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An act relating to fiscal year 2022 budget adjustments

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

Sec. 1. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.126 is amended to read:

Sec. B.126 Legislature

Personal services	5,033,474	5,138,474
Operating expenses	<u>3,768,163</u>	<u>3,768,163</u>
Total	8,801,637	8,906,637

Source of funds

General fund	8,801,637	<u>8,906,637</u>
Total	8,801,637	8,906,637

Sec. 2. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.127 is amended to read:

Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee

Personal services	2,288,387	2,478,387
Operating expenses	<u>158,873</u>	<u>158,873</u>
Total	2,447,260	2,637,260

Source of funds

General fund	2,322,260	2,512,260
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>
Total	2,447,260	2,637,260

Sec. 3. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.145 is amended to read:

Sec. B.145 Total general government

Source of funds

General fund	98,982,912	99,277,912
Transportation fund	3,911,594	3,911,594
Special funds	16,446,601	16,446,601
Federal funds	1,150,041	1,150,041
Internal service funds	138,310,838	138,310,838
Interdepartmental transfers	7,551,641	7,551,641
Enterprise funds	6,840	6,840
Pension trust funds	7,169,079	7,169,079
Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,135,286</u>	<u>1,135,286</u>
Total	274,664,832	274,959,832

Sec. 4. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.225.2 is amended to read:

Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, Food and Markets - Clean Water

Personal services	3,249,011	3,249,011
Operating expenses	486,344	486,344
Grants	4,060,891	<u>5,503,348</u>
Total	7,796,246	9,238,703

Source of funds

General fund	1,087,080	1,087,080
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Special funds	6,089,920	7,532,377
Federal funds	133,534	133,534
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>485,712</u>	<u>485,712</u>
Total	7,796,246	9,238,703

Sec. 5. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:

Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board

Personal services	650,000	<u>710,880</u>
Total	650,000	710,880

Source of funds

Special funds	650,000	<u>710,880</u>
Total	650,000	710,880

Sec. 6. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:

Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

General fund	171,360,524	171,360,524
Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
Special funds	91,319,879	92,823,216
Tobacco fund	561,843	561,843
Federal funds	70,315,412	70,315,412
ARRA funds	520,000	520,000
Interdepartmental transfers	14,457,347	14,457,347

Enterprise funds	<u>12,785,618</u>	<u>12,785,618</u>
Total	381,570,623	383,073,960

Sec. 7. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:

Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office

Personal services	11,427,819	11,346,910
Operating expenses	5,214,621	5,214,621
Grants	<u>2,895,202</u>	<u>2,895,202</u>
Total	19,537,642	19,456,733

Source of funds

General fund	8,430,401	8,802,492
Special funds	135,517	135,517
Federal funds	9,959,398	9,959,398
Global Commitment fund	453,000	0
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>559,326</u>	<u>559,326</u>
Total	19,537,642	19,456,733

Sec. 8. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:

Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment

Grants	1,680,637,999	<u>1,838,982,755</u>
Total	1,680,637,999	1,838,982,755

Source of funds

General fund	559,592,034	585,606,396
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Special funds	33,370,086	33,228,937
Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
State health care resources fund	17,078,501	16,023,501
Federal funds	1,044,929,568	1,179,040,378
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,618,437</u>	<u>4,034,170</u>
Total	1,680,637,999	1,838,982,755

Sec. 9. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration

Personal services	130,163,425	130,170,447
Operating expenses	26,394,423	26,444,423
Grants	<u>3,192,301</u>	<u>2,912,301</u>
Total	159,750,149	159,527,171

Source of funds

General fund	32,776,219	33,116,885
Special funds	3,363,758	5,678,861
Federal funds	114,469,002	111,590,255
Global Commitment fund	4,314,039	4,314,039
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,827,131</u>	<u>4,827,131</u>
Total	159,750,149	159,527,171

Sec. 10. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.307 is amended to read:

Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -
global commitment

Personal services	547,983	547,983
Grants	<u>757,772,233</u>	<u>855,363,417</u>
Total	<u>758,320,216</u>	855,911,400

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	<u>758,320,216</u>	<u>855,911,400</u>
Total	<u>758,320,216</u>	855,911,400

Sec. 11. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:

Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -
state only

Grants	<u>42,367,754</u>	<u>50,029,823</u>
Total	<u>42,367,754</u>	50,029,823

Source of funds

General fund	<u>42,315,703</u>	40,459,853
Global Commitment fund	<u>52,051</u>	<u>9,569,970</u>
Total	<u>42,367,754</u>	50,029,823

Sec. 12. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:

Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver
matched

Grants	32,842,006	<u>34,768,604</u>
Total	32,842,006	34,768,604
Source of funds		
General fund	12,664,602	12,817,789
Federal funds	<u>20,177,404</u>	<u>21,950,815</u>
Total	32,842,006	34,768,604

Sec. 13. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.311 is amended to read:

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services	5,753,602	5,753,602
Operating expenses	6,567,686	5,946,041
Grants	<u>6,313,608</u>	<u>6,313,608</u>
Total	18,634,896	18,013,251
Source of funds		
General fund	2,982,217	2,360,572
Special funds	2,061,857	2,061,857
Federal funds	7,777,658	7,777,658
Global Commitment fund	5,748,858	5,748,858
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>64,306</u>	<u>64,306</u>
Total	18,634,896	18,013,251

Sec. 14. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services	32,985,332	34,712,990
Operating expenses	4,700,264	4,850,264
Grants	246,498,959	<u>234,392,478</u>
Total	284,184,555	273,955,732

Source of funds

General fund	10,281,092	10,850,067
Special funds	1,685,284	1,685,284
Federal funds	9,398,134	9,377,108
Global Commitment fund	262,745,408	251,968,636
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>74,637</u>	<u>74,637</u>
Total	284,184,555	273,955,732

