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2 An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

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

4 * * * Purpose, Definitions, Legend * * *

5 Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

6 (a) This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2024
7 Appropriations Act.

8 Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

9 (a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of
10 State government and for capital appropriations not funded with bond proceeds
11 during fiscal year 2024. It is the express intent of the General Assembly that
12 activities of the various agencies, departments, divisions, boards, and
13 commissions be limited to those that can be supported by funds appropriated in
14 this act or other acts passed on or prior to June 30, 2023. Agency and
15 department heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the
16 beginning of fiscal year 2024 to meet this condition unless otherwise directed
17 by specific language in this act or other acts of the General Assembly.

18 Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

19 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serves as the
20 primary source and reference for appropriations for the operation of State
21 government and for capital appropriations not funded with bond proceeds
22 during fiscal year 2024.

1 (b) The sums stated in this act are appropriated for the purposes specified
2 in the following sections of this act. When no time is expressly stated during
3 which any of the appropriations are to continue, the appropriations are single-
4 year appropriations, only for the purpose indicated and shall be paid from
5 funds shown as the source of funds. If in this act there is an error in either
6 addition or subtraction, the totals shall be adjusted accordingly. Apparent
7 errors in referring to section numbers of statutory titles within this act may be
8 disregarded by the Commissioner of Finance and Management.

9 (c) Unless codified or otherwise specified, all narrative portions of this act
10 apply only to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024.

11 Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

12 (a) As used in this act:

13 (1) “Encumbrances” means a portion of an appropriation reserved for
14 the subsequent payment of existing purchase orders or contracts. The
15 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the
16 appropriateness of encumbrances.

17 (2) “Grants” means subsidies, aid, or payments to local governments, to
18 community and quasi-public agencies for providing local services, and to
19 persons who are not wards of the State for services or supplies and means cash
20 or other direct assistance, including pension contributions.

1 (3) “Operating expenses” means property management; repair and
2 maintenance; rental expenses; insurance; postage; travel; energy and utilities;
3 office and other supplies; equipment, including motor vehicles, highway
4 materials, and construction; expenditures for the purchase of land and
5 construction of new buildings and permanent improvements; and similar items.

6 (4) “Personal services” means wages and salaries; fringe benefits; per
7 diems; contracted third-party services; and similar items.

8 (5) “Capital appropriation” means an appropriation for tangible capital
9 investments or expenses that are eligible to be funded from general obligation
10 debt financing and are allowed under federal laws governing the use of State
11 bond proceeds as described in 32 V.S.A. § 309.

12 Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

13 (a) Except as specifically provided, this act shall not be construed in any
14 way to negate or impair the full force and effect of existing laws.

15 Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

16 (a) In the absence of specific provisions to the contrary in this act, when
17 total appropriations are offset by estimated receipts, the State appropriations
18 shall control, notwithstanding receipts being greater or less than anticipated.

19 Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

20 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the Governor, with the approval of the General
21 Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the General Assembly is not in

1 session, may accept federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including
2 block grants in lieu of or in addition to funds designated as federal in this act.
3 The Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal
4 Committee if the General Assembly is not in session, may allocate all or any
5 portion of such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for
6 which the basic appropriations in this act have been made.

7 (b) If, during fiscal year 2024, federal funds available to the State of
8 Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2023 session of
9 the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are
10 abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new
11 title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for
12 any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were
13 appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for not
14 more than 45 days prior to legislative or Joint Fiscal Committee approval.
15 Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if the
16 Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint
17 Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's
18 request for approval.

19 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

20 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the total number
21 of authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary

1 positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(a)(11), shall not be increased during
2 fiscal year 2024 except for new positions authorized by the 2023 session.
3 Limited service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 5 shall not
4 be subject to this restriction.

5 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

6 (a) This act is organized by functions of government. The sections
7 between B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriations of funds for the upcoming
8 budget year. The sections between E.100 and E.9999 contain language that
9 relates to specific appropriations or government functions, or both. The
10 function areas by section numbers are as follows:

11	<u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
12	<u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons and</u>
13		<u>Property</u>
14	<u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
15	<u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
16	<u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
17	<u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
18	<u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
19	<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community</u>
20		<u>Development</u>
21	<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>

1 B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099 Debt Service
2 B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199 One-time and other
3 appropriation actions

4 (b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year; the D
5 sections contain fund transfers, reversions, and reserve allocations for the
6 upcoming budget year; the F sections contain workforce and economic
7 development policies; the G sections contain changes to Department of Motor
8 Vehicles fees; and the H section contains effective dates.

9 * * * Fiscal Year 2024 Base Appropriations * * *

10 Sec. B.100 Secretary of administration - secretary's office

11	Personal services	2,843,097
12	Operating expenses	160,849
13	Grants	<u>100,000</u>
14	Total	3,103,946
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	2,359,270
17	Special funds	100,000
18	Internal service funds	403,239
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>241,437</u>
20	Total	3,103,946

1	Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance	
2	Personal services	1,374,393
3	Operating expenses	<u>138,363</u>
4	Total	1,512,756
5	Source of funds	
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,512,756</u>
7	Total	1,512,756
8	Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
9	Personal services	895,051
10	Operating expenses	<u>91,550</u>
11	Total	986,601
12	Source of funds	
13	Internal service funds	<u>986,601</u>
14	Total	986,601
15	Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
16	Personal services	545,717
17	Operating expenses	<u>63,558</u>
18	Total	609,275
19	Source of funds	
20	Internal service funds	<u>609,275</u>
21	Total	609,275

1	Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
2	Personal services	196,464
3	Operating expenses	<u>54,633</u>
4	Total	251,097
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>251,097</u>
7	Total	251,097
8	Sec. B.104.1 Retired State Employees Pension Plus Funding	
9	Grants	<u>9,000,000</u>
10	Total	9,000,000
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>9,000,000</u>
13	Total	9,000,000
14	Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information	
15	technology	
16	Personal services	102,479,935
17	Operating expenses	<u>36,148,517</u>
18	Total	138,628,452
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	186,726
21	Special funds	471,611

1	Internal service funds	<u>137,970,115</u>
2	Total	138,628,452
3	Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
4	Personal services	1,456,438
5	Operating expenses	<u>306,717</u>
6	Total	1,763,155
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	1,143,286
9	Internal service funds	<u>619,869</u>
10	Total	1,763,155
11	Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
12	Personal services	2,555,838
13	Operating expenses	<u>810,848</u>
14	Total	3,366,686
15	Source of funds	
16	Internal service funds	<u>3,366,686</u>
17	Total	3,366,686
18	Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
19	Personal services	10,175,933
20	Operating expenses	<u>1,483,759</u>
21	Total	11,659,692

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	1,777,169
3	Special funds	263,589
4	Internal service funds	9,127,114
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>491,820</u>
6	Total	11,659,692
7	Sec. B.108.1 Human resources - VTHR operations	
8	Personal services	1,909,749
9	Operating expenses	<u>693,001</u>
10	Total	2,602,750
11	Source of funds	
12	Internal service funds	<u>2,602,750</u>
13	Total	2,602,750
14	Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
15	Personal services	1,140,195
16	Operating expenses	<u>655,062</u>
17	Total	1,795,257
18	Source of funds	
19	Internal service funds	<u>1,795,257</u>
20	Total	1,795,257

1	Sec. B.110 Libraries	
2	Personal services	2,404,179
3	Operating expenses	906,958
4	Grants	<u>230,214</u>
5	Total	3,541,351
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	2,088,614
8	Special funds	73,614
9	Federal funds	1,251,244
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>127,879</u>
11	Total	3,541,351
12	Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
13	Personal services	25,023,254
14	Operating expenses	<u>5,787,491</u>
15	Total	30,810,745
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	22,406,475
18	Special funds	8,359,270
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
20	Total	30,810,745

1	Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
2	Personal services	988,938
3	Operating expenses	<u>333,561</u>
4	Total	1,322,499
5	Source of funds	
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,322,499</u>
7	Total	1,322,499
8	Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
9	Personal services	45,644
10	Operating expenses	<u>1,230,723</u>
11	Total	1,276,367
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>1,276,367</u>
14	Total	1,276,367
15	Sec. B.113.1 Buildings and General Services Engineering - Capital Projects	
16	Personal services	2,730,738
17	Operating expenses	<u>500,000</u>
18	Total	3,230,738
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	2,730,738
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>500,000</u>

1	Total	3,230,738
2	Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
3	Personal services	3,646,408
4	Operating expenses	<u>1,801,847</u>
5	Total	5,448,255
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	668,401
8	Transportation fund	4,235,134
9	Special funds	<u>544,720</u>
10	Total	5,448,255
11	Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
12	Personal services	1,670,521
13	Operating expenses	<u>191,576</u>
14	Total	1,862,097
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	1,481,008
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>381,089</u>
18	Total	1,862,097
19	Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
20	Personal services	800,527
21	Operating expenses	<u>173,126</u>

1	Total	973,653
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	87,613
4	Internal service funds	<u>886,040</u>
5	Total	973,653
6	Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
7	Personal services	898,526
8	Operating expenses	<u>208,536</u>
9	Total	1,107,062
10	Source of funds	
11	Internal service funds	<u>1,107,062</u>
12	Total	1,107,062
13	Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
14	Personal services	888,607
15	Operating expenses	<u>245,134</u>
16	Total	1,133,741
17	Source of funds	
18	Internal service funds	<u>1,133,741</u>
19	Total	1,133,741
20	Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
21	Operating expenses	<u>4,298</u>

1	Total	4,298
2	Source of funds	
3	Enterprise funds	<u>4,298</u>
4	Total	4,298
5	Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	
6	Personal services	340,128
7	Operating expenses	<u>169,529</u>
8	Total	509,657
9	Source of funds	
10	Internal service funds	<u>509,657</u>
11	Total	509,657
12	Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
13	Personal services	1,625,691
14	Operating expenses	<u>465,485</u>
15	Total	2,091,176
16	Source of funds	
17	Internal service funds	<u>2,091,176</u>
18	Total	2,091,176
19	Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
20	Personal services	18,762,037
21	Operating expenses	<u>17,272,131</u>

1	Total	36,034,168
2	Source of funds	
3	Internal service funds	35,964,112
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>70,056</u>
5	Total	36,034,168
6	Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
7	Personal services	1,583,965
8	Operating expenses	<u>467,778</u>
9	Total	2,051,743
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	1,801,931
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>249,812</u>
13	Total	2,051,743
14	Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel	
15	Personal services	3,633,429
16	Operating expenses	<u>291,348</u>
17	Total	3,924,777
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>3,924,777</u>
20	Total	3,924,777

1	Sec. B.126 Legislature	
2	Personal services	5,898,458
3	Operating expenses	<u>4,649,260</u>
4	Total	10,547,718
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>10,547,718</u>
7	Total	10,547,718
8	Sec. B.126.1 Legislative information technology	
9	Personal services	1,279,864
10	Operating expenses	<u>663,583</u>
11	Total	1,943,447
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>1,943,447</u>
14	Total	1,943,447
15	Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
16	Personal services	2,517,690
17	Operating expenses	<u>191,250</u>
18	Total	2,708,940
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>2,708,940</u>
21	Total	2,708,940

1	Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
2	Personal services	1,404,247
3	Operating expenses	<u>130,514</u>
4	Total	1,534,761
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>1,534,761</u>
7	Total	1,534,761
8	Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
9	Personal services	258,394
10	Operating expenses	<u>44,090</u>
11	Total	302,484
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>302,484</u>
14	Total	302,484
15	Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
16	Personal services	4,160,946
17	Operating expenses	<u>183,967</u>
18	Total	4,344,913
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	372,808
21	Special funds	53,145

1	Internal service funds	<u>3,918,960</u>
2	Total	4,344,913
3	Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
4	Personal services	5,374,687
5	Operating expenses	273,230
6	Grants	<u>400,000</u>
7	Total	6,047,917
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	2,148,837
10	Special funds	3,737,463
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>161,617</u>
12	Total	6,047,917
13	Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
14	Personal services	809,823
15	Operating expenses	<u>386,790</u>
16	Total	1,196,613
17	Source of funds	
18	Interdepartmental transfers	0
19	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,196,613</u>
20	Total	1,196,613

1	Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
2	Personal services	221,698
3	Operating expenses	<u>2,768,981</u>
4	Total	2,990,679
5	Source of funds	
6	Pension trust funds	<u>2,990,679</u>
7	Total	2,990,679
8	Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
9	Personal services	222,371
10	Operating expenses	<u>1,499,452</u>
11	Total	1,721,823
12	Source of funds	
13	Pension trust funds	<u>1,721,823</u>
14	Total	1,721,823
15	Sec. B.134.1 Vermont Pension Investment Commission	
16	Personal services	2,129,637
17	Operating expenses	<u>248,561</u>
18	Total	2,378,198
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	<u>2,378,198</u>
21	Total	2,378,198

1	Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
2	Personal services	258,094
3	Operating expenses	<u>49,671</u>
4	Total	307,765
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	298,189
7	Special funds	6,788
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
9	Total	307,765
10	Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
11	Personal services	86,954
12	Operating expenses	<u>15,054</u>
13	Total	102,008
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	51,004
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>51,004</u>
17	Total	102,008
18	Sec. B.136.1 Ethics Commission	
19	Personal services	147,767
20	Operating expenses	<u>41,660</u>
21	Total	189,427

1	Source of funds	
2	Internal service funds	<u>189,427</u>
3	Total	189,427
4	Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
5	Grants	<u>16,250,000</u>
6	Total	16,250,000
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>16,250,000</u>
9	Total	16,250,000
10	Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
11	Grants	<u>9,500,000</u>
12	Total	9,500,000
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>
15	Total	9,500,000
16	Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
17	Grants	<u>3,394,500</u>
18	Total	3,394,500
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>3,394,500</u>
21	Total	3,394,500

1	Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
2	Grants	<u>18,600,000</u>
3	Total	18,600,000
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>18,600,000</u>
6	Total	18,600,000
7	Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
8	Grants	<u>12,280,750</u>
9	Total	12,280,750
10	Source of funds	
11	Special funds	<u>12,280,750</u>
12	Total	12,280,750
13	Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier	
14	Grants	<u>184,000</u>
15	Total	184,000
16	Source of funds	
17	Special funds	<u>184,000</u>
18	Total	184,000
19	Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
20	Grants	<u>40,000</u>
21	Total	40,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
3	Total	40,000
4	Sec. B.145 Total general government	
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	118,585,063
7	Transportation fund	4,235,134
8	Special funds	28,493,148
9	Federal funds	1,251,244
10	Internal service funds	203,532,178
11	Interdepartmental transfers	5,157,757
12	Enterprise funds	4,298
13	Pension trust funds	4,712,502
14	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,196,613</u>
15	Total	367,167,937
16	Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
17	Personal services	12,957,305
18	Operating expenses	1,696,265
19	Grants	<u>20,000</u>
20	Total	14,673,570
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	6,974,796
2	Special funds	2,142,678
3	Tobacco fund	422,000
4	Federal funds	1,583,958
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,550,138</u>
6	Total	14,673,570
7	Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
8	Personal services	1,250
9	Grants	<u>3,142,971</u>
10	Total	3,144,221
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	2,886,224
13	Special funds	<u>257,997</u>
14	Total	3,144,221
15	Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
16	Personal services	15,416,603
17	Operating expenses	<u>1,235,698</u>
18	Total	16,652,301
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	15,912,648
21	Special funds	589,653

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>150,000</u>
2	Total	16,652,301
3	Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
4	Personal services	7,213,974
5	Operating expenses	<u>49,500</u>
6	Total	7,263,474
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>7,263,474</u>
9	Total	7,263,474
10	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
11	Personal services	52,555,909
12	Operating expenses	11,583,876
13	Grants	<u>121,030</u>
14	Total	64,260,815
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	58,250,863
17	Special funds	2,888,542
18	Federal funds	953,928
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,167,482</u>
20	Total	64,260,815

1	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
2	Personal services	14,787,744
3	Operating expenses	<u>1,999,496</u>
4	Total	16,787,240
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	15,904,997
7	Special funds	109,778
8	Federal funds	233,490
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>538,975</u>
10	Total	16,787,240
11	Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
12	Personal services	64,287
13	Operating expenses	24,295
14	Grants	<u>2,140,047</u>
15	Total	2,228,629
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	<u>2,228,629</u>
18	Total	2,228,629
19	Sec. B.206.1 Crime Victims Advocates	
20	Personal services	2,604,804
21	Operating expenses	<u>106,693</u>

1	Total	2,711,497
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	<u>2,711,497</u>
4	Total	2,711,497
5	Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
6	Personal services	4,698,652
7	Operating expenses	<u>390,662</u>
8	Total	5,089,314
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	<u>5,089,314</u>
11	Total	5,089,314
12	Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
13	Personal services	4,539,941
14	Operating expenses	5,417,264
15	Grants	<u>357,986</u>
16	Total	10,315,191
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	6,001,814
19	Special funds	4,105
20	Federal funds	547,260
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,762,012</u>

1	Total	10,315,191
2	Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
3	Personal services	67,754,321
4	Operating expenses	13,861,460
5	Grants	<u>1,591,501</u>
6	Total	83,207,282
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	53,896,213
9	Transportation fund	20,250,000
10	Special funds	3,166,387
11	Federal funds	4,311,304
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,583,378</u>
13	Total	83,207,282
14	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
15	Personal services	5,378,976
16	Operating expenses	<u>1,582,009</u>
17	Total	6,960,985
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,467,321
20	Special funds	4,970,533
21	Federal funds	<u>523,131</u>

1	Total	6,960,985
2	Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management	
3	Personal services	4,561,578
4	Operating expenses	1,224,288
5	Grants	<u>25,350,252</u>
6	Total	31,136,118
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	668,427
9	Special funds	710,000
10	Federal funds	29,561,807
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>195,884</u>
12	Total	31,136,118
13	Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
14	Personal services	8,663,478
15	Operating expenses	2,974,022
16	Grants	<u>107,000</u>
17	Total	11,744,500
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,505,641
20	Special funds	9,567,787
21	Federal funds	626,072

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
2	Total	11,744,500
3	Sec. B.213 Public safety - Forensic Laboratory	
4	Personal services	3,563,059
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,198,044</u>
6	Total	4,761,103
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	3,626,083
9	Special funds	66,395
10	Federal funds	532,582
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>536,043</u>
12	Total	4,761,103
13	Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
14	Personal services	958,260
15	Operating expenses	746,963
16	Grants	<u>1,319,834</u>
17	Total	3,025,057
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>3,025,057</u>
20	Total	3,025,057

1	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
2	Personal services	9,124,240
3	Operating expenses	<u>1,396,315</u>
4	Total	10,520,555
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	665,922
7	Federal funds	<u>9,854,633</u>
8	Total	10,520,555
9	Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
10	Personal services	41,464,878
11	Operating expenses	<u>7,542,958</u>
12	Total	49,007,836
13	Source of funds	
14	Federal funds	<u>49,007,836</u>
15	Total	49,007,836
16	Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
17	Personal services	789,478
18	Operating expenses	<u>937,403</u>
19	Total	1,726,881
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,664,381

1	Special funds	<u>62,500</u>
2	Total	1,726,881
3	Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
4	Personal services	1,204,996
5	Operating expenses	202,180
6	Grants	<u>33,300</u>
7	Total	1,440,476
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,092,634
10	Special funds	241,942
11	Federal funds	<u>105,900</u>
12	Total	1,440,476
13	Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
14	Personal services	1,967,547
15	Operating expenses	391,397
16	Grants	<u>9,181,723</u>
17	Total	11,540,667
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,472,674
20	Special funds	3,461,972
21	Federal funds	<u>6,606,021</u>

1	Total	11,540,667
2	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council	
3	Personal services	2,360,658
4	Operating expenses	<u>1,711,725</u>
5	Total	4,072,383
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	3,720,035
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>352,348</u>
9	Total	4,072,383
10	Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
11	Personal services	2,648,873
12	Operating expenses	367,498
13	Grants	<u>217,222</u>
14	Total	3,233,593
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	1,467,038
17	Special funds	1,242,062
18	Federal funds	<u>524,493</u>
19	Total	3,233,593
20	Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer	
21	protection	

1	Personal services	4,963,520
2	Operating expenses	1,096,940
3	Grants	<u>2,780,000</u>
4	Total	8,840,460
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	3,281,095
7	Special funds	3,942,188
8	Federal funds	1,605,177
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>12,000</u>
10	Total	8,840,460
11	Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
12	Personal services	6,409,252
13	Operating expenses	678,344
14	Grants	<u>15,063,425</u>
15	Total	22,151,021
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	3,068,393
18	Special funds	627,904
19	Federal funds	<u>18,454,724</u>
20	Total	22,151,021

1	Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management	
2	and environmental stewardship	
3	Personal services	2,594,186
4	Operating expenses	979,802
5	Grants	<u>212,000</u>
6	Total	3,785,988
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	745,509
9	Special funds	2,297,266
10	Federal funds	390,117
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>353,096</u>
12	Total	3,785,988
13	Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont Agriculture and	
14	Environmental Lab	
15	Personal services	1,711,447
16	Operating expenses	<u>1,363,276</u>
17	Total	3,074,723
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,296,731
20	Special funds	1,715,459
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>62,533</u>

1	Total	3,074,723
2	Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, Food and Markets - Clean Water	
3	Personal services	3,637,927
4	Operating expenses	575,499
5	Grants	<u>6,580,630</u>
6	Total	10,794,056
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	1,732,136
9	Special funds	8,248,477
10	Federal funds	462,351
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>351,092</u>
12	Total	10,794,056
13	Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
14	Personal services	2,580,669
15	Operating expenses	<u>159,635</u>
16	Total	2,740,304
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	<u>2,740,304</u>
19	Total	2,740,304
20	Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
21	Personal services	2,426,962

1	Operating expenses	<u>510,179</u>
2	Total	2,937,141
3	Source of funds	
4	Special funds	<u>2,937,141</u>
5	Total	2,937,141
6	Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
7	Personal services	4,872,900
8	Operating expenses	<u>634,698</u>
9	Total	5,507,598
10	Source of funds	
11	Special funds	<u>5,507,598</u>
12	Total	5,507,598
13	Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
14	Personal services	5,294,300
15	Operating expenses	<u>710,775</u>
16	Total	6,005,075
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	<u>6,005,075</u>
19	Total	6,005,075
20	Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
21	Personal services	1,294,776

1	Operating expenses	<u>279,335</u>
2	Total	1,574,111
3	Source of funds	
4	Special funds	<u>1,574,111</u>
5	Total	1,574,111
6	Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
7	Personal services	17,824,897
8	Operating expenses	<u>3,932,905</u>
9	Total	21,757,802
10	Source of funds	
11	Special funds	16,241,811
12	Federal funds	<u>5,515,991</u>
13	Total	21,757,802
14	Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
15	Personal services	11,014,203
16	Operating expenses	1,730,270
17	Grants	<u>328,300</u>
18	Total	13,072,773
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	12,310,355
21	Federal funds	741,706

1	Enterprise funds	<u>20,712</u>
2	Total	13,072,773
3	Sec. B.233.1 VT Community Broadband Board	
4	Personal services	1,211,623
5	Operating expenses	155,443
6	Grants	<u>1,300,000</u>
7	Total	2,667,066
8	Source of funds	
9	Special funds	1,110,687
10	Federal funds	<u>1,556,379</u>
11	Total	2,667,066
12	Sec. B.234 Public utility commission	
13	Personal services	3,913,942
14	Operating expenses	<u>549,933</u>
15	Total	4,463,875
16	Source of funds	
17	Special funds	<u>4,463,875</u>
18	Total	4,463,875
19	Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
20	Personal services	4,344,046
21	Operating expenses	<u>451,287</u>

1	Total	4,795,333
2	Source of funds	
3	Special funds	<u>4,795,333</u>
4	Total	4,795,333
5	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
6	Personal services	915,815
7	Operating expenses	<u>90,104</u>
8	Total	1,005,919
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	920,110
11	Federal funds	<u>85,809</u>
12	Total	1,005,919
13	Sec. B.236.1 Liquor & Lottery Comm. Office	
14	Personal services	8,610,070
15	Operating expenses	<u>5,529,374</u>
16	Total	14,139,444
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	60,000
19	Tobacco fund	213,843
20	Interdepartmental transfers	70,000
21	Enterprise funds	<u>13,795,601</u>

1	Total	14,139,444
2	Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board	
3	Personal services	4,829,061
4	Operating expenses	<u>341,631</u>
5	Total	5,170,692
6	Source of funds	
7	Special funds	<u>5,170,692</u>
8	Total	5,170,692
9	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property	
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	208,539,656
12	Transportation fund	20,250,000
13	Special funds	109,230,607
14	Tobacco fund	635,843
15	Federal funds	133,784,669
16	Interdepartmental transfers	13,729,981
17	Enterprise funds	<u>13,816,313</u>
18	Total	499,987,069
19	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
20	Personal services	14,083,686
21	Operating expenses	5,402,086

1	Grants	<u>2,895,202</u>
2	Total	22,380,974
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	9,767,874
5	Special funds	135,517
6	Federal funds	11,678,441
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>799,142</u>
8	Total	22,380,974
9	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
10	Grants	<u>1,990,896,293</u>
11	Total	1,990,896,293
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	648,528,785
14	Special funds	32,994,384
15	Tobacco fund	21,049,373
16	State health care resources fund	25,265,312
17	Federal funds	1,259,024,269
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,034,170</u>
19	Total	1,990,896,293
20	Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
21	Personal services	458,902

1	Operating expenses	95,330
2	Grants	<u>191,595</u>
3	Total	745,827
4	Source of funds	
5	Special funds	12,000
6	Federal funds	<u>733,827</u>
7	Total	745,827
8	Sec. B.304 Human services board	
9	Personal services	648,082
10	Operating expenses	<u>89,467</u>
11	Total	737,549
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	452,996
14	Federal funds	<u>284,553</u>
15	Total	737,549
16	Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
17	Personal services	330,000
18	Operating expenses	<u>13,170,000</u>
19	Total	13,500,000
20	Source of funds	
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,500,000</u>

1	Total	13,500,000
2	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
3	Personal services	136,568,959
4	Operating expenses	44,391,640
5	Grants	<u>2,912,301</u>
6	Total	183,872,900
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	35,605,917
9	Special funds	4,753,011
10	Federal funds	134,621,243
11	Global Commitment fund	4,220,337
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,672,392</u>
13	Total	183,872,900
14	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global	
15	commitment	
16	Personal services	547,983
17	Grants	<u>932,542,238</u>
18	Total	933,090,221
19	Source of funds	
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>933,090,221</u>
21	Total	933,090,221

1	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state	
2	only	
3	Grants	<u>53,067,318</u>
4	Total	53,067,318
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	53,062,626
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>4,692</u>
8	Total	53,067,318
9	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver	
10	matched	
11	Grants	<u>34,621,472</u>
12	Total	34,621,472
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	12,634,069
15	Federal funds	<u>21,987,403</u>
16	Total	34,621,472
17	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
18	Personal services	8,154,782
19	Operating expenses	7,410,428
20	Grants	<u>16,697,133</u>
21	Total	32,262,343

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	3,131,446
3	Special funds	2,160,065
4	Federal funds	20,169,147
5	Global Commitment fund	6,732,468
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>69,217</u>
7	Total	32,262,343
8	Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
9	Personal services	64,592,946
10	Operating expenses	13,047,530
11	Grants	<u>45,946,724</u>
12	Total	123,587,200
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	12,408,429
15	Special funds	25,017,725
16	Tobacco fund	1,088,918
17	Federal funds	66,753,896
18	Global Commitment fund	16,582,951
19	Interdepartmental transfers	1,710,281
20	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
21	Total	123,587,200

1	Sec. B.313 Health - substance use programs	
2	Personal services	6,253,749
3	Operating expenses	511,500
4	Grants	<u>61,041,638</u>
5	Total	67,806,887
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	5,591,811
8	Special funds	1,435,054
9	Tobacco fund	949,917
10	Federal funds	21,771,442
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>38,058,663</u>
12	Total	67,806,887
13	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
14	Personal services	47,716,644
15	Operating expenses	5,272,240
16	Grants	<u>264,539,814</u>
17	Total	317,528,698
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	25,282,556
20	Special funds	1,708,155
21	Federal funds	10,999,654

1	Global Commitment fund	279,524,193
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>
3	Total	317,528,698
4	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support	
5	services	
6	Personal services	44,446,942
7	Operating expenses	17,162,151
8	Grants	<u>3,919,106</u>
9	Total	65,528,199
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	37,090,554
12	Special funds	2,781,912
13	Federal funds	23,540,549
14	Global Commitment fund	1,659,321
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>455,863</u>
16	Total	65,528,199
17	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
18	Personal services	43,987,652
19	Operating expenses	5,180,385
20	Grants	<u>93,421,639</u>
21	Total	142,589,676

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	59,707,017
3	Special funds	729,587
4	Federal funds	33,937,204
5	Global Commitment fund	48,178,131
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>37,737</u>
7	Total	142,589,676
8	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
9	Personal services	5,670,999
10	Operating expenses	810,497
11	Grants	<u>95,860,842</u>
12	Total	102,342,338
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	35,016,309
15	Special funds	16,745,000
16	Federal funds	37,419,258
17	Global Commitment fund	<u>13,161,771</u>
18	Total	102,342,338
19	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
20	Personal services	12,411,108
21	Operating expenses	<u>3,714,732</u>

1	Total	16,125,840
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	4,900,195
4	Special funds	455,719
5	Federal funds	10,382,326
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
7	Total	16,125,840
8	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and	
9	disabled	
10	Personal services	2,252,206
11	Grants	<u>10,431,118</u>
12	Total	12,683,324
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	7,533,333
15	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,149,991</u>
16	Total	12,683,324
17	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
18	Personal services	15,000
19	Grants	<u>10,323,574</u>
20	Total	10,338,574
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	10,041,239
2	Federal funds	11,320
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>286,015</u>
4	Total	10,338,574
5	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
6	Grants	<u>44,377,812</u>
7	Total	44,377,812
8	Source of funds	
9	Federal funds	<u>44,377,812</u>
10	Total	44,377,812
11	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
12	Operating expenses	30,633
13	Grants	<u>35,536,413</u>
14	Total	35,567,046
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	23,233,869
17	Special funds	5,970,229
18	Federal funds	3,531,330
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,831,618</u>
20	Total	35,567,046

1	Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel	
2	assistance/LIHEAP	
3	Grants	<u>16,019,953</u>
4	Total	16,019,953
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	1,480,395
7	Federal funds	<u>14,539,558</u>
8	Total	16,019,953
9	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic	
10	opportunity	
11	Personal services	758,166
12	Operating expenses	95,628
13	Grants	<u>27,534,109</u>
14	Total	28,387,903
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	20,942,194
17	Special funds	83,135
18	Federal funds	4,935,273
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,427,301</u>
20	Total	28,387,903

1	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization	
2	assistance	
3	Personal services	415,233
4	Operating expenses	251,470
5	Grants	<u>11,838,018</u>
6	Total	12,504,721
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	7,649,635
9	Federal funds	<u>4,855,086</u>
10	Total	12,504,721
11	Sec. B.327 Department for Children and Families - Secure Residential	
12	Treatment	
13	Personal services	258,100
14	Operating expenses	153,597
15	Grants	<u>3,476,862</u>
16	Total	3,888,559
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	3,858,559
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>
20	Total	3,888,559

1	Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination	
2	services	
3	Personal services	7,486,999
4	Operating expenses	<u>489,130</u>
5	Total	7,976,129
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	118,796
8	Federal funds	<u>7,857,333</u>
9	Total	7,976,129
10	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &	
11	support	
12	Personal services	42,900,084
13	Operating expenses	<u>6,323,252</u>
14	Total	49,223,336
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	21,899,725
17	Special funds	1,390,457
18	Federal funds	24,831,870
19	Global Commitment fund	35,000
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>
21	Total	49,223,336

1	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and	
2	independent living grants	
3	Grants	<u>22,380,328</u>
4	Total	22,380,328
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	9,220,695
7	Federal funds	7,321,114
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,838,519</u>
9	Total	22,380,328
10	Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually	
11	impaired	
12	Grants	<u>1,907,604</u>
13	Total	1,907,604
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	489,154
16	Special funds	223,450
17	Federal funds	890,000
18	Global Commitment fund	<u>305,000</u>
19	Total	1,907,604
20	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational	
21	rehabilitation	

1	Grants	<u>10,179,845</u>
2	Total	10,179,845
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	1,371,845
5	Federal funds	7,558,000
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>
7	Total	10,179,845
8	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental services	
9	Grants	<u>308,668,057</u>
10	Total	308,668,057
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	155,125
13	Special funds	15,463
14	Federal funds	431,512
15	Global Commitment fund	308,015,957
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>
17	Total	308,668,057
18	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and	
19	community based waiver	
20	Grants	<u>6,638,028</u>
21	Total	6,638,028

1	Source of funds	
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>6,638,028</u>
3	Total	6,638,028
4	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care	
5	Grants	<u>268,715,683</u>
6	Total	268,715,683
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	498,579
9	Federal funds	2,450,000
10	Global Commitment fund	<u>265,767,104</u>
11	Total	268,715,683
12	Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
13	Personal services	3,806,377
14	Operating expenses	<u>243,057</u>
15	Total	4,049,434
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	<u>4,049,434</u>
18	Total	4,049,434
19	Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
20	Personal services	412,972
21	Operating expenses	<u>59,257</u>

1	Total	472,229
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	<u>472,229</u>
4	Total	472,229
5	Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
6	Personal services	3,648,027
7	Operating expenses	<u>245,425</u>
8	Total	3,893,452
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	3,744,668
11	Education fund	0
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
13	Total	3,893,452
14	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
15	Personal services	139,473,576
16	Operating expenses	<u>24,600,099</u>
17	Total	164,073,675
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	159,502,946
20	Special funds	935,963
21	Federal funds	492,196

1	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
3	Total	164,073,675
4	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Reinvestment II	
5	Grants	<u>10,659,519</u>
6	Total	10,659,519
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	8,081,831
9	Federal funds	13,147
10	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>
11	Total	10,659,519
12	Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services-out of state beds	
13	Personal services	<u>4,130,378</u>
14	Total	4,130,378
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>
17	Total	4,130,378
18	Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
19	Personal services	598,105
20	Operating expenses	<u>455,845</u>
21	Total	1,053,950

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	<u>1,053,950</u>
3	Total	1,053,950
4	Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
5	Personal services	1,220,613
6	Operating expenses	<u>525,784</u>
7	Total	1,746,397
8	Source of funds	
9	Internal service funds	<u>1,746,397</u>
10	Total	1,746,397
11	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
12	Personal services	18,187,631
13	Operating expenses	<u>5,978,873</u>
14	Total	24,166,504
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	4,199,478
17	Special funds	11,655,797
18	Federal funds	<u>8,311,229</u>
19	Total	24,166,504
20	Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
21	Personal services	396,540

1	Operating expenses	<u>74,880</u>
2	Total	471,420
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	467,572
5	Special funds	<u>3,848</u>
6	Total	471,420
7	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
8	Grants	<u>155,490</u>
9	Total	155,490
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>155,490</u>
12	Total	155,490
13	Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board	
14	Personal services	8,136,639
15	Operating expenses	<u>402,594</u>
16	Total	8,539,233
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	3,392,339
19	Special funds	<u>5,146,894</u>
20	Total	8,539,233

