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2 Senator Kitchel moves that the bill be amended as follows:

3 First: By adding a Sec. 1a to read follows:

4 Sec. 1a. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021: ACCEPTANCE OF  
5 SPECIFIC FEDERAL GRANTS

6 (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A § 5, funds from the American Rescue Plan  
7 Act of 2021, the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, the Coronavirus  
8 Capital Projects Fund, and the Homeowner Assistance Fund shall be deposited  
9 into the State Treasury and are hereby accepted and may be spent subject to  
10 appropriation.

11 (b) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A § 5, any funds received through Section  
12 2001 of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and not  
13 required to be made as subgrants to local educational agencies in the American  
14 Rescue Plan Act of 2021 shall be spent subject to appropriation.

15 Second: In Sec. 2, remaining coronavirus relief funds; carry forward,  
16 reversion, and application, by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and  
17 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

18 (b) Prior to the close of fiscal year 2021, the Commissioner of Finance and  
19 Management is authorized to revert all unobligated CRF appropriations to the  
20 State CRF. In fiscal year 2021, the total amount of CRF reverted under this  
21 subsection shall be appropriated to the Department of Corrections for CRF

1 eligible public safety payroll and benefits costs and the same amount of  
2 General Fund appropriated to the Department of Corrections shall be reverted.  
3 To the extent there are insufficient eligible public safety payroll and benefits  
4 costs, any remaining reverted CRF balance shall be appropriated to the  
5 Department of Corrections and the same amount of General Fund appropriated  
6 to the Department of Corrections shall be reverted in fiscal year 2022.

7 Third: By inserting a new section to be Sec. 9a. to read as follows:

8 Sec. 9a. RECOVERY CENTER SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS

9 (a) The sum of \$240,000.00 is appropriated from the American Rescue  
10 Plan Act of 2021 - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department  
11 of Health to make grants of \$20,000.00 to cover the financial impacts of the  
12 ongoing COVID-19 pandemic at each of the recovery centers statewide.

13 Fourth: In Sec. 17, practical nurse; workforce funding, in subsection (a), in  
14 subdivision (3), after the words “Vermont Technical College” by  
15 inserting, after available federal and State financial aid is applied to ensure no  
16 cost to the student

17 Fifth: In Sec. 25, provision of technical assistance services to local  
18 education agencies, by striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in  
19 lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

20 (a) The sum of \$2,800,000.00 is appropriated in fiscal year 2021 and to be  
21 carried forward, to the Agency of Education from federal funds for Elementary

1 and Secondary School Relief (ESSR) funds provided in the American Rescue  
2 Plan Act of 2021 Section 2001(f)(1), to fund a contract or contracts, for the  
3 period of award through December 2023, to provide support for Local  
4 Educational Agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are LEAs, in their  
5 utilization of Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief  
6 Funds and with assistance in utilization of other federal funds received through  
7 the various federal budget processes.

8 Sixth: In Sec. 33, effective dates, in the first sentence after the words “This  
9 act shall”, by inserting the words take effect