Sec. 15. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:

Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support
services

Personal services	38,362,798	39,823,024
Operating expenses	17,035,520	19,109,020
Grants	<u>3,819,106</u>	<u>3,819,106</u>
Total	59,217,424	62,751,150

Source of funds

General fund	33,091,620	34,739,860
Special funds	2,711,682	2,761,682
Federal funds	21,062,298	23,494,784
Global Commitment fund	2,000,936	1,403,936
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>350,888</u>	<u>350,888</u>
Total	59,217,424	62,751,150

Sec. 16. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:

Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services

Personal services	39,332,995	39,636,555
Operating expenses	4,997,338	4,997,338
Grants	<u>81,171,012</u>	<u>83,187,102</u>
Total	125,501,345	127,820,995

Source of funds

General fund	49,047,462	49,543,086
Special funds	729,587	729,587
Federal funds	31,365,138	32,373,091
Global Commitment fund	44,344,158	45,137,731
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>	<u>37,500</u>
Total	125,501,345	127,820,995

Sec. 17. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development

Personal services	5,020,429	5,624,306
Operating expenses	848,079	921,579
Grants	100,111,841	<u>97,958,128</u>
Total	105,980,349	104,504,013

Source of funds

General fund	27,348,614	25,996,178
Special funds	16,820,000	16,820,000
Federal funds	50,874,814	50,623,626
Global Commitment fund	10,914,421	11,064,209
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>22,500</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	105,980,349	104,504,013

Sec. 18. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.321 is amended to read:

Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance

Personal services	15,000	15,000
Grants	<u>2,823,574</u>	<u>2,823,574</u>
Total	2,838,574	2,838,574

Source of funds

General fund	2,441,239	2,541,239
Federal funds	111,320	11,320

Global Commitment fund	<u>286,015</u>	<u>286,015</u>
Total	2,838,574	2,838,574

Sec. 19. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:

Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up

Operating expenses	29,119	29,119
Grants	<u>31,842,843</u>	<u>31,842,843</u>
Total	31,871,962	31,871,962

Source of funds

General fund	19,904,694	19,704,694
Special funds	5,854,320	5,954,320
Federal funds 3,431,330	3,531,330	
Global Commitment fund	<u>2,681,618</u>	<u>2,681,618</u>
Total	31,871,962	31,871,962

Sec. 20. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.325 is amended to read:

Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic
opportunity

Personal services	636,177	636,177
Operating expenses	43,488	43,488
Grants	19,383,262	<u>25,483,262</u>
Total	20,062,927	26,162,927

Source of funds

General fund	14,225,798	20,325,798
Special funds	57,990	57,990
Federal funds	4,423,154	4,423,154
Global Commitment fund	<u>1,355,985</u>	<u>1,355,985</u>
Total	20,062,927	26,162,927

Sec. 21. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.327 is amended to read:

Sec. B.327 Department for Children and Families - Secure Residential

Treatment

Personal services	258,100	258,100
Operating expenses	650,463	650,463
Grants	3,476,862	<u>3,773,834</u>
Total	4,385,425	4,682,397

Source of funds

General fund	4,355,425	4,652,397
Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Total	4,385,425	4,682,397

Sec. 22. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.328 is amended to read:

Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination
services

Personal services	7,139,139	6,991,600
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Operating expenses	<u>460,858</u>	<u>460,858</u>
Total	<u>7,599,997</u>	7,452,458

Source of funds

General fund	111,120	111,120
Federal funds	<u>7,488,877</u>	<u>7,341,338</u>
Total	<u>7,599,997</u>	7,452,458

Sec. 23. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.329 is amended to read:

Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &
support

Personal services	<u>33,906,585</u>	35,498,760
Operating expenses	<u>5,953,426</u>	<u>5,953,426</u>
Total	<u>39,860,011</u>	41,452,186

Source of funds

General fund	<u>17,731,954</u>	19,174,129
Special funds	1,390,457	1,390,457
Federal funds	<u>19,671,316</u>	19,821,316
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>	<u>1,066,284</u>
Total	<u>39,860,011</u>	41,452,186

Sec. 24. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:

Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and
independent living grants

Grants	<u>19,352,893</u>	<u>19,921,075</u>
Total	<u>19,352,893</u>	19,921,075
Source of funds		
General fund	7,644,654	7,644,654
Federal funds	7,148,466	7,148,466
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,559,773</u>	<u>5,127,955</u>
Total	<u>19,352,893</u>	19,921,075

Sec. 25. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:

Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - Brain injury home
and community based waiver

Grants	<u>5,564,689</u>	<u>5,714,689</u>
Total	<u>5,564,689</u>	5,714,689
Source of funds		
Global Commitment fund	<u>5,564,689</u>	<u>5,714,689</u>
Total	<u>5,564,689</u>	5,714,689

Sec. 26. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:

Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care

Grants	<u>230,505,916</u>	<u>238,018,868</u>
Total	<u>230,505,916</u>	238,018,868

Source of funds

General fund	498,579	498,579
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Federal funds	2,083,333	2,083,333
Global Commitment fund	<u>227,924,004</u>	<u>235,436,956</u>
Total	<u>230,505,916</u>	238,018,868

Sec. 27. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.339 is amended to read:

Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services-out of state beds

Personal services	<u>5,640,604</u>	<u>5,223,574</u>
Total	<u>5,640,604</u>	5,223,574

Source of funds

General fund	<u>5,640,604</u>	<u>5,223,574</u>
Total	<u>5,640,604</u>	5,223,574

Sec. 28. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:

Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services

Personal services	<u>19,020,560</u>	20,520,560
Operating expenses	<u>5,426,960</u>	<u>5,899,095</u>
Total	<u>24,447,520</u>	26,419,655

Source of funds

General fund	<u>2,843,321</u>	4,025,456
Special funds	<u>11,868,942</u>	12,658,942
Federal funds	<u>9,735,257</u>	<u>9,735,257</u>
Total	<u>24,447,520</u>	26,419,655

Sec. 29. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.346 is amended to read:

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund	1,022,527,917	1,056,795,383
Special funds	116,659,874	119,773,828
Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
State health care resources fund	17,078,501	16,023,501
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund	15,000,000	15,000,000
Federal funds	1,497,837,906	1,634,014,066
Global Commitment fund	1,641,496,441	1,745,953,267
Internal service funds	1,951,982	1,951,982
Interdepartmental transfers	25,329,631	24,745,364
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total	4,360,995,460	4,637,370,599

Sec. 30. [Deleted.]

