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1	Sec. WW. 7 V.S.A. § 845 is amended to read:
2	§ 845. CANNABIS REGULATION FUND
3	(a) There is established the Cannabis Regulation Fund, which shall be
4	managed in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5. The Fund
5	shall be maintained by the Cannabis Control Board.
6	(b) The Fund shall be composed of:
7	(1) all State application fees, annual license fees, renewal fees, and civil
8	penalties collected by the Board pursuant to chapters 33 (cannabis
9	establishments) and 37 (medical cannabis dispensaries) of this title; and
10	(2) all annual and renewal fees collected by the Board pursuant to
11	chapter 35 (medical cannabis registry) of this title; and
12	(3) all cannabis excise tax revenue raised pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 7902.
13	(c) Monies from the Fund shall only be appropriated for the purposes of
14	implementation, administration, and enforcement of this chapter and chapter
15	33 of this title.
16	(d) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall do the following
17	not later than July 31 each year:
18	(1) transfer the unexpended and unobligated balance of the Cannabis
19	Regulation Fund to the General Fund at the close of the prior fiscal year; and
20	(2) report the amount of the transfer made pursuant to subdivision (1) of
21	this subsection to the Joint Fiscal Committee.

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1	Sec. XX. 32 V.S.A. § 7909 is amended to read:
2	§ 7909. SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION FUNDING
3	(a) Thirty percent of the revenues raised by the cannabis excise tax
4	imposed by section 7902 of this title unexpended and unobligated balance of
5	the Cannabis Regulation Fund that is transferred to the General Fund pursuant
6	to 7 V.S.A. \S 845(d)(1), not to exceed $\$10,000,000.00$ per fiscal year, shall be
7	used to fund substance misuse prevention programming in the subsequent
8	fiscal year.
9	(b) If any General Fund appropriations for substance misuse prevention
10	programming remain unexpended at the end of a fiscal year, that balance shall
11	be carried forward and shall only be used for the purpose of funding substance
12	misuse prevention programming in the subsequent fiscal year.
13	(c) Any appropriation balance carried forward pursuant to subsection (b) of
14	this section shall be in addition to revenues allocated for substance misuse
15	prevention programming pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.
16	Sec. YY. REPEAL
17	2020 Acts and Resolves No. 164, Sec. 6c (contingent Cannabis Regulation
18	Fund deficit offset) is repealed.
19	Sec. ZZ. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 164, Sec. 33(h) is amended to read:
20	(h) Sec. 6c (contingent Cannabis Regulation Fund deficit offset) shall take
21	effect on July 1, 2024. [Repealed.]