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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 during fiscal year 2024. It is the express intent of the
11 General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments,
12 divisions, boards, and commissions be limited to those which can be supported
13 by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2023.
14 Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service
15 levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2024 to meet this condition unless
16 otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the General
17 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 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 and 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 Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

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

11 Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

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

15 Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

16 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the Governor, with the approval of the General
17 Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the General Assembly is not in
18 session, may accept federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including
19 block grants in lieu of or in addition to funds designated as federal in this act.
20 The Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal
21 Committee if the General Assembly is not in session, may allocate all or any

1 portion of such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for
2 which the basic appropriations in this act have been made.

3 (b) If, during fiscal year 2024, federal funds available to the State of
4 Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2023 session of
5 the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are
6 abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new
7 title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for
8 any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were
9 appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for no
10 more than 45 days prior to legislative or Joint Fiscal Committee approval.
11 Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if the
12 Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint
13 Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's
14 request for approval.

15 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

16 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the total number
17 of authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary
18 positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(a)(11), shall not be increased during
19 fiscal year 2024 except for new positions authorized by the 2023 session.
20 Limited service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 5 shall not
21 be subject to this restriction.

1 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

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

7 <u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
8 <u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons and</u>
9	<u>Property</u>
10 <u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
11 <u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
12 <u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
13 <u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
14 <u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
15 <u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community</u>
16	<u>Development</u>
17 <u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
18 <u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
19 <u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other</u>
20	<u>appropriation actions</u>

1 (b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year and
2 the D sections contain fund transfers, reversions, and reserve allocations for the
3 upcoming budget year.

4 * * * Fiscal Year 2024 Base Appropriations * * *

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

6	Personal services	2,593,097
7	Operating expenses	160,849
8	Grants	<u>100,000</u>
9	Total	2,853,946

10 Source of funds

11	General fund	2,109,270
12	Special funds	100,000
13	Internal service funds	403,239
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>241,437</u>
15	Total	2,853,946

16 Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance

17	Personal services	1,374,393
18	Operating expenses	<u>138,363</u>
19	Total	1,512,756

20 Source of funds

21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,512,756</u>
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1	Total	1,512,756
2	Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
3	Personal services	895,051
4	Operating expenses	<u>91,550</u>
5	Total	986,601
6	Source of funds	
7	Internal service funds	<u>986,601</u>
8	Total	986,601
9	Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
10	Personal services	545,717
11	Operating expenses	<u>63,558</u>
12	Total	609,275
13	Source of funds	
14	Internal service funds	<u>609,275</u>
15	Total	609,275
16	Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
17	Personal services	196,464
18	Operating expenses	<u>54,633</u>
19	Total	251,097
20	Source of funds	
21	Internal service funds	<u>251,097</u>

1	Total	251,097
2	Sec. B.104.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission	
3	Personal services	<u>240,000</u>
4	Total	240,000
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>240,000</u>
7	Total	240,000
8	Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information	
9	technology	
10	Personal services	102,479,935
11	Operating expenses	<u>36,148,517</u>
12	Total	138,628,452
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	186,726
15	Special funds	471,611
16	Internal service funds	<u>137,970,115</u>
17	Total	138,628,452
18	Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
19	Personal services	1,456,438
20	Operating expenses	<u>306,717</u>
21	Total	1,763,155

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	1,143,286
3	Internal service funds	<u>619,869</u>
4	Total	1,763,155
5	Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
6	Personal services	2,555,838
7	Operating expenses	<u>810,848</u>
8	Total	3,366,686
9	Source of funds	
10	Internal service funds	<u>3,366,686</u>
11	Total	3,366,686
12	Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
13	Personal services	10,175,933
14	Operating expenses	<u>1,483,759</u>
15	Total	11,659,692
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	1,777,169
18	Special funds	263,589
19	Internal service funds	9,127,114
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>491,820</u>
21	Total	11,659,692

1	Sec. B.108.1 Human resources - VTHR operations	
2	Personal services	1,909,749
3	Operating expenses	<u>693,001</u>
4	Total	2,602,750
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>2,602,750</u>
7	Total	2,602,750
8	Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
9	Personal services	1,140,195
10	Operating expenses	<u>655,062</u>
11	Total	1,795,257
12	Source of funds	
13	Internal service funds	<u>1,795,257</u>
14	Total	1,795,257
15	Sec. B.110 Libraries	
16	Personal services	2,404,179
17	Operating expenses	906,958
18	Grants	<u>230,214</u>
19	Total	3,541,351
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	2,088,614

1	Special funds	73,614
2	Federal funds	1,251,244
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>127,879</u>
4	Total	3,541,351
5	Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
6	Personal services	25,023,254
7	Operating expenses	<u>5,787,491</u>
8	Total	30,810,745
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	22,406,475
11	Special funds	8,359,270
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
13	Total	30,810,745
14	Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
15	Personal services	988,938
16	Operating expenses	<u>333,561</u>
17	Total	1,322,499
18	Source of funds	
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,322,499</u>
20	Total	1,322,499

1	Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
2	Personal services	45,644
3	Operating expenses	<u>1,230,723</u>
4	Total	1,276,367
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>1,276,367</u>
7	Total	1,276,367
8	Sec. B.113.1 Buildings and General Services Engineering - Capital Projects	
9	Personal services	2,730,738
10	Operating expenses	<u>500,000</u>
11	Total	3,230,738
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	2,730,738
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>500,000</u>
15	Total	3,230,738
16	Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
17	Personal services	3,646,408
18	Operating expenses	<u>1,801,847</u>
19	Total	5,448,255
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	668,401

1	Transportation fund	4,235,134
2	Special funds	<u>544,720</u>
3	Total	5,448,255
4	Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
5	Personal services	1,670,521
6	Operating expenses	<u>191,576</u>
7	Total	1,862,097
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,481,008
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>381,089</u>
11	Total	1,862,097
12	Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
13	Personal services	800,527
14	Operating expenses	<u>173,126</u>
15	Total	973,653
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	87,613
18	Internal service funds	<u>886,040</u>
19	Total	973,653
20	Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
21	Personal services	898,526

1	Operating expenses	<u>208,536</u>
2	Total	1,107,062
3	Source of funds	
4	Internal service funds	<u>1,107,062</u>
5	Total	1,107,062
6	Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
7	Personal services	888,607
8	Operating expenses	<u>245,134</u>
9	Total	1,133,741
10	Source of funds	
11	Internal service funds	<u>1,133,741</u>
12	Total	1,133,741
13	Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
14	Operating expenses	<u>4,298</u>
15	Total	4,298
16	Source of funds	
17	Enterprise funds	<u>4,298</u>
18	Total	4,298
19	Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	
20	Personal services	340,128
21	Operating expenses	<u>169,529</u>

1	Total	509,657
2	Source of funds	
3	Internal service funds	<u>509,657</u>
4	Total	509,657
5	Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
6	Personal services	1,625,691
7	Operating expenses	<u>465,485</u>
8	Total	2,091,176
9	Source of funds	
10	Internal service funds	<u>2,091,176</u>
11	Total	2,091,176
12	Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
13	Personal services	18,762,037
14	Operating expenses	<u>17,272,131</u>
15	Total	36,034,168
16	Source of funds	
17	Internal service funds	35,964,112
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>70,056</u>
19	Total	36,034,168
20	Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
21	Personal services	1,583,965

1	Operating expenses	<u>467,778</u>
2	Total	2,051,743
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	1,801,931
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>249,812</u>
6	Total	2,051,743
7	Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel	
8	Personal services	3,633,429
9	Operating expenses	<u>291,348</u>
10	Total	3,924,777
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>3,924,777</u>
13	Total	3,924,777
14	Sec. B.126 Legislature	
15	Personal services	5,898,458
16	Operating expenses	<u>4,649,260</u>
17	Total	10,547,718
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>10,547,718</u>
20	Total	10,547,718

1	Sec. B.126.1 Legislative information technology	
2	Personal services	1,279,864
3	Operating expenses	<u>663,583</u>
4	Total	1,943,447
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>1,943,447</u>
7	Total	1,943,447
8	Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
9	Personal services	2,517,690
10	Operating expenses	<u>191,250</u>
11	Total	2,708,940
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>2,708,940</u>
14	Total	2,708,940
15	Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
16	Personal services	1,404,247
17	Operating expenses	<u>130,514</u>
18	Total	1,534,761
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>1,534,761</u>
21	Total	1,534,761

1	Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
2	Personal services	258,394
3	Operating expenses	<u>44,090</u>
4	Total	302,484
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>302,484</u>
7	Total	302,484
8	Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
9	Personal services	4,160,946
10	Operating expenses	<u>183,967</u>
11	Total	4,344,913
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	372,808
14	Special funds	53,145
15	Internal service funds	<u>3,918,960</u>
16	Total	4,344,913
17	Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
18	Personal services	5,374,687
19	Operating expenses	<u>273,230</u>
20	Total	5,647,917
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	1,748,837
2	Special funds	3,737,463
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>161,617</u>
4	Total	5,647,917
5	Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
6	Personal services	809,823
7	Operating expenses	<u>383,147</u>
8	Total	1,192,970
9	Source of funds	
10	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,192,970</u>
11	Total	1,192,970
12	Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
13	Personal services	221,698
14	Operating expenses	<u>2,635,981</u>
15	Total	2,857,679
16	Source of funds	
17	Pension trust funds	<u>2,857,679</u>
18	Total	2,857,679
19	Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
20	Personal services	222,371
21	Operating expenses	<u>1,428,418</u>

1	Total	1,650,789
2	Source of funds	
3	Pension trust funds	<u>1,650,789</u>
4	Total	1,650,789
5	Sec. B.134.1 Vermont Pension Investment Commission	
6	Personal services	2,002,637
7	Operating expenses	<u>248,561</u>
8	Total	2,251,198
9	Source of funds	
10	Special funds	<u>2,251,198</u>
11	Total	2,251,198
12	Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
13	Personal services	258,094
14	Operating expenses	<u>49,671</u>
15	Total	307,765
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	298,189
18	Special funds	6,788
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
20	Total	307,765

1	Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
2	Personal services	86,954
3	Operating expenses	<u>15,054</u>
4	Total	102,008
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	51,004
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>51,004</u>
8	Total	102,008
9	Sec. B.136.1 Ethics Commission	
10	Personal services	147,767
11	Operating expenses	<u>41,660</u>
12	Total	189,427
13	Source of funds	
14	Internal service funds	<u>189,427</u>
15	Total	189,427
16	Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
17	Grants	<u>16,250,000</u>
18	Total	16,250,000
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>16,250,000</u>
21	Total	16,250,000

1	Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
2	Grants	<u>9,500,000</u>
3	Total	9,500,000
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>
6	Total	9,500,000
7	Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
8	Grants	<u>3,394,500</u>
9	Total	3,394,500
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>3,394,500</u>
12	Total	3,394,500
13	Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
14	Grants	<u>18,600,000</u>
15	Total	18,600,000
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	<u>18,600,000</u>
18	Total	18,600,000
19	Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
20	Grants	<u>12,280,750</u>
21	Total	12,280,750

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	<u>12,280,750</u>
3	Total	12,280,750
4	Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier	
5	Grants	<u>184,000</u>
6	Total	184,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	<u>184,000</u>
9	Total	184,000
10	Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
11	Grants	<u>40,000</u>
12	Total	40,000
13	Source of funds	
14	Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
15	Total	40,000
16	Sec. B.145 Total general government	
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	109,175,063
19	Transportation fund	4,235,134
20	Special funds	28,366,148
21	Federal funds	1,251,244

1	Internal service funds	203,532,178
2	Interdepartmental transfers	5,157,757
3	Enterprise funds	4,298
4	Pension trust funds	4,508,468
5	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,192,970</u>
6	Total	357,423,260
7	Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
8	Personal services	12,957,305
9	Operating expenses	1,696,265
10	Grants	<u>20,000</u>
11	Total	14,673,570
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	6,974,796
14	Special funds	2,142,678
15	Tobacco fund	422,000
16	Federal funds	1,583,958
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,550,138</u>
18	Total	14,673,570
19	Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
20	Personal services	1,250
21	Grants	<u>3,142,971</u>

1	Total	3,144,221
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	2,886,224
4	Special funds	<u>257,997</u>
5	Total	3,144,221
6	Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
7	Personal services	15,416,603
8	Operating expenses	<u>1,235,698</u>
9	Total	16,652,301
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	15,912,648
12	Special funds	589,653
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>150,000</u>
14	Total	16,652,301
15	Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
16	Personal services	6,913,974
17	Operating expenses	<u>49,500</u>
18	Total	6,963,474
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>6,963,474</u>
21	Total	6,963,474

1	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
2	Personal services	52,195,909
3	Operating expenses	11,583,876
4	Grants	<u>121,030</u>
5	Total	63,900,815
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	57,890,863
8	Special funds	2,888,542
9	Federal funds	953,928
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,167,482</u>
11	Total	63,900,815
12	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
13	Personal services	13,962,744
14	Operating expenses	<u>1,999,496</u>
15	Total	15,962,240
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	15,079,997
18	Special funds	109,778
19	Federal funds	233,490
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>538,975</u>
21	Total	15,962,240

1	Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
2	Personal services	64,287
3	Operating expenses	24,295
4	Grants	<u>2,140,047</u>
5	Total	2,228,629
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>2,228,629</u>
8	Total	2,228,629
9	Sec. B.206.1 Crime Victims Advocates	
10	Personal services	2,529,804
11	Operating expenses	<u>106,693</u>
12	Total	2,636,497
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>2,636,497</u>
15	Total	2,636,497
16	Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
17	Personal services	4,698,652
18	Operating expenses	<u>390,662</u>
19	Total	5,089,314
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>5,089,314</u>

1	Total	5,089,314
2	Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
3	Personal services	4,539,941
4	Operating expenses	5,417,264
5	Grants	<u>357,986</u>
6	Total	10,315,191
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	6,138,814
9	Special funds	4,105
10	Federal funds	410,260
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,762,012</u>
12	Total	10,315,191
13	Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
14	Personal services	67,754,321
15	Operating expenses	13,861,460
16	Grants	<u>1,591,501</u>
17	Total	83,207,282
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	53,763,634
20	Transportation fund	20,250,000
21	Special funds	3,166,387

1	Federal funds	4,308,150
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,719,111</u>
3	Total	83,207,282
4	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
5	Personal services	5,378,976
6	Operating expenses	<u>1,582,009</u>
7	Total	6,960,985
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,467,321
10	Special funds	4,970,533
11	Federal funds	<u>523,131</u>
12	Total	6,960,985
13	Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management	
14	Personal services	4,561,578
15	Operating expenses	1,224,288
16	Grants	<u>25,350,252</u>
17	Total	31,136,118
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	668,427
20	Special funds	710,000
21	Federal funds	29,561,807

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>195,884</u>
2	Total	31,136,118
3	Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
4	Personal services	8,663,478
5	Operating expenses	2,974,022
6	Grants	<u>107,000</u>
7	Total	11,744,500
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,505,641
10	Special funds	9,567,787
11	Federal funds	626,072
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
13	Total	11,744,500
14	Sec. B.213 Public safety - Forensic Laboratory	
15	Personal services	3,563,059
16	Operating expenses	<u>1,198,044</u>
17	Total	4,761,103
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	3,626,083
20	Special funds	66,395
21	Federal funds	532,582

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>536,043</u>
2	Total	4,761,103
3	Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
4	Personal services	958,260
5	Operating expenses	746,963
6	Grants	<u>1,319,834</u>
7	Total	3,025,057
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>3,025,057</u>
10	Total	3,025,057
11	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
12	Personal services	9,124,240
13	Operating expenses	<u>1,396,315</u>
14	Total	10,520,555
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	665,922
17	Federal funds	<u>9,854,633</u>
18	Total	10,520,555
19	Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
20	Personal services	41,464,878
21	Operating expenses	<u>7,542,958</u>

1	Total	49,007,836
2	Source of funds	
3	Federal funds	<u>49,007,836</u>
4	Total	49,007,836
5	Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
6	Personal services	789,478
7	Operating expenses	<u>937,403</u>
8	Total	1,726,881
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,664,381
11	Special funds	<u>62,500</u>
12	Total	1,726,881
13	Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
14	Personal services	1,204,996
15	Operating expenses	202,180
16	Grants	<u>33,300</u>
17	Total	1,440,476
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,092,634
20	Special funds	241,942
21	Federal funds	<u>105,900</u>

1	Total	1,440,476
2	Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
3	Personal services	1,967,547
4	Operating expenses	391,397
5	Grants	<u>9,181,723</u>
6	Total	11,540,667
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	1,472,674
9	Special funds	3,461,972
10	Federal funds	<u>6,606,021</u>
11	Total	11,540,667
12	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council	
13	Personal services	2,360,658
14	Operating expenses	<u>1,711,725</u>
15	Total	4,072,383
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	3,720,035
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>352,348</u>
19	Total	4,072,383
20	Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
21	Personal services	2,648,873

1	Operating expenses	367,498
2	Grants	<u>217,222</u>
3	Total	3,233,593
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	1,467,038
6	Special funds	1,242,062
7	Federal funds	<u>524,493</u>
8	Total	3,233,593
9	Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer	
10	protection	
11	Personal services	4,963,520
12	Operating expenses	1,096,940
13	Grants	<u>2,780,000</u>
14	Total	8,840,460
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	3,281,095
17	Special funds	3,942,188
18	Federal funds	1,605,177
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>12,000</u>
20	Total	8,840,460

1	Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
2	Personal services	6,409,252
3	Operating expenses	678,344
4	Grants	<u>15,063,425</u>
5	Total	22,151,021
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	3,068,393
8	Special funds	627,904
9	Federal funds	<u>18,454,724</u>
10	Total	22,151,021
11	Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management	
12	and environmental stewardship	
13	Personal services	2,594,186
14	Operating expenses	979,802
15	Grants	<u>212,000</u>
16	Total	3,785,988
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	745,509
19	Special funds	2,297,266
20	Federal funds	390,117
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>353,096</u>

1	Total	3,785,988
2	Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont Agriculture and	
3	Environmental Lab	
4	Personal services	1,711,447
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,363,276</u>
6	Total	3,074,723
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	1,296,731
9	Special funds	1,715,459
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>62,533</u>
11	Total	3,074,723
12	Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, Food and Markets - Clean Water	
13	Personal services	3,637,927
14	Operating expenses	575,499
15	Grants	<u>6,330,630</u>
16	Total	10,544,056
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	1,482,136
19	Special funds	8,248,477
20	Federal funds	462,351
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>351,092</u>

1	Total	10,544,056
2	Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
3	Personal services	2,580,669
4	Operating expenses	<u>159,635</u>
5	Total	2,740,304
6	Source of funds	
7	Special funds	<u>2,740,304</u>
8	Total	2,740,304
9	Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
10	Personal services	2,426,962
11	Operating expenses	<u>510,179</u>
12	Total	2,937,141
13	Source of funds	
14	Special funds	<u>2,937,141</u>
15	Total	2,937,141
16	Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
17	Personal services	4,872,900
18	Operating expenses	<u>634,698</u>
19	Total	5,507,598
20	Source of funds	
21	Special funds	<u>5,507,598</u>

1	Total	5,507,598
2	Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
3	Personal services	5,294,300
4	Operating expenses	<u>710,775</u>
5	Total	6,005,075
6	Source of funds	
7	Special funds	<u>6,005,075</u>
8	Total	6,005,075
9	Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
10	Personal services	1,294,776
11	Operating expenses	<u>279,335</u>
12	Total	1,574,111
13	Source of funds	
14	Special funds	<u>1,574,111</u>
15	Total	1,574,111
16	Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
17	Personal services	17,824,897
18	Operating expenses	<u>3,932,905</u>
19	Total	21,757,802
20	Source of funds	
21	Special funds	16,241,811

1	Federal funds	<u>5,515,991</u>
2	Total	21,757,802
3	Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
4	Personal services	11,014,203
5	Operating expenses	1,730,270
6	Grants	<u>328,300</u>
7	Total	13,072,773
8	Source of funds	
9	Special funds	12,310,355
10	Federal funds	741,706
11	Enterprise funds	<u>20,712</u>
12	Total	13,072,773
13	Sec. B.233.1 Vermont Community Broadband Board	
14	Personal services	1,211,623
15	Operating expenses	155,443
16	Grants	<u>1,300,000</u>
17	Total	2,667,066
18	Source of funds	
19	Special funds	12,310,355
20	Federal funds	<u>1,556,379</u>
21	Total	2,667,066

1	Sec. B.234 Public utility commission	
2	Personal services	3,913,942
3	Operating expenses	<u>549,933</u>
4	Total	4,463,875
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	<u>4,463,875</u>
7	Total	4,463,875
8	Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
9	Personal services	4,344,046
10	Operating expenses	<u>451,287</u>
11	Total	4,795,333
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	<u>4,795,333</u>
14	Total	4,795,333
15	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
16	Personal services	915,815
17	Operating expenses	<u>90,104</u>
18	Total	1,005,919
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	920,110
21	Federal funds	<u>85,809</u>

1	Total	1,005,919
2	Sec. B.236.1 Liquor & Lottery Comm. Office	
3	Personal services	8,610,070
4	Operating expenses	<u>5,529,374</u>
5	Total	14,139,444
6	Source of funds	
7	Special funds	60,000
8	Tobacco fund	213,843
9	Interdepartmental transfers	70,000
10	Enterprise funds	<u>13,795,601</u>
11	Total	14,139,444
12	Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board	
13	Personal services	4,829,061
14	Operating expenses	<u>341,631</u>
15	Total	5,170,692
16	Source of funds	
17	Special funds	<u>5,170,692</u>
18	Total	5,170,692
19	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property	
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	206,734,077

1	Transportation fund	20,250,000
2	Special funds	109,230,607
3	Tobacco fund	635,843
4	Federal funds	133,644,515
5	Interdepartmental transfers	13,865,714
6	Enterprise funds	<u>13,816,313</u>
7	Total	498,177,069
8	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
9	Personal services	13,600,350
10	Operating expenses	5,402,086
11	Grants	<u>2,895,202</u>
12	Total	21,897,638
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	9,547,206
15	Special funds	135,517
16	Federal funds	11,415,773
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>799,142</u>
18	Total	21,897,638
19	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
20	Grants	<u>1,982,665,335</u>
21	Total	1,982,665,335

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	644,949,964
3	Special funds	32,994,384
4	Tobacco fund	21,049,373
5	State health care resources fund	25,265,312
6	Federal funds	1,254,372,132
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,034,170</u>
8	Total	1,982,665,335
9	Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
10	Personal services	458,902
11	Operating expenses	95,330
12	Grants	<u>191,595</u>
13	Total	745,827
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	12,000
16	Federal funds	<u>733,827</u>
17	Total	745,827
18	Sec. B.304 Human services board	
19	Personal services	648,082
20	Operating expenses	<u>89,467</u>
21	Total	737,549

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	452,996
3	Federal funds	<u>284,553</u>
4	Total	737,549
5	Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
6	Personal services	330,000
7	Operating expenses	<u>13,170,000</u>
8	Total	13,500,000
9	Source of funds	
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,500,000</u>
11	Total	13,500,000
12	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
13	Personal services	136,568,959
14	Operating expenses	44,391,640
15	Grants	<u>2,912,301</u>
16	Total	183,872,900
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	35,605,917
19	Special funds	4,753,011
20	Federal funds	134,621,243
21	Global Commitment fund	4,220,337

