

1 H.494

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

3 The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after
4 the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 * * * Purpose, Definitions, Legend * * *

6 Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

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

9 Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

10 (a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of
11 State government during fiscal year 2024. It is the express intent of the
12 General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments,
13 divisions, boards, and commissions be limited to those which can be supported
14 by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2023.
15 Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service
16 levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2024 to meet this condition unless
17 otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the General
18 Assembly.

19 Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

20 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serve as the primary
21 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, 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) This act is organized by functions of government. The sections
3 between B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriations of funds for the upcoming
4 budget year. The sections between E.100 and E.9999 contain language that
5 relates to specific appropriations or government functions, or both. The
6 function areas 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, the D
2 sections contain fund transfers, reversions, and reserve allocations for the
3 upcoming budget year, the F sections contain workforce and economic
4 development policies, and the G sections contain changes to transportation
5 fees.

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

7	Personal services	2,593,097
8	Operating expenses	160,849
9	Grants	<u>100,000</u>
10	Total	2,853,946
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	2,109,270
13	Special funds	100,000
14	Internal service funds	403,239
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>241,437</u>
16	Total	2,853,946
17	Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance	
18	Personal services	1,374,393
19	Operating expenses	<u>138,363</u>
20	Total	1,512,756
21	Source of funds	

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

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

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

1	Total	11,659,692
2	Sec. B.108.1 Human resources - VTHR operations	
3	Personal services	1,909,749
4	Operating expenses	<u>693,001</u>
5	Total	2,602,750
6	Source of funds	
7	Internal service funds	<u>2,602,750</u>
8	Total	2,602,750
9	Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
10	Personal services	1,140,195
11	Operating expenses	<u>655,062</u>
12	Total	1,795,257
13	Source of funds	
14	Internal service funds	<u>1,795,257</u>
15	Total	1,795,257
16	Sec. B.110 Libraries	
17	Personal services	2,404,179
18	Operating expenses	906,958
19	Grants	<u>230,214</u>
20	Total	3,541,351
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	2,088,614
2	Special funds	73,614
3	Federal funds	1,251,244
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>127,879</u>
5	Total	3,541,351
6	Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
7	Personal services	25,023,254
8	Operating expenses	<u>5,787,491</u>
9	Total	30,810,745
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	22,406,475
12	Special funds	8,359,270
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
14	Total	30,810,745
15	Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
16	Personal services	988,938
17	Operating expenses	<u>333,561</u>
18	Total	1,322,499
19	Source of funds	
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,322,499</u>
21	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
21	Sec. B.126.1 Legislative information technology	

1	Personal services	1,279,864
2	Operating expenses	<u>663,583</u>
3	Total	1,943,447
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>1,943,447</u>
6	Total	1,943,447
7	Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
8	Personal services	2,517,690
9	Operating expenses	<u>191,250</u>
10	Total	2,708,940
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>2,708,940</u>
13	Total	2,708,940
14	Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
15	Personal services	1,404,247
16	Operating expenses	<u>130,514</u>
17	Total	1,534,761
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>1,534,761</u>
20	Total	1,534,761
21	Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	

1	Personal services	258,394
2	Operating expenses	<u>44,090</u>
3	Total	302,484
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>302,484</u>
6	Total	302,484
7	Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
8	Personal services	4,160,946
9	Operating expenses	<u>183,967</u>
10	Total	4,344,913
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	372,808
13	Special funds	53,145
14	Internal service funds	<u>3,918,960</u>
15	Total	4,344,913
16	Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
17	Personal services	5,374,687
18	Operating expenses	273,230
19	Grants	<u>400,000</u>
20	Total	6,047,917
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	2,148,837
2	Special funds	3,737,463
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>161,617</u>
4	Total	6,047,917
5	Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
6	Personal services	809,823
7	Operating expenses	<u>386,790</u>
8	Total	1,196,613
9	Source of funds	
10	Interdepartmental transfers	3,643
11	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,192,970</u>
12	Total	1,196,613
13	Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
14	Personal services	221,698
15	Operating expenses	<u>2,717,089</u>
16	Total	2,938,787
17	Source of funds	
18	Pension trust funds	<u>2,938,787</u>
19	Total	2,938,787
20	Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
21	Personal services	222,371

1	Operating expenses	<u>1,480,237</u>
2	Total	1,702,608
3	Source of funds	
4	Pension trust funds	<u>1,702,608</u>
5	Total	1,702,608
6	Sec. B.134.1 Vermont Pension Investment Commission	
7	Personal services	2,002,637
8	Operating expenses	<u>248,561</u>
9	Total	2,251,198
10	Source of funds	
11	Special funds	<u>2,251,198</u>
12	Total	2,251,198
13	Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
14	Personal services	258,094
15	Operating expenses	<u>49,671</u>
16	Total	307,765
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	298,189
19	Special funds	6,788
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
21	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	118,335,063
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	5,161,400
3	Enterprise funds	4,298
4	Pension trust funds	4,641,395
5	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,192,970</u>
6	Total	366,719,830
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	7,213,974
17	Operating expenses	<u>49,500</u>
18	Total	7,263,474
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>7,263,474</u>
21	Total	7,263,474

1	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
2	Personal services	52,555,909
3	Operating expenses	11,583,876
4	Grants	<u>121,030</u>
5	Total	64,260,815
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	58,250,863
8	Special funds	2,888,542
9	Federal funds	953,928
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,167,482</u>
11	Total	64,260,815
12	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
13	Personal services	14,787,744
14	Operating expenses	<u>1,999,496</u>
15	Total	16,787,240
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	15,904,997
18	Special funds	109,778
19	Federal funds	233,490
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>538,975</u>
21	Total	16,787,240

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	2,604,804
11	Operating expenses	<u>106,693</u>
12	Total	2,711,497
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>2,711,497</u>
15	Total	2,711,497
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	6,001,814
9	Special funds	4,105
10	Federal funds	547,260
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	53,896,213
20	Transportation fund	20,250,000
21	Special funds	3,166,387

1	Federal funds	4,311,304
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,583,378</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
21	Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	

1	Personal services	6,309,252
2	Operating expenses	678,344
3	Grants	<u>15,063,425</u>
4	Total	22,051,021
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	2,968,393
7	Special funds	627,904
8	Federal funds	<u>18,454,724</u>
9	Total	22,051,021
10	Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management	
11	and environmental stewardship	
12	Personal services	2,594,186
13	Operating expenses	979,802
14	Grants	<u>212,000</u>
15	Total	3,785,988
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	745,509
18	Special funds	2,297,266
19	Federal funds	390,117
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>353,096</u>
21	Total	3,785,988

1	Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont Agriculture and	
2	Environmental Lab	
3	Personal services	1,711,447
4	Operating expenses	<u>1,363,276</u>
5	Total	3,074,723
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	1,296,731
8	Special funds	1,715,459
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>62,533</u>
10	Total	3,074,723
11	Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, Food and Markets - Clean Water	
12	Personal services	3,637,927
13	Operating expenses	575,499
14	Grants	<u>6,580,630</u>
15	Total	10,794,056
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	1,732,136
18	Special funds	8,248,477
19	Federal funds	462,351
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>351,092</u>
21	Total	10,794,056

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

1	Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
2	Personal services	5,294,300
3	Operating expenses	<u>710,775</u>
4	Total	6,005,075
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	<u>6,005,075</u>
7	Total	6,005,075
8	Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
9	Personal services	1,294,776
10	Operating expenses	<u>279,335</u>
11	Total	1,574,111
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	<u>1,574,111</u>
14	Total	1,574,111
15	Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
16	Personal services	17,824,897
17	Operating expenses	<u>3,932,905</u>
18	Total	21,757,802
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	16,241,811
21	Federal funds	<u>5,515,991</u>

1	Total	21,757,802
2	Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
3	Personal services	11,014,203
4	Operating expenses	1,730,270
5	Grants	<u>328,300</u>
6	Total	13,072,773
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	12,310,355
9	Federal funds	741,706
10	Enterprise funds	<u>20,712</u>
11	Total	13,072,773
12	Sec. B.233.1 VT Community Broadband Board	
13	Personal services	1,211,623
14	Operating expenses	155,443
15	Grants	<u>1,300,000</u>
16	Total	2,667,066
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	1,110,687
19	Federal funds	<u>1,556,379</u>
20	Total	2,667,066
21	Sec. B.234 Public utility commission	

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

1	Sec. B.236.1 Liquor & Lottery Comm. Office	
2	Personal services	8,610,070
3	Operating expenses	<u>5,529,374</u>
4	Total	14,139,444
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	60,000
7	Tobacco fund	213,843
8	Interdepartmental transfers	70,000
9	Enterprise funds	<u>13,795,601</u>
10	Total	14,139,444
11	Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board	
12	Personal services	4,829,061
13	Operating expenses	<u>341,631</u>
14	Total	5,170,692
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	<u>5,170,692</u>
17	Total	5,170,692
18	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property	
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	208,439,656
21	Transportation fund	20,250,000

1	Special funds	109,230,607
2	Tobacco fund	635,843
3	Federal funds	133,784,669
4	Interdepartmental transfers	13,729,981
5	Enterprise funds	<u>13,816,313</u>
6	Total	499,887,069
7	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
8	Personal services	14,083,686
9	Operating expenses	5,402,086
10	Grants	<u>2,895,202</u>
11	Total	22,380,974
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	9,767,874
14	Special funds	135,517
15	Federal funds	11,678,441
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>799,142</u>
17	Total	22,380,974
18	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
19	Grants	<u>1,988,334,293</u>
20	Total	1,988,334,293
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	647,414,827
2	Special funds	32,994,384
3	Tobacco fund	21,049,373
4	State health care resources fund	25,265,312
5	Federal funds	1,257,576,227
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,034,170</u>
7	Total	1,988,334,293
8	Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
9	Personal services	458,902
10	Operating expenses	95,330
11	Grants	<u>191,595</u>
12	Total	745,827
13	Source of funds	
14	Special funds	12,000
15	Federal funds	<u>733,827</u>
16	Total	745,827
17	Sec. B.304 Human services board	
18	Personal services	648,082
19	Operating expenses	<u>89,467</u>
20	Total	737,549
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	452,996
2	Federal funds	<u>284,553</u>
3	Total	737,549
4	Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
5	Personal services	330,000
6	Operating expenses	<u>13,170,000</u>
7	Total	13,500,000
8	Source of funds	
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,500,000</u>
10	Total	13,500,000
11	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
12	Personal services	136,568,959
13	Operating expenses	44,391,640
14	Grants	<u>2,912,301</u>
15	Total	183,872,900
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	35,605,917
18	Special funds	4,753,011
19	Federal funds	134,621,243
20	Global Commitment fund	4,220,337
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,672,392</u>

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

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	12,634,069
3	Federal funds	<u>21,987,403</u>
4	Total	34,621,472
5	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
6	Personal services	8,154,782
7	Operating expenses	7,410,428
8	Grants	<u>16,697,133</u>
9	Total	32,262,343
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	3,131,446
12	Special funds	2,160,065
13	Federal funds	20,169,147
14	Global Commitment fund	6,732,468
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>69,217</u>
16	Total	32,262,343
17	Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
18	Personal services	64,592,946
19	Operating expenses	13,047,530
20	Grants	<u>45,946,724</u>
21	Total	123,587,200

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	12,408,429
3	Special funds	25,017,725
4	Tobacco fund	1,088,918
5	Federal funds	66,753,896
6	Global Commitment fund	16,582,951
7	Interdepartmental transfers	1,710,281
8	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
9	Total	123,587,200
10	Sec. B.313 Health - substance abuse programs	
11	Personal services	6,253,749
12	Operating expenses	511,500
13	Grants	<u>60,641,638</u>
14	Total	67,406,887
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	5,191,811
17	Special funds	1,435,054
18	Tobacco fund	949,917
19	Federal funds	21,771,442
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>38,058,663</u>
21	Total	67,406,887

1	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
2	Personal services	47,716,644
3	Operating expenses	5,272,240
4	Grants	<u>264,539,814</u>
5	Total	317,528,698
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	25,282,556
8	Special funds	1,708,155
9	Federal funds	10,999,654
10	Global Commitment fund	279,524,193
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>
12	Total	317,528,698
13	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support	
14	services	
15	Personal services	44,440,362
16	Operating expenses	17,168,731
17	Grants	<u>3,919,106</u>
18	Total	65,528,199
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	37,090,554
21	Special funds	2,781,912

1	Federal funds	23,540,549
2	Global Commitment fund	1,659,321
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>455,863</u>
4	Total	65,528,199
5	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
6	Personal services	43,987,652
7	Operating expenses	5,180,385
8	Grants	<u>92,941,639</u>
9	Total	142,109,676
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	59,227,017
12	Special funds	729,587
13	Federal funds	33,937,204
14	Global Commitment fund	48,178,131
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>37,737</u>
16	Total	142,109,676
17	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
18	Personal services	5,668,525
19	Operating expenses	812,971
20	Grants	<u>95,860,842</u>
21	Total	102,342,338

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	35,016,309
3	Special funds	16,745,000
4	Federal funds	37,419,258
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>13,161,771</u>
6	Total	102,342,338
7	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
8	Personal services	12,411,108
9	Operating expenses	<u>3,714,732</u>
10	Total	16,125,840
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	4,900,195
13	Special funds	455,719
14	Federal funds	10,382,326
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
16	Total	16,125,840
17	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and	
18	disabled	
19	Personal services	2,252,206
20	Grants	<u>10,431,118</u>
21	Total	12,683,324

