

1 Introduced by Committee on Appropriations

2 Date:

3 Subject: Appropriations; Big Bill; fiscal year 2022 budget

4 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make
5 appropriations in support of government for the fiscal year 2022.

6 An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

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

8 * * * Short Title * * *

9 Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

10 (a) This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2022

11 Appropriations Act.

12 Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

13 (a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of

14 State government during fiscal year 2022. It is the express intent of the

15 General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments,

16 divisions, boards, and commissions be limited to those that can be supported

17 by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2021.

18 Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service

19 levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2022 so as to meet this condition unless

1 otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the General
2 Assembly.

3 Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

4 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serves as the
5 primary source and reference for appropriations for fiscal year 2022.

6 (b) The sums herein stated are appropriated for the purposes specified in
7 the following sections of this act. When no time is expressly stated during
8 which any of the appropriations are to continue, the appropriations are single
9 year appropriations and only for the purpose indicated and shall be paid from
10 funds shown as the source of funds. If in this act there is an error in either
11 addition or subtraction, the totals shall be adjusted accordingly. Apparent
12 errors in referring to section numbers of statutory titles within this act may be
13 disregarded by the Commissioner of Finance and Management.

14 (c) Unless codified or otherwise specified, all narrative portions of this act
15 apply only to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2022.

16 Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

17 (a) As used in this act:

18 (1) “Encumbrances” means a portion of an appropriation reserved for
19 the subsequent payment of existing purchase orders or contracts. The
20 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the
21 appropriateness of encumbrances.

1 (2) “Grants” means subsidies, aid, or payments to local governments, to
2 community and quasi-public agencies for providing local services, and to
3 persons who are not wards of the State for services or supplies and means cash
4 or other direct assistance, including pension contributions.

5 (3) “Operating expenses” means property management; repair and
6 maintenance; rental expenses; insurance; postage; travel; energy and utilities;
7 office and other supplies; equipment, including motor vehicles, highway
8 materials, and construction; expenditures for the purchase of land and
9 construction of new buildings and permanent improvements; and similar items.

10 (4) “Personal services” means wages and salaries, fringe benefits, per
11 diems, and contracted third-party services, and similar items.

12 Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

13 (a) Except as specifically provided, this act shall not be construed in any
14 way to negate or impair the full force and effect of existing laws.

15 Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

16 (a) In the absence of specific provisions to the contrary in this act, when
17 total appropriations are offset by estimated receipts, the State appropriations
18 shall control, notwithstanding receipts being greater or less than anticipated.

19 Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

20 (a) In fiscal year 2022, the Governor, with the approval of the General
21 Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the General Assembly is not in

1 session, may accept federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including
2 block grants in lieu of or in addition to funds herein designated as federal. The
3 Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal
4 Committee if the General Assembly is not in session, may allocate all or any
5 portion of such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for
6 which the basic appropriations in this act have been made.

7 (b) If, during fiscal year 2022, federal funds available to the State of
8 Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2021 session of
9 the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are
10 abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new
11 title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for
12 any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were
13 appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for not
14 more than 45 days prior to Legislative or Joint Fiscal Committee approval.
15 Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if the
16 Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint
17 Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's
18 request for approval.

19 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

20 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total number of
21 authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary

1 positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(11), shall not be increased during fiscal
2 year 2022 except for new positions authorized by the 2021 session. Limited
3 service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to
4 this restriction.

5 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

6 (a) The bill is organized by functions of government. The sections between
7 B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriations of funds for the upcoming budget
8 year. The sections between E.100 and E.9999 contain language that relates to
9 specific appropriations or government functions, or both. The function areas
10 by section numbers are as follows:

11	<u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
12	<u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons and Property</u>
13	<u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
14	<u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
15	<u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
16	<u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
17	<u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
18	<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community Development</u>
19	<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
20	<u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
21	<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other appropriation</u>

1 actions

2 (b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year and
3 the D sections contain fund transfers and reserve allocations for the upcoming
4 budget year.

5 **NUMBERS SECTION GOES HERE**

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7 Sec. B.1100 VERMONT’S FUTURE – RESERVATION AND

8 ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT –

9 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

10 (a) To respond to the health emergency and make investments in a
11 Vermont COVID-19 recovery plan to support Vermonters’ lifelong well-being,
12 vibrant local communities, the Vermont economy, and the infrastructure of the
13 State, the following reservations and allocations are made from the American
14 Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. These
15 allocations shall guide appropriation of these funds in the 2021 legislative
16 session and in subsequent sessions.

17 (1) \$250,000,000 for investments in the health and well-being of
18 families and small businesses to create an equitable, resilient Vermont;

19 (2) \$150,000,000 for increasing broadband access statewide;

20 (3) \$100,000,000 for the Clean Water Fund for eligible expenditures on
21 necessary investments in water and sewer infrastructure;

1 (4) \$100,000,000 for State information technology systems to purchase
2 and upgrade technology platforms, systems, and cybersecurity services used by
3 agencies and departments to carry out their statutory functions to increase
4 Vermonters’ online access and to improve functions and operations of
5 Vermont’s government;

6 (5) \$50,000,000 to address COVID-19’s negative economic impacts
7 through workforce training and development; and

8 (6) the remainder of funds, outside of these allocations and not
9 appropriated in the 2021 legislation session, shall be reserved for appropriation
10 and allocation on eligible expenditures in the 2022 legislative session.

11 Sec. B.1101 APPROPRIATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

12 FUNDS FOR TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION

13 (a) In fiscal year 2022, and to be carried forward as needed, \$61,913,000 is
14 appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Coronavirus State
15 Fiscal Recovery Fund for State technology modernization as follows. These
16 appropriations are within the reservation and allocation target established
17 in Sec. B.1100 of this act for technology modernization:

18 (1) \$24,500,000 to the Department of Motor Vehicles to complete the
19 first phase of the DMV IT system replacement of the 40-year-old mainframe
20 applications;

1 (2) \$1,075,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
2 second phase of the permit navigator - citizen facing permit portal;

3 (3) \$500,000 to Natural Resource Board for phase 2 of the Act 250
4 online application and database project - moving Act 250 services online;

5 (4) \$12,750,000 to Agency of Administration for a Human Capital
6 Management ERP upgrade - replacement of our HR system that tracks
7 employee information, timesheets, and contracts; includes VANTAGE budget
8 system upgrade and interface with the new HR system;

9 (5) \$4,500,000 to the Department for Children and Families for Bright
10 Futures Information System replacement;

11 (6) \$1,500,000 to Agency of Digital Services cybersecurity – core
12 infrastructure replacement and router replacements for public safety
13 connections to the municipalities;

14 (7) \$1,000,000 to Agency of Commerce and Community Development
15 (ACCD) for Salesforce grant management system – transitions ACCD from an
16 unwieldy grants program to a centralized grants system;

17 (8) \$9,500,000 to Agency of Human Services IE project - Integrated
18 Eligibility replaces Access;

19 (9) \$1,700,000 to States' Attorneys and Sheriffs (SAS) for case
20 management system - needed upgrade to SAS case management software;

1 (10) \$138,000 to the Defender General to complete case management
2 system upgrade;

3 (11) \$250,000 to the Secretary of State for completion of the Vermont
4 Business Portal to provide digital access for Vermont-based businesses to at
5 least four State agencies;

6 (12) \$3,500,000 to VDOL for phase one of the UI modernization –
7 begins replacement of mainframe applications for unemployment insurance;
8 and

9 (13) \$1,000,000 to VDOL Joblink replacement - coordinates activities
10 between ACCD and VDOL to better serve Vermonters.

11 (b) Funds allocated in subdivisions (a)(12) and (13) of this section shall be
12 released only after approval of the Joint Information Technology Oversight
13 Committee (JITOC). The JITOC is requested to review the breadth of scope,
14 appropriateness of the proposed technology, experience record of the proposed
15 vendor, reliability of the cost estimate, availability of dedicated department
16 personnel for implementation and operation, and the proposed schedule and
17 scope of future phases, where appropriate. The JITOC’s evaluation shall
18 consider information provided by the Agency of Digital Services and an
19 outside technical resource.

20 Sec. B.1102 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARPA) –
21 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

1 APPROPRIATIONS

2 (a) In fiscal year 2022, the following appropriations are made from the
3 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund:

4 (1) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets: \$2,000,000 for
5 the Working Lands Program. These funds, in combination with funds from the
6 same source appropriated in fiscal year 2021, provide a total of \$5,000,000 of
7 ARPA funding for grant beginning in the spring of 2021.

8 (2) To the Vermont Symphony Orchestra: \$25,000 to offset revenues
9 lost during the pandemic.

10 (3) To the Council on the Arts: \$1,150,000 for technical assistance for
11 cultural and arts organizations to enhance digital presence.

12 (4) To Agency of Commerce and Community Development: \$850,000
13 for grants of \$75,000 to each of the regional planning commissions for
14 increased demand from communities during the pandemic.

15 (5) To aid households, small businesses, and nonprofits negatively
16 impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to the \$10,000,000 General
17 Fund appropriation in Sec. D.101(a)(2) of this act to the Municipal Energy
18 Revolving Fund, \$20,000,000 for weatherization and global warming
19 mitigation activities as follows:

20 (A) To the Department for Children and Families, Office of
21 Economic Opportunity, Home Weatherization Assistance Program:

1 \$4,000,000 to be used in fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023. Up to \$150,000
2 of these funds may be used for vermiculite remediation and home repair as part
3 of home weatherization.

4 (B) To the Agency of Administration: \$9,000,000 to grant to the
5 Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) for its Vermont Weatherization
6 Agency for Rapid Mobilization and Savings (VtWARMS) in financial support
7 of housing weatherization statewide. VHFA shall issue progress reports to
8 Agency of Administration, House Committees on Energy and Technology and
9 on Appropriations and Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Energy
10 and on Appropriations on January 15, 2022, July 15, 2022, and January 15,
11 2023.

12 (C) To the Department of Public Service: \$5,000,000 grant to
13 Efficiency Vermont for the purpose of weatherization incentives. This grant
14 shall be deposited in the Electric Efficiency Fund established under 30 V.S.A.
15 § 209(d)(3) and be available for use by Efficiency Vermont through December
16 31, 2023.

17 (D) To the Department of Public Service: \$2,000,000 to grant to
18 Efficiency Vermont for the purpose of workforce development initiatives and
19 to support the expansion of Neighborworks of Western Vermont’s Heat Squad
20 program. This grant shall be deposited in the Electric Efficiency Fund

1 established under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3) and be available for use by Efficiency
2 Vermont through December 31, 2023.

3 (6) To the Agency of Administration Office of Racial Equity: \$180,000
4 for activities related to health disparities and health equity.

5 (7) To the Department of Human Resources: \$200,000 for racial equity
6 training support.

7 (8) To the State’s Attorney’s Office: \$462,474 for information
8 technology and other caseload demands resulting from Judicial system changes
9 made in response to the pandemic. This may include temporary staff.