Sec. 31. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.400 is amended to read:

Sec. B.400 Labor - programs

Personal services	31,359,103	30,259,103
Operating expenses	7,701,210	7,701,210
Grants	<u>1,822,409</u>	<u>1,822,409</u>
Total	40,882,722	39,782,722

Source of funds

General fund	5,394,154	5,394,154
Special funds	6,422,539	6,422,539
Federal funds	28,658,417	27,558,417
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>407,612</u>	<u>407,612</u>
Total	40,882,722	39,782,722

Sec. 32. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.401 is amended to read:

Sec. B.401 Total labor

Source of funds

General fund	5,394,154	5,394,154
Special funds	6,422,539	6,422,539
Federal funds	28,658,417	27,558,417
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>407,612</u>	<u>407,612</u>
Total	40,882,722	39,782,722

Sec. 33. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:

Sec. B.516 Total general education

Source of funds

General fund	201,656,297	201,656,297
Special funds	21,206,372	21,206,372
Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
Education fund	1,848,403,427	1,848,403,427

Federal funds	197,501,523	197,501,523
Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
Interdepartmental transfers	597,165	597,165
Pension trust funds	<u>5,109,707</u>	<u>5,109,707</u>
Total	2,275,484,879	2,275,484,879

Sec. 34. [Deleted.]

Sec. 35. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.605 is amended to read:

Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

Grants	22,251,315	<u>19,978,588</u>
Total	22,251,315	19,978,588

Source of funds

General fund	19,978,588	19,978,588
Interdepartmental transfers	2,272,727	<u>0</u>
Total	22,251,315	19,978,588

Sec. 36. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.608 is amended to read:

Sec. B.608 Total higher education

Source of funds

General fund	98,861,685	98,861,685
Education fund	41,225	41,225
Global Commitment fund	409,461	409,461
Interdepartmental transfers	2,272,727	<u>0</u>

Total	101,585,098	99,312,371
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Sec. 37. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.702 is amended to read:

Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services

Personal services	18,654,752	18,754,752
Operating expenses	6,717,480	7,617,480
Grants	<u>670,446</u>	<u>670,446</u>
Total	26,042,678	27,042,678

Source of funds

General fund	6,403,816	6,403,816
Special funds	239,657	1,239,657
Fish and wildlife fund	9,561,364	9,561,364
Federal funds	8,504,410	8,504,410
Interdepartmental transfers	1,322,431	1,322,431
Permanent trust funds	<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>
Total	26,042,678	27,042,678

Sec. 38. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.711 is amended to read:

Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs

Personal services	28,652,311	28,652,311
Operating expenses	6,722,953	6,722,953
Grants	<u>31,819,350</u>	<u>29,319,350</u>
Total	67,194,614	64,694,614

Source of funds

General fund	7,926,170	7,926,170
Special funds	22,601,929	20,101,929
Federal funds	36,003,082	36,003,082
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>663,433</u>	<u>663,433</u>
Total	67,194,614	64,694,614

Sec. 39. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.713 is amended to read:

Sec. B.713 Natural resources board

Personal services	2,597,208	2,747,096
Operating expenses	<u>545,630</u>	<u>395,742</u>
Total	3,142,838	3,142,838

Source of funds

General fund	631,629	631,629
Special funds	<u>2,511,209</u>	<u>2,511,209</u>
Total	3,142,838	3,142,838

Sec. 40. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

Source of funds

General fund	31,693,115	31,693,115
Special funds	78,151,968	76,651,968
Fish and wildlife fund	9,561,364	9,561,364

Federal funds	54,981,735	54,981,735
Interdepartmental transfers	11,534,344	11,534,344
Permanent trust funds	<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>
Total	185,933,526	184,433,526

Sec. 41. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.900 is amended to read:

Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration

Personal services	13,654,880	13,558,021
Operating expenses	2,507,103	2,507,103
Grants	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total	16,211,983	16,115,124

Source of funds

Transportation fund	15,815,083	15,718,224
Federal funds	<u>396,900</u>	<u>396,900</u>
Total	16,211,983	16,115,124

Sec. 42. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.903 is amended to read:

Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development

Personal services	58,611,534	58,092,913
Operating expenses	227,109,245	226,965,577
Grants	<u>28,813,660</u>	<u>28,813,660</u>
Total	314,534,439	313,872,150

Source of funds

Transportation fund	48,717,849	48,055,560
TIB fund	10,597,637	10,597,637
Federal funds	254,737,875	254,737,875
Local match	<u>481,078</u>	<u>481,078</u>
Total	314,534,439	313,872,150

Sec. 43. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.905 is amended to read:

Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system

Personal services	45,339,790	45,955,270
Operating expenses	57,902,709	58,046,377
Grants	<u>277,000</u>	<u>277,000</u>
Total	103,519,499	104,278,647

Source of funds

Transportation fund	87,191,712	87,950,860
Federal funds	16,227,787	16,227,787
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total	103,519,499	104,278,647

Sec. 44. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.919 is amended to read:

Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program

Operating expenses	265,000	265,000
Grants	<u>5,845,000</u>	<u>8,020,150</u>

Total	6,110,000	8,285,150
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	705,000	705,000
Special funds	3,977,000	6,152,150
Federal funds	<u>1,428,000</u>	<u>1,428,000</u>
Total	6,110,000	8,285,150

Sec. 45. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 54, Sec. B.922 is amended to read:

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds

Transportation fund	271,865,668	271,865,668
TIB fund	11,397,637	11,397,637
Special funds	4,027,000	6,202,150
Federal funds	361,546,034	361,546,034
Internal service funds	22,202,720	22,202,720
Interdepartmental transfers	2,888,052	2,888,052
Local match	<u>1,833,316</u>	<u>1,833,316</u>
Total	675,760,427	677,935,577

Sec. 46. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.1106 is amended to read:

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

APPROPRIATIONS

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

(1) ~~\$38,430,000~~ \$39,460,000 to the Agency of Administration for the following:

(A) ~~\$11,580,000~~ \$12,420,000 for distribution to departments to fund the fiscal year 2022 53rd week of Medicaid.

(B) ~~\$12,450,000~~ \$12,640,000 for distribution to departments to fund the fiscal year 2022 27th payroll pay period.

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(12) \$126,000 to the ~~Agency of Human Services Secretary's Office~~ Department for Children and Families – administration and support services to maintain the 211-call center.

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(21) \$25,000,000 to the Agency of Human Services – Central Office to address emergent and exigent circumstances following the COVID-19 pandemic.

(A) Of these funds, \$5,280,000 shall be allocated to match \$12,000,000 Global Commitment Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2022 to reimburse nursing homes through Medicaid rates, notwithstanding any provision of Vermont statute or rule to the contrary.

for the actual costs incurred in using traveling nurses to provide services to their residents.

(22) \$3,300,000 to the Agency of Digital Services for a cyber security initiative as follows:

(A) \$2,300,000 for purchase and implementation of Security Information and Event Management software.

(B) \$1,000,000 to prepay the fiscal year 2023 annual licensing/maintenance costs for the system.

(23) \$350,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation to evaluate and provide an analysis of the capital and ongoing operations and maintenance costs of the Green River Dam. Any unspent funds shall be directed to State-owned dams to evaluate the capital and ongoing operations and maintenance costs.

(24) \$33,000 to the Joint Fiscal Office for the expense of a consultant for the Health Reform Oversight Committee.

(25) \$350,000 to the Agency of Education to provide support for the four statewide nonprofit organizations in the Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) network to address budget shortfalls resulting from the effects of COVID-19.

(26) \$300,000 to the Public Service Department to support the continuity of statewide public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access services.

(27) \$166,667 to the Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, to support four statewide syringe services programs.

(28) \$250,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Housing and Community Development, to make grants to municipal planning organizations.

(29) \$112,000 to the Center for Crime Victim Services for legal services for victims.

Sec. 47. FISCAL YEAR 2022; VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES'

RETIREMENT SYSTEM; RECOMMENDATIONS;

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEES; LONGEVITY

INCENTIVE

(a) On or before April 15, 2022, the State Treasurer and the Board of Trustees for the Vermont State Employees Retirement System shall recommend to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations a plan for the following:

(1) the creation of a new pension benefit group for Department of Corrections employees that is actuarially neutral to the pension system and results in no additional employer pension costs; and

(2) the development of a longevity incentive that encourages Group F members who are eligible for a normal retirement a longevity incentive to continue working past their retirement date, provided that the incentive is designed to result in actuarial savings to the pension system and reduce employer pension expenses.

Sec. 48. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS AND RESERVES

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

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(6) From the Clean Water Fund (21932) established by 10 V.S.A. § 1388 to the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund (21933) created under 6 V.S.A. § 4803: ~~\$4,521,393~~ \$5,963,850.

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(9) From the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established by 19 V.S.A. § 11f to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund (35200) established by 32 V.S.A. § 951a for funding ~~fiscal year 2023~~ transportation infrastructure bonds debt service the redemption of transportation infrastructure bonds prior to maturity: \$2,502,363.

(10) From the Transportation FHWA Fund (20135) to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund (35200) established by

32 V.S.A. § 951a for funding the redemption of transportation infrastructure bonds prior to maturity: \$12,554,768.

(11) From the Transportation Fund – Non-Dedicated (20105) to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund (35200) established by 32 V.S.A. § 951a for funding the redemption of transportation infrastructure bonds prior to maturity: \$4,863,957.

(12) From the General Fund to the Property Management Fund (58700) established by 29 V.S.A. § 160: \$5,000,000.

(13) From the General Fund to the State Liability Self-Insurance Fund (56200): \$5,000,000.

(14) From the General Fund to the Victims Compensation Special Fund (21145) established by 13 V.S.A. § 5359: \$1,300,000.

(15) From the General Fund to the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund (21926) established by 13 V.S.A. § 5360: \$250,000.

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

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

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<u>21500</u>	<u>Interdepartmental Transfer Fund – 7100000022</u>	<u>\$125,000.00</u>
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(d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2022, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the accounts indicated:

2150010000	Military – administration	\$200,000.00	<u>\$316,556.00</u>
1210002000	Legislature	\$140,000.00	<u>\$1,935,000.00</u>
1215001000	Legislative Counsel		\$50,000.00
1220000000	Joint Fiscal Office		\$50,000.00
1225001000	Legislative IT		\$60,000.00
<u>1100010000</u>	<u>Secretary of Administration</u>		<u>\$50,000.00</u>
<u>1110003000</u>	<u>Budget & Management</u>		<u>\$117,075.64</u>
<u>1110006000</u>	<u>University of Vermont</u>		<u>\$1.00</u>
<u>1110007000</u>	<u>UVM– Morgan Horse Farm</u>		<u>\$1.00</u>
<u>1110009100</u>	<u>Vermont State Colleges</u>		<u>\$3.00</u>
<u>1130030000</u>	<u>Libraries</u>		<u>\$26,000.38</u>
<u>1140010000</u>	<u>Tax Operation Costs</u>		<u>\$200,000.00</u>
<u>1140040000</u>	<u>Homeowner Rebates</u>		<u>\$333,503.02</u>
<u>1140330000</u>	<u>Renter Rebates</u>		<u>\$1,712,964.82</u>
<u>1240001000</u>	<u>Lieutenant Governor’s Office</u>		<u>\$20,672.89</u>
<u>2130200000</u>	<u>Sheriffs</u>		<u>\$542,914.55</u>
<u>2140010000</u>	<u>DPS – State Police</u>		<u>\$13,666,973.39</u>
<u>2170010000</u>	<u>Criminal Justice Trng Council</u>		<u>\$62,049.00</u>

<u>2280001000</u>	<u>Human Rights Commission</u>	<u>\$9,101.68</u>
<u>3150891901</u>	<u>Copeland Center</u>	<u>\$5,803.03</u>
<u>3330010000</u>	<u>Green Mountain Care Board</u>	<u>\$0.44</u>
<u>3400001000</u>	<u>Secretary's Office Admin Costs</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
<u>3400002000</u>	<u>RSVP Appropriation</u>	<u>\$1,035.00</u>
<u>3400891902</u>	<u>Elec Med/Health Records Syst</u>	<u>\$3,894.00</u>
<u>3410017000</u>	<u>DVHA-Programs-ST-Only Funded</u>	<u>\$76,450.02</u>
<u>3420010000</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$650,000.00</u>
<u>3420021000</u>	<u>Public Health</u>	<u>\$1,784,782.61</u>
<u>3420892110</u>	<u>VDH-Data Collection</u>	<u>\$134,000.00</u>
<u>3440060000</u>	<u>DCFS - General Assistance</u>	<u>\$4,374,450.77</u>
<u>3440891903</u>	<u>Parent Child Centers</u>	<u>\$18,089.40</u>
<u>3440891906</u>	<u>Incentivizing Child Care Profs</u>	<u>\$96,628.40</u>
<u>3440891908</u>	<u>Weatherization Assist Bridge</u>	<u>\$290,035.94</u>
<u>3460020000</u>	<u>Advocacy & Indep Living Grants</u>	<u>\$241,585.88</u>
<u>3480004000</u>	<u>Corrections-Correctional Services</u>	<u>\$6,361,238.22</u>
<u>5100010000</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$118,500.00</u>
<u>5100060000</u>	<u>Adult Basic Education</u>	<u>\$63,476.19</u>
<u>5100070000</u>	<u>Education Services</u>	<u>\$51,719.84</u>
<u>5100210000</u>	<u>Ed-Flexible Pathways</u>	<u>\$10,675.00</u>
<u>5100891807</u>	<u>Restorative Justice Grants</u>	<u>\$75,867.34</u>

<u>5100891901</u>	<u>AOE New Positions</u>	<u>\$214,729.59</u>
<u>6100040000</u>	<u>Property Tax Assessment Approp</u>	<u>\$0.93</u>
<u>6130010000</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$0.70</u>
<u>7100892107</u>	<u>ACCD-Public Access TV</u>	<u>\$30,450.10</u>
<u>7120892001</u>	<u>ThinkVermont Initiative</u>	<u>\$45,000.00</u>

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2022, the following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the accounts indicated:

<u>1140060000</u>	<u>Reappraisal & Listing Payments</u>	<u>\$0.13</u>
<u>5100010000</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$950,949.54</u>
<u>5100040000</u>	<u>Special Education Formula</u>	<u>\$5,824,528.53</u>
<u>5100050000</u>	<u>State-Placed Students</u>	<u>\$880,000.00</u>
<u>5100090000</u>	<u>Education Grant</u>	<u>\$0.69</u>
<u>5100110000</u>	<u>Small School Grant</u>	<u>\$614,965.00</u>
<u>5100190000</u>	<u>Essential Early Educ Grant</u>	<u>\$41,295.67</u>
<u>5100200000</u>	<u>Education-Technical Education</u>	<u>\$1,841,126.00</u>
<u>5100210000</u>	<u>Ed-Flexible Pathways</u>	<u>\$1,579,282.05</u>

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2022, the following amount shall revert to the Transportation Fund from the account indicated:

<u>2140010000</u>	<u>DPS-State Police</u>	<u>\$3,933,026.61</u>
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(g) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2022, the following amount shall revert to the Clean Water Fund from the account indicated:

6140040000 Environmental Conservation – Office of Water Programs

Office of Water Programs \$675,149.73

Sec. 49 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. D.102 is amended to read:

Sec. D.102 27/53 RESERVE; TRANSFER AND USE

(a) ~~\$3,740,000~~ \$4,770,000 from the General Fund shall be reserved in the 27/53 reserve in fiscal year 2022. This action is the fiscal year 2022 contribution to the reserve for the 53rd week of Medicaid as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e and the 27th payroll reserve as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e(b).

(b) ~~\$24,030,000~~ \$25,060,000 shall be unreserved from the 27/53 Reserve in in fiscal year 2022 to provide for the appropriations described in Secs. B.1106(a)(1)(A) and B.1106(a)(1)(B) of this act.