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	7,533,333
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,149,991</u>
4	Total	12,683,324
5	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
6	Personal services	15,000
7	Grants	<u>10,323,574</u>
8	Total	10,338,574
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	10,041,239
11	Federal funds	11,320
12	Global Commitment fund	<u>286,015</u>
13	Total	10,338,574
14	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
15	Grants	<u>44,377,812</u>
16	Total	44,377,812
17	Source of funds	
18	Federal funds	<u>44,377,812</u>
19	Total	44,377,812
20	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
21	Operating expenses	30,633

1	Grants	<u>35,536,413</u>
2	Total	35,567,046
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	23,233,869
5	Special funds	5,970,229
6	Federal funds	3,531,330
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,831,618</u>
8	Total	35,567,046
9	Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel	
10	assistance/LIHEAP	
11	Grants	<u>16,019,953</u>
12	Total	16,019,953
13	Source of funds	
14	Special funds	1,480,395
15	Federal funds	<u>14,539,558</u>
16	Total	16,019,953
17	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic	
18	opportunity	
19	Personal services	758,166
20	Operating expenses	95,628
21	Grants	<u>27,534,109</u>

1	Total	28,387,903
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	20,942,194
4	Special funds	83,135
5	Federal funds	4,935,273
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,427,301</u>
7	Total	28,387,903
8	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization	
9	assistance	
10	Personal services	415,233
11	Operating expenses	251,470
12	Grants	<u>11,838,018</u>
13	Total	12,504,721
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	7,649,635
16	Federal funds	<u>4,855,086</u>
17	Total	12,504,721
18	Sec. B.327 Department for Children and Families - Secure Residential	
19	Treatment	
20	Personal services	258,100
21	Operating expenses	153,597

1	Grants	<u>3,476,862</u>
2	Total	3,888,559
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	3,858,559
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>
6	Total	3,888,559
7	Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination	
8	services	
9	Personal services	7,486,999
10	Operating expenses	<u>489,130</u>
11	Total	7,976,129
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	118,796
14	Federal funds	<u>7,857,333</u>
15	Total	7,976,129
16	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &	
17	support	
18	Personal services	42,900,084
19	Operating expenses	<u>6,323,252</u>
20	Total	49,223,336
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	21,899,725
2	Special funds	1,390,457
3	Federal funds	24,831,870
4	Global Commitment fund	35,000
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>
6	Total	49,223,336
7	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and	
8	independent living grants	
9	Grants	<u>22,180,328</u>
10	Total	22,180,328
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	9,020,695
13	Federal funds	7,321,114
14	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,838,519</u>
15	Total	22,180,328
16	Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually	
17	impaired	
18	Grants	<u>1,907,604</u>
19	Total	1,907,604
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	489,154

1	Special funds	223,450
2	Federal funds	890,000
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>305,000</u>
4	Total	1,907,604
5	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational	
6	rehabilitation	
7	Grants	<u>10,179,845</u>
8	Total	10,179,845
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,371,845
11	Federal funds	7,558,000
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>
13	Total	10,179,845
14	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental services	
15	Grants	<u>308,668,057</u>
16	Total	308,668,057
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	155,125
19	Special funds	15,463
20	Federal funds	431,512
21	Global Commitment fund	308,015,957

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>
2	Total	308,668,057
3	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and	
4	community based waiver	
5	Grants	<u>6,638,028</u>
6	Total	6,638,028
7	Source of funds	
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>6,638,028</u>
9	Total	6,638,028
10	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care	
11	Grants	<u>268,715,683</u>
12	Total	268,715,683
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	498,579
15	Federal funds	2,450,000
16	Global Commitment fund	<u>265,767,104</u>
17	Total	268,715,683
18	Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
19	Personal services	3,806,377
20	Operating expenses	<u>243,057</u>
21	Total	4,049,434

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>4,049,434</u>
3	Total	4,049,434
4	Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
5	Personal services	412,972
6	Operating expenses	<u>59,257</u>
7	Total	472,229
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>472,229</u>
10	Total	472,229
11	Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
12	Personal services	3,648,027
13	Operating expenses	<u>245,425</u>
14	Total	3,893,452
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	3,744,668
17	Education fund	0
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
19	Total	3,893,452
20	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
21	Personal services	139,473,576

1	Operating expenses	<u>24,600,099</u>
2	Total	164,073,675
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	159,502,946
5	Special funds	935,963
6	Federal funds	492,196
7	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
9	Total	164,073,675
10	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Reinvestment II	
11	Grants	<u>10,659,519</u>
12	Total	10,659,519
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	8,081,831
15	Federal funds	13,147
16	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>
17	Total	10,659,519
18	Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services-out of state beds	
19	Personal services	<u>4,130,378</u>
20	Total	4,130,378
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>
2	Total	4,130,378
3	Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
4	Personal services	598,105
5	Operating expenses	<u>455,845</u>
6	Total	1,053,950
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	<u>1,053,950</u>
9	Total	1,053,950
10	Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
11	Personal services	1,220,613
12	Operating expenses	<u>525,784</u>
13	Total	1,746,397
14	Source of funds	
15	Internal service funds	<u>1,746,397</u>
16	Total	1,746,397
17	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
18	Personal services	18,187,631
19	Operating expenses	<u>5,978,873</u>
20	Total	24,166,504
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	4,199,478
2	Special funds	11,655,797
3	Federal funds	<u>8,311,229</u>
4	Total	24,166,504
5	Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
6	Personal services	396,540
7	Operating expenses	<u>74,880</u>
8	Total	471,420
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	467,572
11	Special funds	<u>3,848</u>
12	Total	471,420
13	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
14	Grants	<u>155,490</u>
15	Total	155,490
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	<u>155,490</u>
18	Total	155,490
19	Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board	
20	Personal services	8,136,639
21	Operating expenses	<u>402,594</u>

1	Total	8,539,233
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	3,392,339
4	Special funds	<u>5,146,894</u>
5	Total	8,539,233
6	Sec. B.346 Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate	
7	Personal services	387,000
8	Operating expenses	<u>26,000</u>
9	Total	413,000
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>413,000</u>
12	Total	413,000
13	Sec. B.347 Total human services	
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	1,228,959,104
16	Special funds	124,537,345
17	Tobacco fund	23,088,208
18	State health care resources fund	25,265,312
19	Education fund	0
20	Federal funds	1,784,261,950
21	Global Commitment fund	1,941,036,077

1	Internal service funds	1,746,397
2	Interdepartmental transfers	28,591,925
3	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
4	Total	5,157,511,318
5	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
6	Personal services	40,642,780
7	Operating expenses	5,955,495
8	Grants	<u>12,432,900</u>
9	Total	59,031,175
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	10,600,636
12	Special funds	10,806,858
13	Federal funds	37,373,681
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>250,000</u>
15	Total	59,031,175
16	Sec. B.401 Total labor	
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	10,600,636
19	Special funds	10,806,858
20	Federal funds	37,373,681
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>250,000</u>

1	Total	59,031,175
2	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
3	Personal services	17,683,192
4	Operating expenses	4,387,522
5	Grants	<u>15,270,700</u>
6	Total	37,341,414
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	7,415,742
9	Special funds	16,575,926
10	Education fund	3,486,447
11	Federal funds	9,220,942
12	Global Commitment fund	260,000
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>382,357</u>
14	Total	37,341,414
15	Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
16	Personal services	30,951,380
17	Operating expenses	1,074,585
18	Grants	<u>460,105,273</u>
19	Total	492,131,238
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	5,293,183

1	Special funds	2,919,560
2	Tobacco fund	750,388
3	Federal funds	<u>483,168,107</u>
4	Total	492,131,238
5	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
6	Grants	<u>226,195,600</u>
7	Total	226,195,600
8	Source of funds	
9	Education fund	<u>226,195,600</u>
10	Total	226,195,600
11	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
12	Grants	<u>19,000,000</u>
13	Total	19,000,000
14	Source of funds	
15	Education fund	<u>19,000,000</u>
16	Total	19,000,000
17	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
18	Grants	<u>4,412,900</u>
19	Total	4,412,900
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	3,496,850

1	Federal funds	<u>916,050</u>
2	Total	4,412,900
3	Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
4	Grants	<u>10,143,000</u>
5	Total	10,143,000
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	921,500
8	Education fund	<u>9,221,500</u>
9	Total	10,143,000
10	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
11	Grants	<u>1,703,317,103</u>
12	Total	1,703,317,103
13	Source of funds	
14	Education fund	<u>1,703,317,103</u>
15	Total	1,703,317,103
16	Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
17	Grants	<u>23,520,000</u>
18	Total	23,520,000
19	Source of funds	
20	Education fund	<u>23,520,000</u>
21	Total	23,520,000

1	Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants	
2	Grants	<u>8,300,000</u>
3	Total	8,300,000
4	Source of funds	
5	Education fund	<u>8,300,000</u>
6	Total	8,300,000
7	Sec. B.509 Education - Cannabis Afterschool Grant Program	
8	Grants	<u>6,000,000</u>
9	Total	6,000,000
10	Source of funds	
11	Education fund	<u>6,000,000</u>
12	Total	6,000,000
13	Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
14	Grants	<u>8,350,389</u>
15	Total	8,350,389
16	Source of funds	
17	Education fund	<u>8,350,389</u>
18	Total	8,350,389
19	Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
20	Grants	<u>17,030,400</u>
21	Total	17,030,400

1	Source of funds	
2	Education fund	<u>17,030,400</u>
3	Total	17,030,400
4	Sec. B.511.1 State Board of Education	
5	Personal services	38,905
6	Operating expenses	<u>31,803</u>
7	Total	70,708
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>70,708</u>
10	Total	70,708
11	Sec. B.513 Retired Teachers Pension Plus Funding	
12	Grants	<u>9,000,000</u>
13	Total	9,000,000
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	<u>9,000,000</u>
16	Total	9,000,000
17	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
18	Grants	<u>184,811,051</u>
19	Total	184,811,051
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	151,682,914

1	Education fund	<u>33,128,137</u>
2	Total	184,811,051
3	Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	
4	Personal services	359,615
5	Operating expenses	<u>3,032,746</u>
6	Total	3,392,361
7	Source of funds	
8	Pension trust funds	<u>3,392,361</u>
9	Total	3,392,361
10	Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
11	Grants	<u>53,740,528</u>
12	Total	53,740,528
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	38,318,167
15	Education fund	<u>15,422,361</u>
16	Total	53,740,528
17	Sec. B.516 Total general education	
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	216,199,064
20	Special funds	19,495,486
21	Tobacco fund	750,388

1	Education fund	2,072,971,937
2	Federal funds	493,305,099
3	Global Commitment fund	260,000
4	Interdepartmental transfers	382,357
5	Pension trust funds	<u>3,392,361</u>
6	Total	2,806,756,692
7	Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
8	Grants	<u>54,084,366</u>
9	Total	54,084,366
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>54,084,366</u>
12	Total	54,084,366
13	Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
14	Grants	<u>30,500,464</u>
15	Total	30,500,464
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	<u>30,500,464</u>
18	Total	30,500,464
19	Sec. B.602.2 Vermont state colleges - Transformation funding	
20	Grants	<u>17,500,000</u>
21	Total	17,500,000

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

1	Education fund	<u>41,225</u>
2	Total	82,450
3	Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
4	Grants	<u>86,520</u>
5	Total	86,520
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>86,520</u>
8	Total	86,520
9	Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm	
10	Grants	<u>1</u>
11	Total	1
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>1</u>
14	Total	1
15	Sec. B.608 Total higher education	
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	128,339,478
18	Education fund	41,225
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>
20	Total	128,790,164
21	Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	

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

1	General fund	7,173,206
2	Special funds	370,644
3	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090
4	Federal funds	9,793,589
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,385,460</u>
6	Total	29,643,989
7	Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
8	Personal services	1,200,585
9	Operating expenses	<u>1,596,687</u>
10	Total	2,797,272
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	2,675,711
13	Special funds	<u>121,561</u>
14	Total	2,797,272
15	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
16	Personal services	7,948,381
17	Operating expenses	921,952
18	Grants	<u>1,184,458</u>
19	Total	10,054,791
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	6,033,830

1	Special funds	702,229
2	Federal funds	3,098,484
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>220,248</u>
4	Total	10,054,791
5	Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
6	Personal services	12,306,202
7	Operating expenses	3,741,476
8	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
9	Total	16,097,678
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	690,613
12	Special funds	<u>15,407,065</u>
13	Total	16,097,678
14	Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration and recreation	
15	Personal services	2,496,749
16	Operating expenses	395,675
17	Grants	<u>2,827,587</u>
18	Total	5,720,011
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	1,110,710
21	Special funds	2,141,005

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

1	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
2	Personal services	26,006,961
3	Operating expenses	10,026,393
4	Grants	<u>4,905,988</u>
5	Total	40,939,342
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	193,565
8	Special funds	26,236,633
9	Federal funds	14,342,090
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>167,054</u>
11	Total	40,939,342
12	Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs	
13	Personal services	47,932,786
14	Operating expenses	7,982,625
15	Grants	<u>46,863,117</u>
16	Total	102,778,528
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	9,841,201
19	Special funds	30,662,978
20	Federal funds	61,487,925
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>786,424</u>

1	Total	102,778,528
2	Sec. B.713 Natural resources board	
3	Personal services	3,082,659
4	Operating expenses	<u>397,315</u>
5	Total	3,479,974
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	713,735
8	Special funds	<u>2,766,239</u>
9	Total	3,479,974
10	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	37,869,582
13	Special funds	79,971,986
14	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090
15	Federal funds	93,077,302
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,215,308</u>
17	Total	235,055,268
18	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce and	
19	community development - administration	
20	Personal services	2,610,304
21	Operating expenses	982,307