1	Sec. B.346 Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate	
2	Personal services	387,000
3	Operating expenses	<u>26,000</u>
4	Total	413,000
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>413,000</u>
7	Total	413,000
8	Sec. B.347 Total human services	
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,231,153,062
11	Special funds	124,537,345
12	Tobacco fund	23,088,208
13	State health care resources fund	25,265,312
14	Education fund	0
15	Federal funds	1,785,709,992
16	Global Commitment fund	1,943,848,077
17	Internal service funds	1,746,397
18	Interdepartmental transfers	28,591,925
19	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
20	Total	5,163,965,318

1	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
2	Personal services	40,642,780
3	Operating expenses	5,955,495
4	Grants	<u>12,432,900</u>
5	Total	59,031,175
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	10,600,636
8	Special funds	10,806,858
9	Federal funds	37,373,681
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>250,000</u>
11	Total	59,031,175
12	Sec. B.401 Total labor	
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	10,600,636
15	Special funds	10,806,858
16	Federal funds	37,373,681
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>250,000</u>
18	Total	59,031,175
19	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
20	Personal services	17,683,192
21	Operating expenses	4,387,522

1	Grants	<u>15,270,700</u>
2	Total	37,341,414
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	7,415,742
5	Special funds	16,575,926
6	Education fund	3,486,447
7	Federal funds	9,220,942
8	Global Commitment fund	260,000
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>382,357</u>
10	Total	37,341,414
11	Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
12	Personal services	30,951,380
13	Operating expenses	1,074,585
14	Grants	<u>460,105,273</u>
15	Total	492,131,238
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	5,293,183
18	Special funds	2,919,560
19	Tobacco fund	750,388
20	Federal funds	<u>483,168,107</u>
21	Total	492,131,238

1	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
2	Grants	<u>226,195,600</u>
3	Total	226,195,600
4	Source of funds	
5	Education fund	<u>226,195,600</u>
6	Total	226,195,600
7	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
8	Grants	<u>19,000,000</u>
9	Total	19,000,000
10	Source of funds	
11	Education fund	<u>19,000,000</u>
12	Total	19,000,000
13	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
14	Grants	<u>4,412,900</u>
15	Total	4,412,900
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	3,496,850
18	Federal funds	<u>916,050</u>
19	Total	4,412,900
20	Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
21	Grants	<u>10,143,000</u>

1	Total	10,143,000
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	921,500
4	Education fund	<u>9,221,500</u>
5	Total	10,143,000
6	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
7	Grants	<u>1,703,317,103</u>
8	Total	1,703,317,103
9	Source of funds	
10	Education fund	<u>1,703,317,103</u>
11	Total	1,703,317,103
12	Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
13	Grants	<u>23,520,000</u>
14	Total	23,520,000
15	Source of funds	
16	Education fund	<u>23,520,000</u>
17	Total	23,520,000
18	Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants	
19	Grants	<u>8,300,000</u>
20	Total	8,300,000
21	Source of funds	

1	Education fund	<u>8,300,000</u>
2	Total	8,300,000
3	Sec. B.509 Education - Afterschool Grant Program	
4	Grants	<u>4,000,000</u>
5	Total	4,000,000
6	Source of funds	
7	Education fund	<u>4,000,000</u>
8	Total	4,000,000
9	Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
10	Grants	<u>8,350,389</u>
11	Total	8,350,389
12	Source of funds	
13	Education fund	<u>8,350,389</u>
14	Total	8,350,389
15	Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
16	Grants	<u>17,030,400</u>
17	Total	17,030,400
18	Source of funds	
19	Education fund	<u>17,030,400</u>
20	Total	17,030,400

1	Sec. B.511.1 State Board of Education	
2	Personal services	38,905
3	Operating expenses	<u>31,803</u>
4	Total	70,708
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>70,708</u>
7	Total	70,708
8	Sec. B.513 Retired Teachers Pension Plus Funding	
9	Grants	<u>9,000,000</u>
10	Total	9,000,000
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>9,000,000</u>
13	Total	9,000,000
14	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
15	Grants	<u>184,811,051</u>
16	Total	184,811,051
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	151,682,914
19	Education fund	<u>33,128,137</u>
20	Total	184,811,051

1	Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	
2	Personal services	359,615
3	Operating expenses	<u>3,088,640</u>
4	Total	3,448,255
5	Source of funds	
6	Pension trust funds	<u>3,448,255</u>
7	Total	3,448,255
8	Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
9	Grants	<u>53,740,528</u>
10	Total	53,740,528
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	38,318,167
13	Education fund	<u>15,422,361</u>
14	Total	53,740,528
15	Sec. B.516 Total general education	
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	216,199,064
18	Special funds	19,495,486
19	Tobacco fund	750,388
20	Education fund	2,070,971,937
21	Federal funds	493,305,099

1	Global Commitment fund	260,000
2	Interdepartmental transfers	382,357
3	Pension trust funds	<u>3,448,255</u>
4	Total	2,804,812,586
5	Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
6	Grants	<u>54,084,366</u>
7	Total	54,084,366
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>54,084,366</u>
10	Total	54,084,366
11	Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
12	Grants	<u>30,500,464</u>
13	Total	30,500,464
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	<u>30,500,464</u>
16	Total	30,500,464
17	Sec. B.602.2 Vermont state colleges - Transformation funding	
18	Grants	<u>17,500,000</u>
19	Total	17,500,000
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>17,500,000</u>

1	Total	17,500,000
2	Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
3	Grants	<u>1,157,775</u>
4	Total	1,157,775
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	748,314
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>
8	Total	1,157,775
9	Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
10	Grants	<u>25,378,588</u>
11	Total	25,378,588
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>25,378,588</u>
14	Total	25,378,588
15	Sec. B.605.1 VSAC - Flexible Pathways Stipend	
16	Grants	<u>82,450</u>
17	Total	82,450
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	41,225
20	Education fund	<u>41,225</u>
21	Total	82,450

1	Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
2	Grants	<u>86,520</u>
3	Total	86,520
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>86,520</u>
6	Total	86,520
7	Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm	
8	Grants	<u>1</u>
9	Total	1
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>1</u>
12	Total	1
13	Sec. B.608 Total higher education	
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	128,339,478
16	Education fund	41,225
17	Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>
18	Total	128,790,164
19	Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	
20	Personal services	5,824,798
21	Operating expenses	<u>1,471,913</u>

1	Total	7,296,711
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	4,914,987
4	Special funds	775,079
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,606,645</u>
6	Total	7,296,711
7	Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment	
8	Operating expenses	<u>2,674,517</u>
9	Total	2,674,517
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	2,253,017
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
13	Total	2,674,517
14	Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
15	Personal services	21,567,730
16	Operating expenses	7,140,027
17	Grants	<u>936,232</u>
18	Total	29,643,989
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	7,173,206
21	Special funds	370,644

1	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090
2	Federal funds	9,793,589
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,385,460</u>
4	Total	29,643,989
5	Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
6	Personal services	1,200,585
7	Operating expenses	<u>1,596,687</u>
8	Total	2,797,272
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	2,675,711
11	Special funds	<u>121,561</u>
12	Total	2,797,272
13	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
14	Personal services	7,948,381
15	Operating expenses	921,952
16	Grants	<u>1,184,458</u>
17	Total	10,054,791
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	6,033,830
20	Special funds	702,229
21	Federal funds	3,098,484

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>220,248</u>
2	Total	10,054,791
3	Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
4	Personal services	12,306,202
5	Operating expenses	3,741,476
6	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
7	Total	16,097,678
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	690,613
10	Special funds	<u>15,407,065</u>
11	Total	16,097,678
12	Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration and recreation	
13	Personal services	2,496,749
14	Operating expenses	395,675
15	Grants	<u>2,827,587</u>
16	Total	5,720,011
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	1,110,710
19	Special funds	2,141,005
20	Federal funds	2,225,851
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>242,445</u>

1	Total	5,720,011
2	Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest and parks access roads	
3	Personal services	130,000
4	Operating expenses	<u>99,925</u>
5	Total	229,925
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>229,925</u>
8	Total	229,925
9	Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services	
10	Personal services	8,525,369
11	Operating expenses	4,700,521
12	Grants	<u>116,640</u>
13	Total	13,342,530
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	2,039,082
16	Special funds	788,553
17	Federal funds	2,129,363
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>8,385,532</u>
19	Total	13,342,530
20	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
21	Personal services	26,006,961

1	Operating expenses	10,026,393
2	Grants	<u>4,905,988</u>
3	Total	40,939,342
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	193,565
6	Special funds	26,236,633
7	Federal funds	14,342,090
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>167,054</u>
9	Total	40,939,342
10	Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs	
11	Personal services	48,062,786
12	Operating expenses	7,982,625
13	Grants	<u>46,863,117</u>
14	Total	102,908,528
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	9,971,201
17	Special funds	30,662,978
18	Federal funds	61,487,925
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>786,424</u>
20	Total	102,908,528

1	Sec. B.713 Natural resources board	
2	Personal services	3,082,659
3	Operating expenses	<u>397,315</u>
4	Total	3,479,974
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	713,735
7	Special funds	<u>2,766,239</u>
8	Total	3,479,974
9	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	37,999,582
12	Special funds	79,971,986
13	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090
14	Federal funds	93,077,302
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,215,308</u>
16	Total	235,185,268
17	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce and	
18	community development - administration	
19	Personal services	2,610,304
20	Operating expenses	982,307
21	Grants	<u>539,820</u>

1	Total	4,132,431
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	3,666,442
4	Federal funds	351,000
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>114,989</u>
6	Total	4,132,431
7	Sec. B.801 Economic development	
8	Personal services	4,803,989
9	Operating expenses	1,050,879
10	Grants	<u>6,433,544</u>
11	Total	12,288,412
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	5,489,902
14	Special funds	616,421
15	Federal funds	4,358,416
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,823,673</u>
17	Total	12,288,412
18	Sec. B.802 Housing and community development	
19	Personal services	6,428,334
20	Operating expenses	705,584
21	Grants	<u>23,739,005</u>

1	Total	30,872,923
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	5,031,943
4	Special funds	6,937,054
5	Federal funds	15,854,615
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,049,311</u>
7	Total	30,872,923
8	Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
9	Personal services	5,208,860
10	Operating expenses	8,930,168
11	Grants	<u>1,050,000</u>
12	Total	15,189,028
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	4,630,975
15	Federal funds	10,483,053
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
17	Total	15,189,028
18	Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
19	Grants	<u>896,940</u>
20	Total	896,940
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>896,940</u>
2	Total	896,940
3	Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
4	Grants	<u>145,320</u>
5	Total	145,320
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>145,320</u>
8	Total	145,320
9	Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
10	Grants	<u>1,060,699</u>
11	Total	1,060,699
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>1,060,699</u>
14	Total	1,060,699
15	Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
16	Grants	<u>86,519,068</u>
17	Total	86,519,068
18	Source of funds	
19	Special funds	24,552,855
20	Federal funds	<u>61,966,213</u>
21	Total	86,519,068

1	Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
2	Grants	<u>300,000</u>
3	Total	300,000
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>300,000</u>
6	Total	300,000
7	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	21,222,221
10	Special funds	32,106,330
11	Federal funds	93,013,297
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,062,973</u>
13	Total	151,404,821
14	Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
15	Personal services	16,695,727
16	Operating expenses	5,232,777
17	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
18	Total	21,978,504
19	Source of funds	
20	Transportation fund	20,977,164
21	Federal funds	<u>1,001,340</u>

1	Total	21,978,504
2	Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
3	Personal services	3,532,154
4	Operating expenses	13,397,252
5	Grants	<u>345,000</u>
6	Total	17,274,406
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	6,166,805
9	Federal funds	<u>11,107,601</u>
10	Total	17,274,406
11	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
12	Operating expenses	<u>1,525,000</u>
13	Total	1,525,000
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	<u>1,525,000</u>
16	Total	1,525,000
17	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
18	Personal services	65,810,461
19	Operating expenses	311,158,635
20	Grants	<u>25,916,923</u>
21	Total	402,886,019

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	50,411,002
3	TIB fund	22,129,870
4	Special funds	3,000,000
5	Federal funds	321,560,449
6	Interdepartmental transfers	1,411,518
7	Local match	<u>4,373,180</u>
8	Total	402,886,019
9	Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
10	Personal services	800,000
11	Operating expenses	<u>846,444</u>
12	Total	1,646,444
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	166,964
15	Federal funds	<u>1,479,480</u>
16	Total	1,646,444
17	Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
18	Personal services	42,637,277
19	Operating expenses	<u>65,043,488</u>
20	Total	107,680,765
21	Source of funds	

1	Transportation fund	106,934,950
2	Federal funds	645,815
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
4	Total	107,680,765
5	Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
6	Personal services	4,984,735
7	Operating expenses	1,099,716
8	Grants	<u>7,227,544</u>
9	Total	13,311,995
10	Source of funds	
11	Transportation fund	3,260,534
12	Federal funds	9,989,315
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>62,146</u>
14	Total	13,311,995
15	Sec. B.906.1 Transportation - Environmental Policy and Sustainability	
16	Personal services	2,009,518
17	Grants	<u>25,964,730</u>
18	Total	27,974,248
19	Source of funds	
20	Transportation fund	472,695
21	Federal funds	22,095,781

1	Local match	<u>5,405,772</u>
2	Total	27,974,248
3	Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
4	Personal services	3,622,004
5	Operating expenses	<u>39,386,316</u>
6	Total	43,008,320
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	15,608,462
9	Federal funds	26,596,858
10	Interdepartmental transfers	671,000
11	Local match	<u>132,000</u>
12	Total	43,008,320
13	Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
14	Personal services	4,062,649
15	Operating expenses	90,285
16	Grants	<u>44,642,396</u>
17	Total	48,795,330
18	Source of funds	
19	Transportation fund	9,016,189
20	Federal funds	39,639,141
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>140,000</u>

1	Total	48,795,330
2	Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
3	Personal services	5,367,400
4	Operating expenses	<u>18,588,985</u>
5	Total	23,956,385
6	Source of funds	
7	Internal service funds	<u>23,956,385</u>
8	Total	23,956,385
9	Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
10	Personal services	31,563,822
11	Operating expenses	<u>13,346,863</u>
12	Total	44,910,685
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	42,101,908
15	Federal funds	2,687,081
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>121,696</u>
17	Total	44,910,685
18	Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
19	Grants	<u>7,416,000</u>
20	Total	7,416,000
21	Source of funds	

1	Transportation fund	<u>7,416,000</u>
2	Total	7,416,000
3	Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
4	Personal services	443,165
5	Operating expenses	<u>34,750</u>
6	Total	477,915
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	117,915
9	Federal funds	<u>360,000</u>
10	Total	477,915
11	Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
12	Grants	<u>8,858,000</u>
13	Total	8,858,000
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	<u>8,858,000</u>
16	Total	8,858,000
17	Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
18	Personal services	16,970,000
19	Operating expenses	19,731,775
20	Grants	<u>500,000</u>
21	Total	37,201,775

1	Source of funds	
2	TIB fund	3,099,345
3	Federal funds	32,908,515
4	Local match	<u>1,193,915</u>
5	Total	37,201,775
6	Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
7	Grants	<u>28,672,753</u>
8	Total	28,672,753
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	<u>28,672,753</u>
11	Total	28,672,753
12	Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
13	Grants	<u>128,750</u>
14	Total	128,750
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
17	Total	128,750
18	Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
19	Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
20	Total	1,150,000
21	Source of funds	

1	Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
2	Total	1,150,000
3	Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	
4	Grants	<u>180,000</u>
5	Total	180,000
6	Source of funds	
7	Transportation fund	20,000
8	Federal funds	<u>160,000</u>
9	Total	180,000
10	Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program	
11	Personal services	100,000
12	Operating expenses	275,000
13	Grants	<u>10,113,523</u>
14	Total	10,488,523
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	705,000
17	Special funds	5,000,000
18	Federal funds	<u>4,783,523</u>
19	Total	10,488,523
20	Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program	
21	Operating expenses	200,000

1	Grants	<u>1,050,000</u>
2	Total	1,250,000
3	Source of funds	
4	Special funds	50,000
5	Federal funds	1,000,000
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>200,000</u>
7	Total	1,250,000
8	Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
9	Personal services	169,068
10	Operating expenses	<u>24,412</u>
11	Total	193,480
12	Source of funds	
13	Transportation fund	<u>193,480</u>
14	Total	193,480
15	Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	303,903,571
18	TIB fund	25,229,215
19	Special funds	8,050,000
20	Federal funds	476,014,899
21	Internal service funds	23,956,385

1	Interdepartmental transfers	2,706,360
2	Local match	<u>11,104,867</u>
3	Total	850,965,297
4	Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
5	Operating expenses	<u>75,705,398</u>
6	Total	75,705,398
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	75,377,993
9	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>
10	Total	75,705,398
11	Sec. B.1001 Total debt service	
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	75,377,993
14	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>
15	Total	75,705,398

16 * * * Fiscal Year 2024 One-time Appropriations * * *

17 Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME

18 APPROPRIATIONS

19 (a) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated

20 for the following:

1 (1) \$2,300,000 General Fund to create, implement, and oversee a
2 comprehensive statewide language access plan;

3 (2) \$15,000,000 General Fund to be used to offset the cost of denied
4 claims for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement.

5 (3) \$500,000 General Fund for community grants related to health
6 equity. These funds shall not be released until the recommendation and report
7 required by Sec. E.100.1 of this act, regarding the permanent administrative
8 location for the Office of Health Equity, is provided to the committees of
9 jurisdiction listed in Sec. E.100.1 of this act and the positions in the Office of
10 Health Equity created by this act are filled.

11 (b) Vermont State Colleges. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for
12 the following:

13 (1) \$3,820,000 General Fund and \$5,180,000 American Rescue Plan
14 Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds for bridge funding to
15 support ongoing system transformation; and

16 (2) \$4,000,000 General Fund for the Community College of Vermont
17 to reduce the tuition fee for certificates, degrees, and courses that have a direct
18 nexus to Vermont business and industry needs.

19 (c) Department of Human Resources. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
20 appropriated for the following:

1 (1) \$725,000 General Fund to fund seven new permanent full-time
2 positions in the Operations division in fiscal year 2024. These position costs
3 shall be funded through the Department of Human Resources – Internal
4 Service Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025;

5 (2) \$75,000 General Fund to fund one new permanent full-time position
6 in the VTHR Operations division in fiscal year 2024. This position cost shall
7 be funded through the Department of Human Resources – Internal Service
8 Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025; and

9 (3) \$1,900,000 General Fund for the implementation of a Paid Family
10 and Medical Leave Insurance program available to all State employees in fiscal
11 year 2024. This program cost shall be funded through the Department of
12 Human Resources – Internal Service Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025.

13 (d) \$200,000 General Fund to the Department of Libraries in fiscal year
14 2024 to support the FiberConnect project relating to Internet access in public
15 libraries.

16 (e) Department of Public Safety. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
17 appropriated for the following:

18 (1) \$190,000 General Fund for external carriers (vests) that improve the
19 ergonomics of ballistic personal protective equipment; and

20 (2) \$500,000 General Fund for hiring incentives, including hiring
21 bonuses, to be paid to all new sworn members and emergency communication

1 dispatchers; recruitment awards to current members for successful recruitment
2 of a new member (criteria dependent); and student loan debt repayment of up
3 to \$10,000 per new hire toward the repayment of preexisting student loan debt.

4 (f) Military Department. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the
5 following:

6 (1) \$10,000 General Fund for a grant to the USS Vermont Support
7 Group, a nonprofit organization supporting military members serving on the
8 USS Vermont (SSN 792) and their families; and

9 (2) \$10,000 General Fund for a grant to North Country Honor Flight, an
10 organization that sponsors escorted trips for veterans to visit the war memorials
11 on the National Mall, to cover the expenses of 10 Vermont resident attendees.

12 (g) Criminal Justice Council. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
13 for the following:

14 (1) \$1,200,000 General Fund for a three-phase accreditation process to
15 include job task analysis, curriculum development and piloting;

16 (2) \$20,000 General Fund for a records management system to ensure
17 efficient and compliant recordkeeping, including case management tracking,
18 reporting, and compliance monitoring for remote learning; and

19 (3) \$200,000 General Fund for a request for proposals and contracts
20 related to procedure development; off-site course development; records

1 management system transition; developing pathways to certification; and
2 medical personnel.

3 (h) \$210,000 General Fund to the Office of the Defender General in fiscal
4 year 2024, for the case management system.

5 (i) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2024, funds
6 are appropriated for the following:

7 (1) \$110,000 General Fund for electric vehicle charger inspections.
8 Funds shall be used for the purchase of two testing units and related equipment
9 to support the development and implementation of the Commercial Electric
10 Vehicle Fueling Systems regulatory program;

11 (2) \$1,070,000 General Fund for replacement of the existing Food
12 Safety Inspection Database; and

13 (3) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Salvation Farms to expand
14 access to locally grown food for all Vermonters.

15 (j) \$105,000 General Fund to the Department of Mental Health in fiscal
16 year 2024 for expediting competency and sanity evaluations.

17 (k) Green Mountain Care Board. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
18 appropriated for the following:

19 (1) \$620,000 General Fund for costs associated with the implementation
20 of the Vermont Health Care Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System
21 (VHCURES) database;

1 (2) \$120,500 General Fund for the implementation of a new financial
2 database solution; and

3 (3) \$50,000 General Fund for the development of the statutorily required
4 Health Resources Allocation Plan Tool.

5 (1) Agency of Human Services Central Office. In fiscal year 2024, funds
6 are appropriated for the following:

7 (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund to the State Refugee Office for the
8 Employment Assistance Grants program created in 2022 Acts and Resolves
9 No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45.
10 Funds remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the General
11 Fund;

12 (2) \$8,834,000 General Fund and \$11,483,302 Federal Revenue Fund
13 #22005 for a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke
14 program. Funds shall be used to expand the substances covered by the
15 program, include mental health and pediatric screenings, and make strategic
16 investments with community partners;

17 (3) \$10,000,000 General Fund to continue to address the emergent and
18 exigent circumstances impacting health care providers following the COVID-
19 19 pandemic; and

1 (4) \$10,534,603 General Fund and \$13,693,231 Federal Revenue Fund
2 #22005 for use as Global Commitment matching funds for one-time caseload
3 pressures due to the suspension of Medicaid eligibility redeterminations.

4 (m) \$366,066 General Fund and \$372,048 Federal Revenue Fund #22005
5 to the Department of Vermont Health Access for a two-year pilot to expand the
6 Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program and \$15,583,352 Global
7 Commitment Fund #20405 to the Department of Health Access Medicaid
8 program for a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke
9 program.

10 (n) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for
11 the following:

12 (1) \$4,595,448 Global Commitment Fund #20405 to the Division of
13 Substance Use Programs for a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for
14 Health Hub and Spoke program;

15 (2) \$30,000 General Fund for a housing voucher program administered
16 by the Vermont Association of Recovery Residences and Jenna's Promise to
17 pay for a recovery home residents' first month of rent;

18 (3) \$1,590,000 General Fund for the Division of Substance Use
19 Programs, in conjunction with \$1,410,000 appropriated from the General Fund
20 in Sec. B.313 of this act representing 30 percent of the fiscal year 2023
21 forecast for cannabis excise tax and used in a manner consistent with the

1 Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition funding intent as stated in 2022 Acts
2 and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100(a)(12)(A)(i):

3 (4) \$500,000 Tobacco Settlement Fund for the Division of Substance
4 Use Programs for tobacco and substance use disorder prevention and cessation
5 activities. The Division shall require that information on the use of the funds
6 appropriated in accordance with this section be provided to the Division by
7 grantees in an agreed-upon time frame, including the specific activities
8 supported by the funds, a description of the number of individuals served, and
9 information on the outcomes achieved by this investment. On or before,
10 January 10, 2024, the Division shall report on these metrics to the House and
11 Senate Committees on Appropriations, to the House Committee on Human
12 Services, and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare;

13 (5) \$100,000 General Fund to the Department of Health to support the
14 Regional Emergency Medical Services Coordination study, which may include
15 hiring a consultant or others with technical expertise or both for the purpose of
16 assisting the Department in conducting its study and writing a report on its
17 findings and recommendations;

18 (6) \$100,000 General Fund to the Division of Substance Use Programs
19 for a grant to Jenna's Promise;

20 (7) \$5,000,000 General Fund for the purpose of supporting the
21 Community Violence Prevention Program established by legislation enacted in

1 2023. Unexpended appropriations shall carry forward into the subsequent
2 fiscal year and remain available for use for this purpose. All or part of this
3 appropriation may be transferred to the Department of Health for this Program
4 if necessary;

5 (8) \$375,000 General Fund to be granted to the Vermont Foundation for
6 Recovery for one-time program support; and

7 (9) \$350,000 General Fund to be granted to the Bridges to Health and
8 University of Vermont Extension Community Health Worker Outreach
9 program to support outreach, enrollment, education, transition, referral and
10 care coordination to migrant workers and farm families through June 30, 2024.

11 (o) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
12 appropriated for the following:

13 (1) \$2,000,000 General Fund to implement the two-year Reach Ahead
14 Pilot Program. Funds shall be used to increase monthly food assistance
15 benefits to Reach Ahead participants, expand the eligibility window for those
16 leaving Reach Up, and provide incentive payments;

17 (2) \$650,000 General Fund for the 2-1-1 service line. The Department,
18 in consultation with the Agency of Human Services Central Office, shall report
19 on the status of the service and its funding to the Joint Fiscal Committee on or
20 before the Committee's November 2023 meeting;

1 (3) \$40,000 General Fund to fund the purchase of a driving school
2 vehicle for the Youth Development Program to support foster and former
3 foster youth access to driver's education;

4 (4) \$18,884,610 General Fund to address the estimated need for the
5 Adverse Weather Conditions policy and General Assistance Emergency
6 Housing hotel and motel expenditures in fiscal year 2024;

7 (5) \$5,000,000 General Fund to the Housing Opportunity Grant Program
8 to expand and provide wraparound supports and services for homeless
9 households;

10 (6) \$3,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Food Bank to
11 support increased capacity of services to meet persistent food insecurity;

12 (7) \$100,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Food Bank in
13 consultation with the Junior League of Vermont for the statewide distribution
14 of diapers to families in need;

15 (8) \$50,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Donor Milk Center
16 for statewide activities;

17 (9) \$130,000 General Fund for a grant to the Snelling Center to restart
18 the Early Childhood Education Leadership Program; and

19 (10) \$300,000 General Fund for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse
20 Vermont to provide education regarding the prevention of unsafe infant sleep

1 and to expand programming and support services regarding child abuse often
2 related to parental substance misuse.

3 (p) Department of Labor. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for
4 the following:

5 (1) \$200,000 General Fund to be granted to the State Workforce
6 Development Board for the New American Labor Force Program; and

7 (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund to provide services under the Work-Based
8 Learning and Training Program established pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 547.

9 (q) Natural Resources Board. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
10 for the following:

11 (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the digitization of Natural Resources
12 Board documents. Funds shall be used for the continued digitization of
13 permanent, paper-based Act 250 land use permit records currently located at
14 the Natural Resources Board's five district offices; and

15 (2) \$200,000 General Fund for an Act 250 study contract. Funds shall
16 be used to contract with a consultant to assist with the preparation of a report
17 on updates necessary to the Act 250 program, per 2022 Acts and Resolves No.
18 182, Sec. 41(a).

19 (r) \$200,000 General Fund in fiscal year 2024 to the Agency of Education
20 for the work of the School Construction Task Force.

1 (s) \$35,000 General Fund to the Vermont Symphony Orchestra to support
2 the celebration of the Symphony's 90th season.

3 (t) \$1,200,000 General Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation
4 Board to administer and support the activities of the Land Access and
5 Opportunity Board.

6 (u) \$1,750,000 Tax – Current Use Administration Fund #21594 to the
7 Department of Taxes for the digitization of the Current Use program.

8 (v) Public Service Department. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
9 for the following:

10 (1) \$500,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to upgrade and
11 expand the ePSD case management system;

12 (2) \$400,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to complete
13 the Telecom Plan Update scheduled for June 2024; and

14 (3) \$300,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to craft policy
15 proposals to reform and streamline electric sector policy.

16 (w) Agency of Digital Services. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
17 for the following:

18 (1) \$10,000,000 Technology Modernization Fund #21951 for Network
19 and Security Infrastructure Modernization including planning and design and
20 the replacement of legacy infrastructure, hardware and software, platforms
21 underlying the network and security architecture.

1 (A) The Agency of Digital Services shall select a vendor through a
2 competitive bid process. The Agency of Digital Services shall consider bids
3 with options to buy or lease equipment. Per 3 V.S.A. § 3303, any project with
4 a total cost of \$1,000,000 or greater shall be subject to an expert independent
5 review. The review shall include an analysis of all options, although the
6 Agency of Digital Services is limited to the bids that it receives. The Agency
7 of Digital Services may also purchase or lease equipment through a separate
8 competitive bid process.

9 (B) Once a vendor has been selected and an expert independent
10 review completed, the Agency of Digital Services shall issue a verbal or
11 written report to the Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee.

12 (x) \$4,680,000 General Fund to the Judiciary for the Judiciary network
13 replacement project.

14 (1) Judiciary shall update the Joint Information Technology Oversight
15 Committee on the status of this project on or before December 1, 2023.

16 (y) \$117,000 General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community
17 Development for a grant to the Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission for
18 the 250th celebration.

19 (z) Vermont Center for Crime Victims' Services. In fiscal year 2024, funds
20 are appropriated for the following:

1 (1) \$25,000 General Fund for a grant for a monument to the survivors
2 of St. Joseph's Orphanage; and

3 (2) \$10,000 General Fund to continue the work of the Intercollegiate
4 Sexual Harm Prevention Council.

5 (aa) \$450,000 General Fund to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and
6 Independent Living to continue the SASH pilot for another year.

7 (bb) \$100,000 General Fund to the Vermont Pension Investment
8 Commission for a study on the assets of the State's pension systems.

9 (cc) \$750,000 General Fund to the State Treasurer for the initial costs of
10 the Vermont Saves program.

11 (dd) Secretary of State. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the
12 following:

13 (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Access
14 Network to offset declining cable revenues.

15 (2) \$100,000 General Fund for grants to municipalities for ranked
16 choice voting.

17 (ee) Joint Fiscal Office. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the
18 following:

19 (1) \$250,000 for per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses
20 for members of the Task Force on Economic Development Incentives and for
21 consulting services approved by the Task Force.

1 (2) \$75,000 for per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses
2 for members of the Legislative Working Group on Renewable Energy
3 Standard Reform and for consulting services related to this Group’s work.

4 * * * Workforce Development * * *

5 Sec. B.1101 WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – FISCAL
6 YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

7 (a) Education workforce.

8 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 is appropriated from the
9 General Fund to the Agency of Education for the purpose of funding the
10 Emerging Pathways Grant Program to encourage and support the development
11 and retention of qualified and effective Vermont educators with the goal of
12 increased program completion rates and increased rates of licensure of
13 underrepresented demographics. These grants are to expand support,
14 mentoring, and professional development to prospective educators seeking
15 licensure through the Agency of Education’s emerging pathways, including
16 peer review and apprentice pathways.

17 (A) Program administration. The Agency shall adopt policies,
18 procedures, and guidelines necessary for implementation of the grant program.
19 The Agency shall report to General Assembly on the status of the program on
20 or before January 15, 2024.

1 (B) Eligibility criteria. The Agency shall issue grants to
2 organizations, school districts, or a group of school districts for the
3 development and administration of programs designed to provide prospective
4 educators in emerging pathways with the support necessary for successful
5 entry into the educator workforce. Recruitment, support, and retention of
6 prospective educator candidates shall focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

7 Support provided through the program may include:

8 (i) support through the Praxis exam process;

9 (ii) local, educator-led seminars designed around the Vermont
10 licensure portfolio themes;

11 (iii) local educator mentors;

12 (iv) support in completing the peer review portfolio and licensing
13 process; and

14 (v) continued professional development support within the first
15 year of licensure.

16 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from
17 the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the
18 Vermont Teacher Forgivable Loan Incentive Program to provide forgivable
19 loans to students enrolled in an eligible school who meet the eligibility
20 requirements in subdivision (A) of this subsection. The goal of the program is
21 to encourage students to enter into teaching professions, with an emphasis on

1 encouraging Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color, New Americans, and
2 other historically underrepresented communities.

3 (A) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the program an
4 individual, whether a resident or nonresident of Vermont, shall satisfy all of
5 the following requirements:

6 (i) be enrolled in a teaching program at an eligible school;

7 (ii) maintain good standing at the eligible school at which the
8 individual is enrolled;

9 (iii) agree to work as a teacher in a Vermont public school for a
10 minimum of one year following licensure for each year of forgivable loan
11 awarded;

12 (iv) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will
13 reduce the individual's forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to
14 subdivision (B) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of
15 service required in this subdivision;

16 (v) have completed the program's application form, the Free
17 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and, for Vermont residents, the
18 Vermont grant application each academic year of enrollment in accordance
19 with a schedule determined by the Corporation; and

20 (vi) have provided such other documentation as the Corporation
21 may require.

1 (B) If an eligible individual fails to serve as a teacher in a Vermont
2 public school for a period that would entitle the individual to the full forgivable
3 loan benefit received by the individual, other than for good cause as
4 determined by the Corporation, then the individual shall receive only partial
5 loan forgiveness for a pro rata portion of the loan pursuant to the terms of the
6 interest-free credit agreement or promissory note signed by the individual at
7 the time of entering the program.

8 (C) There shall be no deadline to apply for a forgivable loan under
9 this section. Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis provided
10 funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall
11 roll over and shall be available to the Corporation in the following fiscal year
12 to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this section.

13 (D) The Corporation shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines
14 necessary to implement the provisions of this section, including maximum
15 forgivable loan amounts. The Corporation shall not use more than seven
16 percent of the funds appropriated for the program for its costs of administration
17 and may recoup its reasonable costs of collecting the forgivable loans in
18 repayment.

19 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the sum of \$30,000 is appropriated from the
20 General Fund to the Agency of Education for the purpose of funding the
21 Historically Underrepresented Educator Affinity Groups Grant Program to

1 provide grants for the support of existing and development of new educator
2 affinity groups for historically underrepresented groups. The Agency of
3 Education shall administer the program.

4 (A) The Agency shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines
5 necessary for the implementation of the program established pursuant to this
6 subdivision.

7 (b) Youth workforce and high school completion.

8 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,300,000 is appropriated from
9 the General Fund to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to fund
10 the Vermont Serve, Learn, and Earn Program, which supports workforce
11 development goals through creating meaningful paid service and learning
12 opportunities for young adults, through the Serve, Learn, and Earn Partnership
13 made up of the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, Vermont Audubon,
14 Vermont Works for Women, and Resource VT. The Department shall enter
15 into a grant agreement with the Partnership that specifies the required services
16 and outcomes for the Program.

17 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from
18 the General Fund to the Agency of Education for grants to Adult Basic
19 Education programs to provide bridge funding for Adult Basic Education
20 programs while the study and report required by Sec. E.504 of this act is
21 completed.

1 (c) Higher education.

2 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 is appropriated from the
3 General Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to establish a Bachelor of Science
4 program in restorative justice at Vermont State University.

5 (2) In fiscal year 2024 the amount of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from
6 the General Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to establish the Certificate in
7 3-D Technology program.

8 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,800,000 is appropriated from
9 the General Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to provide Critical
10 Occupations Scholarships for eligible students with a household income of
11 \$75,000 or less enrolled in education programs that lead to a career in the
12 following: early childhood occupations, clinical mental health counseling,
13 criminal justice occupations, dental hygienists, and all levels of nursing.

14 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from
15 the General Fund to the University of Vermont to provide additional free
16 classes through the Upskill Vermont Scholarship Program for Vermont
17 residents seeking to transition to a new career or to enhance job skills.