10 (9) To the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation: \$8,100,000 for the
11 following:

12 (A) \$1,500,000 for advancement grants to be evenly distributed over
13 the three-year period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024;

14 (B) \$900,000 for aspiration grants to be evenly distributed over the
15 three-year period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024; and

16 (C) \$5,700,000 for 802 Opportunity Grants to be evenly distributed
17 over the three-year period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

18 (10) To the Vermont State College System: \$61,500,000 for the
19 following:

20 (A) \$20,000,000 for systemwide deficit caused by the pandemic;

1 (B) \$20,000,000 for post pandemic system transformation of which
2 \$8,000,000 is distributed in fiscal year 2022, and the remaining balance
3 distributed in subsequent fiscal years;

4 (C) \$20,500,000 for statewide workforce training that are critical to
5 post pandemic State economic recovery; and

6 (D) \$1,000,000 for increased operating costs due to the COVID-19
7 pandemic.

8 (11) To the University of Vermont: \$2,200,000 to offset the impact
9 from level room and board fees;

10 (12) To the Department for Children and Families, Office of Economic
11 Opportunity: \$2,000,000 to be granted to the Community Action Agencies for
12 the Statewide Community Action Network’s Economic Micro Business
13 Recovery Assistance for the COVID-19 Epidemic (EMBRACE) to assist
14 impacted Vermont microbusiness owners.

15 (13) To the Department for Children and Families: \$126,000 to
16 maintain the 211-call center during fiscal year 2022.

17 (14) To the Department of Health: \$120,000 for grants of \$40,000 to be
18 made to each of the three AIDs service organizations to replace grant revenue
19 diverted during the pandemic.

1 (15) To the Department of Health: \$300,000 to make grants of \$25,000
2 to cover the financial impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic at each of
3 the recovery centers statewide.

4 (16) To the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living:
5 \$5,000,000 for grants to adult day service providers to maintain this program
6 infrastructure. This appropriation may be adjusted to the extent that the
7 Department, in coordination with the Agency of Human Services, determines
8 that funding from the Global Commitment can be substituted as a result of the
9 increased federal match of 10 percent in American Rescue Plan Act for home
10 and community-based services. The Department and the Agency of Human
11 Services shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at the July or September
12 meetings on the status of any such substitution.

13 (17) To the Department of Mental Health: \$1,200,000 to provide
14 mobile crisis intervention funding in Rutland for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.
15 This appropriation may be adjusted to the extent that the Department, in
16 coordination with the Agency of Human Services, determines that funding
17 from the Global Commitment can be substituted as a result of the increased
18 federal match to 85 percent in the American Rescue Plan Act for mobile crisis
19 intervention programs. The Department and the Agency of Human Services
20 shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at the July or September meetings on

1 the status of any such substitution and any required State match required in the
2 budget adjustment process.

3 Sec. B.1103 FISCAL YEAR 2022 ONE-TIME DOWNTOWN

4 TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED CAPITAL

5 IMPROVEMENT FUND (21575) APPROPRIATIONS

6 (a) In fiscal year 2022, funds are appropriated from the downtown
7 transportation and capital improvement fund (21575) established by
8 24 V.S.A. § 2796 as follows:

9 (1) To the Department of Housing and Community Development:
10 a one-time allocation of \$5,000,000 to the Downtown Transportation
11 Fund to design, engineer, and construct eligible projects.

12 (2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, and for the
13 purposes of implementing this one-time funding, the Department of
14 Housing and Community Development is authorized to extend eligibility
15 for the funding allocated in this section to municipalities as follows:

16 (A) Village centers designated by the Downtown Development
17 Board pursuant to 24 V.S.A. chapter 76a, subchapter 2793a that have
18 participated in the Better Connections Program administered by the
19 Vermont Agency of Transportation and the Department of Housing and
20 Community Development;

1 (B) Village centers designated by the Downtown Development
2 Board pursuant to 24 V.S.A. chapter 76a, subchapter 2793a within
3 Chittenden County that have completed a comprehensive
4 urban/community area planning process with public input, analogous to
5 the Better Connections Program, in accordance with the program
6 guidelines to be established by the Department.

7 (3) Municipalities in this section may include engineering and
8 design costs in their budget proposals.

9 (4) This provision shall remain in effect until such time as the
10 funds are fully expended.

11 Sec. B.1104 FISCAL YEAR 2022 ONE-TIME TRANSPORTATION

12 FUND APPROPRIATIONS

13 (a) In fiscal year 2022, funds are appropriated from the Transportation
14 Fund as follows:

15 (1) To the Agency of Transportation:

16 (A) \$6,775,000 for vehicle incentive programs and electric vehicle
17 supply equipment grants; and

18 (B) \$3,000,000 to be distributed to municipalities through town
19 highway aid in the same apportionments and for the same purposes prescribed
20 under 19 V.S.A. § 306(a)(3), which shall not be included in any subsequent

1 calculations for the annual appropriation for aid to town highways pursuant to
2 19 V.S.A. § 306(a).

3 Sec. B.1105 FISCAL YEAR 2022 ONE-TIME SPECIAL FUND

4 APPROPRIATIONS

5 (a) The following appropriations are made from the funds specified:

6 (1) \$10,000,000 from the Environmental Contingency Fund (21275) to
7 the Department of Environmental Conservation, of which \$5,000,000 is for
8 PCB testing in schools and \$5,000,000 is to clean up environmental
9 emergencies. Of this appropriation, the amount of \$500,000 shall be
10 transferred to the Vermont Department of Health to support PCB testing in
11 schools.

12 (2) \$11,000,000 from the Brownfields Revitalization Fund (21985) to
13 ACCD to clean up and prepare contaminated sites for reuse.

14 Sec. B.1106 FISCAL YEAR 2022 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

15 APPROPRIATIONS

16 (a) In fiscal year 2022, funds are appropriated from the General Fund for
17 new and ongoing initiatives as follows:

18 (1) \$38,430,000 to the Agency of Administration for the following:

19 (A) \$11,580,000 for distribution to departments to fund the fiscal
20 year 2022 53rd week of Medicaid.

1 (3) To the Agency of Human Services, Global Commitment
2 Program: \$2,000,000 for the state match for the 2020 Acts and Resolves
3 No. 155 Registered Nurse and Primary Care Physician Scholarship Program,
4 as amended in Sec. E. 311.3 of this act. Of these general funds \$1,000,000 is
5 for expenditure in fiscal year 2022, and \$1,000,000 is for expenditure in fiscal
6 year 2023.

7 (4) To the Department of Corrections: \$1,000,000 for the purchase of
8 body cameras.

9 (5) To the Commission on Women: \$8,500 for information technology
10 support.

11 (6) To the Department of Housing and Community Development:
12 \$3,000,000 for the Vermont Housing Investment Program.

13 (7) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development:
14 \$25,000 for the administration of Vermont 250th anniversary celebration.

15 (8) To the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board: \$40,000,000 to
16 be used primarily for affordable housing initiatives. Up to \$10,000,000 of this
17 amount may be used for conservation projects and Farm and Forest Viability
18 Program activities that support the rural economy. Not less than \$100,000
19 shall be used expand the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI).

20 Sec. C.101 PENSION AND OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

21 OBLIGATIONS; LONG-TERM PLAN

1 (a) In fiscal year 2021, the amount of \$150,000,000 in General Fund
2 monies is hereby reserved to be part of pension funding initiatives and
3 prefunding of other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

4 (b) On or before May 30, 2021, the General Assembly and the
5 Administration, in collaboration with the Treasurer and interested parties, shall
6 develop a long-term plan to address pension and OPEB liabilities. The funds
7 reserved in subsection (a) of this section are available for an appropriation as
8 part of this long-term funding initiative.

9 Sec. C.102 FISCAL YEAR 2021: GLOBAL COMMITMENT PROGRAM

10 GENERAL FUND REVERSION

11 (a) In fiscal year 2021, the amount of \$42,516,329 shall be reverted to the
12 General Fund from the General Funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of 2020 Acts
13 and Resolves No. 154 (fiscal year 2021 budget), as amended by 2021 Acts and
14 Resolves No. 3 (fiscal year 2021 Budget Adjustment Act).

15 (b) The Secretary of Human Services shall report to the Joint Fiscal
16 Committee in July or September 2021 on the status and impact of the reversion
17 required by subsection (a) of this section and any carryforward balance of
18 unobligated General Fund appropriations from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year
19 2022. To the extent possible, this report shall also provide updates related to
20 the reversion specified in Sec D.104 of this act for fiscal year 2022 and any

1 carryforward related to home and community-based services as specified in
2 Sec. E.301.3 of this act.

3 Sec. C.103 REVERSION FROM THE NATIONAL GUARD TUITION
4 BENEFIT PROGRAM

5 (a) In fiscal year 2021 the amount of \$400,000 shall revert to the General
6 fund from the Military Administration appropriation for the National Guard
7 Tuition Benefit program.

8 Sec. C.104 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. E.215 is amended to read:

9 Sec. E.215 Military – Administration

10 (a) The amount of \$553,906 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student
11 Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational Assistance
12 program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856 and the National Guard Tuition
13 Benefit Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2857.

14 (b) Subsection (a) of this section supersedes the disbursement referenced in
15 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 120, Sec. A.23.

16 Sec. C.105 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.505 is amended to read:

17 Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment

	<u>FY 2021</u>		
	<u>As Passed</u>	<u>Change</u>	
18			
19			
20	Grants	1,489,500,000	1,480,800,000
21	Total	1,489,500,000	1,480,800,000

1	Source of funds		
2	Education fund	1,489,500,000	<u>1,480,800,000</u>
3	Total	1,489,500,000	<u>1,480,800,000</u>

4 Sec. C.106 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; FUNDS TRANSFERRED
5 TO E-911 FUND

6 (a) In fiscal year 2021, \$1,800,000 is transferred from the American Rescue
7 Plan Act of 2021 - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the E-911
8 special fund to cover revenues not realized in the fund.

9 * * * Fiscal Year 2022 Fund Transfers and Reserve Allocations * * *

10 Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

11 (a) This act contains the following amounts appropriated from special
12 funds that receive revenue from the property transfer tax. Expenditures from
13 these appropriations shall not exceed available revenues.

14 (1) The sum of \$518,000 is appropriated from the Current Use
15 Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of
16 the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),
17 amounts above \$518,000 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into
18 the Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the
19 General Fund.

20 (2) The sum of \$10,804,840 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing
21 and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation

1 Board. Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts above \$10,804,840 from
2 the property transfer tax and surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a that
3 are deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall be
4 transferred into the General Fund.

5 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property
6 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the
7 affordable housing bond (10 V.S.A. § 314) is to be offset by the reduction of
8 \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation
9 Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a.
10 The fiscal year 2022 appropriation of \$10,804,840 to VHCB reflects the
11 \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing bond and related property
12 transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on
13 July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the
14 appropriation to VHCB is intended to be restored.

15 (3) The sum of \$3,760,599 is appropriated from the Municipal and
16 Regional Planning Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts
17 above \$3,760,599 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the
18 Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General
19 Fund. The \$3,760,599 shall be allocated as follows:

20 (A) \$2,924,417 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in
21 a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

1 (B) \$457,482 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner
2 consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

3 (C) \$378,700 to the Agency of Digital Services for the Vermont
4 Center for Geographic Information.

5 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, AND RESERVES

6 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are
7 transferred from the funds indicated:

8 (1) From the General Fund to the Environmental Contingency Fund
9 established by 10 V.S.A. § 1283: \$10,000,000.