1	Grants	<u>539,820</u>
2	Total	4,132,431
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	3,666,442
5	Federal funds	351,000
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>114,989</u>
7	Total	4,132,431
8	Sec. B.801 Economic development	
9	Personal services	4,803,989
10	Operating expenses	1,050,879
11	Grants	<u>6,433,544</u>
12	Total	12,288,412
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	5,489,902
15	Special funds	616,421
16	Federal funds	4,358,416
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,823,673</u>
18	Total	12,288,412
19	Sec. B.802 Housing and community development	
20	Personal services	6,428,334
21	Operating expenses	705,584

1	Grants	<u>23,739,005</u>
2	Total	30,872,923
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	5,031,943
5	Special funds	6,937,054
6	Federal funds	15,854,615
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,049,311</u>
8	Total	30,872,923
9	Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
10	Personal services	5,208,860
11	Operating expenses	8,930,168
12	Grants	<u>1,050,000</u>
13	Total	15,189,028
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	4,630,975
16	Federal funds	10,483,053
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
18	Total	15,189,028
19	Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
20	Grants	<u>896,940</u>
21	Total	896,940

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

1	Total	86,519,068
2	Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
3	Grants	<u>300,000</u>
4	Total	300,000
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>300,000</u>
7	Total	300,000
8	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	21,222,221
11	Special funds	32,106,330
12	Federal funds	93,013,297
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,062,973</u>
14	Total	151,404,821
15	Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
16	Personal services	16,695,727
17	Operating expenses	5,232,777
18	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
19	Total	21,978,504
20	Source of funds	
21	Transportation fund	20,977,164

1	Federal funds	<u>1,001,340</u>
2	Total	21,978,504
3	Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
4	Personal services	3,532,154
5	Operating expenses	13,397,252
6	Grants	<u>345,000</u>
7	Total	17,274,406
8	Source of funds	
9	Transportation fund	6,166,805
10	Federal funds	<u>11,107,601</u>
11	Total	17,274,406
12	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
13	Operating expenses	<u>1,525,000</u>
14	Total	1,525,000
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	<u>1,525,000</u>
17	Total	1,525,000
18	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
19	Personal services	65,810,461
20	Operating expenses	311,158,635
21	Grants	<u>25,916,923</u>

1	Total	402,886,019
2	Source of funds	
3	Transportation fund	50,411,002
4	TIB fund	22,129,870
5	Special funds	3,000,000
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>65,893,488</u>
21	Total	108,530,765

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	107,784,950
3	Federal funds	645,815
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
5	Total	108,530,765
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
21	Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program	

1	Operating expenses	200,000
2	Grants	<u>1,050,000</u>
3	Total	1,250,000
4	Source of funds	
5	Special funds	50,000
6	Federal funds	1,000,000
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>200,000</u>
8	Total	1,250,000
9	Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
10	Personal services	169,068
11	Operating expenses	<u>24,412</u>
12	Total	193,480
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	<u>193,480</u>
15	Total	193,480
16	Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
17	Source of funds	
18	Transportation fund	304,753,571
19	TIB fund	25,229,215
20	Special funds	8,050,000
21	Federal funds	476,014,899

1	Internal service funds	23,956,385
2	Interdepartmental transfers	2,706,360
3	Local match	<u>11,104,867</u>
4	Total	851,815,297
5	Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
6	Operating expenses	<u>75,705,398</u>
7	Total	75,705,398
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	75,377,993
10	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>
11	Total	75,705,398
12	Sec. B.1001 Total debt service	
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	75,377,993
15	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>
16	Total	75,705,398
17	* * * Fiscal Year 2024 Base Appropriations * * *	
18	Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME	
19	APPROPRIATIONS	
20	<u>(a) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated</u>	
21	<u>for the following:</u>	

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

3 (2) \$5,000,000 General Fund for the purpose of supporting the
4 Community Violence Prevention Program established by 18 V.S.A. § 13.
5 Unexpended appropriations shall carry forward into the subsequent fiscal year
6 and remain available for use for this purpose. All or part of this appropriation
7 may be transferred to the Department of Health for this program if necessary;

8 (3) \$15,000,000 General Fund to be used to offset the cost of denied
9 claims for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement.

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

12 (1) \$3,820,000 General Fund and \$5,180,000 American Rescue Plan
13 Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds for bridge funding to
14 support ongoing system transformation; and

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

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

20 (1) \$725,000 General Fund to fund seven new permanent full-time
21 positions in the Operations division in fiscal year 2024. These position costs

1 shall be funded through the Department of Human Resources – Internal
2 Service Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025;

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

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

11 (d) \$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 (e) 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

1 of a new member (criteria dependent); and student loan debt repayment of up
2 to \$10,000 per new hire toward the repayment of preexisting student loan debt.

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

5 (1) \$10,000 General Fund for a grant 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 a grant to North Country Honor Flight, an
9 organization that sponsors escorted trips for veterans to visit the war memorials
10 on the National Mall, to cover the expenses of 10 Vermont resident attendees.

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

13 (1) \$1,200,000 General Fund for a three-phase accreditation process to
14 include job task analysis, curriculum development and piloting;

15 (2) \$20,000 General Fund for a records management system to ensure
16 efficient and compliant recordkeeping, including case management tracking,
17 reporting, and compliance monitoring for remote learning; and

18 (3) \$200,000 General Fund for request for proposals and contracts
19 related to procedure development; off-site course development; records
20 management system transition; developing pathways to certification; and
21 medical personnel.

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

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

5 (1) \$110,000 General Fund for electric vehicle charger inspections.
6 Funds shall be used for the purchase of two testing units and related equipment
7 to support the development and implementation of the Commercial Electric
8 Vehicle Fueling Systems regulatory program;

9 (2) \$1,070,000 General Fund for replacement of the existing Food
10 Safety Inspection Database; and

11 (3) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Salvation Farms to expand
12 access to locally grown food for all Vermonters.

13 (j) Department of Mental Health. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
14 appropriated for the following:

15 (1) \$105,000 General Fund for expediting competency and sanity
16 evaluations; and

17 (2) \$9,225,000 General Fund to continue construction of the Southwest
18 Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) Youth Inpatient Facility to increase the
19 number of psychiatric youth inpatient beds in the State.

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

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

4 (2) \$120,500 General Fund for the implementation of a new financial
5 database solution; and

6 (3) \$50,000 General Fund for the development of the statutorily required
7 Health Resources Allocation Plan Tool.

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

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

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

1 (3) \$10,000,000 General Fund to continue to address the emergent and
2 exigent circumstances impacting health care providers following the COVID-
3 19 pandemic; and

4 (4) \$10,534,603 General Fund and \$13,693,231 Federal Revenue Fund
5 #22005 for use as Global Commitment matching funds for one-time caseload
6 pressures due to the suspension of Medicaid eligibility redeterminations.

7 (m) \$366,066 General Fund and \$372,048 Federal Revenue Fund #22005
8 to the Department of Vermont Health Access in the non-waiver or state-only
9 lines for a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke
10 program and \$15,583,352 Global Commitment Fund #20405 to the
11 Department of Health Access Medicaid program for a two-year pilot to expand
12 the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program.

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

15 (1) \$4,595,448 Global Commitment Fund #20405 to the Division of
16 Substance Use Program for a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health
17 Hub and Spoke program;

18 (2) \$30,000 General Fund for a housing voucher program administered
19 by the Vermont Association of Recovery Residences and Jenna's Promise to
20 pay for a recovery home residents' first month of rent;

1 (3) \$1,590,000 General Fund for the Division of Substance Use
2 Program, in conjunction with \$1,410,000 appropriated from the General Fund
3 in Sec. B.313 of this act representing 30 percent of the fiscal year 2023
4 forecast for cannabis excise tax, and to be used in a manner consistent with the
5 Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition funding intent as stated in 2022 Acts
6 and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100(a)(12)(A)(i);

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

17 (5) \$100,000 General Fund to the Department of Health to support the
18 Regional Emergency Medical Services Coordination study; and

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

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

3 (1) \$2,000,000 General Fund to implement the two-year Reach Ahead
4 Pilot Program. Funds shall be used to increase monthly food assistance
5 benefits to Reach Ahead participants, expand the eligibility window for those
6 leaving Reach Up, and provide incentive payments;

7 (2) \$650,000 General Fund for the 2-1-1 service line. The Department,
8 in consultation with the Agency of Human Service Central Office, shall report
9 on the status of the service and its funding to the Joint Fiscal Committee on or
10 before the Committee's November 2023 meeting;

11 (3) \$40,000 General Fund to fund the purchase of a driving school
12 vehicle for the Youth Development Program to support foster and former
13 foster youth access to driver's education;

14 (4) \$18,884,610 General Fund to address the estimated need for the
15 Adverse Weather Conditions policy and General Assistance Emergency
16 Housing hotel and motel expenditures in fiscal year 2024;

17 (5) \$2,500,000 General Fund to the Housing Opportunity Grant Program
18 to expand and provide wraparound support services for households
19 participating in the General Assistance Emergency Housing program;

20 (6) \$3,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Food Bank to
21 support increased capacity of services to meet persistent food insecurity;

1 (7) \$375,000 General Fund for a grant to the Parent Child Centers in
2 consultation with the Junior League of Vermont for the statewide distribution
3 of diapers to families in need;

4 (8) \$50,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Donor Milk Center
5 for statewide activities;

6 (9) \$130,000 General Fund for a grant to the Snelling Center to restart
7 the Early Childhood Education Leadership Program; and

8 (10) \$1,000,000 General Fund for a grant to Mentor Vermont. The
9 Department shall identify alternative fund sources for future grants to Mentor
10 Vermont and shall update the Joint Fiscal Committee on its findings on or
11 before the Committee's November 2023 meeting.

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

14 (1) \$200,000 General Fund to be granted to the State Workforce
15 Development Board for the New American Labor Force Program; and

16 (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund to provide services under the Work-Based
17 Learning and Training Program established pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 547.

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

20 (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the digitization of Natural Resources
21 Board documents. Funds shall be used for the continued digitization of

1 permanent, paper-based Act 250 land use permit records currently located at
2 the Natural Resources Board's five district offices; and

3 (2) \$200,000 General Fund for an Act 250 study contract. Funds shall
4 be used to contract with a consultant to assist with the preparation of a report
5 on updates necessary to the Act 250 program, per 2022 Acts and Resolves No.
6 182, Sec. 41(a).

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

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

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

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

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

18 (1) \$500,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to upgrade and
19 expand the ePSD case management system;

20 (2) \$400,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to complete
21 the Telecom Plan Update scheduled for June 2024; and

1 (3) \$300,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to craft policy
2 proposals to reform and streamline electric sector policy.

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

5 (1) \$10,000,000 Technology Modernization Fund #21951 for Network
6 and Security Infrastructure Modernization including planning and design and
7 the replacement of legacy infrastructure, hardware and software, platforms
8 underlying the network and security architecture.

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

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

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

1 (A) Judiciary shall update the Joint Information Technology
2 Oversight Committee on the status of this project on or before December 1,
3 2023.

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

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

9 (1) \$25,000 General Fund for a grant for a monument to the survivors
10 of St Joseph's Orphanage; and

11 (2) \$10,000 General Fund to continue the work of the Intercollegiate
12 Sexual Harm Prevention Council.

13 (aa) \$450,000 Global Commitment Fund to the Department of Disabilities,
14 Aging, and Independent Living to continue the SASH pilot for another year.

15 \$195,660 General Fund and \$254,340 Federal Funds are appropriated to the
16 Agency of Human Service Global Commitment program for the State and
17 federal shares for this SASH pilot extension.

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

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

1 The Agency shall report to General Assembly on the status of the program on
2 or before January 15, 2024.

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

9 Support provided through the program may include:

10 (i) support through the Praxis exam process;

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

13 (iii) local educator mentors;

14 (iv) support in completing the peer review portfolio and licensing
15 process; and

16 (v) continued professional development support within the first
17 year of licensure.

18 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from
19 the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the
20 Vermont Teacher Forgivable Loan Incentive Program to provide forgivable
21 loans to students enrolled in an eligible school who meet the eligibility

1 requirements in subsection (A) of this subdivision. The goal of the program is
2 to encourage students to enter into teaching professions, with an emphasis on
3 encouraging Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color, New Americans, and
4 other historically underrepresented communities.

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

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

9 (ii) maintain good standing at the eligible school at which the
10 individual is enrolled;

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (D) 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 administration
19 and may recoup its reasonable costs of collecting the forgivable loans in
20 repayment.

1 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the sum of \$30,000 is appropriated from the
2 General Fund to the Agency of Education for the purpose of funding the
3 Historically Underrepresented Educator Affinity Groups Grant Program to
4 provide grants for the support of existing and development of new educator
5 affinity groups for historically underrepresented groups. The Agency of
6 Education shall administer the program.

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

10 (b) Youth workforce.

11 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,275,974 is appropriated from
12 the General Fund to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to fund
13 the Vermont Serve, Learn, and Earn Program, which supports workforce
14 development goals through creating meaningful paid service and learning
15 opportunities for young adults, through the Serve, Learn, and Earn Partnership
16 made up of the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, Vermont Audubon,
17 Vermont Works for Women, and Resource VT. The Department shall enter
18 into a grant agreement with the Partnership that specifies the required services
19 and outcomes for the Program.

20 (c) Higher education.

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

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

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

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

18 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$350,000 is appropriated from the
19 General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a subgrant to
20 Advance Vermont to continue work pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No.
21 183, Sec. 39 in support of the State's goal articulated in 10 V.S.A. § 546 that

1 70 percent of working-age Vermonters hold a credential of value by 2025. On
2 or before December 15, 2023, Advance Vermont shall report to the General
3 Assembly regarding outcomes achieved, the use of these State funds, and the
4 other fund sources Advance Vermont has secured for this project.