18 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from
19 the General Fund to the University of Vermont Office of Engagement, in
20 consultation with the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, for additional
21 forgivable loans of \$5,000 per graduate for recent college graduates across all

1 Vermont higher education institutions who commit to work in Vermont for
2 two years after graduation.

3 (6) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$350,000 is appropriated from the
4 General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a subgrant to
5 Advance Vermont to continue work pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No.
6 183, Sec. 39 in support of the State's goal articulated in 10 V.S.A. § 546 that
7 70 percent of working-age Vermonters hold a credential of value by 2025. On
8 or before December 15, 2023, Advance Vermont shall report to the General
9 Assembly regarding outcomes achieved, the use of these State funds, and the
10 other fund sources Advance Vermont has secured for this project.

11 (d) Healthcare and social services workforce.

12 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from
13 the General Fund to the Department of Health to be transferred as needed to
14 the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the Vermont Psychiatric
15 Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Forgivable Loan Incentive Program created
16 in 18 V.S.A. § 39.

17 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from
18 the General Fund to the Department of Health to provide training for
19 emergency medical services personnel.

20 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$170,000 is appropriated from the
21 General Fund to the Agency of Human Services to provide one additional year

1 of funding for the classified, three-year limited service Health Care Workforce
2 Coordinator position created in the Agency of Human Services, Office of
3 Health Care Reform, pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 34(a).

4 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from
5 the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health to address workforce
6 needs at the designated and specialized service agencies. These funds shall not
7 be released until a plan to meet training and retention is mutually agreed upon
8 by the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and the
9 designated and specialized service agencies and approved by the General
10 Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the legislature is not in session. All
11 or a portion of these funds may be used as matching funds to the Agency of
12 Human Services Global Commitment program to provide State match if any
13 part of the plan is eligible to draw federal funds. It is the intent of the General
14 Assembly to maximize the value of this one-time funding through eligible
15 Global Commitment investment.

16 (e) Corrections workforce.

17 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$200,000 is appropriated from the
18 General Fund to the Department of Corrections for the purpose of contracting
19 or expanding an existing contract with a vendor to provide supervisory and
20 management professional development services to the Department's
21 employees in accordance with the Department's efforts to address an employee

1 workforce crisis and strengthen workplace satisfaction, pursuant to Sec. F.16
2 of this act.

3 (f) Economic development.

4 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from
5 the General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development
6 for the Vermont Training Program to fulfill Vermont's obligation to procure
7 incentives in accordance with the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce
8 Semiconductors for America (CHIPS) Act.

9 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,250,000 is appropriated from
10 the General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development
11 for a grant to the regional development corporations to provide small- and mid-
12 sized businesses with professional and technical assistance.

13 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$72,000 is appropriated from the
14 General Fund to the Vermont Council on the Arts to provide a State match for
15 National Endowment for the Arts funding to enable the Council to continue its
16 work boosting the creative economy in Vermont.

17 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$8,000,000 General Fund is
18 appropriated to the Department of Economic Development for Brownfields
19 redevelopment consistent with Sec. F.5 of this act.

1 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 General Fund is
2 appropriated to the Department for Children and Families to augment service
3 support funding in the Reach Up program.

4 (6) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$90,000 is appropriated from the
5 General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for a
6 subgrant to the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund to expand its Business
7 Coaching program to work with a group of existing energy services businesses
8 interested in adopting a climate-centered mission and working with trades
9 persons looking to start their own climate-centered business.

10 (g) Agriculture Economic Development

11 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 General Fund is
12 appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Working
13 Lands Enterprise grant program.

14 (2) In fiscal year 2024, \$2,300,000 General Fund is appropriated to the
15 Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to fund Agriculture Development
16 Grants for meat, produce, and maple processing. The Secretary of Agriculture,
17 Food and Markets shall determine that there are significant interests in
18 establishing certain parameters in the grant program before making an award.
19 Grants should be awarded to farmers, processors, and businesses, which shall
20 not include hydroponic operations. Furthermore, the Secretary shall not
21 allocate more than 25 percent of grant funds toward the maple industry. Of the

1 funds appropriated under this subdivision, an amount not to exceed \$125,000
2 may be used by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to support the
3 cost of temporary employees to administer the grants.

4 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$6,900,000 General Fund is
5 appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to fund
6 Agriculture Development Grants for the Organic Dairy Farm Assistance
7 Program.

8 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$300,000 General Fund is
9 appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for a grant to the
10 Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund as follows:

11 (A) \$100,000 to the Independent Retail Grocers Project; and

12 (B) \$200,000 to the Beef on Dairy Project.

13 (5) In fiscal year 2024, \$150,000 General Fund is appropriated to the
14 Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for the establishment by the Farm
15 Viability Program of a pilot program to award a grant for the use of virtual
16 fences, solar powered collars, and solar powered transmitters to control
17 livestock. As used in this section, "livestock" means cattle, horses, sheep,
18 swine, and goats.

19 (6) In fiscal year 2024, \$415,000 General Fund is appropriated to the
20 Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to fully fund the Dairy Risk
21 Management Assistance Program for farmers who enroll in calendar year

1 2023. These funds are in addition to the unexpended funds appropriated under
2 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 68 to implement the Dairy Risk
3 Management Assistance Program.

4 (7) In fiscal year 2024, \$150,000 General Fund is appropriated to the
5 Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Small Farmer Diversification
6 and Transition Program. The Agency staff who support the Working Lands
7 Enterprise Board shall administer the Program and provide small farmers in
8 Vermont with State financial assistance in the form of grants.

9 (A) Program applicants shall:

10 (i) be a small farmer and not permitted as a medium farm or large
11 farm at the time of application.

12 (ii) have a proposed plan for diversification or transition that
13 includes possible markets for the proposed product and probable income; and

14 (iii) demonstrate to the Agency that there is potential from the
15 proposed diversification or transition to create additional income for the
16 applicant.

17 (B) Small Farmer Diversification and Transition Program grants shall
18 be used for costs of:

19 (i) diversifying the farm products produced by the applicant;

20 (ii) transitioning the applicant from one form of farming to
21 another;

1 (iii) processing of farm products on the farm owned or controlled
2 by the applicant; and

3 (iv) development of an accessory on-farm business by the
4 applicant.

5 (C) The Working Lands Enterprise Board shall not require applicants
6 for a Small Farmer Diversification and Transition Program grant to provide a
7 match or to pay a minimum percentage of eligible project cost for which the
8 grant is proposed for use.

9 (D) The Secretary and the Working Lands Enterprise Board shall
10 provide public notice of the availability of grants from the Small Farmer
11 Diversification and Transition Program as separate from the Working Lands
12 Enterprise Board’s traditional grants. The Secretary shall publicize the Small
13 Farmer Diversification and Transition Program grants in newsletters, press
14 releases, e-mail, and other communications from the Agency of Agriculture,
15 Food and Markets.

16 (E) As used in this subdivision (g)(7), “small farmer” means any
17 person who:

18 (i) is engaged in “farming” as that term is defined in 10 V.S.A.
19 § 6001(22), regardless of the size of the parcel, and whose gross income from
20 the sale of the farm products equals at least one-half of the farmer’s annual
21 gross income; or

1 (ii) a small farm subject to the Required Agricultural Practices.

2 Sec. B.1101.1 TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

3 (a) In fiscal year 2024, \$240,000 General Fund is appropriated to the Truth
4 and Reconciliation Commission. These funds, in combination with
5 carryforward funds shall provide fiscal year 2024 funding for the
6 Commission's activities.

7 * * * Affordable Housing * * *

8 Sec. B.1102 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT – FISCAL YEAR
9 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

10 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$10,000,000 General Fund is
11 appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for
12 the Vermont Rental Housing Improvement Program established in 10 V.S.A. §
13 699.

14 (b) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$300,000 General Fund is
15 appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a
16 grant to the Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies for
17 the purpose of hiring Housing Navigators.

18 (c) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$50,000,000 General Fund is
19 appropriated to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB):

20 (1) \$10,000,000 to provide support and enhance capacity for emergency
21 shelter and permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness. The funds

1 shall be used to expand Vermont’s shelter capacity, provide homes for those
2 experiencing homelessness, and decrease reliance on the General Assistance
3 Emergency Housing hotel and motel program. The Vermont Housing and
4 Conservation Board shall consult with the Agency of Human Services to
5 ensure new investments in homes and shelters are paired with appropriate
6 support services for residents, including services supported through Medicaid.
7 Funded projects may utilize a range of housing options, including the
8 expansion of shelter capacity, the conversion of hotels to housing, creation of
9 permanent supportive housing, and utilization of manufactured homes on infill
10 sites.

11 (2) \$40,000,000 to provide support and enhance capacity for the
12 production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing and
13 homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes and
14 communities, permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness, recovery
15 residences, and housing available to farm workers and refugees. The Board is
16 authorized to utilize up to 10 percent of these resources for innovative
17 approaches to helping communities meet their housing needs.

18 * * * Climate and Environment * * *

19 Sec. B.1103 CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT – FISCAL YEAR 2024

20 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

1 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$700,000 General Fund is
2 appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources – Central Office for
3 refrigerant management. Funds shall be used for incentives to improve or
4 replace commercial and industrial refrigeration systems with the goal of
5 reducing the use of high global warming potential (GWP) refrigerants.

6 (b) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$900,000 General Fund is
7 appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources – Climate Action Office for
8 technical analyses, tools, and training. Funds shall be used for investments in
9 ongoing evaluation, implementation support, and tracking of the impact of
10 programs, and policy approaches needed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
11 and improve landscape-level resilience consistent with the Global Warming
12 Solutions Act.

13 (c) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,000,000 General Fund is
14 appropriated to the Department of Public Service for the School Heating
15 Assistance with Renewables and Efficiency Program (SHARE) to assist Title I
16 eligible schools in repairing or renovating their existing wood chip or pellet
17 heating systems or to install new wood chip or pellet heating systems.

18 (d) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$150,000 General Fund is
19 appropriated to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for Wildlife Crop Damage
20 Payments. Funds shall be used for payments to farmers under the provisions
21 of 10 V.S.A. § 4829.

1 (e) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 General Fund is
2 appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for Parks
3 personnel housing. Funds shall be used to renovate, remediate, and expand on-
4 site housing opportunities, including installation of full hook-ups for RVs;
5 splitting existing staff housing into multiple units; and making critical (health
6 and safety) repairs to the existing housing stock for Vermont State Parks staff
7 in critical locations statewide.

8 (f) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 General Fund is
9 appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for Small
10 Communities Outdoor Recreation Grant matching funds. Funds shall be used
11 to support Vermont communities by providing State match funds for federal
12 recreation grants.

13 (g) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 General Fund is
14 appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for emerald
15 ash borer mitigation and low income heating assistance. Funds shall be used to
16 remove high-risk ash trees on Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
17 lands and provide free firewood to households with low income.

18 (h) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 General Fund is
19 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
20 Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act as codified in

1 10 V.S.A. chapter 159. Funds shall be used for the assessment and cleanup
2 planning for a maximum of 25 brownfields sites.

3 (i) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$600,000 General Fund is
4 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
5 Emissions Repair Program. Funds shall be used for the Emissions Repair
6 Program established by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 25 for fiscal
7 years 2024 through 2026.

8 (j) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$6,100,000 American Rescue Plan
9 Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds is appropriated to the
10 Department of Environmental Conservation for the Healthy Homes Initiative.
11 Funds shall be used to make repairs or improvements to drinking water,
12 wastewater, or stormwater systems for Vermonters who have low to moderate
13 income or who live in manufactured housing communities, or both.

14 (k) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 General Fund is
15 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for
16 Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) technical assistance. Funds shall be used
17 to support statewide groundwater Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)
18 remediation efforts.

19 (l) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 Environmental
20 Contingency Fund #21275 is appropriated to the Department of Environmental

1 Conservation for statewide Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) groundwater
2 remediation.

3 (m) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$850,000 Transportation Fund is
4 appropriated to the Agency of Transportation for a grant to Green Mountain
5 Transit to operate routes on a zero-fare basis and prepare for the transition to
6 tiered-fare service.

7 * * * Retired Teachers' One-time COLA Payment * * *

8 Sec. B.1104 FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION;

9 RETIRED TEACHERS' COST OF LIVING PAYMENT

10 (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025
11 to the contrary, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State
12 Teachers' Retirement System from the Education Fund for Calendar Year
13 2023 supplemental payments made in Sec. E.514.2(b) of this act and
14 associated costs.

15 * * * Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments * * *

16 Sec. B.1105 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL

17 INVESTMENTS – FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME

18 APPROPRIATIONS

19 (a) In fiscal year 2024, \$17,685,000 is appropriated from the Capital
20 Infrastructure sub account in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential
21 Investments for the following projects:

1 (1) \$400,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
2 General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

3 (2) \$1,700,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
4 General Services for roof replacement and brick façade repairs at the
5 McFarland State Office Building in Barre;

6 (3) \$135,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
7 General Services for 32 Cherry Street, parking garage repairs;

8 (4) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
9 General Services for roof replacement at the Central Services complex in
10 Middlesex;

11 (5) \$150,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
12 General Services for design documents for the State House expansion in
13 Montpelier;

14 (6) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
15 General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120
16 State Street;

17 (7) \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
18 General Services for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern State
19 Correctional Facility in Newport;

1 (8) \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
2 General Services for planning for renovations to the administration building,
3 West Cottage, at the Criminal Justice Training Council in Pittsford;

4 (9) \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
5 General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
6 design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;

7 (10) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
8 General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
9 design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term stabilization
10 facility;

11 (11) \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
12 General Services for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County
13 Superior Courthouse in Barre;

14 (12) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
15 General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
16 design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

17 (13) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
18 General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
19 design of the Rutland Field Station;

20 (14) \$300,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
21 General Services for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the

1 planning and design of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental

2 Laboratory Heat Plant;

3 (15) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
4 General Services for electric vehicle charging stations at State buildings;

5 (16) \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
6 the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Municipal Pollution
7 Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning advances for
8 feasibility studies;

9 (17) \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
10 the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the maintenance facilities
11 at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton State Forest; and

12 (18) \$800,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
13 the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and
14 improvements of the Department's buildings, including conservation camps.

15 (b) In fiscal year 2024, \$31,025,000 is appropriated from the Other
16 Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves subaccount in the Cash
17 Fund for Capital and Essential Investments for the following projects. This
18 funding is provided by the General Fund transfer in Sec. D.101 of this act.

19 (1) \$9,800,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
20 the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State match to the

1 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Drinking Water State Revolving
2 Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund;

3 (2) \$4,500,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
4 the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Waterbury Dam
5 rehabilitation;

6 (3) \$7,500,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges for
7 construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or
8 operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure
9 transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green
10 Hall and Vail Hall; and

11 (4) \$9,225,000 is appropriated to the Department of Mental Health for
12 construction of a psychiatric youth inpatient facility in the State.

13 (c) In fiscal year 2024, \$3,000,000 as appropriated in Sec. B.903 –
14 Transportation – program development of this act from the Cash Fund for
15 Capital and Essential Investments is for projects as specified in the State
16 transportation plan.

17 (d) In fiscal year 2024, to the extent funds are available from transfers
18 made in Sec. C.109 of this act, the projects in this subsection shall receive an
19 appropriation from the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and
20 Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments in
21 the following order:

1 (1) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Mental Health for a
2 grant to Pathways Vermont for the purchase and renovation of a building to
3 serve as a permanent home for the Soteria House program.

4 (A) Prior to issuing the grant, the Commissioner of Mental Health,
5 with the assistance of the Secretary of Human Services and Commissioner of
6 Buildings and General Services, shall review the accuracy and
7 comprehensiveness of the financial analysis of the Pathways Vermont proposal
8 to purchase specified property and operate the Soteria House program.

9 (B) An accounting of the respective State and Pathways Vermont
10 shares of investment in this property shall be maintained in order to refund to
11 the State an appropriate share of any net proceeds resulting from future
12 divestiture of the property.

13 (2) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Housing and
14 Community Development for a grant to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency
15 for its first generation homebuyer program.

16 (3) \$10,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Housing and
17 Community Development for a grant to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency
18 to provide capitalization of revolving loan fund for the development of
19 'missing middle' rental housing.

20 (4) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Transportation for rail
21 trail grants.

1 (5) \$5,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Economic
2 Development for the Rural Industry Development Grant Program as
3 established in this act.

4 (6) \$3,500,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Transportation for the
5 Saint Albans garage replacement project.

6 (e) If a project described in this section has received an appropriation prior
7 to the effective date of this act and is not in compliance with the requirements
8 of 29 V.S.A. § 161, then the project shall not be subject to the requirements of
9 29 V.S.A. § 161 if any of the following apply as of the effective date of this
10 act:

11 (1) the project has been invited or advertised for bid;

12 (2) the project is under contract; or

13 (3) the funds are obligated.

14 * * * Fiscal Year 2023 Adjustments, Appropriations, and Amendments * * *

15 Sec. C.100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL FUND UNALLOCATED

16 CARRYFORWARD

17 (a) After satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, and after other
18 reserve requirements have been met, but prior to satisfying the requirements of
19 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the first \$337,449,200 of remaining unreserved and
20 undesignated funds at the close of fiscal year 2023 shall remain in the General
21 Fund and be carried forward to fiscal year 2024.

1 Sec. C.100.1 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. D.101 as amended by
2 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 48 is further amended to read:

3 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, AND RESERVES

4 * * *

5 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
6 2023:

7 * * *

8 (2) Notwithstanding any other laws related to these special fund
9 balances, the following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of
10 unencumbered fund balances, may be transferred from the following funds to
11 the General Fund upon determination of the Commissioner of Finance and
12 Management that such transfers are integral for the financial closure of the
13 fiscal year. The Commissioner shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its
14 July meeting the final amounts transferred from each fund and certify that such
15 transfers will not impair the agency, office, or department reliant upon each
16 fund from meeting its statutory requirements.

17	21638 AG-Fees & reimbursement – Court order	\$2,000,000
18	21928 Secretary of State Services Funds	\$1,200,000
19	62100 Unclaimed Property Fund	<u>\$4,442,485</u> <u>\$6,691,685</u>

1 Combined estimate for 21075 Insurance Regulatory and Supervision
2 Fund, 21805 Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund,
3 21080 Regulatory and Supervision Fund \$58,564,476

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5 Sec. C.101 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3 Sec. 106(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) ~~\$290,000~~ \$1,290,000 of the funds appropriated to the Justice
7 Reinvestment II in fiscal year 2023 are for the Department's Offender
8 Management System (OMS) intelligence layer consistent with the actions of
9 the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee.

10 Sec. C.102 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.335, as amended by 2022
11 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 62, and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec.
12 C.111 is further amended to read:

13 Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; UNEXPENDED
14 FUNDS TRANSFER; JUSTICE REINVESTMENT;
15 REPORT

16 * * *

17 (c) Any funds ~~expended~~ authorized to be used on ~~community-based service~~
18 ~~programs~~ justice reinvestment programs pursuant to subsection (b) of this
19 section ~~shall be included in the subsequent year Department of Corrections~~
20 ~~budget for the same purpose at the same amount~~ may be carried forward over
21 multiple fiscal years until fully expended.

1 Sec. C.103 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.335 is amended to read:

2 Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; UNEXPENDED

3 FUNDS TRANSFER; JUSTICE REINVESTMENT; REPORT

4 * * *

5 ~~(c) Any funds expended on community based service programs pursuant to~~

6 ~~subsection (b) of this section shall be included in the subsequent year~~

7 ~~Department of Corrections budget for the same purpose at the same amount.~~

8 [Repealed.]

9 Sec. C.104 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

10 ARPA-SFR PROJECT FUNDS REVERSION

11 (a) \$1,100,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus

12 State Fiscal Recovery Funds appropriated to the Department of Environmental

13 Conservation in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.501(a)(2) shall revert

14 to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery

15 Funds for reallocation in fiscal year 2024.

16 Sec. C.105 32 V.S.A. § 1001b is amended to read:

17 § 1001b. CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE CASH FUND AND

18 ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS

19 (a) Creation. There is hereby created the ~~Capital Expenditure~~ Cash Fund

20 for Capital and Essential Investments to be administered by the Commissioner

21 of Finance and Management, in consultation with the State Treasurer, ~~for the~~

1 ~~purpose of using general funds.~~ The Fund shall have the following two
2 subaccounts:

3 (1) the Capital Infrastructure subaccount, to defray the costs of future
4 capital expenditures that would otherwise be authorized in the capital
5 construction act and paid for using the State's general obligation bonding
6 authority and debt service obligations or paid for as a direct associated cost of
7 a capital project; and

8 (2) the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves
9 subaccount, to fund essential investments and infrastructure needs, create
10 reserves for these expenditures and make contingent appropriations for other
11 infrastructure investments, as authorized by the General Assembly.

12 (b) Fund Accounts. ~~The Fund may consist of:~~

13 (1) Capital Infrastructure subaccount. The Capital Infrastructure
14 subaccount may consist of:

15 (A) transfers made by the General Assembly of four percent or less
16 of the last completed fiscal year's General Fund appropriations, less the
17 amount necessary to fund the State's general obligation debt service in the year
18 for which the transfer is being made, as determined by the State Treasurer and
19 the Commissioner of Finance and Management; and

20 (B) any interest earned by the subaccount.

1 (2) Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves
2 subaccount. The Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves
3 subaccount may consist of any appropriations or transfers made by the General
4 Assembly; from the General Fund or any other State fund and

5 ~~(2) any interest earned by the Fund.~~ any contingent transfers made by
6 the General Assembly from the General Fund after satisfying the requirements
7 of 32 V.S.A. § 308 but prior to satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c
8 in any fiscal year and any contingent transfers made by the General Assembly
9 from other State funds.

10 (c) Use of funds. ~~Expenditure shall only be made from the Fund by~~
11 ~~appropriations by the General Assembly. Plans for use shall be submitted as~~
12 ~~part of the operating budget adjustment or operating budget process. Monies~~
13 in the Fund Accounts shall only be used ~~for~~ as follows:

14 ~~(1) costs associated with a proposed capital project that occur prior to~~
15 ~~the construction phase of that project, including feasibility, planning, design,~~
16 ~~and engineering and architectural costs;~~ Expenditures shall only be made by
17 the General Assembly from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount for:

18 (A) tangible capital investments, as described in section 309 of this
19 title, with an anticipated lifespan of 20 years or more; and

20 (B) engineering and architectural costs directly associated with a
21 proposed capital project.

1 (2) ~~projects with an anticipated lifespan of less than 20 years;~~

2 Expenditures shall only be made by the General Assembly from the Other

3 Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves subaccount for:

4 (A) any expenditure eligible under subdivision (1) of this subsection

5 (c); and

6 (B) any other essential investments and infrastructure needs,

7 including transportation-related projects and capitalization of revolving loan

8 funds.

9 ~~(3) costs associated with the early redemption of general obligation~~

10 ~~bonds; and~~

11 ~~(4) other eligible capital projects receiving an appropriation from the~~

12 ~~General Assembly.~~

13 (d) Fund balance. All balances in the Fund accounts at the end of any

14 fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain part of the Fund accounts.

15 Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 511, the Commissioner of Finance and

16 Management shall not anticipate receipts for the Fund accounts and issue

17 warrants thereon.

18 (e) ~~Early redemption transfer. If any expenditures are made from the Fund~~

19 ~~or the General Assembly appropriates general funds to pay for the early~~

20 ~~redemption of general obligation bonds pursuant to subdivision (c)(3) of this~~

21 ~~section, then an amount equal to the reduction in debt service required in any~~

1 ~~fiscal year resulting from that redemption shall be transferred to the Fund~~
2 Spending authority. Any entity authorized to make expenditures from the
3 Capital Infrastructure subaccount shall have not more than two years from the
4 legislative session in which the act authorizing the expenditure was enacted to
5 encumber the funds. Any remaining unencumbered funds shall remain part of
6 the Fund account.

7 Sec. C.106 29 V.S.A. § 161 is amended to read:

8 § 161. REQUIREMENTS ON STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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10 (b) Each contract awarded under this section for any State project with a
11 construction cost exceeding \$100,000.00 ~~or~~ a construction project with a
12 construction cost exceeding \$200,000.00 ~~which that~~ is authorized and is at
13 least 50 percent funded by a capital construction act pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §
14 701a, or a construction project with a construction cost exceeding \$200,000.00
15 that is at least 50 percent funded by the Cash Fund for Capital Infrastructure
16 and Other Essential Investments established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001 shall provide
17 that all construction employees working on the project shall be paid ~~no~~ not less
18 than the mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont
19 Department of Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey plus an
20 additional fringe benefit of 42 and one-half percent of wage, as calculated by
21 the current Vermont prevailing wage survey. As used in this section, “fringe

1 benefits” means benefits, including paid vacations and holidays, sick leave,
2 employer contributions and reimbursements to health insurance and retirement
3 benefits, and similar benefits that are incidents of employment.

4 (c) In the construction of any State project, local capable labor shall be
5 utilized whenever practicable, but this section shall not be construed to compel
6 any person to discharge or lay off any regular employee.

7 (d) Subsections (a) through (c) of this section shall not apply to
8 maintenance or construction projects carried out by the Agency of
9 Transportation and by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

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11 Sec. C.107 32 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

12 § 1001. CAPITAL DEBT AFFORDABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13 * * *

14 (c) Committee estimate of a prudent amount of net State tax-supported
15 debt; affordability considerations. On or before September 30 of each year, the
16 Committee shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly the
17 Committee’s estimate of net State tax-supported debt that prudently may be
18 authorized for the next fiscal year, together with a report explaining the basis
19 for the estimate. The Committee’s estimate shall not take into consideration
20 the balance remaining at the end of each fiscal year in the subaccounts of the
21 Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments, established pursuant to

1 section 1001b of this title. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of
2 required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection.
3 In developing its annual estimate, and in preparing its annual report, the
4 Committee shall consider:

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6 Sec. C.108 RESERVES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND
7 JOBS ACT (IIJA) MATCH

8 (a) In fiscal year 2023, the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments
9 initial balance amount of \$25,000,000 is reserved in the Other Infrastructure,
10 Essential Investments, and Reserves subaccount to provide the State match in
11 fiscal years 2025 and 2026 needed for federal funding for transportation related
12 projects under the IIJA. These funds shall only be expended if authorized by
13 the General Assembly.

14 (b) To the extent available in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, the amount of
15 \$14,500,000 is reserved in the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and
16 Reserves subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to
17 provide the State match in fiscal years 2025 and 2026 needed for federal
18 funding for water and wastewater related projects under the IIJA. These funds
19 shall only be expended if authorized by the General Assembly.

20 Sec. C.109 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTINGENT TRANSFERS TO CASH
21 FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS

1 (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, to the extent any fund
2 specified in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. D.101(b)(2) as amended by
3 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 48 has an unobligated fund balance in
4 fiscal year 2023, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer
5 to the subaccount created under 32 V.S.A. 1001b(b)(2) the respective fiscal
6 year 2023 unobligated special fund balances. The Commissioner shall report
7 the amounts transferred pursuant to this provision to the Joint Fiscal
8 Committee in July 2023.

9 (b) To the extent available in fiscal year 2023, \$22,500,000 shall be
10 transferred from the General Fund to the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential
11 Investments pursuant to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 1001b(b)(2).

12 Sec. C.110 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 51a is amended to read:

13 Sec. 51a. COVID-19-RELATED PAID LEAVE GRANT PROGRAM

14 (a) Establishment and appropriation.

15 (1) There is established in the Department of Financial Regulation the
16 COVID-19-Related Paid Leave Grant Program to administer and award grants
17 to employers to reimburse the cost of providing COVID-19-related paid leave
18 to employees as provided in subsection (e) of this section.

19 (2) The sum of ~~\$15,180,000~~ \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the
20 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
21 Funds to the Department of Financial Regulation for fiscal years 2023 and

1 2024 for the provision of grants to reimburse employers for the cost of
2 providing COVID-19-related paid leave. ~~Not more than seven percent of the~~
3 ~~amount appropriated pursuant to this subdivision may be used for expenses~~
4 ~~related to Program administration and outreach.~~

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6 (c) Grant program.

7 * * *

8 (3)(A) Employers may submit applications for grants during the period
9 beginning on October 1, 2022 and ending on September 30, 2023 and may
10 submit an application not more than once each calendar quarter during that
11 period. Grant applications shall be submitted for paid leave provided during
12 the preceding calendar quarter and, subject to subdivision (B) of this
13 subdivision (3), for calendar quarters in the program period prior to the
14 preceding calendar quarter.

15 (B) An employer shall be permitted to request grant funds for costs
16 related to COVID-19-related paid leave described in subsection (e) of this
17 section in a calendar quarter prior to the preceding calendar quarter if:

18 (i) the employer has not already received grant funds in relation to
19 the COVID-19-related leave; and

1 the number of hours of COVID-19-related paid leave provided to each
2 employee multiplied by the greater of either the minimum wage established
3 pursuant to 21 V.S.A. § 384 or the employee's regular hourly wage.

4 ~~(B) For COVID-19-related paid leave that will be provided~~
5 ~~retroactively to employees who took unpaid leave for COVID-19 related~~
6 ~~reasons, the employer may, subject to the limitations of subdivision (2) of this~~
7 ~~subsection (e), apply for a grant in an amount equal to the number of hours of~~
8 ~~COVID-19 related paid leave to be provided to each employee multiplied by~~
9 ~~the greater of either the minimum wage established pursuant to 21 V.S.A.~~
10 ~~§ 384 or the employee's regular hourly wage.~~

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12 Sec. C.111 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.709.1, as amended by 2022
13 Acts and Resolves No. 166, Sec. 8, is amended to read

14 Sec. E.709.1 ENVIRONMENTAL CONTINGENCY FUND;
15 POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCBs) TESTING
16 IN SCHOOLS

17 (a) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 1283, of the funds transferred in
18 Sec. D.101(a) of this act to the Environmental Contingency Fund, the
19 Department of Environmental Conservation, in consultation with the
20 Department of Health and the Agency of Education, shall use up to \$4,500,000
21 to complete air indoor quality testing for Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) in

1 public schools and approved and recognized independent schools that were
2 constructed or renovated before 1980. All schools subject to this subsection
3 shall test for PCBs on or before July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027.

4 Sec. C.112 FUNDING OF POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCB)

5 REMEDIATION AND REMOVAL IN SCHOOLS

6 (a) Education Fund; PCB appropriations. Notwithstanding 2022 Acts and
7 Resolves No. 178, Sec. 2(b):

8 (1) the funds reserved within the Education Fund for purposes of
9 investigation, remediation, and removal of PCBs from schools are unreserved;
10 and

11 (2) the unexpended or unobligated amount of the \$2,500,000 transferred
12 by the Emergency Board to the Agency of Education for PCB remediation
13 shall revert to the Education Fund and be reappropriated to 2022 Acts and
14 Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment.

15 (b) Agency of Education; PCB remediation and removal reimbursement.
16 Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(d), \$29,500,000 and the unexpended funds
17 identified under subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall be appropriated from
18 the Education Fund to the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2024 for the
19 following purposes:

20 (1) Grants to schools in the State that are required to conduct
21 investigation, remediation, or removal of PCB contamination in the school

1 after Agency of Natural Resources testing but have not received a grant from
2 the Agency of Education for the costs of investigation, remediation, or
3 removal. The grants shall be in an amount sufficient to pay for 100 percent of
4 the school's investigation, remediation, or removal costs required by the
5 Agency of Natural Resources Investigation and Remediation of Contaminated
6 Properties Rule, including the costs incurred, when necessary, under State or
7 federal law to relocate students to a facility during remediation or removal
8 activities.

9 (2) Grants to schools in the State that conducted investigation,
10 remediation, or removal of PCBs in the school after Agency of Natural
11 Resources testing and received a grant for 80 percent of the costs of
12 remediation or removal from the Agency of Education. The grants under this
13 subdivision (2) shall be in an amount that will reimburse the school for any
14 remediation or removal costs not paid by the Agency of Natural Resources.

15 (3) A grant to the Burlington School District to reimburse the school
16 district for the actual cost of demolition and removal of PCB contamination at
17 Burlington High School, not to exceed \$16,000,000.

18 (c) Reimbursement. If a school district in the State recovers money from
19 litigation or other award for work covered under a grant issued under this
20 section, the school district shall reimburse the State the amount of the recovery
21 or the amount of the grant awarded to the school district under subsection (b)

1 of this section, whichever amount is less. Any reimbursed monies shall be
2 deposited into the Education Fund and reserved for use for school construction
3 as approved by the General Assembly.

4 (d) State action. The State may recover from a manufacturer of PCBs
5 monies expended or awarded by the State for PCB investigation, testing,
6 assessment, remediation, or removal of PCBs in a school above the relevant
7 action level.

8 Sec. C.113 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. 8 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 8. MUNICIPAL ENERGY REVOLVING FUND; ~~FY 2023~~

10 ~~APPROPRIATION~~ TRANSFER; REPORT

11 (a) ~~In FY 2023,~~ Upon receipt of the following federal funds and to the
12 extent permitted by federal law, the following amounts shall be transferred to
13 the Department of Buildings and General Services from the Department of
14 Public Service for the Municipal Energy Revolving Fund, as established in 29
15 V.S.A. § 168b:

16 * * *

17 Sec. C.114 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM;

18 DISPATCH; INVENTORY; DESIGN

19 (a) The General Assembly finds that protecting public safety and welfare is
20 an essential function of State government and it is in the public interest to
21 establish a statewide reliable, secure, and interoperable public safety

1 communications system, comprising integrated 911 call-taking and regional
2 dispatch systems, and to ensure that the system is equitably and sustainably
3 financed and universally accessible by all persons throughout the State.

4 (b) It is not the intent of the General Assembly to establish a public safety
5 communications system that disrupts or in any way jeopardizes the exceptional
6 dispatch services currently in place or the existing 911 system, but rather to
7 support, enhance, strengthen, and build upon those efforts and initiatives.

8 (c) The transition to a public safety communications system as specified in
9 subsection (a) of this section shall be overseen and managed by the temporary
10 Public Safety Communications Task Force established in subsection (d) of this
11 section.

12 (d)(1) There is established a Public Safety Communications Task Force to
13 oversee and manage all phases of the development, design, and
14 implementation of a statewide public safety communications system as
15 required by this section.

16 (2) The Task Force shall consist of seven members as follows:

17 (A) the Executive Director of the Enhanced 911 Board, who shall
18 serve as Co-Chair;

19 (B) the Commissioner of Public Safety or designee, who shall serve
20 as Co-Chair;

1 (C) one municipal official appointed by the Executive Director of the
2 Vermont League of Cities and Towns;

3 (D) one representative from a public safety answering point overseen
4 by a municipal police department appointed by the Vermont Association of
5 Chiefs of Police;

6 (E) one emergency medical technician or paramedic appointed by the
7 Vermont State Ambulance Association;

8 (F) one firefighter appointed by the Vermont State Firefighters’
9 Association; and

10 (G) the Chair of the Regional Dispatch Working Group established
11 by the General Assembly in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185.