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,672,392</u>
2	Total	183,872,900
3	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global	
4	commitment	
5	Personal services	547,983
6	Grants	<u>929,980,238</u>
7	Total	930,528,221
8	Source of funds	
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>930,528,221</u>
10	Total	930,528,221
11	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state	
12	only	
13	Grants	<u>53,067,318</u>
14	Total	53,067,318
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	53,062,626
17	Global Commitment fund	<u>4,692</u>
18	Total	53,067,318
19	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver	
20	matched	
21	Grants	<u>34,621,472</u>

1	Total	34,621,472
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	12,634,069
4	Federal funds	<u>21,987,403</u>
5	Total	34,621,472
6	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
7	Personal services	8,154,782
8	Operating expenses	7,410,428
9	Grants	<u>16,243,681</u>
10	Total	31,808,891
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	2,904,720
13	Special funds	2,160,065
14	Federal funds	19,942,421
15	Global Commitment fund	6,732,468
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>69,217</u>
17	Total	31,808,891
18	Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
19	Personal services	64,592,946
20	Operating expenses	13,047,530
21	Grants	<u>46,400,176</u>

1	Total	124,040,652
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	12,635,155
4	Special funds	25,017,725
5	Tobacco fund	1,088,918
6	Federal funds	66,980,622
7	Global Commitment fund	16,582,951
8	Interdepartmental transfers	1,710,281
9	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
10	Total	124,040,652
11	Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs	
12	Personal services	6,253,749
13	Operating expenses	511,500
14	Grants	<u>60,391,638</u>
15	Total	67,156,887
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	5,191,811
18	Special funds	1,435,054
19	Tobacco fund	949,917
20	Federal funds	21,771,442
21	Global Commitment fund	<u>37,808,663</u>

1	Total	67,156,887
2	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
3	Personal services	47,605,534
4	Operating expenses	5,272,240
5	Grants	<u>263,179,075</u>
6	Total	316,056,849
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	25,177,260
9	Special funds	1,708,155
10	Federal funds	10,944,099
11	Global Commitment fund	278,213,195
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>
13	Total	316,056,849
14	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support	
15	services	
16	Personal services	44,551,963
17	Operating expenses	17,168,731
18	Grants	<u>3,919,106</u>
19	Total	65,639,800
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	37,178,609

1	Special funds	2,781,912
2	Federal funds	23,564,095
3	Global Commitment fund	1,659,321
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>455,863</u>
5	Total	65,639,800
6	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
7	Personal services	43,987,652
8	Operating expenses	5,180,385
9	Grants	<u>93,971,639</u>
10	Total	143,139,676
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	59,007,017
13	Special funds	729,587
14	Federal funds	33,937,204
15	Global Commitment fund	49,428,131
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>37,737</u>
17	Total	143,139,676
18	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
19	Personal services	5,708,075
20	Operating expenses	812,971
21	Grants	<u>95,860,842</u>

1	Total	102,381,888
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	35,016,309
4	Special funds	16,745,000
5	Federal funds	37,458,808
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>13,161,771</u>
7	Total	102,381,888
8	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
9	Personal services	12,411,108
10	Operating expenses	<u>3,714,732</u>
11	Total	16,125,840
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	4,900,195
14	Special funds	455,719
15	Federal funds	10,382,326
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
17	Total	16,125,840
18	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and	
19	disabled	
20	Personal services	2,252,206
21	Grants	<u>10,431,118</u>

1	Total	12,683,324
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	7,533,333
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,149,991</u>
5	Total	12,683,324
6	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
7	Personal services	15,000
8	Grants	<u>10,323,574</u>
9	Total	10,338,574
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	10,041,239
12	Federal funds	11,320
13	Global Commitment fund	<u>286,015</u>
14	Total	10,338,574
15	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
16	Grants	<u>44,377,812</u>
17	Total	44,377,812
18	Source of funds	
19	Federal funds	<u>44,377,812</u>
20	Total	44,377,812

1	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
2	Operating expenses	30,633
3	Grants	<u>35,536,413</u>
4	Total	35,567,046
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	23,233,869
7	Special funds	5,970,229
8	Federal funds	3,531,330
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,831,618</u>
10	Total	35,567,046
11	Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel	
12	assistance/LIHEAP	
13	Grants	<u>16,019,953</u>
14	Total	16,019,953
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	1,480,395
17	Federal funds	<u>14,539,558</u>
18	Total	16,019,953
19	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic	
20	opportunity	
21	Personal services	758,166

1	Operating expenses	95,628
2	Grants	<u>26,034,109</u>
3	Total	26,887,903
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	20,513,510
6	Special funds	83,135
7	Federal funds	4,935,273
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,355,985</u>
9	Total	26,887,903
10	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization	
11	assistance	
12	Personal services	415,233
13	Operating expenses	251,470
14	Grants	<u>11,838,018</u>
15	Total	12,504,721
16	Source of funds	
17	Special funds	7,649,635
18	Federal funds	<u>4,855,086</u>
19	Total	12,504,721
20	Sec. B.327 Department for Children and Families - Secure Residential	
21	Treatment	

1	Personal services	258,100
2	Operating expenses	153,597
3	Grants	<u>3,476,862</u>
4	Total	3,888,559
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	3,858,559
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>
8	Total	3,888,559
9	Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination	
10	services	
11	Personal services	7,486,999
12	Operating expenses	<u>489,130</u>
13	Total	7,976,129
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	118,796
16	Federal funds	<u>7,857,333</u>
17	Total	7,976,129
18	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &	
19	support	
20	Personal services	43,344,530
21	Operating expenses	<u>6,323,252</u>

1	Total	49,667,782
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	22,121,948
4	Special funds	1,390,457
5	Federal funds	25,054,093
6	Global Commitment fund	35,000
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>
8	Total	49,667,782
9	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and	
10	independent living grants	
11	Grants	<u>22,165,328</u>
12	Total	22,165,328
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	8,963,695
15	Federal funds	7,278,114
16	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,923,519</u>
17	Total	22,165,328
18	Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually	
19	impaired	
20	Grants	<u>1,907,604</u>
21	Total	1,907,604

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	489,154
3	Special funds	223,450
4	Federal funds	890,000
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>305,000</u>
6	Total	1,907,604
7	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational	
8	rehabilitation	
9	Grants	<u>10,179,845</u>
10	Total	10,179,845
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	1,371,845
13	Federal funds	7,558,000
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>
15	Total	10,179,845
16	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental	
17	services	
18	Grants	<u>305,844,633</u>
19	Total	305,844,633
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	155,125

1	Special funds	15,463
2	Federal funds	431,512
3	Global Commitment fund	305,192,533
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>
5	Total	305,844,633
6	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and	
7	community based waiver	
8	Grants	<u>6,574,808</u>
9	Total	6,574,808
10	Source of funds	
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>6,574,808</u>
12	Total	6,574,808
13	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care	
14	Grants	<u>267,230,683</u>
15	Total	267,230,683
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	498,579
18	Federal funds	2,450,000
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>264,282,104</u>
20	Total	267,230,683

1	Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
2	Personal services	3,806,377
3	Operating expenses	<u>243,057</u>
4	Total	4,049,434
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>4,049,434</u>
7	Total	4,049,434
8	Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
9	Personal services	412,972
10	Operating expenses	<u>59,257</u>
11	Total	472,229
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>472,229</u>
14	Total	472,229
15	Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
16	Personal services	3,648,027
17	Operating expenses	<u>245,425</u>
18	Total	3,893,452
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	3,744,668
21	Education fund	0

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
2	Total	3,893,452
3	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
4	Personal services	139,473,576
5	Operating expenses	<u>24,600,099</u>
6	Total	164,073,675
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	159,502,946
9	Special funds	935,963
10	Federal funds	492,196
11	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
13	Total	164,073,675
14	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Reinvestment II	
15	Grants	<u>10,768,219</u>
16	Total	10,768,219
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	8,190,531
19	Federal funds	13,147
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>
21	Total	10,768,219

1	Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services-out of state beds	
2	Personal services	<u>3,230,726</u>
3	Total	3,230,726
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>3,230,726</u>
6	Total	3,230,726
7	Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
8	Personal services	598,105
9	Operating expenses	<u>455,845</u>
10	Total	1,053,950
11	Source of funds	
12	Special funds	<u>1,053,950</u>
13	Total	1,053,950
14	Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
15	Personal services	1,220,613
16	Operating expenses	<u>525,784</u>
17	Total	1,746,397
18	Source of funds	
19	Internal service funds	<u>1,746,397</u>
20	Total	1,746,397

1	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
2	Personal services	18,187,631
3	Operating expenses	<u>5,978,873</u>
4	Total	24,166,504
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	4,199,478
7	Special funds	11,655,797
8	Federal funds	<u>8,311,229</u>
9	Total	24,166,504
10	Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
11	Personal services	396,540
12	Operating expenses	<u>74,880</u>
13	Total	471,420
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	467,572
16	Special funds	<u>3,848</u>
17	Total	471,420
18	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
19	Grants	<u>155,490</u>
20	Total	155,490
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>155,490</u>
2	Total	155,490
3	Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board	
4	Personal services	8,136,639
5	Operating expenses	<u>402,594</u>
6	Total	8,539,233
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	3,392,339
9	Special funds	<u>5,146,894</u>
10	Total	8,539,233
11	Sec. B.346 Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate	
12	Personal services	387,000
13	Operating expenses	<u>26,000</u>
14	Total	413,000
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>413,000</u>
17	Total	413,000
18	Sec. B.347 Total human services	
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	1,224,981,919
21	Special funds	124,537,345

1	Tobacco fund	23,088,208
2	State health care resources fund	25,265,312
3	Education fund	0
4	Federal funds	1,780,981,951
5	Global Commitment fund	1,935,617,119
6	Internal service funds	1,746,397
7	Interdepartmental transfers	28,591,925
8	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
9	Total	5,144,835,176
10	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
11	Personal services	40,642,780
12	Operating expenses	5,955,495
13	Grants	<u>12,432,900</u>
14	Total	59,031,175
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	10,600,636
17	Special funds	10,806,858
18	Federal funds	37,373,681
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>250,000</u>
20	Total	59,031,175

1	Sec. B.401 Total labor	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	10,600,636
4	Special funds	10,806,858
5	Federal funds	37,373,681
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>250,000</u>
7	Total	59,031,175
8	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
9	Personal services	17,683,192
10	Operating expenses	4,387,522
11	Grants	<u>15,270,700</u>
12	Total	37,341,414
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	7,415,742
15	Special funds	16,575,926
16	Education fund	3,486,447
17	Federal funds	9,220,942
18	Global Commitment fund	260,000
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>382,357</u>
20	Total	37,341,414

1	Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
2	Personal services	30,951,380
3	Operating expenses	1,074,585
4	Grants	<u>459,907,273</u>
5	Total	491,933,238
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	4,990,183
8	Special funds	3,024,560
9	Tobacco fund	750,388
10	Federal funds	<u>483,168,107</u>
11	Total	491,933,238
12	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
13	Grants	<u>226,195,600</u>
14	Total	226,195,600
15	Source of funds	
16	Education fund	<u>226,195,600</u>
17	Total	226,195,600
18	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
19	Grants	<u>19,000,000</u>
20	Total	19,000,000
21	Source of funds	

1	Education fund	<u>19,000,000</u>
2	Total	19,000,000
3	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
4	Grants	<u>5,912,900</u>
5	Total	5,912,900
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	4,996,850
8	Federal funds	<u>916,050</u>
9	Total	5,912,900
10	Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
11	Grants	<u>10,143,000</u>
12	Total	10,143,000
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	921,500
15	Education fund	<u>9,221,500</u>
16	Total	10,143,000
17	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
18	Grants	<u>1,703,317,103</u>
19	Total	1,703,317,103
20	Source of funds	
21	Education fund	<u>1,703,317,103</u>

1	Total	1,703,317,103
2	Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
3	Grants	<u>23,520,000</u>
4	Total	23,520,000
5	Source of funds	
6	Education fund	<u>23,520,000</u>
7	Total	23,520,000
8	Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants	
9	Grants	<u>8,300,000</u>
10	Total	8,300,000
11	Source of funds	
12	Education fund	<u>8,300,000</u>
13	Total	8,300,000
14	Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition	
15	Grants	<u>29,000,000</u>
16	Total	29,000,000
17	Source of funds	
18	Education fund	<u>29,000,000</u>
19	Total	29,000,000
20	Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
21	Grants	<u>8,350,389</u>

1	Total	8,350,389
2	Source of funds	
3	Education fund	<u>8,350,389</u>
4	Total	8,350,389
5	Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
6	Grants	<u>17,030,400</u>
7	Total	17,030,400
8	Source of funds	
9	Education fund	<u>17,030,400</u>
10	Total	17,030,400
11	Sec. B.511.1 State Board of Education	
12	Personal services	38,905
13	Operating expenses	<u>31,803</u>
14	Total	70,708
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>70,708</u>
17	Total	70,708
18	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
19	Grants	<u>184,811,051</u>
20	Total	184,811,051
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	151,682,914
2	Education fund	<u>33,128,137</u>
3	Total	184,811,051
4	Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	
5	Personal services	359,615
6	Operating expenses	<u>2,940,372</u>
7	Total	3,299,987
8	Source of funds	
9	Pension trust funds	<u>3,299,987</u>
10	Total	3,299,987
11	Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
12	Grants	<u>53,740,528</u>
13	Total	53,740,528
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	38,318,167
16	Education fund	<u>15,422,361</u>
17	Total	53,740,528
18	Sec. B.516 Total general education	
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	208,396,064
21	Special funds	19,600,486

1	Tobacco fund	750,388
2	Education fund	2,095,971,937
3	Federal funds	493,305,099
4	Global Commitment fund	260,000
5	Interdepartmental transfers	382,357
6	Pension trust funds	<u>3,299,987</u>
7	Total	2,821,966,318
8	Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
9	Grants	<u>54,084,366</u>
10	Total	54,084,366
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>54,084,366</u>
13	Total	54,084,366
14	Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
15	Grants	<u>30,500,464</u>
16	Total	30,500,464
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>30,500,464</u>
19	Total	30,500,464
20	Sec. B.602.2 Vermont state colleges - Transformation funding	
21	Grants	<u>17,500,000</u>

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

1	General fund	41,225
2	Education fund	<u>41,225</u>
3	Total	82,450
4	Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
5	Grants	<u>86,520</u>
6	Total	86,520
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>86,520</u>
9	Total	86,520
10	Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm	
11	Grants	<u>1</u>
12	Total	1
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>1</u>
15	Total	1
16	Sec. B.608 Total higher education	
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	128,339,478
19	Education fund	41,225
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>
21	Total	128,790,164

1	Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	
2	Personal services	5,824,798
3	Operating expenses	<u>1,471,913</u>
4	Total	7,296,711
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	4,914,987
7	Special funds	775,079
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,606,645</u>
9	Total	7,296,711
10	Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment	
11	Operating expenses	<u>2,674,517</u>
12	Total	2,674,517
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	2,253,017
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
16	Total	2,674,517
17	Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
18	Personal services	21,567,730
19	Operating expenses	7,140,027
20	Grants	<u>936,232</u>
21	Total	29,643,989

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	7,173,206
3	Special funds	370,644
4	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090
5	Federal funds	9,793,589
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,385,460</u>
7	Total	29,643,989
8	Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
9	Personal services	1,200,585
10	Operating expenses	<u>1,596,687</u>
11	Total	2,797,272
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	2,675,711
14	Special funds	<u>121,561</u>
15	Total	2,797,272
16	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
17	Personal services	7,452,243
18	Operating expenses	921,952
19	Grants	<u>1,184,458</u>
20	Total	9,558,653
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	6,033,830
2	Special funds	608,616
3	Federal funds	2,695,959
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>220,248</u>
5	Total	9,558,653
6	Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
7	Personal services	12,306,202
8	Operating expenses	3,741,476
9	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
10	Total	16,097,678
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	690,613
13	Special funds	<u>15,407,065</u>
14	Total	16,097,678
15	Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration and recreation	
16	Personal services	2,496,749
17	Operating expenses	395,675
18	Grants	<u>2,827,587</u>
19	Total	5,720,011
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,110,710

1	Special funds	2,141,005
2	Federal funds	2,225,851
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>242,445</u>
4	Total	5,720,011
5	Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest and parks access roads	
6	Personal services	130,000
7	Operating expenses	<u>99,925</u>
8	Total	229,925
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	<u>229,925</u>
11	Total	229,925
12	Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services	
13	Personal services	8,525,369
14	Operating expenses	4,700,521
15	Grants	<u>116,640</u>
16	Total	13,342,530
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	2,039,082
19	Special funds	788,553
20	Federal funds	2,129,363
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>8,385,532</u>

1	Total	13,342,530
2	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
3	Personal services	26,006,961
4	Operating expenses	10,026,393
5	Grants	<u>4,905,988</u>
6	Total	40,939,342
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	193,565
9	Special funds	26,236,633
10	Federal funds	14,342,090
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>167,054</u>
12	Total	40,939,342
13	Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs	
14	Personal services	48,062,786
15	Operating expenses	7,982,625
16	Grants	<u>46,863,117</u>
17	Total	102,908,528
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	9,971,201
20	Special funds	30,662,978
21	Federal funds	61,487,925

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>786,424</u>
2	Total	102,908,528
3	Sec. B.713 Natural resources board	
4	Personal services	3,082,659
5	Operating expenses	<u>397,315</u>
6	Total	3,479,974
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	713,735
9	Special funds	<u>2,766,239</u>
10	Total	3,479,974
11	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	37,999,582
14	Special funds	79,878,373
15	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090
16	Federal funds	92,674,777
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,215,308</u>
18	Total	234,689,130
19	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce	
20	and community development - administration	
21	Personal services	2,610,304

1	Operating expenses	982,307
2	Grants	<u>539,820</u>
3	Total	4,132,431
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	3,666,442
6	Federal funds	351,000
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>114,989</u>
8	Total	4,132,431
9	Sec. B.801 Economic development	
10	Personal services	4,803,989
11	Operating expenses	1,050,879
12	Grants	<u>6,433,544</u>
13	Total	12,288,412
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	5,489,902
16	Special funds	616,421
17	Federal funds	4,358,416
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,823,673</u>
19	Total	12,288,412
20	Sec. B.802 Housing and community development	
21	Personal services	6,428,334

1	Operating expenses	705,584
2	Grants	<u>23,739,005</u>
3	Total	30,872,923
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	5,031,943
6	Special funds	6,937,054
7	Federal funds	15,854,615
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,049,311</u>
9	Total	30,872,923
10	Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
11	Personal services	5,208,860
12	Operating expenses	8,930,168
13	Grants	<u>1,050,000</u>
14	Total	15,189,028
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	4,630,975
17	Federal funds	10,483,053
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
19	Total	15,189,028
20	Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
21	Grants	<u>887,981</u>

1	Total	887,981
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	<u>887,981</u>
4	Total	887,981
5	Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
6	Grants	<u>145,320</u>
7	Total	145,320
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>145,320</u>
10	Total	145,320
11	Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
12	Grants	<u>1,060,699</u>
13	Total	1,060,699
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	<u>1,060,699</u>
16	Total	1,060,699
17	Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
18	Grants	<u>86,519,068</u>
19	Total	86,519,068
20	Source of funds	
21	Special funds	24,552,855

1	Federal funds	<u>61,966,213</u>
2	Total	86,519,068
3	Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
4	Grants	<u>300,000</u>
5	Total	300,000
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>300,000</u>
8	Total	300,000
9	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	21,213,262
12	Special funds	32,106,330
13	Federal funds	93,013,297
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,062,973</u>
15	Total	151,395,862
16	Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
17	Personal services	16,695,727
18	Operating expenses	5,232,777
19	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
20	Total	21,978,504
21	Source of funds	

1	Transportation fund	20,977,164
2	Federal funds	<u>1,001,340</u>
3	Total	21,978,504
4	Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
5	Personal services	3,532,154
6	Operating expenses	13,397,252
7	Grants	<u>345,000</u>
8	Total	17,274,406
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	6,166,805
11	Federal funds	<u>11,107,601</u>
12	Total	17,274,406
13	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
14	Operating expenses	<u>1,525,000</u>
15	Total	1,525,000
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	<u>1,525,000</u>
18	Total	1,525,000
19	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
20	Personal services	65,810,461
21	Operating expenses	311,158,635

1	Grants	<u>25,916,923</u>
2	Total	402,886,019
3	Source of funds	
4	Transportation fund	53,411,002
5	TIB fund	22,129,870
6	Federal funds	321,560,449
7	Interdepartmental transfers	1,411,518
8	Local match	<u>4,373,180</u>
9	Total	402,886,019
10	Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
11	Personal services	800,000
12	Operating expenses	<u>846,444</u>
13	Total	1,646,444
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	166,964
16	Federal funds	<u>1,479,480</u>
17	Total	1,646,444
18	Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
19	Personal services	42,637,277
20	Operating expenses	<u>64,893,488</u>
21	Total	107,530,765

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	106,784,950
3	Federal funds	645,815
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
5	Total	107,530,765
6	Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
7	Personal services	4,984,735
8	Operating expenses	1,099,716
9	Grants	<u>7,227,544</u>
10	Total	13,311,995
11	Source of funds	
12	Transportation fund	3,260,534
13	Federal funds	9,989,315
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>62,146</u>
15	Total	13,311,995
16	Sec. B.906.1 Transportation - Environmental Policy and Sustainability	
17	Personal services	2,009,518
18	Grants	<u>25,964,730</u>
19	Total	27,974,248
20	Source of funds	
21	Transportation fund	472,695

1	Federal funds	22,095,781
2	Local match	<u>5,405,772</u>
3	Total	27,974,248
4	Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
5	Personal services	3,622,004
6	Operating expenses	<u>39,386,316</u>
7	Total	43,008,320
8	Source of funds	
9	Transportation fund	15,608,462
10	Federal funds	26,596,858
11	Interdepartmental transfers	671,000
12	Local match	<u>132,000</u>
13	Total	43,008,320
14	Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
15	Personal services	4,062,649
16	Operating expenses	90,285
17	Grants	<u>44,642,396</u>
18	Total	48,795,330
19	Source of funds	
20	Transportation fund	9,016,189
21	Federal funds	39,639,141

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>140,000</u>
2	Total	48,795,330
3	Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
4	Personal services	5,367,400
5	Operating expenses	<u>18,588,985</u>
6	Total	23,956,385
7	Source of funds	
8	Internal service funds	<u>23,956,385</u>
9	Total	23,956,385
10	Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
11	Personal services	31,563,822
12	Operating expenses	<u>13,346,863</u>
13	Total	44,910,685
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	42,101,908
16	Federal funds	2,687,081
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>121,696</u>
18	Total	44,910,685
19	Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
20	Grants	<u>7,416,000</u>
21	Total	7,416,000

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

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

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

1	Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program	
2	Operating expenses	200,000
3	Grants	<u>1,050,000</u>
4	Total	1,250,000
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	50,000
7	Federal funds	1,000,000
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>200,000</u>
9	Total	1,250,000
10	Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
11	Personal services	169,068
12	Operating expenses	<u>24,412</u>
13	Total	193,480
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	<u>193,480</u>
16	Total	193,480
17	Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
18	Source of funds	
19	Transportation fund	306,753,571
20	TIB fund	25,229,215
21	Special funds	5,050,000

1	Federal funds	476,014,899
2	Internal service funds	23,956,385
3	Interdepartmental transfers	2,706,360
4	Local match	<u>11,104,867</u>
5	Total	850,815,297
6	Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
7	Operating expenses	<u>75,705,398</u>
8	Total	75,705,398
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	75,377,993
11	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>
12	Total	75,705,398
13	Sec. B.1001 Total debt service	
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	75,377,993
16	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>
17	Total	75,705,398
18	* * * Fiscal Year 2024 One-time Appropriations * * *	
19	Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME	
20	APPROPRIATIONS	

1 (a) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
2 for the following:

3 (1) \$1,500,000 General Fund to create, implement, and oversee a
4 comprehensive statewide language access plan;

5 (2) \$5,000,000 General Fund for the purpose of supporting the a new
6 Community Safety Grant Program; and

7 (3) \$5,000,000 General Fund to be used to offset the cost of denied
8 claims for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement.