5 (d) Healthcare and social services workforce.

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

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

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

18 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from
19 the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health to be distributed to the
20 designated and specialized service agencies equitably based on each agency's
21 proportion of full-time-equivalent (FTE) staff to the total number of FTE staff

1 across all designated and specialized service agencies statewide. Funds shall
2 be administered by each agency for student loan repayment, tuition assistance,
3 or recruitment and retention payments in exchange for an agency-specified
4 service obligation of not less than one year.

5 (A) The State Auditor shall review the designated and specialized
6 service agencies' utilization of this funding and report to the General Assembly
7 on the outcomes and effectiveness of this program.

8 (e) Economic development.

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

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

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

1 (4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$8,000,000 General Fund is
2 appropriated for Brownfields redevelopment consistent with Sec. F.5 of this
3 act.

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

7 (6) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 General Fund is
8 appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for
9 awarding new relocating employee incentives pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4.

10 (f) Agriculture Economic Development

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 (A) Program applicants shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 (2) \$40,000,000 to provide support and enhance capacity for the
10 production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing and
11 homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes and
12 communities, permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness, recovery
13 residences, and housing available to farm workers and refugees. The Board is
14 authorized to utilize up to 10 percent of these resources for innovative
15 approaches to helping communities meet their housing needs.

16 * * * Climate and Environment * * *

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

18 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

19 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$700,000 General Fund is
20 appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources – Central Office for
21 refrigerant management. Funds shall be used for incentives to improve or

1 replace commercial and industrial refrigeration systems with the goal of
2 reducing the use of high global warming potential (GWP) refrigerants.

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

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

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 Vermont communities by providing State match funds for federal
9 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 to
13 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 as codified in
18 10 V.S.A. § 6641. Funds shall be used for the assessment and cleanup
19 planning for a maximum of 25 brownfields sites.

20 (i) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$600,000 General Fund is
21 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the

1 Emissions Repair Program. Funds shall be used for the Emissions Repair
2 Program established by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 25 for fiscal
3 years 2024 through 2026.

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

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

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

19 * * * Pension Funding * * *

20 Sec. B.1104 FISCAL YEAR 2024 VERMONT STATE LIVING PAYMENT;

21 FISCAL YEAR 2024 APPROPRIATION

1 (2) \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
2 the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Municipal Pollution
3 Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning advances for
4 feasibility studies.

5 (3) \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
6 the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the maintenance facilities
7 at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton State Forest; and

8 (4) \$800,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the
9 Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and
10 improvements of the Department's buildings, including conservation camps.

11 (b) In fiscal year 2024, \$21,885,000 is appropriated from the Other
12 Infrastructure and Essential Investments subaccount in the Cash Fund for
13 Capital and Essential Investments for the following projects:

14 (1) \$400,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
15 General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

16 (2) \$1,700,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
17 General Services for the Barre, McFarland State Office Building, roof
18 replacement and brick façade repairs;

19 (3) \$135,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
20 General Services for the Burlington, 32 Cherry Street, parking garage repairs;

1 (4) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
2 General Services for the Middlesex, Central Services complex, roof
3 replacement;

4 (5) \$150,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
5 General Services for the Montpelier, State House expansion, design
6 documents;

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

10 (7) \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
11 General Services for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern State
12 Correctional Facility in Newport;

13 (8) \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
14 General Services for planning for renovations to the administration building,
15 West Cottage, at the Criminal Justice Training Council in Pittsford;

16 (9) \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
17 General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
18 design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;

19 (10) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
20 General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and

1 design for the replacement of the women’s correctional facility and reentry
2 facility;

3 (11) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
4 General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
5 design of the Department for Children and Families’ short-term stabilization
6 facility;

7 (12) \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
8 General Services for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County
9 Superior Courthouse in Barre;

10 (13) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
11 General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
12 design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

13 (14) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
14 General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
15 design of the Rutland Field Station;

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

20 (16) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
21 General Services for electric vehicle charging stations at State buildings;

1 (17) \$6,000,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges for
2 construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or
3 operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure
4 transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green
5 Hall and Vail Hall;

6 (18) \$4,500,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
7 the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Waterbury Dam
8 rehabilitation.

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

13 (d) In fiscal year 2024, to the extent funds are available under 32 V.S.A. §
14 1001b(b)(3), the following appropriations from the Cash Fund for Capital and
15 Essential Investments shall be made in this order:

16 (1) \$3,500,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Transportation for the
17 Saint Albans garage replacement project.

18 (2) \$10,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Housing and
19 Community Development for a grant to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency
20 to provide capitalization of revolving loan fund for the development of
21 ‘missing middle’ rental housing.

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

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

6 (5) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Mental Health for a
7 grant to Pathways Vermont for the purchase and renovation of a building to
8 serve as a permanent home for the Soteria House program.

9 (A) Prior to issuing the grant the Commissioner of Mental with the
10 assistance of the Secretary of Human Services and Commissioner of Buildings
11 and General Services, shall review the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the
12 financial analysis of the Pathways Vermont proposal to purchase specified
13 property and operate the Soteria House program.

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

18 (6) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Housing and
19 Community Development for a grant to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency
20 for its first generation homebuyer program.

1 (e)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, any contract
2 awarded for a maintenance, construction, or improvement project that receives
3 funding from subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall provide that all
4 construction employees working on the project shall be paid not less than the
5 mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont Department of
6 Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey plus an additional
7 fringe benefit of 42 and one-half percent of wage, as calculated by the current
8 Vermont prevailing wage survey. As used in this subdivision, “fringe
9 benefits” has the same meaning as used in 29 V.S.A. § 161.

10 (2) The requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not
11 apply to:

12 (A) any contract awarded for a maintenance, construction, or
13 improvement project that received an appropriation prior to the effective date
14 of this act if any of the following apply as of the effective date of this act:

15 (i) the project has been invited or advertised for bid;

16 (ii) the project is under contract; or

17 (iii) the funds are obligated; and

18 (B) contracts awarded for maintenance, construction, or
19 improvements projects that are required by law to comply with the
20 requirements of the federal Davis-Bacon Act.

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

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

3 CARRYFORWARD

4 (a) After satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, and after other
5 reserve requirements have been met, but prior to satisfying the requirements of
6 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the first \$335,200,000 of remaining unreserved and
7 undesignated funds at the close of fiscal year 2023 shall remain in the General
8 Fund and be carried forward to fiscal year 2024.

9 Sec. C.101 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FISCAL YEAR 2022 OUT
10 OF STATE BEDS CARRYFORWARD FUNDS AND JUSTICE
11 REINVESTMENT II FUNDING

12 (a) Notwithstanding 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.335, as
13 amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 62, and by 2022 Acts and
14 Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.111, \$1,000,000 of the Department of Corrections
15 Out of State Bed General Fund appropriation carried forward from fiscal year
16 2022 shall be used for the development and implementation of the Offender
17 Management System (OMS) intelligence layer.

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

1 Conservation in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.501(a)(2) shall revert
2 to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
3 Funds for reallocation in fiscal year 2024.

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

5 § 1001b. CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE CASH FUND AND
6 ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS

7 (a) Creation. There is hereby created the ~~Capital Expenditure~~ Cash Fund
8 for Capital and Essential Investments to be administered by the Commissioner
9 of Finance and Management, in consultation with the State Treasurer, ~~for the~~
10 ~~purpose of using general funds.~~ The Fund shall have the following three
11 subaccounts:

12 (1) the Capital Infrastructure subaccount, to defray the costs of future
13 capital expenditures that would otherwise be authorized in the capital
14 construction act and paid for using the State’s general obligation bonding
15 authority and debt service obligations or paid for as a direct associated cost of
16 a capital project;

17 (2) the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves
18 subaccount, to fund essential investments and infrastructure needs or to create
19 reserves for these expenditures, including transportation-related projects; and

1 (3) the Supplemental Contingent Revenues subaccount, to capitalize
2 revolving loan funds and other expenditures, as authorized by the General
3 Assembly.

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

5 (1) Capital Infrastructure Reserve subaccount. The Capital
6 Infrastructure Reserve subaccount may consist of transfers made by the
7 General Assembly up to or equal to four percent of the last completed fiscal
8 year's General Fund appropriations, less the amount necessary to fund the
9 State's general obligation debt service in the year for which the transfer is
10 being made, as determined by the State Treasurer and the Commissioner of
11 Finance and Management.

12 (2) Other Infrastructure and Essential Investments subaccount. The
13 Other Infrastructure and Essential Investments subaccount may consist of any
14 ~~appropriations or~~ transfers made by the General Assembly; from the General
15 Fund or any other State fund and

16 ~~(2)~~ any interest earned by the Fund.

17 (3) Supplemental Contingent Revenues subaccount. The Supplemental
18 Contingent Revenues subaccount may consist of any contingent transfers made
19 by the General Assembly from the General Fund after satisfying the
20 requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308 but prior to satisfying the requirements of 32

1 V.S.A. § 308c in any fiscal year and any contingent transfers made by the
2 General Assembly from other State funds.

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

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

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

13 (B) engineering and architectural costs directly associated with a
14 proposed capital project.

15 (2) ~~projects with an anticipated lifespan of 20 years; Expenditures shall~~
16 only be made by the General Assembly from the Other Infrastructure, Essential
17 Investments, and Reserves subaccount for:

18 (A) any expenditure eligible under subdivision (1) of this subsection
19 (c); and

20 (B) any other essential investments and infrastructure needs,
21 including transportation-related projects.

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

3 (4) ~~other eligible capital projects receiving an appropriation from the~~
4 ~~General Assembly~~ Expenditures shall only be made by the General Assembly
5 from the Supplemental Contingent Revenues subaccount for:

6 (A) any expenditure eligible under subdivision (1) of this subsection
7 (c); and

8 (B) any other purpose, including capitalization of revolving loan
9 funds.

10 (d) Fund balance. All balances in the Fund accounts at the end of any
11 fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain part of the Fund accounts.
12 Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 511, the Commissioner of Finance and
13 Management shall not anticipate receipts for the Fund accounts and issue
14 warrants thereon.

15 (e) ~~Early redemption transfer. If any expenditures are made from the Fund~~
16 ~~or the General Assembly appropriates general funds to pay for the early~~
17 ~~redemption of general obligation bonds pursuant to subdivision (c)(3) of this~~
18 ~~section, then an amount equal to the reduction in debt service required in any~~
19 ~~fiscal year resulting from that redemption shall be transferred to the Fund~~
20 Spending authority. Any entity authorized to make expenditures from the
21 Capital Infrastructure subaccount shall have not more than two years from the

1 legislative session in which the act authorizing the expenditure was enacted to
2 encumber the funds. Any remaining unencumbered funds shall remain part of
3 the Fund account.

4 Sec. C.106 32 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

5 § 1001. CAPITAL DEBT AFFORDABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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7 (c) Committee estimate of a prudent amount of net State tax-supported
8 debt; affordability considerations. On or before September 30 of each year, the
9 Committee shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly the
10 Committee's estimate of net State tax-supported debt that prudently may be
11 authorized for the next fiscal year, together with a report explaining the basis
12 for the estimate. The Committee's estimate shall not take into consideration
13 the balance remaining at the end of each fiscal year in the subaccounts of the
14 Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments, established pursuant to
15 section 1001b of this title. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of
16 required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection.
17 In developing its annual estimate, and in preparing its annual report, the
18 Committee shall consider:

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20 Sec. C.107 RESERVES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND
21 JOBS ACT (IIJA) MATCH

1 (a) To the extent available in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, the amount of
2 \$25,000,000 is reserved in the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and
3 Reserves subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to
4 provide the State match in fiscal years 2025 and 2026 needed for federal
5 funding for transportation related projects under the IIJA. These funds shall
6 only be expended if authorized by the General Assembly.

7 (b) To the extent available in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, the amount of
8 \$14,500,000 is reserved in the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and
9 Reserves subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to
10 provide the State match in fiscal years 2025 and 2026 needed for federal
11 funding for water and wastewater related projects under the IIJA. These funds
12 shall only be expended if authorized by the General Assembly.

13 Sec. C.108 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTINGENT TRANSFERS TO CASH
14 FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS

15 (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, to the extent any fund
16 specified in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. D.101(b)(2) as amended by
17 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 48 has an unobligated fund balance in
18 fiscal year 2023, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer
19 to the subaccount created under 32 V.S.A. 1001b(b)(3) the respective fiscal
20 year 2023 unobligated special fund balances. The Commissioner shall report

1 the amounts transferred pursuant to this provision to the Joint Fiscal
2 Committee in July 2023.

3 (b) To the extent available in fiscal year 2023, \$22,500,000 shall be
4 transferred from the General Fund to the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential
5 Investments pursuant to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 1001b(b)(3).

6 Sec. C.109 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 51a is amended to read:

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

8 (a) Establishment and appropriation.

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

13 (2) The sum of ~~\$15,180,000~~ \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the
14 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
15 Funds to the Department of Financial Regulation for fiscal years 2023 and
16 2024 for the provision of grants to reimburse employers for the cost of
17 providing COVID-19-related paid leave. ~~Not more than seven percent of the~~
18 ~~amount appropriated pursuant to this subdivision may be used for expenses~~
19 ~~related to Program administration and outreach.~~

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21 (c) Grant program.

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

9

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

12

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

14

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

17

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

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

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5 (e) Amount of grants.

