended to read:

5 Sec. E.126.3. ~~GENERAL ASSEMBLY; STATE BUILDINGS; USE OF~~
6 ~~SPACE; AUTHORITY OF SERGEANT AT ARMS; 2021-~~
7 ~~22 LEGISLATIVE BIENNIUM~~

8 ~~(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 29 V.S.A. §165 and any other~~
9 ~~provision of law to the contrary, in order to perform its constitutional duties,~~
10 ~~the Legislative Branch shall have exclusive use of alternative locations during~~
11 ~~the 2021-22 legislative biennium, including the following:~~

12 ~~(1) 133 State Street:~~

13 ~~(A) Basement: stock room and rooms 012, 016, 015, 021, and 022.~~

14 ~~(B) First Floor: rooms 121, 122, and 126.~~

15 ~~(C) Fourth Floor: board room.~~

16 ~~(D) Fifth Floor: entire floor.~~

17 ~~(2) 109 State Street:~~

18 ~~(A) Basement: rooms B07 and B015 and surrounding space;~~

19 ~~(B) Second floor: rooms 264, 267, 268, and 270.~~

20 ~~(C) Fourth floor: conference room.~~

21 ~~(3) 111 State Street: library stacks room on the second floor.~~

1 Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to substitute the
2 federal funds for capital funds. The Commissioner shall notify the Chairs of
3 the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
4 Committee on Institutions of any substitution of funds in accordance with this
5 subsection. Any State capital funds offset pursuant to this section shall be used
6 for future capital construction projects in the FY 2022 capital budget
7 adjustment process.

8 (c) Report. On or before December 15, 2021, the Commissioner shall
9 review and recommend water and sewer infrastructure programs funded in FY
10 2023 of this act and submit a list of any recommended substitutions and
11 additional amounts of federal funds that may be used for FY 2023 to the Chairs
12 of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
13 Committee on Institutions and to the Governor for the FY 2022–2023 capital
14 budget adjustment report.

15 (d) Reservation of funds. In accordance with this section, the
16 Commissioner of Finance and Management may reserve not more than
17 \$30,000,000.00 for substitution of federal funds provided to the State by the
18 [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Citation] in State and Local Coronavirus
19 Fiscal Recovery Funds pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and is
20 authorized to substitute not more than \$15,000,000.00 in FY 2022. Of the

1 \$30,000,000.00, any remaining unexpended amounts not substituted in FY
2 2022 may be used in FY 2023.

3 Sec. 29. FEDERAL FUNDS; CAPITAL PROJECTS

4 (a) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly, to the extent permitted
5 by federal law and guidance, to use federal funds provided to the State by the
6 [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Citation] in the Coronavirus Capital
7 Projects Fund for capital projects for the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial
8 Branches.

9 (b) Priorities. In FY 2022, the federal funds provided to the State by the
10 [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Citation] in the Coronavirus Capital
11 Projects Fund for capital projects shall be prioritized as follows:

12 (1) The amount of \$X shall be used for [category].

13 (2) The amount of \$X shall be used for [category].

14 (3) The amount of \$X shall be used for [category].

15 (c) Recommendation. On or before [date], [X, Y, and Z groups] shall
16 submit recommendations to the House Committee on Corrections and
17 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the use of federal
18 funds from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund based on the priority list set
19 forth in subsection (b) of this section for allocation in the FY 2022–2023
20 Capital Budget Adjustment Act.

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* * * Human Services * * *

Sec. 30. SPENDING ON MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM OF CARE;

LEGISLATIVE INTENT

It is the intent of the General Assembly that any proposal offered by the Department of Mental Health to expand a State-owned or -operated facility or capacity at a State-owned or -operated facility in Vermont’s mental health system should always include or identify resources to support Vermont’s community mental health system.

Sec. 31. RESIDENTIAL BEDS FOR INDIVIDUALS DISCHARGED FROM

INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC CARE

(a) On or before July 1, 2021, the Department of Mental Health shall issue a request for proposals from designated and specialized service agencies and peer-run agencies for developing and implementing programming for unlocked community residences for transitional support for individuals being discharged from inpatient psychiatric care or for intervention to prevent inpatient care. Proposals shall be provided to the Department of Mental Health not later than December 1, 2021 and shall include provisions that address the need to develop and implement community residential programming for youths.

(b) The Department of Mental Health shall convene a steering group of interested stakeholders, including individuals with lived experience, to consider and provide input to the Department’s prioritization process in

1 determining the area of highest need across the mental health system of care
2 with regard to additional bed proposals described in subsection (b) of this
3 section.

4 (c) On or before December 15, 2021, the Department of Mental Health
5 shall submit a report to the House Committees on Health Care and on
6 Corrections and Institutions and to the Senate Committees on Health and
7 Welfare and on Institutions containing the following:

8 (1) a review of all responses received pursuant to the request for
9 proposals issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section;

10 (2) a bed needs assessment for all levels of care in the mental health
11 system, including an update to the statewide bed needs assessment conducted
12 pursuant to 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec. 2 with regard to inpatient
13 beds and community residences;

14 (3) a summary of the input provided by the stakeholder steering group
15 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section; and

16 (4) an analysis of opportunities under the American Rescue Plan Act of
17 2021, Pub. L. 117-2, for capital or operational bridge funding for additional
18 unlocked community residential capacity described in subsection (b) of this
19 section or additional similar community capacities.

20 Sec. 32. REPEAL

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(d) Technical assistance from Regional Planning Commission. Any municipality may contract with the Regional Planning Commission established under section 4341 of this title to assist in administration and management of the planning advance and coordination of engineering services and to evaluate land use implications. Costs associated with these services from the Regional Planning Commission shall be eligible for reimbursement under an engineering planning advance described in subsection (a) of this section.

* * * Effective Date * * *

Sec. 35. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect upon passage.