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

11 (1) \$3,820,000 General Fund and \$5,180,000 ARPA-SFR for bridge
12 funding to support ongoing system transformation; and

13 (2) \$4,000,000 General Fund for the Community College of Vermont
14 to reduce the tuition fee for certificates, degrees, and courses that have a direct
15 nexus to Vermont business and industry needs.

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

18 (1) \$725,000 General Fund to fund seven new permanent full-time
19 positions in the Operations division in fiscal year 2024. These position costs
20 shall be funded through the Department of Human Resources Internal Service
21 Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025.

1 (2) \$75,000 General Fund to fund one new permanent full-time position
2 in the VTHR Operations division in fiscal year 2024. This position cost will
3 be funded via the Department of Human Resources Internal Service Fund
4 beginning in fiscal year 2025.

5 (3) \$1,900,000 General Fund for implementation of a Paid Family and
6 Medical Leave Insurance program available for all State employees in fiscal
7 year 2024. This program cost will be funded through the Department of
8 Human Resources Internal Service Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025.

9 (d) \$400,000 General Fund to the Office of State Treasurer in fiscal year
10 2024 for the Vermont Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

11 (e) \$200,000 General Fund to the Department of Libraries in fiscal year
12 2024 to support the FiberConnect project relating to Internet access in public
13 libraries.

14 (f) Department of Public Safety. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
15 appropriated for the following:

16 (1) \$190,000 General Fund for external carriers (vests) that improve the
17 ergonomics of ballistic personal protective equipment; and

18 (2) \$500,000 General Fund for hiring incentives, including hiring
19 bonuses, to be paid to all new sworn members and emergency communication
20 dispatchers; recruitment awards to current members for successful recruitment
21 of a new member (criteria dependent); and student loan debt repayment,

1 offering up to \$10,000 per new hire toward the repayment of preexisting
2 student loan debt.

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

5 (1) \$10,000 General Fund for granting to the USS Vermont Support
6 Group, a nonprofit organization supporting military members serving on the
7 USS Vermont (SSN 792) and their families; and

8 (2) \$10,000 General Fund for granting to North Country Honor Flight,
9 an organization that sponsors escorted trips for veterans to visit the war
10 memorials on the National Mall, to cover the expenses of 10 Vermont resident
11 attendees.

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

14 (1) \$400,000 General Fund for the first year of a three-phase
15 accreditation process to include job task analysis, curriculum development and
16 piloting;

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

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

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

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

5 (j) 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;

13 (3) \$400,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Sustainable Jobs
14 Fund as follows:

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

16 (B) \$250,000 to the Beef on Dairy project; and

17 (C) \$50,000 to the Alternative Access Land Models Project;

18 (4) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Salvation Farms to expand
19 access to locally grown food for all Vermonters; and

20 (5) \$1,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the State Natural Resources
21 Conservation Council.

1 (k) Department of Mental Health. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
2 appropriated for the following:

3 (1) \$105,000 General Fund for expediting competency and sanity
4 evaluations; and

5 (2) \$985,000 General Fund to provide a grant to Pathways Vermont for
6 the purchase and renovation of a building to serve as a permanent home for the
7 Soteria House program.

8 (l) Green Mountain Care Board. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
9 for the following:

10 (1) \$620,000 General Fund for costs associated with the implementation
11 of the Vermont Health Care Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System
12 (VHCURES) database;

13 (2) \$120,500 General Fund for the implementation of a new financial
14 database solution; and

15 (3) \$50,000 General Fund for the development of the statutorily required
16 Health Resources Allocation Plan Tool.

17 (m) Agency of Human Services Central Office. In fiscal year 2024, funds
18 are appropriated for the following:

19 (1) \$975,000 General Fund to the State Refugee Office for the
20 Employment Assistance Grants program created in 2022 Acts and Resolves

1 No. 185, amended by the 2023 Budget Adjustment Act H.145. Funds
2 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the General Fund.

3 (2) \$25,000 General Fund to the State Refugee Office for a
4 comprehensive inventory and needs assessment of Vermont's immigrant
5 community and the organizations providing support to this community.

6 (3) \$4,400,000 General Fund and \$5,702,529 Federal Revenue Fund
7 #22005 for the first year of a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health
8 Hub and Spoke program. Funds shall be used to expand the substances
9 covered by the program, include mental health and pediatric screenings, and
10 make strategic investments with community partners.

11 (4) \$10,000,000 General Fund and \$13,693,231 Federal Revenue Fund
12 #22005 to continue to address the emergent and exigent circumstances
13 impacting health care providers following the COVID-19 pandemic.

14 (5) \$10,534,603 General Fund for use as Global Commitment matching
15 funds for one-time caseload pressures due to the suspension of Medicaid
16 eligibility redeterminations.

17 (n) \$175,000 General Fund and \$186,024 Federal Revenue Fund #22005 to
18 the Department of Vermont Health Access in the non-waiver or state-only lines
19 for the first year of a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and
20 Spoke program and \$7,791,676 Global Commitment Fund #20405 to the

1 Department of Health Access Medicaid program for the first year of a two-year
2 pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program.

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

5 (1) \$2,297,724 Global Commitment Fund #20405 Division of Health
6 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program for the first year of a two-year pilot to
7 expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program.

8 (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund to be granted to the Vermont Foundation
9 for Recovery for housing support.

10 (3) \$30,000 General Fund for a housing voucher program administered
11 by the Vermont Association of Recovery Residences and Jenna's Promise to
12 pay for a recovery home residents' first month of rent.

13 (4) \$150,000 General Fund for a grant to Vermonters for Criminal
14 Justice Reform for Case Management and Contingency Management Services
15 for justice-involved Vermonters with substance use disorder.

16 (5) \$1,590,000 General Fund for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program ,
17 in conjunction with an estimated \$1,410,000 to be available from the 30
18 percent of fiscal year 2023 forecast for cannabis excise tax and to be allocated
19 in the budget adjustment process consistent with the Substance Misuse
20 Prevention Coalition funding intent as stated in 2022 Acts and Resolves No.
21 185, Sec. B.1100(a)(12)(A)(i).

1 (6) \$500,000 General Fund for Division of Substance Use Programs
2 tobacco and substance use disorder prevention and cessation activities. The
3 Division shall require that information on the use of the funds appropriated in
4 accordance with this section be provided to the Division by grantees in an
5 agreed-upon time frame, including the specific activities supported by the
6 funds, a description of the number of individuals served, and information on
7 the outcomes achieved by this investment. On or before, January 10, 2024, the
8 Division shall report on these metrics to the House and Senate Committees on
9 Appropriations, to the House Committee on Human Services, and to the Senate
10 Committee on Health and Welfare.

11 (7) \$100,000 General Fund to the Department of Health to support the
12 Regional Emergency Medical Services Coordination Study Committee.

13 (p) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
14 appropriated for the following:

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

19 (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund to fund a two-year continuation of the
20 Youth Development Independent Living stipends program.

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) \$2,500,000 General Fund to the Housing Opportunity Grant Program
8 to expand and provide wrap-around support services for households
9 participating in the General Assistance Emergency Housing program.

10 (6) \$1,000,000 General Fund to grant to the Vermont Food Bank to
11 support increased capacity of services to meet the persistent of food insecurity.

12 (7) \$768,180 General Fund to support the implementation of a
13 Salesforce-based community data system to three additional Children's
14 Integrated Services regions in Vermont.

15 (8) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont
16 to provide education regarding the prevention of unsafe infant sleep and to
17 expand programming and support services regarding child abuse often related
18 to parental substance misuse.

19 (9) \$130,000 General Fund to be granted to the Snelling Center to restart
20 the Early Childhood Education Leadership Program.

1 (q) Department of Labor. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for
2 the following:

3 (1) \$200,000 General Fund to be granted to the State Workforce
4 Development Board for the New American Labor Force Program; and

5 (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund to provide services under the Work-Based
6 Learning and Training Program established pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 547.

7 (r) Natural Resources Board. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
8 for the following:

9 (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the digitization of Natural Resources
10 Board documents. Funds shall be used for the continued digitization of
11 permanent, paper-based Act 250 land use permit records currently located at
12 the Natural Resources Board's five district offices.

13 (2) \$200,000 General Fund for an Act 250 study contract. Funds shall
14 be used to contract with a consultant to assist with the preparation of a report
15 on updates necessary to the Act 250 program, per 2022 Acts and Resolves No.
16 182, Sec. 41(a).

17 (s) \$198,000 General Fund in fiscal year 2024 to the Agency of Education
18 for the Governor's Institutes of Vermont.

19 (t) \$35,000 General Fund to the Vermont Symphony Orchestra to support
20 celebration of the Symphony's 90th season.

1 (u) \$1,200,000 General Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation
2 Board to support activities of the Land Access and Opportunity Board.

3 (v) \$1,750,000 Tax-Current Use Administration Fund #21594 to the
4 Department of Taxes for the digitization of the Current Use program.

5 (w) Public Service Department. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
6 for the following:

7 (1) \$500,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to upgrade and
8 expand the ePSD case management system;

9 (2) \$400,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to complete
10 the Telecom Plan Update scheduled for June 2024; and

11 (3) \$300,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to craft policy
12 proposals to reform and streamline electric sector policy.

13 (4) \$1,000,000 General Fund to the Public Service Department for a
14 grant to the Vermont Access Network to provide a third year of bridge funding
15 to a secure funding stream to replace declining cable revenues.

16 (x) \$1,000,000 Transportation Fund to the Agency of Transportation for
17 Green Mountain Transit to operate routes on a zero-fare basis and prepare for
18 the transition to tiered-fare service.

19 (y) Agency of Digital Services. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
20 for the following:

1 (1) \$5,000,000 from the Technology Modernization Fund #21951 for
2 Network & Security Infrastructure Modernization for the planning and design
3 and for the replacement of legacy infrastructure, hardware and software,
4 platforms underlying the network and security architecture.

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

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

16 (2) \$2,500,000 for IT investments to modernize existing IT systems or
17 automate manual processes by adding IT solutions.

18 (A) Any project with a total cost of \$1,000,000 shall be subject to an
19 expert independent review per 3 V.S.A. § 3303. Vendors shall be selected
20 through a competitive bid process.

1 (z) \$4,680,000 General Fund to the Judiciary for the Judiciary network
2 replacement project. Funds shall be held in reserve and shall not be allocated
3 until the General Assembly has assessed the independent expert review
4 outlined in the 2023 Budget Adjustment Act, H.145, Sec. 93.

5 * * * Workforce Development * * *

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

8 (a) Education workforce.

9 (1) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(d), in fiscal year 2024, the
10 amount of \$500,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of
11 Education for the purpose of funding the Emerging Pathways Grant Program
12 established by Sec. F.4 of this act.

13 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from
14 the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the
15 Vermont Teacher Forgivable Loan Incentive Program created in 16 V.S.A.
16 § 2871.

17 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the sum of \$30,000 is appropriated from the
18 General Fund to the Agency of Education for the purpose of funding the
19 Historically Underrepresented Educator Affinity Groups Grant Program
20 created in Sec. F.6 of this act.

21 (b) Corrections workforce.

1 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 is appropriated from the
2 General Fund to the Department of Corrections for the purpose of contracting
3 or expanding an existing contract with a vendor to provide supervisory and
4 management professional development services to the Department's
5 employees in accordance with the Department's efforts to address an employee
6 workforce crisis and strengthen workplace satisfaction, pursuant to Sec. F.7 of
7 this act.

8 (c) Youth workforce.

9 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,400,000 is appropriated from
10 the General Fund to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to
11 continue funding through the pilot project the Vermont Serve, Learn, and Earn
12 Program, which supports workforce development goals through creating
13 meaningful paid service and learning opportunities for young adults, through
14 the Serve, Learn, and Earn Partnership made up of the Vermont Youth
15 Conservation Corps, Vermont Audubon, Vermont Works for Women, and
16 Resource VT. The Department shall enter into a grant agreement with the
17 Partnership that specifies the required services and outcomes for the Program.

18 (d) Climate workforce.

19 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$100,000 is appropriated from the
20 General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a subgrant to
21 Advance Vermont to implement Sec. F.9 of this act.

1 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$180,000 is appropriated from the
2 General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for a
3 subgrant to the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund to expand its Business
4 Coaching program to work with a group of existing energy services businesses
5 interested in adopting a climate centered mission and working with trades
6 persons looking to start their own climate-centered business.

7 (e) Higher education.

8 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from
9 the General Fund to the University of Vermont Office of Engagement, in
10 consultation with the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, for additional
11 forgivable loans of \$5,000 per graduate for recent college graduates across all
12 Vermont higher education institutions who commit to work in Vermont for
13 two years after graduation.

14 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$700,000 is appropriated from the
15 General Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to establish a Bachelor of Science
16 program in restorative justice at Vermont State University.

17 (3) In fiscal year 2024 the amount of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from
18 the General Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to establish the Certificate in
19 3-D Technology program established in Sec. F.12 of this act.

20 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,800,000 is appropriated from
21 the General Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to provide Critical

1 Occupations Scholarships for eligible students with a household income of
2 \$75,000 or less enrolled in education programs that lead to a career in an
3 occupation with critical need, including early childhood occupations, clinical
4 mental health counseling, criminal justice occupations, dental hygienists, and
5 all levels of nursing.

6 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from
7 the General Fund to the University of Vermont to provide additional free
8 classes through the Upskill Vermont Scholarship Program for Vermont
9 residents seeking to transition to a new career or to enhance job skills.

10 (6) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$350,000 is appropriated from the
11 General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a subgrant to
12 Advance Vermont to continue work pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No.
13 183, Sec. 39 in support of the State's goal articulated in 10 V.S.A. § 546 that
14 70 percent of working-age Vermonters hold a credential of value by 2025.

15 (f) Healthcare and social services workforce.

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

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

4 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$170,000 is appropriated from the
5 General Fund to the Agency of Human Services to provide one additional year
6 of funding for the classified, three-year limited-service Health Care Workforce
7 Coordinator position created in the Agency of Human Services, Office of
8 Health Care Reform, pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 34(a).

9 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from
10 the General Fund to the Agency of Human Services to be distributed to the
11 designated and specialized service agencies equitably consistent with the
12 requirements in Sec. F.15 of this act.

13 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$255,026 is appropriated from the
14 General Fund to the Agency of Human Services for a subgrant to the United
15 Way of Lamoille County to expand resource coordination for employee
16 stability through its Working Bridges program.

17 (g) Economic development.

18 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from
19 the General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development
20 for the Vermont Training Program to fulfill Vermont's obligation to procure

1 incentives in accordance with the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce
2 Semiconductors for America (CHIPS) Act.

3 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,250,000 is appropriated from
4 the General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development
5 for a subgrant to provide services and assistance through the Small Business
6 Technical Assistance Exchange created in 10 V.S.A. § 2.

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

11 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 from the Rural
12 Industry Development Special Fund to the Agency of Commerce and
13 Community Development to make grants to assist nonprofit entities in rural
14 regions of the State, with addressing building and property needs for growing
15 or new businesses consistent with 10 V.S.A. § 6 as created in this act.

16 (5) \$8,000,000 General Fund for Brownfields redevelopment consistent
17 with Sec. F.18 of this act.

18 (6) In fiscal year 2024, \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the General
19 Fund to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to fund Agriculture
20 Development Grants for meat, produce, and maple processing. The Secretary
21 of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall determine that there are significant

1 interests in establishing certain parameters in the grant program before making
2 an award. Grants should be awarded to farmers, processors, and businesses,
3 which shall not include hydroponic operations. Furthermore, the Secretary
4 shall not allocate more than 25 percent of grant funds toward the maple
5 industry. Of the funds appropriated under this subdivision, an amount not to
6 exceed \$125,000.00 may be used by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and
7 Markets to support the cost of temporary employees to administer the grants.

8 (7) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from
9 the General Fund to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the
10 Working Lands Enterprise grant program.

11 * * * Affordable Housing * * *

12 Sec. B.1102 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT – FISCAL YEAR
13 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

14 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$150,000 General Fund is
15 appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a
16 Land Value Tax Feasibility Study, in partnership with the Vermont
17 Department of Taxes, to explore the potential economic and community
18 development benefits of aligning local property tax policy to spur revitalization
19 and economic development.

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

4 (c) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 General Fund is
5 appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for
6 Municipal Bylaw Modernization Grants established in 24 V.S.A. § 4307 to
7 assist municipalities in updating their bylaws consistent with statute as
8 amended by legislative action.

9 (d) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$50,000,000 General Fund is
10 appropriated to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.
11 Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 322, the entirety of this appropriation shall be
12 allocated toward affordable housing development.

13 * * * Climate and Environment * * *

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

15 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

16 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$700,000 General Fund is
17 appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources – Central Office for
18 refrigerant management. Funds shall be used for incentives to improve
19 commercial and industrial refrigeration systems, focused on reducing the use
20 of high global warming potential (GWP) refrigerants or replacing outright,
21 older systems prone to leaks, or both.

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

8 (c) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 General Fund is
9 appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources – Central Office for the
10 Clean Heat Homes program. Funds shall be used to augment federal funding
11 for a single-point program to help Vermonters with low and moderate income
12 with “whole home” climate improvements, including weatherization, clean
13 heat systems, and electrification-ready upgrades, supported by on-bill
14 financing.

15 (d) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$150,000 General Fund is
16 appropriated to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for Wildlife Crop Damage
17 Payments. Funds shall be used for payments to farmers under the provisions
18 of 10 V.S.A. §§ 4829 and 4831.

19 (e) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 General Fund is
20 appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for Parks
21 personnel housing. Funds shall be used to renovate, remediate, and expand on-

1 site housing opportunities, including installation of full hook-ups for RVs;
2 splitting existing staff housing into multiple units; and making critical (health
3 and safety) repairs to the existing housing stock for Vermont State Parks staff
4 in critical locations statewide.

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

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

15 (h) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 General Fund is
16 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
17 Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act/Brownfields.
18 Funds shall be used for the assessment and cleanup planning for a maximum of
19 25 brownfields sites.

20 (i) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$200,000 General Fund is
21 appropriated to the Emissions Repair Program. Funds shall be used for the

1 emissions repair program established by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec.
2 25 for fiscal year 2024.

3 (j) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 ARPA-SFR is
4 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Healthy
5 Homes Initiative. Funds shall be used to make repairs or improvements to
6 drinking water, wastewater, or stormwater systems for Vermonters who have
7 low to moderate income or who live in manufactured housing communities, or
8 both.

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

13 (l) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 Environmental
14 Contingency Fund #21275 is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
15 Conservation for statewide Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) groundwater
16 remediation.

17 (m) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$93,613 Clean Water Fund #21932
18 is appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for one
19 limited service Forester II position in accordance with Sec. E.100 of this act.

20 (n) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$402,525 Federal Revenue Fund
21 #22005 is appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for

1 the following four IJA funded positions in accordance with Sec. E.100 of this
2 act: one Climate Forester, two Forester IIs, and one Communications and
3 Outreach Coordinator.

4 * * * Pension Funding * * *

5 Sec. B.1104 REQUIRED PENSION PLUS FUNDING – FISCAL YEAR
6 2024

7 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$18,000,000 General Fund is
8 appropriated to the Office of the State Treasurer. This the first year of a three-
9 year funding requirement that will result in each pension system receiving a
10 base funding supplement of \$15,000,000.

11 (1) \$9,000,000 for the additional contribution to the Vermont State
12 Employees' Retirement System per 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 114, Sec. 11
13 and 3 V.S.A. §473(c)(8)(A); and

14 (2) \$9,000,000 for the additional contribution to the Vermont State
15 Teachers' Retirement System contribution per 2022 Acts and Resolves No.
16 114, Sec. 19 and 16 V.S.A. §1944(c)(13)(A).

17 * * * Capital Projects * * *

18 Sec. B.1105 CAPITAL PROJECTS – FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME
19 APPROPRIATIONS

20 (a) In fiscal year 2024, \$7,385,000 is authorized from the Capital
21 Infrastructure Reserve Fund for the following appropriations:

1 (1) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
2 General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

3 (2) \$135,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
4 General Services for 32 Cherry Street, parking garage repairs;

5 (3) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
6 General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120
7 State Street;

8 (4) \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
9 General Services for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern State
10 Correctional Facility in Newport;

11 (5) \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
12 General Services for planning for renovations to the administration building,
13 West Cottage, at the Criminal Justice Training Council in Pittsford;

14 (6) \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
15 General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
16 design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;

17 (7) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
18 General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
19 design for the replacement of the women's correctional facility and reentry
20 facility;

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

5 (9) \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
6 General Services for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County
7 Superior Courthouse in Barre;

8 (10) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
9 General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
10 design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

11 (11) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
12 General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
13 design of the Rutland Field Station; and

14 (12) \$300,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
15 General Services for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the
16 planning and design of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental
17 Laboratory Heat Plant.

18 (b) In fiscal year 2024, \$32,000,000 is authorized from the Capital
19 Infrastructure Reserve Fund for the following appropriations. This funding is
20 provided by the General Fund transfer in Sec. D.101(a)(1)(E) of this act.

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

3 (2) \$9,000,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges for
4 construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or
5 operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure
6 transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green
7 Hall and Vail Hall.

8 (3) \$9,700,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
9 the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State match to the
10 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Drinking Water State Revolving
11 Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

12 (4) \$4,500,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
13 the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Waterbury Dam
14 rehabilitation.

15 (5) \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
16 the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Municipal Pollution
17 Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning advances for
18 feasibility studies.

19 (6) \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
20 the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the maintenance facilities
21 at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest State Park.

1 (7) \$800,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the
2 Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and
3 improvements of the Department's buildings, including conservation camps.

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

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

6 CARRYFORWARD

7 (a) After satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, and after other
8 reserve requirements have been met, but prior to satisfying the requirements of
9 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the first \$337,300,000 of remaining unreserved and
10 undesignated funds at the close of fiscal year 2023 shall remain in the General
11 Fund and be carried forward to fiscal year 2024.

12 Sec. C.101 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FISCAL YEAR 2022 OUT
13 OF STATE BEDS CARRYFORWARD FUNDS AND JUSTICE
14 REINVESTMENT II FUNDING

15 (a) Notwithstanding 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.335, as
16 amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 62, and by 2022 Acts and
17 Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.111, \$1,000,000 of Department of Corrections Out
18 of State Bed General Fund appropriation carried forward from fiscal year 2022
19 shall revert to the General Fund in fiscal year 2023 for appropriation to Justice
20 Reinvestment II in fiscal year 2023.