6 (1) Employers may, subject to the limitations of subdivision (2) of this
7 subsection, apply for grants to either reimburse the cost of COVID-19-related
8 paid leave provided to employees ~~or to provide funds to be used to pay the cost~~
9 ~~to retroactively provide paid leave to employees who took unpaid leave for~~
10 ~~COVID-19 related reasons.~~

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

17 ~~(B) For COVID-19 related paid leave that will be provided~~
18 ~~retroactively to employees who took unpaid leave for COVID-19 related~~
19 ~~reasons, the employer may, subject to the limitations of subdivision (2) of this~~
20 ~~subsection (e), apply for a grant in an amount equal to the number of hours of~~
21 ~~COVID-19 related paid leave to be provided to each employee multiplied by~~

1 ~~the greater of either the minimum wage established pursuant to 21 V.S.A.~~
2 ~~§ 384 or the employee's regular hourly wage.~~

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4 Sec. C.110 FUNDING OF POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCB)

5 REMEDIATION AND REMOVAL IN SCHOOLS

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

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

11 (2) the unexpended or unobligated amount of the \$2,500,000 transferred
12 by the Emergency Board to the Agency of Education for PCB remediation
13 shall revert to the Education Fund for further allocation.

14 (b) Agency of Education; PCB remediation and removal reimbursement.

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

19 (A)(i) Grants to schools in the State that are required to conduct
20 remediation or removal of PCB contamination in the school after Agency of
21 Natural Resources testing but have not received a grant from the Agency of

1 Natural Resources for the costs of remediation or removal. The grants shall be
2 in an amount sufficient to pay for 100 percent of the school's remediation or
3 removal costs, including the costs incurred when necessary under State or
4 federal law to relocate students to a facility during remediation or removal
5 activities.

6 (B) Grants to schools in the State that conducted remediation or
7 removal of PCBs in the school after Agency of Natural Resources testing and
8 received a grant for 80 percent of the costs of remediation or removal from the
9 Agency of Natural Resources. The grants under this subdivision (b)(1)(B)
10 shall be in an amount that will reimburse the school for any remediation or
11 removal costs not paid by the Agency of Natural Resources.

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

15 (c) Grant criteria. The Secretary of Education, after consultation with the
16 Vermont School Boards Association, the Vermont Superintendents
17 Association, the Vermont School Custodian and Maintenance Association, and
18 other stakeholders, shall develop criteria for priority use of funds and criteria
19 for the costs of remediation and removal of PCB contamination that will be
20 eligible for a grant under subdivisions (b)(1)(A) and (B) of this section.

1 Sec. C.111 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. 8 is amended to read:

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

3 ~~APPROPRIATION~~ TRANSFER; REPORT

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

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10 Sec. C.112 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM;

11 DISPATCH; INVENTORY; DESIGN

12 (a) The General Assembly finds that protecting public safety and welfare is
13 an essential function of State government and it is in the public interest to
14 establish a statewide reliable, secure, and interoperable public safety
15 communications system, comprising integrated 911 call-taking and regional
16 dispatch systems, and to ensure that the system is equitably and sustainably
17 financed and universally accessible by all persons throughout the State.

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

1 (c) The transition to a public safety communications system as specified in
2 subsection (a) of this section shall be overseen and managed by the Enhanced
3 911 Board, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Safety, the
4 Secretary of Digital Services, the Commissioner of Public Service, and
5 relevant State and local public safety and government stakeholders. In
6 addition, the Board is authorized to retain a project manager and one or more
7 additional consultants with relevant expertise in public safety communications
8 technology, design, and financing to assist with the requirements of this
9 section.

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

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

19 (A) an inventory of all existing dispatch infrastructure and
20 equipment, including facilities, hardware, software, applications, and land

1 mobile radio systems, referring to and incorporating any existing relevant data
2 collected by a State or municipal entity;

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

6 (C) the current total spending on dispatch service in Vermont, taking
7 into account all federal, State, and municipal appropriations and fees;

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

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

1 answering points or from a new financing mechanism for the continuation of
2 such service;

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

7 (G) collection and assessment of any other information the Board
8 deems relevant.

9 (2) Design. On or before January 15, 2024, the Board shall develop
10 findings and recommendations related to draft elements of a preliminary
11 design for a public safety communications system, including identification of
12 an implementation timeline and any additional data and resources needed to
13 develop a final design on or before January 15, 2025. The final design shall
14 include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 (H) a recommended governance model to ensure effective State and
12 regional oversight, management, and continuous improvement of the system,
13 including identification of staffing or operational needs to support such
14 oversight and management of the system by the Board or by another State
15 agency, if deemed appropriate by the Board;

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

18 (J) an overview of sustainable and equitable financing mechanisms,
19 taking into consideration:

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

1 (b) \$11,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
2 ~~Department of Public Safety~~ Enhanced 911 Board for regional dispatch
3 funding. The funds are subject to the following conditions:

4 (1) ~~\$4,500,000 shall be held in reserve until the report required by~~
5 ~~Sec. E.209.1 of this act is submitted and further approval to expend the funds is~~
6 ~~granted by the General Assembly~~ Up to \$2,000,000 shall be available for the
7 retention of technical experts to assist the Executive Director of the E-911
8 Board with regional dispatch analysis and planning as required by legislation
9 enacted in 2023.

10 (2) ~~\$6,500,000 to provide grants to regional dispatch facilities upon~~
11 ~~approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee subsequent to review of a Regional~~
12 ~~Dispatch Facility grant plan submitted by the Commissioner of Public Safety.~~
13 ~~The plan shall include the extent to which federal funding sources may be~~
14 ~~available for regional dispatch~~ \$9,000,000 shall be held in reserve until the
15 report required by legislation enacted in 2023 is submitted and further approval
16 to expend the funds is granted by the General Assembly.

17 (3) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of
18 Public Safety seek to draw and deploy the \$9,000,000 in Congressionally
19 Directed Spending to support Vermont's transition to a modernized, regional
20 communications network in a manner that coordinates with and advances the
21 goals of the statewide public safety communications system designed by the E-

1 911 Board. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall consult with the
2 Executive Director of the E-911 Board as the federal parameters for expending
3 the funds become available and as the Commissioner develops a plan to
4 expend such funds. In addition, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall
5 update the Joint Fiscal Committee on planned expenditures.

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7 Sec. C.114 ORGANIC DAIRY FARM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 (c) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall award eligible
5 organic dairy farms financial assistance in the form of a grant in the amount of
6 \$5 per hundredweight of organic milk shipped or sold by the organic dairy
7 farm in calendar year 2022. Once the Agency of Agriculture, Food and
8 Markets determines that applications under this section are administratively
9 complete, the Agency shall process applications for payment in their order of
10 receipt. If all funds appropriated for implementation of this section are
11 awarded by the Agency, no further awards shall be made. If any funds
12 appropriated for implementation of this section remain after all timely
13 applications are processed, the remaining funds shall be transferred to the
14 Working Lands Enterprise Fund not later than December 31, 2023 for
15 distribution by the Working Lands Enterprise Board.

16 Sec. C.115 2022 Acts and Resolves No.185, Sec. G.600(a)(2), as amended by
17 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, is amended to read:

18 Sec. G.600 CLIMATE ACTION INVESTMENTS

19 (a) In fiscal year 2023, \$129,760,000 is appropriated from the American
20 Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds for climate change
21 mitigation initiatives as follows:

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(2) \$35,000,000 to the Department of Public Service ~~to grant~~ to contract

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with Efficiency Vermont for the purpose of weatherization incentives to

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Vermonters with a moderate income. These funds shall be deposited in the

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Electric Efficiency Fund established under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3) and shall be

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available for ~~use by Efficiency Vermont~~ this purpose through December 31,

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2026. Households approved for assistance in this section will also be offered

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services outlined in subdivision (4) of this subsection.

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Sec. C.116 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

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Sec. 3. MANUFACTURED HOME IMPROVEMENT AND

12

REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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Of the amounts available from federal COVID-19 relief funds, ~~the~~

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~~following amounts are~~ \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of

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Housing and Community Development for the purposes specified:

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(1) ~~\$2,500,000.00 for m-~~ Manufactured home community small-scale

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capital grants, through which the Department may award not more than

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\$20,000.00 for owners of manufactured housing communities to complete

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small-scale capital needs to help infill vacant lots with homes, which may

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include projects such as disposal of abandoned homes, lot grading/preparation,

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site electrical box issues/upgrades, E911 safety issues, legal fees, transporting

1 homes out of flood zones, individual septic system, and marketing to help
2 make it easier for home-seekers to find vacant lots around the State.

3 (2) ~~\$750,000.00 for m~~ Manufactured home repair grants, through which
4 the Department may award funding for minor rehab or accessibility projects,
5 coordinated as possible with existing programs, for between 250 and 400
6 existing homes where the home is otherwise in good condition or in situations
7 where the owner is unable to replace the home and the repair will keep them
8 housed.

9 (3) ~~\$750,000.00 for n~~ New manufactured home foundation grants,
10 through which the Department may award not more than \$15,000.00 per grant
11 for a homeowner to pay for a foundation or HUD-approved slab, site
12 preparation, skirting, tie-downs, and utility connections on vacant lots within
13 manufactured home communities.

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

16 Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

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

20 (1) The sum of \$560,000 is appropriated from the Current Use
21 Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of

1 the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),
2 amounts in excess of \$560,000 from the property transfer tax deposited into the
3 Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General
4 Fund.

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

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

1 appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board should be
2 restored.

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

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

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

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

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

15 PLANNING FUNDS

16 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that at least \$500,000 of the
17 increased planning funds provided in Sec. D.100 of this act be available for
18 municipal bylaw modernization.

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

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

1 (1) From the General Fund to:

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

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

4 (i) Of the funds transferred to the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board Fund in
5 this subdivision, \$815,000 shall be used to support necessary 9-1-1 system
6 upgrades beginning in fiscal year 2024;

7 (C) the Technology Modernization Special Fund (21951):
8 \$10,000,000;

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

10 (i) \$17,600,000 for the Capital Infrastructure subaccount for use
11 on capital projects as authorized in the capital bill and appropriated in this act;
12 and

13 (ii) \$40,400,000 for the Other Infrastructure, Essential
14 Investments, and Reserves subaccount for other expenditures and reserves as
15 authorized by the General Assembly.

16 (E) the Tax Computer System Modernization Fund #21909:
17 \$2,7000,000.

18 (2) From the Education Fund to:

19 (A) the Tax Computer System Modernization Fund #21909:
20 \$1,100,000.

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

2 § 1388 to:

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

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

7 (4) From the Transportation Fund to:

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

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

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

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

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

7	<u>21638</u>	<u>AG-Fees and reimbursement – Court order</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
8	<u>621000</u>	<u>Unclaimed Property Fund</u>	<u>\$1,743,425</u>

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 (v) one Quality and Program Specialist;
- 2 (H) Department of Taxes – State Appraisal and Litigation Assistance
- 3 Program:
- 4 (i) one Property Valuation and Review Program Manager;
- 5 (I) Office of the State Treasurer:
- 6 (i) one Program Technician;
- 7 (ii) one Administrative Services Coordinator;
- 8 (iii) one Financial Specialist III;
- 9 (iv) one Financial Manager I;
- 10 (v) one Financial Manager II; and
- 11 (vi) one Program Technician II;
- 12 (J) E911 Board:
- 13 (i) one Program Technician I;
- 14 (K) Department of Motor Vehicles:
- 15 (i) three Motor Vehicle Inspectors;
- 16 (L) Office of the Defender General:
- 17 (i) one Financial Director;
- 18 (M) Agency of Natural Resources:
- 19 (i) one Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Specialist;
- 20 (N) Agency of Transportation – Highway Division:
- 21 (i) one Transportation Operations Technician III; and

1 (ii) one Transportation Technician IV;

2 (O) Department for Children and Families – Child Development

3 Division:

4 (i) one Business Applications Support Manager;

5 (ii) two Licensing Field Specialist Is;

6 (iii) one Child Care Business Tech;

7 (iv) two Administrative Services Coordinator IIs;

8 (v) one Program Integrity Investigator;

9 (vi) one Grants and Contracts Manager – Compliance.

10 (vii) one Business Application Support Specialist;

11 (viii) one Process and Policy Administrator;

12 (ix) one Business Project Manager;

13 (x) one Business Services Specialist II;

14 (xi) one Training and Curriculum Development Specialist;

15 (xii) one Communications and Outreach Coordinator;

16 (xiii) one Financial Manager II;

17 (xiv) two Grants and Contracts Mangers; and

18 (xv) one Administrative Services Manager II;

19 (P) Department for Children and Families – Parental Leave Program:

20 (i) one Child Benefits Program Administrator;

21 (Q) Agency of Human Services – Central Office:

- 1 (i) three Quality and Program Specialists.
- 2 (2) Permanent exempt positions:
- 3 (A) Department of Taxes – State Appraisal and Litigation Assistance
- 4 Program: one Staff Attorney;
- 5 (B) Agency of Commerce and Community Development – Division
- 6 for Historic Preservation – Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs:
- 7 one Executive Director;
- 8 (C) Human Rights Commission – one Staff Attorney;
- 9 (D) Office of the Attorney General – one private secretary; and
- 10 (E) Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs:
- 11 (i) five Deputy State’s Attorneys;
- 12 (ii) one Victim Advocate; and
- 13 (iii) two Legal Assistants.
- 14 (b) The conversion of 46 limited service positions to classified permanent
- 15 status is authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:
- 16 (1) Department of Public Safety, State Police:
- 17 (A) one Victim Services Specialist;
- 18 (2) Department of Vermont Health Access, Blueprint for Health Unit:
- 19 (A) one HCR Integration Manager;
- 20 (3) Department of Vermont Health Access, Health Care Reform Unit:
- 21 (A) one Administrative Services Manager I;

1 (B) five DVHA Program Consultants;

2 (C) one DVHA Quality Control Manager;

3 (D) one Health Reform Enterprise Director I;

4 (E) two Medicaid Operations Administrators;

5 (F) one Project and Operations Director;

6 (G) one Project and Operations Specialist; and

7 (H) one Project Director;

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

9 Support Unit:

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

11 (B) three DVHA Healthcare QC Auditors;

12 (C) one DVHA Healthcare QC CAP Auditor;

13 (D) two DVHA Program and Operations Auditors;

14 (E) one DVHA Program Consultant;

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

16 (G) one Nurse Auditor;

17 (5) Department of Vermont Health Access, Payment

18 Reform/Reimbursement Unit:

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

20 (B) three Change Management Practitioners;

21 (C) one Deputy Director of Payment Reform;

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

2 (E) one Grant Programs Manager;

3 (F) one Health Care Project Director;

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

5 (H) one Senior Policy Advisor; and

6 (6) Agency of Transportation – Aviation Program:

7 (A) nine Airport Maintenance Workers;

8 (B) one Airport Operations Specialist.

