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An act relating to fiscal year 2023 budget adjustments

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

Sec. 1. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.105 is amended to read:

Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information
technology

Personal services	99,364,395	82,655,019
Operating expenses	<u>34,833,539</u>	<u>34,833,539</u>
Total	134,197,934	117,488,558

Source of funds

General fund	179,572	179,572
Special funds	47,159,344	449,965
Internal service funds	<u>116,859,021</u>	<u>116,859,021</u>
Total	134,197,934	117,488,558

Sec. 2. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.145 is amended to read:

Sec. B.145 Total general government

Source of funds

General fund	104,811,247	104,811,247
Transportation fund	4,059,343	4,059,343
Special funds	35,893,006	19,183,630
Federal funds	1,308,858	1,308,858

Internal service funds	178,033,418	178,033,418
Interdepartmental transfers	4,447,671	4,447,671
Enterprise funds	6,979	6,979
Pension trust funds	2,669,072	2,669,072
Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,156,575</u>	<u>1,156,575</u>
Total	332,386,169	315,676,793

Sec. 3. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.209 is amended to read:

Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

Personal services	62,598,426	62,396,849
Operating expenses	12,660,950	12,660,950
Grants	<u>1,467,153</u>	<u>1,467,153</u>
Total	76,726,529	76,524,952

Source of funds

General fund	46,676,421	46,474,844
Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
Special funds	3,116,711	3,116,711
Federal funds	4,820,645	4,820,645
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,862,752</u>	<u>1,862,752</u>
Total	76,726,529	76,524,952

Sec. 4. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.225 is amended to read:

Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management and environmental stewardship		
Personal services	2,830,318	2,830,318
Operating expenses	950,906	950,906
Grants	<u>545,334</u>	<u>295,334</u>
Total	4,326,558	4,076,558
Source of funds		
General fund	1,191,645	941,645
Special funds	2,325,153	2,325,153
Federal funds	472,695	472,695
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>337,065</u>	<u>337,065</u>
Total	4,326,558	4,076,558

Sec. 5. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.225.2 is amended to read:

Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, Food and Markets - Clean Water		
Personal services	3,351,394	3,351,394
Operating expenses	518,202	518,202
Grants	<u>5,253,111</u>	<u>5,503,111</u>
Total	9,122,707	9,372,707
Source of funds		
General fund	1,100,802	1,350,802

Special funds	7,266,122	7,266,122
Federal funds	441,907	441,907
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>313,876</u>	<u>313,876</u>
Total	9,122,707	9,372,707

Sec. 6. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:

Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board

Personal services	3,211,914	3,497,225
Operating expenses	278,608	<u>533,608</u>
Total	3,490,522	4,030,833

Source of funds

Special funds	3,490,522	<u>4,030,833</u>
Total	3,490,522	4,030,833

Sec. 7. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:

Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

General fund	187,158,391	186,956,814
Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
Special funds	98,238,728	98,779,039
Tobacco fund	561,843	561,843
Federal funds	127,115,612	127,115,612
ARRA funds	510,535	510,535

Interdepartmental transfers	12,413,144	12,413,144
Enterprise funds	<u>13,619,207</u>	<u>13,619,207</u>
Total	459,867,460	460,206,194

Sec. 8. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	12,307,314	15,840,385
Operating expenses	5,340,825	5,356,835
Grants	<u>2,895,202</u>	<u>3,160,202</u>
Total	20,543,341	24,357,422

Source of funds

General fund	9,056,662	12,870,743
Special funds	135,517	135,517
Federal funds	10,569,851	10,569,851
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>781,311</u>	<u>781,311</u>
Total	20,543,341	24,357,422

Sec. 9. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:

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

Grants	<u>1,835,603,282</u>	<u>1,909,933,492</u>
Total	1,835,603,282	1,909,933,492

Source of funds

General fund	608,430,925	505,638,694
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Special funds	33,384,536	29,121,769
Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
State health care resources fund	17,078,501	25,102,272
Federal funds	1,151,625,777	1,325,505,425
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,034,170</u>	<u>3,515,959</u>
Total	1,835,603,282	1,909,933,492

Sec. 10. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.304 is amended to read:

Sec. B.304 Human services board

Personal services	766,312	619,083
Operating expenses	<u>89,396</u>	<u>89,396</u>
Total	855,708	708,479

Source of funds

General fund	490,779	343,550
Federal funds	<u>364,929</u>	<u>364,929</u>
Total	855,708	708,479

Sec. 11. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	133,258,216	133,258,216
Operating expenses	27,050,784	27,115,536
Grants	<u>2,912,301</u>	<u>8,712,301</u>
Total	163,221,301	169,086,053

Source of funds

General fund	34,666,169	38,930,921
Special funds	4,738,197	4,738,197
Federal funds	114,997,590	116,597,590
Global Commitment fund	3,986,316	3,986,316
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,833,029</u>	<u>4,833,029</u>
Total	163,221,301	169,086,053

Sec. 12. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, 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	837,108,046	<u>940,894,531</u>
Total	837,656,029	<u>941,442,514</u>

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	837,656,029	<u>941,442,514</u>
Total	837,656,029	941,442,514

Sec. 13. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:

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

Grants	54,104,191	<u>49,357,135</u>
Total	54,104,191	49,357,135

Source of funds

General fund	44,533,864	49,352,443
Global Commitment fund	<u>9,570,327</u>	<u>4,692</u>
Total	54,104,191	49,357,135

Sec. 14. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:

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

Grants	<u>35,125,592</u>	<u>34,821,686</u>
Total	<u>35,125,592</u>	<u>34,821,686</u>

Source of funds

General fund	12,736,699	12,218,859
Federal funds	<u>22,388,893</u>	<u>22,602,827</u>
Total	<u>35,125,592</u>	<u>34,821,686</u>

Sec. 15. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.311 is amended to read:

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services	7,880,051	7,232,181
Operating expenses	7,161,896	8,283,741
Grants	<u>15,416,408</u>	<u>15,416,408</u>
Total	30,458,355	30,932,330

Source of funds

General fund	3,120,538	3,594,513
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Special funds	2,123,150	2,123,150
Federal funds	19,371,027	19,371,027
Global Commitment fund	5,779,334	5,779,334
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>64,306</u>	<u>64,306</u>
Total	30,458,355	30,932,330

Sec. 16. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:

Sec. B.312 Health - public health

Personal services	58,557,637	59,756,793
Operating expenses	10,504,324	10,504,324
Grants	<u>45,237,061</u>	<u>45,237,061</u>
Total	114,299,022	115,498,178

Source of funds

General fund	12,217,471	13,416,627
Special funds	22,422,908	22,422,908
Tobacco fund	1,088,918	1,088,918
Federal funds	61,398,428	61,398,428
Global Commitment fund	16,159,672	16,159,672
Interdepartmental transfers	986,625	986,625
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total	114,299,022	115,498,178

Sec. 17. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.313 is amended to read:

Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs

Personal services	5,533,379	4,994,903
Operating expenses	511,500	511,500
Grants	<u>55,582,806</u>	<u>55,582,806</u>
Total	61,627,685	61,089,209

Source of funds

General fund	4,706,142	4,167,666
Special funds	1,392,101	1,392,101
Tobacco fund	949,917	949,917
Federal funds	21,131,903	21,131,903
Global Commitment fund	<u>33,447,622</u>	<u>33,447,622</u>
Total	61,627,685	61,089,209

Sec. 18. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services	37,550,464	45,679,048
Operating expenses	5,023,808	5,406,921
Grants	<u>251,958,650</u>	<u>252,383,242</u>
Total	294,532,922	303,469,211

Source of funds

General fund	12,966,387	23,720,891
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Special funds	1,690,187	1,690,187
Federal funds	10,279,911	10,279,911
Global Commitment fund	269,471,344	267,653,129
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>125,093</u>	<u>125,093</u>
Total	294,532,922	303,469,211