Sec. 50. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.107 is amended to read:

Sec. E.107 CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND APPROPRIATIONS;
REVERSION AND REAL LOCATION; REPORTS

(a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to revert all unobligated Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) appropriations prior to December 31, 2021. The total amount of CRF monies reverted in accordance

with this subsection shall be allocated pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 to any agency or department for CRF-eligible costs incurred from ~~July 1, 2021~~ March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

(b) If previously obligated CRF monies become unobligated after December 31, 2021, the Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to revert the unobligated CRF appropriations and allocate the monies for expenditure pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 to any agency or department for CRF-eligible costs incurred from ~~July 1, 2021~~ March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Sec. 51. CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND REALLOCATION

(a) Pursuant to 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.107 as amended by Sec. 50 of this Act, the following amount is reallocated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the following eligible appropriation:

(1) To the Agency of Education for Local Educational Agency (LEA) grants: \$436,217.22

Sec. 52. PENSION RESERVE

(a) In fiscal year 2022, the amount of \$50,000,000 in General Funds are hereby reserved to be part of pension funding initiatives.

Sec. 53. FISCAL YEAR 2022 UNALLOCATED RESERVE

(a) After satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, and after other reserve requirements have been met, but prior to satisfying the requirements of

32 V.S.A. § 308c, the first \$85,000,000 of remaining unreserved and undesignated funds at the close of fiscal year 2022 shall remain in the General Fund and be carried forward to fiscal year 2023 to be used to provide state match to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in order to meet the needs of Vermonters.

Sec. 54. EMERGENCY HOUSING; ELIGIBILITY; SOURCE OF FUNDS; LEGISLATIVE INTENT

(a) The Department for Children and Families shall continue to make emergency housing available to individuals and families through June 30, 2022. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department shall continue to fund the program with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds, provided that, if the 100 percent match rate changes or if FEMA funding is not available, then the General Assembly intends for the program to be funded with federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funds.

Sec. 55. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.126 is amended to read:

Sec. E.126 TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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

(b) The Joint Fiscal Office shall be reimbursed by a transfer from the Legislative budget for any costs incurred in contracting with an economist or independent consulting entity for the study created in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 45, Sec. 14.

Sec. 56. FISCAL YEAR 2022; STATE HOUSE EXPANSION; REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL; SERGEANT AT ARMS; DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GENERAL SERVICES; GENERAL FUND CARRYFORWARD

(a) On or before May 1, 2022, the Department of Buildings and General Services, in collaboration with the Sergeant at Arms, shall develop and issue a request for proposal (RFP) for programming, schematic design, and the initial phase of design development documents for an expansion of the State House, including the infrastructure needs for any future phases of expansion.

(b) The sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated on a one-time basis from the General Fund in fiscal year 2022 to the Department of Buildings and General Services to perform the work described in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Upon approval and funding from the General Assembly, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Sergeant at Arms and the Department of Buildings and General Services will extend the RFP for architectural and engineering services to finalize design development and construction and bid documents.

Sec. 57. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.215 is amended to read:

Sec. E.215 Military – Administration

(a) The amount of ~~\$1,119,834~~ \$934,290 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard educational assistance program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856 and the National Guard Tuition Benefit Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2857.

Sec. 58. HOSPITALS; EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS; PATIENTS
AWAITING PLACEMENT; PER DIEM RATES

(a) A hospital shall use funds received for per diem rates in their emergency departments to improve the patient experience of care for individuals encountering long delays in admission for inpatient psychiatric treatment, in direct consultation with the Department of Mental Health and with individuals and families with lived experience of mental health emergencies.

Sec. 59. CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD

(a) The establishment of the following three (3) new permanent classified positions are authorized in fiscal year 2022 and shall be transferred and converted from existing vacant positions in the Executive Branch: One (1) Licensing Director, and two (2) Licensing Administrators.

Sec. 60. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.301 is amended to read:

Sec. E.301 SECRETARY'S OFFICE – GLOBAL COMMITMENT:

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(b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in this section, a total estimated sum of ~~\$24,993,731~~ \$25,220,180 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

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(2) ~~\$2,773,731~~ \$3,000,180 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

(c) Up to ~~\$4,618,437~~ \$4,034,170 is transferred from the AHS Federal Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund consistent with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act – Secretary’s Office – Global Commitment.

Sec. 61. DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

(a) \$2,000,000 of federal spending authority for the Department for Children and Families’ administrative division, to be established pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511, shall be used for federal matching funds to implement the first phase of the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System in Vermont in accordance with 45 CFR § 1355.55.

Sec. 62. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.335 is amended to read:

Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; UNEXPENDED

FUNDS TRANSFER; JUSTICE REINVESTMENT; REPORT

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(b) In fiscal year 2022, any unexpended funds for correctional services out-of-state beds shall be carried forward to fiscal year 2023, and the amount reported to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee in September 2022, to ~~support~~ provide additional funding to community-based service programs in support of Justice Reinvestment II initiatives. Funds may only be expended on community-based service programs upon approval of the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee. Prior to approval, the House Committees on Appropriations and on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Judiciary shall be notified of any proposed expenditures on community-based service programs.

Sec. 63. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.501.1(a) is amended to read:

(a) ESSER I funds. The following sums are appropriated to the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2021 from the ESSER funds provided to the State pursuant to Section 18003 of Division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116–136 (CARES Act); a portion of the funds may be expended in fiscal year 2020 consistent with the terms of the grant acceptance, and any unexpended amounts may be carried forward to fiscal years 2022 and after:

(1) \$953,021 for software tools to assist with the response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

(2) \$2,006,074 for learning management assistance, including remote learning supports and materials; and

(3) \$1,000,000 for emerging State-level needs; and

~~(3)~~(4) \$155,741 for administrative and personnel costs.

Sec. 64. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.501.2(b) is amended to read:

(b) ESSER III funds. The federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.501 of this act shall be allocated as follows:

(1) \$1,000,000 from the ESSER funds provided to the State pursuant to Sec. 2001(f) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2 ~~to address emerging State level needs~~ for learning management assistance, including remote learning supports and materials; and

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Sec. 65. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 120, Sec. A.51, as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B. 1113 is further amended to read:

Sec. A.51. SCHOOL INDOOR AIR QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM;

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND; APPROPRIATION

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(c) Definition. As used in this section, “covered school” means public schools, regional career technical center school districts as defined in 16 V.S.A. 1571, regional CTE centers as defined in 16 V.S.A 1522, and approved independent schools as defined under 16 V.S.A. § 11.