12 (3) At its initial organizational meeting the Task Force shall elect from
13 among its members a vice chair. Meetings may be held at the call of a Co-
14 Chair or at the request of two members. A majority of sitting members shall
15 constitute a quorum, and action taken by the Task Force may be authorized by
16 a majority of the members present and voting. Except for those members
17 regularly employed by the State, members are entitled to a per diem in the
18 amount of \$150 for each day spent in the performance of their duties. All
19 members, including members otherwise regularly employed by the State, shall
20 receive their actual and necessary expenses when away from home or office
21 upon their official duties pursuant to this section. A vacancy shall be filled by

1 the respective appointing authority. If the Chair of the Regional Dispatch
2 Working Group declines to participate as a member of the Task Force, the
3 Task Force shall appoint one member who shall have expertise relevant to the
4 purposes of this section.

5 (4) The Task Force is authorized to retain a project manager and one or
6 more additional consultants with relevant expertise in public safety
7 communications technology, design, and financing to assist with the
8 requirements of this section.

9 (5) The Department of Public Safety shall provide the Task Force with
10 administrative services and support.

11 (6)(A) The Task Force, in consultation with the Secretary of
12 Administration, shall develop procedures and best practices for State agency
13 cooperation and coordination on matters of overlapping jurisdiction. The
14 primary purpose of this subdivision is to ensure the Task Force has access to
15 expertise and data related to its mission, including expertise within and data
16 maintained by the Department of Public Service, the Agency of Digital
17 Services, the Division of Emergency Preparedness, Response and Injury within
18 the Department of Health, the Department of Taxes, the Agency of
19 Transportation, the Enhanced 911 Board, and the Department of Public Safety.

20 (B) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to waive any
21 privilege or protection otherwise afforded information by law due solely to the

1 fact that the information is shared with the Task Force pursuant to this
2 subdivision.

3 (7) All meetings of the Task Force shall be open to the public and
4 conducted in accordance with the Vermont Open Meeting Law. All records of
5 the Task Force are subject to the Vermont Public Records Act.

6 (8) The Task Force shall cease to exist when a State entity authorized by
7 legislative enactment to permanently oversee and manage the public safety
8 communications system becomes operational.

9 (e) The establishment of a statewide public safety communications system
10 shall occur in essentially three phases, which include data collection and
11 analysis, design, and implementation. Certain aspects of each phase may occur
12 simultaneously as deemed appropriate by the Task Force.

13 (1) Data collection and analysis. On or before September 15, 2024, the
14 Task Force shall conduct a complete inventory and assessment of all aspects of
15 dispatch service currently provided in Vermont and, to the extent possible,
16 dispatch service currently provided outside Vermont for response agencies
17 located in Vermont, which shall include:

18 (A) an inventory of all existing dispatch infrastructure and
19 equipment, including facilities, hardware, software, applications, and land
20 mobile radio systems, referring to and incorporating any existing relevant data
21 collected by a State or municipal entity;

1 (B) the number of full-time and part-time personnel currently
2 performing dispatch service, taking into account personnel who have other
3 responsibilities in addition to providing dispatch service;

4 (C) the current total spending on dispatch service in Vermont that
5 includes and itemizes for each municipality and dispatch center all federal,
6 State, and municipal appropriations and fees, every contract for dispatch or
7 first responder service, and projected budgets;

8 (D) identification of the communications dead zones in the State,
9 meaning those areas that lack the infrastructure to support public safety land-
10 mobile-radio communications or cellular voice and data service, or both, and
11 taking into consideration all cell towers, including those that are part of the
12 FirstNet statewide public safety radio access network; cellular mapping efforts
13 conducted by the Department of Public Service; and any existing, relevant
14 mapping data collected by a dispatch center or other entity;

15 (E) with the assistance of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, a
16 needs assessment to determine where and to what extent there are gaps in
17 dispatch service or significant challenges to the delivery of dispatch service
18 and to identify those municipalities that are likely to be most affected by either
19 the curtailment of dispatch service from the two State-run public safety
20 answering points or from a new financing mechanism for the continuation of
21 such service;

1 (F) an assessment of the service provided by each dispatch center and
2 identification of particular challenges or vulnerabilities, if any, including with
3 regard to workforce, failover procedures, communications technology, costs,
4 and governance; and

5 (G) collection and assessment of any other information the Task
6 Force deems relevant.

7 (2) Design. On or before January 15, 2024, the Task Force shall
8 develop findings and recommendations related to draft elements of a
9 preliminary design for a public safety communications system, including
10 identification of a proposed implementation timeline and any additional data
11 and resources needed to develop a final design on or before December 15,
12 2024. The final design shall include:

13 (A) technical and operational standards and protocols that ensure an
14 interoperable and resilient system that incorporates computer-aided dispatch
15 systems and land mobile radios;

16 (B) technology life-cycle standards to ensure system and database
17 upgrades are timely, sufficiently financed, and properly managed;

18 (C) system and database security and cybersecurity standards;

19 (D) continuity of operations standards and best practices that
20 encompass failover procedures and other system redundancies to ensure the
21 continuous performance of mission-critical operations;

1 (E) workforce training standards and other staffing best practices that
2 support the retention and well-being of dispatch personnel;

3 (F) a resource allocation plan that ensures dispatch service is
4 available in all regions of the State, including the establishment of new
5 dispatch centers or expanded capacity and capability of existing dispatch
6 centers, if deemed appropriate by the Task Force;

7 (G) a process for annually reviewing the budgets of dispatch centers;

8 (H) a recommended governance model to ensure effective State and
9 regional oversight, management, and continuous improvement of the system,
10 including identification of staffing or operational needs to support such
11 oversight and management of the system;

12 (I) cost estimates for implementing the system in Vermont, including
13 operational and capital costs;

14 (J) options for sustainably and equitably structuring the financing of
15 the public safety communications system, taking into consideration:

16 (i) existing budgets for regional and local dispatch;

17 (ii) the population, grand list, and call volume of each
18 municipality;

19 (iii) existing and potential State funding streams;

1 (iv) available federal funding opportunities for public safety
2 agencies and emergency communications systems, including equipment,
3 network infrastructure, and services;

4 (v) financing models adopted in other jurisdictions for public
5 safety communications systems; and

6 (vi) any other standards or procedures deemed necessary or
7 appropriate by the Task Force.

8 (f)(1) If the Task Force determines that sufficient minimum technical and
9 operational standards have been developed to warrant the funding of one or
10 more pilot projects, the Task Force may submit for approval a pilot project
11 plan to the Joint Fiscal Committee in calendar year 2023.

12 (2) Pilot projects eligible for funding under this subsection may include
13 new regional dispatch centers or expanded capacity at existing regional
14 dispatch centers, provided the Task Force determines the pilot demonstrates
15 project readiness and is otherwise consistent with the standards and purposes
16 of this section.

17 (3) In evaluating proposed pilot projects, the Task Force shall give a
18 high priority to projects in geographical areas of the State that presently face
19 significant challenges with respect to reliably providing dispatch service.

20 (4) The pilot project plan shall include a description of each proposed
21 project, the resources needed, and an explanation of how the project will align

1 with, inform, and further the development of a statewide public safety
2 communications system and ensure transparency and accountability
3 particularly with respect to the expenditure of State funds pursuant to this
4 subsection.

5 (5) The Joint Fiscal Committee is authorized to approve up to
6 \$4,500,000.00 in total for pilot projects authorized by this subsection.

7 (g) On or before January 15, 2024, the Task Force shall submit a progress
8 report on the data collection and analysis required by subdivision (e)(1) of this
9 section, the findings and recommendations required by subdivision (e)(2) of
10 this section, and a description and status report of any pilot projects funded
11 pursuant to subsection (f) of this section in a written report to the Senate
12 Committees on Government Operations and on Finance and the House
13 Committees on Government Operations and Military Affairs, on Ways and
14 Means, and on Environment and Energy. On or before December 15, 2024,
15 the Task Force shall submit to the same legislative committees a written report
16 containing its final design plan as required by subdivision (e)(2) of this section.

17 Sec. C.115 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

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

19 APPROPRIATIONS

20 * * *

1 (b) \$11,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
2 Department of Public Safety for regional dispatch funding. The funds are
3 subject to the following conditions:

4 (1) ~~\$4,500,000 shall be held in reserve until the report required by~~
5 ~~Sec. E.209.1 of this act is submitted and further approval to expend the funds is~~
6 ~~granted by the General Assembly~~ Up to \$1,000,000 shall be available for the
7 retention of technical experts to assist the Task Force with the analysis and
8 planning required by Sec. C.112 of this act and to fund the administrative
9 expenses incurred by the Public Safety Communications Task Force. If the
10 Task Force determines in calendar year 2023 that additional funding is
11 necessary to achieve its purposes, it may submit a request to the Joint Fiscal
12 Committee. The Joint Fiscal Committee is authorized to approve up to an
13 additional \$1,000,000.

14 (2) ~~\$6,500,000 to provide grants to regional dispatch facilities upon~~
15 ~~approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee subsequent to review of a Regional~~
16 ~~Dispatch Facility grant plan submitted by the Commissioner of Public Safety.~~
17 ~~The plan shall include the extent to which federal funding sources may be~~
18 ~~available for regional dispatch~~ Up to \$4,500,000 shall be available to provide
19 funding for pilot projects pursuant to Sec. C.112(f), of this act.

1 recommendations included in the Secretary of Administration's report related
2 to the funding of Enhanced 911 operations, dated January 15, 2022, and
3 required by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.235.

4 Sec. C.117 ORGANIC DAIRY FARM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

5 (a) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall establish an organic
6 dairy farm assistance program consistent with the requirements of this section.

7 (b) An organic dairy farm is eligible for assistance under this section if:

8 (1) the farm is currently operating as a dairy farm producing milk, either
9 organic or conventional;

10 (2) the farm shipped organic milk or processed its own organic milk
11 under the requirements of 6 V.S.A. chapter 151 during calendar year 2022 and
12 provides documentation to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets of the
13 amount of organic milk shipped or processed during calendar year 2022 per
14 hundredweight;

15 (3) the farm is in good standing with the Agency of Agriculture, Food
16 and Markets; and

17 (4) the farm submits an application for assistance to the Agency of
18 Agriculture, Food and Markets by a date specified by the Secretary of
19 Agriculture, Food and Markets.

20 (c) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall award eligible
21 organic dairy farms financial assistance in the form of a grant in the amount of

1 \$5 per hundredweight of organic milk shipped or sold by the organic dairy
2 farm in calendar year 2022. Once the Agency of Agriculture, Food and
3 Markets determines that applications under this section are administratively
4 complete, the Agency shall process applications for payment in their order of
5 receipt. If all funds appropriated for implementation of this section are
6 awarded by the Agency, no further awards shall be made. If any funds
7 appropriated for implementation of this section remain after all timely
8 applications are processed, the remaining funds shall be transferred to the
9 Working Lands Enterprise Fund not later than December 31, 2023 for
10 distribution by the Working Lands Enterprise Board under the Small Farmer
11 Diversification and Transition Program.

12 Sec. C.118 2022 Acts and Resolves No.185, Sec. G.600(a)(2), as amended by
13 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 67 is further amended to read:

14 (2) \$35,000,000 to the Department of Public Service ~~to grant~~ to contract
15 with Efficiency Vermont for the purpose of weatherization incentives to
16 Vermonters with a moderate income. These funds shall be deposited in the
17 Electric Efficiency Fund established under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3) and shall be
18 available for ~~use by Efficiency Vermont~~ this purpose through December 31,
19 2026. Households approved for assistance in this section will also be offered
20 services outlined in subdivision (4) of this subsection.

1 Sec. C.119 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 3, as amended by 2023 Acts
2 and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 75 is further amended to read:

3 Sec. 3. MANUFACTURED HOME IMPROVEMENT AND
4 REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

5 Of the amounts available from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
6 recovery funds, ~~the following amounts are~~ \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the
7 Department of Housing and Community Development for the purposes
8 specified:

9 (1) ~~\$2,500,000.00 for manufactured~~ Manufactured home community
10 small-scale capital grants, through which the Department may award not more
11 than \$20,000.00 for owners of manufactured housing communities to complete
12 small-scale capital needs to help infill vacant lots with homes, which may
13 include projects such as disposal of abandoned homes, lot grading/preparation,
14 site electrical box issues/upgrades, E911 safety issues, legal fees, transporting
15 homes out of flood zones, individual septic system, and marketing to help
16 make it easier for home-seekers to find vacant lots around the State.

17 (2) ~~\$750,000.00 for manufactured~~ Manufactured home repair grants,
18 through which the Department may award funding for minor rehab or
19 accessibility projects, coordinated as possible with existing programs, for
20 between 250 and 400 existing homes where the home is otherwise in good

1 condition or in situations where the owner is unable to replace the home and
2 the repair will keep them housed.

3 (3) ~~\$750,000.00 for new~~ New manufactured home foundation grants,
4 through which the Department may award not more than \$15,000.00 per grant
5 for a homeowner to pay for a foundation or HUD-approved slab, site
6 preparation, skirting, tie-downs, and utility connections on vacant lots within
7 manufactured home communities.

8 * * *

9 Sec. C.120 BALANCE RESERVE UNRESERVED; RESERVED FOR
10 VCBB

11 (a) In fiscal year 2024, \$20,000,000 is unreserved from the General Fund
12 Balance Reserve established by 32 V.S.A. § 308c.

13 (b) In fiscal year 2024, \$20,000,000 is reserved in the General Fund for the
14 exclusive benefit of the Vermont Community Broadband Board and for the
15 sole purpose of securing federal funding under the National
16 Telecommunications and Information Administration's Enabling Middle Mile
17 Broadband Infrastructure Program. The State's pending application requires a
18 commitment to provide contingency reserve funding equal to 25percent of the
19 total award amount if the application is approved and the award is accepted by
20 the State.

1 (2) the Medical Student Incentive Scholarship Program created in 18
2 V.S.A. § 33; and

3 (3) the health professional loan repayment programs created in 18 V.S.A
4 §§ 32 35.

5 (b) The Department shall true up and adjust the balances for any of the
6 programs listed above if past carryforward amounts were inconsistent with
7 legislative intent.

8 (c) The report required by Sec. E.125.1 of this act shall specifically address
9 carryforward requirements and any clarify statutory amendments.

10 Sec. C.123 HOUSING TRANSITION; RESOURCES FOR

11 COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY RESPONSE

12 (a) The additional funding provided in this section is to be used for a
13 coordinated and collaborated effort between State agencies and community
14 partners to address community impacts as individuals transition from hotel and
15 motel settings. The Secretaries of Administration, of Human Services, and of
16 Commerce and Community Development, and their respective designees, shall
17 collaborate with local community partners, including the community action
18 agencies; designated and specialized service agencies; homeless shelters;
19 health care providers such as free clinics, hospitals, health networks, and
20 community health teams; youth service agencies; and willing civic and
21 religious community organizations to support individuals and households who

1 are transitioning from hotels and motels to alternate housing or shelter
2 arrangements or who may be homeless.

3 (b) The Agency of Human Services shall transition the Coordinated Care
4 Housing Resource Teams into existing regional teams that shall take the
5 lessons learned from the statewide response and systematize cross-agency,
6 team-based complex care. The Agency's field directors shall lead this
7 transition, working in collaboration with leaders from the Blueprint for Health
8 and the regional partner organizations described in subsection (a) of this
9 section.

10 (c) The sum of \$10,000,000 shall be made available to the Department for
11 Children and Families in fiscal year 2023 as set forth in subsections (d) and (e)
12 of this section, and may be carried forward into fiscal year 2024, to provide
13 assistance to individuals and households experiencing homelessness. Funds
14 may be distributed through payments to beneficiaries, through grants, or
15 through contracts, at the Department's discretion. The amounts to be
16 distributed to community partners shall be awarded as flexible grants through
17 the Department for Children and Families' Office of Economic Opportunity
18 Housing Opportunity Program that enable the grantees working with these
19 individuals and households to respond to their short-term needs, which may
20 include rental deposits; campsite fees and camping equipment; furniture and

1 appliances; car repairs, if funds for repairs are not available from other
2 programs; and transportation costs, including relocation expenses.

3 (d) \$9,400,000 of the funds described in subsection (c) of this section shall
4 be transferred to the Department for Children and Families as set forth in this
5 subsection. The Agency of Administration shall structure the program in
6 accordance with the requirements of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 and in a manner
7 designed to achieve rapid deployment and administrative efficiency, and may
8 reallocate funds across governmental units in a net-neutral manner as follows
9 for a total of \$9,400,000:

10 (1) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to
11 reallocate General Fund appropriations made to the Vermont Housing and
12 Conservation Board in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45. In exchange,
13 the Secretary of Administration shall provide an amount equal to the
14 reallocation amount to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board from the
15 federal funds appropriated through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program,
16 which was originally approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to
17 Grant Request #3034.

18 (2) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to
19 reallocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal
20 Recovery Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in 2021 Acts

1 and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300(a)(31), as amended by 2022 Acts and
2 Resolves No. 83, Sec. 68.

3 (e) The remaining \$600,000 of the funds described in subsection (c) of this
4 section are appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) –
5 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Department for Children and
6 Families for the purposes set forth in subsection (c) of this section.

7 (f) The funding provided in subsection (c) of this section is in addition to
8 other funding for housing stability services allocated in this act or through
9 other recent legislative action, including:

10 (1) \$15,200,000 in ARPA – Emergency Rental Assistance Program
11 funds for three years of housing stability wraparound services through
12 community partners;

13 (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, the
14 fiscal year 2023 budget adjustment act, to provide coordinated care teams for
15 wraparound support services;

16 (3) \$5,000,000 General Fund for a Housing Opportunity Program grant,
17 of which \$500,000 was allocated from fiscal year 2022 surplus funds;

18 (4) \$1,500,000 General Fund and Global Commitment Fund in this act
19 for Family Supported Housing programming;

20 (5) \$3,000,000 General Fund in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3 for the
21 Housing Voucher Program for families experiencing homelessness;

1 (6) \$1,500,000 General Fund from fiscal year 2022 surplus funds for the
2 Vermont Rental Subsidy program for families with very low income
3 participating in the Reach Up program;

4 (7) \$18,776,814 General Fund for Office of Economic Opportunity
5 annual base funding to provide grants to community agencies assisting
6 individuals experiencing homelessness; and

7 (8) \$26,384,610 General Fund in combined annual base and one-time
8 funding for the General Assistance Emergency Housing program under a
9 hybrid adverse winter weather policy in fiscal years 2023 and 2024.

10 Sec. C.124 10 V.S.A. § 6081(y) is added to read:

11 (y) No permit or permit amendment is required for a retail electric
12 distribution utility's rebuilding of existing electrical distribution lines and
13 related facilities to improve reliability and service to existing customers,
14 through overhead or underground lines in an existing corridor, road, or State or
15 town road right-of-way. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to exempt
16 projects under this subsection from other required permits or the conditions on
17 lands subject to existing permits required by this section.

18 Sec. C.125 EXEMPTION REPEAL

19 10 V.S.A. § 6081(y) is repealed on January 1, 2026.

1 Sec. C.126 ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UTILITY PROJECT REPORT

2 (a) On or before January 15, 2024, and annually until 2026, any
3 distribution utility that takes an action exempt under 10 V.S.A. § 6081(y) shall
4 report to the House Committee on Environment and Energy and the Senate
5 Committees on Finance and on Natural Resources and Energy on the projects
6 completed pursuant to that exemption in the preceding year. The report shall
7 address: the location of the projects, including whether it is located in a “1-acre
8 town” or a “10-acre town”; how many customers are affected by the project;
9 whether the project involved lines being hardened in place, buried
10 underground, or relocated to the right-of-way; how many poles were removed
11 and how many poles were set; and what permits the projects were required to
12 receive.

13 * * * Fiscal Year 2024 Fund Transfers and Reserve Allocations * * *

14 Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

15 (a) This act contains the following amounts appropriated from special
16 funds that receive revenue from the property transfer tax. Expenditures from
17 these appropriations shall not exceed available revenues.

18 (1) The sum of \$560,000 is appropriated from the Current Use
19 Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of
20 the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),
21 amounts in excess of \$560,000 from the property transfer tax deposited into the

1 Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General
2 Fund.

3 (2) The sum of \$21,462,855 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing
4 and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
5 (VHCB). Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of \$21,462,855
6 from the property transfer tax and surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a
7 that are deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund
8 shall be transferred into the General Fund.

9 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property
10 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the
11 affordable housing bond (10 V.S.A. § 314) shall be offset by the reduction of
12 \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation
13 Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a.
14 The fiscal year 2024 appropriation of \$21,462,855 to the Vermont Housing and
15 Conservation Board reflects the \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing
16 bond and related property transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed
17 after the life of the bond on July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, it is the
18 intent of the General Assembly that the \$1,500,000 reduction in the
19 appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board should be
20 restored.

1 (3) The sum of \$7,545,993 is appropriated from the Municipal and
2 Regional Planning Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts in
3 excess of \$7,545,993 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the
4 Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General
5 Fund. The \$7,545,993 shall be allocated for the following:

6 (A) \$6,211,650 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in
7 a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

8 (B) \$898,283 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner
9 consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

10 (C) \$436,060 to the Agency of Digital Services for the Vermont
11 Center for Geographic Information.

12 Sec. D.100.1 LEGISLATIVE INTENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

13 PLANNING FUNDS

14 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that an amount not to exceed
15 \$500,000 of the planning funds provided in Sec. D.100 of this act be used for
16 municipal bylaw modernization.

17 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, AND RESERVES

18 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
19 following amounts shall be transferred from the funds indicated:

20 (1) From the General Fund to:

21 (A) the Environmental Contingency Fund (21275): \$5,000,000;

1 (B) the Enhanced 911 Board Fund (21711): \$2,115,000:

2 (i) Of the funds transferred to the Enhanced 911 Board Fund in
3 this subdivision, \$815,000 shall be used to support necessary 911 system
4 upgrades beginning in fiscal year 2024;

5 (C) the Technology Modernization Special Fund (21951):
6 \$10,000,000;

7 (D) the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments (21952):

8 (i) \$17,685,000 for the Capital Infrastructure subaccount for use
9 on capital projects as authorized in the capital bill and appropriated in this act;
10 and

11 (ii) \$49,540,000 for the Other Infrastructure, Essential
12 Investments, and Reserves subaccount for other expenditures and reserves as
13 authorized by the General Assembly.

14 (E) the Fire Prevention/Building Inspection Special Fund (21901):
15 \$1,500,000; and

16 (F) the Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (21909):
17 \$3,600,000.

18 (2) From the Education Fund to:

19 (A) the Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (21909):
20 \$1,300,000.

1 (3) From the Clean Water Fund (21932) established by 10 V.S.A.

2 § 1388 to:

3 (A) the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund (21933) created
4 under 6 V.S.A. § 4803: \$6,684,880; and

5 (B) the Lake in Crisis Response Program Special Fund (21938)
6 created under 10 V.S.A. § 1315: \$120,000.

7 (4) From the Transportation Fund to:

8 (A) the Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvement
9 Fund (21575) established by 24 V.S.A. § 2796 to be used by the Vermont
10 Downtown Development Board for the purposes of the Fund: \$523,966.

11 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
12 2024:

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

15	<u>22005</u>	<u>AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts</u>	<u>\$4,641,960</u>
16	<u>50300</u>	<u>Liquor Control Fund</u>	<u>\$21,200,000</u>
17		<u>Sports Wagering Fund</u>	<u>\$1,204,000</u>
18		<u>Caledonia Fair</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
19		<u>North Country Hospital Loan Repayment</u>	<u>\$24,047</u>
20		<u>Springfield Hospital Promissory Note Repayment</u>	<u>\$121,416</u>

1 (2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of
2 unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred to the General Fund. The
3 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report to the Joint Fiscal
4 Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred from each fund
5 and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency, office, or department
6 reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory requirements.

7	<u>21638</u>	<u>AG-Fees and reimbursement – Court order</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
8	<u>621000</u>	<u>Unclaimed Property Fund</u>	<u>\$3,270,225</u>

9 (3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.228,
10 \$60,044,000 of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance Regulatory and
11 Supervision Fund (21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision
12 Fund (21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21080)
13 shall be transferred to the General Fund.

14 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
15 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the
16 accounts indicated:

17	<u>3400004000</u>	<u>Agency of Human Services –</u>	
18		<u>Secretary’s Office – Global Commitment</u>	<u>\$15,103,683</u>

19 (d) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
20 2024 the following estimated General Fund reserves shall be made:

1 (1) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 308, an estimated amount of \$1,669,311
2 shall be unreserved from the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve.

3 Sec. D.102 27/53 RESERVE

4 (a) \$5,350,000 General Fund shall be reserved in the 27/53 reserve in fiscal
5 year 2024. This action is the fiscal year 2024 contribution to the reserve for
6 the 53rd week of Medicaid as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e and the 27th
7 payroll reserve as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

8 Sec. D.103 UNRESERVED; INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

9 (a) In fiscal year 2024, \$700,000 in general funds reserved per 2022 Act
10 and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.107.2(b) are unreserved and available for
11 appropriation.

12 Sec. D.104 EDUCATION FUND RESERVE; FUTURE SUPPLEMENTAL
13 COST OF LIVING PAYMENTS

14 (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025
15 to the contrary, the amount of \$9,100,000 is reserved in the Education Fund to
16 fund future supplemental cost of living payments to qualifying retired
17 members and beneficiaries of the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System
18 or the present value of any changes made to the methodology for calculating
19 the postretirement adjustments allowance set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 1949, or
20 both.

1 Sec. D.105 UPDATE REPORT ON ARPA – SFR APPROPRIATIONS

2 (a) The Joint Fiscal Committee shall ensure the American Rescue Plan Act
3 (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds report received in
4 September 2023 per 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185 Sec. G.200(a) is sent to
5 the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the legislative standing committees. At the
6 Committee’s November 2023 meeting, the Committee shall identify any
7 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
8 appropriations that are available for reallocation to ensure these funds are
9 utilized within the required time frame.

10 * * * General Government * * *

11 Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

12 (a) The establishment of 68 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year
13 2024 for the following:

14 (1) Permanent classified positions:

15 (A) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets:

16 (i) one Consumer Protection Specialist I; and

17 (ii) two Food Safety Specialist Is;

18 (B) Criminal Justice Council: two FIP Instructors;

19 (C) Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living:

20 (i) five Quality and Program Participant Specialists;

21 (ii) one Dementia Coordinator; and

- 1 (iii) three Public Guardians;
- 2 (D) Department of Financial Regulation: two Insurance Examiners;
- 3 (E) Department of Human Resources:
- 4 (i) one Compensation Analyst;
- 5 (ii) one Configuration Analyst II;
- 6 (iii) one Employee Support Specialist;
- 7 (iv) one FMLI Manager;
- 8 (v) one HR Administrator III;
- 9 (vi) one HR Administrator IV;
- 10 (vii) one HR Manager; and
- 11 (viii) one Talent Coordinator;
- 12 (F) Department of Liquor and Lottery:
- 13 (i) one Financial Analyst; and
- 14 (ii) one Sports Betting Director;
- 15 (G) Department of Mental Health:
- 16 (i) one Crisis Program Director;
- 17 (ii) one Mental Health Analyst I;
- 18 (iii) one Operations Manager; and
- 19 (iv) one Training and Curriculum Development Supervisor; and
- 20 (v) one Quality and Program Specialist;

1 (H) Department of Taxes – State Appraisal and Litigation Assistance

2 Program:

3 (i) one Property Valuation and Review Program Manager;

4 (I) Office of the State Treasurer:

5 (i) one Program Technician;

6 (ii) one Administrative Services Coordinator;

7 (iii) one Financial Specialist III;

8 (iv) one Financial Manager I;

9 (v) one Financial Manager II; and

10 (vi) one Program Technician II;

11 (J) Enhanced 911 Board:

12 (i) one Program Technician I;

13 (K) Department of Motor Vehicles:

14 (i) three Motor Vehicle Inspectors;

15 (L) Office of the Defender General:

16 (i) one Financial Director;

17 (M) Agency of Natural Resources:

18 (i) one Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Specialist;

19 (N) Agency of Transportation – Highway Division:

20 (i) one Transportation Operations Technician III; and

21 (ii) one Transportation Technician IV;

1 (O) Agency of Human Services – Central Office:

2 (i) three Quality and Program Specialists;

3 (P) Vermont Pension Investment Commission:

4 (i) one Investment Accountant;

5 (Q) Agency of Education:

6 (i) one Afterschool and Summer Care Data Analyst; and

7 (ii) one Afterschool and Summer Care Grant Program

8 Administrator.

9 (2) Permanent exempt positions:

10 (A) Department of Taxes – State Appraisal and Litigation Assistance

11 Program: one Staff Attorney;

12 (B) Agency of Commerce and Community Development – Division

13 for Historic Preservation – Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs:

14 one Executive Director;

15 (C) Human Rights Commission – one Litigator;

16 (D) Office of the Attorney General – one Private Secretary;

17 (E) Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs:

18 (i) five Deputy State’s Attorneys;

19 (ii) one Victim Advocate; and

20 (iii) two Legal Assistants;

21 (F) Office of the State Treasurer:

1 (i) one Director – VT Saves; and

2 (ii) one Communications and Outreach Manager – VT Saves

3 (G) Agency of Administration – Office of Health Equity

4 (i) one Director of Health Equity; and

5 (ii) one Private Secretary.

6 (b) The conversion of 49 limited service positions to classified permanent
7 status is authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

8 (1) Department of Public Safety, State Police:

9 (A) one Victim Services Specialist;

10 (2) Department of Vermont Health Access, Blueprint for Health Unit:

11 (A) one HCR Integration Manager;

12 (3) Department of Vermont Health Access, Health Care Reform Unit:

13 (A) one Administrative Services Manager I;

14 (B) five DVHA Program Consultants;

15 (C) one DVHA Quality Control Manager;

16 (D) one Health Reform Enterprise Director I;

17 (E) two Medicaid Operations Administrators;

18 (F) one Project and Operations Director;

19 (G) one Project and Operations Specialist; and

20 (H) one Project Director;

1 (4) Department of Vermont Health Access, Medicaid Policy Fiscal and

2 Support Unit:

3 (A) two Audit Liaison – Internal Control positions;

4 (B) three DVHA Healthcare QC Auditors;

5 (C) one DVHA Healthcare QC CAP Auditor;

6 (D) two DVHA Program and Operations Auditors;

7 (E) one DVHA Program Consultant;

8 (F) one Health Reform Enterprise Director I; and

9 (G) one Nurse Auditor;

10 (5) Department of Vermont Health Access, Payment Reform Unit:

11 (A) one Admin HC Payment Reform Analytics position;

12 (B) three Change Management Practitioners;

13 (C) one Deputy Director of Payment Reform;

14 (D) one Director of Operations for ACO Programs;

15 (E) one Grant Programs Manager;

16 (F) one Health Care Project Director;

17 (G) one Payment Reform Special Project Lead; and

18 (H) one Senior Policy Advisor;

19 (6) Agency of Transportation – Aviation Program:

20 (A) nine Airport Maintenance Workers; and

21 (B) one Airport Operations Specialist; and

1 (7) Agency of Natural Resources – Central Office:

2 (A) one Environmental Justice and Civil Rights Director; and

3 (B) two Environmental Justice Coordinators.

4 (c) The establishment of 9 new classified limited service positions is
5 authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

6 (1) Department for Children and Families for the Reach Ahead pilot
7 program:

8 (A) one Benefits Program Assistant Administrator; and

9 (B) two Reach Up Case Manager IIs;

10 (2) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation:

11 (A) one Communications and Outreach Coordinator;

12 (B) one Climate Forester;

13 (C) three Forester IIs; and

14 (D) one Land Acquisition Coordinator.

15 (d) The establishment of 23 new exempt limited service positions is
16 authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

17 (1) Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs:

18 (A) six Deputy State’s Attorneys;

19 (B) six State’s Attorney Legal Assistants;

20 (C) six State’s Attorney Victim Advocates; and

21 (D) four State’s Attorney Secretaries.

1 (2) Agency of Administration – Health Equity Advisory Commission:

2 (A) one Private Secretary.

3 Sec. E.100.1 HEALTH EQUITY ADVISORY COMMISSION; OFFICE OF
4 HEALTH EQUITY; ATTACHMENT FOR
5 ADMINISTRATION; REPORT

6 (a) On or before January 15, 2024, the Health Equity Advisory
7 Commission shall submit a written report to the House Committees on
8 Appropriations, on Government Operations and Military Affairs, and on
9 Health Care and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Government
10 Operations, and on Health and Welfare regarding the appropriate State entity
11 for the Office of Health Equity to be attached to for administrative purposes.
12 The report shall identify various State entities to which the Office could be
13 attached for administrative purposes in order to best position the Office to
14 align with, coordinate with, and complement the State’s health equity efforts,
15 and shall examine the potential benefits and drawbacks of the Office being
16 attached to each of the entities identified. The report shall also include a
17 recommendation on how to administer community grants related to health
18 equity.

19 (b) The Agency of Administration is authorized to expend funds
20 appropriated to the Agency of Administration for the Health Equity Advisory

1 Commission to fund administrative positions to complete the work required by
2 this section or other legislation.

3 Sec. E.100.2 OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY POSITIONS

4 (a) \$250,000 of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.100 of this act are to fund
5 two positions in the Office of Health Equity. These funds may only be
6 expended, and the positions may only be filled, once the recommendation
7 required by Sec. E.100.1 of this act regarding the permanent administrative
8 location for the Office of Health Equity is provided.

9 Sec. E.104.1 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT;

10 PENSION PLUS APPROPRIATION DIRECTIVE

11 (a) In fiscal year 2024, funds appropriated to the Department of Finance
12 and Management and the Agency of Administration in Sec. B.104.1 of this act
13 to fund additional payments to the Vermont State Retirement System made
14 pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 473(c)(8) shall be directly deposited in the Vermont
15 State Retirement System.

16 (b) Beginning in fiscal year 2025, and in each applicable year thereafter,
17 additional contributions pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 473 (c)(8) shall be made
18 through the percentage of payroll rate process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 473 (d).

19 Sec. E.107 3 V.S.A. § 473 is amended to read:

20 * * *

1 (c)(8) Annually, the Board shall certify an amount to pay the annual
2 actuarially determined employer contribution, as calculated in this subsection,
3 and additional amounts as follows:

4 (A) in fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$9,000,000.00;

5 (B) in fiscal year 2025, the amount of \$12,000,000.00;

6 (C) in fiscal year 2026 and in any year thereafter when the Fund is
7 calculated to have a funded ratio of less than 90 percent, the amount of
8 \$15,000,000.00.

9 (d) Contributions of State. As provided by law, the Retirement Board shall
10 certify to the Governor or Governor-Elect a statement of the percentage of the
11 payroll of all members sufficient to pay for all operating expenses of the
12 Vermont State Retirement System and all contributions of the State that will
13 become due and payable during the next biennium. The contributions of the
14 State to pay the annual actuarially determined employer contribution and any
15 additional amounts pursuant to section (c)(8) of this section shall be charged to
16 the departmental appropriation from which members' salaries are paid and
17 shall be included in each departmental budgetary request. Annually, on or
18 before January 15, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall
19 provide to the General Assembly a breakdown of the components of the
20 payroll charge applied to each department's budget in the current fiscal year

1 and anticipated to apply in the upcoming fiscal year. This report shall itemize
2 the percentages of payroll assessments to fund:

3 (1) the actuarially determined employer contribution to the Vermont
4 State Retirement System;

5 (2) any additional payments made pursuant to subdivision (c)(8) of this
6 section to the Vermont State Retirement System; and

7 (3) the employer contribution to the State Employees' Postemployment
8 Benefits Trust Fund made pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 479a (e)(3).