Sec. 19. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	41,932,610	41,930,824
Operating expenses	17,284,575	23,063,394
Grants	<u>3,819,106</u>	<u>3,415,106</u>
Total	63,036,291	68,409,324

Source of funds

General fund	36,020,845	36,575,221
Special funds	2,789,842	2,788,056
Federal funds	22,463,191	27,033,191
Global Commitment fund	1,409,481	1,659,924
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>352,932</u>	<u>352,932</u>
Total	63,036,291	68,409,324

Sec. 20. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	41,455,253	41,755,292
Operating expenses	5,392,584	5,392,584
Grants	88,864,318	<u>89,371,619</u>
Total	135,712,155	136,519,495

Source of funds

General fund	56,028,109	66,125,629
Special funds	729,587	729,587
Federal funds	32,206,285	32,206,285
Global Commitment fund	46,710,437	37,420,257
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>37,737</u>	<u>37,737</u>
Total	135,712,155	136,519,495

Sec. 21. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	5,486,947	5,487,235
Operating expenses	860,622	860,581
Grants	106,205,300	<u>100,677,216</u>
Total	112,552,869	107,025,032

Source of funds

General fund	33,130,398	27,602,602
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Special funds	16,820,011	16,820,011
Federal funds	50,457,478	50,457,478
Global Commitment fund	12,144,941	12,144,941
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>41</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	112,552,869	107,025,032

Sec. 22. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:

Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and disabled

Personal services	2,252,206	2,252,206
Grants	<u>10,431,118</u>	<u>9,624,177</u>
Total	12,683,324	11,876,383

Source of funds

General fund	7,533,333	6,726,392
Global Commitment fund	<u>5,149,991</u>	<u>5,149,991</u>
Total	12,683,324	11,876,383

Sec. 23. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, 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>2,147,995</u>
Total	2,838,574	2,162,995

Source of funds

General fund	2,541,239	1,865,660
Federal funds	11,320	11,320
Global Commitment fund	<u>286,015</u>	<u>286,015</u>
Total	2,838,574	2,162,995

Sec. 24. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:

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

Operating expenses	30,633	30,633
Grants	27,235,606	<u>36,679,489</u>
Total	27,266,239	36,710,122

Source of funds

General fund	15,097,457	24,541,340
Special funds	5,955,834	5,955,834
Federal funds	3,531,330	3,531,330
Global Commitment fund	<u>2,681,618</u>	<u>2,681,618</u>
Total	27,266,239	36,710,122

Sec. 25. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.325 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	707,738	707,738
Operating expenses	80,979	80,979

Grants	<u>19,896,892</u>	<u>19,096,328</u>
Total	20,685,609	19,885,045
Source of funds		
General fund	14,328,930	13,528,366
Special funds	58,135	58,135
Federal funds	4,942,559	4,942,559
Global Commitment fund	<u>1,355,985</u>	<u>1,355,985</u>
Total	20,685,609	19,885,045

Sec. 26. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.326 is amended to read:

Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization
assistance

Personal services	376,286	376,286
Operating expenses	47,090	247,090
Grants	<u>12,038,018</u>	<u>11,838,018</u>
Total	12,461,394	12,461,394
Source of funds		
Special funds	7,643,920	7,643,920
Federal funds	<u>4,817,474</u>	<u>4,817,474</u>
Total	12,461,394	12,461,394

Sec. 27. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, 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	441,999	441,999
Grants	<u>3,476,862</u>	<u>8,103,368</u>
Total	<u>4,176,961</u>	8,803,467

Source of funds

General fund	<u>4,146,961</u>	8,773,467
Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Total	<u>4,176,961</u>	8,803,467

Sec. 28. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.329 is amended to read:

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

support

Personal services	<u>37,398,355</u>	38,484,107
Operating expenses	<u>6,178,888</u>	<u>6,214,683</u>
Total	<u>43,577,243</u>	44,698,790

Source of funds

General fund	<u>19,725,270</u>	20,846,817
Special funds	1,390,457	1,390,457
Federal funds	21,360,232	21,360,232

Global Commitment fund	35,000	35,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>	<u>1,066,284</u>
Total	43,577,243	44,698,790

Sec. 29. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:

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

Grants	<u>19,709,925</u>	<u>20,278,107</u>
Total	19,709,925	20,278,107

Source of funds

General fund	7,754,865	7,754,865
Federal funds	7,148,466	7,148,466
Global Commitment fund	<u>4,806,594</u>	<u>5,374,776</u>
Total	19,709,925	20,278,107

Sec. 30. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.333 is amended to read:

Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental services

Grants	<u>282,169,830</u>	<u>284,711,348</u>
Total	282,169,830	284,711,348

Source of funds

General fund	155,125	555,125
Special funds	15,463	15,463

Federal funds	359,857	359,857
Global Commitment fund	281,589,385	283,730,903
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total	282,169,830	284,711,348

Sec. 31. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:

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

Grants	6,163,669	<u>6,620,179</u>
Total	6,163,669	6,620,179

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	6,163,669	<u>6,620,179</u>
Total	6,163,669	6,620,179

Sec. 32. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:

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

Grants	247,242,665	<u>269,943,753</u>
Total	247,242,665	269,943,753

Source of funds

General fund	498,579	1,598,579
Federal funds	2,083,333	2,083,333
Global Commitment fund	244,660,753	<u>266,261,841</u>
Total	247,242,665	269,943,753

Sec. 33. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

Personal services	124,883,844	129,447,504
Operating expenses	24,337,405	24,571,221
Total	149,221,249	154,018,725

Source of funds

General fund	144,682,340	149,264,201
Special funds	935,963	935,963
Federal funds	460,376	675,991
Global Commitment fund	2,746,255	2,746,255
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
Total	149,221,249	154,018,725

Sec. 34. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.338.1 is amended to read:

Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Reinvestment II

Personal services	160,140	
Grants	9,868,567	<u>12,467,844</u>
Total	9,868,567	12,627,984

Source of funds

General fund	7,290,879	10,050,296
Federal funds	13,147	13,147
Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>	<u>2,564,541</u>

Total	9,868,567	12,627,984
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Sec. 35. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.339 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	4,130,378	<u>2,148,131</u>
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Total	4,130,378	2,148,131
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Source of funds

General fund	4,130,378	<u>2,148,131</u>
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Total	4,130,378	2,148,131
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Sec. 36. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	18,693,897	23,557,937
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Operating expenses	4,698,211	<u>5,719,013</u>
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Total	23,392,108	29,276,950
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Source of funds

General fund	4,068,733	5,655,522
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Special funds	11,892,624	16,190,677
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Federal funds	<u>7,430,751</u>	<u>7,430,751</u>
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Total	23,392,108	29,276,950
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Sec. 37. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.346 is amended to read:

Sec. B.346 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund	1,118,252,689	1,066,060,732
Special funds	122,249,086	122,282,586
Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
State health care resources fund	17,078,501	25,102,272
Federal funds	1,651,894,729	1,832,373,926
Global Commitment fund	1,788,710,309	1,896,840,505
Internal service funds	1,699,065	1,699,065
Interdepartmental transfers	28,014,227	27,495,975
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total	4,751,011,814	4,994,968,269

Sec. 38. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.505 is amended to read:

Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment

Grants	1,561,661,000	<u>1,577,649,173</u>
Total	1,561,661,000	<u>1,577,649,173</u>

Source of funds

Education fund	1,561,661,000	<u>1,577,649,173</u>
Total	1,561,661,000	<u>1,577,649,173</u>

Sec. 39. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.514 is amended to read:

Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system

Grants	187,273,782	<u>188,073,782</u>
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Total	187,273,782	188,073,782
Source of funds		
General fund	154,345,678	154,645,678
Education fund	<u>32,928,104</u>	<u>33,428,104</u>
Total	187,273,782	188,073,782