1 (b) \$250,000 to Community Justice Centers to be distributed for the
2 following:

3 (1) \$95,640 for a 3 percent COLA increase for fiscal year 2024; and

4 (2) \$154,360 in grants to be distributed equally to the 17 Community
5 Justice Centers to be used for program development and implementation,
6 technology upgrades, and staff and volunteer recruitment.

7 (c) \$250,000 for re-Entry Services to support the re-entry services for
8 incarcerated women at Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility as provided
9 by the Lund, Mercy Connections, Vermont Works for Women, and the DIVAS
10 program.

11 (d) \$500,000 to the Department of Corrections for the development and
12 implementation of the Offender Management System (OMS) intelligence
13 layer.

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

17 Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; UNEXPENDED
18 FUNDS TRANSFER; JUSTICE REINVESTMENT;
19 REPORT

20 * * *

1 (c) ~~Any funds expended authorized to be used on community-based service~~
2 ~~programs justice reinvestment programs~~ pursuant to subsection (b) of this
3 ~~section shall be included in the subsequent year Department of Corrections~~
4 ~~budget for the same purpose at the same amount~~ may be spent over multiple
5 fiscal years until fully expended.

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

7 Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; UNEXPENDED

8 FUNDS TRANSFER; JUSTICE REINVESTMENT; REPORT

9 * * *

10 ~~(c) Any funds expended on community-based service programs pursuant to~~
11 ~~subsection (b) of this section shall be included in the subsequent year~~
12 ~~Department of Corrections budget for the same purpose at the same amount.~~

13 [Repealed.]

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

15 Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

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

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

1 amounts in excess of \$560,000 from the property transfer tax deposited into the
2 Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General
3 Fund.

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

10 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property
11 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the
12 affordable housing bond (10 V.S.A. § 314) shall be offset by the reduction of
13 \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation
14 Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a.
15 The fiscal year 2024 appropriation of \$21,462,855 to the Vermont Housing and
16 Conservation Board reflects the \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing
17 bond and related property transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed
18 after the life of the bond on July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, it is the
19 intent of the General Assembly that the \$1,500,000 reduction in the
20 appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board should be
21 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.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, AND RESERVES

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

15 (1) From the General Fund to:

16 (A) the Transportation Fund – Non-Dedicated (20105): \$10,925,980;

17 (B) the Environmental Contingency Fund (21275): \$5,000,000;

18 (C) the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board Fund (21711): \$2,115,000;

19 (i) Of the funds transferred to the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board Fund in
20 subdivision (C) of this section, \$815,000 shall be used to support necessary 9-
21 1-1 system upgrades beginning in fiscal year 2024;

1 (D) the Technology Modernization Special Fund (21951):

2 \$7,500,000;

3 (E) the Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund (21952): \$32,000,000 for
4 use on capital projects as authorized in the capital bill and appropriated in this

5 act; and

6 (F) the Rural Industry Development Special Fund: \$5,000,000.

7 (2) From the Clean Water Fund (21932) established by 10 V.S.A.

8 § 1388 to:

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

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

13 (3) From the Transportation Fund to the Downtown Transportation and
14 Related Capital Improvement Fund (21575) established by 24 V.S.A. § 2796 to

15 be used by the Vermont Downtown Development Board for the purposes of
16 the Fund: \$523,966.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
18 2024:

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

21	<u>22005</u>	<u>AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts</u>	<u>\$4,641,960</u>
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1	<u>50300</u>	<u>Liquor Control Fund</u>	<u>\$21,200,000</u>
2		<u>Sports Wagering Fund</u>	<u>\$1,204,000</u>
3		<u>Caledonia Fair</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
4		<u>North Country Hospital Loan Repayment</u>	<u>\$29,047</u>
5		<u>Springfield Hospital Promissory Note Repayment</u>	<u>\$121,412</u>

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

12	<u>21638</u>	<u>AG-Fees & reimbursement – Court order</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
13	<u>621000</u>	<u>Unclaimed Property Fund</u>	<u>\$1,743,425</u>

14 (3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E. 228,
15 \$60,044,000 of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance Regulatory and
16 Supervision Fund (21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision
17 Fund (21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21080)
18 shall be transferred to the General Fund.

19 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
20 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the
21 accounts indicated:

1 3400004000 Agency of Human Services –

2 Secretary’s Office – Global Commitment \$15,103,683

3 (d) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
4 2024 the following estimated General Fund reserves shall be made:

5 (1) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 308, an estimated amount of \$1,768,423
6 shall be unreserved from the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve.

7 Sec. D.102 27/53 RESERVE

8 (a) \$5,350,000 General Fund shall be transferred to the 27/53 reserve in
9 fiscal year 2023. This action is the fiscal year 2024 contribution to the reserve
10 for the 53rd week of Medicaid as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e and the 27th
11 payroll reserve as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

12 Sec. D.103 UNRESERVED; INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

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

16 Sec. D.104 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME SURPLUS; ADDITIONAL
17 FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME FUNDING PRIORITIES

18 (a) To the extent that the close of fiscal year 2023 results in fund balances
19 in the General Fund or other special funds, it is the intent of the General
20 Assembly that the following areas be prioritized for additional one-time
21 funding in fiscal year 2024:

1 (1) In the Agency of Human Services, \$4,625,000 for state match for the
2 second year of a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and
3 Spoke program. Funds shall be used to expand the substances covered by the
4 program, include mental health and pediatric screenings, and make strategic
5 investments with community partners.

6 (2) In the Agency of Administration, \$1,150,000 to be used to continue
7 implementation of a comprehensive statewide language access plan.

8 (3) In the Agency of Digital Services, \$7,500,000 for the Technology
9 Modernization Fund.

10 (4) In the Agency of Administration, \$10,000,000 to be used to offset
11 the cost of denied claims for Federal Emergency Management Agency
12 (FEMA) reimbursement.

13 (5) In the Criminal Justice Council, \$800,000 for financial support for
14 second and third years of a three-phase accreditation process to include job
15 task analysis, curriculum development and piloting.

16 (6) In the Department of Environmental Conservation, \$800,000 for
17 Emissions Repair Program established by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec.
18 25 for fiscal years 2025 through 2028.

19 (7) In the Department of Housing and Community Development
20 \$5,000,000 for the Vermont Housing Improvement Program.

1 (8) In the Department of Economic Development, \$2,000,000 for
2 Brownfields redevelopment.

3 (9) In the Department of Environmental Conservation \$5,000,000 for
4 the Healthy Homes Initiative. Funds shall be used to make repairs or
5 improvements to drinking water, wastewater or stormwater systems for
6 Vermonters who have low to moderate income or who live in manufactured
7 housing communities, or both.

8 * * * General Government * * *

9 Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

10 (a) The establishment of 54 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year
11 2024 for the following:

12 (1) Permanent classified positions:

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

14 (i) one Consumer Protection Specialist I; and

15 (ii) two Food Safety Specialist Is;

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

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

18 (i) nine Quality and Program Participant Specialists;

19 (ii) one Dementia Coordinator; and

20 (iii) three Public Guardians;

21 (D) Department of Financial Regulation: two Insurance Examiners;

1 (E) Department of Human Resources:

2 (i) one Compensation Analyst;

3 (ii) one Configuration Analyst II;

4 (iii) one Employee Support Specialist;

5 (iv) one FMLI Manager;

6 (v) one HR Administrator III;

7 (vi) one HR Administrator IV;

8 (vii) one HR Manager; and

9 (viii) one Talent Coordinator;

10 (F) Department of Liquor and Lottery:

11 (i) one Financial Analyst; and

12 (ii) one Sports Betting Director;

13 (G) Department of Mental Health:

14 (i) one Crisis Program Director;

15 (ii) one Mental Health Analyst I;

16 (iii) one Operations Manager; and

17 (iv) one Training and Curriculum Development Supervisor;

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

19 Program:

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

21 (I) Office of the State Treasurer:

- 1 (i) one Program Technician;
- 2 (ii) one Administrative Services Coordinator;
- 3 (iii) one Financial Specialist III;
- 4 (iv) one Financial Manager I;
- 5 (v) one Financial Manager II; and
- 6 (vi) one Program Technician II;
- 7 (J) E911 Board:
- 8 (i) one Program Technician I;
- 9 (K) Department of Motor Vehicles:
- 10 (i) three Motor Vehicle Inspectors;
- 11 (L) Office of the Defender General:
- 12 (i) one Financial Director;
- 13 (M) Agency of Natural Resources:
- 14 (i) one Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Specialist;
- 15 (N) Vermont Pension Investment Commission:
- 16 (i) one Administrative Assistant; and
- 17 (O) Agency of Transportation – Highway Division:
- 18 (i) one Transportation Operations Technician III; and
- 19 (ii) one Transportation Technician IV.

1 (2) Permanent exempt positions:

2 (A) Department of Taxes – State Appraisal and Litigation Assistance
3 Program: one Staff Attorney;

4 (B) Agency of Commerce and Community Development – Division
5 for Historic Preservation – Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs:
6 one Executive Director;

7 (C) Human Rights Commission – one Staff Attorney II; and

8 (D) Office of the Attorney General – one private secretary.

9 (b) The conversion of 46 limited service positions to classified permanent
10 status is authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

11 (1) Criminal Justice Council:

12 (A) one Victims Services Specialist;

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

14 (A) one HCR Integration Manager;

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

16 (A) one Administrative Services Manager I;

17 (B) five DVHA Program Consultants;

18 (C) one DVHA Quality Control Manager;

19 (D) one Health Reform Enterprise Director I;

20 (E) two Medicaid Operations Administrators;

21 (F) one Project & Operations Director;

1 (G) one Project & Operations Specialist; and

2 (H) one Project Director;

3 (4) Department of Vermont Health Access, Medicaid Policy Fiscal &
4 Support Unit:

5 (A) two Audit Liaison/Internal Control positions;

6 (B) three DVHA Healthcare QC Auditors;

7 (C) one DVHA Healthcare QC CAP Auditor;

8 (D) two DVHA Program & Operations Auditors;

9 (E) one DVHA Program Consultant;

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

11 (G) one Nurse Auditor;

12 (5) Department of Vermont Health Access, Payment
13 Reform/Reimbursement Unit:

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

15 (B) three Change Management Practitioners;

16 (C) one Deputy Director of Payment Reform;

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

18 (E) one Grant Programs Manager;

19 (F) one Health Care Project Director;

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

21 (H) one Senior Policy Advisor; and

1 (6) Agency of Transportation – Aviation Program:

2 (A) nine Airport Maintenance Workers;

3 (B) one Airport Operations Specialist.

4 (c) The establishment of 30 new classified limited service positions is
5 authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

6 (1) Department of 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 & Outreach Coordinator;

12 (B) one Climate Forester; and

13 (C) three Forester IIs;

14 (3) Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs:

15 (A) six Deputy State’s Attorneys;

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

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

18 (D) four State’s Attorney Secretaries.

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

20 § 479. GROUP INSURANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 ~~(iv)~~(IV) a member who has completed 20 years or more of
2 creditable service at his or her retirement shall pay 20 percent of the cost of the
3 premium; and

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

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

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

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

15 (i) the State;

16 (ii) the Vermont State Employees' Association;

17 (iii) the Vermont Troopers' Association; and

18 (iv) the Vermont Retired State Employees' Association.

19 (b) As of July 1, 2007, members of the Group C plan who separate from
20 service prior to being eligible for retirement benefits under this chapter, who
21 have at least 20 years of creditable service, and who participated in the group

1 medical benefit plan at the time of separation from service shall have a one-
2 time option at the time retirement benefits commence to participate in the
3 group medical benefit plan provided by the State of Vermont for active State
4 employees or any alternative health coverage provided pursuant to subdivision
5 (a)(2) of this section. Premiums for the plan shall be prorated between the
6 retired member and the Retirement System pursuant to section 631 of this title.

7 (c) Premiums for coverage of retired members of the Group C plan and
8 their dependents in the group medical benefit plan or any alternative health
9 coverage provided pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall be
10 prorated on the same basis as is provided for active employees by the current
11 collective bargaining agreement for the nonmanagement unit. The amounts
12 designated as the State's share of premium for the medical benefit plan and the
13 total premium for group life insurance provided under subdivision (a)(2) of this
14 section shall be paid by the Fund as an operating expense in accordance with
15 subsection 473(d) of this title.

16 (d) After January 1, 2007, the State Treasurer may offer and administer a
17 dental benefit plan for retired members, beneficiaries, eligible dependents, and
18 eligible retirees of special affiliated groups and the dependents of members of
19 those groups who are eligible for coverage in the State Employee Group
20 Medical Benefit Plan or any alternative health coverage provided pursuant to
21 subdivision (a)(2) of this section. The Plan shall be separate and apart from

1 any dental benefit plan offered to Vermont State employees. The original plan
2 of benefits, and any changes thereto, shall be determined by the State Treasurer
3 with due consideration of recommendations from the Retired Employees'
4 Committee on Insurance established in section 636 of this title.

5 * * *

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

10 (4) [Repealed.]

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

1 (f) [Repealed.]

2 (g) A member of the Group F or Group G plan who is first included in the
3 membership of the System on or after July 1, 2008, who separates from service
4 prior to being eligible for retirement benefits under this chapter, who has at
5 least 20 years of creditable service, and who participated in the group medical
6 benefit plan at the time of separation from service shall have a one-time option
7 at the time retirement benefits commence to reinstate the same level of
8 coverage, in the group medical benefit plan provided by the State of Vermont
9 for active State employees or any alternative health coverage provided
10 pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section, that existed at the date of
11 separation from service. Premiums for the plan shall be prorated between the
12 retired member and the Retirement System pursuant to subsection 479(a) of
13 this title.

14 * * *

15 Sec. E.108.1 3 V.S.A. § 925 is amended to read:

16 § 925. MEDIATION; FACT FINDING

17 * * *

18 (i)(1) In the case of the Vermont State Colleges or the University of
19 Vermont, if the dispute remains unresolved 20 days after transmittal of
20 findings and recommendations to the parties or within a time frame mutually
21 agreed upon by the parties that may be not more than an additional 30 days,

1 each party shall submit as a single package its last best offer on all disputed
2 issues to the Board. Each party's last best offer shall be filed with the Board
3 under seal and shall be unsealed and placed in the public record only when
4 both parties' last best offers are filed with the Board. The Board shall hold one
5 or more hearings. Within 30 days of the certifications, the Board shall select
6 between the last best offers of the parties, considered in their entirety without
7 amendment.

8 (2) In the case of the State of Vermont or the Department of State's
9 Attorneys and Sheriffs, if the dispute remains unresolved 20 days after
10 transmittal of findings and recommendations to the parties or within a time
11 frame mutually agreed upon by the parties that may be not more than an
12 additional 30 days, each party shall submit as a single package its last best
13 offer on all disputed issues to the Board, or upon the request of either party, to
14 an arbitrator mutually agreed upon by the parties. If the parties cannot agree
15 on an arbitrator, the American Arbitration Association shall appoint a neutral
16 third party to act as arbitrator. Each party's last best offer shall be filed with
17 the Board or the arbitrator under seal and shall be unsealed and placed in the
18 public record only when both parties' last best offers are filed with the Board
19 or the arbitrator. A party's last best offer shall not include a proposal to
20 provide alternative health coverage to retired State employees that has not been
21 agreed to pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 479(a)(2) of this title. The

1 Board or the arbitrator shall hold one or more hearings. Within 30 days of the
2 certifications, the Board or the arbitrator shall select between the last best
3 offers of the parties, considered in their entirety without amendment.

4 * * *

5 Sec. E.108.2 3 V.S.A. § 1018 is amended to read:

6 § 1018. MEDIATION; FACT-FINDING; LAST BEST OFFER

7 * * *

8 (i)(1) If the dispute remains unresolved 20 days after transmittal of
9 findings and recommendations or within a period of time mutually agreed upon
10 by the parties that may be not more than an additional 30 days, each party shall
11 submit to the Board or, upon the request of either party, to an arbitrator
12 mutually agreed upon by the parties its last best offer on all disputed issues as a
13 single package. If the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator, the American
14 Arbitration Association shall appoint a neutral third party to act as arbitrator.

15 (2) Each party's last best offer shall be:

16 (A) filed with the Board or the arbitrator under seal;

17 (B) certified to the Board or the arbitrator by the fact finder; and

18 (C) unsealed and placed in the public record only when both parties'

19 last best offers are filed with the Board or the arbitrator.

1 Fund at the end of each fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain part of
2 the Fund. Interest earned by the Fund shall be deposited into the Fund.

3 (b) The Fund shall receive an annual transfer from the General Fund in an
4 amount not to exceed 0.21 percent of total revenue collected in the prior fiscal
5 year by the Department of Taxes. The fund may receive other receipts as
6 directed or authorized by the General Assembly.

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

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

17 Sec. E.111.2 24 V.S.A. § 138(c) is amended to read:

18 (c) Any tax imposed under the authority of this section shall be collected
19 and administered by the Department of Taxes, in accordance with State law
20 governing such State tax or taxes; provided, however, that a sales tax imposed
21 under this section shall be collected on each sale that is subject to the Vermont

1 sales tax using a destination basis for taxation. Except with respect to taxes
2 collected on the sale of aviation jet fuel, a per-return fee of \$5.96 shall be
3 assessed ~~to compensate the Department for the costs of administration and~~
4 ~~collection~~, 70 percent of which shall be borne by the municipality, and
5 30 percent of which shall be borne by the State to be paid from the PILOT
6 Special Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law or municipal charter to
7 the contrary, revenue from the fee shall be used to compensate the Department
8 for the costs of administering and collecting the local option tax and of
9 administering the State appraisal and litigation program established in
10 32 V.S.A. § 5413. The fee shall be subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A.
11 § 605.

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

14 Sec. 8. REPEAL

15 ~~On June 30, 2024:~~

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

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

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

2 (a) The establishment of two new permanent exempt Capitol Police Officer
3 positions in the Office of the Sergeant at Arms are authorized in fiscal year
4 2024.

5 Sec. E.128.1 FARMERS' NIGHT CONCERT SERIES; APPROPRIATION

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

11 Sec. E.131 STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE – VCBB ESCROW

12 ACCOUNT

13 (a) In fiscal year 2024, pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 10, the Treasurer is
14 authorized to use up to \$20,000,000 of the State's average cash balance to
15 establish an escrow account for the exclusive benefit of the Vermont
16 Community Broadband Board and for the sole purpose of securing federal
17 funding under the National Telecommunications and Information
18 Administration's Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program.

19 (b) On or before January 15, 2024, the Vermont Community Broadband
20 Board shall submit a recommendation to the House and Senate Committees on
21 Appropriations with a recommendation for legislative action to create a long-

1 term funding plan for the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure
2 Program.

3 Sec. E.133 VERMONT RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND VERMONT
4 PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; SOURCE OF
5 FUNDS

6 (a) The funds appropriated from the pension systems for administrative
7 costs in Secs. B.133, B.134, and B.514.1 of this act are intended to provide
8 spending authority needed to cover the operating costs of the State's pensions
9 systems, including transferring funds from the State's pension systems to the
10 Treasurers Retirement Admin Costs Fund (21520) and to the Vermont Pension
11 Investment Commission Special Fund (21521) to cover the portion of the
12 Treasurer's budget attributable to the State's pension systems and the Vermont
13 Pension Investment Commission's budget.

14 (1) Of the \$2,857,679 appropriated in Sec. B.133 of this act, \$1,937,839
15 constitutes the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System operating
16 budget, and \$919,840 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension
17 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State
18 Employees' Retirement System.

19 (2) Of the \$1,650,789 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,309,958
20 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating
21 budget, and \$340,831 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension

1 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont Municipal
2 Employees' Retirement System.

3 (3) Of the \$3,299,987 appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act,
4 \$2,309,460 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System
5 operating budget, and \$990,527 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension
6 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers'
7 Retirement System.

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 the hydroelectric plants and other
15 property owned by TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. and its successor Great
16 River Hydro, LLC in the State of Vermont.

17 Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

18 (a) The appropriation in Sec. B.142 of this act is for State payments in lieu
19 of property taxes under 32 V.S.A. § 3701. The payments shall be calculated in
20 addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier
21 and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes

1 under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A.
2 § 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 two new permanent exempt positions at the
7 Judiciary are authorized in fiscal year 2024: one Judge, and one court clerk.

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

9 § 7282. SURCHARGE

10 (a) In addition to any penalty or fine imposed by the court ~~or Judicial~~
11 ~~Bureau~~ for a criminal offense or any civil penalty imposed by the Judicial
12 Bureau for a traffic violation, including any violation of a fish and wildlife
13 statute or regulation, violation of a motor vehicle statute, or violation of any
14 local ordinance relating to the operation of a motor vehicle, except violations
15 relating to seat belts and child restraints and ordinances relating to parking
16 violations, the clerk of the court or Judicial Bureau shall levy an additional
17 surcharge of:

18 * * *

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

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

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

9 (D) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2013,
10 \$47.00, of which ~~\$29.75~~ \$33.50 shall be deposited in the Victims
11 Compensation Special Fund created by section 5359 of this title, and of which
12 ~~\$10.00~~ \$13.50 shall be deposited in the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special
13 Fund created by section 5360 of this title.

14 * * *

15 (c) ~~SH~~ SIU surcharge. In addition to any penalty or fine imposed by the
16 court or Judicial Bureau for a criminal offense committed after July 1, 2009,
17 the clerk of the court or Judicial Bureau shall levy an additional surcharge of
18 \$100.00 to be deposited in the General Fund, in support of the Specialized
19 Investigative Unit Grants Board created in 24 V.S.A. § 1940(c), and used to
20 pay for the costs of Specialized Investigative Units.

1 Sec. E.208 PUBLIC SAFETY – ADMINISTRATION

2 (a) The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a
3 performance-based contract with the Essex County Sheriff’s Department to
4 provide law enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the
5 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Essex County Sheriff.

6 Sec. E.209 PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE POLICE

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

12 (b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$405,000 is
13 allocated for grants in support of the Drug Task Force. Of this amount,
14 \$190,000 shall be used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town
15 Task Force officers. These town Task Force officers shall be dedicated to
16 enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18
17 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any
18 unobligated funds may be allocated by the Commissioner to the Drug Task
19 Force or carried forward.

1 Sec. E.212 PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE SAFETY

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

5 Sec. E.215 MILITARY – ADMINISTRATION

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

9 Sec. E.219 MILITARY – VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

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

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

16 § 2730. LICENSING FOR OPERATION OF WEIGHING AND
17 MEASURING DEVICES

18 (a) As used in this section:

19 * * *

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

4 * * *

5 (f)(1) The Secretary shall charge, per unit, the following annual license
6 fees:

7 (A) Retail motor fuel dispenser meter: \$25.00.

8 * * *

9 (E) Each distinct plug-in connection point of electric vehicle supply
10 equipment available to the public: \$25.00.

11 * * * Human Services * * *

12 Sec. E.300 FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE
13 ADVOCATE; VERMONT LEGAL AID

14 Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.300 of this act:

15 (1) \$1,847,406 shall be used for the contract with the Office of the
16 Health Care Advocate; and

17 (2) \$500,000 is for the purposes of maintaining current Vermont Legal
18 Aid program capacity and addressing increased requests for services, including
19 eviction prevention and protection from foreclosure and consumer debt.