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Sec. 66. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.311.3 to read:

Sec. E.311.3 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE; MEDICAL STUDENT
INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM;
APPROPRIATION

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(b) This funding shall remain available to VSAC until expended, and if needed, fiscally neutral adjustments to spending authority shall be included in future budget legislation.

Sec. 67. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.602.2(c) is added to read:

(c) Vermont State College System (VSCS) shall use funds remaining with Vermont Technical College provided in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 80 to continue to study a model for course delivery at Career and Technical Education (CTE) centers in Vermont and pilot up to two programs that offer these degree programs in up to two CTE centers. On or before January 15, 2023, the VSCS shall submit a written supplemental report to the House and Senate Committees on Education and the State Board of Education with its findings and recommendations from the pilot programs.

Sec. 68. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300 is amended to read:

Sec. G.300 INVESTMENTS IN VERMONT'S ECONOMY,
WORKFORCE, AND COMMUNITIES

(a) ~~\$109,200,000~~ \$179,529,922 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds as follows:

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(7) ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 to the University of Vermont.

(A) \$1,000,000 for matching funds for research grant opportunities related to COVID-19.

(B) \$1,000,000 to provide up to two free classes in calendar year 2022 for any Vermont resident who is seeking to transition to a new career or to enhance the resident's job skills.

(8) ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$19,700,000 in fiscal year 2022 to the Vermont State Colleges for the following programs; funds shall be carried forward until expended:

(A) \$2,000,000 to provide funding for up to six credits or two courses in the 2022 – 2023 academic year, including wraparound services for Vermonters whose employment was impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency since March 13, 2020. The wraparound services may also be provided to students who enroll in six credit hours or two courses in the summer or fall of 2021 and spring of 2022 pursuant to 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 9, Sec. 18.

(B) \$3,000,000 to provide degree completion scholarships for up to 30 credits towards a credential of value for adult learners who have earned at least 40 credits towards an undergraduate degree and have a gap in attendance of at least two years.

(C) ~~\$5,000,000~~ \$14,700,000 to provide free last dollar tuition for one year of undergraduate studies for critical occupation careers, including bookkeeping certificate, IT service desk specialist certificate, certified production technician, graphic design certificate, software and web development program, electrical and plumbing apprenticeships, dental hygiene, certificate in accounting, small business management, radiologic science, and respiratory therapy. \$540,000 of these funds shall be allocated for paramedic/EMS programs and any unexpended amount of this allocation shall be available for the broader purpose in this subdivision (C). Funds may be used for practical nursing, childcare, nursing, and mental health counseling programs only after available federal and State financial aid is applied to ensure no cost to the student. Of this amount, \$7,350,000 shall be carried forward for the 2022–2023 school year. If demand from undergraduates is met, then funds may be used to pay for tuition for the following graduate programs:

- (i) Master in Education (all programs);
- (ii) Master in Educational Leadership;

(iii) Master of Arts and Certificate of Advanced Graduate
Studies in School Psychology;

(iv) Masters in Counseling; and

(v) Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

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(22) \$2,320,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community
Development for Working Community Challenge grants.

(23) \$6,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families to be
granted to the Vermont Foodbank.

(24) \$515,746.30 to the Agency of Education is appropriated to be
granted to the three public independent career technical education centers
specified in this subsection. On or before April 30, 2022, the Agency of
Education may submit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations
and on Education a spending proposal requesting funding for the remaining
career technical education centers that is based on COVID-19-related need and
COVID-19 related funding already received.

(A) Hannaford Career Center - \$185,374.06;

(B) Southwest Career Center - \$79,233.24; and

(C) River Valley Technical Center - \$251,139.00.

(25) \$2,000,000 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for grants to be made to eligible projects in the Working Lands Enterprise Initiative.

(26) \$1,001,913 to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living to be granted to Adult Day service providers to maintain operations through June 30, 2022.

(27) \$4,934,590 to the Department of Corrections for costs associated with the collective bargaining unit related to retention and shift differential.

(28) \$12,803,99 to the Department of Labor to cover pandemic related operating costs in the Unemployment system and other programs.

(29) \$373,680 to the Vermont Veteran's Home for retention and personal protective equipment related expenses.

(30) \$6,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families to be granted to childcare providers to address emergent and exigent circumstances following the COVID-19 pandemic for workforce retention bonuses to retain early childhood educators. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the eligible employers awarded funds pursuant to this section shall use the funds to make retention payments to their employees. The employers shall be afforded flexibility in determining how best to provide the financial retention assistance to their employees and how best to encourage employment beyond the terms of this program.

(31) \$26,000,000 to the Agency of Human Services for a program to provide workforce retention funding as specified in Sec. 72 of this act. These funds are combined with other funding provide in Sec. 72 for total \$60,000,000 retention payment program.

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Sec. 69. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.400 is amended to read:

Sec. G.400 HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS INVESTMENTS

(a) ~~\$99,000,000~~ \$144,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds as follows:

(1) ~~\$94,000,000~~ \$119,000,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) to provide housing and increase shelter capacity, with priority given to populations who may be displaced from the hotel/motel voucher problem or are currently without housing, including by providing permanent homes in mixed-income settings. VHCB shall distribute the funds in consultation with the Secretary of Human Services and may subgrant a portion to other entities, including the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, and regional nonprofit housing organizations, for one or more of the following purposes:

(A) if necessary, to help ensure that households and areas impacted by the pandemic are served;

(B) to undertake additional housing initiatives, such as home ownership, to the extent permitted by ARPA and related regulations and guidance; or

(C) to provide for the efficient use of the funds.