Sec. 40. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:

Sec. B.516 Total general education

Source of funds		
General fund	204,865,262	205,165,262
Special funds	19,450,491	19,450,491
Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
Education fund	1,900,680,013	1,917,168,186
Federal funds	512,572,265	512,572,265
Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
Interdepartmental transfers	365,324	365,324
Pension trust funds	<u>1,846,063</u>	<u>1,846,063</u>
Total	2,640,789,806	2,657,577,979

Sec. 41. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.802 is amended to read:

Sec. B.802 Housing and community development

Personal services	5,321,306	5,321,306
Operating expenses	673,807	673,807

Grants	<u>76,513,512</u>	<u>77,056,152</u>
Total	82,508,625	83,051,265
Source of funds		
General fund	4,065,708	4,065,708
Special funds	7,204,966	7,747,606
Federal funds	68,364,457	68,364,457
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,873,494</u>	<u>2,873,494</u>
Total	82,508,625	83,051,265

Sec. 42. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.813 is amended to read:

Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development

Source of funds		
General fund	18,279,159	18,279,159
Special funds	32,584,165	33,126,805
Federal funds	160,118,217	160,118,217
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,532,656</u>	<u>5,532,656</u>
Total	216,514,197	217,056,837

Sec. 43. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.903 is amended to read:

Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development

Personal services	67,084,877	67,084,877
Operating expenses	317,718,748	317,718,748
Grants	<u>28,106,566</u>	<u>28,106,566</u>

Total	412,910,191	412,910,191
Source of funds		
Transportation fund	63,006,826	59,806,826
TIB fund	16,199,908	19,399,908
Federal funds	330,355,267	330,355,267
Interdepartmental transfers	75,000	75,000
Local match	<u>3,273,190</u>	<u>3,273,190</u>
Total	412,910,191	412,910,191

Sec. 44. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.922 is amended to read:

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds		
Transportation fund	298,509,742	295,309,742
TIB fund	19,802,363	23,002,363
Special funds	4,367,498	4,367,498
Federal funds	438,299,601	438,299,601
Internal service funds	22,754,095	22,754,095
Interdepartmental transfers	3,597,177	3,597,177
Local match	<u>4,585,799</u>	<u>4,585,799</u>
Total	791,916,275	791,916,275

Sec. 45. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

Sec. B.1100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriated from the General Fund for new and ongoing initiatives as follows:

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(7) ~~\$2,408,000~~ \$11,608,000 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, as follows:

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(H) \$9,200,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. These funds shall be used to make grant payments to organic dairy farmers to partially offset economic losses in calendar year 2022 related to the increased cost of production and stagnant wholesale prices within this period. These funds shall be held in reserve until a plan for equitable disbursement is submitted to and reviewed by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations; the House Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry; and the Senate Committee on Agriculture. The Agency shall develop the plan in collaboration with appropriate representatives of the impacted industry. The plan shall be submitted not later than March 15, 2023 and shall be reviewed by the committees of jurisdiction and enacted into law by the General Assembly prior to implementation.

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(18) ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$3,600,000 to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) to be used for grants to adult day service providers ~~to support operating costs and program infrastructure~~ as specified in subdivisions (A) and (B) of this subdivision. To the extent that the current service provision model is projected to remain economically unsustainable in fiscal year 2024 resulting in the closure of adult day programs, the adult day providers in collaboration with AHS, DAIL, and other relevant health care and social service community organizations shall report as soon as possible to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on such closures. The report shall include any recommended alternative local service provision arrangements or models that could be reasonably implemented to meet or partially meet the needs of impacted populations caused by program closures.

(A) ~~The funds \$1,500,000~~ shall be allocated on a equitable basis per a methodology developed by DAIL. On or before the first day of each quarter of fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022, October 1, 2022, January 1, 2023, and April 1, 2023), the Vermont Association of Adult Day Services shall provide a spreadsheet to the Department detailing quarterly expenditures versus the annual budget. DAIL shall work with community partners to seek organizations interested in opening an adult day center in the underserved regions where adult day centers closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Up to

\$50,000 of these funds may be used to support the start-up costs of a new adult day center. Any amount of this appropriation remaining at the end of fiscal year 2023 shall be carried forward and shall be used to support operating costs, and program infrastructure.

(B) \$2,100,000 for grants to existing adult day service providers to maintain the existing program infrastructure through fiscal year 2023.

Subsequent to the enactment of this provision, the Vermont Association of Adult Day Services shall provide a spreadsheet to the Department detailing the amount of grants to be distributed to each adult day program for the remainder of fiscal year 2023.

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(24) \$3,000,000 to the Secretary of Administration to provide funding for municipal technical assistance and related services pursuant to Sec. 87a of this act.

(25) \$3,345,000 to the Secretary of Administration to be used as the 10 percent State match required for FEMA COVID funds starting on July 1, 2022.

(26) \$1,734,000 to the Agency of Digital Services to be used as state match for a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) grant.

(27) \$1,115,000 to the Military Department to be used as state match for the federal Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization (SRM) funds eligible for receipt in federal fiscal year 2023.

(28) \$30,000,000 to the Public Service Department to be used as state match for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) broadband grant (Middle Mile).

(29) \$350,000 to the State Refugee Resettlement Office, located within the Agency of Human Services Central Office, to implement Employment Assistance Grants for New Americans created in Section E.300.2 of this act. Funds remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the General Fund.

(30) \$9,225,000 to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to increase the number of psychiatric youth inpatient beds in the State. These funds shall be reserved until a feasibility study is completed to site a psychiatric youth inpatient facility as specified in a bidder proposal submitted in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by the DMH on January 28, 2022.

(A) DMH shall submit a report on or before April 15, 2023, to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Health Care, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare outlining the findings of the feasibility study. In the event this proposal is not feasible, DMH shall report on alternate plans to move forward with increasing the

number of psychiatric youth inpatient beds in the State, which may include the issuance of a new request for proposal.

(31) \$3,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families Office of Economic Opportunity for the CARES Housing Voucher Program.

(32) \$5,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community Development as additional support for the Vermont Housing Improvement Program (VHIP).

(33) \$350,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development in fiscal year 2023 to provide state match for the Northeast Kingdom Build to Scale proposal to be submitted to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for federal funding.

(34) \$20,924,710 to the Department for Children and Families to extend the General Assistance Temporary Housing program to the end of fiscal year 2023.

(A) \$13,424,710 to the Department for Children and Families to extend the General Assistance Temporary Housing program between March 15, 2023 and July 1, 2023, for households that are otherwise eligible for GA housing pursuant to section 2652.3 of DCF's General Assistance rule (13-170-260) and that have an individual who is either 60 years of age or older, in receipt of SSI or SSDI, or has a child who is 18 years of age or younger shall

be eligible for temporary housing independent of maximum nights received or weather forecasts or conditions.

(B) \$7,500,000 to the Department for Children and Families to extend the General Assistance Temporary Housing program between March 15, 2023 and July 1, 2023, for all other households that are otherwise eligible for GA housing pursuant to section 2652.3 of DCF's General Assistance rule (13-170-260) for temporary housing independent of maximum nights received or weather forecasts or conditions.

(35) \$952,000 to the Department of Mental Health to be granted to the Howard Center. These funds shall be reserved until the following assessment is complete and report submitted:

(A) The Secretary of Human Services shall assess the feasibility of the Howard Center purchasing properties located at 71, 73, and 77 Park Street in Rutland, Vermont, for use as a community based residential program for adolescent males with sexually harming behaviors. The feasibility study shall assess the costs and benefits of the purchase and long-term ownership of the property, including any estimated costs for deferred maintenance and renovation, and any costs associated with moving the program to another location. In making this assessment, the Secretary shall seek the assistance of the Commissioners of Buildings and General Services, for Children and Families, and of Mental Health, as well as the Chief Executive Officer of the

Howard Center and any other interested stakeholders as deemed appropriate by the Secretary.