20 Sec. E.300.1 STATE REFUGEE OFFICE; INVENTORY AND NEEDS
21 ASSESSMENT; REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

1 (a) Request for proposal. On or before September 15, 2023, the State
2 Refugee Office shall issue a request for proposal for a comprehensive
3 inventory and needs assessment of Vermont’s immigrant community and the
4 organizations providing support to this community. For purposes of this
5 section, “Vermont’s immigrant community” includes refugees, asylum seekers,
6 asylees, humanitarian parolees, immigrants, individuals without a legal
7 immigrant status, and any permanent lawful residents who may have held one
8 of these statuses in the past.

9 (b) Inventory and assessment. The State Refugee Office shall contract with
10 an independent third party to conduct the inventory and assessment described
11 in subsection (a) of this section. On or before November 15, 2024, the
12 completed inventory and assessment shall be delivered to the State Refugee
13 Office.

14 (c) Scope. The inventory and assessment described in subsection (a) of this
15 section shall include the following:

16 (1) a list of any organizations in the State that formally provide social,
17 housing, health, mental health, or legal support services to Vermont’s
18 immigrant community;

19 (2) a summary of the services provided by each listed organization to
20 Vermont’s immigrant community;

21 (3) the sources of funding supporting each organization;

1 (4) the relationship with and support provided by the State Refugee
2 Office and any listed refugee agency and the organization, including how each
3 organization's needs, goals, and opportunities are communicated to the State
4 Refugee Office;

5 (5) how referrals are made to each organization; and

6 (6) the governing structure of each organization.

7 (d) Reports.

8 (1) On or before January 15, 2024, the State Refugee Office shall submit
9 a status update on the request for proposal described in subsection (a) of this
10 section to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate
11 Committee on Health and Welfare.

12 (2) On or before December 1, 2024, the State Refugee Office shall
13 submit a copy of the final inventory and assessment described in subsection (b)
14 of this section to the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate
15 Committee on Health and Welfare.

16 Sec. E.300.2 LUND; SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

17 It is the intent of the General Assembly that Lund will develop a
18 sustainability plan and share it with the Agency of Human Services and the
19 General Assembly.

1 Sec. E.300.3 DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES;

2 INCREASE

3 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that it will be incumbent upon
4 the designated and specialized service agencies to focus any new funds on
5 recruitment and retention of their direct service staff and contractors providing
6 direct services. In fiscal year 2024, the Agency of Human Services shall
7 increase funding to the designated and specialized service agencies in such a
8 manner so as to support a four percent fund increase that furthers improved
9 transparency, accountability and equity for Vermonters.

10 Sec. E.300.4 HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE SYSTEMS ANALYSIS

11 (a) On or before September 1, 2023, the Agency of Human Services shall
12 convene a working group, including individuals with lived experience of
13 homelessness, local and statewide representatives of the Continuums of Care
14 Program, representatives of housing- and homelessness-related organizations, a
15 member from the House Committee on General and Housing, a member from
16 the House Committee on Human Services, a member from the Senate
17 Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and a
18 member from the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to review, develop,
19 and provide recommendations on Vermont's homelessness response and
20 prevention programs and governance system, including any measures of
21 success that incorporate recent and relevant assessments and statewide plans.

1 (b)(1) On or before January 15, 2024, the working group established
2 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall submit its initial findings and
3 recommendations to the House Committees on Human Services and on
4 General and Housing and to the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and
5 on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs to align with the
6 federal goal to reduce homelessness by 25 percent by 2025, in accordance with
7 the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, including
8 strategies to:

9 (A) address racial and other disparities, as well as the multiplier
10 effects of two or more concurrent risk factors, among people experiencing
11 homelessness;

12 (B) justify State and local action through research of quantitative and
13 qualitative data, including the perspectives of individuals who have or are
14 currently experiencing homelessness;

15 (C) eliminate the silos between State and local governments and
16 organizations; public, private, and philanthropic sectors; and individuals who
17 have or are currently experiencing homelessness;

18 (D) increase the supply of and access to safe, affordable, and
19 accessible housing and tailored supports for individuals at risk of or currently
20 experiencing homelessness;

1 (E) improve response systems to meet the urgent crisis of
2 homelessness, especially unsheltered homelessness; and

3 (F) reduce the risk of housing instability for households most likely
4 to experience homelessness.

5 (2) On or before January 1, 2024, the working group shall submit an
6 interim report on its work pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (b) to
7 the House Committees on Human Services and on General and Housing and to
8 the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Economic Development,
9 Housing and General Affairs.

10 (3) On or before January 1, 2025, the working group convened in
11 subsection (a) of this section shall submit a final report on its work pursuant to
12 subdivision (1) of this subsection (b) to the House Committees on Human
13 Services and on General and Housing and to the Senate Committees on Health
14 and Welfare and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

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

16 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in Sec.
17 B.301 of this act for payment of the actuarially certified premium required
18 under the intergovernmental agreement between the Agency of Human
19 Services and the managed care entity, the Department of Vermont Health
20 Access, as provided for in the Global Commitment to Health Section 1115

1 demonstration (Global Commitment) approved by the Centers for Medicare
2 and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

3 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a
4 total estimated sum of \$25,231,644 is anticipated to be certified as State
5 matching funds under Global Commitment as follows:

6 (1) \$21,957,400 certified State match available from local education
7 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under
8 Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$28,542,600 of federal
9 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated
10 expenditure of \$50,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal
11 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services
12 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment
13 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A.
14 § 2959a.

15 (2) \$3,093,521 certified State match available from local designated
16 mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health
17 services provided under Global Commitment.

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

1 Sec. E.301.1 GLOBAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER;
2 REPORT

3 (a) To facilitate the end-of-year closeout for fiscal year 2024, the Secretary
4 of Human Services, with approval from the Secretary of Administration, may
5 make transfers among the appropriations authorized for Medicaid and
6 Medicaid-waiver program expenses, including Global Commitment
7 appropriations outside the Agency of Human Services. At least three business
8 days prior to any transfer, the Agency of Human Services shall submit to the
9 Joint Fiscal Office a proposal of transfers to be made pursuant to this section.
10 A final report on all transfers made under this section shall be made to the Joint
11 Fiscal Committee for review at the Committee's September 2024 meeting.
12 The purpose of this section is to provide the Agency with limited authority to
13 modify the appropriations to comply with the terms and conditions of the
14 Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 demonstration approved by the
15 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social
16 Security Act.

17 Sec. E.301.2 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 72a as amended by 2022
18 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.105 is further amended to read:

19 * * *

20 (f) The Global Commitment Fund appropriated in subsection (e) of this
21 section may be obligated in fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024 for the

1 purposes of bringing HCBS plan spending authority forward into fiscal year
2 2024 and fiscal year 2025, respectively. The funds appropriated in subsections
3 (b), (c), and (e) of this section may be transferred on a net-neutral basis in
4 fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024 in the same manner as the Global
5 Commitment appropriations in ~~Sec. E.301 of H.740 of 2022~~ 2022 Acts and
6 Resolves No, 185, Sec. E.301. The Agency shall report to the Joint Fiscal
7 Committee in September 2023 and September 2024, respectively, on transfers
8 of appropriations made and final amounts expended by each department in
9 fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024, respectively, and any obligated funds
10 carried forward to be expended in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025,
11 respectively.

12 Sec. E.306 VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE RULES

13 (a) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
14 chapter 25 to conform Vermont's rules regarding health care eligibility and
15 enrollment and the operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to State
16 and federal law and guidance. The Agency may use the emergency rules
17 process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 prior to June 30, 2024, but only if new
18 State or federal law or guidance requires Vermont to amend or adopt its rules
19 in a time frame that cannot be accomplished under the traditional rulemaking
20 process. An emergency rule adopted under these exigent circumstances shall

1 be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of emergency rules required
2 pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

3 Sec. E.306.1 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 60(10), as amended by
4 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 14, 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 187,
5 Sec. 5, 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 21, and 2021 Acts and Resolves
6 No. 73, Sec. 14, is further amended to read:

7 (10) Secs. 48–51 (health claims tax) shall take effect on July 1, 2013 and
8 Sec. 52 (Health IT-Fund; sunset) shall take effect on July 1, ~~2023~~ 2025.

9 Sec. E.306.2 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Sec. 105, as amended by 2019
10 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 19 and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec.
11 75, is further amended to read:

12 Sec. 105. EFFECTIVE DATES

13 * * *

14 (b) Sec. 73 (further amending 32 V.S.A. § 10402) shall take effect on
15 July 1, ~~2023~~ 2025.

16 * * *

17 Sec. E.306.3 ADULT DAY PROGRAMS; RATE STUDY

18 (a) The Department of Vermont Health Access, in collaboration with the
19 Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, and the Vermont
20 Association of Adult Day Services shall propose payment methodologies that

1 encourage increased enrollment or attendance or both and predictable funding
2 levels for adult day programs.

3 (b) On or before February 15, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health
4 Access shall submit the report to the House Committees on Appropriations and
5 on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on
6 Health and Welfare.

7 Sec. E.306.4 ASSISTIVE COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

8 (a) Beginning in fiscal year 2025, the Agency of Human Services shall
9 move the appropriation for assistive community care services from the
10 Department of Vermont Health Access to the Department of Disabilities,
11 Aging, and Independent Living.

12 Sec. E.307 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.334.1 is amended to read:

13 Sec. E.334.1 LONG-TERM CARE – PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE
14 INCREASE

15 (a) The amount of the State supplement for Medicaid beneficiaries who
16 reside in a nursing home and receive Supplemental Security Income shall
17 increase by 10 percent to the degree practicable effective January 1, 2023 but
18 not later than January 1, 2024.

19 (b) The amount of the personal needs allowance for all Medicaid
20 beneficiaries who reside in a nursing home shall increase by 10 percent to the
21 degree practicable effective January 1, 2023 but not later than January 1, 2024.

1 Sec. E.307.1 BLUEPRINT FOR HEALTH; PAYMENTS TO PATIENT

2 CENTERED MEDICAL HOMES; REPORT

3 (a) On or before January 15, 2024, the Director of Health Care Reform in
4 the Agency of Human Services shall recommend to the House Committees on
5 Health Care and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health and
6 Welfare, on Appropriations, and on Finance the amounts by which health
7 insurers and Vermont Medicaid should increase the amount of the per person,
8 per month payments they make to Blueprint for Health patient-centered
9 medical homes in furtherance of the goal of providing the additional resources
10 necessary for delivery of comprehensive primary care services to Vermonters
11 and in order to sustain access to primary care services in Vermont. The
12 Agency shall provide an estimate of the State funding that would be needed to
13 support the increase for Medicaid, both with and without federal financial
14 participation. The Agency shall also evaluate and report on potential
15 mechanisms for ensuring that all payers are contributing equitably to the
16 Blueprint on behalf of their covered lives in Vermont, including a
17 consideration of supporting Blueprint initiatives through the health care claims
18 tax established in 32 V.S.A. chapter 243.

1 Sec. E.307.2 33 V.S.A. § 1992 is amended to read:

2 § 1992. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR ADULT DENTAL SERVICES

3 (a) Vermont Medicaid shall provide coverage for medically necessary
4 dental services provided by a dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist
5 working within the scope of the provider's license as follows:

6 * * *

7 (2) Diagnostic, restorative, and endodontic procedures, to a maximum of
8 ~~\$1,000.00~~ \$1,500.00 per calendar year, provided that the Department of
9 Vermont Health Access may approve expenditures in excess of that amount
10 when exceptional medical circumstances so require.

11 Sec. E.307.3 MEDICAID DENTAL COVERAGE; ESTIMATED COST OF
12 REMOVING COVERAGE LIMIT; REPORT

13 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to improve access to dental care
14 for Vermont Medicaid beneficiaries by eliminating individual caps on dental
15 spending. Following implementation of a proposed increase in the dental cap
16 from \$1,000 to \$1,500 and evaluation of the financial impacts of the increase,
17 the Department of Vermont Health Access shall project the potential costs of
18 eliminating the dental cap entirely. The Department shall report its findings on
19 the projected costs of lifting the dental cap as part of its fiscal year 2026 budget
20 presentation.

1 Sec. E.312 HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH

2 (a) AIDS/HIV funding:

3 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
4 the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication Rebates special funds to Vermont
5 AIDS service and peer-support organizations for client-based support services.
6 The Department of Health AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the
7 Community Advisory Group (CAG) with current information and data relating
8 to service initiatives. The funds shall be allocated according to an RFP
9 process.

10 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
11 the amount of \$295,000 to the following organizations:

12 (A) Vermont CARES - \$140,000;

13 (B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont - \$100,000; and

14 (C) HIV/HCV Resource Center - \$55,000.

15 (3) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont
16 Medication Assistance Program (VMAP) shall be distributed in accordance
17 with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or
18 services funded solely by State general funds.

19 (A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the
20 Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in VMAP to
21 assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with

1 persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to VMAP
2 medications until such time as the General Assembly can act.

3 (B) The Secretary of Human Services shall work in collaboration
4 with the VMAP Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of not less
5 than 50 percent of members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification
6 to the program's eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the
7 Committee shall make recommendations regarding the program's formulary of
8 approved medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and
9 eligibility for the program.

10 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
11 the amount of \$100,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service
12 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for
13 community-based HIV prevention programs and services. These funds shall
14 be used for HIV/AIDS prevention purposes, including syringe exchange
15 programs; improving the availability of confidential and anonymous HIV
16 testing; prevention work with at-risk groups such as women, intravenous drug
17 users, and people of color; and anti-stigma campaigns. Not more than 15
18 percent of the funds may be used for the administration of such services by the
19 recipients of these funds. The method by which these prevention funds are
20 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of

1 Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont
2 HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

3 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
4 the amount of \$300,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service
5 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for syringe
6 exchange programs. The method by which these prevention funds are
7 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of
8 Health, the Vermont AIDS service organizations, and other Vermont
9 HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The performance period for these grants
10 shall be State fiscal year 2024. Grant reporting shall include outcomes and
11 results.

12 (6) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall not reduce any
13 grants to Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations or syringe
14 service programs from funds appropriated for AIDS/HIV services to levels
15 below those in fiscal year 2023 without receiving prior approval from the Joint
16 Fiscal Committee.

17 Sec. E.312.1 REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

18 COORDINATION; STUDY COMMITTEE; REPORT

19 (a) Creation. There is created the Regional Emergency Medical Services
20 (EMS) Coordination Study Committee to assess the current EMS District
21 structure and the current level and cost of service in each district.

1 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following
2 members:

3 (1) a member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker
4 of the House;

5 (2) a member of the Senate, appointed by the Committee on
6 Committees;

7 (3) the EMS Chief of the EMS Office in the Department of Health;

8 (4) the Commissioner of the Department of Health or designee;

9 (5) the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or designee;

10 (6) one member, appointed by the Vermont League of Cities and
11 Towns;

12 (7) one member who is a volunteer emergency medical technician or
13 paramedic, appointed by the Vermont Ambulance Association;

14 (8) one member, appointed by the Vermont Association of Hospitals and
15 Health Systems;

16 (9) one member, appointed by the Vermont State Firefighters’
17 Association;

18 (10) one member, appointed by Professional Fire Fighters of Vermont;

19 (11) one member, appointed by the Statewide EMS Medical Director;

20 (12) one member, appointed by the EMS Education Council;

1 (13) three members representing three separate EMS Districts, with at
2 least one selected District primarily covering small, rural communities,
3 appointed by the EMS Chief at the Department of Health; and

4 (14) two members of the public, appointed by the Governor.

5 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall study the provision of
6 emergency medical services in the State, including the following issues:

7 (1) ways to decrease costs;

8 (2) ways to improve EMS coordination;

9 (3) ways to increase access to emergency services within each district;

10 and

11 (4) ways to optimize the EMS District structure and authority, including
12 consideration of recommendations on the number and configuration of EMS
13 Districts and their powers, duties, and authority.

14 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,
15 and legal assistance of the Department of Health.

16 (e) Report. On or before December 31, 2023, the Committee shall submit a
17 written report to the House Committees on Government Operations and
18 Military Affairs and on Health Care and the Senate Committees on
19 Government Operations and on Health and Welfare with its findings and any
20 recommendations for legislative action.

21 (f) Meetings.

1 (1) The EMS Chief of the EMS Office in the Department of Health shall
2 call the first meeting of the Committee to occur on or before July 15, 2023.

3 (2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the
4 first meeting.

5 (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

6 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on December 31, 2023.

7 (g) Compensation and reimbursement.

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

14 (2) Other members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem
15 compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A.
16 § 1010 for not more than eight meetings. These payments shall be made from
17 monies appropriated to the Department of Health.

18 (h) Appropriation. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated to the Department
19 of Health from the General Fund in fiscal year 2024 to support the work of the
20 Committee as set forth in this section, including hiring a consultant to assist the

1 Committee in conducting its study and writing a report on its findings and
2 recommendations.

3 Sec. E.313 HEALTH; SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAMS

4 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide additional
5 grants from the Global Commitment in the amount of \$1,850,000 to Vermont's
6 13 recovery centers, including Jenna's Promise and Vermont Recovery
7 Partners, for recovery center operations. The methods by which these funds
8 are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department and
9 the recipient recovery centers. The performance period of these grants shall be
10 State fiscal year 2024. Recipient recovery centers shall report outcomes to the
11 Department.

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 Sec. E.316.1 REPORT; CRISIS STANDARDS – EMERGENCY HOUSING

2 (a) On or before January 1, 2024, the Department for Children and Families
3 shall develop and submit a plan to coordinate and deliver crisis standards,
4 including for emergency housing and shelter with strong connections to
5 housing, health, and employment services, to the House Committees on
6 Human Services and on General and Housing and to the Senate Committees on
7 Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Health and
8 Welfare. In developing the plan, the Department shall consult with
9 stakeholders who specialize in homelessness prevention and mitigation,
10 including those organizations who participated in developing the Vermont
11 Roadmap to End Homelessness developed pursuant to 2016 Acts and Resolves
12 No. 172, Sec. B.1102(a).

13 Sec. E.318 PARENT CHILD CENTERS NETWORK; EMPLOYEE

14 SALARIES AND BENEFITS

15 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly increased funding appropriated
16 in fiscal year 2024 to the parent child centers be used to increase employee
17 salaries and benefits, and not for new or expanded programming.

18 Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING: ADVERSE WEATHER

19 CONDITIONS

1 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families may, by policy, provide
2 temporary housing for a limited duration in adverse weather conditions when
3 appropriate shelter space is not available.

4 Sec. E.321.1. GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING; PLAN TO END
5 HOTEL AND MOTEL PROGRAM ESTABLISHED DURING
6 COVID-19 EMERGENCY

7 (a)(1) In fiscal year 2024, \$20,000,000.00 is appropriated from the General
8 Fund to the Department for Children and Families to support any services
9 necessary to transition individuals from the hotel and motel housing program
10 established in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The
11 Department shall collaborate with the Vermont Housing and Conservation
12 Board, community action agencies, housing opportunity programs, and other
13 relevant stakeholders to locate alternative housing and supportive services for
14 individuals utilizing the hotel and motel housing program established in
15 response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

16 (2) Of the amount appropriated in subdivision (1) of this subsection,
17 \$10,000,000.00 shall be allocated to the Vermont Housing and Conservation
18 Board for the purchase and support of manufactured housing and the remaining
19 \$10,000,000.00 shall be utilized by the housing opportunity programs,
20 community action agencies, and the Department for the provision of supportive
21 services.

1 (b) The following households participating in the hotel and motel program
2 on June 1, 2023 shall be eligible for alternative housing and supportive
3 services pursuant to this section:

4 (1) a household that lost its housing due to a natural disaster, such as a
5 flood, fire, or hurricane;

6 (2) a household that has a member who has experienced domestic
7 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;

8 (3) a household that has a member who has experienced a dangerous or
9 life-threatening incident related to violence against the member that either
10 occurred within the member's home or caused the member to reasonably
11 believe that the member was at risk of further harm if the member remained in
12 the home;

13 (4) a household with a child or children who are either under 18 years of
14 age or who are 18 or 19 years of age and attending secondary school on a full-
15 time basis or an equivalent level of vocational or technical training;

16 (5) a household that has a member who is 60 years of age or older;

17 (6) a household that has a member who receives SSI or SSDI;

18 (7) a household that has a member who is pregnant;

19 (8) a household that is pursuing legal resolution of violations of the
20 Rental Housing Health Code through the Department of Health or appropriate
21 local officials; and

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) \$1,250, 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) \$750, to be paid after participating in the Program for 18 months;

20 and

21 (D) \$750, to be paid after participating in the Program for 24 months.

1 Sec. E.323.8 REACH AHEAD PILOT PROGRAM

2 (a) The Department for Children and Families' Economic Services
3 Division shall collect and report data that measures outcomes for participants
4 of the Reach Ahead Pilot Program established in Sec. E.323.7 of this act; the
5 indicators used to measure participant and Pilot Program progress; and the
6 strategies that are implemented to improve quality of life for all children,
7 adults, and families participating in the Reach Ahead Pilot Program.

8 Sec. E.324 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

9 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee may authorize
10 crisis fuel assistance to those income-eligible households that have applied for
11 an expedited seasonal fuel benefit but have not yet received it if the benefit
12 cannot be executed in time to prevent them from running out of fuel. The
13 crisis fuel grants authorized pursuant to this section count toward the one crisis
14 fuel grant allowed per household for the winter heating season pursuant to 33
15 V.S.A. § 2609(b).

16 Sec. E.325 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – OFFICE
17 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

18 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act,
19 \$14,789,597 shall be granted to community agencies to assist individuals
20 experiencing homelessness by preserving existing services, increasing services,
21 or increasing resources available statewide. These funds may be granted alone

1 or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions Grants funds. Funds shall
2 be administered in consultation with the Vermont Coalition to End
3 Homelessness.

4 (b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$170,301
5 will be granted to community agencies for financial coaching.

6 Sec. E.325.1 CHILD CARE FACILITIES FINANCING PROGRAM

7 (a) 33 V.S.A. § 3521 (Child Care Facilities Financing Program established)
8 is repealed.

9 Sec. E.326 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – OFFICE
10 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY – WEATHERIZATION
11 ASSISTANCE

12 (a) Of the special fund appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act, \$750,000 is
13 for the replacement and repair of home heating equipment.

14 Sec. E.329 18 V.S.A. § 8725 is amended to read:

15 § 8725. SYSTEM OF CARE PLAN

16 * * *

17 (e) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), on or before ~~January~~ February 15 of
18 each year, the Department shall report to the Governor and the committees of
19 jurisdiction regarding implementation of the plan, the extent to which the
20 principles of service set forth in section 8724 of this title are achieved, and

1 whether people with a developmental disability have any unmet service needs,
2 including the number of people on waiting lists for developmental services.

3 * * *

4 Sec. E.330 1 V.S.A. § 331 is amended to read:

5 § 331. DEFINITIONS

6 As used in the subchapter:

7 (1) “Person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or
8 DeafBlind” means any person who has such difficulty hearing, even with
9 amplification, that the person cannot rely on hearing for communication.

10 (2) “Proceeding” means any judicial proceeding, contested case under
11 3 V.S.A. chapter 25, or other hearing before an administrative agency not
12 included under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.