9 Sec. E.108 3 V.S.A. § 479 is amended to read:

10 § 479. GROUP INSURANCE

11 (a)(1) As provided under section 631 of this title, a member who is insured
12 by the respective group insurance plans immediately preceding the member's
13 effective date of retirement shall be entitled to continuation of group insurance
14 as follows:

15 ~~(A)~~(i) coverage in the group medical benefit plan provided by the
16 State of Vermont for active State employees; or

17 ~~(B)~~(ii) for a Group F and Group G plan member first included in the
18 membership of the system on or after July 1, 2008, coverage in the group
19 medical benefit plan offered by the State of Vermont for active State
20 employees and pursuant to the following, provided:

1 ~~(i)~~(I) a member who has completed five years and less than 10
2 years of creditable service at the member's retirement shall pay the full cost of
3 the premium;

4 ~~(ii)~~(II) a member who has completed 10 years and less than 15
5 years of creditable service at the member's retirement shall pay 60 percent of
6 the cost of the premium;

7 ~~(iii)~~(III) a member who has completed 15 years and less than 20
8 years of creditable service at ~~his or her~~ the member's retirement shall pay 40
9 percent of the cost of the premium;

10 ~~(iv)~~(IV) a member who has completed 20 years or more of
11 creditable service at ~~his or her~~ the member's retirement shall pay 20 percent of
12 the cost of the premium; and

13 ~~(2)~~(B) members who have completed 20 years of creditable service at
14 their effective date of retirement shall be entitled to the continuation of life
15 insurance in the amount of \$10,000.00.

16 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (1)(A)(i) or (ii) of this
17 subsection to the contrary, a member may be offered health coverage other
18 than coverage in the group medical benefit plan provided by the State of
19 Vermont for active State employees if the following conditions are met:

1 (A) the alternative health coverage is substantially equivalent to the
2 coverage offered through the group medical benefit plan provided by the State
3 of Vermont for active State employees; and

4 (B) the alternative health coverage is mutually agreeable to:

5 (i) the State;

6 (ii) each employee organization that has been certified to represent
7 one or more bargaining units pursuant to chapters 27 and 28 of this title; and

8 (iii) the Vermont Retired State Employees' Association.

9 (b) As of July 1, 2007, members of the Group C plan who separate from
10 service prior to being eligible for retirement benefits under this chapter, who
11 have at least 20 years of creditable service, and who participated in the group
12 medical benefit plan at the time of separation from service shall have a one-
13 time option at the time retirement benefits commence to participate in the
14 group medical benefit plan provided by the State of Vermont for active State
15 employees or any alternative health coverage provided pursuant to subdivision
16 (a)(2) of this section. Premiums for the plan shall be prorated between the
17 retired member and the Retirement System pursuant to section 631 of this title.

18 (c) Premiums for coverage of retired members of the Group C plan and
19 their dependents in the group medical benefit plan or any alternative health
20 coverage provided pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall be
21 prorated on the same basis as is provided for active employees by the current

1 collective bargaining agreement for the nonmanagement unit. The amounts
2 designated as the State's share of premium for the medical benefit plan and the
3 total premium for group life insurance provided under subdivision (a)(2) of this
4 section shall be paid by the Fund as an operating expense in accordance with
5 subsection 473(d) of this title.

6 (d) After January 1, 2007, the State Treasurer may offer and administer a
7 dental benefit plan for retired members, beneficiaries, eligible dependents, and
8 eligible retirees of special affiliated groups and the dependents of members of
9 those groups who are eligible for coverage in the State Employee Group
10 Medical Benefit Plan or any alternative health coverage provided pursuant to
11 subdivision (a)(2) of this section. The Plan shall be separate and apart from
12 any dental benefit plan offered to Vermont State employees. The original plan
13 of benefits, and any changes thereto, shall be determined by the State Treasurer
14 with due consideration of recommendations from the Retired Employees'
15 Committee on Insurance established in section 636 of this title.

16 * * *

17 (3) Dependent eligibility shall be determined in the manner applied to
18 determinations for coverage in the State Employee Medical Benefit Plan or any
19 alternative health coverage provided pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this
20 section.

21 (4) [Repealed.]

1 (e) As of January 1, 2007, and thereafter, upon retirement, members
2 entitled to prorated group medical benefit plan premium payments from the
3 Retirement System under the terms of this section shall have a one-time option
4 to reduce the percentage of premium payments from the Retirement System
5 during the member's life, with the provision that the Fund shall continue
6 making an equal percentage of premium payments after the member's death
7 for the life of the dependent beneficiary nominated by the member under
8 section 468 of this title, should such dependent beneficiary survive the
9 member. The Retirement Board, after consultation with its actuary, shall
10 establish reduced premium payment percentages that are as cost neutral to the
11 Fund as possible.

12 (f) [Repealed.]

13 (g) A member of the Group F or Group G plan who is first included in the
14 membership of the System on or after July 1, 2008, who separates from service
15 prior to being eligible for retirement benefits under this chapter, who has at
16 least 20 years of creditable service, and who participated in the group medical
17 benefit plan at the time of separation from service shall have a one-time option
18 at the time retirement benefits commence to reinstate the same level of
19 coverage, in the group medical benefit plan provided by the State of Vermont
20 for active State employees or any alternative health coverage provided
21 pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section, that existed at the date of

1 separation from service. Premiums for the plan shall be prorated between the
2 retired member and the Retirement System pursuant to subsection 479(a) of
3 this title.

4 * * *

5 Sec. E.108.1 3 V.S.A. § 631 is amended to read:

6 § 631. GROUP INSURANCE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES; SALARY
7 DEDUCTIONS FOR INSURANCE, SAVINGS PLANS, AND
8 CREDIT UNIONS

9 (a)(1) The Secretary of Administration may contract on behalf of the State
10 with any insurance company or nonprofit association doing business in this
11 State to secure the benefits of franchise or group insurance. ~~Beginning July 1,~~
12 ~~1978, the~~ The terms of coverage under the policy shall be determined under
13 section 904 of this title, but it may include:

14 (A) life, disability, health, and accident insurance and benefits for
15 any class or classes of State employees; and

16 (B) hospital, surgical, and medical benefits for any class or classes of
17 State employees or for those employees and any class or classes of their
18 dependents.

19 (2)(A)(i) As used in this section, the term “employees” includes any
20 class or classes of elected or appointed officials, State’s Attorneys, sheriffs,
21 employees of State’s Attorneys’ offices whose compensation is administered

1 through the State of Vermont payroll system, except contractual and temporary
2 employees, and deputy sheriffs paid by the State of Vermont pursuant to 24
3 V.S.A. § 290(b). The term “employees” shall not include members of the
4 General Assembly as such, any person rendering service on a retainer or fee
5 basis, members of boards or commissions, or persons other than employees of
6 the Vermont Historical Society, the Vermont Film Corporation, the Vermont
7 State Employees’ Credit Union, Vermont State Employees’ Association, and
8 the Vermont Council on the Arts, whose compensation for service is not paid
9 from the State Treasury, or any elected or appointed official unless the official
10 is actively engaged in and devoting substantially full-time to the conduct of the
11 business of ~~his or her~~ the official’s public office.

12 (ii) For purposes of group hospital-surgical-medical expense
13 insurance, the term “employees” shall include employees as defined in
14 subdivision (i) of this subdivision (2)(A) and former employees as defined in
15 this subdivision who are retired and are receiving a retirement allowance from
16 the Vermont State Retirement System or the State Teachers’ Retirement
17 System of Vermont and, for the purposes of group life insurance only, are
18 retired on or after July 1, 1961; and have completed 20 creditable years of
19 service with the State before their retirement dates and are insured for group
20 life insurance on their retirement dates.

21 * * *

1 (2)(A) In the case of the State of Vermont or the Department of State's
2 Attorneys and Sheriffs, if the dispute remains unresolved 20 days after
3 transmittal of findings and recommendations to the parties or within a time
4 frame mutually agreed upon by the parties that may be not more than an
5 additional 30 days, each party shall submit as a single package its last best
6 offer on all disputed issues to the Board, or upon the request of either party, to
7 an arbitrator mutually agreed upon by the parties. If the parties cannot agree
8 on an arbitrator, the American Arbitration Association shall appoint a neutral
9 third party to act as arbitrator.

10 (B)(i) Each party's last best offer shall be filed with the Board or the
11 arbitrator under seal and shall be unsealed and placed in the public record only
12 when both parties' last best offers are filed with the Board or the arbitrator.

13 (ii) A party's last best offer shall not include a proposal to:

14 (I) provide alternative health coverage to retired State
15 employees that has not been agreed to pursuant to the provisions of subdivision
16 479(a)(2) of this title; or

17 (II) provide health coverage that includes a Medicare
18 Advantage plan or similar plan established pursuant to Title XVIII of the
19 Social Security Act unless the inclusion of the plan has been agreed to by both
20 parties.

1 amended, is a special fund to support information technology improvements
2 and initiatives of the Department of Taxes. Balances in the Fund shall be
3 administered by the Department of Taxes and used exclusively for the
4 purposes prescribed in subsection (c) of this section. Balances in the Fund at
5 the end of each fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain part of the
6 Fund. Interest earned by the Fund shall be deposited into the Fund.

7 (b) The Fund shall receive annual transfers from the General Fund and the
8 Education Fund in amounts not to exceed 0.21 percent of total revenue
9 collected in the prior fiscal year by the Department of Taxes. The fund may
10 receive other receipts as directed or authorized by the General Assembly.

11 (c) The Fund shall be used for the development, implementation,
12 enhancement, and maintenance of information technology systems and
13 services for the administration of taxes and programs administered by the
14 Department. This shall include requests for proposal, business requirements,
15 analysis, implementation of new tax types, enhancements to existing systems,
16 and payments due to vendors of information technology systems and services.

17 (d) The Commissioner of Taxes shall submit an annual report on the
18 receipts, expenditures, and balances in the Tax Computer System
19 Modernization Fund to the Joint Fiscal Committee each year at or prior to the
20 Committee's November meeting each year.

1 Sec. E.111.2 TAX COMPUTER SYSTEM MODERNIZATION FUND

2 TRANSFER

3 (a) Any remaining funds on June 30, 2023 in the Tax Computer System
4 Modernization Fund established by 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 282,
5 and amended from time to time, shall be deposited into the fund established by
6 32 V.S.A. § 3209.

7 Sec. E.111.3 24 V.S.A. § 138(c) is amended to read:

8 (c) Any tax imposed under the authority of this section shall be collected
9 and administered by the Department of Taxes, in accordance with State law
10 governing such State tax or taxes; provided, however, that a sales tax imposed
11 under this section shall be collected on each sale that is subject to the Vermont
12 sales tax using a destination basis for taxation. Except with respect to taxes
13 collected on the sale of aviation jet fuel, a per-return fee of \$5.96 shall be
14 assessed ~~to compensate the Department for the costs of administration and~~
15 ~~collection~~, 70 percent of which shall be borne by the municipality, and
16 30 percent of which shall be borne by the State to be paid from the PILOT
17 Special Fund. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 603 or any other provision of law
18 or municipal charter to the contrary, revenue from the fee shall be used to
19 compensate the Department for the costs of administering and collecting the
20 local option tax and of administering the State appraisal and litigation program

1 established in 32 V.S.A. § 5413. The fee shall be subject to the provisions of
2 32 V.S.A. § 605.

3 Sec. E.124 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 9, Sec. 8 is amended to
4 read:

5 Sec. 8. REPEAL

6 ~~On June 30, 2024:~~

7 ~~(1) Sec. 3 of this act (creating the Executive Director of Racial Equity~~
8 ~~and Racial Equity Advisory Panel in 3 V.S.A. chapter 68) is repealed and the~~
9 ~~Executive Director position and Panel shall cease to exist; and~~

10 ~~(2) Sec. 4 of this act (authorization for the Executive Director of Racial~~
11 ~~Equity position) is repealed. [Repealed.]~~

12 Sec. E.124.1 COUNCIL ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS; INTENT

13 (a) It is the intent of the Vermont General Assembly to support the work of
14 the Governor's Council on Housing and Homelessness, focusing on strategies
15 for affordability and solving homelessness. The Council is encouraged to
16 review and inventory the affordable housing that has been developed since
17 January 2020, including the various public and private financing sources that
18 have been utilized. The Council is also encouraged to review and inventory
19 available housing assistance programs and funding levels.

1 Sec. E.125 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 126, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 2. REPORT ON ACCESS TO CIVIL JUSTICE REMEDIES AND
3 LAW ENFORCEMENT QUALIFIED IMMUNITY IN
4 VERMONT

5 (a) On or before November 15, ~~2022~~ 2023, the Office of Legislative
6 Counsel shall submit a written legal analysis to the Senate Committee on
7 Judiciary, the House Committee on Judiciary, and the Joint Legislative Justice
8 Oversight Committee concerning the impact of the doctrine of qualified
9 immunity on access to civil justice remedies in the State of Vermont and the
10 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. In particular, the analysis shall
11 identify:

12 * * *

13 Sec. E.125.1 REVIEW OF WORKFORCE INCENTIVES, LOANS, AND
14 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

15 (a) On or before January 15, 2024, the Office of Legislative Counsel and
16 the Joint Fiscal Office, in collaboration with the Agency of Human Services,
17 the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Health, the Department of
18 Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, the Vermont Student Assistance
19 Corporation (VSAC), and the Office of Primary Care and Area Health
20 Education Centers (AHEC) Program at the University of Vermont Larner

1 College of Medicine shall issue a written report to the House and Senate

2 Committees on Appropriations including:

3 (1) a complete inventory of existing State programs that provide
4 workforce incentives in the form of scholarships, forgivable loans or loan
5 repayment grants for a specified service obligation or other incentives with the
6 objective of increasing the number of practitioners in health care and other
7 social service occupations in Vermont;

8 (2) a summary of the amount and sources of funds for each program,
9 both base and one-time, and any anticipated carryforward of unobligated
10 balances at the close of fiscal year 2023;

11 (3) recommendations for streamlining or restructuring the existing
12 programs with the goal of consolidating administration and making the
13 programs easily accessible to potential students and existing or potential staff.
14 There should be consideration of the level of program specificity that should
15 be included in statute or remain within the authority of the administering
16 entities. The report shall include the authorizing statute for each program and
17 necessary statutory amendments to accomplish the recommendations.

18 Sec. E.127 FISCAL YEAR 2024 FEE REPORT; NATURAL RESOURCES
19 AND HUMAN SERVICES; NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD;
20 VETERANS' HOME

1 (a) Fiscal Year 2024 Fee Information. The Secretary of Natural Resources,
2 the Secretary of Human Services, the Executive Director of the Natural
3 Resources Board, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Vermont Veterans’
4 Home shall, in collaboration with the Joint Fiscal Office, prepare a
5 comprehensive fee report for the Agency of Natural Resources, the Agency of
6 Human Services, the Natural Resources Board, and the Vermont Veterans’
7 Home, respectively, for each fee in existence on July 1, 2023. Each fee report
8 shall contain the following information:

- 9 (1) the statutory authorization and termination date, if any;
10 (2) the current rate or amount and date the fee was last set or adjusted by
11 the General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee;
12 (3) the Fund into which the fee revenues are deposited;
13 (4) the revenues derived from each fee in the previous five fiscal years;
14 (5) the number of instances that each fee was paid in the two most
15 recent fiscal years;
16 (6) a projection for fee revenues in the current fiscal year and the next
17 fiscal year;
18 (7) a description of the service or product provided or the regulatory
19 function performed;
20 (8) the relationship between the revenue raised and the cost of the
21 service, product, or regulatory function supported by the fee;

1 (9) the amount of the fee if it would have been adjusted by inflation
2 since the fee was last set;

3 (10) for any fees deposited in a special fund, the percent of the special
4 fund that the fee represents;

5 (11) whether any comparable fees exist in other jurisdictions;

6 (12) any policies that might affect the viability of the fee amount; and

7 (13) any other relevant considerations for setting the fee amount.

8 (b) Reports.

9 (1) On or before October 15, 2023, the Secretary of Natural Resources,
10 the Secretary of Human Services, the Executive Director of the Natural
11 Resources Board, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Vermont Veterans'
12 Home shall each submit a written draft report of the fiscal year 2024 fee
13 information described in subsection (a) of this section to the Joint Fiscal Office
14 for review and feedback. The Secretary of Natural Resources, the Secretary of
15 Human Services, the Executive Director of the Natural Resources Board, and
16 the Chief Executive Officer of the Vermont Veterans' Home shall each work
17 with the Joint Fiscal Office to respond to feedback prior to submission of the
18 final report described in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

19 (2) On or before December 15, 2023, the Secretary of Natural
20 Resources, the Secretary of Human Services, the Executive Director of the
21 Natural Resources Board, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Vermont

1 Veterans' Home shall each submit a written final report of the fiscal year 2024
2 fee information described in subsection (a) of this section to the House
3 Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means and the Senate
4 Committees on Appropriations and on Finance.

5 (3) If any of the information on any fee that is requested in this section
6 cannot be provided, the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Secretary of
7 Human Services, the Executive Director of the Natural Resources Board, and
8 the Chief Executive Officer of the Vermont Veterans' Home shall include in
9 both the draft and final reports described in this subsection (b) a written
10 explanation for why the information is not available.

11 (c) Fee report moratorium. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 605, in fiscal year
12 2024, the Governor shall not be required to submit the consolidated Executive
13 Branch fee report and request to the General Assembly.

14 Sec. E.128 OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS; NEW POSITIONS

15 (a) The establishment of two new permanent exempt Capitol Police Officer
16 positions in the Office of the Sergeant at Arms are authorized in fiscal year
17 2024.

18 Sec. E.128.1 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.126a is amended to read:

19 Sec. E.126a LEGISLATIVE – HUMAN RESOURCES ASSOCIATE

20 POSITION

1 (a) One ~~limited service~~ permanent exempt position, Human Resources
2 Associate Generalist, is authorized for establishment in fiscal year 2022.

3 Sec. E.128.2 FARMERS' NIGHT CONCERT SERIES; APPROPRIATION

4 (a) The Office of the Sergeant at Arms is authorized to use not more than
5 \$10,000 from resources available within the General Assembly's budget to
6 provide honoraria to speakers and performing groups who are invited to
7 participate in the 2024 Farmers' Night Concert Series and who are not
8 otherwise sponsored or compensated for their participation.

9 Sec. E.131 TREASURER CLIMATE INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING
10 COORDINATION

11 (a) The Treasurer may use funds appropriated in fiscal year 2024 to
12 coordinate the State's climate infrastructure financing efforts. Use of funds
13 can include administrative costs and third-party consultation. The Treasurer
14 shall collaborate with, among others, the Vermont Climate Council, the
15 Agency of Natural Resources – Climate Action Office, the Public Service
16 Department, Vermont members of the Coalition for Green Capital, and the
17 three financial instrumentalities of the State to create a framework for effective
18 collaboration among Vermont organizations, agencies, and the financial
19 instrumentalities of the State to maximize the amount of federal Greenhouse
20 Gas Reduction Funds the State may receive and effectively coordinate the
21 deployment of these and other greenhouse gas reduction funds. The Treasurer

1 shall submit recommendations to the General Assembly regarding legislation
2 for Vermont's climate infrastructure financing on or before January 15, 2024.

3 Sec. E.131.1 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AID TASK FORCE; REPORT

4 (a) Creation. The School Construction Aid Task Force is created to
5 examine, evaluate, and report on issues relating to school construction aid.

6 (b) Membership. The Task Force shall be composed of the following
7 members:

8 (1) two current members of the House of Representatives, who shall be
9 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

10 (2) two current members of the Senate, who shall be appointed by the
11 Committee on Committees;

12 (3) the State Treasurer or designee, who shall serve as co-chair;

13 (4) the Secretary of Education or designee, who shall serve as co-chair;

14 (5) the Executive Director of the Vermont National Education
15 Association or designee;

16 (6) the Executive Director of the Vermont Principals' Association or
17 designee;

18 (7) the Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association or
19 designee;

20 (8) the Executive Director of the Vermont Superintendents Association
21 or designee;

1 (9) the Executive Director of the Municipal Bond Bank or designee;

2 (10) the President of the Vermont School Custodians and Maintenance
3 Association or designee;

4 (11) a person with expertise in historic preservation, appointed by the
5 Governor;

6 (12) a person with expertise in the construction industry specializing in
7 school facilities projects, appointed by the Governor;

8 (13) a member of the American Industrial Hygiene Association,
9 appointed by the Governor; and;

10 (14) a person with expertise in school energy efficiency and energy
11 performance contracting, who shall be appointed by the Governor.

12 (c) Powers and duties. The Task Force shall review the results of the
13 statewide school facilities inventory and conditions assessment and the school
14 construction funding report required by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 72 and
15 study the following issues relating to school construction aid:

16 (1) the needs, both programmatic and health and safety, of statewide
17 school construction projects;

18 (2) funding options for a statewide school construction program,
19 including any incentive plans;

20 (3) a governance structure for the oversight and management of a school
21 construction aid program;

1 (4) the appropriate state action level for response to polychlorinated
2 biphenyl contamination in a school; and

3 (5) criteria for prioritizing school construction funding.

4 (d) Assistance.

5 (1) The Task Force shall have the administrative, technical, and legal
6 assistance of the Agency of Education, the Department of Health, and the
7 Office of the State Treasurer.

8 (2) The Office of the State Treasurer is authorized to contract for
9 services for the Task Force for technical assistance from a school construction
10 expert and any administrative, technical, financial, or legal assistance required
11 by the Task Force.

12 (e) Report. On or before January 15, 2024, the Task Force shall submit a
13 written report to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions, on
14 Education, and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Education,
15 on Finance, and on Institutions with its findings and any recommendations for
16 legislative action, including a recommendation on how the State should expend
17 the funding in the Education Fund reserved for future school construction.

18 (f) Meetings.

19 (1) The State Treasurer shall call the first meeting of the Task Force to
20 occur on or before July 15, 2023.

21 (2) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

1 (3) The Task Force shall cease to exist on July 1, 2024.

2 (g) Compensation and reimbursement.

3 (1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General
4 Assembly, a legislative member of the Task Force serving in the member's
5 capacity as a legislator shall be entitled to per diem compensation and
6 reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 23 for not more than 10
7 meetings. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the
8 General Assembly.

9 (2) Other members of the Task Force shall be entitled to per diem
10 compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A.
11 § 1010 for not more than 10 meetings. These payments shall be made from
12 monies appropriated to the Office of the State Treasurer.

13 Sec. E.133 VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
14 AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;
15 OPERATING BUDGET, SOURCE OF FUNDS

16 (a) Of the \$2,990,679 appropriated in Sec. B.133 of this act, \$2,018,947
17 constitutes the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System operating
18 budget, and \$971,732 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension
19 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State
20 Employees' Retirement System.

1 Sec. E.134 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
2 SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT
3 COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET, SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 (a) Of the \$1,721,823 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,361,777
5 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating
6 budget, and \$360,046 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension
7 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State
8 Employees' Retirement System.

9 Sec. E.134.1 PUBLIC PENSION FUNDS; CARBON FOOTPRINT;
10 REVIEW; VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT
11 COMMISSION

12 (a) Review. The Vermont Pension Investment Commission, in
13 consultation with the Office of the State Treasurer, shall complete a review of
14 the carbon footprint of the holdings of the Vermont State Employees'
15 Retirement System, the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System, and the
16 Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System. For purposes of the
17 review, "carbon footprint" means the extent to which the holdings are invested
18 in stocks, securities, or other obligations of any fossil fuel company or any
19 subsidiary, affiliate, or parent of any fossil fuel company.

20 (b) Report. On or before February 15, 2024, the Commission shall submit
21 a report on the review described in subsection (a) of this section to the House

1 Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations and Military
2 Affairs, the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Government
3 Operations, and to the Joint Pension Oversight Committee. The report shall
4 include the definition of “fossil fuel company” that the Commission used for
5 purposes of conducting the review and whether there are any recommendations
6 for legislative action to divest from holdings that contain assets in the fossil
7 fuel industry.

8 Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

9 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec B.139 of this act, \$9,000 shall be transferred
10 to the Attorney General and \$70,000 shall be transferred to the Department of
11 Taxes, Division of Property Valuation and Review and reserved and used with
12 any remaining funds from the amount previously transferred for final payment
13 of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of grand list
14 appeals regarding the reappraisals of hydroelectric plants and other expenses
15 incurred to undertake utility property appraisals in the State of Vermont.

16 Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

17 (a) The appropriation in Sec. B.142 of this act is for State payments in lieu
18 of property taxes under 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4. The payments
19 shall be calculated in addition to and without regard to the appropriations for
20 PILOT for Montpelier and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act.

1 Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the PILOT
2 Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

3 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the payments under this
4 section shall be adjusted so that the total payments made under Secs. E.142,
5 E.143, and E.144 of this act do not exceed 100 percent of the assessed value of
6 State buildings as defined by 32 V.S.A. § 3701(2).

7 Sec. E.143 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES – MONTPELIER

8 (a) Payments in lieu of taxes under Sec. B.143 of this act shall be paid from
9 the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

10 Sec. E.144 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES – CORRECTIONAL

11 FACILITIES

12 (a) Payments in lieu of taxes under Sec. B.144 of this act shall be paid from
13 the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

14 * * * Protection * * *

15 Sec. E.200 ATTORNEY GENERAL

16 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Office of the
17 Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit, is authorized to
18 retain, subject to appropriation, one-half of the State share of any recoveries
19 from Medicaid fraud settlements, excluding interest, that exceed the State
20 share of restitution to the Medicaid Program. All such designated additional

1 recoveries retained shall be used to finance Medicaid Fraud and Residential
2 Abuse Unit activities.

3 (b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A.
4 § 2458(b)(4), \$1,545,393 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

5 Sec. E.204 JUDICIARY; NEW POSITIONS

6 (a) The establishment of seven new permanent exempt positions at the
7 Judiciary are authorized in fiscal year 2024: five Judicial Assistants, one
8 Superior Judge, and one Law Clerk.

9 (b) The Superior Judge position created pursuant to this section:

10 (1) shall be for a six-year term of office commencing on April 1, 2023,
11 irrespective of the date when the initial appointment is made; and

12 (2) shall be subject to the judicial retention process under Chapter II,
13 Sec. 34 of the Vermont Constitution.

14 Sec. E.204.1. 13 V.S.A. § 7282 is amended to read:

15 § 7282. SURCHARGE

16 (a) In addition to any penalty or fine imposed by the court ~~or Judicial~~
17 ~~Bureau~~ for a criminal offense or any civil penalty imposed by the Judicial
18 Bureau for a traffic violation, including any violation of a fish and wildlife
19 statute or regulation, violation of a motor vehicle statute, or violation of any
20 local ordinance relating to the operation of a motor vehicle, except violations
21 relating to seat belts and child restraints and ordinances relating to parking

1 violations, the clerk of the court or Judicial Bureau shall levy an additional
2 surcharge of:

3 * * *

4 (8)(A) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2006, but
5 before July 1, 2008, \$26.00, of which \$18.75 shall be deposited in the Victims
6 Compensation Special Fund.

7 (B) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2008, but
8 before July 1, 2009, \$36.00, of which \$28.75 shall be deposited in the Victims'
9 Compensation Special Fund.

10 (C) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2009, but
11 before July 1, 2013, \$41, of which ~~\$23.75~~ \$27.50 shall be deposited in the
12 Victims Compensation Special Fund created by section 5359 of this title, and
13 of which ~~\$10.00~~ \$13.50 shall be deposited in the Domestic and Sexual
14 Violence Special Fund created by section 5360 of this title.

15 (D) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2013,
16 \$47.00, of which ~~\$29.75~~ \$33.50 shall be deposited in the Victims
17 Compensation Special Fund created by section 5359 of this title, and of which
18 ~~\$10.00~~ \$13.50 shall be deposited in the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special
19 Fund created by section 5360 of this title.

20 * * *

1 (c) ~~SH~~ SIU surcharge. In addition to any penalty or fine imposed by the
2 court or Judicial Bureau for a criminal offense committed after July 1, 2009,
3 the clerk of the court or Judicial Bureau shall levy an additional surcharge of
4 \$100.00 to be deposited in the General Fund, in support of the Specialized
5 Investigative Unit Grants Board created in 24 V.S.A. § 1940(c), and used to
6 pay for the costs of Specialized Investigative Units.

7 Sec. E.208 PUBLIC SAFETY – ADMINISTRATION

8 (a) The Commissioner of Public Safety may enter into a performance-based
9 contract with the Essex County Sheriff’s Department to provide law
10 enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the Commissioner of
11 Public Safety and the Essex County Sheriff.

12 Sec. E.209 PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE POLICE

13 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$35,000
14 shall be available to the Southern Vermont Wilderness Search and Rescue
15 Team, which comprises State Police, the Department of Fish and Wildlife,
16 county sheriffs, and local law enforcement personnel in Bennington,
17 Windham, and Windsor Counties, for snowmobile enforcement.

18 (b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$405,000 is
19 allocated for grants in support of the Drug Task Force. Of this amount,
20 \$190,000 shall be used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town
21 Task Force officers. These town Task Force officers shall be dedicated to

1 enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18
2 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any
3 unobligated funds may be allocated by the Commissioner to the Drug Task
4 Force or carried forward.

5 Sec. E.212 PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE SAFETY

6 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.212 of this act, \$55,000
7 shall be granted to the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force to design dry
8 hydrants.

9 Sec. E.215 MILITARY – ADMINISTRATION

10 (a) The amount of \$1,319,834 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student
11 Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Tuition Benefit Program
12 established in 16 V.S.A. § 2857.

13 Sec. E.219 MILITARY – VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

14 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.219 of this act, \$1,000 shall be used
15 for continuation of the Vermont Medal Program, \$4,800 shall be used for the
16 expenses of the Governor’s Veterans’ Advisory Council, \$7,500 shall be used
17 for the Veterans’ Day parade, and \$10,000 shall be granted to the American
18 Legion for the Boys’ State and Girls’ State programs.

19 Sec. E.223 9 V.S.A. § 2730 is amended to read:

20 § 2730. LICENSING FOR OPERATION OF WEIGHING AND
21 MEASURING DEVICES

1 (a) As used in this section:

2 * * *

3 (14) “Electric vehicle supply equipment” and “electric vehicle supply
4 equipment available to the public” have the same meanings as in 30 V.S.A.
5 § 201.

6 * * *

7 (f)(1) The Secretary shall charge, per unit, the following annual license
8 fees:

9 (A) Retail motor fuel dispenser meter: \$25.00.

10 * * *

11 (E) Each distinct plug-in connection point of electric vehicle supply
12 equipment available to the public: \$25.00.

13 Sec. E.232 30 V.S.A. § 3085 is added to read:

14 § 3085. CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

15 (a) A district may apply to the Secretary of State for a certificate of good
16 standing.

17 (b) A certificate of good standing shall include:

18 (1) the official name of the district;

19 (2) that the district is duly formed pursuant to this chapter;

20 (3) the date of the district’s formation;

21 (4) that the fee required by this section has been paid; and

1 (3) \$650,000 is for the purposes of maintaining current Vermont Legal
2 Aid program capacity and addressing increased requests for services, including
3 eviction prevention and protection from foreclosure and consumer debt.

4 Sec. E.300.1 DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES;

5 INCREASE

6 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the Agency of Human Services shall increase
7 funding to the designated and specialized service agencies in the following
8 manner:

9 (1) A five percent base increase for developmental disability services
10 effective July 1, 2023; and

11 (2) A three percent base increase for mental health services effective
12 July 1, 2023.

13 (A) The remaining mental health service fund increase shall be used
14 to provide payment equity across the provider agencies. These funds shall be
15 distributed as determined by the Agency of Human Services in the annual
16 agreements or appropriate valuation model allocations for providers. The
17 Agency shall report to the General Assembly in the fiscal year 2024 budget
18 adjustment process on the status of these payment changes.

19 Sec. E.300.2 BLUEPRINT FOR HEALTH HUB AND SPOKE PROGRAM

20 PILOT; FUND SOURCES

1 (a) The Agency of Human Services, in collaboration with the Departments
2 of Vermont Health Access and of Health, shall identify alternative fund
3 sources, including sales tax revenue from tobacco, cannabis, and liquor, for
4 ongoing funding of the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program and shall
5 update the Joint Fiscal Committee on its findings on or before November 15,
6 2023.

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

8 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in Sec.
9 B.301 of this act for payment of the actuarially certified premium required
10 under the intergovernmental agreement between the Agency of Human
11 Services and the managed care entity, the Department of Vermont Health
12 Access, as provided for in the Global Commitment to Health Section 1115
13 demonstration (Global Commitment) approved by the Centers for Medicare
14 and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

15 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a
16 total estimated sum of \$25,231,644 is anticipated to be certified as State
17 matching funds under Global Commitment as follows:

18 (1) \$21,957,400 certified State match available from local education
19 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under
20 Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$28,542,600 of federal
21 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated

1 expenditure of \$50,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal
2 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services
3 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment
4 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A.
5 § 2959a.

6 (2) \$3,093,521 certified State match available from local designated
7 mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health
8 services provided under Global Commitment.

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

13 Sec. E.301.1 GLOBAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER;

14 REPORT

15 (a) To facilitate the end-of-year closeout for fiscal year 2024, the Secretary
16 of Human Services, with approval from the Secretary of Administration, may
17 make transfers among the appropriations authorized for Medicaid and
18 Medicaid-waiver program expenses, including Global Commitment
19 appropriations outside the Agency of Human Services. At least three business
20 days prior to any transfer, the Agency of Human Services shall submit to the
21 Joint Fiscal Office a proposal of transfers to be made pursuant to this section.

1 A final report on all transfers made under this section shall be made to the Joint
2 Fiscal Committee for review at the Committee's September 2024 meeting.

3 The purpose of this section is to provide the Agency with limited authority to
4 modify the appropriations to comply with the terms and conditions of the
5 Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 demonstration approved by the
6 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social
7 Security Act.

8 Sec. E.301.2 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 72a, as amended by 2022
9 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.105 is further amended to read:

10 Sec. 72a. MEDICAID HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES
11 (HCBS) PLAN

12 * * *

13 (f) The Global Commitment Fund appropriated in subsection (e) of this
14 section may be obligated in fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024 for the
15 purposes of bringing HCBS plan spending authority forward into fiscal year
16 2024 and fiscal year 2025, respectively. The funds appropriated in subsections
17 (b), (c), and (e) of this section may be transferred on a net-neutral basis in
18 fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024 in the same manner as the Global
19 Commitment appropriations in ~~Sec. E.301 of H.740 of 2022~~ 2022 Acts and
20 Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.301. The Agency shall report to the Joint Fiscal
21 Committee in September 2023 and September 2024, respectively, on transfers

1 of appropriations made and final amounts expended by each department in
2 fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024, respectively, and any obligated funds
3 carried forward to be expended in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025,
4 respectively.

5 Sec. E.301.3 GLOBAL COMMITMENT FUND; HOSPITAL DIRECTED
6 PAYMENT PROGRAM

7 (a) The Agency of Human Services is authorized to seek a State Directed
8 Payment model with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
9 This payment model will be for a Hospital Directed Payment (HDP) program.
10 Upon approval from CMS, the Agency of Human Services' Department of
11 Vermont Health Access, the University of Vermont, and the University of
12 Vermont Medical Center may enter into a mutual agreement on the
13 implementation of the HDP program.