(B) On or before April 1, 2023, the Secretary shall submit a report with the findings of the study described in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (35) and any recommendations to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Corrections and Institutions, and on Health Care and Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on Institutions.

(36) \$1,550,000 to the Judiciary as follows:

(A) \$750,000 for internal network cabling upgrade.

(B) \$500,000 for courthouses sound system replacement.

(C) \$300,000 for correctional facilities remote hearings improvement.

(37) \$50,000,000 to the Vermont Housing Conservation Board (VHCB) to provide affordable mixed-income income rental housing and homeownership units; improvements to manufactured homes and communities; recovery residences; and, if determined eligible, housing available to farm workers and refugees. VHCB shall also use the funds for shelter and permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness in consultation with the Secretary of Human Services.

(38) \$1,200,000 to the Department for Children and Families for a grant to the Lund Center for its Residential Treatment program.

(39) \$30,000 to the Department of Health for a grant to the American Heart Association for CPR and First Aid Training kits to facilitate training in schools.

Sec. 46. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1101 is added to read:

Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME ENVIRONMENTAL
CONTINGENCY FUND APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriated from the Environmental Contingency Fund (21275) for new and ongoing initiatives as follows:

(1) \$3,000,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation for PFAS remediation.

Sec. 47. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1102 is added to read:

Sec. B.1102 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME TECHNOLOGY
MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriated from the Technology Modernization Special Fund (21951) for new and ongoing initiatives as follows:

(1) \$40,010,000 to the Agency of Digital Services to be used as follows:

(A) \$11,800,000 for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system upgrade of core statewide financial accounting system and integration with the Department of Labor and Agency of Transportation financial systems;

(B) \$1,800,000 for continued implementation of the Workplace Information Management System for property management at the Department of Buildings and General Services;

(C) \$960,000 for the Fire Safety System Modernization to replace the current technology with a modern platform to improve records management and public interaction functionalities related to permitting and licensing;

(D) \$2,200,000 for a case management system at the Office of the Attorney General;

(E) \$20,250,000 for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Core System Modernization Phase II; and

(F) \$3,000,000 for the Department of Labor Unemployment Insurance Modernization project.

Sec. 48. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, 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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(8) From the General Fund to the Emergency Relief and Assistance

Fund (21555): \$2,100,000.

(9) From the General Fund to the Environmental Contingency Fund

(21275): \$3,000,000.

(10) From the General Fund to the Cannabis Regulation Fund (21998):

\$540,311.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
2023:

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

<u>21220</u> <u>Mental Health Risk Pool</u>	<u>\$449.17</u>
<u>21910</u> <u>Counselor Regulatory Fee Fund</u>	<u>\$2,125.00</u>
<u>21945</u> <u>DOC-Corrections Donations</u>	<u>\$4.52</u>
22005 AHS Central Office earned federal receipts	\$4,641,960
50300 Liquor Control Fund	\$20,400,000
Caledonia Fair	\$5,000
North Country Hospital Loan	\$24,047
Springfield Hospital promissory note repayment	\$121,416

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(4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2023, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the accounts indicated:

1210002000	Legislature	\$205,000
1100030000	Executive Branch Pay Act	\$4,405,000
<u>1100010000</u>	<u>Secretary of Administration</u>	<u>\$261,019.35</u>
<u>1110003000</u>	<u>Budget & Management</u>	<u>\$46,983.65</u>
<u>1140040000</u>	<u>Homeowner Rebates</u>	<u>\$2,593,580.53</u>
<u>1140070000</u>	<u>Use Tax Reimbursement Program</u>	<u>\$103,001.75</u>
<u>1140330000</u>	<u>Renter Rebates</u>	<u>\$4,374,661.25</u>
<u>1260010000</u>	<u>Office of the Treasurer</u>	<u>\$206,201.60</u>
<u>2100001000</u>	<u>Attorney General</u>	<u>\$1,181.15</u>
<u>2140010000</u>	<u>Department of Public Safety – State Police</u>	<u>\$329,311.26</u>
<u>2140090000</u>	<u>Forensic Laboratory</u>	<u>\$60,701.18</u>
<u>2150010000</u>	<u>Military Administration/TAGO</u>	<u>\$347,364.99</u>
<u>2230892001</u>	<u>Calendar Year 2020 General Election</u>	<u>\$59,295.39</u>
<u>3330892202</u>	<u>GMCB – Benchmarking Analyses</u>	<u>\$80,443.00</u>
<u>3400891804</u>	<u>Medicaid Financial Requirements</u>	<u>\$40,341.34</u>
<u>3400892109</u>	<u>St Match-Act 155 4(a),5(a)</u>	<u>\$277,500.00</u>
<u>3400892112</u>	<u>AHS-VT Food Bank-Food Box</u>	<u>\$1,376,000.00</u>
<u>3420892203</u>	<u>VDH-Recovery Centers</u>	<u>\$1.09</u>

<u>3440892203</u>	<u>DCF-Parent Child Ctrs Cap Imp</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>5100010000</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$282.00</u>
<u>5100060000</u>	<u>Adult Basic Education</u>	<u>\$7,192.22</u>
<u>5100070000</u>	<u>Education Services</u>	<u>\$3,870.00</u>
<u>5100210000</u>	<u>Education – Flexible Pathways</u>	<u>\$182,072.00</u>
<u>5100400000</u>	<u>State Board of Education</u>	<u>\$54,755.46</u>
<u>5100892214</u>	<u>AOA School Food Program Administration</u>	<u>\$50,670.70</u>
<u>5100892216</u>	<u>AOE Vaccine Incentive Program</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
<u>6100040000</u>	<u>Property Tax Assessment Appropriation</u>	<u>\$4,263.13</u>
<u>6130030000</u>	<u>Parks</u>	<u>\$504.96</u>

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(d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2023, the following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the accounts indicated:

<u>5100010000</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$1,607,144.76</u>
<u>5100040000</u>	<u>Special Education Formula</u>	<u>\$27,333,400.07</u>
<u>5100050000</u>	<u>State-Placed Students</u>	<u>\$1,443,542.45</u>
<u>5100090000</u>	<u>Education Grant</u>	<u>\$11,754,133.93</u>
<u>5100110000</u>	<u>Small School Grant</u>	<u>\$34,348.00</u>
<u>5100200000</u>	<u>Education-Technical Education</u>	<u>\$1,497,300.35</u>
<u>5100210000</u>	<u>Education – Flexible Pathways</u>	<u>\$1,843,900.61</u>

Sec. 49. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. D.102(a) is amended to read:

(a) \$3,020,000 from the General Fund shall be reserved in the 27/53 reserve in fiscal year ~~2022~~ 2023. This action is the fiscal year 2023 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.

Sec. 50. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.100 is amended to read:

Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

(a) The establishment of the following new positions is authorized in fiscal year 2023:

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(2) Permanent Exempt Positions:

(A) Vermont Pension Investment Commission: one Principal Assistant.

(B) Office of Child, Youth and Family Advocate:

(i) One Child, Youth and Family Advocate; and

(ii) One Deputy Child, Youth and Family Advocate.

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(g) The establishment of the following exempt limited-service positions is authorized in the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026.

(1) Truth and Reconciliation Commission

(A) Three Commissioners.