9 (c) The establishment of 10 new classified limited service positions is
10 authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

11 (1) Department for Children and Families for the Reach Ahead pilot
12 program:

13 (A) one Benefits Program Assistant Administrator; and

14 (B) two Reach Up Case Manager IIs;

15 (2) Department for Children and Families – Parental Leave Program:

16 (A) one Process and Policy Administrator; and

17 (B) one Process and Performance Analyst;

18 (3) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation:

19 (A) one Communications and Outreach Coordinator;

20 (B) one Climate Forester; and

21 (C) three Forester IIs.

1 become due and payable during the next biennium. The contributions of the
2 State to pay the annual actuarially determined employer contribution and any
3 additional amounts pursuant to section (c)(8) of this section shall be charged to
4 the departmental appropriation from which members' salaries are paid and
5 shall be included in each departmental budgetary request. Annually, on or
6 before September 15, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall
7 provide to the Joint Fiscal Committee a breakdown of the components of the
8 payroll charge applied to each department's budget for the current and next
9 fiscal year. This report shall itemize the percentages of payroll assessments
10 used to fund:

11 (1) the actuarially determined employer contribution to the Vermont
12 State Retirement System;

13 (2) any additional payments made pursuant to section (c)(8) to the
14 Vermont State Retirement System; and

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

17 Sec. E.107.1 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT;

18 PENSION PLUS APPROPRIATION DIRECTIVE

19 (a) In fiscal year 2024, funds appropriated to the Department of Finance
20 and Management/Agency of Administration in Sec. B.104.1 of this act to fund
21 additional payments to the Vermont State Retirement System made pursuant to

1 3 V.S.A. § 473 (c)(8) may be directly deposited in the Vermont State
2 Employees Retirement System fund. In fiscal years 2025 and 2026, funds
3 appropriated for this purpose shall be distributed to departments and agencies
4 up to the amount determined necessary by the Commissioner of Finance and
5 Management to fund additional payments to the Vermont State Retirement
6 System made pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 473 (c)(8). Prior to distribution, the
7 Commissioner shall require departments and agencies to demonstrate
8 insufficient appropriation capacity to absorb the cost of the payroll charge
9 assessed to fund the additional payments made pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
10 § 473(c)(8). Any undistributed portion of this appropriation shall be reverted
11 to the General Fund in fiscal year 2025. The Commissioner shall report to the
12 Joint Fiscal Committee at its September 2023 meeting on the status of this
13 appropriation.

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

15 § 479. GROUP INSURANCE

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

1 ~~(A)~~(i) coverage in the group medical benefit plan provided by the
2 State of Vermont for active State employees who are not eligible for Medicare;
3 or

4 ~~(B)~~(ii) for a Group F and Group G plan member first included in the
5 membership of the system on or after July 1, 2008, coverage in the group
6 medical benefit plan offered by the State of Vermont for active State
7 employees who are not eligible for Medicare and pursuant to the following,
8 provided:

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

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

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

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

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

4 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (1)(A)(i) or (ii) of this
5 subsection to the contrary, a member may be offered health coverage other
6 than coverage in the group medical benefit plan provided by the State of
7 Vermont for active State employees who are not eligible for Medicare if the
8 following conditions are met:

9 (A) the alternative health coverage is substantially equivalent to the
10 coverage offered through the group medical benefit plan provided by the State
11 of Vermont for active State employees who are not eligible for Medicare; and

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

13 (i) the State;

14 (ii) the Vermont State Employees' Association;

15 (iii) the Vermont Troopers' Association; and

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

17 (b) As of July 1, 2007, members of the Group C plan who separate from
18 service prior to being eligible for retirement benefits under this chapter, who
19 have at least 20 years of creditable service, and who participated in the group
20 medical benefit plan at the time of separation from service shall have a one-
21 time option at the time retirement benefits commence to participate in the

1 group medical benefit plan provided by the State of Vermont for active State
2 employees who are not eligible for Medicare or any alternative health coverage
3 provided pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section. Premiums for the plan
4 shall be prorated between the retired member and the Retirement System
5 pursuant to section 631 of this title.

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

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

1 of benefits, and any changes thereto, shall be determined by the State Treasurer
2 with due consideration of recommendations from the Retired Employees'
3 Committee on Insurance established in section 636 of this title.

4 * * *

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

9 (4) [Repealed.]

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

21 (f) [Repealed.]

1 (g) A member of the Group F or Group G plan who is first included in the
2 membership of the System on or after July 1, 2008, who separates from service
3 prior to being eligible for retirement benefits under this chapter, who has at
4 least 20 years of creditable service, and who participated in the group medical
5 benefit plan at the time of separation from service shall have a one-time option
6 at the time retirement benefits commence to reinstate the same level of
7 coverage, in the group medical benefit plan provided by the State of Vermont
8 for active State employees who are not eligible for Medicare or any alternative
9 health coverage provided pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section, that
10 existed at the date of separation from service. Premiums for the plan shall be
11 prorated between the retired member and the Retirement System pursuant to
12 subsection 479(a) of this title.

13 * * *

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

15 § 925. MEDIATION; FACT FINDING

16 * * *

17 (i)(1) In the case of the Vermont State Colleges or the University of
18 Vermont, if the dispute remains unresolved 20 days after transmittal of
19 findings and recommendations to the parties or within a time frame mutually
20 agreed upon by the parties that may be not more than an additional 30 days,
21 each party shall submit as a single package its last best offer on all disputed

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

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

1 certifications, the Board or the arbitrator shall select between the last best
2 offers of the parties, considered in their entirety without amendment.

3 * * *

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

5 § 1018. MEDIATION; FACT-FINDING; LAST BEST OFFER

6 * * *

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (3) A party's last best offer shall not include a proposal to provide
20 alternative health coverage to retired employees that has not been agreed to
21 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 479(a)(2) of this title.

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

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

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

15 Sec. E.111.1b TAX COMPUTER SYSTEM MODERNIZATION FUND

16 TRANSFER

17 (a) Any remaining funds on June 30, 2023 in the Tax Computer System
18 Modernization Fund established by 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 282,
19 and amended from time to time, shall be deposited into the fund established by
20 32 V.S.A. § 3209.

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

2 (c) Any tax imposed under the authority of this section shall be collected
3 and administered by the Department of Taxes, in accordance with State law
4 governing such State tax or taxes; provided, however, that a sales tax imposed
5 under this section shall be collected on each sale that is subject to the Vermont
6 sales tax using a destination basis for taxation. Except with respect to taxes
7 collected on the sale of aviation jet fuel, a per-return fee of \$5.96 shall be
8 assessed ~~to compensate the Department for the costs of administration and~~
9 ~~collection~~, 70 percent of which shall be borne by the municipality, and
10 30 percent of which shall be borne by the State to be paid from the PILOT
11 Special Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law or municipal charter to
12 the contrary, revenue from the fee shall be used to compensate the Department
13 for the costs of administering and collecting the local option tax and of
14 administering the State appraisal and litigation program established in
15 32 V.S.A. § 5413. The fee shall be subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A.
16 § 605.

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

19 Sec. 8. REPEAL

20 ~~On June 30, 2024:~~

21 ~~(1) Sec. 3 of this act (creating the Executive Director of Racial Equity~~

1 ~~and Racial Equity Advisory Panel in 3 V.S.A. chapter 68) is repealed and the~~
2 ~~Executive Director position and Panel shall cease to exist; and~~

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

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

6 (a) It is the intent of the Vermont General Assembly to support the work of
7 the Governor's Council on Housing and Homelessness, focusing on strategies
8 for affordability and solving homelessness. The Council is encouraged to
9 review and inventory the affordable housing that has been developed since
10 January 2020, including the various public and private financing sources that
11 have been utilized. Based on this review and analysis of the need for
12 affordable housing construction, the Council is asked to provide
13 recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly. The Council is
14 also encouraged to review and inventory available housing assistance programs
15 and funding levels. Based on this review and analysis of the need for housing
16 assistance for vulnerable and low income Vermonters, the Council is asked to
17 provide recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly,
18 including the potential to maximize supported housing programs within the
19 State's Medicaid Global Commitment program.

1 Sec. E.124.2 PREVENTION PROGRAMS; REPORT

2 (a) The Chief Prevention Officer shall, in collaboration with the
3 Department of Health, review and report to the General Assembly on all
4 existing prevention programs in the State. The report shall include an
5 assessment of the level of funding and funding sources of these programs as
6 well as a needs assessment. The Chief Prevention Officer shall submit a
7 written report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2023.

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

9 Sec. 2. REPORT ON ACCESS TO CIVIL JUSTICE REMEDIES AND LAW

10 ENFORCEMENT QUALIFIED IMMUNITY IN VERMONT

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

18 * * *

19 Sec. E.125.1 REVIEW OF WORKFORCE INCENTIVES, LOANS, AND

20 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

1 (a) On or before January 15, 2024, the Office of Legislative Counsel and
2 the Joint Fiscal Office, in collaboration with the Agency of Human Services,
3 the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Health, the Department of
4 Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, the Vermont Student Assistance
5 Corporation (VSAC), and the Office of Primary Care and Area Health
6 Education Centers (AHEC) Program at the University of Vermont Larner
7 College of Medicine shall issue a written report to the House and Senate
8 Committees on Appropriations including:

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

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

17 (3) recommendations for streamlining or restructuring the existing
18 programs with the goal of consolidating administration and making the
19 programs easily accessible to potential students and existing or potential staff.
20 There should be consideration of the level of program specificity that should
21 be included in statute or remain within the authority of the administering

1 entities. The report shall include the authorizing statute for each program and
2 necessary statutory amendments to accomplish the recommendations.

3 Sec. E.127 FISCAL YEAR 2024 FEE REPORT; NATURAL RESOURCES
4 AND HUMAN SERVICES; NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD;
5 VETERANS' HOME

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

- 14 (1) the statutory authorization and termination date, if any;
15 (2) the current rate or amount and date the fee was last set or adjusted by
16 the General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee;
17 (3) the Fund into which the fee revenues are deposited;
18 (4) the revenues derived from each fee in the previous five fiscal years;
19 (5) the number of instances that each fee was paid in the two most
20 recent fiscal years;

1 (6) a projection for fee revenues in the current fiscal year and the next
2 fiscal year;

3 (7) a description of the service or product provided or the regulatory
4 function performed;

5 (8) the relationship between the revenue raised and the cost of the
6 service, product, or regulatory function supported by the fee;

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

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

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

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

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

14 (b) Reports.

15 (1) On or before October 15, 2023, the Secretary of Natural Resources,
16 the Secretary of Human Services, the Executive Director of the Natural
17 Resources Board, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Vermont Veterans'
18 Home shall each submit a written draft report of the fiscal year 2024 fee
19 information described in subsection (a) of this section to the Joint Fiscal Office
20 for review and feedback. The Secretary of Natural Resources, the Secretary of
21 Human Services, the Executive Director of the Natural Resources Board, and

1 the Chief Executive Officer of the Vermont Veterans' Home shall each work
2 with the Joint Fiscal Office to respond to feedback prior to submission of the
3 final report described in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

4 (2) On or before December 15, 2023, the Secretary of Natural
5 Resources, the Secretary of Human Services, the Executive Director of the
6 Natural Resources Board, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Vermont
7 Veterans' Home shall each submit a written final report of the fiscal year 2024
8 fee information described in subsection (a) of this section to the House
9 Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means and the Senate
10 Committees on Appropriations and on Finance.

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

17 (c) Fee Report Moratorium. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 605, in fiscal
18 year 2024, the Governor shall not be required to submit the consolidated
19 Executive Branch fee report and request to the General Assembly.

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 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.126(a) is amended to
6 read:

7 Sec. E.126a LEGISLATIVE – HUMAN RESOURCES ASSOCIATE
8 POSITION

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

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

12 (a) The Office of the Sergeant at Arms is authorized to use not more than
13 \$10,000 from resources available within the General Assembly's budget to
14 provide honoraria to speakers and performing groups who are invited to
15 participate in the 2024 Farmers' Night Concert Series and who are not
16 otherwise sponsored or compensated for their participation.