13 (3) “Qualified interpreter” means an interpreter for a person who is ~~deaf~~
14 ~~or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind who meets standards
15 of competency established by the national or Vermont Registry of Interpreters
16 for the Deaf ~~as amended, by rule, by the Vermont Commission of the Deaf and~~
17 ~~Hard of Hearing.~~

18 Sec. E.330.1 1 V.S.A. § 332 is amended to read:

19 § 332. RIGHT TO INTERPRETER; ASSISTIVE LISTENING EQUIPMENT

20 (a) Any person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or
21 DeafBlind who is a party or witness in any proceeding shall be entitled to be

1 provided with a qualified interpreter for the duration of the person's
2 participation in the proceeding.

3 (b) Any person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or
4 DeafBlind shall be entitled to be provided with a qualified interpreter upon five
5 working days' notice that the person has reasonable need to do any of the
6 following:

7 * * *

8 (c) If a person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or
9 DeafBlind is unable to use or understand sign language, the presiding officer or
10 State board or agency or State legislative official shall, upon five working
11 days' notice, make available appropriate assistive listening equipment for use
12 during the proceeding or activity.

13 Sec. E.330.2 1 V.S.A. § 333 is amended to read:

14 § 333. APPOINTMENT OF INTERPRETER

15 (a) The presiding officer in a proceeding shall appoint an interpreter after
16 making a preliminary determination that the interpreter is able to:

17 (1) readily communicate with the person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing,~~
18 ~~to~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind;

19 (2) accurately interpret statements or communications from the person
20 who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing,~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind; and ~~to~~

1 (6) shall not exert any influence over the person who is ~~deaf or hard of~~
2 ~~hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind; and

3 (7) ~~shall~~ does not accept assignments the interpreter does not feel
4 competent to handle.

5 (b) ~~Rules established by the Vermont Commission of the Deaf and Hard of~~
6 ~~Hearing pursuant to subdivision 331(3) of this title amending the standards of~~
7 ~~competency established by the national or Vermont Registry of the Deaf shall~~
8 ~~be limited to the factors set forth in subsection (a) of this section.~~ [Repealed.]

9 (c) ~~The Vermont Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing shall~~
10 ~~prepare an explanation of the provisions of this subchapter which shall be~~
11 ~~distributed to all State agencies and courts.~~ [Repealed.]

12 (d) ~~The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall~~
13 ~~maintain a list of qualified interpreters in Vermont and, where such~~
14 ~~information is available, in surrounding states. The list shall be distributed~~
15 State of Vermont, though a statewide contract, shall maintain access to
16 qualified interpreters in Vermont. Access to qualified interpreters shall be
17 available to all State agencies and courts.

18 Sec. E.330.4 1 V.S.A. § 337 is amended to read:

19 § 337. REVIEW

20 (a) A decision, order, or judgment of a court or administrative agency may
21 be reversed on appeal if the court or agency finds that a person who is ~~deaf or~~

1 ~~hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind who was a party or a
2 witness in the proceeding was deprived of an opportunity to communicate
3 effectively, and that the deprivation was prejudicial.

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5 Sec. E.330.5 1 V.S.A. § 338 is amended to read:

6 § 338. ADMISSIONS; CONFESSIONS

7 (a) An admission or confession by a person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~
8 Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind made to a law enforcement officer or any
9 other person having a prosecutorial function may only be used against the
10 person in a criminal proceeding if:

11 (1) ~~The~~ the admission or confession was made knowingly, voluntarily,
12 and intelligently and is not subject to alternative interpretations resulting from
13 the person's habits and patterns of communication; and

14 (2) ~~The~~ the admission or confession, if made during a custodial
15 interrogation, was made after reasonable steps were taken, including the
16 appointment of a qualified interpreter, to ensure that the defendant understood
17 ~~his or her~~ the defendant's constitutional rights.

18 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section supplement the
19 constitutional rights of the person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of
20 Hearing, or DeafBlind.

1 Sec. E.330.6 1 V.S.A. § 339 is amended to read:

2 § 339. COMMUNICATIONS MADE TO INTERPRETERS; PROHIBITION
3 ON DISCLOSURE

4 (a) An interpreter, whether or not the interpreter is a qualified interpreter,
5 shall not disclose or testify to:

6 (1) a communication made by a person to an interpreter acting in ~~his or~~
7 ~~her~~ the capacity as of an interpreter for a person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~
8 Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind or a person with limited English
9 proficiency; or

10 (2) any information obtained by the interpreter while acting in ~~his or her~~
11 the capacity as of an interpreter for a person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~
12 Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind or a person with limited English
13 proficiency.

14 (b) There is no prohibition on disclosure under this section if the services
15 of the interpreter were sought or obtained to enable or aid anyone to commit or
16 plan to commit what the person who is ~~deaf or hard of hearing~~ Deaf, Hard of
17 Hearing, or DeafBlind or the person with limited English proficiency knew or
18 reasonably should have known to be a crime or fraud.

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20 (d) As used in this section, “person with limited English proficiency”
21 means a person who does not speak English as ~~his or her~~ the person’s primary

1 language and who has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand
2 English.

3 Sec. E.334 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND TRAUMATIC
4 BRAIN INJURY SERVICES RATE STUDY; REPORT

5 (a) The Department of Vermont Health Access, in collaboration with the
6 Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, shall conduct a
7 rate study of the Medicaid reimbursement rates paid for developmental
8 disability and traumatic brain injury (TBI) related services.

9 (b) On or before February 15, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health
10 Access shall report the results of its rate study to the House Committees on
11 Human Services and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health
12 and Welfare and on Appropriations.

13 Sec. E. 334.1 NURSING HOME RATE SETTING

14 (a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and the
15 Department of Vermont Health Access shall report to the House Committees
16 on Human Services and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on
17 Health and Welfare and on Appropriations not later than December 15, 2023,
18 on the budgetary impact of eliminating the minimum occupancy threshold in
19 the nursing home rate setting process and reducing the minimum occupancy
20 threshold to not more than 80 percent in the nursing home rate setting process.
21 The report shall include a recommendation on whether to eliminate or reduce

1 the minimum occupancy requirement, timeline, and next steps for
2 implementing the recommendation and anticipated impact on sustainability of
3 Vermont nursing homes.

4 Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS OUT-OF-STATE BEDS APPROPRIATION;
5 UNEXPENDED FUNDS CARRY FORWARD TO JUSTICE
6 REINVESTMENT II APPROPRIATION; REPORT

7 (a) In fiscal year 2024, any unexpended funds for the Department of
8 Corrections out-of-state beds appropriation will be carried forward to fiscal
9 year 2025, and the amount reported to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight
10 Committee in September 2024, to provide funding for justice reinvestment-
11 related programs. Funds may only be expended on justice reinvestment-related
12 programs upon approval of the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee.
13 The House Committees on Appropriations and on Corrections and Institutions
14 and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Judiciary will be notified
15 of any proposed expenditures on justice reinvestment-related programs.

16 (b) Any funds authorized to be used on justice reinvestment-related
17 programs pursuant to subsection (a) of this section may be spent over multiple
18 fiscal years until fully expended.

19 Sec. E.335.1 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES; OUT-OF-STATE BEDS

20 (a) To the extent that the General Fund is reduced in the Correctional
21 Services – out-of-state beds appropriation under Sec. B.339 of this act, the

1 corresponding amount of General Fund is budgeted in the Correctional
2 Services Justice Reinvestment II appropriation under Sec. B.338.1 of this act in
3 a net-neutral manner. As a result of this neutral reallocation of General Fund
4 among the two appropriations, any unexpended appropriations remaining in
5 Correctional Services – out-of-state beds appropriation on June 30 of any fiscal
6 year shall revert pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 703.

7 Sec. E.338 CORRECTIONS – CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

8 (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the special funds appropriation of
9 \$152,000 for the supplemental facility payments to Newport and Springfield
10 will be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

11 Sec. E.338.1 13 V.S.A. § 7554b is amended to read:

12 § 7554b. HOME DETENTION PROGRAM

13 (a) Definition. As used in this section, “home detention” means a program
14 of confinement and supervision that restricts a defendant to a preapproved
15 residence continuously, except for authorized absences, and is enforced by
16 appropriate means of surveillance and electronic monitoring by the Department
17 of Corrections, including the use of passive electronic monitoring. The court
18 may authorize scheduled absences such as for work, school, or treatment. Any
19 changes in the schedule shall be solely at the discretion of the Department of
20 Corrections. A defendant who is on home detention shall remain in the
21 custody of the Commissioner of Corrections with conditions set by the court.

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Sec. E.338.2 HOME DETENTION PROGRAM; REVIEW; REPORT

(a) The Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee shall review the Home Detention Program under 13 V.S.A. § 7554b, including its historical and current use, defendant eligibility criteria, and any potential changes to the types of crimes for which it can be used.

(b) On or before November 15, 2023, the Committee shall submit any findings resulting from its review in the form of proposed legislation to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

Sec. E.338.3 REPEALS

(a) 13 V.S.A. § 7554(a)(1)(G) is repealed.

(b) 13 V.S.A. § 7554(a)(2)(F) is repealed.

(c) 13 V.S.A. § 7554b is repealed on July 1, 2025.

(d) 13 V.S.A. § 7554d is repealed.

Sec. E.338.4 28 V.S.A. chapter 11 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 11. SUPERVISION OF ADULT INMATES AT
THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

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Subchapter 1A. Offender Reintegration

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1 § 722. DEFINITIONS

2 As used in this subchapter:

3 (1) “Absconding” means:

4 (A) the offender has not met supervision requirements, cannot be
5 located with reasonable efforts, and has not made contact with Department
6 staff within three days if convicted of a listed crime as defined in 13 V.S.A.
7 § 5301(7) or seven days if convicted of an unlisted crime;

8 (B) the offender flees from Department staff or law enforcement; or

9 (C) the offender left the State without Department authorization.

10 (2) “Conditional reentry” means the process by which a sentenced
11 offender is released into a community for supervision while participating in
12 programs that assist the reintegration process. The offender’s ability to remain
13 in the community under supervision is conditioned on the offender’s progress
14 in reentry programs.

15 ~~(2)~~(3) “Listed crime” means any offense identified in 13 V.S.A.

16 § 5301(7).

17 (4) “Technical violation” means a violation of conditions of furlough
18 that does not constitute a new crime.

19 ~~(3)~~(5) “Total effective sentence” means the sentence imposed under
20 13 V.S.A. §§ 7031 and 7032 as calculated by the Department in the offender’s
21 records.

1 ~~§ 5301(7) or seven days if convicted of a crime not listed in 13 V.S.A.~~

2 ~~§ 5301(7);~~

3 ~~(ii) the offender flees from Department staff or law enforcement;~~

4 ~~or~~

5 ~~(iii) the offender left the State without Department authorization.~~

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7 § 808e. ABSCONDING FROM FURLOUGH; WARRANT

8 (a) “Absconded” has the same meaning as “absconding” as defined in
9 subdivision 722(1)(A) of this title.

10 (b) The Commissioner of Corrections may issue a warrant for the arrest of
11 a person who has absconded from furlough status in violation of subsection
12 808(a) or section 723 or 808a, 808b, or 808e of this title, requiring the person
13 to be returned to a correctional facility. A law enforcement officer who is
14 provided with a warrant issued pursuant to this section shall execute the
15 warrant and return the person who has absconded from furlough to the
16 Department of Corrections.

17 ~~(b)~~(c) A person for whom an arrest warrant is issued pursuant to this
18 section shall not earn credit toward service of ~~his or her~~ the person’s sentence
19 for any days that the warrant is outstanding.

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1 Sec. E.345 HOSPITAL SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION PLANNING;

2 PILOT PROJECTS; REPORT

3 (a) The Agency of Human Services, in consultation with the Green
4 Mountain Care Board, shall engage in transformation planning with up to four
5 hospitals, or more than four hospitals to the extent funding is available, to
6 reduce inefficiencies, lower costs, improve population health outcomes, reduce
7 health inequities, and increase access to essential services while maintaining
8 sufficient capacity for emergency management. The transformation planning
9 shall be informed by the data analysis and community engagement process set
10 forth in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 167, Sec. 2.

11 (b) In order to ensure alignment across hospital system transformation
12 efforts, the Secretary of Human Services or designee and the Chair and staff of
13 the Green Mountain Care Board shall consult regarding the planning activities
14 set forth in this section and the data analysis and community engagement
15 process set forth in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 167, Sec. 2.

16 (c) On or before February 15, 2024, the Agency, in consultation with the
17 Board, shall provide an update to the House Committee on Health Care and the
18 Senate Committee on Health and Welfare regarding the progress of the
19 hospital system transformation planning activities described in subsection (a)
20 of this section.

1 (A) Grants may be used for technical assistance, program
2 implementation, program expansion, program sustainability, and related costs.

3 (B) Funds may be used to directly target communities with low
4 existing capacity to serve youth in afterschool and summer settings.

5 (C) The Agency may use up to \$500,000 for administrative costs to
6 allow for the support of the grant program and technical assistance to
7 communities. This could include subcontracts to support the grant program.

8 (b) Advisory Committee. An Advisory Committee is created to support the
9 Secretary of Education in administering the funds. The Agency will provide
10 administrative and technical support to the Committee. The Committee is to
11 be composed of:

12 (1) State's Chief Prevention Officer;

13 (2) DCF Commissioner or designee;

14 (3) VDH Commissioner or designee;

15 (4) DMH Commissioner or designee;

16 (5) ANR Secretary or designee;

17 (6) ACCD Secretary or designee;

18 (7) Vermont Afterschool Executive Director or Designee; and

19 (8) a Representative from the Governor's Office.

1 Sec. E.500.2 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 164 (Cannabis Regulation), Sec.

2 17d is amended to read:

3 Sec. 17d. ANNUAL BUDGETING OF SALES AND USE TAX

4 REVENUE

5 On or before November 15, 2021, and on or before each subsequent
6 November 15, the Agency of Education shall submit to the General Assembly
7 a plan to fund grants in furtherance of the purposes of Sec. 17c of this act, and
8 report outcomes data on the grants made during the previous year. The
9 Agency will also report on the number of programs, slots, weeks or hours,
10 geographic distribution, and what is known about costs to families. The report
11 should be inclusive of 21C programming. The grants shall be in an amount
12 equal to the official forecasted revenues to be raised from the sales and use tax
13 imposed by 32 V.S.A. chapter 233 on cannabis or cannabis products in this
14 State. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall
15 not apply to the plan to be made under this subsection.

16 Sec. E.502 EDUCATION – SPECIAL EDUCATION: FORMULA GRANTS

17 (a) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and
18 notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed
19 \$4,195,600 will be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2024 as
20 funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the

1 Secretary will not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. §
2 2969(c)–(d).

3 Sec. E.503 EDUCATION – STATE-PLACED STUDENTS

4 (a) The Independence Place Program of the Lund Family Center will be
5 considered a 24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of
6 education costs.

7 Sec. E.504 EDUCATION – FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

8 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$1,900,000 from the
9 Education Fund will be distributed to school districts for reimbursement of
10 high school completion services pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 943(c).

11 (b) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b), of this Education Fund
12 appropriation, the amount of:

13 (1) \$921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs notwithstanding
14 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);

15 (2) \$2,000,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual High School;

16 (3) \$400,000 is available for secondary school reform grants;

17 (4) \$3,400,000 is available for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §
18 946; and

19 (5) \$600,000 is available for the Vermont Academy of Science and
20 Technology.

1 (c) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$921,500 from the
2 General Fund is available for dual enrollment programs.

3 Sec. E.514 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

4 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to
5 the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS) will be
6 \$194,281,051 of which \$184,811,051 will be the State's contribution and
7 \$9,470,000 will be contributed from local school systems or educational
8 entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c).

9 (b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution,
10 \$34,825,673 is the "normal contribution," and \$159,455,378 is the "accrued
11 liability contribution."

12 Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM;
13 CALENDAR YEAR 2023–2024 SUPPLEMENTAL COST OF
14 LIVING PAYMENTS; INTENT; ACTUARIAL COST
15 ANALYSIS

16 (a) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

17 (1) The maximum percentage value methodology set forth in 16 V.S.A.
18 § 1949 that applies to the postretirement adjustment allowances for the
19 Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS) shall be actuarially
20 evaluated to determine the cost required to revert to the methodology used
21 prior to the enactment of 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 114.

1 (2) The General Assembly further intends to make such a reversion by
2 future legislative action amending 16 V.S.A. § 1949, provided that the present
3 value of changes to the postretirement adjustment allowance methodology be
4 fully funded at the time the change is made and not increase the unfunded
5 liability in VSTRS.

6 (3) The General Assembly further intends that if the June 30, 2023,
7 change in the Consumer Price Index exceeds the statutory maximum
8 percentage values set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 1949 (b)(1), the General Assembly
9 will provide a sufficient appropriation in the 2024 Budget Adjustment Act to
10 make a one-time supplemental payment, similar in form to that described in
11 subsection (b) of this section, to qualifying VSTRS retired members and
12 beneficiaries in calendar year 2024.

13 (b) Calendar year 2023 supplemental payment. A one-time supplemental
14 payment during calendar year 2023 shall be made to VSTRS retired members
15 and beneficiaries who received a 2.5 percent postretirement adjustment
16 allowance in an amount equal to the net difference between what members
17 actually received in calendar year 2023 and what they would have received
18 under a 3.8 percent postretirement adjustment allowance.

19 (c) Actuarial cost analysis. Following the completion of the next
20 experience study, expected in fall 2023, the State Treasurer shall conduct an
21 actuarial analysis to evaluate the cost of changing the current methodology for

1 calculating the postretirement adjustment allowance for the Vermont State
2 Teachers' Retirement System to a methodology calculated by applying the
3 maximum percentage values set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 1949(b)(1) to the
4 postretirement adjustment allowance rather than applying the statutory
5 maximum percentage values to the net percentage change in the Consumer
6 Price Index. The actuarial analysis shall take into account any changes to
7 actuarial assumptions that may occur following the experience study to be
8 performed at the end of fiscal year 2023, as required by 16 V.S.A. § 1942.

9 (d) Report. Based on the actuarial cost analysis described in subsection (c)
10 of this section, on or before January 15, 2024, the State Treasurer shall submit
11 a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations with an
12 actuarial cost estimate for changing the VSTRS postretirement adjustment
13 allowance methodology as set forth in subsection (c) of this section.

14 Sec. E.514.2 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM;
15 SUPPLEMENTAL COST OF LIVING PAYMENT; FISCAL
16 YEAR 2024 APPROPRIATION

17 (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, the amount of
18 \$3,000,000 is appropriated to VSTRS from the Education Fund, for Calendar
19 Year 2023 supplemental payments made in Sec. E.514.1 of this act and
20 associated costs.

1 Sec. E.514.3 16 V.S.A. § 1944 is amended to read:

2 § 1944. VERMONT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND

3 (a) Pension Fund. All of the assets of the System shall be credited to the
4 Vermont Teachers' Retirement Fund.

5 (b) Member contributions.

6 (1) Contributions deducted from the compensation of members shall be
7 accumulated in the Pension Fund and separately recorded for each member.

8 (2) The proper authority or officer responsible for making up each
9 employer payroll shall cause to be deducted from the compensation:

10 (A) Of each Group A member, five and one-half percent of the
11 member's total earnable compensation, including compensation paid for
12 absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title.

13 (B) Of each Group C member, the following shall apply:

14 * * *

15 (ii) Beginning on July 1, 2023, a Group C member shall have the
16 rate set forth in this subdivision (b)(2)(B)(ii) applied to the member's total
17 earnable compensation for the fiscal year, which shall include compensation
18 paid for absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title, and any
19 additional stipends identified as of July 1. A member's rate shall not be
20 adjusted during the fiscal year unless the member's full-time equivalency
21 status changes, which shall require that the member's rate be recalculated and

1 the new rate applied for the remainder of that fiscal year. For a member who
2 works a part-time equivalency status, the rate shall apply to the member's total
3 earnable compensation and not to an amount equal to an annualized base
4 salary. If a member is employed on a part-time equivalency status with two or
5 more employers, the highest rate shall be applied to the amounts deducted from
6 each employer. A member's rate shall be calculated according to the following
7 rates and income brackets:

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9 (iii) ~~Beginning on July 1, 2024 and annually thereafter, a Group C~~
10 ~~member shall have an effective rate, rounded to the nearest hundredth of a~~
11 ~~percent, that is calculated based on the member's base salary as of July 1 each~~
12 ~~year, which equals the member's total earnable compensation, including~~
13 ~~compensation paid for absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title,~~
14 ~~and any additional stipends identified as of July 1 for the next fiscal year. A~~
15 ~~member's effective rate shall not be adjusted during any fiscal year unless the~~
16 ~~member's full-time equivalency status changes, which shall require that the~~
17 ~~member's effective rate be recalculated and the new rate applied for the~~
18 ~~remainder of that fiscal year. For a member who works a part-time equivalency~~
19 ~~status, the effective rate shall apply to the member's total earnable~~
20 ~~compensation and not to an amount equal to an annualized base salary. If a~~
21 ~~member is employed on a part-time equivalency status with two or more~~

1 ~~employers, the highest effective rate shall be applied to the amounts deducted~~
2 ~~from each employer.~~ Beginning on July 1, 2024, a Group C member shall
3 have the rate set forth in this subdivision (b)(2)(B)(iii) applied to the member's
4 total earnable compensation for the fiscal year, which shall include
5 compensation paid for absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title,
6 and any additional stipends identified as of July 1. A member's rate shall not
7 be adjusted during the fiscal year unless the member's full-time equivalency
8 status changes, which shall require that the member's rate be recalculated and
9 the new rate applied for the remainder of that fiscal year. For a member who
10 works a part-time equivalency status, the rate shall apply to the member's total
11 earnable compensation and not to an amount equal to an annualized base
12 salary. If a member is employed on a part-time equivalency status with two or
13 more employers, the highest rate shall be applied to the amounts deducted from
14 each employer. A member's ~~effective~~ rate shall be calculated according to the
15 following ~~marginal~~ rates and income brackets:

16 (I) if a member's base salary is at or below \$40,000.00, the rate
17 is ~~6.25~~ 6.15 percent;

18 (II) if a member's base salary is \$40,000.01 or more but not
19 more than ~~\$60,000.00, the rate is the equivalent of \$2,900.00 on \$40,000.00~~
20 ~~and 6.75 percent of the member's salary that is \$40,000.01 or more~~
21 \$50,000.00, the rate is 6.20 percent;

1 (III) if a member's base salary is ~~\$60,000.01~~ \$50,000.01 or
2 more but not more than ~~\$80,000.00~~ \$60,000.00, the rate is ~~the equivalent of~~
3 ~~\$3,850.00 on \$60,000.00 and 7.5 percent of the member's salary that is~~
4 ~~\$60,000.01 or more~~ 6.30 percent;

5 (IV) if a member's base salary is ~~\$80,000.01~~ \$60,000.01 or
6 more but not more than ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$70,000.00, the rate is ~~the equivalent of~~
7 ~~\$5,350.00 on \$80,000.00 and 8.25 percent of the member's salary that is~~
8 ~~\$80,000.01 or more~~ 6.40 percent; and

9 (V) if a member's base salary is ~~\$100,000.01~~ \$70,000.01 or
10 more but not more than \$80,000.00, the rate is ~~the equivalent of \$7,000.00 on~~
11 ~~\$100,000.00 and 9.0 percent of the member's salary that is \$100,000.01 or~~
12 ~~more~~ 6.55 percent.