10 (2) From the General Fund to the Municipal Energy Revolving Fund
11 established in Sec. E.112.1 of this act: \$10,000,000.

12 (3) From the Clean Water Fund (21932) established by 10 V.S.A.
13 § 1388 to the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund (21933) created under
14 6 V.S.A. § 4803: \$4,521,393

15 (4) From the Clean Water Fund established by 10 V.S.A. § 1388 to the
16 Lake in Crisis Response Program Special Fund (21938) created under
17 10 V.S.A. § 1315: \$50,000.

18 (5) From the Transportation Fund to the Downtown Transportation and
19 Related Capital Improvement Fund (21575) established by 24 V.S.A. § 2796 to
20 be used by the Vermont Downtown Development Board for the purposes of
21 the Fund: \$4,023,966.

1 (6) From the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established by
2 19 V.S.A. § 11f to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund
3 established by 32 V.S.A. § 951a for funding fiscal year 2022 transportation
4 infrastructure bonds debt service: \$2,502,363.

5 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
6 2022:

7 (1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from
8 the funds indicated:

9	<u>22005</u>	<u>AHS Central Office earned federal receipts</u>	<u>\$ 4,641,961.14</u>
10	<u>50300</u>	<u>Liquor Control Fund</u>	<u>\$22,750,000.00</u>
11		<u>Caledonia Fair</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
12		<u>North Country Hospital Loan</u>	<u>\$ 24,047.00</u>

13 (2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of
14 unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred from the following funds to
15 the General Fund. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report
16 to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred
17 from each fund and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency,
18 office, or department reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory
19 requirements.

20	<u>21638</u>	<u>AG-Fees & reimbursement – Court order</u>	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>
21	<u>21928</u>	<u>Secretary of State Services Funds</u>	<u>\$2,867,898.00</u>

1 (3) Three-year limited service classified positions are authorized in
2 fiscal year 2022:

3 (A) Department of Environmental Conservation – one Environmental
4 Analyst.

5 (B) Department of Environmental Conservation - one Grant
6 Management Specialist.

7 (4) The conversion of one limited service position to classified
8 permanent status is authorized in fiscal year 2022 as follows:

9 (A) The Secretary of State – one (1) Administrative Services
10 Director.

11 (5) 5-year limited service classified positions are authorized in fiscal
12 year 2022:

13 (A) Department of Environmental Conservation – one environmental
14 analyst.

15 (B) Department of Health – one senior Environmental Health Risk
16 Assessor.

17 Sec. E.100.1 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E100(d); as amended by
18 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 74; 2106 Acts and Resolves No. 172,
19 Sec. E.100.2; 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. E.100.1; 2018 (Sp. Sess.)
20 Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. E.100.1; 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 120; and
21 by 2020 Act and Resolves No. 154, Sec. A.7; is further amended to read:

1 (d) Position Pilot Program. A Position Pilot is hereby created to assist
2 participating departments in more effectively managing costs of overtime,
3 compensatory time, temporary employees, and contractual work by removing
4 the position cap with the goal of maximizing resources to the greatest benefit
5 of Vermont taxpayers.

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7 (7) This Pilot shall sunset on ~~July 1, 2024~~ July 1, 2023, unless extended
8 or modified by the General Assembly.

9 Sec. E.100.2 10 V.S.A. § 1388 is amended to read:

10 § 1388. CLEAN WATER FUND

11 (a) There is created a special fund to be known as the Clean Water Fund to
12 be administered by the Secretary of Administration. The Fund shall consist of:

13 (1) revenues from the Property Transfer Tax surcharge established under
14 32 V.S.A. § 9602a;

15 (2) other gifts, donations, and impact fees received from any source,
16 public or private, dedicated for deposit into the Fund and approved by the
17 Secretary of Administration;

18 (3) the unclaimed beverage container deposits (escheats) remitted to the
19 State under chapter 53 of this title; and

20 ~~(4) six percent of the revenues from the meals and rooms taxes imposed~~
21 ~~under 32 V.S.A. chapter 225; and~~

1 (1) revenues from the Property Transfer Tax surcharge established under
2 32 V.S.A. § 9602a;

3 (2) other gifts, donations, and impact fees received from any source,
4 public or private, dedicated for deposit into the Fund and approved by the
5 Secretary of Administration;

6 (3) the unclaimed beverage container deposits (escheats) remitted to the
7 State under chapter 53 of this title; ~~and~~

8 (4) six percent of the revenues from the meals and rooms taxes imposed
9 under 32 V.S.A. chapter 225; and

10 ~~(4)~~(5) other revenues dedicated for deposit into the Fund by the General
11 Assembly.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of 32 V.S.A. chapter 7,
13 subchapter 5, unexpended balances and any earnings shall remain in the Fund
14 from year to year.

15 Sec. 100.5 32 V.S.A. § 435 is amended to read:

16 § 435. GENERAL FUND

17 (a) There is established the General Fund that shall be the basic operating
18 fund of the State. The General Fund shall be used to finance all expenditures
19 for which no special revenues have otherwise been provided by law.

20 (b) The General Fund shall be composed of revenues from the following
21 sources:

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(7) ~~75~~ 69 percent of the meals and rooms taxes levied pursuant to chapter 225 of this title;

Sec. E. 100.6 DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AND LIQUOR
AND LOTTERY BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND
DEPLOYMENT

The Departments of Fish and Wildlife and of Liquor Control shall only deploy the use of body cameras after appropriate training of staff and the adoptions of policies on use and retention of records. The departments shall identify the ongoing cost and funding source for training, data storage and redaction and report these findings to the Joint Fiscal and the Joint Justice Oversight Committees on or before September 15, 2021. There shall be no requirement for these departments to purchase or maintain body cameras without full funding being provided. The Secretary of Administration shall provide a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations on or before February 15, 2022 on the status of use of body cameras in these departments.

Sec. E.103 12 V.S.A. 5601(f) is amended to read:

(f) The limitations in subsection (e) of this section do not apply to claims against the State of Vermont to the extent that there exists coverage under a

1 policy of liability insurance purchased by the ~~Commissioner of Buildings and~~
2 ~~General Services~~ Secretary of Administration.

3 Sec. E.103.1 12 V.S.A. 5603(a) is amended to read:

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5 (a) The Attorney General may consider, adjust, determine, and settle any
6 claim for damages against the State of Vermont resulting from the acts or
7 omissions of an employee as provided under 3 V.S.A. § 159. If the State elects
8 to self-insure the liability as defined in 12 V.S.A. § 5601, the Attorney General
9 shall consult with the ~~Commissioner of Buildings and General Services~~
10 Secretary of Administration prior to exercising his or her authority under this
11 subsection.

12 (c) The duties described at 29 V.S.A. 152(a)(5) as the Department of
13 Buildings and General Services shall become the duties of the Secretary of
14 Administration.

15 Sec. 103.2 29 V.S.A. § 152(a)(5) is repealed.

16 Sec. 103.3 3 V.S.A. § 2222 is amended to read:

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18 (a)(11) Inspect, appraise, and maintain a current appraisal schedule of all
19 State-owned buildings, appendages, and appurtenances thereto based upon
20 replacement value in the first instance and upon depreciated value in the
21 second instance. Appraisals shall be furnished upon request to the

1 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, departments and agencies
2 concerned, and appropriate committees of the General Assembly.

3 Sec. E.105 3 V.S.A. § 3303 is amended to read:

4 § 3303 REPORTING, RECORDS, AND REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

5 * * *

6 (c) Strategic plan. Biennially, on or before January 15, the Secretary shall
7 prepare and submit a strategic plan for information technology and
8 cybersecurity. The Secretary shall prepare and submit a strategic plan for
9 information technology and cybersecurity, concurrent with the Governor's
10 annual budget request required under 32 V.S.A. § 306. The strategic plan shall
11 include:

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13 Sec. E.111 Tax – administration/collection

14 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.111 of this act, \$15,000 is from the
15 Current Use Administration Special Fund established by 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c)
16 and shall be appropriated for programming changes to the CAPTAP software
17 used by municipalities for establishing property values and administering their
18 grand lists.

19 Sec. E.112 MUNICIPAL ENERGY LOAN PILOT PROGRAM

20 (a) Authority. Beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2025, the
21 Department of Buildings and General Service is authorized to provide

1 financing to municipalities through the Municipal Energy Loan Pilot Program
2 for equipment replacement, studies, weatherization, construction of
3 improvements affecting the use of energy resources, the implementation of
4 energy efficiency and conservation measures, and the use of renewable
5 resources.

6 (b) Loan eligibility and criteria. The Commissioner shall establish for the
7 program described in subsection (a) of this section:

8 (1) criteria to determine eligibility for funding, including repayment
9 terms;

10 (2) a priority basis for the selection process that ensures equitable
11 allocation of funds to municipalities, considering at least financial need,
12 geographic distribution, and ability to repay; and

13 (3) loan conditions that ensure accountability by a municipality
14 receiving funds.

15 (c) Report. On or before January 15, 2023, the Commissioner of Buildings
16 and General Services shall submit a report to the House Committee on
17 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions with a
18 status update on the pilot program, including a list of municipalities and
19 projects that have received a loan, and the energy and cost-savings anticipated
20 to be generated for each project. The report shall also include any
21 recommendations for legislative action to continue or change the program.

1 The report shall be consolidated into the annual report for the Municipal
2 Energy Revolving Fund as required by 29 V.S.A. § 168a(g).

3 (d) Definitions. As used in this section:

4 (1) “Energy efficiency improvement” means a set of measures aimed at
5 reducing the energy used by specific end-use devices and systems to provide
6 light, heat, cooling, or other services without affecting the level of service
7 provided. An energy efficiency project may also include energy conservation
8 measures, that is, a reduction in energy consumption that corresponds with a
9 reduction in service demand.

10 (2) “Municipality” has the same meaning as under 1 V.S.A. § 126.

11 (3) “Renewables” has the same meaning as under 30 V.S.A. § 8002.

12 (4) “Resource conservation measures” means a set of measures,
13 including a study, product, process, or technology, aimed at reducing overall
14 use or consumption of energy resources. “Resource conservation measures”
15 includes energy efficiency improvements.

16 Sec. 112.1 29 V.S.A. § 168a is added to read:

17 § 168a. MUNICIPAL ENERGY REVOLVING FUND

18 (a) Creation. There is established the Municipal Energy Revolving Fund to
19 provide financing to a municipality for energy management measures,
20 including equipment replacement, studies, weatherization, construction of
21 improvements affecting the use of energy resources, the implementation of

1 energy efficiency and conservation measures, and the use of renewable
2 resources. Monies from the Fund shall be loaned for measures anticipated to
3 generate a cost-savings to a municipality, as determined by the Commissioner.

4 (b) Monies in the Fund. The Fund shall consist of:

5 (1) monies appropriated to the Fund or that are paid to it under
6 authorization of the Emergency Board;

7 (2) loan repayment by municipalities derived from savings by the
8 implementation of energy efficiency improvements and the use of renewable
9 resources; and

10 (3) fees for administrative costs paid by municipalities, which may be
11 fixed by the Commissioner subject to the approval of the Secretary of
12 Administration.

13 (c) Repayment terms. A municipality receiving funding shall repay the
14 Fund through its regular operating budget according to a schedule established
15 by the Commissioner. Repayment may include charges of fees for
16 administrative costs over the term of the repayment.