Sec. 51. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.105.2 is amended to read:

Sec. E.105.2 FISCAL YEAR 2023; TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION
SPECIAL FUND; AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) ~~In fiscal 2023, the following expenditures are authorized from the Technology Modernization Special Fund to the projects described in this section:~~

~~(1) the sum of \$11,800,000 for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system upgrade of core statewide financial accounting system and integration with the Vermont Department of Labor and the Agency of Transportation financial systems;~~

~~(2) the sum of \$1,800,000 for continued implementation of the Workplace Information Management System for property management at the Department of Buildings and General Services;~~

~~(3) the sum of \$960,000 for the Fire Safety System Modernization to replace the current technology with a modern platform to improve records management and public interaction functionalities related to permitting and licensing; and~~

~~(4) the sum of \$2,200,000 for a case management system at the Office of the Attorney General.~~

(b) The expenditures authorized in ~~subdivision (a)(1) of this section~~ section B.1102 of this act shall only be released following approval by the Joint

Information Technology Oversight Committee upon a review of the following documentation as provided by the Agency of Digital Services, the Agency of Administration, and the Joint Fiscal Office's IT consultant:

- (1) adequacy of departmental readiness;
- (2) the responsiveness of requests for proposals; and
- (3) results of the independent review.

~~(e)~~(b) In fiscal year ~~2023~~ 2024, if funds are available per section C.102(b) of this act, the following expenditures are authorized from the Technology Modernization Special Fund to the projects described in this section:

(1) ~~The sum of \$20,250,000 for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Core System Modernization Phase II.~~

~~(2)~~ The sum of up to ~~\$30,000,000~~ \$27,000,000 for the Department of Labor Unemployment Insurance Modernization project. These funds shall be released as follows:

(A) ~~the sum of \$3,000,000 on July 1, 2022;~~

~~(B)~~ the sum of \$10,000,000 on July 1, 2023 upon approval by the Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee of the actions outlined in a Project Schedule; and

~~(C)~~(B) remaining funds shall be released upon request as needed by the Agency of Digital Services and approval of the Joint Information

Technology Oversight Committee in accordance with actions outlined in a Project Schedule.

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(3) For the amounts released in subdivisions ~~(2)(B)-(C)~~ (1)(A)-(B) of this subsection, the Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee shall consider the Project Schedule developed between the Department of Labor and the Agency of Digital Services, as approved by the Agency of Administration. The Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee shall also consider any actions proposed by the U.S. Department of Labor that may impact current or future plans developed by the State's Department of Labor.

Sec. 52. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.233.2(a) is amended to read:

(a) In fiscal year 2023 there is appropriated to the Vermont Community Broadband Board a total of ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$1,435,531 from special funds and \$684,127 from federal funds to operate the Board. ~~The intent of this section is to provide the necessary spending authority to the Board to operate in fiscal year 2023 until a new line item budget is included in the budget adjustment for fiscal year 2023 pursuant to Sec. 233.1. of this act.~~

Sec. 53. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.300.2 is added to read:

Sec. E.300.2 EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS FOR NEW AMERICANS

(a) Employment Assistance Grants. The State Refugee Office, in consultation with the Vermont Department of Labor, shall administer a grant

program to support the development of coordinated community-based systems, with consideration of regional networks and resources, to assist in achieving economic self-sufficiency for New Americans, including refugees, humanitarian parolees, special immigrant visa holders, asylees, asylum-seekers and other immigrants with low income who are or intend to become residents of Vermont.

(b) Grant funds may be allocated to:

(1) assess the current ability of a municipality or region supporting the resettlement of New Americans,-including the availability of English language services, transportation, housing, employment supports and economic and health services:

(2) provide employment and related support services for refugees, asylum seekers and other New Americans including technical support, employment training before or during employment, English language learning, employment- related case management, job placement, transportation or other related services; and

(3) provide staff support for the coordination of local and State resources to secure partnerships with organizations employing refugees, development of sustainable New American support systems for regions where New Americans are being settled, creation of employer partnerships to serve multiple refugees, identification of cultural barriers for individual or groups of

refugees, and facilitation with necessary stakeholders to remove barriers and prepare for successful employment.

Sec. 54. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, 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 ~~\$25,231,144~~ \$22,682,952 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

(1) ~~\$22,230,100~~ \$19,881,850 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under the Global Commitment. This amount combined with ~~\$28,269,900~~ \$30,618,150 of federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act equals a total estimated expenditure of \$50,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A. § 2959a.

(2) ~~\$3,001,544~~ \$2,801,102 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 ~~\$4,034,170~~ \$3,515,959 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. 55. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.314.3 is added to read:

Sec. E.314.3 REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PRIVATE
NONMEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

(a) Of the amounts appropriated in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.314 as amended by this act, \$420,000 is appropriated for the purposes of increasing reimbursement rates for Private Nonmedical Institutions which have rates set according to the Department of Vermont Health Access, Division of Rate Setting’s Methods, Standards and Principles for Establishing Payment Rates for Private Nonmedical Institutions Providing Residential Child Care Services. This amount shall be distributed by increasing the per diem rates set by the Department of Vermont Health Access, Division of Rate Setting for each Private Nonmedical Institution. The Division of Rate Setting shall increase the treatment portion of the final per diem rate for each Private Nonmedical Institution whose rate is set by the Division of Rate Setting by an amount sufficient to ensure the appropriation in this section is fully utilized from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

Sec. 56. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.317.1 is added to read:

Sec. E.317.1 REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PRIVATE

NONMEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

(a) Of the amounts appropriated in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.317 as amended by this act, \$1,900,000 is appropriated for the purposes of increasing reimbursement rates for Private Nonmedical Institutions that have rates set according to the Department of Vermont Health Access, Division of Rate Setting's Methods, Standards and Principles for Establishing Payment Rates for Private Nonmedical Institutions Providing Residential Child Care Services. This amount shall be distributed by increasing the per diem rates set by the Department of Vermont Health Access, Division of Rate Setting for each Private Nonmedical Institution. The Division of Rate Setting shall increase the treatment portion of the final per diem rate for each Private Nonmedical Institution whose rate is set by the Division of Rate Setting by an amount sufficient to ensure the appropriation in this section is fully utilized from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

Sec. 57. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.501.1 is added to read:

Sec. E.501.1 EDUCATION RECOVERY AND REVITALIZATION

(a) The Agency of Education may adjust any of the allocations concerning ESSER II and ARP ESSER state set aside funds made in 2021 Acts and Resolves Nos. 9, 67, 72, and 74 and 2022 Acts and Resolves Nos. 28, 83, 112,

166, and 185 during the final reconciliation process to ensure the entirety of the federal awards are expended. The Agency of Education shall provide a final reconciliation report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on the reallocation of these funds in October 2023 and October 2024.

Sec. 58. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.514 is amended to read:

Sec. E.514 STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

(a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), and consistent with system changes enacted for fiscal year 2023 in the 2022 session, the annual contribution to the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) shall be ~~\$194,161,651~~ \$194,961,651 of which ~~\$187,273,782~~ \$188,073,782 shall be the State's contribution and \$6,887,869 shall be contributed from local school systems or educational entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

(b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution, ~~\$34,342,965~~ \$34,842,965 is the "normal contribution," and ~~\$159,818,686~~ \$160,118,686 is the "accrued liability contribution."

Sec. 59. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.300(c)(2) is amended to read:

(2) \$6,000,000 to the Department of Economic Development for the remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites to be used in the same manner as the Brownfields Revitalization Fund established by 10 V.S.A. § 6654, except notwithstanding the grant limitations in 10 V.S.A. § 6654,

projects supported by this appropriation shall not be limited to \$200,000 grants per parcel. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development shall award the amount of \$1,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2023 to regional planning commissions for the purposes of brownfields assessment. In awarding funds under this section, the Secretary, in consultation with VAPDA, shall select one regional planning commission to administer these funds. To ensure statewide availability, the selected regional planning commission shall subgrant to regional planning commissions with brownfield programs, with not more than 10 percent of the funds being used for administrative purposes.