(2) ~~\$5,000,000~~ \$25,000,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the Vermont Housing Incentive Program (VHIP).

(b) ~~\$91,000,000~~ \$121,000,000 is appropriated from other funds as follows:

(1) ~~\$40,000,000~~ \$70,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) for affordable housing initiatives. These funds shall carryforward into fiscal year 2022 and are in addition to funding provided to VHCB in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 9.

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Sec. 70. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.700(a)(4)(B)(i) is amended to read:

(i) \$1,000,000 to increase the funds available for grants and loan forgiveness to replace failed or inadequate residential on-site wastewater and water supply systems.

Sec. 71. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.700(a)(5) is amended to read:

(5) ~~\$10,000,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation for allocation by the Clean Water Board established under 10 V.S.A. § 1389, as part of their budget process in fiscal year 2022~~ for water quality initiatives to be allocated as follows:

(A) \$6,500,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation for municipal water control grants and storm water project delivery, planning, and implementation.

(B) \$3,500,000 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants to partners and farmers.

Sec. 72. WORKFORCE RETENTION FUNDING FOR EMPLOYEES OF
ELIGIBLE HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE
EMPLOYERS

(a)(1) The Secretary of Human Services shall establish a workforce retention grant program for employees of eligible employers, as defined in this section. Eligible employers may apply within the grant application period determined by the Secretary.

(2) The total grant award amount for each eligible employer shall be calculated at a rate of \$3,000 per full-time equivalent employee (FTE) based on the number of FTEs identified by the eligible employer in its grant application. In the event that the total funds appropriated for the grant program

are insufficient to fund all eligible applications at the rate of \$3,000 per FTE,
the Secretary may prorate the award amounts across all applicants.

(3) Eligible employers shall distribute the full amount of their awards
within 12 months following receipt of the grant funds.

(b) As used in this section, “eligible employers” means:

(1) assisted living residences, as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 7102;

(2) nursing homes, as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 7102;

(3) residential care homes, as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 7102;

(4) home health agencies, as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 6302;

(5) designated and specialized service agencies, including shared living
providers;

(6) substance use treatment providers in the Department of Health’s
preferred provider network; and

(7) recovery centers.

(c) For the purpose of administering retention payment amounts to
independent direct support providers, ARIS Solutions, as the fiscal agent for
the employers of independent direct support providers, is authorized to apply
for a grant in the same manner as an eligible employer and to disburse
retention payments funded by the grant to eligible independent direct support
providers in a manner consistent with ARIS Solutions’ payroll practices, to the
extent that making those awards is not inconsistent with the terms of the

collective bargaining agreement between the Agency of Human Services and the independent direct support providers.

(d) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the eligible employers awarded funds pursuant to this section shall use the funds to make retention payments to their employees. The employers shall be afforded flexibility in determining how best to provide the financial retention assistance to their employees and how best to encourage employment beyond the terms of this program.

(e) A total of \$60,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2022 for the workforce retention grant program established in this section from the following sources:

(1) \$18,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2022 from the Global Commitment Fund. The estimated \$7,940,000 required in State matching funds shall be from receipts received as a result of the increased federal medical assistance percentage increase for home- and community-based services made available pursuant to Sec. 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The Agency shall amend the American Rescue Plan Act Home and Community-Based Services plan it submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services if needed to reflect this appropriation.

(2) \$16,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2022 from the Global Commitment Fund. To provide the State matching funds, \$7,040,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2022 from the General Fund and shall carry forward if not fully expended in fiscal year 2022; and

(3) \$26,000,000 shall be made available for this purpose from the funds allocated to the Agency of Human Services from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, as amended by Sec. 68 of this act.

(f) On or before April 1, 2022, the Secretary of Human Services shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare regarding the status of program implementation. The Secretary shall require eligible employer applicants, and ARIS Solutions on behalf of employers of independent direct support providers, to report to the Agency the number of employees who received retention payments under the program including the maximum, minimum and median employee payment and the status of those employees' continued employment in order to evaluate the program's effectiveness. On or before June 30, 2023, the Secretary shall provide a final report to the committees on the overall effectiveness of the program.

Sec. 73. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec.7, as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.1121, and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 50, is further amended to read:

Sec. 7. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; HEALTH CARE PROVIDER
STABILIZATION GRANT PROGRAM

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(d) Specific allocations. Notwithstanding any provisions of this section to the contrary, of the funds appropriated in subsection (a) of this section, the Agency of Human Services shall make the following allocations for the following purposes:

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(3) Up to \$3,000,000.00 for COVID-19-related expenses incurred by designated and specialized service agencies through ~~December 30, 2020~~ December 31, 2021.

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Sec. 74. HEALTH CARE PROVIDER STABILIZATION GRANT

PROGRAM; ALTERNATIVE FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Notwithstanding any provision of 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 7, as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.1121, 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 50, and this act, to the contrary, the Agency of Human Services may distribute funds from the Health Care Provider Stabilization

Grant Program to eligible health care providers using an alternative process to that set forth in 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 7, as amended, as deemed necessary by the Agency due to emergent and exigent circumstances attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Sec. 75. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Sec.105, as amended by 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 19, is further amended to read:

Sec. 105. EFFECTIVE DATES

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(b) Sec. 73 (further amending 32 V.S.A. § 10402) shall take effect on July 1, ~~2024~~ 2023.

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Sec. 76. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This act shall take effect on passage except, notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214:

(1) Secs. 73 (designated and specialized service agencies; COVID-19-related expenses) and 74 (Health Care Provider Stabilization Grant Program; alternative fund distribution process) shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2021; and

(2) Sec. 75 (health care claims tax) shall take effect retroactively on July 1, 2021.