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

18 ACCOUNT

19 (a) In fiscal year 2024, pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 10, the Treasurer is
20 authorized to use up to \$20,000,000 of the State's average cash balance to
21 establish an escrow account for the exclusive benefit of the Vermont

1 Community Broadband Board and for the sole purpose of securing federal
2 funding under the National Telecommunications and Information
3 Administration’s Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program.

4 (b) On or before January 15, 2024, the Vermont Community Broadband
5 Board shall submit a recommendation to the House and Senate Committees on
6 Appropriations with a recommendation for legislative action to create a long-
7 term funding plan for the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure
8 Program.

9 Sec. E. 131.1 TREASURER CLIMATE INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING

10 COORDINATION

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

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

3 Sec. E.131.2 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AID TASK FORCE; REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 (5) criteria for prioritizing school construction funding.

4 (d) Assistance.

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

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

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

18 (f) Meetings.

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

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

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

2 (g) Compensation and reimbursement.

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

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

13 Sec. E.133 VERMONT RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND VERMONT

14 PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; SOURCE OF FUNDS

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

1 Sec. E.134 VERMONT RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND VERMONT
2 PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; OPERATING
3 BUDGET

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

8 Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

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

16 Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 FACILITIES

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

14 * * * Protection * * *

15 Sec. E.200 ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

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

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

5 Sec. E.204 JUDICIARY; NEW POSITIONS

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

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

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

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

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

15 § 7282. SURCHARGE

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

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

3 * * *

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

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

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

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

20 * * *

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

7 Sec. E.208 PUBLIC SAFETY – ADMINISTRATION

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

12 Sec. E.209 PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE POLICE

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

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

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

5 Sec. E.212 PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE SAFETY

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

9 Sec. E.215 MILITARY – ADMINISTRATION

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

13 Sec. E.219 MILITARY – VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

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

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

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

1 (a) As used in this section:

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

6 * * *

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

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

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

13 Sec. E.232 30 V.S.A. § 3085 is added to read:

14 § 3085. CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

15 (a) A district may apply to the Secretary of State for a certificate of good
16 standing.

17 (b) A certificate of good standing shall include:

18 (1) the official name of the district;

19 (2) that the district is duly formed pursuant to this chapter;

20 (3) the date of the district’s formation;

21 (3) that the fee required by this section has been paid; and

1 ongoing funding of the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program and shall
2 update the Joint Fiscal Committee on its findings on or before November 15,
3 2023.

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

5 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in Sec.
6 B.301 of this act for payment of the actuarially certified premium required
7 under the intergovernmental agreement between the Agency of Human
8 Services and the managed care entity, the Department of Vermont Health
9 Access, as provided for in the Global Commitment to Health Section 1115
10 demonstration (Global Commitment) approved by the Centers for Medicare
11 and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

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

15 (1) \$21,957,400 certified State match available from local education
16 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under
17 Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$28,542,600 of federal
18 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated
19 expenditure of \$50,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal
20 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services
21 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment

1 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A.

2 § 2959a.

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

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

10 Sec. E.301.1 GLOBAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER;

11 REPORT

12 (a) To facilitate the end-of-year closeout for fiscal year 2024, the Secretary
13 of Human Services, with approval from the Secretary of Administration, may
14 make transfers among the appropriations authorized for Medicaid and
15 Medicaid-waiver program expenses, including Global Commitment
16 appropriations outside the Agency of Human Services. At least three business
17 days prior to any transfer, the Agency of Human Services shall submit to the
18 Joint Fiscal Office a proposal of transfers to be made pursuant to this section.
19 A final report on all transfers made under this section shall be made to the Joint
20 Fiscal Committee for review at the Committee's September 2024 meeting.
21 The purpose of this section is to provide the Agency with limited authority to

1 modify the appropriations to comply with the terms and conditions of the
2 Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 demonstration approved by the
3 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social
4 Security Act.

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

7 * * *

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

1 Sec. E.306 VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE RULES

2 (a) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
3 chapter 25 to conform Vermont's rules regarding health care eligibility and
4 enrollment and the operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to State
5 and federal law and guidance. The Agency may use the emergency rules
6 process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 prior to June 30, 2024, but only if new
7 State or federal law or guidance requires Vermont to amend or adopt its rules
8 in a time frame that cannot be accomplished under the traditional rulemaking
9 process. An emergency rule adopted under these exigent circumstances shall
10 be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of emergency rules required
11 pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

12 Sec. E.306.1 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 60(10), as amended by
13 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 14, 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 187,
14 Sec. 5, 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 21, and 2021 Acts and Resolves
15 No. 73, Sec. 14, is further amended to read:

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

18 Sec. E.306.2 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Sec. 105, as amended by 2019
19 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 19 and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec.
20 75, is further amended to read:

1 Community Advisory Group (CAG) with current information and data relating
2 to service initiatives. The funds shall be allocated according to an RFP
3 process.

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

6 (A) Vermont CARES – \$140,000;

7 (B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont – \$100,000; and

8 (C) HIV/HCV Resource Center – \$55,000.

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

13 (A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the
14 Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in VMAP to
15 assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with
16 persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to VMAP
17 medications until such time as the General Assembly can act.

18 (B) The Secretary of Human Services shall work in collaboration
19 with the VMAP Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of not less
20 than 50 percent of members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification
21 to the program’s eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the

1 Committee shall make recommendations regarding the program’s formulary of
2 approved medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and
3 eligibility for the program.

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

17 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
18 the amount of \$300,000 in General Funds to Vermont AIDS service
19 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for syringe
20 exchange programs. The method by which these prevention funds are
21 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of

1 Health, the Vermont AIDS service organizations, and other Vermont
2 HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The performance period for these grants
3 shall be State fiscal year 2024. Grant reporting shall include outcomes and
4 results.

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

10 Sec. E.312.1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: EMERGENCY MEDICAL
11 SERVICES COORDINATION; REPORT

12 (a) The Commissioner of Health shall provide a report to the General
13 Assembly on or before January 15, 2024, on Emergency Medical Services in
14 Vermont.

15 (b) The Commissioner shall design and conduct a stakeholder engagement
16 process that ensures input and representation from all types of emergency
17 medical service providers serving Vermonters, as well as hospital and health
18 systems, public safety, and municipal government.

19 (c) The report shall identify issues and provide recommendations for
20 legislative consideration that will sustain and improve the provision of
21 emergency medical services for Vermonters. This may include:

1 (1) issues related to costs of service and existing funding models;

2 (2) issues related to coordination across agencies; and

3 (3) issues related to EMS District structure and authority, including

4 consideration of recommendations on the number and configuration of EMS

5 Districts and their powers, duties, and authority.

6 Sec. E.312.2 18 V.S.A. § 13 is added to read:

7 § 13. COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

8 (a) There is established the Community Violence Prevention Program to be

9 administered by the Department of Health in consultation and collaboration

10 with the Chief Prevention Officer, the Department of Public Safety, the

11 Director of Violence Prevention, and the Executive Director of Racial Equity.

12 The Program shall work with communities to implement innovative, evidence-

13 based, and evidence-informed programs addressing causes of youth and

14 community violence. Grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be at the

15 discretion of the Commissioner of Health and shall build on and complement

16 existing programs addressing the causes of youth and community violence.

17 (b)(1) A Vermont municipality or nonprofit organization may submit an

18 application for a Community Violence Prevention Program grant to the

19 Commissioner of Health. Grants awarded under this section shall be for the

20 purpose of funding innovative, evidence-based, or evidence-informed

21 approaches to reducing violence and associated community harm.

1 (c) If funding is available for the Community Violence Prevention Program
2 from federal grants or legal settlements related to drug use or criminal activity:

3 (1) such federal or settlement funds shall be utilized ahead of General
4 Funds if allowed.

5 Sec. E.313 HEALTH; SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAMS

6 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide additional
7 grants from the Global Commitment fund in the amount of \$1,850,000 to
8 Vermont's 12 recovery centers. The methods by which these funds are
9 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department and the
10 recipients. The performance period of these grants shall be State fiscal year
11 2024. Recipients shall report outcomes to the Department.

12 (b) The Department of Health shall review and analyze the capital and
13 operating model for recovery residences. This shall include the portion of
14 capital investment for these facilities that is privately and publicly financed, a
15 description of the existing operating models of these facilities, existence and
16 content of sustainability plans, the current operating margins net of rental
17 income generated and the array of existing other operating funding available to
18 the facilities, and the annual amounts of depreciation claimed by investors
19 related to these facilities. The Department shall report to the General
20 Assembly on this analysis and any related recommendations.

1 Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING: ADVERSE WEATHER
2 CONDITIONS

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

6 Sec. E.323 33 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

7 § 1001. DEFINITIONS

8 As used in this chapter:

9 (1) ~~“Able to work” means to be free of any physical, emotional, or~~
10 ~~mental condition that would prevent the individual from engaging in any~~
11 ~~combination of the work activities for at least 35 hours per week. [Repealed.]~~

12 (2) ~~“Able to work part time” means having a physical, emotional, or~~
13 ~~mental condition that would allow the individual to engage in any combination~~
14 ~~of the work activities for at least 10 hours per week but would prevent the~~
15 ~~individual from engaging in such activities for 35 or more hours per week.~~

16 [Repealed.]

17 * * *

18 (25) ~~“Unable to work” means not able to work and not able to work part~~
19 ~~time. [Repealed.]~~

- 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

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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.]

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5 Sec. E.323.5 33 V.S.A. § 1203 is amended to read:

6 § 1203. ELIGIBILITY

7 A family shall be eligible for Reach Ahead if the family resides in Vermont
8 and:

9 (1) has left Reach Up or the postsecondary education program within the
10 prior six months for employment that meets the federal work requirements for
11 the ~~Reach Up~~ TANF program for the family's size and composition;

12 * * *

13 Sec. E.323.6 33 V.S.A. § 1212 is amended to read:

14 § 1212. TRANSITION TO OTHER PROGRAMS

15 If a family loses employment meeting or exceeding the work requirements
16 for ~~Reach Up~~ TANF for the family's size and composition and is financially
17 eligible for Reach Up, the family shall be transferred to Reach First or Reach
18 Up without an additional application process, unless the family chooses not to
19 participate. Verification of income or other documentation may be required as
20 provided for by rule.

1 Sec. E 323.7 REACH AHEAD PILOT PROGRAM

2 (a) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in 33 V.S.A. chapter 12,
3 funds appropriated to the Department for Children and Families for the Reach
4 Ahead Pilot Program in fiscal year 2024 shall be used to:

5 (1) enroll families that have left the Reach Up program or the
6 postsecondary education program within the prior 12 months for employment
7 that meets the federal work requirements for the Temporary Assistance for
8 Needy Families program for the family's size and composition;

9 (2) increase the amount of monthly food assistance from \$50 to \$100 in
10 the first 12 months of a family's participation in Reach Ahead;

11 (3) increase the amount of monthly food assistance from \$5 to \$50 in the
12 second 12 months of a family's participation in Reach Ahead; and

13 (4) provide incentive payments to participating families in the amounts
14 of:

15 (A) \$750, to be paid after participating in the Program for six
16 months;

17 (B) \$1,000, to be paid after participating in the Program for
18 12 months;

19 (C) \$1,000, to be paid after participating in the Program for 18
20 months; and

1 (D) \$1,000, to be paid after participating in the Program for 24
2 months.

3 (b) This program is funded with one-time money and is only in effect for
4 fiscal years 2024 and 2025, unless additional funding is authorized.

5 Sec. E.323.8 REACH AHEAD PILOT PROGRAM

6 (a) The Department for Children and Families – Economic Services
7 Division shall collect and report data that measures outcomes for participants
8 of the Reach Ahead Pilot Program established in Sec. E.323.7 of this act; the
9 indicators used to measure participant and Pilot Program progress; and the
10 strategies that are implemented.

11 Sec. E.324 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

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

19 Sec. E.325 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – OFFICE
20 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

1 (e) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), on or before ~~January~~ February 15 of
2 each year, the Department shall report to the Governor and the committees of
3 jurisdiction regarding implementation of the plan, the extent to which the
4 principles of service set forth in section 8724 of this title are achieved, and
5 whether people with a developmental disability have any unmet service needs,
6 including the number of people on waiting lists for developmental services.

7 * * *

8 Sec. E. 334 NURSING HOME RATE SETTING

9 (a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and the
10 Department of Vermont Health Access shall report to the House Committees
11 on Human Services and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on
12 Health and Welfare and on Appropriations not later than December 15, 2023,
13 on the budgetary impact of eliminating the minimum occupancy threshold in
14 the nursing home rate setting process and reducing the minimum occupancy
15 threshold to not more than 80 percent in the nursing home rate setting process.
16 The report shall include a recommendation on whether to eliminate or reduce
17 the minimum occupancy requirement, timeline, and next steps for
18 implementing the recommendation and anticipated impact on sustainability of
19 Vermont nursing homes.

1 Sec. E.335 28 V.S.A. § 126 is added to read:

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

3 CONFIDENTIALITY

4 (a) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

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

18 (6) “Peer support specialist” means a Department staff member who, by
19 reason of the staff member’s prior experience, training, or interest, has
20 expressed a desire and has been selected to provide appropriate peer support
21 services to a participant.

1 (7) “Staff member” means a supervising officer as defined in
2 subdivision 3(9) of this title, a correctional officer as defined in subdivision
3 3(10) of this title, and any other employee of the Department.

4 (b)(1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, any
5 communication made by a participant or peer support specialist in a peer
6 support session of the peer support program, including any oral or written
7 information conveyed during a peer support session, shall not be disclosed by
8 any individual participating in the peer support session.