Sec. 60. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G. 500(a) is amended to read:

(a) \$95,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2023 to the Department of Public Service, Vermont Community Broadband Board from the American Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund in order to support the State's goal of achieving universal access to reliable, high-quality, affordable broadband. This appropriation shall be ~~transferred to the Vermont Community Broadband Fund~~ used to make grants through the Broadband Construction Grant Program. The Board may use monies appropriated in this subsection to fund any match requirements applicable to broadband grants funded by the federal ~~Infrastructure~~ Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Sec. 61. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G. 600(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) \$35,000,000 to the Department of Public Service to grant to Efficiency Vermont for the purpose of weatherization incentives to Vermonters with a moderate income. These funds shall be deposited in the Electric Efficiency Fund established under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3) and shall be available for ~~use~~ obligation by Efficiency Vermont through December 31, 2024. Households approved for assistance in this section will also be offered services outlined in subdivision (4) of this subsection.

Sec. 62. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G. 800(a) is amended to read:

(a) The establishment of the following ~~23~~ 32 new classified limited-service positions is authorized in fiscal year 2023.

Sec. 63. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.127.1(d) is amended to read:

(d) ~~To fund this work for fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706, at the close of fiscal year 2021, \$250,000.00 in carryforward from the legislative budget shall be transferred to the JFO.~~
[Repealed.]

Sec. 64. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. D.101, and amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 48 is further amended to read:

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS AND RESERVES

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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:

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1225001000	Legislative IT	\$60,000.00	<u>\$120,000.00</u>
<u>1230001000</u>	<u>Sergeant-at-Arms</u>		<u>\$60,000.00</u>

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Sec. 65. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300, as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 68 is further amended to read:

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

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(28) ~~\$12,803,996~~ \$12,803,993 to the Department of Labor to cover pandemic related operating costs in the Unemployment system and other programs.

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Sec. 66. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 72 is amended to read:

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

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

(2) ~~The~~ For all eligible employers except for home health agencies, the total grant award amount for each eligible employer shall be calculated at a rate of \$2,000 per full-time equivalent employee (FTE) based on the number of FTEs identified by the eligible employer in its grant application. For home health agencies, 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.

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~~(4) Eligible employers shall distribute the full amount of their awards within 12 months following receipt of the grant funds.~~

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(f) Allocations.

(1) Of the funds made available in subsection (e) of this section, \$45,000,000 shall be allocated for a first round of funding, to be made available to the eligible employers identified in subsection (b) of this section.

The remaining \$15,000,000 shall be reserved for a second round of funding pending identification of a set of additional health care and social service provider employers with a demonstrated need for the recruitment and retention incentive grant funding, as recommended by the Agency of Human Services and accepted by the General Assembly, or by the Joint Fiscal Committee if the General Assembly is not in session, except that the Agency is authorized to access all or a portion of the reserved funding to the extent that a funding deficiency is identified when meeting the needs of the first round of eligible employers.

(2) Any remaining funds following a second round of funding may be used for one or more of the following workforce recruitment and retention purposes:

(A)(i) Incentive grants to nurses employed by health care employers in Vermont for serving as preceptors for nursing students enrolled in Vermont nursing schools. The Agency shall distribute all or a portion of the remaining funds to health care employers employing nurses who provide student preceptor supervision based on the number of preceptor hours to be provided, at a rate of \$5.00 per preceptor hour, or a lesser hourly rate if the need exceeds the available funds. The Agency shall prioritize funding for health care employers that provide matching funds for additional preceptor

compensation or that commit to providing future compensation and support to expanding the number of preceptors.

(ii) If nurse preceptors receiving compensation pursuant to a grant awarded to a health care employer under this section are subject to a collective bargaining agreement, the use of the grant funds provided to the health care employer for the nurse preceptors shall be subject to bargaining between the health care employer and the collective bargaining representative of the nurses to the extent required by the collective bargaining agreement.

(B) Grants to health care employers, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, designated and specialized service agencies, federally qualified health centers, and other health care providers, to establish or expand partnerships with Vermont nursing schools to create nursing pipeline or apprenticeship programs, or both, that will train members of the health care employers' existing staff, including personal care attendants, licensed nursing assistants, and licensed practical nurses, to become higher-level nursing professionals. Through a combination of scholarship awards, grants awarded to health care employers pursuant to this section, grants awarded to health care employers pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 22, and the health care employer's contributions, the trainees' tuition and fees shall be covered in full, and trainees shall be provided with assistance in meeting their living costs, such as housing and child care, while attending the program.

Sec. 67. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 21 is amended to read:

Sec. 21. NURSE PRECEPTOR INCENTIVE GRANTS; HOSPITALS;
WORKING GROUP; REPORT

(a)(1) In fiscal year 2023, the amount of \$400,000.00 is appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Agency of Human Services to provide incentive grants to nurses employed by critical access hospitals in Vermont for serving as preceptors for nursing students enrolled in Vermont nursing school programs. The Agency shall distribute the funds to critical access hospitals employing nurses who provide student preceptor supervision based on the number of preceptor hours to be provided, at a rate of \$5.00 per preceptor hour, or a lesser hourly rate if the need exceeds the available funds. The Agency shall prioritize funding for hospitals that provide matching funds for additional preceptor compensation or that commit to providing future compensation and support to expanding the number of preceptors. If funding is not fully obligated after offering an initial grant opportunity to critical access hospitals, the Agency may open the grant opportunity to other health care employers, including non-critical access hospitals, long-term care facilities, designated and specialized service agencies, federally qualified health centers, and other health care providers.

(2) If nurse preceptors receiving compensation pursuant to a grant awarded to a hospital or other health care employer under this section are subject to a collective bargaining agreement, the use of the grant funds provided to the hospital or other health care employer for the nurse preceptors shall be subject to impact bargaining between the hospital or other health care employer and the collective bargaining representative of the nurses to the extent required by the collective bargaining agreement.

Sec. 68. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

Sec. 3. MANUFACTURED HOME IMPROVEMENT AND
REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Of the amounts available from ~~federal COVID-19 relief~~ the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) recovery funds, the following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purposes specified:

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Sec. 69. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 28 is amended to read:

Sec. 28. APPROPRIATION ALLOCATION

~~To the extent that increased funding is provided in fiscal year 2023 to the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund, \$650,000.00 shall be used for Municipal Bylaw Modernization Grants established in 24 V.S.A. § 4307. An amount not to exceed \$650,000 of Municipal and Regional Planning Funds, as~~

appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development per 2002 Act 185, Sec. B.802, may be used to provide Municipal Bylaw Modernization Grants in accordance with 24 V.S.A § 4307.

Sec. 70. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 16(b)(1) is amended to read:

(1) ~~In~~ Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(d); in fiscal year 2023, the amount of \$15,000,000.00 is appropriated from the Education Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to create and administer the CTE Construction and Rehabilitation Experiential Learning Program and Revolving Loan Fund pursuant to this section

Sec. 71. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 25 is amended to read:

Sec. 25. VERMONT NURSING FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE
PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION

(a) In fiscal year 2023, the amount of \$227,169.00 in Global Commitment funds is appropriated to the Department of Health for forgivable loans for nursing students under the Vermont Nursing Forgivable Loan Incentive Program established in 18 V.S.A. § 34 by Sec. 23 of this act.

(b) In fiscal year 2023, the amount of \$100,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Human Services, Global Commitment ~~appropriation~~ Program for the State match for the Vermont Nursing Forgivable Loan Incentive Program established in 18 V.S.A. § 34 by Sec. 23 of this act.

(c) In fiscal year 2023, \$127,169.00 in federal funds is appropriated to the Agency of Human Services, Global Commitment ~~appropriation~~ Program for the Vermont Nursing Forgivable Loan Incentive Program established in 18 V.S.A. § 34 by Sec. 23 of this act.

Sec. 72. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 47(d)(3) is amended to read:

(3) the amount of the cumulative decline in adjusted net operating income during the COVID-19 public health emergency in 2020 and 2021, or other appropriate basis of comparison used to determine eligibility under subdivision (c)(4) of this section. Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 71 of this act (amending 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 47(d)(3)), shall take effect on July 1, 2022 and apply retroactively to applications received on or after that date.