17 (d) Fund administration:

18 (1) The Commissioner of Finance and Management may anticipate
19 receipts to this Fund and issue warrants based thereon.

1 (2) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall maintain
2 accurate and complete records of all receipts by and expenditures from the
3 Fund.

4 (3) All balances remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be carried
5 over to the following year.

6 (e) Definitions. As used in this section:

7 (1) “Energy efficiency improvement” means a set of measures aimed at
8 reducing the energy used by specific end-use devices and systems to provide
9 light, heat, cooling, or other services without affecting the level of service
10 provided. An energy efficiency project may also include energy conservation
11 measures, that is, a reduction in energy consumption that corresponds with a
12 reduction in service demand.

13 (2) “Municipality” has the same meaning as under 1 V.S.A. § 126.

14 (3) “Renewables” has the same meaning as under 30 V.S.A. § 8002.

15 (4) “Resource conservation measures” means a set of measures,
16 including a study, product, process, or technology, aimed at reducing overall
17 use or consumption of energy resources. “Resource conservation measures”
18 includes energy efficiency improvements.

19 (g) Annual report. Beginning on or before January 15, 2022 and annually
20 thereafter, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall report to
21 the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate

1 Committee on Institutions on the expenditure of funds from the Municipal
2 Energy Revolving Fund. For each fiscal year, the report shall include a
3 summary of each project receiving funding and the municipality’s expected
4 savings. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports)
5 shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection.

6 Sec. E.125 LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL POSITION

7 One new permanent exempt position, Paralegal, is authorized for
8 establishment in fiscal year 2022.

9 Sec. E. 126 TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

10 Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706, in fiscal year 2022, appropriations within
11 the Legislative Branch may be transferred between respective offices to ensure
12 a balanced close out in the fiscal year.

13 Sec. E.126.1 LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITON

14 One new permanent exempt position, Web Developer, is authorized for
15 establishment in fiscal year 2022.

16 Sec. E.127 JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE

17 (a) In the event of any Joint Fiscal Committee consideration pursuant to
18 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45 or other subsequent deliberation to
19 allocate funds as an emergency response to address issues affecting the public
20 health, safety, or welfare, the Joint Fiscal Committee shall notify and invite

1 participation of the chairs of the committees of jurisdiction relative to any
2 specific proposal.

3 Sec. E.128 SERGEANT AT ARMS – CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER
4 POSITION

5 (a) One new permanent exempt position, Capitol Police Officer, is
6 authorized for establishment in fiscal year 2022.

7 Sec. E.130 32 V.S.A. § 168 is amended to read:

8 § 168. SINGLE AUDIT REVOLVING FUND

9 (a)(1) The Single Audit Revolving Fund is established within the State
10 Treasury, to be administered by the Auditor of Accounts, from which
11 payments may be made for the costs of audits performed pursuant to
12 subdivisions 163(1), ~~and 163(2)~~, and 5404a(1) of this ~~subchapter~~ title and
13 24 V.S.A. § 290b.

14 (2) All monies received from charges made for audit services under the
15 provisions of subsection (b) of this section and sums that may be appropriated
16 to the Fund shall be deposited in the Fund.

17 (3) Any balance remaining in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall
18 be carried forward and remain a part of the Fund.

19 (b)(1) The Auditor of Accounts shall charge the State department, agency,
20 commission, instrumentality, political subdivision, or State-created authority
21 audited for the direct and indirect costs of an audit performed pursuant to

1 subdivisions 163(1), ~~and 163(2), and 5404a(1)~~ of this ~~subchapter~~ title and
2 24 V.S.A. § 290b.

3 (2) Costs shall be determined by the Auditor of Accounts and costs
4 associated with subdivisions 163(1) and (2) of this ~~subchapter~~ title shall be
5 approved by the Secretary of Administration.

6 Sec. E.130.1 32 V.S.A. § 5404a is amended to read:

7 § 5404a. TAX STABILIZATION AGREEMENTS; TAX INCREMENT
8 FINANCING DISTRICTS

9 * * *

10 (1) The State Auditor of Accounts shall conduct performance audits of all
11 tax increment financing districts ~~according to a schedule, which will be arrived~~
12 ~~at in consultation with the Vermont Economic Progress Council.~~ The cost of
13 conducting each audit shall be considered a “related cost” as defined in 24
14 V.S.A. § 1891(6) and shall be billed back to the municipality pursuant to
15 subsection 168(b) of this title. Audits conducted pursuant to this subsection
16 shall include a review of a municipality’s adherence to relevant statutes and
17 rules adopted by the Vermont Economic Progress Council pursuant to
18 subsection (j) of this section, an assessment of record keeping related to
19 revenues and expenditures, and a validation of the portion of the tax increment
20 retained by the municipality and used for debt repayment and the portion
21 directed to the Education Fund.

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Sec. E.133 VERMONT STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

(a) Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 473(d), in fiscal year 2022, investment fees shall be paid from the corpus of the Fund.

Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

(a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.139 of this act, \$9,000 shall be transferred to the Attorney General and \$70,000 shall be transferred to the Department of Taxes, Division of Property Valuation and Review and reserved and used with any remaining funds from the amount previously transferred for final payment of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of grand list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and other property owned by TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. and its successor Great River Hydro, LLC in the State of Vermont. Expenditures for this purpose shall be considered qualified expenditures under 16 V.S.A. § 4025(c).

Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

(a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

1 provide law enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the
2 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Sheriff.

3 Sec. E.209 PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE POLICE

4 (a) Of this appropriation, \$35,000 in special funds shall be available for
5 snowmobile law enforcement activities and \$35,000 in general funds shall be
6 available to the Southern Vermont Wilderness Search and Rescue Team, which
7 comprises State Police, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, county sheriffs,
8 and local law enforcement personnel in Bennington, Windham, and Windsor
9 Counties, for snowmobile enforcement.

10 (b) Of this appropriation, \$405,000 is allocated for grants in support of the
11 Drug Task Force. Of this amount, \$190,000 shall be used by the Vermont
12 Drug Task Force to fund three town task force officers. These town task force
13 officers shall be dedicated to enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated
14 drugs as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the diversion of legal
15 prescription drugs. Any unobligated funds may be allocated by the
16 Commissioner to fund the work of the Drug Task Force or carried forward.

17 Sec. E.212 PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE SAFETY

18 (a) Of this General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.212 of this act, \$55,000
19 shall be granted to the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the
20 purpose of designing dry hydrants.

1 Sec.E.215 MILITARY – ADMINISTRATION

2 (a) The amount of \$1,119,834 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student
3 Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Tuition Benefit Program
4 established in 16 V.S.A. § 2857.

5 Sec. E.219 MILITARY – VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

6 (a) Of this appropriation in Sec. B.219 of this act, \$1,000 shall be used for
7 continuation of the Vermont Medal Program; \$4,800 shall be used for the
8 expenses of the Governor’s Veterans’ Advisory Council; \$7,500 shall be used
9 for the Veterans’ Day parade; \$5,000 shall be used for the Military, Family,
10 and Community Network; and \$10,000 shall be granted to the American
11 Legion for the Boys’ State and Girls’ State programs.

12 Sec. E.220 CENTER FOR CRIME VICTIMS SERVICES

13 (a) Notwithstanding 20 V.S.A. § 2365(c), the Vermont Center for Crime
14 Victims Services shall transfer \$52,624 from the Domestic and Sexual
15 Violence Special Fund established in 13 V.S.A. § 5360 to the Criminal Justice
16 Training Council for the purpose of funding one-half the costs of the Domestic
17 Violence Trainer position. The other half of the position will be funded with
18 an appropriation to the Criminal Justice Training Council.

1 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.300 of this act, \$1,457,406 shall be
2 used for the contract with the Office of the Health Care Advocate.

3 Sec. E.301 SECRETARY’S OFFICE – GLOBAL COMMITMENT:

4 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in this
5 section for payment of the actuarially certified premium required under the
6 intergovernmental agreement between the Agency of Human Services and the
7 managed care entity, the Department of Vermont Health Access, as provided
8 for in the Global Commitment for Health Waiver (Global Commitment)
9 approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section
10 1115 of the Social Security Act.

11 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in this section, a total
12 estimated sum of \$24,993,731 is anticipated to be certified as State matching
13 funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

14 (1) \$22,220,000 certified State match available from local education
15 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under
16 the Global Commitment. This amount combined with \$28,280,000 of federal
17 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act equals a total estimated
18 expenditure of \$50,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal
19 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services
20 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment

1 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A.

2 § 2959a.

3 (2) \$2,773,731 certified State match available from local designated
4 mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health
5 services provided under Global Commitment.

6 (c) Up to \$4,618,437 is transferred from the AHS Federal Receipts Holding
7 Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund consistent with the amount
8 appropriated in Sec. B.301 – Secretary’s Office – Global Commitment of this
9 act.

10 Sec. E.301.1 GLOBAL COMMITMENT WAIVER AMENDMENT

11 (a) The Secretary of the Agency of Human Services is authorized to seek
12 an extension of Vermont’s Global Commitment to Health Section 1115
13 Demonstration Waiver, which is currently set to expire on December 31, 2021.

14 Sec. E.301.2 GLOBAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER;

15 REPORT

16 (a) In order to facilitate the end-of-year closeout for fiscal year 2022, the
17 Secretary of Human Services, with approval from the Secretary of
18 Administration, may make transfers among the appropriations authorized for
19 Medicaid and Medicaid-waiver program expenses, including Global
20 Commitment appropriations outside the Agency of Human Services. At least
21 three business days prior to any transfer, the Agency shall submit to the Joint

1 Fiscal Office a proposal of transfers to be made pursuant to this section. A
2 final report on all transfers made under this section shall be made to the Joint
3 Fiscal Committee for review at the September 2022 meeting. The purpose of
4 this section is to provide the Agency with limited authority to modify the
5 appropriations to comply with the terms and conditions of the Global
6 Commitment for Health waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and
7 Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

8 Sec. E.301.3 GLOBAL COMMITMENT: CARRYFORWARD RESERVE
9 TO SUSTAIN HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED
10 PROGRAM FUNDING INCREASES

11 (a) To the extent that federal guidance related to Section 9817 of ARPA
12 (one year 10 percent FMAP increase for home and community-based
13 programs) allow, state general fund appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act that
14 is unexpended in fiscal year 2022 as a result FMAP increase shall
15 carryforward. This carryforward shall to available in future years to provide
16 the State match in order to sustain the fiscal year 2022 increases in funding to
17 statewide home- and community-based programs.

