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**Act No. 69 (H. 493). An act relating to capital construction and State bonding**

**Subjects: Capital construction; capital appropriations; State bonding**

This act sets out the State's fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024 capital budget and authorizes the State to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$108,000,000.00 and to reallocate \$14,767,376.00 from prior capital appropriations. This act also authorizes spending in fiscal year 2024 from the Cash Fund for Capital Infrastructure and Other Essential Investments in the amount of \$39,485,000.00. It also provides that there will be a budget adjustment process in the second year of the biennium and that fiscal year 2024 appropriations are subject to budget adjustment unless otherwise specified. This act also:

Appropriations (from general obligation bonds)

- Appropriates capital funds in the amount of \$122,767,376.00 over two years for capital construction projects.
- Appropriates \$8,001,244.00 in fiscal year 2024 and \$8,500,000.00 in fiscal year 2025 to statewide major maintenance projects.
- Appropriates \$425,000.00 in fiscal year 2024 and \$425,000.00 in fiscal year 2025 for planning, reuse, and contingency.
- Appropriates \$7,625,000.00 over FY24 and FY25 for HVAC renovations at the State House.
- Appropriates \$2,750,000.00 over FY24 and FY25 for door control system replacement at the Northeast State Correctional Facility.
- Appropriates \$6,000,000.00 over FY24 and FY25 for renovation of the courthouse in White River Junction.
- Appropriates \$3,000,000.00 over FY24 and FY25 for the statewide planning, design, and construction of a three-acre stormwater parcel.
- Appropriates \$1,250,000.00 over FY24 and FY25 for the R22 refrigerant phase out project.
- Appropriates \$3,500,000.00 in FY25 to the replacement of the boiler at the Northern State Correctional Facility.
- Appropriates \$2,500,000.00 in FY25 for the planning, design, and construction of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility.

- Appropriates \$14,500,000.00 over FY24 and FY25 for the planning and design for the replacement of the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility and a reentry facility.
- Appropriates \$700,000.00 in FY25 for upgrades and replacements of HVAC systems at State correctional facilities.
- Appropriates \$1,000,000.00 over FY24 and FY25 to perform major maintenance at State historic sites.
- Appropriates \$4,200,000.00 over FY24 and FY25 to the Building Communities Grants Programs.
- Appropriates \$3,100,000.00 over FY24 and FY25 for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or operated in the State by the University of Vermont.
- Appropriates \$1,500,000.00 in FY25 for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or operated in the State by the State Colleges.
- Appropriates \$14,494,132.00 over FY24 and FY25 to the Agency of Natural Resources for projects, including the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, dam maintenance, infrastructure rehabilitation at State parks, and general infrastructure projects for the Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Appropriates \$9,885,000.00 in FY24 for clean water implementation projects.
- Appropriates \$3,600,000.00 over FY24 and FY25 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for housing and conservation projects.

#### Clean Water Initiatives

- Directs the Clean Water Board to review and recommend Clean Water Act implementation programs for fiscal year 2025 funding and submit a list of recommended programs, including any recommendations on a funding source for municipal pollution control grants in fiscal year 2025, to the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and the Governor for inclusion in the fiscal year 2025 capital budget report by December 1, 2023.

#### Department of Buildings and General Services (BGS)

- Authorizes BGS to list the sale of property with a real estate agent.
- Authorizes BGS to provide notice for property sold at auction or by sealed bid by electronic means.
- Authorizes the Commissioner of BGS to:
  - Sell 110 State Street in Montpelier.

- Subdivide, sell, or otherwise dispose of the land in the Waterbury State Office Complex that formerly housed Stanley Hall and Wasson Hall and the adjacent parking lot to the Town of Waterbury.
- Sell 108 Cherry Street in Burlington.
- Directs BGS to work with the City of Burlington to find another appropriate location in downtown Burlington to relocate State employees who provide client services prior to the sale of 108 Cherry Street.
- Extends the sunset for the Capitol Complex Security Advisory Committee to June 30, 2024.
- Directs BGS to submit a site location proposal for replacement of women's facilities for justice-involved women to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions by January 15, 2024. Expresses intent to give preference to State-owned property and consider both co-locating facilities and the need for separate facilities.

#### Human Services

- Requires the Department of Corrections to submit a report to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Institutions and on Judiciary on the proposed size and scale of replacement women's facilities by November 15, 2023.

#### Legislature

- Extends the Legislature's authority to have exclusive use of certain rooms at 109 State Street until June 30, 2024.
- Establishes a special committee comprising the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions, and the Joint Legislative Management Committee, to review, approve, or recommend alternations to the schematic design for the State House expansion submitted by Freeman, French, Freeman.

#### Natural Resources

- Repeals the sunset on 24 V.S.A. § 4763, which allows the Secretary of Natural Resources to make loans to private entities for clean water projects through the EPA Pollution Control Revolving Fund. The sunset required that no applications for loans be submitted after June 30, 2023.

Effective Date: June 14, 2023