Sec. 73. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 53(a) is amended to read:

(a) Reversion. In fiscal year ~~2022~~ 2023, of the amounts appropriated in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G. 300(a)(13), from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the Economic Recovery Grant Program, ~~\$25,500,000.00~~ \$25,042,000.00 shall revert to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Sec. 74. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 54 is amended to read:

Sec. 54. ~~APPROPRIATION;~~ DOWNTOWN AND VILLAGE
CENTER TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

~~There is appropriated the sum of \$2,450,000.00 from the General Fund to the Vermont Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit Program to be used in fiscal years 2023 and 2024. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 5930ee, the funds until the end of fiscal year 2024, up to \$5,450,000 shall be used to increase the amount of for Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit Program tax credits that may be awarded to on qualified projects. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 5930ee, any tax credit capacity for this program not used in fiscal year 2023 shall carry forward. Of those tax credits awarded in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, up to \$2,000,000.00 may be awarded to qualified projects located in designated neighborhood development areas. It is the intent of the General Assembly that this section be a temporary increase to the Program for fiscal years 2023 and 2024.~~

Sec. 75. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 184, Sec. 2(8)(C) and (D) are amended to read:

(C) Replace Your Ride Program. Sec. 5(c) of this act authorizes ~~\$3,000,000.00~~ \$2,900,000.00 for incentives under Replace Your Ride, which will be the State's program to incentivize Vermonters to remove older low-

efficiency vehicles from operation and switch to modes of transportation that produce fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and capped administrative costs.

(D) eBike Incentives. Sec. 5(d) of this act authorizes ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$150,000.00 for eBike incentives and capped administrative costs.

Sec. 76. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 184, Sec. 5(c) and (d) are amended to read:

(c) Replace Your Ride Program. The Agency is authorized to spend up to ~~\$3,000,000.00~~ \$2,900,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on the Replace Your Ride Program established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 27, as amended.

(d) eBike Incentives. The Agency is authorized to spend up to ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$150,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on an eBike incentive program.

Sec. 77. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.600(b) is amended to read:

(b) In fiscal year 2023, \$32,200,000 is appropriated from the General Fund and \$550,000 is appropriated from the Transportation Fund for electric vehicle charging infrastructure, electrification incentives and public transportation investments as follows:

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(5) ~~\$3,000,000.00~~ \$2,900,000.00 to the Agency of Transportation for the Replace Your Ride Program, established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 27, as amended.

(6) \$2,200,000 general funds and \$550,000 Transportation funds to the Agency of Transportation for the following:

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(C) \$50,000 Transportation funds and \$100,000 general funds to the Agency of Transportation for electric bicycle incentives.

Sec. 78. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 186, Sec. 4(b) is amended to read:

(b) In fiscal year 2023, \$102,000.00 is ~~appropriated~~ allocated to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living from the Global Commitment Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) home- and community-based services monies appropriated in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 72a, as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. 105, to fund the Residential Program Developer position established in subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 79. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 186, Sec. 5(b)(1) is amended to read:

(b)(1) In fiscal year 2023, \$500,000.00 is ~~appropriated~~ allocated to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living from the Global Commitment Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) home- and community-based services monies appropriated in 2022 Acts and Resolves

No. 83, Sec. 72a, as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. 105, to develop housing and residential service pilot planning grants in at least three regions of the State, in partnership with designated and specialized service agencies, for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The Department shall issue a request for proposals seeking entities to develop regional pilot planning grants with not more than one grant per designated agency catchment area.

Sec. 80. 33 V.S.A. § 3543 is amended to read:

§ 3543. STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE

(a)(1) There is established a need-based student loan repayment assistance program for the purpose of providing student loan repayment assistance to any individual employed by a regulated, privately operated center-based child care program or family child care home.

(2) An eligible individual shall:

(A)(i) work in a privately operated center-based child care program or in a family child care home that is regulated by the Division for at least an average of 30 hours per week for 48 weeks of the year; or

(ii) if the individual is an employee of a Vermont Head Start program that operates fewer than 48 weeks per year, work a minimum of nine months of the year, inclusive of any employer-approved time off; or

(B) receive an annual salary of not more than ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$60,000.00 through the individual's work in regulated childcare; and

(C)(i) have earned an associate's or bachelor's degree with a major or concentration in early childhood, child and human development, elementary education, special education with a birth to age eight focus, or child and family services ~~within the preceding five years; or~~

(ii) have earned an associate's, bachelor's, or master's degree that contributes to an Early Childhood Career Ladder Certificate Level IIIB or higher through Northern Lights at the Community College of Vermont.

(3) To participate in the program set forth in this section, an eligible individual shall submit to the Department for Children and Families documentation expressing the individual's intent to work in a regulated, privately operated center-based child care program or family child care home for at least the 12 months following the annual loan repayment award notification. A participant may receive up to \$4,000.00 annually in student loan repayment assistance, which shall be distributed by the Department in four allotments. The Department shall distribute at least one-quarter of the individual's total annual benefit after the individual has completed three months of employment in accordance with the program. The remainder of an individual's total annual benefit shall be distributed by the Department every three months after the initial

payment.

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(d) An individual who has not received student loan repayment assistance pursuant to subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall be eligible for a one-time retroactive payment of \$4,000.00 if the individual met all eligibility requirements within the 12 months preceding the date of application.

Sec. 81. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 164, Sec. 6d. is amended to read:

Sec. 6d. AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS REPORT

On or before November 15, ~~2023~~ 2024, the Auditor of Accounts shall report to the General Assembly regarding the organizational structure and membership of the Cannabis Control Board and whether the structure continues to be the most efficient for carrying out the statutory duties of the Board.

Sec. 82. 32 V.S.A. § 7811 is amended to read:

§ 7811. IMPOSITION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX

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(b) The tax established in this section shall not be imposed on:

(1) cannabis-related supplies sold by a dispensary registered under ~~18 V.S.A. chapter 86~~ 7 V.S.A. chapter 37 to registered patients and registered caregivers, as those terms are defined in ~~18 V.S.A. § 4472~~ 7 V.S.A. § 972;

(2) cannabis products, as defined in 7 V.S.A. § 831, that do not contain tobacco; or

(3) hemp or hemp products, as defined in 6 V.S.A. § 562, that do not contain tobacco.

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Sec. 83. REPEALS; MENTAL HEALTH RISK POOL

1998 Acts and Resolves No. 147, Sec. 138a is repealed.

Sec. 84. JUDICIARY NETWORK REPLACEMENT REVIEW

(a) On or before April 15, 2023, the Judiciary shall obtain an independent expert review for their proposed Network Replacement project. The review shall include:

(1) an acquisition cost assessment;

(2) a technology architecture and standards review;

(3) an implementation plan assessment, including a review of the staffing plan for the ongoing operation of the network;

(4) a cost analysis and a model for benefit analysis;

(5) an analysis of alternatives;

(6) an impact analysis on the Judiciary's net operating costs; and

(7) a security assessment.

(b) The Judiciary shall submit a copy of the review described in subsection (a) of this section to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations. No funds shall be

appropriated for the Judiciary's Network Replacement project until the results of the review are assessed by the General Assembly.

(c) Any costs associated with the review described in subsection (a) of this section shall be paid for from the Judiciary's Fiscal Year 2023 operating budget.

Sec. 85. CHILDREN'S INTEGRATED SERVICES PER MEMBER PER
MONTH PAYMENT

Providers of children's integrated services shall receive a per member per month payment of \$650.00 for all eligible recipients.