18 Sec. E.306 VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE RULES

19 (a) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
20 chapter 25 to conform Vermont's rules regarding health care eligibility and
21 enrollment and the operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to state

1 and federal law and guidance. The Agency may use the emergency rules
2 process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 prior to June 30, 2022, but only in the event
3 that new state or federal law or guidance require Vermont to amend or adopt
4 its rules in a time frame that cannot be accomplished under the traditional
5 rulemaking process. An emergency rule adopted under these exigent
6 circumstances shall be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of
7 emergency rules required pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

8 Sec. E. 311 AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; DESIGNATED AND
9 SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES; WORKFORCE
10 DEVELOPMENT

11 (a) On or before August 1, 2021, the Agency of Human Services shall
12 determine the amount of funds remaining from the \$5,000,000 appropriated to
13 the Agency to make strategic investments in order to expand the supply of
14 high-quality mental health and substance use disorder treatment professionals
15 in 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. 106.1 and shall inform the
16 House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services, the Senate
17 Committee on Health and Welfare, the Joint Fiscal Committee, and the chief
18 executive officer of each designated and specialized service agency of the
19 amount of funds that remain. Notwithstanding any provision of 2018
20 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. 106.1 to the contrary, the Agency
21 shall direct the chief executive officers to agree on an appropriate allocation of

1 the funds for strategic investments in order to expand the supply of high-
2 quality mental health and substance use disorder treatment professionals
3 available to Vermont residents in need of their services, which the officers
4 shall report to the Agency, at which time the Agency shall distribute the funds
5 to the designated and specialized service agencies according to the agreed-
6 upon allocation.

7 (b) On or before January 1, 2022, the Agency of Human Services shall
8 report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on
9 Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health
10 and Welfare regarding the amounts allocated to each designated and
11 specialized service agency and the dates of distribution.

12 Sec. E.311.1. 18 V.S.A. § 33 is amended to read:

13 § 33. MEDICAL STUDENTS; PRIMARY CARE

14 (a) The Department of Health, in collaboration with the Office of Primary
15 Care and Area Health Education Centers Program at the University of Vermont
16 College of Medicine (AHEC) and the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
17 (VSAC), shall establish a primary care physician scholarship program. The
18 scholarships shall cover the medical school tuition for up to five third-year and
19 up to five fourth-year medical students annually at the University of Vermont
20 College of Medicine who commit to practicing primary care in a rural area of
21 this State or in a Vermont federally qualified health center’s service area, in a

1 setting or practice not owned by an academic medical center. For each
2 academic year of tuition covered by the scholarship, the recipient shall incur an
3 obligation of two years of full-time service or four years of half-time service.
4 Students receiving a scholarship for their third year of medical school shall be
5 eligible to receive another scholarship for their fourth year of medical school.
6 The amount of each scholarship shall be set at the in-state tuition rate less any
7 other State or federal educational grant assistance the student receives for the
8 same academic year.

9 * * *

10 (d) AHEC and VSAC shall enter into a memorandum of understanding
11 establishing their respective responsibilities for administering the scholarship
12 program. The memorandum of understanding shall be subject to the approval
13 of the Department of Health.

14 Sec. E.311.2 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 155, Sec. 7a is amended to read:

15 Sec. 7a. SUNSET

16 18 V.S.A. § 33 (medical students; primary care) is repealed on July 1, ~~2022~~
17 2027.

18 Sec. E.311.3 REGISTERED NURSE AND PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN

19 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION;

20 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1 (a) Of the Global Commitment funds appropriated in Sec. B.311 of this act
2 to the Department of Health, the sum of \$2,272,727 shall be transferred to
3 Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in fiscal year 2022 for scholarships
4 for registered nurse students who commit to practice in Vermont and for
5 medical students who commit to practicing primary care in this State in
6 accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 33. The funds shall be available for distribution
7 following the Joint Fiscal Committee’s approval of the initial memorandum of
8 understanding between the Office of Primary Care and Area Health Education
9 Centers Program at the University of Vermont College of Medicine (AHEC)
10 and the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) as set forth in
11 subsection (b) of this section.

12 Sec. E.312 HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH

13 (a) AIDS/HIV funding:

14 (1) In fiscal year 2022, and as provided in this section, the Department
15 of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication
16 Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support
17 organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health
18 AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory
19 Group (CAG) with current information and data relating to service initiatives.
20 The funds shall be allocated according to an RFP process.

1 (2) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont
2 Medication Assistance Program (VMAP) shall be distributed in accordance
3 with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or
4 services funded solely by State general funds.

5 (3)(A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the
6 Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in VMAP to
7 assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with
8 persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to VMAP
9 medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.

10 (B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services
11 shall work in collaboration with the VMAP Advisory Committee, which shall
12 be composed of not less than 50 percent of members who are living with
13 HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the program’s eligibility requirements or
14 benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall make recommendations
15 regarding the program’s formulary of approved medication, related laboratory
16 testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility for the program.

17 (4) In fiscal year 2022, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
18 the amount of \$100,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service
19 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for
20 community-based HIV prevention programs and services. These funds shall
21 be used for HIV/AIDS prevention purposes, including syringe exchange

1 programs; improving the availability of confidential and anonymous HIV
2 testing; prevention work with at-risk groups such as women, intravenous drug
3 users, and people of color; and anti-stigma campaigns. Not more than 15
4 percent of the funds may be used for the administration of such services by the
5 recipients of these funds. The method by which these prevention funds are
6 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of
7 Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont
8 HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

9 (5) In fiscal year 2022, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
10 the amount of \$150,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service
11 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for syringe
12 exchange programs. The method by which these prevention funds are
13 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of
14 Health, the Vermont AIDS service organizations, and other Vermont
15 HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The performance period for these grants will
16 be State fiscal year 2022. Grant reporting shall include outcomes and results.

17 (6) In fiscal year 2022, the Department of Health shall not reduce any
18 grants to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations from funds
19 appropriated for AIDS/HIV services to levels below those in fiscal year 2020
20 without receiving prior approval from the Joint Fiscal Committee.

21 Sec. E.317 REPORT; FOSTER CARE REIMBURSEMENT RATES

1 (a) On or before January 15, 2022, the Department for Children and
2 Families shall submit a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and
3 on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on
4 Health and Welfare providing a comparison of Vermont’s foster care rates to
5 those in other states and information as to when the reimbursement rates were
6 last changed.

7 Sec. E.318 EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENTIAL VARIANCE

8 (a) For individuals operating or employed in a registered family child care
9 home or as a director or teacher associate in a center-based program for 10 or
10 more years prior to September 1, 2016, the Commissioner for Children and
11 Families or designee may issue a variance to the Child Development
12 Division’s rule regarding educational and experiential requirements to allow an
13 individual to maintain employment in that same role regardless of whether the
14 family child care provider, family child care assistant, director, or teacher
15 associate intends to attain the otherwise necessary educational requirements.
16 To be eligible for a variance, the family child care provider, family child care
17 assistant, director, or teacher associate shall:

18 (1) work continuously in a regulated program with a full license in good
19 standing; and

1 (2) meet the Division’s educational and experiential requirements in
2 place prior to the adoption of the new rule, which was effective beginning on
3 September 1, 2016.

4 (b) The Commissioner or designee shall review any violation occurring in a
5 regulated program where a family childcare provider, family child care
6 assistant, director, or teacher associate is under variance and may revoke the
7 variance granted by this section depending upon the seriousness and
8 circumstances of the violation.

9 (c) Any variance granted under this section shall be terminated on July 1,
10 2024, and extensions shall not be granted beyond that date.

11 Sec. E.318.1 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES;

12 SPECIALIZED CHILD CARE TRANSPORTATION

13 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that there be no reduction in
14 specialized childcare transportation services provided by the Department for
15 Children and Families resulting from a statewide transportation contract.
16 Should a more cost-effective, coordinated system of specialized childcare
17 transportation not be attainable by the move to a statewide contract in fiscal
18 year 2022, the program shall revert to a commensurate base funding level and
19 program parameters that were in place during fiscal year 2021. Any changes
20 to transportation services shall not decrease the expeditious authorization of
21 services to families.

1 Sec. E.318.2 CHILD CARE PROVIDER STABILIZATION GRANTS

2 (a) Of the funds provided in fiscal year 2022 in Sec. B.318 of this act,
3 \$800,000 is allocated for the purpose of expanding infant and toddler child
4 care capacity.

5 (b) The Division shall award grants to eligible applicants. An eligible
6 applicant shall:

7 (1) be a new or existing regulated, privately owned center-based
8 childcare program or family child care home in good regulatory standings;

9 (2) participate in CCFAP;

10 (3) provide year-round, full day childcare and early learning services;

11 (4) provide childcare and early learning services for infants and
12 toddlers; and

13 (5) participate in the Step Ahead Recognition System
14 (STARS).

15 (c) Center-based childcare program or family child care homes receiving a
16 grant pursuant to this section shall remain in compliance with the Division’s
17 rules, continue participation in STARS, and maintain enrollment of children
18 supported by CCFAP.

19 Sec. E.321 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES;

20 EMERGENCY HOUSING; FISCAL YEAR 2022

1 (a) The Department for Children and Families shall continue to provide
2 emergency housing through the General Assistance Emergency Assistance
3 programs through June 30, 2022. The Department shall use federal funds,
4 which may include funds that are 100 percent reimbursable by the Federal
5 Emergency Management Agency; Emergency Medical Assistance funds
6 provided to the State by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L.
7 No. 116-260; and funds provided to the State by the American Rescue Plan
8 Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, to cover the costs of motel or hotel rooms and
9 associated costs.

10 (b) As a cost-saving measure, the Department shall make reasonable efforts
11 to negotiate reduced rates for motel and hotel rooms.

12 (c) In order to assist individuals in seeking permanent housing and to
13 maintain positive relations with motels, hotels, and local communities, the
14 Department shall offer appropriate support services to clients in motels, hotels,
15 and shelters.

16 (d) In carrying out this section, the Department shall give priority to
17 vulnerable populations and those individuals facing catastrophic situations.

18 Sec. E.321.1 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES;

19 GENERAL ASSISTANCE WORKING GROUP; TRANSITION

20 PLAN; REPORT

1 (a) The Secretary of Human Services shall convene a General Assistance
2 working group for the purposes of reaching agreement on a plan to transition
3 from expanded emergency housing to a sustainable emergency housing
4 program by the end of fiscal year 2022. In developing this plan, the working
5 group shall consider the prioritization of vulnerable populations, including
6 those facing catastrophic situations.

7 (b) The working group shall be composed of the following members:

8 (1) four representatives, selected by the Secretary of Human Services;

9 and

10 (2) four representatives of homeless service providers or homeless

11 shelter providers, or both, selected as follows:

12 (A) one representative selected by the Chittenden County Homeless

13 Alliance;

14 (B) one representative selected by the Vermont Community Action

15 Partnership;

16 (C) one representative selected by the Affordable Housing Coalition;

17 and

18 (D) one representative selected by Vermont Legal Aid.

19 (c) The working group shall develop a transition plan that includes:

20 (1) a strategy for using the federal funds described in Sec. A(a) of this

21 act;

1 (2) policy changes to the General/Emergency Assistance housing plan
2 and a budget and timeline for implementation;

3 (3) consideration of the capacity of organizations in the State and in
4 local communities to implement the transition plan; and

5 (4) proposals for addressing any identified constraints.

6 (d) The working group shall have the administrative, technical, and legal
7 assistance of the Department for Children and Families.

8 (e) On or before April 30, 2021, the Commissioner shall submit an interim
9 report on the development of the working group’s transition plan to the House
10 Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate
11 Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare.

12 Sec. E.321.2 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES;

13 HOUSING RECOVERY WORKING GROUP; REPORT

14 (a) The Department for Children and Families, in coordination with the
15 Department of Housing and Community Development, shall convene the
16 Housing Recovery working group to develop a plan to most effectively utilize
17 the federal funds provided to the State by the American Rescue Plan Act of
18 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2 (ARPA), and other funding sources to meet the needs
19 of Vermonters at risk of and experiencing homelessness.