14 (b) If CMS approves a Vermont HDP program within the State's Global
15 Commitment to Health Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver in fiscal year 2024
16 while the General Assembly is not in session, then, pursuant to 32 V.S.A.
17 § 511 and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
18 Department of Finance and Management is authorized to approve the Agency
19 of Human Services' allocation and expenditure of excess receipts for Global
20 Commitment Fund spending up to the amount approved by CMS for the
21 Vermont HDP program.

1 (c) In State fiscal year 2024, the Agency of Human Services is authorized,
2 to the extent permitted under federal law, to reasonably manage the timing of
3 federal fiscal year 2024 Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments to
4 hospitals due to the impact the Vermont HDP program payments received in
5 State fiscal year 2024 may have on hospitals' eligibility for DSH payments.

6 (d) The Agency of Human Services shall report on the status of the
7 Vermont HDP program, the expenditure of excess receipts, and the status of
8 the program's potential impacts on DSH payments at the September and
9 November 2023 meetings of the Joint Fiscal Committee.

10 Sec. E.306 VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE RULES

11 (a) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
12 chapter 25 to conform Vermont's rules regarding health care eligibility and
13 enrollment and the operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to State
14 and federal law and guidance. The Agency may use the emergency rules
15 process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 prior to June 30, 2024, but only if new
16 State or federal law or guidance requires Vermont to amend or adopt its rules
17 in a time frame that cannot be accomplished under the traditional rulemaking
18 process. An emergency rule adopted under these exigent circumstances shall
19 be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of emergency rules required
20 pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

1 Sec. E.306.1 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 60(10), as amended by
2 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 14, 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 187,
3 Sec. 5, 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 21, and 2021 Acts and Resolves
4 No. 73, Sec. 14, is further amended to read:

5 (10) Secs. 48–51 (health claims tax) shall take effect on July 1, 2013 and
6 Sec. 52 (Health IT-Fund; sunset) shall take effect on July 1, ~~2023~~ 2025.

7 Sec. E.306.2 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Sec. 105, as amended by 2019
8 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 19 and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec.
9 75, is further amended to read:

10 Sec. 105. EFFECTIVE DATES

11 * * *

12 (b) Sec. 73 (further amending 32 V.S.A. § 10402) shall take effect on
13 July 1, ~~2023~~ 2025.

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15 Sec. E.306.3 ADULT DAY PROGRAM; RATE REPORT

16 (a) On or before February 15, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health
17 Access, in collaboration with the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and
18 Independent Living and the Vermont Association of Adult Day Services, shall
19 report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and
20 to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare on
21 recommended payment methodologies that encourage increased enrollment or

1 attendance, or both, and provide predictable funding levels for adult day
2 programs.

3 Sec. E.307 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.334.1 is amended to read:

4 Sec. E.334.1 LONG-TERM CARE – PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE
5 INCREASE

6 (a) The amount of the State supplement for Medicaid beneficiaries who
7 reside in a nursing home and receive Supplemental Security Income shall
8 increase by 10 percent to the degree practicable effective January 1, 2023 but
9 not later than January 1, 2024.

10 (b) The amount of the personal needs allowance for all Medicaid
11 beneficiaries who reside in a nursing home shall increase by 10 percent to the
12 degree practicable effective January 1, 2023 but not later than January 1, 2024.

13 Sec. E.307.1 33 V.S.A. § 1992 is amended to read:

14 § 1992. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR ADULT DENTAL SERVICES

15 (a) Vermont Medicaid shall provide coverage for medically necessary
16 dental services provided by a dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist
17 working within the scope of the provider’s license as follows:

18 * * *

19 (2)(A) Diagnostic, restorative, and endodontic procedures, to a
20 maximum of ~~\$1,000.00~~ \$1,500.00 per calendar year, provided that the
21 Department of Vermont Health Access may ~~approve~~ adjust the maximum

1 pursuant to the process outlined in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (2) and
2 may approve expenditures in excess of that amount when exceptional medical
3 circumstances so require.

4 (B) The Department may set the maximum for coverage of
5 diagnostic, restorative, and endodontic procedures in excess of the amount set
6 forth in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (2) for a calendar year based on the
7 Department's annual assessment of available funds, provided that the
8 Department submit a report to the House Committee on Health Care, the
9 Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the House and Senate
10 Committees on Appropriations, or to the Joint Fiscal Committee if the General
11 Assembly is not in session, each time the Department adjusts the maximum.

12 * * *

13 Sec. E.307.2 DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS;

14 MEDICAID DENTAL SERVICES; REPORT

15 (a) On or before January 15, 2025, the Department of Vermont Health
16 Access shall report to the House Committee on Health Care, the Senate
17 Committee on Health and Welfare, and the House and Senate Committees on
18 Appropriations on its analysis of the impact of Medicaid dental provider rate
19 increases on the participation of dental providers in the Medicaid program, the
20 geographic and network adequacy of dental providers for the Medicaid
21 population, utilization of emergency dental services due to allowable

1 exceptional medical circumstances, and predictions on costs of increasing or
2 eliminating the dental cap.

3 Sec. E.312 HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH

4 (a) HIV/AIDS funding:

5 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
6 the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication Rebates special funds to Vermont
7 AIDS service and peer-support organizations for client-based support services.
8 The Department of Health AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the
9 Community Advisory Group (CAG) with current information and data relating
10 to service initiatives. The funds shall be allocated according to an RFP
11 process.

12 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
13 the amount of \$295,000 to the following organizations:

14 (A) Vermont CARES – \$140,000;

15 (B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont – \$100,000; and

16 (C) HIV/HCV Resource Center – \$55,000.

17 (3) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont
18 Medication Assistance Program (VMAP) shall be distributed in accordance
19 with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or
20 services funded solely by State general funds.

1 (A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the
2 Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in VMAP to
3 assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with
4 persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to VMAP
5 medications until such time as the General Assembly can act.

6 (B) The Secretary of Human Services shall work in collaboration
7 with the VMAP Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of not less
8 than 50 percent of members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification
9 to the program's eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the
10 Committee shall make recommendations regarding the program's formulary of
11 approved medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and
12 eligibility for the program.

13 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
14 the amount of \$100,000 in General Funds to Vermont AIDS service
15 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for
16 community-based HIV prevention programs and services. These funds shall
17 be used for HIV/AIDS prevention purposes, including syringe exchange
18 programs; improving the availability of confidential and anonymous HIV
19 testing; prevention work with at-risk groups such as women, intravenous drug
20 users, and people of color; and anti-stigma campaigns. Not more than 15
21 percent of the funds may be used for the administration of such services by the

1 recipients of these funds. The method by which these prevention funds are
2 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of
3 Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont
4 HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

5 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
6 the amount of \$300,000 in General Funds to Vermont AIDS service
7 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for syringe
8 exchange programs. The method by which these prevention funds are
9 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of
10 Health, the Vermont AIDS service organizations, and other Vermont
11 HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The performance period for these grants
12 shall be State fiscal year 2024. Grant reporting shall include outcomes and
13 results.

14 (6) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall not reduce any
15 grants to Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations or syringe
16 service programs from funds appropriated for HIV/AIDS services to levels
17 below those in fiscal year 2023 without receiving prior approval from the Joint
18 Fiscal Committee.

19 Sec. E.312.1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: EMERGENCY MEDICAL

20 SERVICES COORDINATION; REPORT

1 (a) The Commissioner of Health shall provide a report to the General
2 Assembly on or before January 15, 2024, on Emergency Medical Services in
3 Vermont.

4 (b) The Commissioner shall design and conduct a stakeholder engagement
5 process that ensures input and representation from all types of emergency
6 medical service providers serving Vermonters, as well as hospital and health
7 systems, public safety, and municipal government.

8 (c) The report shall identify issues and provide recommendations for
9 legislative consideration that will sustain and improve the provision of
10 emergency medical services for Vermonters. This may include:

11 (1) issues related to costs of service and existing funding models;

12 (2) issues related to coordination across agencies; and

13 (3) issues related to EMS District structure and authority, including
14 consideration of recommendations on the number and configuration of EMS
15 Districts and their powers, duties, and authority.

16 Sec. E.313 HEALTH; SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAMS

17 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide additional
18 grants from the Global Commitment fund in the amount of \$1,850,000 to
19 Vermont's 12 recovery centers. The methods by which these funds are
20 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department and the

1 recipients. The performance period of these grants shall be State fiscal year
2 2024. Recipients shall report outcomes to the Department.

3 (b) The Department of Health shall review and analyze the capital and
4 operating model for recovery residences. This shall include the portion of
5 capital investment for these facilities that is privately and publicly financed, a
6 description of the existing operating models of these facilities, existence and
7 content of sustainability plans, the current operating margins net of rental
8 income generated and the array of existing other operating funding available to
9 the facilities, and the annual amounts of depreciation claimed by investors
10 related to these facilities. The Department shall report to the General
11 Assembly on this analysis and any related recommendations.

12 Sec. E.316 STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP; FACILITY PLANNING
13 FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH

14 (a) The Department for Children and Families, in consultation with the
15 Department of Buildings and General Services, shall assemble a stakeholder
16 working group to provide regular input on the planning, design, development,
17 and implementation of the temporary stabilization facility for youth and on the
18 development of a long-term plan for the high-end system of care.

19 (b) The stakeholder working group, constituted as a subcommittee of, or
20 drawn from, existing groups or created as a separate group, may include
21 representatives from:

- 1 (1) the families of children in the Department’s custody for delinquency
- 2 offenses;
- 3 (2) youth who have been in custody for juvenile offenses;
- 4 (3) the Juvenile Defender’s Office;
- 5 (4) the Office of State’s Attorneys;
- 6 (5) the Family Court;
- 7 (6) the Office of Racial Equity;
- 8 (7) the Vermont Family Network;
- 9 (8) the Vermont Federation of Families;
- 10 (9) the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs;
- 11 (10) the Vermont Protection and Advocacy;
- 12 (11) the Department of Mental Health;
- 13 (12) the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living;
- 14 (13) the State Program Standing Committees for Developmental
- 15 Services, Children’s Mental Health, and Adult Mental Health; and
- 16 (14) any other groups the Department may select.
- 17 (c) The Department shall regularly present relevant information to the
- 18 stakeholder working group established pursuant to this section and review
- 19 recommendations from the working group regarding:

1 (1) facility design layout, programming, and policy development for the
2 temporary stabilization facility, including data on the number of cases and
3 types of case mix, as well as likely length of stay; and

4 (2) the Department's data and assumptions for size, type of treatment,
5 and security levels for future permanent facilities included in the planning
6 process proposed in the fiscal year 2024 capital bill; optimal locations,
7 including whether a campus plan is appropriate; and any plans regarding the
8 use of outside contractors for facility operations, including State oversight of
9 appropriate quality of care.

10 (d) The stakeholder working group established in this section shall be
11 subject to the requirements of the Vermont Open Meeting Law.

12 (e) On or before January 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Children and
13 Families shall develop and submit a strategic plan to the House Committees on
14 Corrections and Institutions and on Human Services and to the Senate
15 Committees on Health and Welfare and Institutions, as part of the overall
16 planning process for development of the high-end system of care, for
17 preventing the disproportionality of youth who are Black, Indigenous, or
18 Persons of Color in staff- or building-secure facilities. The strategic plan shall
19 include mechanisms for collecting necessary data, and the process of
20 development shall include input from relevant public stakeholders.

21 (f) The stakeholder working group shall cease to exist on June 30, 2025.

1 ~~(26) “Work activities” means the following activities limited to the~~
2 ~~extent and degree that they are allowed and countable in accordance with Part~~
3 ~~A of Title IV of the Social Security Act:~~

4 ~~(A) unsubsidized employment;~~

5 ~~(B) subsidized private sector employment;~~

6 ~~(C) subsidized public sector employment;~~

7 ~~(D) work experience (including work associated with the refurbishing~~
8 ~~of publicly assisted housing) if sufficient private sector employment is not~~
9 ~~available;~~

10 ~~(E) on the job training;~~

11 ~~(F) job search and job readiness assistance;~~

12 ~~(G) community service programs;~~

13 ~~(H) vocational educational training (not to exceed 12 months with~~
14 ~~respect to any individual);~~

15 ~~(I) job skills training directly related to employment;~~

16 ~~(J) education directly related to employment, in the case of a~~
17 ~~recipient who has not received a high school diploma or a certificate of high~~
18 ~~school equivalency;~~

19 ~~(K) satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course of~~
20 ~~study leading to a certificate of general equivalence, in the case of a recipient~~
21 ~~who has not completed secondary school or received such a certificate;~~

1 Sec. E.323.3 33 V.S.A. § 1006 is amended to read:

2 § 1006. CASE MANAGEMENT; FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PLANS;
3 COORDINATED SERVICES

4 * * *

5 (b) The family development plan shall include:

6 (1) Each ~~parent~~ parent's or caretaker's employment goal or plan to
7 engage in the program, to the best of the parent's or caretaker's ability.

8 * * *

9 Sec. E.323.4 33 V.S.A. § 1011 is amended to read:

10 § 1011. TRANSITION TO OTHER PROGRAMS

11 * * *

12 ~~(b) If a family finds employment meeting or exceeding the work~~
13 ~~requirements for Reach Up for the family's size and composition, but is~~
14 ~~financially eligible for Reach Up, the Department shall transfer the family to~~
15 ~~Reach Up, unless the family chooses not to participate. A family transferring~~
16 ~~from Reach First to Reach Up shall be treated as a recipient for the purposes of~~
17 ~~income calculation. [Repealed.]~~

18 (c) ~~If a family finds employment meeting or exceeding the work~~
19 ~~requirements for Reach Up for the family's size and composition, is not~~
20 ~~financially eligible for Reach Up, and is eligible for the Reach Ahead program,~~
21 ~~the Department shall transfer the family to Reach Ahead, unless the family~~

1 ~~chooses not to participate. A family transferring from Reach First to Reach~~
2 ~~Ahead shall be treated as a recipient for the purposes of income calculation.~~

3 [Repealed.]

4 * * *

5 Sec. E.323.5 33 V.S.A. § 1203 is amended to read:

6 § 1203. ELIGIBILITY

7 A family shall be eligible for Reach Ahead if the family resides in Vermont
8 and:

9 (1) has left Reach Up or the postsecondary education program within the
10 prior six months for employment that meets the federal work requirements for
11 the ~~Reach-Up~~ TANF program for the family's size and composition;

12 * * *

13 Sec. E.323.6 33 V.S.A. § 1212 is amended to read:

14 § 1212. TRANSITION TO OTHER PROGRAMS

15 If a family loses employment meeting or exceeding the work requirements
16 for ~~Reach-Up~~ TANF for the family's size and composition and is financially
17 eligible for Reach Up, the family shall be transferred to Reach First or Reach
18 Up without an additional application process, unless the family chooses not to
19 participate. Verification of income or other documentation may be required as
20 provided for by rule.

1 Sec. E 323.7 REACH AHEAD PILOT PROGRAM

2 (a) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in 33 V.S.A. chapter 12,
3 funds appropriated to the Department for Children and Families for the Reach
4 Ahead Pilot Program in fiscal year 2024 shall be used to:

5 (1) enroll families that have left the Reach Up program or the
6 postsecondary education program within the prior 12 months for employment
7 that meets the federal work requirements for the Temporary Assistance for
8 Needy Families program for the family's size and composition;

9 (2) increase the amount of monthly food assistance from \$50 to \$100 in
10 the first 12 months of a family's participation in Reach Ahead;

11 (3) increase the amount of monthly food assistance from \$5 to \$50 in the
12 second 12 months of a family's participation in Reach Ahead; and

13 (4) provide incentive payments to participating families in the amounts
14 of:

15 (A) \$750, to be paid after participating in the Program for six
16 months;

17 (B) \$1,000, to be paid after participating in the Program for
18 12 months;

19 (C) \$1,000, to be paid after participating in the Program for 18
20 months; and

1 (D) \$1,000, to be paid after participating in the Program for 24
2 months.

3 (b) Funding for this program is provided for in Sec. B.1100(o)(1) of this act
4 and is only in effect for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, unless additional funding
5 is authorized.

6 Sec. E.323.8 REACH AHEAD PILOT PROGRAM

7 (a) The Department for Children and Families – Economic Services
8 Division shall collect and report data that measures outcomes for participants
9 of the Reach Ahead Pilot Program established in Sec. E.323.7 of this act; the
10 indicators used to measure participant and Pilot Program progress; and the
11 strategies that are implemented.

12 Sec. E.324 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

13 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee may authorize
14 crisis fuel assistance to those income-eligible households that have applied for
15 an expedited seasonal fuel benefit but have not yet received it if the benefit
16 cannot be executed in time to prevent them from running out of fuel. The
17 crisis fuel grants authorized pursuant to this section count toward the one crisis
18 fuel grant allowed per household for the winter heating season pursuant to 33
19 V.S.A. § 2609(b).

20 Sec. E.325 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – OFFICE
21 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

1 (e) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), on or before ~~January~~ February 15 of
2 each year, the Department shall report to the Governor and the committees of
3 jurisdiction regarding implementation of the plan, the extent to which the
4 principles of service set forth in section 8724 of this title are achieved, and
5 whether people with a developmental disability have any unmet service needs,
6 including the number of people on waiting lists for developmental services.

7 * * *

8 Sec. E.330 SENIOR MEALS; MEAL PROVIDER EQUITY

9 (a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall, in
10 collaboration with the Vermont Area Agencies on Aging and the Vermont
11 Association of Senior Centers and Meal Providers, identify a mechanism for
12 the direct distribution of the funds appropriated to the Department in Sec.
13 B.330 of this act that ensures equity among meal providers to support quality
14 meals and limit administrative costs.

15 Sec. E.333 DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, AGING, AND

16 INDEPENDENT LIVING; QUALITY AND PROGRAM

17 PARTICIPANT SPECIALIST POSITIONS

18 (a) The five Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living
19 Quality and Program Participant Specialist positions created in Sec. E.100 of
20 this act shall be dedicated exclusively to the Developmental Disabilities
21 Services division of the Department to ensure that quality oversight on-site

1 visits for designated and specialized service agencies are performed at least
2 annually and that Home and Community Based Services quality standards are
3 implemented.

4 Sec. E.334 NURSING HOME RATE SETTING

5 (a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and the
6 Department of Vermont Health Access shall report to the House Committees
7 on Human Services and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on
8 Health and Welfare and on Appropriations not later than December 15, 2023
9 on the budgetary impact of eliminating the minimum occupancy threshold in
10 the nursing home rate setting process and reducing the minimum occupancy
11 threshold to not more than 80 percent in the nursing home rate setting process.
12 The report shall include a recommendation on whether to eliminate or reduce
13 the minimum occupancy requirement, timeline, and next steps for
14 implementing the recommendation and anticipated impact on sustainability of
15 Vermont nursing homes.

16 Sec. E.335 28 V.S.A. § 126 is added to read:

17 § 126. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM;

18 CONFIDENTIALITY

19 (a) As used in this section:

20 (1) “Department” has the same meaning as in subdivision 3(4) of this
21 title.

1 (2) “Participant” means a Department staff member who has been
2 involved in a traumatic incident by reason of employment at the Department
3 and who has agreed to participate in the Department’s peer support program.

4 (3) “Peer support” means appropriate support and services offered by a
5 peer support specialist to a participant.

6 (4) “Peer support program” means a program established by the
7 Department of Corrections to provide appropriate peer support services to
8 Department staff members.

9 (5) “Peer support session” means a peer support program session for a
10 Department staff member who has been involved in a traumatic incident by
11 reason of employment at the Department or related to other personal matters.

12 (6) “Peer support specialist” means a Department staff member who, by
13 reason of the staff member’s prior experience, training, or interest, has
14 expressed a desire and has been selected to provide appropriate peer support
15 services to a participant.

16 (7) “Staff member” means a supervising officer as defined in
17 subdivision 3(9) of this title, a correctional officer as defined in subdivision
18 3(10) of this title, and any other employee of the Department.

19 (b)(1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, any
20 communication made by a participant or peer support specialist in a peer
21 support session of the peer support program, including any oral or written

1 information conveyed during a peer support session, shall not be disclosed by
2 any individual participating in the peer support session.

3 (2) Except as provided by subsection (d) of this section, any
4 communication relating to a peer support session between peer support
5 specialists, between peer support specialists and participants of the peer
6 support program, between participants of the peer support program, or between
7 any other Department staff member, including any oral or written information,
8 shall not be disclosed by any individual participating in the communication.

9 (3) Written communications described in this subsection, such as notes,
10 records, and reports related to a peer support session, are exempt from public
11 inspection and copying under the Public Records Act and shall be kept
12 confidential. The Public Records Act exemptions created in this section shall
13 not be subject to the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 317(e) (repeal of Public Records
14 Act exemptions).

15 (c) Except as provided by subsection (d) of this section, any
16 communication made by a participant or peer support specialist in a peer
17 support session, including any oral or written communication, such as notes,
18 records, and reports related to the peer support session, shall not be admissible
19 in a judicial, administrative, or arbitration proceeding. Limitations on
20 disclosure imposed by this subsection include disclosure during any discovery
21 conducted as part of an adjudicatory proceeding. Limitations on disclosure

1 imposed by this subsection shall not include knowledge acquired by the
2 Department or staff members from observations made during the course of
3 employment or information acquired by the Department or staff members
4 during the course of employment that is otherwise subject to discovery or
5 introduction into evidence.

6 (d)(1) Confidentiality protections described in subsections (b) and (c) of
7 this section shall only apply to a peer support session conducted by an
8 individual who has:

9 (A) been designated by the Department or the peer support program
10 to act as a peer support specialist; and

11 (B) received and completed training in peer support and providing
12 emotional and moral support to Department staff members who have been
13 involved in emotionally traumatic incidents by reason of their employment or
14 other personal matters.

15 (2) Confidentiality protections described in subsections (b) and (c) of
16 this section shall not apply to the following information as it pertains to an
17 individual designated to receive such information in the normal course the
18 individual's professional responsibilities:

19 (A) any threat of suicide or homicide made by a participant of a peer
20 support session or any information conveyed in a peer support session relating
21 to a threat of suicide or homicide;

1 (B) any information relating to the abuse of a child or vulnerable
2 adult, or other information that is required to be reported by law;

3 (C) any admission of criminal conduct; or

4 (D) any admission of a plan to commit a crime.

5 (e) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any communications between peer
6 support specialists regarding a peer support session or between peer support
7 specialists and participants of the peer support program.

8 Sec. E.338 CORRECTIONS – CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

9 (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the special funds appropriation of
10 \$152,000 for the supplemental facility payments to Newport and Springfield
11 shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

12 Sec. E.338.1 13 V.S.A. § 7554b is amended to read:

13 § 7554b. HOME DETENTION PROGRAM

14 (a) Definition. As used in this section, “home detention” means a program
15 of confinement and supervision that restricts a defendant to a preapproved
16 residence continuously, except for authorized absences, and is enforced by
17 appropriate means of surveillance and electronic monitoring by the Department
18 of Corrections, including the use of passive electronic monitoring. The court
19 may authorize scheduled absences such as for work, school, or treatment. Any
20 changes in the schedule shall be solely at the discretion of the Department of

1 Corrections. A defendant who is on home detention shall remain in the
2 custody of the Commissioner of Corrections with conditions set by the court.

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4 Sec. E.338.2 HOME DETENTION PROGRAM; REVIEW; REPORT

5 (a) The Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee shall review the
6 Home Detention Program under 13 V.S.A. § 7554b, including its historical and
7 current use, defendant eligibility criteria, and any potential changes to the types
8 of crimes for which it can be used.

9 (b) On or before November 15, 2023, the Committee shall submit any
10 findings resulting from its review in the form of proposed legislation to the
11 General Assembly.

12 Sec. E.338.3 REPEALS

13 (a) 13 V.S.A. § 7554(a)(1)(G) (Release prior to trial; reference to 13 V.S.A.
14 § 7554d) is repealed.

15 (b) 13 V.S.A. § 7554(a)(2)(F) (Release prior to trial; reference to 13 V.S.A.
16 § 7554d) is repealed.

17 (c) 13 V.S.A. § 7554d (Electronic Monitoring Pilot Program) is repealed.

18 Sec. E.338.4 28 V.S.A. chapter 11 is amended to read:

19 CHAPTER 11. SUPERVISION OF ADULT INMATES AT
20 THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

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1 Sec. E.500.1 16 V.S.A. § 4018 is added to read:

2 § 4018. AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS

3 (a) Education Fund grants in an amount equal to the receipts from the sales
4 and use tax imposed by 32 V.S.A. chapter 233 on retail sales of cannabis or
5 cannabis products in this State, net of any administrative costs per subsection
6 (b)(4) of this section, shall be used to fund grant programs for the expansion of
7 summer and afterschool programs with an emphasis on increasing access in
8 underserved areas of the State.

9 (b) The Secretary of Education shall administer the grant programs, as
10 follows:

11 (1) Grants shall be used to support a mixed delivery system for
12 afterschool and summer programming. Eligible recipients can be public,
13 private, or nonprofit organizations.

14 (2) Grants may be used for technical assistance, program
15 implementation, program expansion, program sustainability, and related costs.

16 (3) Grants may be used to directly target communities with low existing
17 capacity to serve youth in afterschool and summer settings.

18 (4) The Agency may use up to \$500,000 for administrative costs to
19 allow for the support of the grant program and technical assistance to
20 communities. This could include subcontracts to support the grant programs.

1 (c) An Advisory Committee is created to support the Secretary of
2 Education in administering funds pursuant to this section. The Agency shall
3 provide administrative and technical support to the Committee. The
4 Committee is to be composed of:

5 (1) the State’s Chief Prevention Officer;

6 (2) the Commissioner for Children and Families or designee;

7 (3) the Commissioner of Health or designee;

8 (4) the Commissioner of Mental Health or designee;

9 (5) the Secretary of Natural Resources or designee;

10 (6) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or
11 designee;

12 (7) the Vermont Afterschool Executive Director or designee; and

13 (8) a representative from the Governor’s Office.

14 (d) On or before each November 15, the Agency of Education shall submit to
15 the General Assembly a plan to fund grants in furtherance of the purposes of
16 subsection (a) of this section and report outcomes data on the grants made
17 during the previous year. The Agency shall also report on the number of
18 programs, slots, weeks, or hours; geographic distribution; and what is known
19 about costs to families. The report should be inclusive of 21C programming.
20 The amount of grant funds awarded shall be in alignment with the actual
21 revenue collected from the sales and use tax imposed by 32 V.S.A. § 233 on

1 cannabis or cannabis products in this State. Discrepancies between the amount
2 of grant funds awarded and actual revenue shall be reconciled through the
3 budget adjustment process. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of
4 required reports) shall not apply to the plan to be made under this subsection.

5 Sec. E.500.2 REPEALS

6 (a) 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 164, Secs. 17c (dedicated use of sales and
7 use tax on cannabis) and 17d (annual budgeting of sales and use tax revenue)
8 are repealed.

9 Sec. E.502 EDUCATION – SPECIAL EDUCATION: FORMULA GRANTS

10 (a) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and
11 notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed
12 \$4,195,600 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2024 as
13 funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the
14 Secretary will not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. §
15 2969(c)–(d).

16 Sec. E.503 EDUCATION – STATE-PLACED STUDENTS

17 (a) The Independence Place Program of the Lund Family Center shall be
18 considered a 24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of
19 education costs.

20 Sec. E.504 ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY HSCP

21 STUDENT ACCESS STUDY; REPORT

1 (a) The High School Completion Program (HSCP) is experiencing
2 decreased enrollment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, policy changes within
3 the program, and lower literacy skills that limit acceptance into the program.
4 Adult basic education programs overall are experiencing funding reductions
5 due to decreased enrollment.

6 (b) There is created the Adult Education and Literacy HSCP Student
7 Access Study Committee to review and report on decreased HSCP enrollment
8 and subsequent adult basic education funding issues. The Committee shall
9 make recommendations to the Joint Fiscal Committee, the General Assembly,
10 and the Agency of Administration on or before January 15, 2024 to increase
11 enrollment in HSCP.

12 (c) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following
13 members:

14 (1) a current member of the House, who shall be appointed by the
15 Speaker of the House;

16 (2) a current member of the Senate, who shall be appointed by the
17 Committee on Committees;

18 (3) the Secretary of Education or designee;

19 (4) the Executive Director of Racial Equity or designee; and

20 (5) the Executive Director of Central Vermont Adult Basic Education or
21 designee.

1 (d) Powers and duties. The Committee shall review and make
2 recommendations to reduce barriers for vulnerable Vermonters, including
3 English learner applicants to Adult Education Programs, including any
4 discrepancies between admission and testing standards for English learner
5 applicants and all other applicants. The Committee shall provide
6 recommendations in its report to the Joint Fiscal Committee and the House and
7 Senate Committees on Education on how to increase equity and education
8 access to Adult Education Programs. The Committee shall include in its report
9 any administrative changes that could be made to help achieve these goals.

10 (e) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,
11 and legal assistance of the Agency of Education.

12 (f) The Committee shall submit a written report to the Joint Fiscal
13 Committee, the General Assembly, and the Agency of Administration on or
14 before January 15, 2024 with its findings and any recommendations for
15 legislative action based on the analysis conducted pursuant to subsection (d) of
16 this section. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Committee report
17 be used to inform fiscal year 2025 budget considerations and that the
18 recommendations of the Committee be implemented to increase HSCP
19 enrollment.

1 (g) The Secretary of Education or designee shall call the first meeting of
2 the Committee. The Committee shall hold not more than five meetings, the
3 first of which shall be on or before September 15, 2023.

4 Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION – FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

5 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$1,900,000 from the
6 Education Fund will be distributed to school districts for reimbursement of
7 high school completion services pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 943(c).

8 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025 to the contrary, of
9 this Education Fund appropriation, the amount of:

10 (1) \$921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs notwithstanding
11 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);

12 (2) \$2,000,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual Learning
13 Cooperative at the River Valley Technical Center School District;

14 (3) \$400,000 is available for secondary school reform grants;

15 (4) \$4,000,000 is available for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §
16 946.

17 (c) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$921,500 from the
18 General Fund is available for dual enrollment programs.

19 Sec. E.511.1 MORATORIUM ON APPROVAL OF NEW APPROVED

20 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

1 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Board
2 of Education shall be prohibited from approving an application for initial
3 approval of an approved independent school until further direction by the
4 General Assembly.

5 Sec. E.514 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

6 (a) The total annual employer contribution to the Vermont State Teachers'
7 Retirement System (VSTRS) in fiscal year 2024 shall be \$203,281,051.

8 (b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to
9 the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS) shall be
10 \$194,281,051 of which \$184,811,051 shall be the State's contribution and
11 \$9,470,000 shall be contributed from local school systems or educational
12 entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c).

13 (c) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution,
14 \$34,825,673 is the "normal contribution," and \$159,455,378 is the "accrued
15 liability contribution."

16 (d) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(13)(A), \$9,000,000 shall be
17 contributed from the General Fund for a supplemental plus accrued liability
18 contribution.

19 Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

20 AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;

21 OPERATING BUDGET, SOURCE OF FUNDS

1 (a) Of the \$3,448,255 appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act, \$2,401,835
2 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System operating budget,
3 and \$1,046,420 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment
4 Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement
5 System.

6 Sec. E.514.2 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM;
7 CALENDAR YEAR 2023–2024 SUPPLEMENTAL COST OF
8 LIVING PAYMENTS; INTENT; ACTUARIAL COST
9 ANALYSIS

10 (a) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

11 (1) The maximum percentage value methodology set forth in 16 V.S.A.
12 § 1949 that applies to the postretirement adjustment allowances for the
13 Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS) shall be actuarially
14 evaluated to determine the cost required to revert to the methodology used
15 prior to the enactment of 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 114.

16 (2) The General Assembly further intends to make such a reversion by
17 future legislative action amending 16 V.S.A. § 1949, provided that the present
18 value of changes to the postretirement adjustment allowance methodology be
19 fully funded at the time the change is made and not increase the unfunded
20 liability in VSTRS.

1 (3) The General Assembly further intends that if the June 30, 2023,
2 change in the Consumer Price Index exceeds the statutory maximum
3 percentage values set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 1949 (b)(1), the General Assembly
4 will provide a sufficient appropriation in the 2024 Budget Adjustment Act to
5 make a one-time supplemental payment, similar in form to that described in
6 subsection (b) of this section, to qualifying VSTRS retired members and
7 beneficiaries in calendar year 2024.

8 (b) Calendar year 2023 supplemental payment. A one-time supplemental
9 payment during calendar year 2023 shall be made to VSTRS retired members
10 and beneficiaries who received a 2.5 percent postretirement adjustment
11 allowance in an amount equal to the net difference between what members
12 actually received in calendar year 2023 and what they would have received
13 under a 3.8 percent postretirement adjustment allowance.

14 (c) Actuarial cost analysis. Following the completion of the next
15 experience study, expected in fall 2023, the State Treasurer shall conduct an
16 actuarial analysis to evaluate the cost of changing the current methodology for
17 calculating the postretirement adjustment allowance for the Vermont State
18 Teachers' Retirement System to a methodology calculated by applying the
19 maximum percentage values set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 1949(b)(1) to the
20 postretirement adjustment allowance rather than applying the statutory
21 maximum percentage values to the net percentage change in the Consumer

1 Price Index. The actuarial analysis shall take into account any changes to
2 actuarial assumptions that may occur following the experience study to be
3 performed at the end of fiscal year 2023, as required by 16 V.S.A. § 1942.

4 (d) Report. Based on the actuarial cost analysis described in subsection (c)
5 of this section, on or before January 15, 2024, the State Treasurer shall submit
6 a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations with an
7 actuarial cost estimate for changing the VSTRS postretirement adjustment
8 allowance methodology as set forth in subsection (c) of this section.

9 Sec. E.514.3 16 V.S.A. § 1944 is amended to read:

10 § 1944. VERMONT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND

11 (a) Pension Fund. All of the assets of the System shall be credited to the
12 Vermont Teachers' Retirement Fund.

13 (b) Member contributions.

14 (1) Contributions deducted from the compensation of members shall be
15 accumulated in the Pension Fund and separately recorded for each member.

16 (2) The proper authority or officer responsible for making up each
17 employer payroll shall cause to be deducted from the compensation:

18 (A) Of each Group A member, five and one-half percent of the
19 member's total earnable compensation, including compensation paid for
20 absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title.