13 (VI) If a member's base salary is \$80,000.01 or more but not
14 more than \$90,000.00, the rate is 6.80 percent.

15 (VII) If a member's base salary is \$90,000.01 or more but not
16 more than \$100,000.00, the rate is 7.10 percent.

17 (VIII) If a member's base salary is \$100,000.01 or more, the
18 rate is 7.35 percent.

19 Sec. E.515 RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL

20 BENEFITS

1 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), and 16 V.S.A.
2 § 1944b(h)(1), the annual contribution to the Retired Teachers' Health and
3 Medical Benefits plan shall be \$61,290,528, of which \$53,740,528 shall be the
4 State's contribution and \$7,550,000 shall be from the annual charge for teacher
5 health care contributed by employers pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §1944d. Of the
6 annual contribution, \$17,589,046 is the "normal contribution," and
7 \$43,701,482 is the "accrued liability contribution."

8 Sec. E.600 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

9 (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to
10 pay 1/12 of the appropriation in Sec. B.600 of this act to the University of
11 Vermont on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

12 (b) Of this appropriation, \$380,326 shall be transferred to the Experimental
13 Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) to comply with State
14 matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or
15 private funds, or both.

16 Sec. E.602 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

17 (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to
18 pay 1/12 of the appropriation in Sec. B.602 of this act to the Vermont State
19 Colleges on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

20 (b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont
21 Manufacturing Extension Center to comply with State matching fund

1 requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds, or
2 both.

3 Sec. E. 602.1 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

4 (a) For the appropriation in B.1100(a)(3)(B) of this act, those programs
5 eligible for the 50 percent tuition reduction shall be determined annually in
6 consultation with the Commissioner of Labor, the Secretary of Commerce and
7 Community Development, and the Executive Director of the State Workforce
8 Development Board. The Community Colleges of Vermont (CCV) shall report
9 annually on or before December 15 to the Governor and General Assembly on
10 enrollment and degree or certificate completion in programs that receive the
11 50 percent tuition reduction, including any enrollment or graduation growth
12 trends as compared to the previous five years.

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 the appropriated amount remaining after accounting for subsection
6 (a) of this section, not less than 93 percent of this appropriation shall be used
7 for direct student aid.

8 (c) To the extent other funding is provided to the Vermont Student
9 Assistance Corporation in this act or other legislation enacted into law this
10 year, up to six percent, but not to exceed \$100,000, may be used for staff
11 expenses associated with administering the funds. Funds shall not be used for
12 indirect costs. To the extent these are federal funds, allocation for expenses
13 associated with administering the funds shall be consistent with federal grant
14 requirements.

15 Sec. E.605.1 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND
16 EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

17 (a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b), the sum of \$41,225 in education
18 funds and \$41,225 in general funds is appropriated to the Vermont Student
19 Assistance Corporation (VSAC) for dual enrollment and need-based stipend
20 purposes to fund a flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for
21 financially needy students enrolled in a dual enrollment course pursuant to

1 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in early college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 946 to be used for
2 the purchase of books, cost of transportation, and payment of fees. The
3 Vermont Student Assistance Corporation shall establish the criteria for
4 program eligibility. Funds shall be granted to eligible students on a first-come,
5 first-served basis until funds are depleted.

6 (b) On or before January 15, 2024, the Vermont Student Assistance
7 Corporation shall report on the program to the House Committees on
8 Appropriations and on Commerce and Economic Development and the Senate
9 Committees on Appropriations and on Economic Development, Housing and
10 General Affairs.

11 Sec. E.700 CLEAN HEAT HOMES PROGRAM

12 (a) Purpose. The purpose of the Clean Heat Homes Program is to provide
13 incentives for weatherization, clean heat systems, and electrification ready
14 upgrades for low- and moderate-income Vermonters. The Program shall be
15 focus on underserved households who are not eligible for the Weatherization
16 Assistance Program operated by the Department for Children and Families –
17 Office of Economic Opportunity but who earn less than 120 percent of Area
18 Median Income.

19 (b) The Agency of Natural Resources shall grant \$3,000,000 to the
20 Vermont Energy Investment Corporation to administer the Program. The
21 Vermont Energy Investment Corporation shall:

1 (1) identify and conduct outreach to eligible households;
2 (2) serve as a single point of contact to help identify, coordinate, and
3 provide incentive funding to support “whole home climate upgrades”
4 including:

5 (A) thermal energy efficiency and moisture management
6 improvements,

7 (B) fossil fuel heating system displacement options, and

8 (C) panel and wiring improvements necessary to support modern
9 electric technologies, such as cold climate heat pumps, heat pump water
10 heaters, batteries, and EV charging.

11 (3) Coordinate with distribution utilities and other weatherization and
12 energy efficiency providers to ensure Program funds are used to complement
13 and leverage other existing incentives.

14 Sec. E.900 TRANSPORTATION FUND RESERVE – REVERSIONS

15 EXCLUDED

16 (a) To calculate the fiscal year 2024 Transportation Fund Stabilization
17 Reserve requirement of five percent of prior year appropriations, reversions of
18 \$20,727,011 are excluded from the fiscal year 2023 total appropriations
19 amount.

1 Sec. E.1000 32 V.S.A. § 1001b is amended to read:

2 § 1001b. ~~CAPITAL EXPENDITURE CASH FUND~~ INFRASTRUCTURE
3 RESERVE FUND

4 (a) Creation. There is hereby created the ~~Capital Expenditure Cash Fund~~
5 Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund to be administered by the Commissioner
6 of Finance and Management, in consultation with the State Treasurer, for the
7 purpose of using general funds to defray the costs of future capital
8 expenditures that would otherwise be authorized in the capital construction act
9 and paid for using the State's general obligation bonding authority and debt
10 service obligations or paid for as a direct associated cost of a capital project.

11 (b) Fund. The Fund may consist of:

- 12 (1) any appropriations or transfers made by the General Assembly; and
13 (2) any interest earned by the Fund.

14 (c) Use of funds. ~~Expenditure shall only be made from the Fund by~~
15 ~~appropriations by the General Assembly. Plans for use shall be submitted as~~
16 ~~part of the operating budget adjustment or operating budget process. Monies in~~
17 the Fund shall only be used for:

- 18 (1) ~~costs associated with a proposed capital project that occur prior to~~
19 ~~the construction phase of that project, including feasibility, planning, design,~~
20 ~~and engineering and architectural costs~~ tangible capital investments, as

1 described in section 310 of this title, with an anticipated lifespan of 20 years or
2 more;

3 (2) ~~projects with an anticipated lifespan of 20 years; engineering and~~
4 architectural costs directly associated with a proposed capital project; and

5 (3) costs associated with the early redemption of general obligation
6 bonds; ~~and~~

7 (4) ~~other eligible capital projects receiving an appropriation from the~~
8 ~~General Assembly.~~

9 (d) Project recommendation and approval. The House Corrections and
10 Institutions Committee shall review any requests for use of the Fund and
11 recommend projects to be paid for from the Fund to the House Committee on
12 Appropriations. Expenditures shall only be made from the Fund by
13 appropriation by the General Assembly.

14 (e) Fund balance. All balances in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year
15 shall be carried forward and remain part of the Fund.

16 (f) Spending authority. Any entity authorized to make expenditures from
17 the Fund shall have not more than two years from the legislative session in
18 which the act authorizing the expenditure was enacted to encumber the funds.
19 Any remaining unencumbered funds shall remain part of the Fund.

20 (e)(g) Early redemption transfer. If any expenditures are made from the
21 Fund or the General Assembly appropriates general funds to pay for the early

1 redemption of general obligation bonds pursuant to subdivision (c)(3) of this
2 section, then an amount equal to the reduction in debt service required in any
3 fiscal year resulting from that redemption shall be transferred to the Fund.

4 (h) Report.

5 (1) On or before November 15 each year, the Commissioner of Finance
6 and Management shall require each entity to which spending authority has
7 been authorized for a capital project from the Fund to submit a report on the
8 current fund balances of each authorized project with unencumbered funds.
9 The report shall include plans for the unencumbered funds, any projects or
10 contracts the funds are assigned to, and an anticipated timeline for
11 encumbering the funds.

12 (2) On or before December 15 each year, the Commissioner of Finance
13 and Management shall submit in a consolidated format the reports required by
14 subdivision (1) of this subsection to the House Committee on Corrections and
15 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

16 Sec. E.1000.1 32 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

17 § 1001. CAPITAL DEBT AFFORDABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

18 * * *

19 (c) Committee estimate of a prudent amount of net State tax-supported
20 debt; affordability considerations. On or before September 30 of each year, the
21 Committee shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly the

1 Committee's estimate of net State tax-supported debt that prudently may be
2 authorized for the next fiscal year, together with a report explaining the basis
3 for the estimate. The Committee's estimate shall not take into consideration
4 the balance remaining at the end of each fiscal year in the Capital
5 Infrastructure Reserve Fund, established pursuant to Sec. 1001b of this title.

6 The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not
7 apply to the report to be made under this subsection. In developing its annual
8 estimate, and in preparing its annual report, the Committee shall consider:

9 * * *

10 Sec. E.1000.2 32 V.S.A. § 307 is amended to read:

11 § 307. FORM OF BUDGET

12 (a) The budget shall be arranged and classified so as to show separately the
13 following estimates and recommendations:

14 * * *

15 (f) The budget shall also include the Governor's recommendation for any
16 proposed transfers to the Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund, established in
17 Sec. 1001b of this title.

18 Sec. E.1000.3 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83 Sec. 53(b)(5), as amended by
19 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.102, is further amended to read:

20 * * *

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 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT;

10 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

11 (a) Of the \$1,500,000 appropriated from the General Fund to the
12 Department of Labor in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 5a., \$1,200,000
13 is reverted to the General Fund in fiscal year 2024 and allocated as follows:

14 (1) \$200,000 to the State Workforce Development Board for the New
15 American Labor Force Program as appropriated in Sec. B.1100 (q).

16 (2) \$1,000,000 to provide services through the Work-Based Learning
17 and Training Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 547 as appropriated in Sec.
18 B.100(q).

19 Sec. F.2 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 51a is amended to read:

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

21 (a) Establishment and appropriation.

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

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

6 (ii) the costs of the COVID-19-related leave are eligible for a
7 grant pursuant to the provisions of this section and any applicable federal
8 requirements.

9 (4) An employer may combine grant funds with funding from other
10 sources but shall not use grant funds from multiple sources for the same
11 instance of paid leave provided to its employees for COVID-19-related
12 reasons. As used in this subdivision, an “instance” means a calendar day in
13 which the employee was absent from work for a COVID-19-related reason.

14 * * *

15 (6) Grants shall be awarded to eligible employers on a first-come, first-
16 served basis, subject to available funding.

17 * * *

18 (e) Amount of grants.

19 (1) Employers may, subject to the limitations of subdivision (2) of this
20 subsection (e), apply for grants to either reimburse the cost of COVID-19-
21 related paid leave provided to employees or to provide funds to be used to pay

1 ~~the cost to retroactively provide paid leave to employees who took unpaid~~
2 ~~leave for COVID-19 related reasons.~~

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

9 ~~(B) For COVID-19 related paid leave that will be provided~~
10 ~~retroactively to employees who took unpaid leave for COVID-19 related~~
11 ~~reasons, the employer may, subject to the limitations of subdivision (2) of this~~
12 ~~subsection (e), apply for a grant in an amount equal to the number of hours of~~
13 ~~COVID-19 related paid leave to be provided to each employee multiplied by~~
14 ~~the greater of either the minimum wage established pursuant to 21 V.S.A.~~
15 ~~§ 384 or the employee's regular hourly wage.~~

16 Sec. F.3 16 V.S.A. chapter 87, subchapter 6 is added to read:

17 Subchapter 6. Forgivable Loan Incentive Programs

18 § 2871. VERMONT TEACHER FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE

19 PROGRAM

20 (a) As used in this section:

1 (1) “Corporation” means the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
2 established in section 2821 of this title.

3 (2) “Eligible individual” means an individual who satisfies the eligibility
4 requirements under this section for a forgivable loan.

5 (3) “Eligible school” means an approved postsecondary education
6 institution as defined under section 2822 of this title.

7 (4) “Forgivable loan” means a loan awarded under this section covering
8 tuition, which may also include room, board, and the cost of required books
9 and supplies for up to full-time attendance in an undergraduate or graduate
10 program at an eligible school.

11 (5) “Program” means the Vermont Teacher Forgivable Loan Incentive
12 Program created under this section.

13 (b) The Vermont Teacher Forgivable Loan Incentive Program is created
14 and shall be administered by the Corporation. The Program provides
15 forgivable loans to students enrolled in an eligible school who commit to
16 working as a teacher in a Vermont public school and who meet the eligibility
17 requirements in subsection (d) of this section. The intent of the Program is to
18 encourage students to enter into teaching professions, with an emphasis on
19 encouraging Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color Vermonters, New
20 Americans, and other historically underrepresented communities in an effort to
21 diversify the educator workforce.

1 (c) The Corporation shall disburse forgivable loan funds under the Program
2 on behalf of eligible individuals, subject to the appropriation of funds by the
3 General Assembly for this purpose.

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

7 (1) be enrolled in teaching program at an eligible school;

8 (2) maintain good standing at the eligible school at which the individual
9 is enrolled;

10 (3) agree to work as a teacher in Vermont employed directly by a public
11 school located in Vermont for a minimum of one year following licensure for
12 each year of forgivable loan awarded;

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

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

1 (6) have provided such other documentation as the Corporation may
2 require.

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

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

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

1 Sec. F.4 EMERGING PATHWAYS TO TEACHING; REPORT

2 (a) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to encourage and support the
3 development and retention of qualified and effective Vermont educators. To
4 combat the growing educator shortage throughout the State and meet the needs
5 of Vermont students, it is necessary to invest in nontraditional educator
6 training programs.

7 (b) Grant program.

8 (1) Program creation. In fiscal year 2024, there is established the
9 Emerging Pathways Grant Program, to be administered by the Agency of
10 Education, to provide grants to expand support, mentoring, and professional
11 development to prospective educators seeking licensure through the Agency of
12 Education's emerging pathways, including peer review and apprentice
13 pathways, with the goal of increased program completion rates and increased
14 rates of licensure of underrepresented demographics.

15 (2) Program administration. The Agency shall adopt policies,
16 procedures, and guidelines necessary for implementation of the Program
17 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

18 (3) Eligibility criteria. The Agency shall issue grants to organizations,
19 school districts, or a group of school districts for the development and
20 administration of programs and program coordinators designed to provide
21 prospective educators in emerging pathways to teaching with the support

1 necessary for successful entry into the educator workforce. Recruitment,
2 support, and retention of prospective educator candidates shall focus on
3 diversity, equity, and inclusion. Support provided through the Program may
4 include:

5 (A) support through the Praxis exam process;

6 (B) local, educator-led seminars designed around the Vermont
7 licensure portfolio themes;

8 (C) local educator mentors;

9 (D) support in completing the peer review portfolio and licensing
10 process; and

11 (E) continued professional development support within the first year
12 of licensure.

13 (4) Report. On or before January 15, 2024, the Agency of Education
14 shall report to the Senate and House Committees on Education on the status of
15 the implementation of the Emerging Pathways Grant Program and a summary
16 and performance review of the programs to which grants were awarded. The
17 report shall include any metrics used in the performance review, the number of
18 program participants, endorsement areas of participants, feedback from
19 participants and mentors, and any recommendation for legislative action.

1 Sec. F.5 TEACHER LICENSING FEES; SUSPENSION

2 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, peer review
3 process one-time licensure fee requirements under 16 V.S.A. § 1697(a)(7) are
4 suspended during fiscal years 2024 through 2029.

5 (b) In fiscal year 2024, the estimated fees that would have been
6 collected under 16 V.S.A. § 1697(a)(7) shall be accounted for through funds
7 appropriated to the Agency of Education from the General Fund.

8 Sec. F.6 EDUCATOR WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

9 (a) Educator demographics. In order to understand and improve the
10 longstanding and well-documented issue of underrepresentation in the
11 Vermont educator workforce, including underrepresentation of Black,
12 Indigenous, and Persons of Color; New Americans; and other historically
13 underrepresented communities, the Agency of Education shall collect
14 demographic information from educators and report such information in its
15 annual teacher and staff full-time equivalencies report. The Agency shall
16 submit the educator demographic information section of the report annually to
17 the General Assembly on or before each January 15.

18 (b) Historically Underrepresented Educator Affinity Groups Grant
19 Program.

20 (1) There is created the Historically Underrepresented Educator Affinity
21 Groups Grant Program for the purpose of providing grants for the support of

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

4 (2) The Agency shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines
5 necessary for the implementation of the Program established pursuant to this
6 subsection (b).

7 Sec. F.7 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONAL
8 DEVELOPMENT; INTENT; CONTRACT

9 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to assist the Department of
10 Corrections to continue and further engage in a professional development
11 initiative to enhance supervisory effectiveness and strengthen leadership
12 development within the Department and among its employees. The
13 Department's enhanced supervisory training is part of its effort to address an
14 employee workforce crisis and strengthen workplace satisfaction.

15 (b) The Department of Corrections shall contract or expand an existing
16 contract with a vendor to provide supervisory and management professional
17 development services to the Department and among its employees.

18 (c) On or before March 15, 2024, the Department and the contracted
19 vendor shall testify before the House Committee on Corrections and
20 Institutions about the progress and effectiveness of its professional

1 development initiative. The Department shall make management, supervisory,
2 and frontline staff available to testify.

3 Sec. F.8 28 V.S.A. § 126 is added to read:

4 § 126. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM;

5 CONFIDENTIALITY

6 (a) As used in this section:

7 (1) “Department” has the same meaning as in subdivision 3(4) of this
8 title.

9 (2) “Participant” means a Department staff member who has been
10 involved in a traumatic incident by reason of employment at the Department
11 and who has agreed to participate in the Department’s peer support program.

12 (3) “Peer support” means appropriate support and services offered by a
13 peer support specialist to a participant.

14 (4) “Peer support program” means a program established by the
15 Department of Corrections to provide appropriate peer support services to
16 Department staff members.

17 (5) “Peer support session” means a peer support program session for a
18 Department staff member who has been involved in a traumatic incident by
19 reason of employment at the Department or related to other personal matters.

20 (6) “Peer support specialist” means a Department staff member who, by
21 reason of the staff member’s prior experience, training, or interest, has

1 expressed a desire and has been selected to provide appropriate peer support
2 services to a participant.

3 (7) “Staff member” means a supervising officer as defined in
4 subdivision 3(9) of this title, a correctional officer as defined in subdivision
5 3(10) of this title, and any other employee of the Department.

6 (b)(1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, any
7 communication made by a participant or peer support specialist in a peer
8 support session of the peer support program, including any oral or written
9 information conveyed during a peer support session, shall not be disclosed by
10 any individual participating in the peer support session.

11 (2) Except as provided by subsection (d) of this section, any
12 communication relating to a peer support session between peer support
13 specialists, between peer support specialists and participants of the peer
14 support program, between participants of the peer support program, or between
15 any other Department staff member, including any oral or written information,
16 shall not be disclosed by any individual participating in the communication.

17 (3) Written communications described in this subsection, such as notes,
18 records, and reports related to a peer support session, are exempt from public
19 inspection and copying under the Public Records Act and shall be kept
20 confidential. The Public Records Act exemptions created in this section shall

1 not be subject to the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 317(e) (repeal of Public Records
2 Act exemptions).

3 (c) Except as provided by subsection (d) of this section, any
4 communication made by a participant or peer support specialist in a peer
5 support session, including any oral or written communication, such as notes,
6 records, and reports related to the peer support session, shall not be admissible
7 in a judicial, administrative, or arbitration proceeding. Limitations on
8 disclosure imposed by this subsection include disclosure during any discovery
9 conducted as part of an adjudicatory proceeding. Limitations on disclosure
10 imposed by this subsection shall not include knowledge acquired by the
11 Department or staff members from observations made during the course of
12 employment or information acquired by the by the Department or staff
13 members during the course of employment that is otherwise subject to
14 discovery or introduction into evidence.

15 (d)(1) Confidentiality protections described in subsections (b) and (c) of
16 this section shall only apply to a peer support session conducted by an
17 individual who has:

18 (A) been designated by the Department or the peer support program
19 to act as a peer support specialist; and

20 (B) received and completed training in peer support and providing
21 emotional and moral support to Department staff members who have been

1 involved in emotionally traumatic incidents by reason of their employment or
2 other personal matters.

3 (2) Confidentiality protections described in subsections (b) and (c) of
4 this section shall not apply to the following information as it pertains to an
5 individual designated to receive such information in the normal course the
6 individual's professional responsibilities:

7 (A) any threat of suicide or homicide made by a participant of a peer
8 support session or any information conveyed in a peer support session relating
9 to a threat of suicide or homicide;

10 (B) any information relating to the abuse of a child or vulnerable
11 adult, or other information that is required to be reported by law;

12 (C) any admission of criminal conduct; or

13 (D) any admission of a plan to commit a crime.

14 (e) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any communications between peer
15 support specialists regarding a peer support session or between peer support
16 specialists and participants of the peer support program.

17 (f)(1) The Department shall not be liable for any disclosure made in
18 violation of this section by a peer support specialist or participant who
19 participates in a peer support session.

20 (2) A peer support specialist who in good faith provides appropriate peer
21 support services to a participant of the peer support program shall be immune

1 from criminal or civil liability for any injury to the participant unless the peer
2 support specialist's conduct constitutes gross negligence, recklessness, or
3 intentional misconduct.

4 Sec. F.9 CLIMATE WORKFORCE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN;

5 ADVANCE VERMONT

6 (a) Advance Vermont shall create a climate workforce-focused digital
7 public resource that engages current and prospective employees, Vermont
8 youth, adults interested in changing careers, and individuals yet to earn a
9 postsecondary credential, or those who are looking to upskill.

10 (b) The resource shall include:

11 (1) centralized information about career and education opportunities in
12 Vermont that build awareness of needed climate careers; and

13 (2) video series and other media featuring opportunities with employers
14 and employee success stories.

15 Sec. F.10 VERMONT SUSTAINABLE JOBS FUND; BUSINESS

16 COACHING

17 (a) The Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund shall recruit a cohort of up to
18 twelve existing companies and a cohort of up to twelve trained tradespeople to
19 receive advanced business assistance to enable them to either pivot their
20 existing business or start a new business that will expand the State's ability to

1 deploy renewable energy and efficiency technologies to more homes and
2 businesses across the State.

3 Sec. F.11 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES; VERMONT POLICE
4 ACADEMY; STUDY

5 (a) On or before January 15, 2024, the Vermont Criminal Justice Council
6 and representatives of the Vermont State Colleges and other public and private
7 postsecondary institutions that offer a degree program in criminal justice shall
8 review, consider, and take steps necessary to standardize the curricula offered
9 and avoid redundant requirements for obtaining certification by prospective
10 criminal justice personnel and shall submit a report of its actions to the House
11 Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and the Senate
12 Committee on Economic Development, Housing, and General Affairs.