1 (b)(1) The working group shall be composed of representatives of the
2 following State and quasi-public housing agencies responsible for
3 administering the ARPA funds:

4 (A) the Department for Children and Families;

5 (B) the Department of Housing and Community Development;

6 (C) the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board;

7 (D) the Vermont State Housing Authority; and

8 (E) the Vermont Housing Finance Agency.

9 (2) The working group shall consult with community providers of
10 shelter, services, affordable housing, and families and individuals experiencing
11 homelessness.

12 (c) The Working Group shall develop a plan that includes:

13 (1) a strategy for using ARPA funds, along with other State and federal
14 resources, to maximize the amount of capital, service, and rental support
15 available to allow transitions to permanent housing and build community
16 capacity;

17 (2) ways to fully utilize Vermont’s allocation of federal Emergency
18 Rental Assistance funding, including a mechanism for using 25 percent of
19 those funds to create permanent affordable housing, as permitted by ARPA;

20 (3) an evaluation of the potential for converting lodging establishments
21 and other properties into permanent, affordable housing while taking into

1 consideration location, transportation, jobs, services, food, schools, and the
2 feasibility of transitioning to mixed income properties;

3 (4) maximizing the use of other State and federal resources, such as
4 Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, the HOME and Community Development
5 Block Grants, the National Housing Trust Fund, and energy efficiency
6 programs;

7 (5) providing service supports for households experiencing
8 homelessness and those that have transitioned to permanent homes to ensure
9 housing stability; and

10 (6) preventing homelessness through financial and counseling assistance
11 to homeowners, apartment owners, and residents of rental housing.

12 (d) The working group shall have the administrative, technical, and legal
13 assistance of the Departments for Children and Families and of Housing and
14 Community Development.

15 (e)(1) On or before April 30, 2021, the Working Group shall submit an
16 interim report on the development of its plan to the House Committees on
17 Appropriations, on General, Housing, and Military Affairs, and on Human
18 Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and
19 Welfare, and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

20 (2) On or before November 30, 2021, the Working Group shall submit
21 its final plan to the House Committees on Appropriations, on General,

1 Housing, and Military Affairs, and on Human Services and the Senate
2 Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on Economic
3 Development, Housing and General Affairs.

4 (f)(1) In addition to the funds appropriated in this Act, \$40,000,000 of
5 funds received from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. No.
6 116-260) Emergency Rental Assistance Program and \$10,000,000 of funds
7 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021-Coronavirus State Fiscal
8 Recovery Fund from the Fiscal Recovery Fund are reserved for expenditures
9 made in Fiscal Year 2022 in accordance with the needs identified through this
10 planning process.

11 Sec. E.324 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

12 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee may authorize
13 crisis fuel assistance to those income-eligible households that have applied for
14 an expedited seasonal fuel benefit but have not yet received it, if the benefit
15 cannot be executed in time to prevent them from running out of fuel. The
16 crisis fuel grants authorized pursuant to this section count toward the one crisis
17 fuel grant allowed per household for the winter heating season pursuant to
18 33 V.S.A. § 2609(b).

1 out-of-state beds. At least three days prior to any such transfer being made, the
2 Secretary of Administration shall report the intended transfer to the Joint Fiscal
3 Office and shall report any completed transfers to the Joint Fiscal Committee
4 at its next scheduled meeting.

5 (b) In fiscal year 2022, any unexpended funds for correctional services out-
6 of-state beds shall be carried forward to fiscal year 2023, and the amount
7 reported to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee in September
8 2022, to support community-based service programs. Funds may only be
9 expended on community-based service programs upon approval of the House
10 Committees on Appropriations and on Corrections and Institutions and the
11 Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Institutions following a
12 recommendation from the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee.

13 Sec. E.335.1 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS; BODY-WORN CAMERA

14 POLICE AND DEPLOYMENT

15 (a) Deployment. The Department of Corrections shall not deploy body-
16 worn cameras until it adopts a policy on their use, including the storage and
17 retention of records, and trains its staff in accordance with the policy.

18 (b) Policy development. In developing the policy as required by this
19 section, the Department shall:

20 (1) consider the implications of:

21 (A) the offender programming it provides; and

1 (B) the collective bargaining agreement it operates under; and
2 (2) consult with the Vermont Criminal Justice Council, the America
3 Civil Liberties Union, the Prisoner’s Rights Office, the Human Rights
4 Commission, the Vermont State Employees’ Association, statewide groups
5 representing individuals with lived experience of incarceration, and any other
6 stakeholder group as determined by the Department.

7 (c) Reports.

8 (1) The Department shall provide a progress report to the Joint
9 Legislative Justice Oversight Committee on or before September 15, 2021 on
10 the status of the policy development.

11 (2) On or before January 15, 2022, the Department shall present to the
12 House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, the Senate Committee on
13 Judiciary, and the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations
14 its policy regarding the use of body-worn cameras for correctional officers.

15 (d) Funding. The Department shall identify the ongoing cost and funding
16 source for the use of body-worn cameras, including training, data storage, and
17 redaction, and report these findings to the Joint Fiscal and the Joint Justice
18 Oversight Committees on or before September 15, 2021. The Department
19 shall provide a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations
20 on or before February 15, 2022 on the status of its deployment of body-worn
21 cameras for correctional officers.

1 increase access to quality health care for uninsured persons, underinsured
2 persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

3 Sec. E.502 Education – special education; formula grants

4 (a) Of the appropriation authorized in this section, and notwithstanding any
5 other provision of law, an amount not to exceed \$3,966,265 shall be used by
6 the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2022 as funding for 16 V.S.A.
7 § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the Secretary shall not be limited
8 by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c) and (d).

9 Sec. E.503 Education – state-placed students

10 (a) The Independence Place Program of the Lund Family Center shall be
11 considered a 24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of
12 education costs.

13 Sec. E.504.1 Education – flexible pathways

14 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$2,100,000 from the
15 Education Fund shall be distributed to school districts for reimbursement of
16 high school completion services pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 943(c).

17 (b) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b), of this Education Fund
18 appropriation, the amount of:

19 (1) \$921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs, notwithstanding
20 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2), and the amount of \$41,225 is available for use pursuant
21 to Sec. E.605.2(a) of this act;

- 1 (2) \$1,800,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual High School;
2 (3) \$400,000 is available for secondary school reform grants; and
3 (4) \$500,000 is available for the Vermont Academy of Science and
4 Technology and \$2,500,000 for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4011(e).

5 (c) Of this appropriation, \$921,500 from the General Fund is available for
6 dual enrollment programs, and \$41,225 from the General Fund is available for
7 need-based stipends pursuant to Sec. E.605.2(a) of this act.

8 Sec. E.514 State teachers' retirement system

9 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to
10 the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) shall be \$196,206,504 of which
11 \$189,646,629 shall be the State's contribution and \$6,559,875 shall be
12 contributed from local school systems or educational entities pursuant to
13 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

14 (b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution,
15 \$38,901,533 is the "normal contribution," and \$157,304,971 is the "accrued
16 liability contribution."

17 Sec. E.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits

18 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), \$35,093,844 shall be
19 contributed to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits plan.

1 (a) Any sale, lease, demolition, or disposal of property by the Vermont
2 State Colleges Corporation shall comply with the requirements of 32 V.S.A.
3 § 962.

4 Sec. E.602.2 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

5 (a) The Vermont State College (VSC) system shall transform itself into a
6 fully integrated system that achieves financial stability in a responsible and
7 sustainable way in order to meet each of these strategic priorities:

8 (1) Affordability. Ensure that student costs and debt obligations are not
9 barriers to student access.

10 (2) Accessibility. Ensure that each VSC student has a supported
11 educational pathway to meet the student’s educational goals.

12 (3) Relevance.

13 (A) Ensure that each VSC student is prepared for lifelong career and
14 personal success in the global 21st century.

15 (B) Ensure that it offers educational programs that are:

16 (i) aligned with State workforce needs;

17 (ii) offered in a fiscally responsible manner; and

18 (iii) delivered in a manner that is relevant to current student and
19 employer needs.

1 (b) VSC shall meet the following requirements during the transformation of
2 its system required under subsection (a) of this section to achieve these goals
3 and to accommodate oversight by the General Assembly.

4 (1) VSC shall reduce its structural deficit by \$5,000,000.00 per year for
5 five years through a combination of annual operating expense reductions and
6 increased enrollment revenues, for a total of \$25,000,000.00 by the end of
7 fiscal year 2026. These reductions shall be structural in nature and shall not be
8 met by use of one-time funds. The VSC Board of Trustees, through the
9 Chancellor or designee, shall report the results of these structural reductions to
10 the House and Senate Committees on Education and the House and Senate
11 Committees on Appropriations annually during the Chancellor’s budget
12 presentation.

13 (2) The VSC Board of Trustees shall develop and implement a 10-year
14 strategic plan for managing its physical assets that is fiscally sustainable,
15 maintains reasonable net asset value, and meets the needs of Vermont learners.
16 On or before March 1, 2022, the Chancellor shall present this Board approved
17 plan to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
18 Committee on Institutions.

19 (3) VSC shall maintain its present campus locations as educational and
20 student-support centers, recognizing that changes in governance and

1 operational structures as well as program and service offerings may change as
2 circumstances require.

3 (4) Beginning in fiscal year 2022, the VSC Board of Trustees, acting
4 through the Chancellor or designee, shall brief, as part of the Chancellor’s
5 annual budget proposal, the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations
6 and the House and Senate Committees on Education on:

7 (A) enrollment levels in courses offered by VSC, reported on the
8 basis of courses with fewer than five students, courses with five to nine
9 students, courses with 10 to 14 students, and courses with 15 or more students,
10 along with relevant information about these enrollment data;

11 (B) in order to demonstrate accessibility, the percentage of courses
12 and programs offered by VSC on a statewide basis and on the formats in which
13 they are offered;

14 (C) an assessment of affordability and accessibility within VSC and
15 recommendations on how to improve them;

16 (D) retention statistics with corresponding trend lines and
17 benchmarks;

18 (E) enrollment statistics with relevant industry benchmarks that
19 pertain to the student enrollment efforts authorized by the fiscal year 2022
20 Vermont budget bill with the net student revenue generated and discount rate
21 applied in order to enroll the students, aggregated by cohort; and

1 (F) demographics of student enrollments aggregated by full-time and
2 part-time students.

3 (5) To help optimize student opportunities, VSC shall complete
4 implementation of seamless general education credit transfer between all of its
5 constituent institutions by the end of fiscal year 2023.

6 (6) To ensure that VSC is meeting its responsibilities to Vermont
7 businesses and communities, beginning in fiscal year 2022, the VSC Board of
8 Trustees, through the Chancellor or designee, shall report to the House
9 Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and the Senate
10 Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, as part
11 of the Chancellor’s annual budget presentation, on advances in workforce
12 readiness and meeting employer needs, including:

13 (A) employer and institutional partnerships with VSC;

14 (B) progress in meeting critical employer needs; and

15 (C) the number of degrees and credentials of value awarded.