21 (B) Of each Group C member, the following shall apply:

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(ii) Beginning on July 1, 2023, a Group C member shall have the rate set forth in this subdivision (b)(2)(B)(ii) applied to the member's total earnable compensation for the fiscal year, which shall include compensation paid for absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title, and any additional stipends identified as of July 1. A member's rate shall not be adjusted during the fiscal year unless the member's full-time equivalency status changes, which shall require that the member's rate be recalculated and the new rate applied for the remainder of that fiscal year. For a member who works a part-time equivalency status, the rate shall apply to the member's total earnable compensation and not to an amount equal to an annualized base salary. If a member is employed on a part-time equivalency status with two or more employers, the highest rate shall be applied to the amounts deducted from each employer. A member's rate shall be calculated according to the following rates and income brackets:

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~~(iii) Beginning on July 1, 2024 and annually thereafter, a Group C member shall have an effective rate, rounded to the nearest hundredth of a percent, that is calculated based on the member's base salary as of July 1 each year, which equals the member's total earnable compensation, including compensation paid for absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title,~~

1 ~~and any additional stipends identified as of July 1 for the next fiscal year. A~~
2 ~~member's effective rate shall not be adjusted during any fiscal year unless the~~
3 ~~member's full-time equivalency status changes, which shall require that the~~
4 ~~member's effective rate be recalculated and the new rate applied for the~~
5 ~~remainder of that fiscal year. For a member who works a part-time equivalency~~
6 ~~status, the effective rate shall apply to the member's total earnable~~
7 ~~compensation and not to an amount equal to an annualized base salary. If a~~
8 ~~member is employed on a part-time equivalency status with two or more~~
9 ~~employers, the highest effective rate shall be applied to the amounts deducted~~
10 ~~from each employer. Beginning on July 1, 2024, a Group C member shall~~
11 ~~have the rate set forth in this subdivision (b)(2)(B)(iii) applied to the member's~~
12 ~~total earnable compensation for the fiscal year, which shall include~~
13 ~~compensation paid for absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title,~~
14 ~~and any additional stipends identified as of July 1. A member's rate shall not~~
15 ~~be adjusted during the fiscal year unless the member's full-time equivalency~~
16 ~~status changes, which shall require that the member's rate be recalculated and~~
17 ~~the new rate applied for the remainder of that fiscal year. For a member who~~
18 ~~works a part-time equivalency status, the rate shall apply to the member's total~~
19 ~~earnable compensation and not to an amount equal to an annualized base~~
20 ~~salary. If a member is employed on a part-time equivalency status with two or~~
21 ~~more employers, the highest rate shall be applied to the amounts deducted from~~

1 each employer. A member's ~~effective~~ rate shall be calculated according to the
2 following ~~marginal~~ rates and income brackets:

3 (I) if a member's base salary is at or below \$40,000.00, the rate
4 is ~~6.25~~ 6.15 percent;

5 (II) if a member's base salary is \$40,000.01 or more but not
6 more than ~~\$60,000.00~~, the rate is the equivalent of ~~\$2,900.00 on \$40,000.00~~
7 ~~and 6.75 percent of the member's salary that is \$40,000.01 or more~~
8 \$50,000.00, the rate is 6.20 percent;

9 (III) if a member's base salary is ~~\$60,000.01~~ \$50,000.01 or
10 more but not more than ~~\$80,000.00~~ \$60,000.00, the rate is the equivalent of
11 ~~\$3,850.00 on \$60,000.00 and 7.5 percent of the member's salary that is~~
12 ~~\$60,000.01 or more~~ 6.30 percent;

13 (IV) if a member's base salary is ~~\$80,000.01~~ \$60,000.01 or
14 more but not more than ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$70,000.00, the rate is the equivalent of
15 ~~\$5,350.00 on \$80,000.00 and 8.25 percent of the member's salary that is~~
16 ~~\$80,000.01 or more~~ 6.40 percent; and

17 (V) if a member's base salary is ~~\$100,000.01~~ \$70,000.01 or
18 more but not more than \$80,000.00, the rate is the equivalent of ~~\$7,000.00 on~~
19 ~~\$100,000.00 and 9.0 percent of the member's salary that is \$100,000.01 or~~
20 ~~more~~ 6.55 percent.

1 (VI) If a member's base salary is \$80,000.01 or more but not
2 more than \$90,000.00, the rate is 6.80 percent.

3 (VII) If a member's base salary is \$90,000.01 or more but not
4 more than \$100,000.00, the rate is 7.10 percent.

5 (VIII) If a member's base salary is \$100,000.01 or more, the
6 rate is 7.35 percent.

7 Sec. E.515 RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL
8 BENEFITS

9 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), and 16 V.S.A.
10 § 1944b(h)(1), the annual contribution to the Retired Teachers' Health and
11 Medical Benefits plan shall be \$61,290,528, of which \$53,740,528 shall be the
12 State's contribution and \$7,550,000 shall be from the annual charge for teacher
13 health care contributed by employers pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §1944d. Of the
14 annual contribution, \$17,589,046 is the "normal contribution," and
15 \$43,701,482 is the "accrued liability contribution."

16 * * * Higher Education * * *

17 Sec. E.600 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

18 (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to
19 pay 1/12 of the appropriation in Sec. B.600 of this act to the University of
20 Vermont on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

1 (b) Of this appropriation, \$380,326 shall be transferred to the Experimental
2 Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) to comply with State
3 matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or
4 private funds, or both.

5 Sec. E.602 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

6 (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to
7 pay 1/12 of the appropriation in Sec. B.602 of this act to the Vermont State
8 Colleges on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

9 (b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont
10 Manufacturing Extension Center to comply with State matching fund
11 requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds, or
12 both.

13 Sec. E.603 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES – ALLIED HEALTH

14 (a) If Global Commitment fund monies are unavailable, the total grant
15 funding for the Vermont State Colleges shall be maintained through the
16 General Fund or other State funding sources.

17 (b) The Vermont State Colleges shall use the Global Commitment funds
18 appropriated in Sec. B.603 of this act to support the dental hygiene, respiratory
19 therapy, and nursing programs that graduate approximately 315 health care
20 providers annually. These graduates deliver direct, high-quality health care
21 services to Medicaid beneficiaries or uninsured or underinsured persons.

1 Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

2 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.605 of this act, \$25,000 is appropriated
3 from the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
4 (VSAC) to be deposited into the Trust Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2845.

5 (b) Of this appropriation, not more than \$300,000 may be used by VSAC
6 for a student aspirational initiative to serve one or more high schools.

7 (c) Of the appropriated amount remaining after accounting for subsections
8 (a) and (b) of this section, not less than 93 percent of this appropriation shall be
9 used for direct student aid.

10 (d) Up to seven percent of the funds appropriated to VSAC in this act or
11 otherwise currently or previously appropriated to VSAC or provided to VSAC
12 by an agency or department of the State for the administration of a program or
13 initiative may be used by VSAC for its costs of administration. VSAC may
14 recoup its reasonable costs of collecting the forgivable loans in repayment.
15 Funds shall not be used for indirect costs. To the extent these are federal
16 funds, allocation for expenses associated with administering the funds shall be
17 consistent with federal grant requirements.

18 (e) \$1,000,000 of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.605 of this act
19 shall be used to continue operating the Vermont Trades Scholarship Program
20 in accordance with 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 14.

1 (a) On or before December 15, 2024, the Land Access and Opportunity
2 Board shall submit a written report to the House Committees on
3 Appropriations and on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the
4 Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations
5 regarding the appropriate State entity for the Board to be attached to for
6 administrative purposes. The report shall, in consideration of the mission,
7 powers, and duties of the Board, identify various State entities to which the
8 Board could be attached for administrative purposes and shall examine the
9 potential benefits and drawbacks of the Board being attached to each of the
10 entities identified. The report shall consider the benefits and drawbacks of the
11 Board continuing to be attached to the Vermont Housing and Conservation
12 Board for administrative purposes.

13 Sec. E.900 TRANSPORTATION FUND RESERVE – REVERSIONS

14 EXCLUDED

15 (a) To calculate the fiscal year 2024 Transportation Fund Stabilization
16 Reserve requirement of five percent of prior year appropriations, reversions of
17 \$20,727,012 are excluded from the fiscal year 2023 total appropriations
18 amount.

19 Sec. E.1000 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83 Sec. 53(b)(5)(B), as amended by

20 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.102, is further amended to read:

1 (B) \$20,000,000 shall be appropriated to the State Treasurer's Office
2 and used for redeeming State of Vermont general obligation bonds prior to
3 maturity. ~~Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. §1001b(e), beginning in fiscal year~~
4 ~~2024, to the extent bonds are redeemed, an amount equal to the reduction in~~
5 ~~payments for debt service required resulting from any redemption shall be~~
6 ~~transferred and reserved in the Capital Expenditure Cash Fund, as establish in~~
7 ~~32 V.S.A. §1001b created in Sec. E.106.1 of H.740 of 2022.~~

8 * * * Workforce and Economic Development Policies (H.484) * * *

9 Sec. F.1 TEACHER LICENSING FEES; SUSPENSION

10 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, peer review
11 process one-time licensure fee requirements under 16 V.S.A. § 1697(a)(7) are
12 suspended during fiscal years 2024 through 2029.

13 (b) In fiscal year 2024, the estimated fees that would have been collected
14 under 16 V.S.A. § 1697(a)(7) shall be accounted for through funds
15 appropriated to the Agency of Education from the General Fund.

16 Sec. F.2 EDUCATOR WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

17 (a) Educator demographics. In order to understand and improve the
18 longstanding and well-documented issue of underrepresentation in the
19 Vermont educator workforce, including underrepresentation of Black,
20 Indigenous, and Persons of Color; New Americans; and other historically
21 underrepresented communities, the Agency of Education shall collect

1 demographic information from educators and report such information in its
2 annual teacher and staff full-time equivalencies report. The Agency shall
3 submit the educator demographic information section of the report annually to
4 the General Assembly on or before each January 15.

5 Sec. F.3 18 V.S.A. § 39 is added to read:

6 § 39. VERMONT PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE

7 PRACTITIONER FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

8 (a) As used in this section:

9 (1) “Corporation” means the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
10 established in 16 V.S.A. § 2821.

11 (2) “Eligible individual” means an individual who satisfies the eligibility
12 requirements under this section for a forgivable loan.

13 (3) “Eligible school” means an approved postsecondary education
14 institution, as defined under 16 V.S.A. § 2822.

15 (4) “Forgivable loan” means a loan awarded under this section covering
16 tuition, which may also cover room, board, and the cost of required books and
17 supplies for up to full-time attendance at an eligible school.

18 (5) “Program” means the Vermont Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse
19 Practitioner Forgivable Loan Incentive Program created under this section.

20 (b) The Vermont Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Forgivable
21 Loan Incentive Program is created and shall be administered by the

1 Corporation in collaboration with the Department of Health. The Program
2 provides forgivable loans to students enrolled in a master's program at an
3 eligible school who commit to working as a psychiatric mental health nurse
4 practitioner in this State and who meet the eligibility requirements in
5 subsection (d) of this section.

6 (c) The Corporation shall disburse forgivable loan funds under the Program
7 on behalf of eligible individuals, subject to the appropriation of funds by the
8 General Assembly for this purpose.

9 (d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual,
10 whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following
11 requirements:

12 (1) be enrolled at an eligible school in a program, whether through in-
13 person or remote instruction, that leads to a master's degree or specialty in
14 psychiatric mental health;

15 (2) maintain good standing at the eligible school at which the individual
16 is enrolled;

17 (3) agree to work as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner in
18 Vermont for a minimum of one year following licensure for each year of
19 forgivable loan awarded;

20 (4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce
21 the individual's forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to

1 subsection (f) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of
2 service required in subdivision (3) of this subsection;

3 (5) have completed the Program's application form and the Free
4 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), in accordance with a schedule
5 determined by the Corporation; and

6 (6) have provided such other documentation as the Corporation may
7 require.

8 (e) If an eligible individual fails to serve as a psychiatric mental health
9 nurse practitioner in this State in compliance with the Program for a period that
10 would entitle the individual to the full forgivable loan benefit received by the
11 individual, other than for good cause as determined by the Corporation in
12 consultation with the Vermont Department of Health, then the individual shall
13 receive only partial loan forgiveness for a pro rata portion of the loan pursuant
14 to the terms of the interest-free reimbursement promissory note signed by the
15 individual at the time of entering the Program.

16 (f) The Corporation shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines
17 necessary to implement the provisions of this section, including maximum
18 forgivable loan amounts.

19 Sec. F.4 18 V.S.A. § 40 is added to read:

20 § 40. VERMONT DENTAL HYGIENIST FORGIVABLE LOAN

21 INCENTIVE PROGRAM

1 (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) “Corporation” means the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
3 established in 16 V.S.A. § 2821.

4 (2) “Eligible individual” means an individual who satisfies the eligibility
5 requirements under this section for a forgivable loan.

6 (3) “Eligible school” means an approved postsecondary education
7 institution, as defined under 16 V.S.A. § 2822.

8 (4) “Forgivable loan” means a loan awarded under this section covering
9 tuition, which may also include room, board, and the cost of required books
10 and supplies for up to full-time attendance at an eligible school.

11 (5) “Program” means the Vermont Dental Hygienist Forgivable Loan
12 Incentive Program created under this section.

13 (b) The Vermont Dental Hygienist Forgivable Loan Incentive Program is
14 created and shall be administered by the Department of Health in collaboration
15 with the Corporation. The Program provides forgivable loans to students
16 enrolled in an eligible school who commit to working as a dental hygienist in
17 this State and who meet the eligibility requirements in subsection (d) of this
18 section.

19 (c) The Corporation shall disburse forgivable loan funds under the Program
20 on behalf of eligible individuals, subject to the appropriation of funds by the
21 General Assembly for this purpose.

1 (d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual,
2 whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following
3 requirements:

4 (1) be enrolled at a dental hygienist program at an eligible school;

5 (2) maintain good standing at the eligible school at which the individual
6 is enrolled;

7 (3) agree to work as a dental hygienist in Vermont for a minimum of
8 one year following licensure for each year of forgivable loan awarded;

9 (4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce
10 the individual's forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to
11 subsection (g) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of
12 service required in this subsection;

13 (5) have completed the Program's application form, the Free
14 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the Vermont grant
15 application each academic year of enrollment in accordance with a schedule
16 determined by the Corporation; and

17 (6) have provided such other documentation as the Corporation may
18 require.

19 (e) If an eligible individual fails to serve as a dental hygienist in this State
20 for a period that would entitle the individual to the full forgivable loan benefit
21 received by the individual, other than for good cause as determined by the

1 Corporation in consultation with the Vermont Department of Health, then the
2 individual shall receive only partial loan forgiveness for a pro rata portion of
3 the loan pursuant to the terms of the interest-free credit agreement or
4 promissory note signed by the individual at the time of entering the Program.

5 (f) There shall be no deadline to apply for a forgivable loan under this
6 section. Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis as long as funds
7 are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall roll over
8 and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the
9 following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this
10 section.

11 (g) The Corporation shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines
12 necessary to implement the provisions of this section, including maximum
13 forgivable loan amounts.

14 Sec. F.5 BROWNFIELDS FUNDING; USE IN FISCAL YEAR 2024

15 (a) The Department of Economic Development shall use the funds
16 appropriated in Sec. B.1101(f)(4) of this act for brownfields redevelopment for
17 the assessment, remediation, and redevelopment of brownfield sites to be used
18 in the same manner as the Brownfields Revitalization Fund established by 10
19 V.S.A. § 6654 except, notwithstanding the grant limitations in 10 V.S.A. §
20 6654, projects supported by this appropriation shall not be limited to a
21 maximum amount per site. The Agency of Commerce and Community

1 Development shall award the amount of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 to
2 regional planning commissions for the purposes of brownfields assessment. In
3 awarding funds under this section, the Secretary, in consultation with the
4 Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies, shall select one
5 regional planning commission to administer these funds. To ensure statewide
6 availability, the selected regional planning commission shall subgrant to
7 regional planning commissions with brownfield programs, with not more than
8 10 percent of the funds being used for administrative purposes.

9 Sec. F.6 10 V.S.A. § 6654(e) is amended to read:

10 (e) A grant may be awarded by the Secretary of Commerce and
11 Community Development with the approval of the Secretary of Natural
12 Resources, provided that:

13 (1) A grant may not exceed \$50,000 for characterization and assessment
14 of a site.

15 (2) A grant may not exceed ~~\$200,000~~ \$500,000 for remediation of a site.

16 (3) A grant may be used by an applicant to purchase environmental
17 insurance relating to the performance of the characterization, assessment, or
18 remediation of a Brownfield site in accordance with a corrective action plan
19 approved by the Secretary of Natural Resources.

1 (B)(i) the applicant is a municipality;

2 (ii) the municipality needs to make infrastructure improvements to
3 incentivize community development; and

4 (iii) the proposed infrastructure improvements and the projected
5 development or redevelopment are compatible with confirmed municipal and
6 regional development plans and the project has clear local significance for
7 employment.

8 (2) The applicant must demonstrate:

9 (A) community and regional support for the project;

10 (B) that grant funding is needed to complete the project;

11 (C) leveraging of additional sources of funding from local, State, or
12 federal economic development programs; and

13 (D) an ability to manage the project, with requisite experience and a
14 plan for fiscal viability.

15 (3) The following are ineligible to apply for a grant:

16 (A) ~~a State or local government operated business~~ [Repealed.]

17 (B) a business that, together with any affiliated business, owns or
18 operates more than 20 locations, regardless of whether those locations do
19 business under the same name or within the same industry; and

20 (C) a publicly traded company.

21 * * *

1 (k) Limited grants for operating support. Notwithstanding any provision of
2 this section or guidelines adopted pursuant to this subsection (j) of this section
3 to the contrary, the Secretary may award a grant of not more than
4 \$1,000,000.00 for operating support to an applicant that:

5 (1) is a nonprofit entity with a documented financial impact from the
6 COVID-19 pandemic;

7 (2) promotes community benefit through educational services,
8 agriculture, or food security;

9 (3) demonstrates a risk of losing at least 20 jobs if the operating support
10 is not received; and

11 (4) is located in a rural municipality with fewer than 2,000 residents.

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13 Sec. F.8 RURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

14 (a) Creation; purpose.

15 (1) A Rural Industry Development Grant Program is created within the
16 Agency of Commerce and Community Development to provide grant funding
17 through local development corporations for business relocation and expansion
18 efforts, including the purchase, demolition, and renovation of property for
19 industrial use.

1 (2)(A) To the extent funding is appropriated, the Agency shall make
2 grants through the Program to assist local development corporations with
3 business relocation and expansion efforts throughout Vermont.

4 (B) The Agency shall ensure an accounting of the respective State
5 and Grantee shares of investment in any property be maintained to refund to
6 the State an appropriate share of any net proceeds resulting from future sale or
7 transfer of such property acquired or improved through a grant awarded under
8 this program.

9 (b) Grant considerations. In making grant awards, the Agency shall
10 consider:

11 (1) the real estate needs of growing and relocating businesses, including
12 nonprofit organizations, in the applicant's region;

13 (2) the ability of the proposed project to meet the site-specific needs of
14 businesses considering whether to expand or locate in this State;

15 (3) the funding that the applicant has identified, or secured, to leverage a
16 grant award; and

17 (4) the readiness of an applicant to move a project forward.

18 (c) Eligible applicants; priority.

19 (1) To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must be a local development
20 corporation, as defined in subdivision 212(10) of this title, located within this
21 State.

1 (2) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development may
2 designate projects and agreements as first priority based on rural communities
3 that continue to experience insufficient economic and grand list growth.

4 (d) Eligible activities. A grant recipient may use funding for the following:

5 (1) to purchase land for potential industrial use;

6 (2) for the costs of site development, permitting, or providing
7 infrastructure for property the recipient owns;

8 (3) for the equity investment required for a loan transaction through the
9 Vermont Economic Development Authority under 10 V.S.A. chapter 12,
10 subchapter 3; or

11 (4) for the matching requirement of another State or federal grant
12 consistent with this section.

13 (e) Application; market assessment.

14 (1) An applicant shall include in its application a local and regional
15 market assessment that demonstrates reasonable need for the proposed
16 development and identifies imminent, potential, or existing business growth
17 opportunities.

18 (2) An applicant shall submit the following to demonstrate a readiness to
19 begin and complete the proposed project:

20 (A) community and regional support for the project;

21 (B) that grant funding is needed to complete the proposed project;

1 (C) an ability to manage the project, with requisite experience and a
2 plan for fiscal viability; and

3 (D) a description of the permitting required to proceed with the
4 project and a plan for obtaining the permits.

5 (f) Awards; amount.

6 (1) An award shall not exceed the lesser of \$1,000,000 or 20 percent of
7 the total project cost.

8 (2) A recipient may combine grant funds with funding from other
9 sources.

10 (3) The Agency shall release grant funds upon determining that the
11 applicant has met all application conditions and requirements.

12 (4) A grant recipient may apply for additional grant funds if future
13 amounts are appropriated for the Program and the funds are for a separate but
14 eligible use.

15 (g) Deed restrictions; property sales. The Agency shall include deed
16 restrictions that require the return of the principal amount to the state and may
17 require the payment of a percentage of the sales profit.

18 Sec. F.9 24 V.S.A. § 2799 is amended to read:

19 § 2799. BETTER PLACES PROGRAM; CROWD GRANTING

1 (a)(1) There is created the Better Places Program within the Department of
2 Housing and Community Development, and the Better Places Fund, which the
3 Department shall manage pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5.

4 (2) The purpose of the Program is to utilize crowdfunding to spark
5 community revitalization through collaborative grantmaking for projects that
6 create, activate, or revitalize public spaces.

7 (3) The Department may administer the Program in coordination with
8 and support from other State agencies and nonprofit and philanthropic partners.

9 (b) The Fund is composed of the following:

10 (1) State or federal funds appropriated by the General Assembly;

11 (2) gifts, grants, or other contributions to the Fund; and

12 (3) any interest earned by the Fund.

13 (c) As used in this section, “public space” means an area or place that is
14 open and accessible to all people with no charge for admission and includes
15 village greens, squares, parks, community centers, town halls, libraries, and
16 other publicly accessible buildings and connecting spaces such as sidewalks,
17 streets, alleys, and trails.

18 (d)(1) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall
19 establish an application process, eligibility criteria, and criteria for prioritizing
20 assistance for awarding grants through the Program.

1 (2) The Department may award a grant to a municipality, a nonprofit
2 organization, or a community group with a fiscal sponsor for a project that is
3 located in or serves a designated downtown, village center, new town center, or
4 neighborhood development area that will create a new public space or
5 revitalize or activate an existing public space.

6 (3) The Department may award a grant to not more than ~~one project~~
7 three projects per calendar year within a municipality.

8 (4) The minimum amount of a grant award is \$5,000, and the maximum
9 amount of a grant award is \$40,000.

10 (5) The Department shall develop matching grant eligibility
11 requirements to ensure a broad base of community and financial support for
12 the project, subject to the following:

13 (A) A project shall include in-kind support and matching funds raised
14 through a crowdfunding approach that includes multiple donors.

15 (B) An applicant may not donate to its own crowdfunding campaign.

16 (C) A donor may not contribute more than \$10,000 or 35 percent of
17 the campaign goal, whichever is less.

18 (D) An applicant shall provide matching funds raised through
19 crowdfunding of not less than 33 percent of the grant award.

20 (e) The Department of Housing and Community Development, with the
21 assistance of a fiscal agent, shall distribute funds under this section in a manner

1 that provides funding for projects of various sizes in as many geographical
2 areas of the State as possible.

3 (f) The Department of Housing and Community Development may use up
4 to 15 percent of any appropriation to the Fund from the General Fund to assist
5 with crowdfunding, administration, training, and technological needs of the
6 Program.

7 Sec. F.10 24 V.S.A. § 2792(d) is amended to read:

8 (d) The Department shall provide staff and administrative support to the
9 State Board ~~and~~ shall produce guidelines to direct municipalities seeking to
10 obtain designation under this chapter, and shall pay per diem compensation for
11 board members pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010(b).

12 Sec. F.11 24 V.S.A. § 2793(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ At the first
14 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed
15 application, the State Board shall designate a downtown development district if
16 the State Board finds in its written decision that the municipality has:

17 * * *

18 Sec. F.12 24 V.S.A. § 2793a(b) is amended to read:

19 (b) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ At the first
20 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed

1 application, the State Board shall designate a village center if the State Board
2 finds the applicant has met the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

3 Sec. F.13 24 V.S.A. § 2793b(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ At the first
5 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed
6 application, the State Board shall designate a new town center development
7 district if the State Board finds, with respect to that district, the municipality
8 has:

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10 Sec. F.14 24 V.S.A. § 2793e(d) is amended to read:

11 (d) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ Upon the first
12 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed
13 application, for designation of a neighborhood development area, the State
14 Board, after opportunity for public comment, shall approve a neighborhood
15 development area if the Board determines that the applicant has met the
16 requirements of this section.

17 Sec. F.15 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 196, Sec. 1, as amended by 2019 Acts
18 and Resolves No. 80, Sec. 13, is further amended to read:

19 Sec. 1. SIMPLIFYING GOVERNMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

20 (a) The Secretary of ~~State~~ Digital Services shall serve as the chair of a
21 steering committee, composed of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of

1 Commerce and Community Development, the Secretary of Administration,
2 and the Secretary of Digital Services or their designees.

3 (b) The ~~Secretary of State, in collaboration with the~~ steering committee,
4 and in collaboration with other State agencies and departments and interested
5 stakeholders ~~as necessary~~, shall:

6 (1) review and consider the necessary procedural and substantive steps
7 to enhance the Secretary of State's one-stop business portal for businesses,
8 entrepreneurs, and citizens to provide information about starting and operating
9 a business in Vermont; and

10 (2) submit on or before December 15, ~~2019~~ 2023:

11 (A) a design proposal that includes a project scope, timeline,
12 roadmap, and cost projections;

13 (B) any statutory or regulatory changes needed to implement the
14 proposal; and

15 (C) a sustainable funding model for the portal.

16 (c) The steering committee shall evaluate the cost and efficacy, and
17 integrate into the current one-stop portal to the extent feasible, features that:

18 (1) enhance State websites to simplify registrations and provide a ~~clear~~
19 comprehensive, one-stop compilation of other State business requirements,
20 including permits and licenses;

1 (2) implement a data collection component that offers the registrant the
2 option to self-identify, and make available to the public through the business
3 search function, demographic information concerning ownership of the
4 business, including whether the business is woman-owned, veteran-owned,
5 BIPOC-owned, LGBTQ-owned, or minority-owned;

6 (3) simplify the mechanism for making payments to the State by
7 allowing a person to pay amounts ~~he or she~~ the person owes to the State for
8 taxes, fees, or other charges to a single recipient within State government;

9 ~~(3)~~(4) simplify annual filing requirements by allowing a person to make
10 a single filing to a single recipient within State government and check a box if
11 nothing substantive has changed from the prior year;

12 ~~(4)~~(5) provide guidance, assistance with navigation, and other support to
13 persons who are forming or operating a small business;

14 ~~(5)~~(6) after registration, provide information about additional and
15 ongoing State requirements and a point of contact to discuss questions or
16 explore any assistance needed;

17 ~~(6)~~(7) provide guidance and information about State and federal
18 programs and initiatives, as well as State partner organizations and Vermont-
19 based businesses of interest; and

20 ~~(7)~~(8) map communication channels for project updates, including
21 digital channels such as e-mail, social media, and other communications.

1 (d) All State agencies and departments shall designate a single employee or
2 team of employees who are charged with the duty to provide assistance to the
3 steering committee upon its request.

4 (e) The steering committee shall focus its review on providing services
5 through the one-stop business portal primarily for the benefit of businesses
6 with 20 or fewer employees.

7 (f) The Agency of Digital Services shall assign a project manager or
8 business analyst to report directly to the Secretary of State to assist with the
9 implementation of this act through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2025 for the purpose of
10 developing and implementing a one-stop navigable portal for businesses,
11 entrepreneurs, and citizens to access information about starting a business in
12 Vermont, and to provide ongoing support to businesses interfacing with State
13 government.

14 Sec. F.16 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONAL
15 DEVELOPMENT; INTENT; CONTRACT

16 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to assist the Department of
17 Corrections to continue and further engage in a professional development
18 initiative to enhance supervisory effectiveness and strengthen leadership
19 development within the Department and among its employees. The
20 Department's enhanced supervisory training is part of its effort to address an
21 employee workforce crisis and strengthen workplace satisfaction.

- 1 (a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees for miscellaneous
2 transactions:
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| 3 (1) Listings of 1 through 4 registrations | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> |
| 4 (2) Certified copy of registration application | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> |
| 5 (3) Sample plates | \$18.00 <u>\$22.00</u> |
| 6 (4) Lists of registered dealers, transporters, periodic inspection stations,
7 fuel dealers, and distributors, including gallonage sold or delivered and rental
8 vehicle companies | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> per page |
| 9 (5) [Repealed.] | |
| 10 (6) Periodic inspection sticker record | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> |
| 11 (7) Certified copy individual crash report | \$12.00 <u>\$15.00</u> |
| 12 (8) Certified copy police crash report | \$18.00 <u>\$22.00</u> |
| 13 (9) Certified copy suspension notice | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> |
| 14 (10) Certified copy mail receipt | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> |
| 15 (11) Certified copy proof of mailing | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> |
| 16 (12) Certified copy reinstatement notice | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> |
| 17 (13) Certified copy operator's license application | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> |
| 18 (14) Certified copy three-year operating record | \$14.00 <u>\$17.00</u> |
| 19 (15) [Repealed.] | |
| 20 (16) Government official photo identification card | \$6.00 <u>\$8.00</u> |
| 21 (17) Listing of operator's licenses of 1 through 4 | \$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> |

1 this section. New and renewal application forms shall include a space for the
2 applicant to request that a “veteran” designation be placed on the applicant’s
3 identification card. If a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2), requests a
4 veteran designation and provides a Department of Defense Form 214 or other
5 proof of veteran status specified by the Commissioner, and the Office of
6 Veterans Affairs confirms the veteran’s status as an honorably discharged
7 veteran or a veteran discharged under honorable conditions, the identification
8 card shall include the term “veteran” on its face. The Commissioner shall
9 require payment of a fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 at the time application for an
10 identification card is made, except that an initial nondriver identification card
11 shall be issued at no charge to an individual who surrenders ~~his or her~~ the
12 individual’s license in connection with a suspension or revocation under
13 subsection 636(b) of this title due to a physical or mental condition.

14 (b) Every identification card shall expire, unless earlier canceled, at 12:00
15 midnight on the eve of the fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the
16 cardholder following the date of original issue, and may be renewed every four
17 years upon payment of a ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 fee. A renewed identification card
18 shall expire, unless earlier canceled, at 12:00 midnight on the eve of the fourth
19 anniversary of the date of birth of the cardholder following the expiration of
20 the card being renewed. At least 30 days before an identification card will
21 expire, the Commissioner shall mail first-class to the cardholder or send the

1 cardholder electronically an application to renew the identification card; a
2 cardholder shall be sent the renewal notice by mail unless the cardholder opts
3 in to receive electronic notification. An individual born on February 29 shall,
4 for the purposes of this section, be considered as born on March 1.

5 (c) In the event an identification card is lost, destroyed, mutilated, or a new
6 name is acquired, a replacement may be obtained upon furnishing satisfactory
7 proof to the Commissioner and paying a ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 fee.

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9 * * * Registration; General Provisions * * *

10 Sec. G.103 23 V.S.A. § 304 is amended to read:

11 § 304. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES; NUMBER PLATES; VANITY
12 AND OTHER SPECIAL PLATES

13 * * *

14 (b) The authority to issue vanity motor vehicle number plates or special
15 number plates for safety organizations and service organizations shall reside
16 with the Commissioner. Determination of compliance with the criteria
17 contained in this section shall be within the discretion of the Commissioner.
18 Series of number plates for safety and service organizations that are authorized
19 by the Commissioner shall be issued in order of approval, subject to the
20 operating considerations in the Department as determined by the

1 Commissioner. The Commissioner shall issue vanity and special organization
2 number plates in the following manner:

3 (1) Vanity plates. Subject to the restrictions of this section, vanity plates
4 shall be issued at the request of the registrant of a motor vehicle unless the
5 vehicle is registered under the International Registration Plan, upon application
6 and upon payment of an annual fee of ~~\$48.00~~ \$58.00 in addition to the annual
7 fee for registration. The Commissioner shall not issue two sets of plates
8 bearing the same initials or letters unless the plates also contain a
9 distinguishing number. Vanity plates are subject to reassignment if not
10 renewed within 60 days of expiration of the registration.

11 (2) Special organization plates.

12 * * *

13 (B) The officer of a safety organization or service organization may
14 apply to the Commissioner to approve special plates indicating membership in
15 a qualifying organization to be issued to organization members for a ~~\$17.00~~
16 \$21.00 special fee for each set of plates in addition to the annual fee for
17 registration. The application shall include designation of an officer or member
18 to serve as the principal contact with the Department and a distinctive name or
19 emblem, or both, for use on the proposed special plate. The name and emblem
20 shall not be objectively obscene or confusing to the general public and shall
21 not promote, advertise, or endorse a product, brand, or service provided for

1 sale. The organization's name and emblem must not infringe on or violate a
2 trademark, trade name, service mark, copyright, or other proprietary or
3 property right, and the organization must have the right to use the name and
4 emblem. After consulting with the principal contact, the Commissioner shall
5 determine the design of the special plate on the basis that the primary purpose
6 of motor vehicle number plates is vehicle identification. An organization may
7 have only one design, regardless of the number of individual organizational
8 units, squads, or departments within the State that may conduct the same or
9 substantially similar activities.

10 (C) After the plate design is finalized and an officer or the principal
11 contact provides the Commissioner a written statement authorizing issuance of
12 the plates, the organization shall deposit ~~\$2,200.00~~ \$2,600.00 with the
13 Commissioner. Of this deposit, \$500.00 shall be retained by the Department to
14 recover costs of developing the organization plate. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.
15 § 502, the Commissioner may charge the actual costs of production of the
16 plates against the fees collected and the balance shall be deposited in the
17 Transportation Fund. Upon application, special plates shall be issued to a
18 registrant of a vehicle registered at the pleasure car rate or of a truck registered
19 for less than 26,001 pounds (but excluding trucks registered under the
20 International Registration Plan) who furnishes the Commissioner satisfactory
21 proof that ~~he or she~~ the registrant is a member of an organization that has

1 satisfied the requirements of this subdivision (b)(2). For each of the first 100
2 applicants to whom sets of plates are issued, the ~~\$17.00~~ \$21.00 special plate
3 fee shall not be collected and shall be subtracted from the balance of the
4 deposit. When the ~~\$1,700.00~~ \$2,100.00 balance of the deposit is depleted,
5 applicants shall be required to pay the ~~\$17.00~~ \$21.00 fee as provided for in
6 subdivision (2)(B) of this subsection. No organization shall charge its
7 members any additional fee or premium charge for the authorization, right, or
8 privilege to display special number plates, but any organization may recover
9 up to ~~\$1,700.00~~ \$2,100.00 from applicants for the special plates.

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11 (f) Upon the request of a registrant of a motor vehicle with the previous
12 issue number plates, the Commissioner shall issue current issue number plates
13 bearing the same number as shown on the previous issue plates that are being
14 replaced. The initial one-time fee for the plates shall be ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 in
15 addition to the regular registration fee. Official plates and plates with numbers
16 of 9999 or lower are specifically exempted.