Sec. 86. SECURE RESIDENTIAL STABILIZATION FACILITIES FOR
YOUTH

(a) \$4,626,506 of funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services shall be held in reserve until the Department for Children and Families submits a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare providing a detailed plan for the location, design, and budget of the proposed secure residential stabilization facilities for youth, on or before March 31, 2023. The report shall include:

(1) the proposed timeframe in which each temporary facility would be operational while plans for a suitable permanent facility are developed and implemented; and

(2) the timeframe for the additional stabilization and treatment unit plans.

Sec. 87. GENERAL ASSISTANCE TEMPORARY HOUSING PROGRAM

(a) The Department for Children and Families shall convene a group of broad stakeholders, including Continuum of Care organizations, Community Action Agencies, people with lived experience, lodging establishments, homelessness shelters, and other interested parties, to examine the public policy options for administering temporary housing assistance. The group shall make recommendations to the Commissioner for Children and Families on the design and implementation of a sustainable, long-term plan for providing emergency housing after fiscal year 2023 that ends reliance on the General/Emergency Assistance Motel Voucher Program. This group shall consider investments needed to build local capacity to support emergency housing needs, which may include funding, training, technical assistance, and planning support. The Department for Children and Families and the workgroup shall also consider the Governor's proposed permanent housing initiative when developing its recommendations.

(b) On or before April 15, 2023, the Department for Children and Families shall submit a written report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on General and Housing, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and

on Health and Welfare with recommendations on the development of a sustainable, long-term plan for emergency housing.

(c) The Department shall also continue to engage interested local and statewide parties, including the Continuum of Care organizations, service providers, people with lived experience, and representatives of Vermont's health care system, in the design, implementation, and evaluation of housing assistance programs and community-based alternatives to General/Emergency Assistance temporary housing.

(d) The Department for Children and Families shall implement the identified sustainable housing plan on July 1, 2023 in line with recommendations made in the April 15, 2023 written report. The Department for Children and Families shall take into consideration steps necessary to ensure an effective and efficient transition that ends reliance on the General/Emergency Assistance Motel Voucher Program on June 30, 2023.

Sec. 87a. MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ACCESS STATE
AND FEDERAL FUNDING

(a) Expanding municipal access to State and federal funding. The Agency of Administration, consistent with the provisions of this section, shall design and implement a process to provide expanded technical and administrative assistance to municipalities with high need that may be eligible for State or federal funding for the following activities:

(1) Community needs assessment. Conducting a review of community assets and needs, strategic planning, and identifying potential eligible projects, including in the following categories:

(A) water supply and wastewater infrastructure;

(B) housing;

(C) community recovery, workforce development, and business support;

(D) climate change mitigation and resilience; and

(E) other community economic development projects identified by a municipality and approved by the Agency of Administration.

(2) Opportunity assessment. Assessing the technical assistance and funding available from State, federal, and private sources; evaluating eligibility and compliance requirements; and conducting a feasibility analysis of whether the municipality has, or can develop, the capacity to complete a project and meet applicable requirements.

(3) Application and permit assistance. Providing technical and administrative assistance with completing funding applications, permit applications, and satisfying initial regulatory requirements.

(4) Project management and implementation. Providing ongoing support to successful grant recipients with project management, funding

program implementation, funding program compliance, and administrative and regulatory compliance through project completion.

(5) Other capacity-building activities. Providing additional assistance, subject to approval by the Agency, to advance priority projects identified by municipalities.

(b) Eligible service providers; service delivery.

(1) Eligibility.

(A) The Agency shall develop eligibility criteria, issue a request for proposals, and implement an approval process for service providers within each region to provide the technical assistance and services specified in subsection (a) of this section.

(B) The Agency may exercise its discretion in structuring the terms of service and payments, provided that the Agency shall adopt a set of minimum standards, duties, and performance requirements applicable to all service providers.

(2) Providers; mode of delivery. The Agency may:

(A) award a grant or contract for services to a regional planning commission, regional development corporation, or other similar instrumentality; to a private for-profit or nonprofit contractor; or to a combination of these;

(B) award funding to two or more municipalities to create a shared full-time, part-time, or limited-service position; or

(C) authorize an eligible municipality to directly contract for services from one or more providers approved by the Agency, subject to terms approved by the Agency.

(3) Regional collaboration. In approving service providers, the Agency shall give priority to applicants that demonstrate a commitment and ability to promote regional collaboration and maximize the efficient use of resources.

(c) Eligible municipalities; communities index.

(1) The Agency shall develop an index that ranks Vermont municipalities based on their relative administrative capacity to access and maximize the benefits of technical assistance and funding that is available from State, federal, and other sources.

(2) In developing the index, for each municipality in this State, the Agency shall consider its demographic profile, geographic location, and economic resources; the current size and administrative capacity of the municipal government; the availability of regional partners and supports; and other factors the Agency determines to be relevant in assessing the municipality's capacity to fully access available funding and related assistance.

(d) Eligible municipalities; priority.

(1) The Agency shall approve funding on a first-come, first-served basis to municipalities that rank in the top 25th percentile on the index developed pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, the Agency may adopt a process to consider and approve funding for a municipality that ranks below the top 25th percentile but demonstrates exceptional circumstances.

(3) If funds remain available after meeting the funding requirements of municipalities that qualify under subdivisions (1)–(2) of this subsection, the Agency may award funding to other municipalities according to index ranking.

(e) Outreach; implementation.

(1) The Agency, in coordination with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, shall conduct a general public engagement campaign to make municipalities aware of the potential opportunity for services and funding pursuant to this section.

(2) The Agency, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, and each regional planning commission and regional development corporation that serves a municipality that is eligible for funding priority under subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall work collaboratively to ensure that individual outreach to each eligible municipality occurs:

(A) to inform the municipality that it is eligible for funding for technical assistance and related services based on its index ranking;

(B) to educate the municipality on the process for identifying the types of services and assistance available, identifying eligible service providers, and accessing funding pursuant to this section; and

(C) to determine whether the municipality intends to further pursue funding for technical assistance and related services or waives its priority for funding.

(f) Reporting.

(1) The Agency shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Government Operations, the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, and the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs on or before the following dates:

(A) April 1, 2023;

(B) July 1, 2023; and

(C) January 15, 2024.

(2) The Agency shall address in its reports the design and implementation of the process for providing municipal technical assistance pursuant to this section, including information addressing:

(A) the activities specified in subsection (a) of this section for which the Agency provided funding and the type and amount of State, federal, or other funds that were leveraged for each activity;

(B) the eligibility criteria, request for proposals, and approval process for service providers; the standards, duties, and performance requirements applicable to service providers; and the identity and scope of services performed by approved service providers;

(C) the mode of delivery, amount, and purpose of funding awarded to municipalities;

(D) the design, methodology, and efficacy of the index; the effectiveness of the index in identifying relative priority and capacity of municipalities; and, if applicable, the basis of any funding awards made due to exceptional circumstances pursuant to subdivision (d)(3) of this section; and

(E) the design, implementation, and effectiveness of outreach efforts undertaken pursuant to subsection (e) of this section.

Sec. 88. CARRYFORWARD AUTHORITY

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval of the Secretary of Administration, General, Transportation, Transportation Infrastructure Bond, Education Fund, Clean Water Fund (21932), and Agricultural Water Quality Fund (21933) appropriations remaining

unexpended on June 30, 2023 in the Executive Branch shall be carried forward and shall be designated for expenditure.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, General Fund appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2023 in the Legislative and Judicial Branches shall be carried forward and shall be designated for expenditure.

Sec. 89. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect upon passage except, notwithstanding 1 V.S.A.

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(1) Sec. 72 (amending 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 47(d)(3)) shall take effect retroactively on July 1, 2022 and apply retroactively to applications received on or after that date; and

(2) Sec. 82 (amending 32 V.S.A. § 7811; imposition of tobacco products tax) shall take effect on July 1, 2023, except that 32 V.S.A. § 7811(b)(1) (exemption for cannabis sold by dispensaries) shall take effect retroactively on March 1, 2022.