16 (7) The VSC Board of Trustees, through the Chancellor or designee,
17 shall provide, in a summary form, to the House and Senate Committees on
18 Education and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, as part of
19 the Chancellor’s annual budget presentation, VSC’s profit and loss statement
20 based upon its annual October financial statement.

1 (8) The Chancellor shall ensure all VSC Board of Trustees policies are
2 adhered to unless a process for an exception to a Board policy is used to
3 situationally and temporarily amend a specific Board policy. The Chancellor
4 shall establish policies and procedures to implement the Board approved
5 transformation plan as developed by the Select Committee on Higher
6 Education. The Chancellor shall report the status or progress of these Board
7 policies, as part of the Chancellor’s annual budget presentation, to the House
8 and Senate Committees on Education.

9 (9) The Chancellor shall report by institution the overall net student
10 revenue and institutional discounting of tuition metrics with relevant trends.

11 (10) Regarding the deficit reduction plan, the Chancellor shall report the
12 activities that have generated expense cuts as well as activities that will result
13 in enhanced revenues as well as future plans that will continue both efforts.
14 The Chancellor shall demonstrate the status with trends and relevant industry
15 benchmark information.

16 Sec. E.603 Vermont State Colleges – Allied Health

17 (a) If Global Commitment fund monies are unavailable, the total grant
18 funding for the Vermont State Colleges shall be maintained through the
19 General Fund or other State funding sources.

20 (b) The Vermont State Colleges shall use the Global Commitment funds
21 appropriated in this section to support the dental hygiene, respiratory therapy,

1 and nursing programs which graduate approximately 315 health care providers
2 annually. These graduates deliver direct, high-quality health care services to
3 Medicaid beneficiaries or uninsured or underinsured persons, or both.

4 Sec. E.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

5 (a) Of this appropriation, \$25,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to
6 the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) to be deposited into the
7 Trust Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2845.

8 (b) Of this appropriation, not more than \$300,000 may be used by VSAC
9 for a student aspirational pilot initiative to serve one or more high schools.

10 (c) Of the appropriated amount remaining after accounting for subsections
11 (a) and (b) of this section, not less than 93 percent of this appropriation shall be
12 used for direct student aid.

13 (d) Of the total one-time funds appropriated in this act to VSAC, an amount
14 up to six percent, but not to exceed \$100,000 in a fiscal year, may be used for
15 staff expenses associated with administering the funds. Funds shall not be
16 used for indirect costs.

17 Sec. E.605.2 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND
18 EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

19 (a) The sum of \$82,500 shall be transferred to the Vermont Student
20 Assistance Corporation (VSAC) from Sec. E.504(a)(1) and (b)(flexible
21 pathways funds appropriated for dual enrollment and need-based stipend

1 purposes) to fund a flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for
2 financially needy students enrolled in a dual enrollment course pursuant to
3 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in early college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 946 to be used for
4 the purchase of books, cost of transportation, and payment of fees. VSAC shall
5 establish the criteria for program eligibility. Funds shall be granted to eligible
6 students on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are depleted.

7 (b) VSAC shall report on the program to the House Committees on
8 Appropriations and on Commerce and Economic Development and to the
9 Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Economic Development,
10 Housing and General Affairs on or before January 15, 2022.

11 **Sec. E.709** 10 V.S.A. § 1283 is amended to read:

12 § 1283. CONTINGENCY FUND

13 * * *

14 (b) Disbursements under this subsection may be made for emergency
15 purposes or to respond to other than emergency situations; provided, however,
16 that disbursements in response to an individual situation that is not an
17 emergency situation shall not exceed ~~\$100,000.00 for costs attributable to each~~
18 ~~of the subdivisions of this subsection~~ \$350,000.00 for a response to a release of
19 a hazardous material, unless the Secretary has received the approval of the
20 General Assembly, or the Joint Fiscal Committee, in case the General
21 Assembly is not in session. Furthermore, the balance in the Fund shall not be

1 drawn below the amount of \$100,000.00, except in emergency situations. If
2 the balance of the Fund becomes insufficient to allow a proper response to one
3 or more emergencies that have occurred, the Secretary shall appear before the
4 Emergency Board, as soon as possible, and shall request that necessary funds
5 be provided. Within these limitations, disbursements from the Fund may be
6 made:

7 * * *

8 Sec. E.709.1 ENVIRONMENTAL CONTINGENCY FUND; PCB TESTING
9 IN SCHOOLS

10 (a) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 1283, of the funds transferred in Sec.
11 D.101(a) of this act to the Environmental Contingency Fund, the Department
12 of Environmental Conservation, in consultation with the Department of Health
13 and the Agency of Education, shall use up to \$5,000,000 to complete air indoor
14 quality testing for Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) in public schools and
15 approved and recognized independent schools.

16 * * * Vermont Housing Finance Agency; Weatherization * * *

17 Sec. E.802 10 V.S.A. § 621 is amended to read:

18 § 621. General powers and duties

19 The Agency shall have all of the powers necessary and convenient to carry
20 out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this chapter, including those
21 general powers provided a business corporation by 11A V.S.A. § 3.02 and

1 those general powers provided a nonprofit corporation by 11B V.S.A. § 3.02
2 and including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the power to:

3 ***

4 (22) issue bonds, notes, and other obligations secured by the property
5 transfer tax revenues transferred to the Agency pursuant to 32 V.S.A.
6 §9610(d);

7 (23) develop a program to finance and promote housing weatherization
8 using funds appropriated by the State, funds generated through issuing bonds,
9 notes and other obligations of the Agency, and funds from other sources
10 obtained through grants or other arrangements, giving priority to programs
11 benefiting persons and families at or below 120 percent of median income with
12 high energy burdens and to programs to expand the pool of qualified
13 weatherization contractors in the State.

14 * * * Transportation * * *

15 Sec. E.915 TRANSPORTATION – TOWN HIGHWAY AID PROGRAM

16 (a) This appropriation in Sec. B.915 is authorized, notwithstanding the
17 provisions of 19 V.S.A. § 306(a).

1 Sec. F.102 EXECUTIVE BRANCH; EXEMPT AGENCY AND
2 DEPARTMENT HEADS, DEPUTIES, AND EXECUTIVE
3 ASSISTANTS; ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND
4 SPECIAL SALARY INCREASE OR BONUS

5 (a) For purposes of determining annual salary adjustments, special salary
6 increases, and bonuses under 32 V.S.A. §§ 1003(b) and 1020(b), “the average
7 rate of adjustment available to classified employees under the collective
8 bargaining agreement” shall be, in fiscal year 2022, 4.15 percent.

9 Sec. F.103 32 V.S.A. § 1020 is amended to read:

10 § 1020. SALARY ADJUSTMENT; APPROVAL OF GOVERNOR

11 (a) Compensation to be paid any officer or employee within the Executive
12 Branch of State government shall be determined at the time the officer or
13 employee is hired by the Governor or such person as the Governor shall
14 designate, subject to any applicable statutory limits, other than:

15 (1) an employee in the classified service;

16 (2) a member of the uniformed State Police within the Department of
17 Public Safety; or

18 (3) an officer or employee whose compensation is specifically fixed by
19 statute, ~~shall be determined at the time the officer or employee is hired by the~~
20 ~~Governor or such person as the Governor shall designate subject to any~~
21 ~~applicable statutory limits.~~

1 (b)(1) Annually, subject to any applicable statutory salary limits, the
2 Governor may grant annual salary adjustments to exempt employees who are
3 deputies or executive assistants to department heads or are deputies or
4 executive assistants to agency secretaries. The annual salary adjustment
5 granted to any officer under this subsection shall not exceed the average ~~of the~~
6 ~~total~~ rate of adjustment available to classified employees under the collective
7 bargaining agreement then in effect.

8 (2) In addition to the annual salary adjustment specified in this
9 subsection, the Governor may grant a special salary increase or a bonus to any
10 such officer whose job duties have significantly increased, or whose
11 contributions to the State in the preceding year are deemed especially
12 significant. Special salary increases or bonuses granted to any individual shall
13 not exceed the average ~~of the total~~ rate of adjustment available to classified
14 employees under the collective bargaining agreement then in effect.

15 (c)(1) The Governor may establish one or more compensation plans for
16 other exempt employees ~~which~~ that provide for adjustments in salary based on
17 changes in the duties performed, seniority, or other objective factors ~~which~~ that
18 the ~~governor~~ Governor finds to be appropriate.

19 (2) The Governor may extend to such employees any adjustments to
20 compensation not to exceed those available to classified employees provided
21 under the collective bargaining agreement then in effect.

1 appointive officer shall be 50 percent above the base salary. Annually, the
2 Governor may grant to each of those officers an annual salary adjustment
3 subject to the maximum salary. The annual salary adjustment granted to
4 officers under this subsection shall not exceed the average ~~of the total~~ rate of
5 adjustment available to classified employees under the collective bargaining
6 agreement then in effect. In addition to the annual salary adjustment specified
7 in this subsection, the Governor may grant a special salary increase subject to
8 the maximum salary, or a bonus, to any officer listed in this subsection whose
9 job duties have significantly increased, or whose contributions to the State in
10 the preceding year are deemed especially significant. Special salary increases
11 or bonuses granted to any individual shall not exceed the average ~~of the total~~
12 rate of adjustment available to classified employees under the collective
13 bargaining agreement then in effect.

14 (1) Heads of the following Departments and Agencies:

	Base	Base	<u>Base</u>
	Salary	Salary	<u>Salary</u>
	as of	as of	<u>as of</u>
	July 7,	January 5,	<u>July 4,</u>
	2019	2020	<u>2021</u>
20 (A) Administration	\$109,849	\$111,332	<u>\$115,952</u>
21 (B) Agriculture, Food and Markets	109,849	111,332	<u>115,952</u>

1	(C) Financial Regulation	402,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
2	(D) Buildings and General Services	402,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
3	(E) Children and Families	402,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
4	(F) Commerce and Community			
5	Development	409,849	111,332	<u>115,952</u>
6	(G) Corrections	402,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
7	(H) Defender General	402,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
8	(I) Disabilities, Aging, and			
9	Independent Living	402,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
10	(J) Economic Development	93,155	94,413	<u>98,331</u>
11	(K) Education	409,849	111,332	<u>115,952</u>
12	(L) Environmental Conservation	402,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
13	(M) Finance and Management	402,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
14	(N) Fish and Wildlife	93,155	94,413	<u>98,331</u>
15	(O) Forests, Parks and Recreation	93,155	94,413	<u>98,331</u>
16	(P) Health	402,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
17	(Q) Housing and Community	93,155	94,413	<u>98,331</u>
18	Development			
19	(R) Human Resources	402,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
20	(S) Human Services	409,849	111,332	<u>15,952</u>
21	(T) Digital Services	409,849	111,332	<u>115,952</u>

1	(U) Labor	102,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
2	(V) Libraries	93,155	94,413	<u>98,331</u>
3	(W) Liquor and Lottery	93,155	94,413	<u>98,331</u>
4	(X) [Repealed.]			
5	(Y) Mental Health	102,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
6	(Z) Military	102,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
7	(AA) Motor Vehicles	93,155	94,413	<u>98,331</u>
8	(BB) Natural Resources	109,849	111,332	<u>115,952</u>
9	(CC) Natural Resources Board			
10	Chair	93,155	94,413	<u>98,331</u>
11	(DD) Public Safety	102,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
12	(EE) Public Service	102,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
13	(FF) Taxes	102,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
14	(GG) Tourism and Marketing	93,155	94,413	<u>98,331</u>
15	(HH) Transportation	109,849	111,332	<u>115,952</u>
16	(II) Vermont Health Access	102,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>
17	(JJ) Veterans' Home	102,693	104,079	<u>108,398</u>

18 (2) The Secretary of Administration may include the Director of the
19 Office of Professional Regulation in any pay plans that may be established
20 under the authority of subsection 1020(c) of this title, provided the minimum

1 hiring rate does not fall below a base salary, as of ~~July 7, 2019~~ of \$78,975.00
2 ~~and as of January 5, 2020~~ of \$80,041.00 and as of July 4, 2021 of \$83,363.00.