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18 Sec. G.104 23 V.S.A. § 304b is amended to read:

19 § 304b. CONSERVATION MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES

20 (a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue conservation
21 registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate,

1 on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, and on vehicles registered to
2 State agencies under section 376 of this title, but excluding vehicles registered
3 under the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted
4 on the front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioners of Motor Vehicles
5 and of Fish and Wildlife shall determine the graphic design of the special
6 plates in a manner that serves to enhance the public awareness of the State's
7 interest in restoring and protecting its wildlife and major watershed areas. The
8 Commissioners of Motor Vehicles and of Fish and Wildlife may alter the
9 graphic design of these special plates, provided that plates in use at the time of
10 a design alteration shall remain valid subject to the operator's payment of the
11 annual registration fee. Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the
12 Commissioner and shall pay an initial fee of ~~\$26.00~~ \$32.00 in addition to the
13 annual fee for registration. In following years, in addition to the annual
14 registration fee, the holder of a conservation plate shall pay a renewal fee of
15 ~~\$26.00~~ \$32.00. The Commissioner may adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25
16 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

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18 Sec. G.105 23 V.S.A. § 304c is amended to read:

19 § 304c. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES: BUILDING

20 BRIGHT SPACES FOR BRIGHT FUTURES FUND

1 (a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue “Building Bright
2 Spaces for Bright Futures Fund,” referred to as “the Bright Futures Fund,”
3 registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate,
4 on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, on vehicles registered to State
5 agencies under section 376 of this title, and excluding vehicles registered under
6 the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted on the
7 front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
8 utilize the graphic design recommended by the Commissioner for Children and
9 Families for the special plates to enhance the public awareness of the State’s
10 interest in supporting children’s services. Applicants shall apply on forms
11 prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and shall pay an initial fee
12 of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 in addition to the annual fee for registration. In following
13 years, in addition to the annual registration fee, the holder of a Bright Futures
14 Fund plate shall pay a renewal fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00. The Commissioner of
15 Motor Vehicles shall adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to implement the
16 provisions of this subsection.

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18 Sec. G.106 23 V.S.A. § 307 is amended to read:

19 § 307. CARRYING OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE; REPLACEMENT
20 AND CORRECTED CERTIFICATES

21 * * *

1 (b) In case of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of a certificate, the owner
2 of the vehicle described in it shall forthwith notify the Commissioner and remit
3 a fee of ~~\$16.00~~ \$20.00, upon receipt of which the Commissioner shall furnish
4 the owner with a duplicate certificate.

5 (c) A corrected registration certificate shall be furnished by the
6 Commissioner upon request and receipt of a fee of ~~\$16.00~~ \$20.00.

7 (d) An operator cited for violating subsection (a) of this section with
8 respect to a pleasure car, motorcycle, or truck that could be registered for less
9 than 26,001 pounds shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5.00,
10 which penalty shall be exempt from surcharges under 13 V.S.A. § 7282(a), if
11 ~~he or she~~ the operator is cited within the 14 days following the expiration of
12 the motor vehicle's registration.

13 Sec. G.107 23 V.S.A. § 323 is amended to read:

14 § 323. TRANSFER FEES

15 A person who transfers the ownership of a registered motor vehicle to
16 another, upon the filing of a new application and upon the payment of a fee of
17 ~~\$25.00~~ \$30.00, may have registered in ~~his or her~~ the person's name another
18 motor vehicle for the remainder of the registration period without payment of
19 any additional registration fee, provided the proper registration fee of the
20 motor vehicle sought to be registered is the same as the registration fee of the
21 transferred motor vehicle. However, if the proper registration fee of the motor

1 vehicle sought to be registered by such person is greater than the registration
2 fee of the transferred motor vehicle, the applicant shall pay, in addition to such
3 fee of ~~\$25.00~~ \$30.00, the difference between the registration fee of the motor
4 vehicle previously registered and the proper fee for the registration of the
5 motor vehicle sought to be registered.

6 * * * Registration; Fees and Exemptions * * *

7 Sec. G.108 23 V.S.A. § 361 is amended to read:

8 § 361. PLEASURE CARS

9 The annual registration fee for ~~registration of any motor vehicle of the a~~
10 ~~pleasure car type, as defined in subdivision 4(28) of this title,~~ and all vehicles
11 powered by electricity, shall be ~~\$74.00~~ \$89.00, and the biennial fee shall be
12 ~~\$136.00~~ \$163.00.

13 Sec. G.109 23 V.S.A. § 364 is amended to read:

14 § 364. MOTORCYCLES

15 The annual fee for registration of a motorcycle, with or without sidecar,
16 shall be ~~\$46.00~~ \$56.00.

17 Sec. G.110 23 V.S.A. § 364a is amended to read:

18 § 364a. MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES: REGISTRATION; FINANCIAL

19 RESPONSIBILITY

20 (a) The annual fee for registration of a motor-driven cycle shall be ~~\$28.00~~
21 \$34.00.

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Sec. G.111 23 V.S.A. § 364b is amended to read:

§ 364b. ALL-SURFACE VEHICLES; REGISTRATION

(a) The annual fee for registration of an all-surface vehicle (ASV) shall be the sum of the fees established by sections 3305 and 3504 of this title, plus ~~\$26.00~~ \$32.00.

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Sec. G.112 23 V.S.A. § 367 is amended to read:

§ 367. TRUCKS

(a)(1) The annual fee for registration of tractors, truck-tractors, or motor trucks except truck cranes, truck shovels, road oilers, bituminous distributors, and farm trucks used as specified in subsection (f) of this section shall be based on the total weight of the truck-tractor or motor truck, including body and cab plus the heaviest load to be carried. In computing the fees for registration of tractors, truck-tractors, or motor trucks with trailers or semi-trailers attached, except trailers or semi-trailers with a gross weight of less than 6,000 pounds, the fee shall be based upon the weight of the tractor, truck-tractor, or motor truck, the weight of the trailer or semi-trailer, and the weight of the heaviest load to be carried by the combined vehicles. In addition to the fee set out in the following schedule, the fee for vehicles weighing between 10,000 and 25,999 pounds inclusive shall be an additional ~~\$35.50~~ \$42.53, the fee for

1 vehicles weighing between 26,000 and 39,999 pounds inclusive shall be an
2 additional ~~\$70.98~~ \$85.03, the fee for vehicles weighing between 40,000 and
3 59,999 pounds inclusive shall be an additional ~~\$248.48~~ \$297.68, and the fee
4 for vehicles 60,000 pounds and over shall be an additional ~~\$390.48~~ \$467.80.

5 The fee shall be computed at the following rates per 1,000 pounds of weight
6 determined pursuant to this subdivision and rounded up to the nearest whole
7 dollar; the minimum fee for registering a tractor, truck-tractor, or motor truck
8 to 6,000 pounds shall be the same as for the pleasure car type:

9 ~~\$15.20~~ \$18.21 when the weight exceeds 6,000 pounds but does not
10 exceed 8,000 pounds.

11 ~~\$17.39~~ \$20.83 when the weight exceeds 8,000 pounds but does not
12 exceed 12,000 pounds.

13 ~~\$19.17~~ \$22.97 when the weight exceeds 12,000 pounds but does not
14 exceed 16,000 pounds.

15 ~~\$20.50~~ \$24.56 when the weight exceeds 16,000 pounds but does not
16 exceed 20,000 pounds.

17 ~~\$21.46~~ \$25.71 when the weight exceeds 20,000 pounds but does not
18 exceed 30,000 pounds.

19 ~~\$21.92~~ \$26.26 when the weight exceeds 30,000 pounds but does not
20 exceed 40,000 pounds.

1 buses registered under section 372a or 376 of this title. Fractions of a hundred-
2 weight shall be disregarded. The minimum fee for the registration of any
3 motor bus shall be \$43.00.

4 Sec. G.115 23 V.S.A. § 372a is amended to read:

5 § 372a. LOCAL TRANSIT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

6 (a) The annual registration fee for any motor bus used in local transit or
7 public transportation service shall be ~~\$62.00~~ \$75.00, except for those vehicles
8 owned by a municipality for such service that are subject to the provisions of
9 section 376 of this title. In the event a bus registered for local transit or public
10 transportation service is subsequently registered for general use during the
11 same registration year, such fee shall be applied toward the fee for general
12 registration.

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14 Sec. G.116 23 V.S.A. § 373 is amended to read:

15 § 373. EXHIBITION VEHICLES; YEAR OF MANUFACTURE PLATES

16 (a) The annual fee for the registration of a motor vehicle that is maintained
17 for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, and other functions of public
18 interest and that is not used for general daily transportation of passengers or
19 property on any highway shall be ~~\$21.00~~ \$26.00, in lieu of fees otherwise
20 provided by law. Permitted use shall include:

21 * * *

1 Sec. G.117 23 V.S.A. § 376 is amended to read:

2 § 376. STATE, MUNICIPAL, FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND RESCUE

3 ORGANIZATION MOTOR VEHICLES

4 * * *

5 (b) The fee for registration of a motor vehicle owned by any municipality
6 in this State and used entirely by it or any other municipality for municipal
7 purposes shall be ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00 in lieu of fees otherwise specified in this
8 chapter. ~~As used in~~ For purposes of this subsection, the term municipality
9 shall include county-owned vehicles. The Commissioner shall issue specially
10 designed registration plates for county-owned sheriffs' departments' vehicles.

11 (c) The registration fee for registration of a motor truck, trailer, ambulance,
12 or other motor vehicle, owned by a volunteer fire department or other
13 volunteer ~~fire fighting~~ firefighting organization or other organization
14 conducting rescue operations and used solely for fire fighting or rescue
15 purposes shall be ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00 in lieu of fees otherwise specified in this
16 chapter. A motor vehicle or trailer registered under this section shall be plainly
17 marked on both sides of the body or cab to indicate its ownership.

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19 (f) A replacement registration plate shall be provided by the Commissioner
20 upon the payment of a fee of ~~\$9.00~~ \$11.00.

1 (g)(1) The fee for registration of a motor vehicle obtained from the
2 government as excess government property, or a vehicle purchased with 100
3 percent federal funds and used for federally supported local programs, shall be
4 \$14.00, in lieu of fees otherwise specified in this chapter. The Commissioner
5 shall determine the eligibility as to whether or not the motor vehicle qualifies
6 for this registration and ownership of the vehicle shall be plainly marked on
7 both sides of the body or cab.

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9 Sec. G.118 23 V.S.A. § 382 is amended to read:

10 § 382. DIESEL-POWERED PLEASURE CARS

11 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the annual registration fee for a
12 pleasure car or tractor, truck-tractor, or motor truck up to 6,000 pounds
13 powered by fuel as defined in section 3002 of this title shall be ~~\$74.00~~ \$89.00,
14 and the biennial fee shall be ~~\$136.00~~ \$163.00.

15 * * * Registration; Registration of Dealers and Transporters * * *

16 Sec. G.119 23 V.S.A. § 453 is amended to read:

17 § 453. FEES AND NUMBER PLATES

18 (a)(1) An application for registration as a dealer in new or used cars or
19 motor trucks shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$503.00~~ \$603.00 for each
20 certificate issued in such dealer's name. The Commissioner shall furnish free
21 of charge with each dealer's registration certificate three number plates

1 showing the distinguishing number assigned such dealer. The Commissioner
2 may furnish additional plates according to the volume of the dealer's sales in
3 the prior year or, in the case of an initial registration, according to the dealer's
4 reasonable estimate of expected sales, as follows:

5 * * *

6 (2) If the issuance of additional plates is authorized under subdivision
7 (1) of this subsection, up to two plates shall be provided free of charge, and the
8 Commissioner shall collect ~~\$55.00~~ \$66.00 for each additional plate thereafter.

9 (b) Application by a "dealer in farm tractors or other self-propelled farm
10 implements," which shall mean a person actively engaged in the business of
11 selling or exchanging new or used farm tractors or other self-propelled farm
12 implements, for such dealer registration shall annually be accompanied by a
13 fee of ~~\$78.00~~ \$94.00. The Commissioner shall furnish free of charge with
14 each such dealer registration certificate two sets of number plates showing the
15 distinguishing number assigned such dealer and in ~~his or her~~ the
16 Commissioner's discretion may furnish further sets of plates at a fee of \$12.00
17 per set; such number plates may, however, be displayed only upon a farm
18 tractor or other self-propelled farm implement.

19 (c) Application by a "dealer in motorized highway building equipment and
20 road making appliances," which shall mean a person actively engaged in the
21 business of selling or exchanging new or used motorized highway building

1 equipment or road making appliances, for such dealer registration shall
2 annually be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$123.00~~ \$148.00. The Commissioner
3 shall furnish free of charge with each such dealer registration certificate two
4 sets of number plates showing the distinguishing number assigned such dealer
5 and in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion may furnish further sets of
6 plates at a fee of \$30.00 per set; such number plates may, however, be
7 displayed only upon motorized highway building equipment or road making
8 appliances.

9 (d) If a dealer is engaged only in the business of selling or exchanging
10 motorcycles or motor-driven cycles, the registration fee shall be ~~\$62.00~~
11 \$75.00, which shall include three number plates. The Commissioner may, in
12 ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion, furnish further sets of plates at a fee
13 of \$10.00 for each set.

14 (e) If a dealer is engaged only in the business of selling or exchanging
15 trailers, semi-trailers, or trailer coaches, the registration fee shall be ~~\$123.00~~
16 \$148.00, which shall include three number plates; such number plates may,
17 however, be displayed only upon a trailer, semi-trailer, or trailer coach. The
18 Commissioner may, in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion, furnish
19 further plates at a fee of \$10.00 for each such plate.

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1 Sec. G.120 23 V.S.A. § 457 is amended to read:

2 § 457. TEMPORARY PLATES

3 At the time of the issuance of a registration certificate to a dealer as
4 provided in this chapter, the Commissioner shall furnish the dealer with a
5 sufficient number of number plates and temporary validation stickers,
6 temporary number plates, or temporary decals for use during the 60-day period
7 immediately following sale of a vehicle or motorboat by the dealer. The plates
8 and decals shall have the same general design as the plates or decals furnished
9 individual owners, but the plates and decals may be of a material and color as
10 the Commissioner may determine. The Commissioner shall collect a fee of
11 ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00 for each temporary plate issued.

12 Sec. G.121 23 V.S.A. § 463 is amended to read:

13 § 463. SALE OF VEHICLE TO GO OUT OF STATE

14 A registered motor vehicle dealer is authorized to issue an in-transit
15 registration permit for the purpose of movement over the highways of certain
16 motor vehicles otherwise required to be registered when these vehicles are sold
17 in this State to be transported to and registered in another state or province.
18 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, upon request, provide registered
19 motor vehicle dealers with such numbers of applications and special in-transit
20 number plates for vehicles sold in this State to be transported to and registered
21 in another state or province as shall be necessary. The Commissioner is

1 authorized to charge a fee of ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 for the processing of the plate
2 application and the issuance of the plate. The dealer, upon the sale of a motor
3 vehicle to be transported to and registered in another state or province, shall
4 cause the application to be filled out and transmitted to the Commissioner and
5 shall attach to the vehicle the in-transit number plate corresponding to the
6 application. No registered motor vehicle dealer shall sell, exchange, give, or
7 transfer any application or in-transit plate to any person other than the person
8 to whom the dealer sells or exchanges a motor vehicle to be registered in
9 another state or province. The application shall be in a form prescribed and
10 furnished by the Commissioner. The special in-transit number plate to be
11 attached to the vehicle will be issued in the form and design as prescribed by
12 the Commissioner and shall be valid for a period of 30 days from the date of
13 issue.

14 Sec. G.122 23 V.S.A. § 476 is amended to read:

15 § 476. MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTY FEE

16 A motor vehicle warranty fee of ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 is imposed on the registration
17 of each new motor vehicle in this State, not including trailers, tractors,
18 motorized highway building equipment, road-making appliances,
19 snowmobiles, motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, or trucks with a gross vehicle
20 weight over 12,000 pounds.

1 Sec. G.123 23 V.S.A. § 494 is amended to read:

2 § 494. FEES

3 The annual fee for a transporter's registration certificate, number plate, or
4 validation sticker is ~~\$123.00~~ \$148.00.

5 * * * Registration; Display of Number Plates * * *

6 Sec. G.124 23 V.S.A. § 514 is amended to read:

7 § 514. REPLACEMENT NUMBER PLATES

8 (a) In case of the loss of a number plate, the owner of the motor vehicle to
9 which it was assigned shall immediately notify the Commissioner of such loss,
10 and the Commissioner shall furnish such owner with a new plate. The fee
11 charged shall be ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00 for each plate. The owner of a motor vehicle
12 who has lost one number plate may operate ~~his or her~~ the owner's vehicle with
13 only one number plate attached, until a new plate is furnished ~~him or her~~ to the
14 owner, provided ~~he or she~~ the owner notified the Commissioner as required
15 under this section.

16 (b) Any replacement number plate shall be issued at a fee of ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00.
17 However, if the Commissioner, in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion,
18 determines that a plate has become illegible as a result of deficiencies in the
19 manufacturing process or by use of faulty materials, the replacement fee shall
20 be waived.

1 Sec. G.125 23 V.S.A. § 516 is amended to read:

2 § 516. SALE OF VEHICLE TO GO OUT OF STATE BY A PERSON

3 OTHER THAN DEALER

4 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is authorized to issue an in-transit
5 registration permit for the purpose of movement over the highways of certain
6 motor vehicles otherwise required to be registered when the vehicles are sold
7 in this State by a person, other than a registered motor vehicle dealer, to be
8 transported to and registered in another state or province. The registration may
9 be obtained by submitting an application on a form prescribed and furnished
10 by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner is authorized to
11 charge a fee of ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 for the processing of the application and the
12 issuance of the plate. The in-transit registration plate pursuant to this section
13 shall be valid for a period of 30 days from issuance and shall be in the form
14 and design prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Issuance of an
15 in-transit plate for vehicles sold by a registered motor vehicle dealer to a
16 person to be transported to and registered in another state or province shall be
17 governed by the provisions of section 463 of this title.

18 Sec. G.126 23 V.S.A. § 517 is amended to read:

19 § 517. INTRASTATE IN-TRANSIT PERMIT

20 The Commissioner may issue an intrastate in-transit registration permit to
21 authorize the movement within Vermont of a motor vehicle otherwise required

1 to be registered, if the vehicle is sold in this State by a person other than a
2 registered motor vehicle dealer. The permit may be obtained after submission
3 of an application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner and
4 payment of a ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 fee. The permit shall be valid for a period of 10 days
5 from the date of issuance and shall be in the form and design prescribed by the
6 Commissioner.

7 * * * Operator's License; General Provisions * * *

8 Sec. G.127 23 V.S.A. § 608 is amended to read:

9 § 608. FEES

10 (a) The four-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for licensing an
11 operator of motor vehicles or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be
12 ~~\$51.00~~ \$62.00. The two-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for
13 licensing an operator or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be ~~\$32.00~~
14 \$39.00, and the two-year fee for licensing a junior operator or for issuing a
15 junior operator's privilege card shall be ~~\$32.00~~ \$39.00.

16 (b) An additional fee of ~~\$3.00~~ \$4.00 per year shall be paid for a motorcycle
17 endorsement. The endorsement may be obtained for either a two-year or four-
18 year period, to be coincidental with the length of the operator's license.

19 Sec. G.128 23 V.S.A. § 613 is amended to read:

20 § 613. REPLACEMENT LICENSE

1 (a) In case of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of a license or error in a
2 license, the licensee shall forthwith notify the Commissioner who shall furnish
3 such licensee with a replacement on receipt of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00.

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5 Sec. G.129 23 V.S.A. § 617 is amended to read:

6 § 617. LEARNER'S PERMIT

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8 (b)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any
9 licensed person may apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a
10 learner's permit for the operation of a motorcycle in the form prescribed by the
11 Commissioner. The Commissioner shall offer both a motorcycle learner's
12 permit that authorizes the operation of three-wheeled motorcycles only and a
13 motorcycle learner's permit that authorizes the operation of any motorcycle.
14 The Commissioner shall require payment of a fee of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 at the time
15 application is made.

16 (2) After the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the applicable
17 motorcycle endorsement examination, other than a skill test, the Commissioner
18 may issue to the applicant a learner's permit that entitles the applicant, subject
19 to subsection 615(a) of this title, to operate a three-wheeled motorcycle only,
20 or to operate any motorcycle, upon the public highways for a period of 120

1 days from the date of issuance. The fee for the examination shall be ~~\$9.00~~
2 \$11.00.

3 (3) A motorcycle learner's permit may be renewed only twice upon
4 payment of a ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 fee. If, during the original permit period and two
5 renewals the permittee has not successfully passed the applicable skill test or
6 motorcycle rider training course, ~~he or she~~ the permittee may not obtain
7 another motorcycle learner's permit for a period of 12 months from the
8 expiration of the permit unless:

9 * * *

10 (d) An applicant shall pay ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 to the Commissioner for each
11 learner's permit or a duplicate or renewal thereof.

12 * * *

13 Sec. G.130 23 V.S.A. § 634 is amended to read:

14 § 634. FEE FOR EXAMINATION

15 (a) The fee for an examination for a learner's permit shall be ~~\$32.00~~
16 \$39.00. The fee for an examination to obtain an operator's license when the
17 applicant is required to pass an examination pursuant to section 632 of this title
18 shall be ~~\$19.00~~ \$23.00. The fee for a motorcycle skill test to obtain a
19 motorcycle endorsement shall be ~~\$19.00~~ \$23.00.

20 (b) A scheduling fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 shall be paid by the applicant before
21 ~~he or she~~ the applicant may schedule the road test required under section 632

1 of this title. Unless an applicant gives the Department at least 48 hours' notice
2 of cancellation, if the applicant does not appear as scheduled, the ~~\$24.00~~
3 \$29.00 scheduling fee is forfeited. If the applicant appears for the scheduled
4 road test, the fee shall be applied toward the license examination fee. The
5 Commissioner may waive the scheduling fee until the Department is capable of
6 administering the fee electronically.

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8 * * * Operator's License; Suspension and Revocation * * *

9 Sec. G.131 23 V.S.A. § 675 is amended to read:

10 § 675. FEE PRIOR TO TERMINATION OR REINSTATEMENT OF
11 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE

12 (a) Before a suspension or revocation issued by the Commissioner of a
13 person's operator's license or privilege of operating a motor vehicle may be
14 terminated or before a person's operator's license or privilege of operating a
15 motor vehicle may be reinstated, there shall be paid to the Commissioner a fee
16 of ~~\$80.00~~ \$96.00 in addition to any other fee required by statute. This section
17 shall not apply to suspensions issued under the provisions of chapter 11 of this
18 title nor suspensions issued for physical disabilities or failing to pass
19 reexamination. The Commissioner shall not reinstate the license of a driver
20 whose license was suspended pursuant to section 1205 of this title until the

1 Commissioner receives certification from the court that the costs due the State
2 have been paid.

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4 * * * Operator's License; Driver Training School Licenses * * *

5 Sec. G.132 23 V.S.A. § 702 is amended to read:

6 § 702. TRAINING SCHOOL AND INSTRUCTOR'S LICENSES

7 A person shall not operate a driver training school or act as an instructor
8 unless the person has secured a license from the Commissioner. Applications
9 for such licenses may be filed with the Commissioner and shall contain the
10 information and shall be on the forms the Commissioner may prescribe. Each
11 application for a driver's training school license shall be accompanied by an
12 application fee of ~~\$150.00~~ \$180.00, which shall not be refunded. If the
13 application is approved by the Commissioner, the applicant upon payment of
14 an additional fee of ~~\$225.00~~ \$270.00 shall be granted a license, which shall
15 become void two years after the first day of the month of issue unless sooner
16 revoked as provided in this subchapter. The renewal fee shall be ~~\$225.00~~
17 \$270.00. Each application for an instructor's license shall be accompanied by
18 an application fee of ~~\$105.00~~ \$126.00, which shall not be refunded. If the
19 application is approved by the Commissioner, the applicant upon payment of
20 an additional fee of ~~\$75.00~~ \$90.00 shall be granted a license, which shall
21 become void two years after the first day of the month of issue unless sooner

1 revoked as provided in this subchapter. The renewal fee shall be ~~\$75.00~~
2 \$90.00.

3 Sec. G.133 23 V.S.A. § 703 is amended to read:

4 § 703. POSSESSION OF LICENSE

5 Each person granted a driver's training school license shall display the same
6 conspicuously on the school premises. Each person granted an instructor's
7 license shall carry the same in ~~his or her~~ the person's possession while engaged
8 in giving driver training. In case of loss, mutilation, or destruction of a license
9 certificate, the Commissioner shall issue a duplicate certificate upon payment
10 of a fee of ~~\$8.00~~ \$10.00.

11 * * * Operation of Vehicles; Equipment * * *

12 Sec. G.134 23 V.S.A. § 1230 is amended to read:

13 § 1230. CHARGE

14 For each inspection certificate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles,
15 the Commissioner shall be paid ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00, provided that State and municipal
16 inspection stations that inspect only State or municipally owned and registered
17 vehicles shall not be required to pay a fee. All vehicle inspection certificate
18 charge revenue shall be allocated to the Transportation Fund with one-half
19 reserved for bridge maintenance activities.

1 (14) Despite the axle-load provisions of section 1391 of this title and the
2 axle spacing and maximum gross load provisions of subdivision (4) of this
3 section, a special annual permit, which shall expire with the vehicle's
4 registration, except for vehicles not registered in Vermont in which case the
5 permit shall become void on January 1 following date of issue, may be issued
6 to a person transporting loads on vehicles on designated routes on the State
7 Highway System for the following fees for each vehicle unit. Unless
8 authorized by federal law, the provisions of this subdivision regarding weight
9 limits or tolerances, or both, shall not apply to operation on the Dwight D.
10 Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. This special
11 permit shall be issued for the following vehicles and conditions:

12 (A) 3-axle trucks with a single steering axle and a rear tandem axle
13 that have a maximum gross weight of not more than 60,000 pounds when
14 registered for a minimum gross weight of not more than 55,000 pounds, the
15 permit fee shall be ~~\$156.00~~ \$187.00.

16 (B) 4-axle trucks with a single steering axle and a rear tri-axle unit
17 that have a maximum gross weight of not more than 69,000 pounds when
18 registered for a minimum weight of 60,000 pounds, the permit fee shall be
19 ~~\$352.00~~ \$422.00.

20 (C) 4-axle tractor semi-trailer or truck trailer combination with a
21 maximum gross weight of not more than 72,000 pounds, provided the distance

1 between the second axle of the tractor and the rear axle of the trailer is at least
2 24 feet measured to the nearest foot. For each foot or fraction of a foot less
3 than 24 feet, measured to the nearest foot, a reduction of 2,000 pounds in the
4 maximum gross weight shall be made. The permit fee shall be ~~\$15.00~~ \$18.00.

5 (D) 5- or more axle tractor semi-trailer or truck trailer combination
6 with a maximum gross weight of not more than 76,000 pounds, provided that
7 the distance between the first and last axle of two consecutive sets of tandem
8 axles is at least 24 feet measured to the nearest foot. For each foot or fraction
9 of a foot less than 24 feet, measured to the nearest foot, a reduction of 2,000
10 pounds in the maximum gross weight shall be made. The permit fee shall be
11 ~~\$15.00~~ \$18.00.

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13 (17) Notwithstanding the gross vehicle weight provisions of subdivision
14 (4) of this section, a truck trailer combination or truck tractor, semi-trailer
15 combination with six or more load-bearing axles registered for 80,000 pounds
16 shall be allowed to bear a maximum of 99,000 pounds by special annual
17 permit, which shall expire with the vehicle's registration, except for vehicles
18 not registered in Vermont in which case the permit shall become void on
19 January 1 following the date of issue, for operating on designated routes on
20 State and town highways, subject to the following:

21 * * *

1 (F) The fee for the annual permit as provided in this subdivision (17)
2 shall be ~~\$382.00~~ \$458.00 for vehicles bearing up to 90,000 pounds and
3 ~~\$560.00~~ \$671.00 for vehicles bearing up to 99,000 pounds.

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5 Sec. G.136 23 V.S.A. § 1402 is amended to read:

6 § 1402. OVERWEIGHT, WIDTH, HEIGHT, AND LENGTH PERMITS;

7 FEES

8 (a) Overweight, overwidth, indivisible overlength, and overheight permits.
9 Overweight, overwidth, indivisible overlength, and overheight permits shall be
10 signed by the Commissioner or by ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's agent and a
11 copy shall be kept in the office of the Commissioner or in a location approved
12 by the Commissioner. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a
13 copy shall also be available in the towing vehicle and must be available for
14 inspection on demand of a law enforcement officer. Before operating a
15 traction engine, tractor, trailer, motor truck, or other motor vehicle, the person
16 to whom a permit to operate in excess of the weight, width, indivisible
17 overlength, and height limits established by this title is granted shall pay a fee
18 of ~~\$40.00~~ \$48.00 for each single trip permit or ~~\$112.00~~ \$135.00 for a blanket
19 permit, except that the fee for a fleet blanket permit shall be ~~\$112.00~~ \$135.00
20 for the first unit and ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 for each unit thereafter. At the option of a
21 carrier, an annual permit for the entire fleet, to operate over any approved

1 route, may be obtained for ~~\$112.00~~ \$135.00 for the first tractor and ~~\$6.00~~
2 \$8.00 for each additional tractor, up to a maximum fee of \$1,000.00. The fee
3 for a fleet permit shall be based on the entire number of tractors owned by the
4 applicant. An applicant for a fleet permit may apply for any number of
5 specific routes, each of which shall be reviewed with regard to the
6 characteristics of the route and the type of equipment operated by the
7 applicant. When the weight or size of the vehicle-load are considered
8 sufficiently excessive for the routing requested, the Agency of Transportation
9 shall, on request of the Commissioner, conduct an engineering inspection of
10 the vehicle-load and route, for which a fee of \$300.00 will be added to the cost
11 of the permit if the load is a manufactured home. For all other loads of any
12 size or with gross weight limits less than 150,000 pounds, the fee shall be
13 \$800.00 for any engineering inspection that requires up to eight hours to
14 conduct. If the inspection requires more than eight hours to conduct, the fee
15 shall be \$800.00 plus \$60.00 per hour for each additional hour required. If the
16 vehicle and load weigh 150,000 pounds or more but not more than 200,000
17 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$2,000.00. If the vehicle and
18 load weigh more than 200,000 pounds but not more than 250,000 pounds, the
19 engineering inspection fee shall be \$5,000.00. If the vehicle and load weigh
20 more than 250,000 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$10,000.00.
21 The study must be completed prior to the permit being issued. Prior to the

1 issuance of a permit, an applicant whose vehicle weighs 150,000 pounds or
2 more, or is 15 or more feet in width or height, shall file with the Commissioner
3 a special certificate of insurance showing minimum coverage of \$250,000.00
4 for death or injury to one person, \$500,000.00 for death or injury to two or
5 more persons, and \$250,000.00 for property damage, all arising out of any one
6 crash.

7 (b) Overlength permits. Except as provided in subsections 1432(c) and (e)
8 of this title, it shall be necessary to obtain an overlength permit as follows:

9 (1) For vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer longer than 75 feet,
10 anywhere in the State on highways approved by the Agency of Transportation.
11 In such cases, the vehicle may be operated with a single trip overlength permit
12 issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles for a fee of ~~\$28.00~~ \$34.00. If the
13 vehicle is 100 feet or more in length, the permit applicant shall file with the
14 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles a special certificate of insurance showing
15 minimum coverage of \$250,000.00 for death or injury to one person,
16 \$500,000.00 for death or injury to two or more persons, and \$250,000.00 for
17 property damage, all arising out of any one crash.

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19 * * * Title to Motor Vehicles; General Provisions * * *

20 Sec. G.137 23 V.S.A. § 2002 is amended to read:

21 § 2002. FEES

1 (a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees:

2 (1) for any certificate of title, including a salvage certificate of title, or
3 an exempt vehicle title, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

4 (2) for each security interest noted upon a certificate of title, including a
5 salvage certificate of title, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

6 (3) for a certificate of title after a transfer, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

7 (4) for each assignment of a security interest noted upon a certificate of
8 title, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

9 (5) for a duplicate certificate of title, including a salvage certificate of
10 title, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

11 (6) for an ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a
12 distinctive certificate, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

13 (7) for filing a notice of security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

14 (8) for a certificate of search of the records of the Department of Motor
15 Vehicles, for each motor vehicle searched against, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

16 (9) for filing an assignment of a security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

17 (10) for a certificate of title after a security interest has been released,
18 ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

19 (11) for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle acquired by a veteran
20 with financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and
21 exempt from registration fees pursuant to section 378 of this title, no fee;

1 (12) for a corrected certificate of title, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00.

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3 * * * Titling of Vessels, Snowmobiles, and All-terrain Vehicles * * *

4 Sec. G.138. 23 V.S.A. § 3802 is amended to read:

5 § 3802. FEES

6 (a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees:

7 (1) for filing an application for a first certificate of title, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

8 (2) for each security interest noted upon a certificate of title, ~~\$11.00~~

9 \$14.00;

10 (3) for a certificate of title after a transfer, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

11 (4) for each assignment of a security interest noted upon a certificate of
12 title, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

13 (5) for a duplicate certificate of title, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

14 (6) for an ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a
15 distinctive certificate, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

16 (7) for filing a notice of security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

17 (8) for a certificate of search of the records of the Department of Motor
18 Vehicles for each vessel, snowmobile, or all-terrain vehicle searched against,
19 ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

20 (9) for filing an assignment of a security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

1 (10) for a certificate of clear title after the security interest or interests
2 have been released, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

3 (11) for a corrected certificate of title, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00.

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5 * * * Commercial Driver's License Act * * *

6 Sec. G.139 23 V.S.A. § 4108 is amended to read:

7 § 4108. COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE, COMMERCIAL
8 LEARNER'S PERMIT QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

9 * * *

10 (f) The fee for a knowledge test and the fee for a skills test shall each be
11 ~~\$32.00~~ \$39.00. The fee for an endorsement test shall be ~~\$14.00~~ \$17.00. In the
12 event that an applicant fails a test three times, ~~he or she~~ the applicant may not
13 take the test again for at least six months. A fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 shall be paid
14 by the applicant before ~~he or she~~ the applicant may schedule a skills test. If an
15 applicant does not appear for the scheduled skills test, the ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00
16 scheduling fee is forfeited, unless the applicant has given the Department of
17 Motor Vehicles at least 48 hours' notice of cancellation of the test. If the
18 applicant appears for the skills test, the ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 scheduling fee for that
19 test will be used as part of the test fee. Use of an interpreter is prohibited
20 during the administration of the knowledge or skills tests.

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1 Sec. G.140 23 V.S.A. § 4110 is amended to read:

2 § 4110. APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE OR
3 COMMERCIAL LEARNER'S PERMIT

4 * * *

5 (8) The proper fee.

6 (A) The four-year fee for a commercial driver's license shall be
7 ~~\$90.00~~ \$108.00. The two-year fee shall be ~~\$60.00~~ \$72.00. In those instances
8 where the applicant surrenders a valid Vermont Class D license, the total fees
9 due shall be reduced by:

10 * * *

11 (B) The fee for a commercial learner's permit is ~~\$15.00~~ \$18.00.

12 * * *

13 (b) When a licensee or permittee changes ~~his or her~~ the licensee's or
14 permittee's name, mailing address, or residence or in the case of the loss,
15 mutilation, or destruction of a license or permit, the licensee or permittee shall
16 forthwith notify the Commissioner and apply in person for a duplicate license
17 or permit in the same manner as set forth in subsection (a) of this section. The
18 fee for a duplicate license or permit shall be ~~\$15.00~~ \$18.00.

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1 leased, or otherwise acquired for use in short-term rentals, in which case the
2 vehicle shall be subject to taxation under subsection (d) of this section.

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4 * * * Effective Dates * * *

5 Sec. H.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

6 (a) This section and Secs. C.100 through C.126 (fiscal year 2023
7 adjustments, appropriations, and amendments) shall take effect upon passage.

8 (b) Secs. G.100 through G.141 (Department of Motor Vehicles fee
9 increases and Motor Vehicle Purchase and Use Tax increase) shall take effect
10 on January 1, 2024.

11 (c) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2023.