13 Sec. F.12 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES; CERTIFICATE IN 3-D
14 TECHNOLOGY

15 (a) The Vermont State Colleges shall establish a Certificate in 3-D
16 Technology program offered as a full-time, six-week, intensive residential
17 summer program at Vermont State University, which will:

18 (1) offer knowledge and hands-on experience that appeals to a wide
19 range of interests from science and engineering to the arts and humanities;

20 (2) position students for greater success in college and with an
21 employable edge upon completion;

1 (3) attract diverse types of learners from high schools and CTE centers;

2 (4) foster interest in STE(A)M with learners across different disciplines;

3 (5) leverage the latest 3-D technology available at the Advanced

4 Manufacturing Center; and

5 (6) build local and national awareness of the Vermont State College

6 System's innovative, experiential learning methodology and technical

7 expertise.

8 Sec. F.13 CREDENTIAL OF VALUE GOAL; PUBLIC-PRIVATE

9 PARTNERSHIP; REPORT

10 (a) Advance Vermont shall continue work pursuant to 2022 Acts and

11 Resolves No. 183, Sec. 39 in support of the State's goal articulated in 10

12 V.S.A. § 546 that 70 percent of working-age Vermonters hold a credential of

13 value by 2025.

14 (b) On or before December 15, 2023, Advance Vermont shall report to the

15 House and Senate committees of jurisdiction regarding the use of grant funds

16 received from the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in fiscal year 2024,

17 activities performed, and outcomes achieved pursuant to this section.

18 Sec. F.14 18 V.S.A. § 39 is added to read:

19 § 39. VERMONT PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE

20 PRACTITIONER FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

21 (a) As used in this section:

1 (1) “Corporation” means the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
2 established in 16 V.S.A. § 2821.

3 (2) “Eligible individual” means an individual who satisfies the eligibility
4 requirements under this section for a forgivable loan.

5 (3) “Eligible school” means an approved postsecondary education
6 institution, as defined under 16 V.S.A. § 2822.

7 (4) “Forgivable loan” means a loan awarded under this section covering
8 tuition, which may also cover room, board, and the cost of required books and
9 supplies for up to full-time attendance at an eligible school.

10 (5) “Program” means the Vermont Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse
11 Practitioner Forgivable Loan Incentive Program created under this section.

12 (b) The Vermont Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Forgivable
13 Loan Incentive Program is created and shall be administered by the
14 Department of Health in collaboration with the Corporation. The Program
15 provides forgivable loans to students enrolled in a master’s program at an
16 eligible school who commit to working as a psychiatric mental health nurse
17 practitioner in this State and who meet the eligibility requirements in
18 subsection (d) of this 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 an eligible school in a program, whether through in-
5 person or remote instruction, that leads to a master's degree or specialty in
6 psychiatric mental health;

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

9 (3) agree to work as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner in
10 Vermont for a minimum of one year following licensure for each year of
11 forgivable loan awarded;

12 (4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce
13 the individual's forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to
14 subsection (f) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of
15 service required in subdivision (3) of this subsection;

16 (5) have completed the Program's application form and the Free
17 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), in accordance with a schedule
18 determined by the Corporation; and

19 (6) have provided such other documentation as the Corporation may
20 require.

1 (e) If an eligible individual fails to serve as a psychiatric mental health
2 nurse practitioner in this State in compliance with the Program for a period that
3 would entitle the individual to the full forgivable loan benefit received by the
4 individual, other than for good cause as determined by the Corporation in
5 consultation with the Vermont Department of Health, then the individual shall
6 receive only partial loan forgiveness for a pro rata portion of the loan pursuant
7 to the terms of the interest-free reimbursement promissory note signed by the
8 individual at the time of entering the Program.

9 (f) The Corporation shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines
10 necessary to implement the provisions of this section, including maximum
11 forgivable loan amounts.

12 Sec. F.15 AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; DESIGNATED AND
13 SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES; WORKFORCE
14 DEVELOPMENT

15 (a) Of the funds appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of
16 Human Services in this act, \$3,000,000 shall be distributed to the designated
17 and specialized service agencies equitably based on each agency's proportion
18 of full-time-equivalent (FTE) staff to the total number of FTE staff across all
19 designated and specialized service agencies statewide.

20 (b)(1) Each designated and specialized service agency shall make the funds
21 received pursuant to subsection (a) of this section available to its current and

1 prospective employees on a rolling basis in exchange for a one-year service
2 obligation to work at a designated or specialized service agency in this State.

3 (2) The funds may be used for the following purposes:

4 (A) student loan repayment; and

5 (B) tuition assistance.

6 (3) Loan repayment and tuition assistance funds shall be in the form of
7 forgivable loans, with the debt forgiven upon the employee's completion of the
8 required service obligation.

9 (c) On or before March 1, 2024, the Agency of Human Services shall make
10 a presentation available to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health
11 Care, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations
12 and on Health and Welfare on the use of the funds appropriated in this section.

13 Sec. F.16 18 V.S.A. § 40 is added to read:

14 § 40. VERMONT DENTAL HYGIENIST FORGIVABLE LOAN

15 INCENTIVE PROGRAM

16 (a) As used in this section:

17 (1) "Corporation" means the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
18 established in 16 V.S.A. § 2821.

19 (2) "Eligible individual" means an individual who satisfies the eligibility
20 requirements under this section for a forgivable loan.

1 (3) “Eligible school” means an approved postsecondary education
2 institution, as defined under 16 V.S.A. § 2822.

3 (4) “Forgivable loan” means a loan awarded under this section covering
4 tuition, which may also include room, board, and the cost of required books
5 and supplies for up to full-time attendance at an eligible school.

6 (5) “Program” means the Vermont Dental Hygienist Forgivable Loan
7 Incentive Program created under this section.

8 (b) The Vermont Dental Hygienist Forgivable Loan Incentive Program is
9 created and shall be administered by the Department of Health in collaboration
10 with the Corporation. The Program provides forgivable loans to students
11 enrolled in an eligible school who commit to working as a dental hygienist in
12 this State and who meet the eligibility requirements in subsection (d) of this
13 section.

14 (c) The Corporation shall disburse forgivable loan funds under the Program
15 on behalf of eligible individuals, subject to the appropriation of funds by the
16 General Assembly for this purpose.

17 (d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual,
18 whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following
19 requirements:

20 (1) be enrolled at a dental hygienist program at an eligible school;

1 (2) maintain good standing at the eligible school at which the individual
2 is enrolled;

3 (3) agree to work as a dental hygienist in Vermont for a minimum of
4 one year following licensure for each year of forgivable loan awarded;

5 (4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce
6 the individual's forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to
7 subsection (g) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of
8 service required in this subsection;

9 (5) have completed the Program's application form, the Free
10 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the Vermont grant
11 application each academic year of enrollment in accordance with a schedule
12 determined by the Corporation; and

13 (6) have provided such other documentation as the Corporation may
14 require.

15 (e) If an eligible individual fails to serve as a dental hygienist in this State
16 for a period that would entitle the individual to the full forgivable loan benefit
17 received by the individual, other than for good cause as determined by the
18 Corporation in consultation with the Vermont Department of Health, then the
19 individual shall receive only partial loan forgiveness for a pro rata portion of
20 the loan pursuant to the terms of the interest-free credit agreement or
21 promissory note signed by the individual at the time of entering the Program.

1 (f) There shall be no deadline to apply for a forgivable loan under this
2 section. Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis as long as funds
3 are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall roll over
4 and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the
5 following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this
6 section.

7 (g) The Corporation shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines
8 necessary to implement the provisions of this section, including maximum
9 forgivable loan amounts.

10 Sec. F.17 10 V.S.A. § 2 is added to read:

11 § 2. SMALL BUSINESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EXCHANGE

12 (a) There is created the Small Business Technical Assistance Exchange, a
13 business assistance program through which the regional development
14 corporations shall provide small- and mid-sized businesses with professional
15 and technical assistance:

16 (1) through in-house Business Navigators;

17 (2) through partnerships with organizations specializing in outreach to
18 mature workers, youth, individuals with disabilities, individuals who have been
19 involved with the correction system, Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color
20 Vermonters, New Americans, and other historically marginalized populations;
21 and

1 (3) through grants to private providers for professional services,

2 including:

3 (A) business operations, financial management, and grant writing;

4 (B) digital strategies;

5 (C) architecture and physical space design;

6 (D) reconfiguring manufacturing equipment and processes and

7 incorporating safety measures;

8 (E) technology and software consulting;

9 (F) legal and other professional services; and

10 (G) other technical assistance.

11 (b)(1) Through the Exchange, the regional development corporations shall
12 maintain a directory of, and build connections to, Vermont technical assistance
13 providers who have demonstrated the ability and expertise to assist businesses
14 with critical tools to grow and adapt their businesses to the ever-changing
15 business climate.

16 (2) The Exchange shall award technical assistance grants of not more
17 than \$5,000 per business for technical services from approved providers.

18 (3) To be eligible to receive technical assistance through the Exchange,
19 a business:

20 (A) must be a for-profit entity located in Vermont; and

21 (B) must have at least \$5,000 in average annual revenue.

1 (4) A business whose owner's income is higher than the federal labor
2 market area in which the business operates, as evidenced by a self-attestation
3 provided by the owner, shall provide a 50 percent match for the costs of
4 professional services funded by a grant.

5 (c) The regional development corporations shall:

6 (1) operate the Exchange to produce benefits for both the client
7 companies as well as the vendors providing the assistance;

8 (2) conduct outreach and direct engagement to promote participation by
9 businesses in rural areas of this State and businesses owned by mature workers,
10 youth, individuals with disabilities, individuals who have been involved with
11 the correction system, Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color Vermonters,
12 New Americans, and other historically marginalized populations; and

13 (3) supporting businesses in anticipating and addressing changing
14 workforce needs and availability through creative solutions, including split
15 shifts, shorter workweeks, and cross training.

16 (d) The regional development corporations shall publish a report on the
17 activities and performance of the Exchange on or before January 15 and July
18 15 each year.

19 Sec. F.18 BROWNFIELDS FUNDING; USE IN FISCAL YEAR 2024

20 (a) The Department of Economic Development shall use the \$8,000,000
21 appropriated in fiscal year 2024 for brownfields redevelopment for the

1 remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites to be used in the same
2 manner as the Brownfields Revitalization Fund established by 10 V.S.A.
3 § 6654 except, notwithstanding the grant limitations in 10 V.S.A. § 6654,
4 projects supported by this appropriation shall not be limited to a maximum
5 amount per site. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development
6 shall award the amount of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 to regional planning
7 commissions for the purposes of brownfields assessment. In awarding funds
8 under this section, the Secretary, in consultation with the Vermont Association
9 of Planning and Development Agencies, shall select one regional planning
10 commission to administer these funds. To ensure statewide availability, the
11 selected regional planning commission shall subgrant to regional planning
12 commissions with brownfield programs, with not more than 10 percent of the
13 funds being used for administrative purposes.

14 Sec. F.19 10 V.S.A. § 6654(e) is amended to read:

15 (e) A grant may be awarded by the Secretary of Commerce and
16 Community Development with the approval of the Secretary of Natural
17 Resources, provided that:

18 (1) A grant may not exceed \$50,000 for characterization and assessment
19 of a site.

20 (2) A grant may not exceed ~~\$200,000~~ \$500,000 for remediation of a site.

1 (I) the individual becomes a full-time resident of this State;

2 (II) the individual becomes a full-time employee at a Vermont
3 location of a for-profit or nonprofit business organization domiciled or
4 authorized to do business in this State, or of a State, municipal, or other public
5 sector employer; and

6 (III) the employer attests to the Agency that, after reasonable
7 time and effort, the employer was unable to fill the employee's position from
8 among Vermont applicants; or

9 (ii) ~~on or after February 1, 2022~~ the individual is a new remote
10 employee who meets the following criteria:

11 (I) the individual becomes a full-time resident of this State; and

12 (II) the individual is a full-time employee of an out-of-state
13 business and performs the majority of ~~his or her~~ the employee's employment
14 duties remotely from a home office or a co-working space located in this State.

15 (B) The individual receives gross salary or wages that equal or
16 exceed the Vermont livable wage rate calculated pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 526.

17 (C) The individual is subject to Vermont income tax.

18 * * * Economic Development;

19 Community Recovery and Revitalization Grant Program * * *

20 Sec. F.21 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. H.18, as amended by 2022

21 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 46, is further amended to read:

1 Sec. H.18. COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND REVITALIZATION

2 GRANT PROGRAM

3 * * *

4 (b) Eligible applicants.

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6 (3) The following are ineligible to apply for a grant:

7 (A) a State or local government-operated business, except when a
8 municipality applies for a grant for a privately-operated business providing
9 public water supply or wastewater treatment services to the municipality;

10 (B) a business that, together with any affiliated business, owns or
11 operates more than 20 locations, regardless of whether those locations do
12 business under the same name or within the same industry; and

13 (C) a publicly traded company.

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15 Sec. F.22 10 V.S.A. § 6 is added to read:

16 § 6. RURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

17 (a) Creation; purpose.

18 (1) A Rural Industry Development Grant Program is created within the
19 Agency of Commerce and Community Development to provide grant funding
20 through local development corporations for business relocation and expansion

1 efforts, including the purchase, demolition, and renovation of property for
2 industrial use.

3 (2)(A) There is established a Rural Industry Development Special Fund
4 comprising amounts appropriated to the Fund, contributions from other
5 sources, and the return of principal from the sale of any property invested
6 through the Program.

7 (B) Monies in the Fund shall be available to Agency to make grants
8 through the Program to assist local development corporations with business
9 relocation and expansion efforts throughout Vermont.

10 (C) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, interest
11 earned and any remaining balance at the end of the fiscal year shall be retained
12 by the Fund and carried forward in the Fund.

13 (b) Grant considerations. In making grant awards, the Agency shall
14 consider:

15 (1) the real estate needs of growing and relocating businesses, including
16 nonprofit organizations, in the applicant's region;

17 (2) the ability of the proposed project to meet the site-specific needs of
18 businesses considering whether to expand or locate in this State;

19 (3) the funding that the applicant has identified, or secured, to leverage a
20 grant award; and

21 (4) the readiness of an applicant to move a project forward.

1 (c) Eligible applicants; priority.

2 (1) To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must be a local development
3 corporation, as defined in subdivision 212(10) of this title, located within this
4 State.

5 (2) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development may
6 designate projects and agreements as first priority based on rural communities
7 that continue to experience insufficient economic and grand list growth.

8 (d) Eligible activities. A grant recipient may use funding for the following:

9 (1) to purchase land for potential industrial use;

10 (2) for the costs of site development, permitting, or providing
11 infrastructure for property the recipient owns;

12 (3) for the equity investment required for a loan transaction through the
13 Vermont Economic Development Authority under 10 V.S.A. chapter 12,
14 subchapter 3; or

15 (4) for the matching requirement of another State or federal grant
16 consistent with this section.

17 (e) Application; market assessment.

18 (1) An applicant shall include in its application a local and regional
19 market assessment that demonstrates reasonable need for the proposed
20 development and identifies imminent, potential, or existing business growth
21 opportunities.

1 (2) An applicant shall submit the following to demonstrate a readiness to
2 begin and complete the proposed project:

3 (A) community and regional support for the project;

4 (B) that grant funding is needed to complete the proposed project;

5 (C) an ability to manage the project, with requisite experience and a
6 plan for fiscal viability; and

7 (D) a description of the permitting required to proceed with the
8 project and a plan for obtaining the permits.

9 (f) Awards; amount.

10 (1) An award shall not exceed the lesser of \$1,000,000 or 20 percent of
11 the total project cost.

12 (2) A recipient may combine grant funds with funding from other
13 sources.

14 (3) The Agency shall release grant funds upon determining that the
15 applicant has met all application conditions and requirements.

16 (4) A grant recipient may apply for additional grant funds if future
17 amounts are appropriated for the Program and the funds are for a separate but
18 eligible use.

19 (g) Deed restrictions; property sales. The Agency shall include deed
20 restrictions that require the return of the principal amount of the grant to the
21 Special Fund and may require the payment of a percentage of the sales profit.

1 Sec. F.23 24 V.S.A. § 2799 is amended to read:

2 § 2799. BETTER PLACES PROGRAM; CROWD GRANTING

3 (a)(1) There is created the Better Places Program within the Department of
4 Housing and Community Development, and the Better Places Fund, which the
5 Department shall manage pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5.

6 (2) The purpose of the Program is to utilize crowdfunding to spark
7 community revitalization through collaborative grantmaking for projects that
8 create, activate, or revitalize public spaces.

9 (3) The Department may administer the Program in coordination with
10 and support from other State agencies and nonprofit and philanthropic partners.

11 (b) The Fund is composed of the following:

12 (1) State or federal funds appropriated by the General Assembly;

13 (2) gifts, grants, or other contributions to the Fund; and

14 (3) any interest earned by the Fund.

15 (c) As used in this section, “public space” means an area or place that is
16 open and accessible to all people with no charge for admission and includes
17 village greens, squares, parks, community centers, town halls, libraries, and
18 other publicly accessible buildings and connecting spaces such as sidewalks,
19 streets, alleys, and trails.

1 (d)(1) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall
2 establish an application process, eligibility criteria, and criteria for prioritizing
3 assistance for awarding grants through the Program.

4 (2) The Department may award a grant to a municipality, a nonprofit
5 organization, or a community group with a fiscal sponsor for a project that is
6 located in or serves a designated downtown, village center, new town center, or
7 neighborhood development area that will create a new public space or
8 revitalize or activate an existing public space.

9 (3) The Department may award a grant to not more than ~~one project~~
10 three projects per calendar year within a municipality.

11 (4) The minimum amount of a grant award is \$5,000, and the maximum
12 amount of a grant award is \$40,000.

13 (5) The Department shall develop matching grant eligibility
14 requirements to ensure a broad base of community and financial support for
15 the project, subject to the following:

16 (A) A project shall include in-kind support and matching funds raised
17 through a crowdfunding approach that includes multiple donors.

18 (B) An applicant may not donate to its own crowdfunding campaign.

19 (C) A donor may not contribute more than \$10,000 or 35 percent of
20 the campaign goal, whichever is less.

1 (D) An applicant shall provide matching funds raised through
2 crowdfunding of not less than 33 percent of the grant award.

3 (e) The Department of Housing and Community Development, with the
4 assistance of a fiscal agent, shall distribute funds under this section in a manner
5 that provides funding for projects of various sizes in as many geographical
6 areas of the State as possible.

7 (f) The Department of Housing and Community Development may use up
8 to 15 percent of any appropriation to the Fund from the General Fund to assist
9 with crowdfunding, administration, training, and technological needs of the
10 Program.

11 Sec. F.24 24 V.S.A. § 2792(d) is amended to read:

12 (d) The Department shall provide staff and administrative support to the
13 State Board, ~~and~~ shall produce guidelines to direct municipalities seeking to
14 obtain designation under this chapter, and shall pay per diem compensation for
15 board members pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010(b).

16 Sec. F.25 24 V.S.A. § 2793(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ Upon the first
18 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed
19 application, the State Board shall designate a downtown development district if
20 the State Board finds in its written decision that the municipality has:

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1 Sec. F.26 24 V.S.A. § 2793a(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ Upon the first
3 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed
4 application, the State Board shall designate a village center if the State Board
5 finds the applicant has met the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

6 Sec. F.27 24 V.S.A. § 2793b(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ Upon the first
8 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed
9 application, the State Board shall designate a new town center development
10 district if the State Board finds, with respect to that district, the municipality
11 has:

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13 Sec. F.28 24 V.S.A. § 2793e(d) is amended to read:

14 (d) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ Upon the first
15 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed
16 application, for designation of a neighborhood development area, the State
17 Board, after opportunity for public comment, shall approve a neighborhood
18 development area if the Board determines that the applicant has met the
19 requirements of this section.

20 Sec. F.29 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 196, Sec. 1, as amended by 2019 Acts
21 and Resolves No. 80, Sec. 13, is further amended to read:

1 Sec. 1. SIMPLIFYING GOVERNMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

2 (a) The Secretary of ~~State~~ Digital Services shall serve as the chair of a
3 steering committee, composed of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of
4 Commerce and Community Development, the Secretary of Administration,
5 and the Secretary of Digital Services or their designees.

6 (b) The ~~Secretary of State, in collaboration with the~~ steering committee,
7 and in collaboration with other State agencies and departments and interested
8 stakeholders ~~as necessary~~, shall:

9 (1) review and consider the necessary procedural and substantive steps
10 to enhance the Secretary of State's one-stop business portal for businesses,
11 entrepreneurs, and citizens to provide information about starting and operating
12 a business in Vermont; and

13 (2) submit on or before December 15, ~~2019~~ 2023:

14 (A) a design proposal that includes a project scope, timeline,
15 roadmap, and cost projections;

16 (B) any statutory or regulatory changes needed to implement the
17 proposal; and

18 (C) a sustainable funding model for the portal.

19 (c) The steering committee shall evaluate the cost and efficacy, and
20 integrate into the current one-stop portal to the extent feasible, features that:

1 (1) enhance State websites to simplify registrations and provide a ~~clear~~
2 comprehensive, one-stop compilation of other State business requirements,
3 including permits and licenses;

4 (2) implement a data collection component that offers the registrant the
5 option to self-identify, and make available to the public through the business
6 search function, demographic information concerning ownership of the
7 business, including whether the business is woman-owned, veteran-owned,
8 BIPOC-owned, LGBTQ-owned, or minority-owned;

9 (3) simplify the mechanism for making payments to the State by
10 allowing a person to pay amounts ~~he or she~~ the person owes to the State for
11 taxes, fees, or other charges to a single recipient within State government;

12 ~~(3)~~(4) simplify annual filing requirements by allowing a person to make
13 a single filing to a single recipient within State government and check a box if
14 nothing substantive has changed from the prior year;

15 ~~(4)~~(5) provide guidance, assistance with navigation, and other support to
16 persons who are forming or operating a small business;

17 ~~(5)~~(6) after registration, provide information about additional and
18 ongoing State requirements and a point of contact to discuss questions or
19 explore any assistance needed;

1 ~~(6)~~(7) provide guidance and information about State and federal
2 programs and initiatives, as well as State partner organizations and Vermont-
3 based businesses of interest; and

4 ~~(7)~~(8) map communication channels for project updates, including
5 digital channels such as e-mail, social media, and other communications.

6 (d) All State agencies and departments shall designate a single employee or
7 team of employees who are charged with the duty to provide assistance to the
8 steering committee upon its request.

9 (e) The steering committee shall focus its review on providing services
10 through the one-stop business portal primarily for the benefit of businesses
11 with 20 or fewer employees.

12 (f) The Agency of Digital Services shall assign a project manager or
13 business analyst to report directly to the Secretary of State to assist with the
14 implementation of this act through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2025 for the purpose of
15 developing and implementing a one-stop navigable portal for businesses,
16 entrepreneurs, and citizens to access information about starting a business in
17 Vermont, and to provide ongoing support to businesses interfacing with State
18 government.

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Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. C.100 through C.103 (fiscal year 2023 adjustments, appropriations, and amendments) shall take effect upon passage.

(b) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2023.