3 (3) If the Chair of the Natural Resources Board is employed on less than
4 a full-time basis, the hiring and salary maximums for that position shall be
5 reduced proportionately.

6 (4) When a permanent employee is appointed to an exempt position, the
7 Governor may authorize such employee to retain the present salary even
8 though it is in excess of any salary maximum provided in statute.

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10 (d) Notwithstanding the maximum salary established in subsection (b) of
11 this section, the Defender General shall not receive compensation in excess of
12 the compensation established for the Attorney General in this section.

13 (e) Notwithstanding the maximum salary established in subsection (b) of
14 this section, the maximum salary for the Commissioner of Health ~~may~~ shall not
15 exceed \$150,000.00.

16 * * * Judicial Branch; Statutory Salaries; Fiscal Year 2022 * * *

17 Sec. F.105 32 V.S.A. § 1003(c) is amended to read:

18 (c) The officers of the Judicial Branch named below shall be entitled to
19 annual salaries as follows:

1		Annual	Annual	<u>Annual</u>
2		Salary	Salary	<u>Salary</u>
3		as of	as of	<u>as of</u>
4		July 7,	January 5,	<u>July 4,</u>
5		2019	2020	<u>2021</u>
6	(1) Chief Justice of Supreme			
7	Court	\$174,843	\$177,203	<u>\$184,557</u>
8	(2) Each Associate Justice	66,868	169,121	<u>176,140</u>
9	(3) Administrative judge Judge	166,868	169,121	<u>176,140</u>
10	(4) Each Superior judge	158,635	160,777	<u>167,449</u>
11	(5) [Repealed.]			
12	(6) Each magistrate	119,609	121,224	<u>126,255</u>
13	(7) Each Judicial Bureau hearing			
14	Officer	119,609	121,224	<u>126,255</u>

15 Sec. F.106 32 V.S.A. § 1141 is amended to read:

16 § 1141. ASSISTANT JUDGES

17 (a)(1) Each assistant judge of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive
18 compensation in the amount of ~~\$183.38 a day as of July 7, 2019~~ and \$185.86 a
19 day as of January 5, 2020 and \$193.57 a day as of July 4, 2021 for time spent
20 in the performance of official duties and necessary expenses as allowed to

1 classified State employees. Compensation under this section shall be based on
2 a two-hour minimum and hourly thereafter.

3 (2)(A) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this
4 section shall be paid by the State except as provided in subdivision (B) of this
5 subdivision (2).

6 (B) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this
7 section shall be paid by the county at the State rate established in subdivision
8 (a)(1) of this section when an assistant judge is sitting with a presiding
9 Superior judge in the Civil or Family Division of the Superior Court.

10 (b) Assistant judges of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive pay
11 for such days as they attend court when it is in actual session, or during a court
12 recess when engaged in the special performance of official duties.

13 Sec. F.107 32 V.S.A. § 1142 is amended to read:

14 § 1142. PROBATE JUDGES

15 (a) The Probate judges in the several Probate Districts shall be entitled to
16 receive the following annual salaries, which shall be paid by the State in lieu of
17 all fees or other compensation:

	Annual Salary	Annual Salary	<u>Annual Salary</u>
	as of	as of	<u>as of</u>
	July 7, 2019	January 5, 2020	<u>July 4, 2021</u>
21 (1) Addison	\$62,540	\$63,384	<u>\$66,014</u>

1	(2) Bennington	79,060	80,127	<u>83,452</u>
2	(3) Caledonia	55,461	56,210	<u>58,543</u>
3	(4) Chittenden	131,939	133,720	<u>139,269</u>
4	(5) Essex	15,494	15,703	<u>16,355</u>
5	(6) Franklin	62,540	63,384	<u>66,014</u>
6	(7) Grand Isle	15,494	15,703	<u>16,355</u>
7	(8) Lamoille	43,660	44,249	<u>46,085</u>
8	(9) Orange	51,919	52,620	<u>54,804</u>
9	(10) Orleans	50,740	51,425	<u>53,559</u>
10	(11) Rutland	112,100	113,613	<u>118,328</u>
11	(12) Washington	86,138	87,301	<u>90,924</u>
12	(13) Windham	69,620	70,560	<u>73,488</u>
13	(14) Windsor	94,400	95,674	<u>99,644</u>

14 (b) Probate judges shall be entitled to be paid by the State for their actual
15 and necessary expenses under the rules and regulations pertaining to classified
16 State employees. The compensation for the Probate judge of the Chittenden
17 District shall be for full-time service.

18 (c) All Probate judges, regardless of the number of hours worked annually,
19 shall be eligible to participate in all employee benefits that are available to
20 exempt employees of the Judicial Department.

1 * * * Sheriffs; Statutory Salaries; Fiscal Year 2022 * * *

2 Sec. F.108 32 V.S.A. § 1182 is amended to read:

3 § 1182. SHERIFFS

4 (a) The sheriffs of all counties except Chittenden shall be entitled to receive
5 salaries in the amount of ~~\$84,969.00 as of July 7, 2019~~ and \$86,116.00 as of
6 January 5, 2020 and \$89,690.00 as of July 4, 2021. The Sheriff of Chittenden
7 County shall be entitled to an annual salary in the amount of ~~\$89,919.00 as of~~
8 ~~July 7, 2019~~ and \$91,133.00 as of January 5, 2020 and \$94,915.00 as of July 4,
9 2021.

10 (b) Compensation under subsection (a) of this section shall be reduced by
11 10 percent for any sheriff who has not obtained Level III law enforcement
12 officer certification under 20 V.S.A. § 2358.

13 * * * State's Attorneys; Statutory Salaries; Fiscal Year 2022 * * *

14 Sec. F.109 32 V.S.A. § 1183 is amended to read:

15 § 1183. STATE'S ATTORNEYS

16 (a) The State's Attorneys shall be entitled to receive annual salaries as
17 follows:

	Annual	Annual	<u>Annual</u>	
	Salary	Salary	<u>Salary</u>	
	as of	as of	<u>as of</u>	
	July 7,	January 5,	<u>July 4,</u>	
	2019	2020	<u>2021</u>	
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6	(1) Addison County	\$114,934	\$116,486	<u>\$121,320</u>
7	(2) Bennington County	\$114,934	\$116,486	<u>\$121,320</u>
8	(3) Caledonia County	\$114,934	\$116,486	<u>\$121,320</u>
9	(4) Chittenden County	\$120,160	\$121,782	<u>\$126,836</u>
10	(5) Essex County	\$86,202	\$87,366	<u>\$90,992</u>
11	(6) Franklin County	\$114,934	\$116,486	<u>\$121,320</u>
12	(7) Grand Isle County	\$86,202	\$87,366	<u>\$90,992</u>
13	(8) Lamoille County	\$114,934	\$116,486	<u>\$121,320</u>
14	(9) Orange County	\$114,934	\$116,486	<u>\$121,320</u>
15	(10) Orleans County	\$114,934	\$116,486	<u>\$121,320</u>
16	(11) Rutland County	\$114,934	\$116,486	<u>\$121,320</u>
17	(12) Washington County	\$114,934	\$116,486	<u>\$121,320</u>
18	(13) Windham County	\$114,934	\$116,486	<u>\$121,320</u>
19	(14) Windsor County	\$114,934	\$116,486	<u>\$121,320</u>

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* * * Appropriations * * *

Sec. F.111 PAY ACT APPROPRIATIONS; FISCAL YEAR 2022

(a) Executive Branch. The second year of the two-year agreements between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees' Association for the Defender General, Non-Management, Supervisory, and Corrections bargaining units, and, for the purpose of appropriation, the State's Attorneys' offices bargaining unit, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; the collective bargaining agreement with the Vermont Troopers' Association for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and salary increases for employees in the Executive Branch not covered by the bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows:

(1) Fiscal year 2022.

(A) General Fund. The amount of \$10,033,806.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to departments to fund the fiscal year 2022 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.

(B) Transportation Fund. The amount of \$4,250,000 is appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to the Agency of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety to fund the fiscal year 2022 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.

1 (C) Other funds. The Administration shall provide additional
2 spending authority to departments through the existing process of excess
3 receipts to fund the fiscal year 2022 collective bargaining agreements and the
4 requirements of this act. The estimated amounts are \$15,775,278.00 from a
5 special fund, federal funds, and other sources.

6 (D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other
7 funds, for fiscal year 2022, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from
8 the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the
9 Liquor Control Board such sums as the Secretary may determine to be
10 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported
11 by State funds.

12 (2) This section shall include sufficient funding to ensure administration
13 of exempt pay plans authorized by 32 V.S.A. § 1020(c).

14 (b) Judicial Branch.

15 (1) The Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court may extend the
16 provisions of the Judiciary’s collective bargaining agreement to Judiciary
17 employees who are not covered by the bargaining agreement.

18 (2) The second year of the two-year agreements between the State of
19 Vermont and the Vermont State Employees’ Association for the judicial
20 bargaining unit for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and salary
21 increases for employees in the Judicial Branch not covered by the bargaining

1 agreements shall be funded as follows: the amount of \$978,648.00 is
2 appropriated from the General Fund to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal year
3 2022 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.

4 (c) Legislative Branch. For the period of July 1, 2021 through
5 June 30, 2022, the General Assembly shall be funded as follows: the amount
6 of \$399,630.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative
7 Branch.

8 * * * Fiscal Year 2021; One-Time Payments * * *

9 Sec. F.112 FISCAL YEAR 2021; ONE-TIME PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED

10 (a) The Executive Branch is authorized to provide elected State officials
11 whose salaries are set pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1003 (State officers), who did
12 not otherwise receive a salary increase in fiscal year 2021, a one-time cash
13 payment equivalent to the value of a 1.9 percent increase on their fiscal year
14 2020 salary.

15 (b) The Judicial Branch is authorized to provide judicial officers whose
16 salaries are set pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §§ 1003, 1141–1142, who did not
17 otherwise receive a salary increase in fiscal year 2021, a one-time cash
18 payment equivalent to the value of a 1.9 percent increase on their fiscal year
19 2020 salary.

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* * * Effective Dates * * *

Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) Sec. C.103 and Sec. C. 104 shall take effect upon passage.

(b) Secs. E. 100.2 (Clean Water Fund) and E.100.3 (General Fund) shall take effect July 1, 2021.

(c) Secs. E.100.4 (reversion of rooms and meals to Clean Water Fund,) and E.100.5 (removal of rooms and meals tax from General Fund), shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

(d) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2021.