9 (2) Except as provided by subsection (d) of this section, any
10 communication relating to a peer support session between peer support
11 specialists, between peer support specialists and participants of the peer
12 support program, between participants of the peer support program, or between
13 any other Department staff member, including any oral or written information,
14 shall not be disclosed by any individual participating in the communication.

15 (3) Written communications described in this subsection, such as notes,
16 records, and reports related to a peer support session, are exempt from public
17 inspection and copying under the Public Records Act and shall be kept
18 confidential. The Public Records Act exemptions created in this section shall
19 not be subject to the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 317(e) (repeal of Public Records
20 Act exemptions).

1 (c) Except as provided by subsection (d) of this section, any
2 communication made by a participant or peer support specialist in a peer
3 support session, including any oral or written communication, such as notes,
4 records, and reports related to the peer support session, shall not be admissible
5 in a judicial, administrative, or arbitration proceeding. Limitations on
6 disclosure imposed by this subsection include disclosure during any discovery
7 conducted as part of an adjudicatory proceeding. Limitations on disclosure
8 imposed by this subsection shall not include knowledge acquired by the
9 Department or staff members from observations made during the course of
10 employment or information acquired by the by the Department or staff
11 members during the course of employment that is otherwise subject to
12 discovery or introduction into evidence.

13 (d)(1) Confidentiality protections described in subsections (b) and (c) of
14 this section shall only apply to a peer support session conducted by an
15 individual who has:

16 (A) been designated by the Department or the peer support program
17 to act as a peer support specialist; and

18 (B) received and completed training in peer support and providing
19 emotional and moral support to Department staff members who have been
20 involved in emotionally traumatic incidents by reason of their employment or
21 other personal matters.

1 (2) Confidentiality protections described in subsections (b) and (c) of
2 this section shall not apply to the following information as it pertains to an
3 individual designated to receive such information in the normal course the
4 individual’s professional responsibilities:

5 (A) any threat of suicide or homicide made by a participant of a peer
6 support session or any information conveyed in a peer support session relating
7 to a threat of suicide or homicide;

8 (B) any information relating to the abuse of a child or vulnerable
9 adult, or other information that is required to be reported by law;

10 (C) any admission of criminal conduct; or

11 (D) any admission of a plan to commit a crime.

12 (e) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any communications between peer
13 support specialists regarding a peer support session or between peer support
14 specialists and participants of the peer support program.

15 Sec. E.338 CORRECTIONS – CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

16 (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the special funds appropriation of
17 \$152,000 for the supplemental facility payments to Newport and Springfield
18 shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

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

2 § 7554b. HOME DETENTION PROGRAM

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

12 * * *

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

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

18 (b) On or before November 15, 2023, the Committee shall submit any
19 findings resulting from its review in the form of proposed legislation to the
20 General Assembly.

1 Sec. E.338.3 REPEALS

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

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

4 (c) 13 V.S.A. § 7554d is repealed.

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

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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) 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; UPDATE

3 (a) The Green Mountain Care Board Shall submit an update to the Health
4 Reform Oversight Committee on or before November 1, 2023 regarding the
5 financial status of hospitals as reflected in the fiscal year 2022 actual operating
6 results, any early indications for fiscal year 2023 hospital budget performance,
7 and an overview of the fiscal year 2024 budget guidance provided to hospitals.
8 The update shall address how budget guidance development aligns with the
9 intent and requirements of 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 167.

10 * * * General Education * * *

11 Sec. E.500 EDUCATION – FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

12 (a) The Global Commitment funds appropriated in Sec. B.500 of this act
13 shall be used for physician claims for determining medical necessity of
14 Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). These services are intended to
15 increase access to quality health care for uninsured persons, underinsured
16 persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

17 Sec. E.500.1 16 V.S.A. § 4018 is added to read:

18 § 4018. AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS

19 (a) Revenue from the sales and use tax imposed by 32 V.S.A. chapter 233
20 on retail sales of cannabis or cannabis products in this State shall be used to

1 fund grant programs for the expansion of summer and afterschool programs
2 with an emphasis on increasing access in underserved areas of the State.

3 (b) The Secretary of Education shall administer the grant programs, as
4 follows:

5 (1) Cannabis sales tax revenue shall be used to support a mixed delivery
6 system for afterschool and summer programming. Eligible recipients can be
7 public, private, or nonprofit organizations.

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

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

12 (4) The Agency may use up to \$500,000 for administrative costs to
13 allow for the support of the grant program and technical assistance to
14 communities. This could include subcontracts to support the grant programs.

15 (c) An Advisory Committee is created to support the Secretary of
16 Education in administering funds pursuant to this section. The Agency shall
17 provide administrative and technical support to the Committee. The
18 Committee is to be composed of:

19 (1) the State's Chief Prevention Officer;

20 (2) the Commissioner for Children and Families or designee;

21 (3) the Commissioner of Health or designee;

1 (4) the Commissioner of Mental Health or designee;

2 (5) the Secretary of Natural Resources or designee;

3 (6) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or
4 designee;

5 (7) the Vermont Afterschool Executive Director or designee; and

6 (8) a representative from the Governor's Office.

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

18 Sec. E.500.2 REPEALS

19 (a) 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 164, Secs. 17c. (dedicated use of sales and
20 use tax on cannabis) and 17d. (annual budgeting of sales and use tax revenue)
21 are repealed.

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

2 (a) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and
3 notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed
4 \$4,195,600 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2024 as
5 funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the
6 Secretary will not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. §
7 2969(c)–(d).

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

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

12 Sec. E.504 ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING; REPORT

13 (a) The Secretary of Education shall review and report to the Joint Fiscal
14 Committee on or before November 1, 2023 on the annual level of Education
15 Funds directed to Adult Basic Education providers since fiscal year 2019
16 through the high school completion funding provided in the flexible pathways
17 line item. The report shall include information on the cause of any changes in
18 the level of Education Funds directed to Adult Basic Education Providers.

1 Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION – FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

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

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

7 (1) \$921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs notwithstanding
8 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);

9 (2) \$2,000,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual High School;

10 (3) \$400,000 is available for secondary school reform grants;

11 (4) \$4,000,000 is available for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §
12 946.

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

15 Sec. E.511.1 MORATORIUM ON APPROVAL OF NEW APPROVED

16 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

17 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Board
18 of Education shall be prohibited from approving an application for initial
19 approval of an approved independent school until further direction by the
20 General Assembly.

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

2 (a) The total annual employer contribution to the Vermont State Teachers'
3 Retirement System (VSTRS) in fiscal year 2024 shall be \$203,281,051.

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

9 (c) 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 (d) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(13)(A), \$9,000,000 shall be
13 contributed from the General Fund for a supplemental plus accrued liability
14 contribution.

15 Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM;

16 OPERATING BUDGET

17 (a) Of the \$3,448,255 appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act, \$2,401,835
18 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System operating budget,
19 and \$1,046,420 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment
20 Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement
21 System.

1 Sec. E.514.2 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM;
2 CALENDAR YEAR 2023–2024 SUPPLEMENTAL COST OF
3 LIVING PAYMENTS; INTENT; ACTUARIAL COST
4 ANALYSIS

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

6 (1) The maximum percentage value methodology set forth in 16 V.S.A.
7 § 1949 that applies to the postretirement adjustment allowances for the
8 Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS) shall be actuarially
9 evaluated to determine the cost required to revert to the methodology used
10 prior to the enactment of 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 114.

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

16 (3) The General Assembly further intends that if the June 30, 2023,
17 change in the Consumer Price Index exceeds the statutory maximum
18 percentage values set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 1949 (b)(1), the General Assembly
19 will provide a sufficient appropriation in the 2024 Budget Adjustment Act to
20 make a one-time supplemental payment, similar in form to that described in

1 subsection (b) of this section, to qualifying VSTRS retired members and
2 beneficiaries in calendar year 2024.

3 (b) Calendar year 2023 supplemental payment. A one-time supplemental
4 payment during calendar year 2023 shall be made to VSTRS retired members
5 and beneficiaries who received a 2.5 percent postretirement adjustment
6 allowance in an amount equal to the net difference between what members
7 actually received in calendar year 2023 and what they would have received
8 under a 3.8 percent postretirement adjustment allowance.

9 (c) Actuarial cost analysis. Following the completion of the next
10 experience study, expected in fall 2023, the State Treasurer shall conduct an
11 actuarial analysis to evaluate the cost of changing the current methodology for
12 calculating the postretirement adjustment allowance for the Vermont State
13 Teachers' Retirement System to a methodology calculated by applying the
14 maximum percentage values set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 1949(b)(1) to the
15 postretirement adjustment allowance rather than applying the statutory
16 maximum percentage values to the net percentage change in the Consumer
17 Price Index. The actuarial analysis shall take into account any changes to
18 actuarial assumptions that may occur following the experience study to be
19 performed at the end of fiscal year 2023, as required by 16 V.S.A. § 1942.

20 (d) Report. Based on the actuarial cost analysis described in subsection (c)
21 of this section, on or before January 15, 2024, the State Treasurer shall submit

1 a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations with an
2 actuarial cost estimate for changing the VSTRS postretirement adjustment
3 allowance methodology as set forth in subsection (c) of this section.

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

5 § 1944. VERMONT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND

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

8 (b) Member contributions.

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

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

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

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

17 * * *

18 (ii) Beginning on July 1, 2023, a Group C member shall have the
19 rate set forth in this subdivision (b)(2)(B)(ii) applied to the member's total
20 earnable compensation for the fiscal year, which shall include compensation
21 paid for absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title, and any

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

11 * * *

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

1 ~~status, the effective rate shall apply to the member's total earnable~~
2 ~~compensation and not to an amount equal to an annualized base salary. If a~~
3 ~~member is employed on a part-time equivalency status with two or more~~
4 ~~employers, the highest effective rate shall be applied to the amounts deducted~~
5 ~~from each employer. Beginning on July 1, 2024, a Group C member shall~~
6 ~~have the rate set forth in this subdivision (b)(2)(B)(iii) applied to the member's~~
7 ~~total earnable compensation for the fiscal year, which shall include~~
8 ~~compensation paid for absence as provided by subsection 1933(d) of this title,~~
9 ~~and any additional stipends identified as of July 1. A member's rate shall not~~
10 ~~be adjusted during the fiscal year unless the member's full-time equivalency~~
11 ~~status changes, which shall require that the member's rate be recalculated and~~
12 ~~the new rate applied for the remainder of that fiscal year. For a member who~~
13 ~~works a part-time equivalency status, the rate shall apply to the member's total~~
14 ~~earnable compensation and not to an amount equal to an annualized base~~
15 ~~salary. If a member is employed on a part-time equivalency status with two or~~
16 ~~more employers, the highest rate shall be applied to the amounts deducted from~~
17 ~~each employer.~~ A member's ~~effective~~ rate shall be calculated according to the
18 following ~~marginal~~ rates and income brackets:
19 (I) if a member's base salary is at or below \$40,000.00, the rate
20 is ~~6.25~~ 6.15 percent;

1 (II) if a member's base salary is \$40,000.01 or more but not
2 more than ~~\$60,000.00~~, the rate is the equivalent of ~~\$2,900.00 on \$40,000.00~~
3 ~~and 6.75 percent of the member's salary that is \$40,000.01 or more~~
4 \$50,000.00, the rate is 6.20 percent;

5 (III) if a member's base salary is ~~\$60,000.01~~ \$50,000.01 or
6 more but not more than ~~\$80,000.00~~ \$60,000.00, the rate is the equivalent of
7 ~~\$3,850.00 on \$60,000.00 and 7.5 percent of the member's salary that is~~
8 ~~\$60,000.01 or more~~ 6.30 percent;

9 (IV) if a member's base salary is ~~\$80,000.01~~ \$60,000.01 or
10 more but not more than ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$70,000.00, the rate is the equivalent of
11 ~~\$5,350.00 on \$80,000.00 and 8.25 percent of the member's salary that is~~
12 ~~\$80,000.01 or more~~ 6.40 percent; and

13 (V) if a member's base salary is ~~\$100,000.01~~ \$70,000.01 or
14 more but not more than \$80,000.00, the rate is the equivalent of ~~\$7,000.00 on~~
15 ~~\$100,000.00 and 9.0 percent of the member's salary that is \$100,000.01 or~~
16 ~~more~~ 6.55 percent.

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

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

1 (VIII) If a member’s base salary is \$100,000.01 or more, the
2 rate is 7.35 percent.

3 Sec. E.515 RETIRED TEACHERS’ HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL
4 BENEFITS

5 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), and 16 V.S.A.
6 § 1944b(h)(1), the annual contribution to the Retired Teachers’ Health and
7 Medical Benefits plan shall be \$61,290,528, of which \$53,740,528 shall be the
8 State’s contribution and \$7,550,000 shall be from the annual charge for teacher
9 health care contributed by employers pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §1944d. Of the
10 annual contribution, \$17,589,046 is the “normal contribution,” and
11 \$43,701,482 is the “accrued liability contribution.”

12 * * * Higher Education * * *

13 Sec. E.600 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

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

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

1 Sec. E.602 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

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

5 (b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont
6 Manufacturing Extension Center to comply with State matching fund
7 requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds, or
8 both.

9 Sec. E.603 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES – ALLIED HEALTH

10 (a) If Global Commitment fund monies are unavailable, the total grant
11 funding for the Vermont State Colleges shall be maintained through the
12 General Fund or other State funding sources.

13 (b) The Vermont State Colleges shall use the Global Commitment funds
14 appropriated in Sec. B.603 of this act to support the dental hygiene, respiratory
15 therapy, and nursing programs that graduate approximately 315 health care
16 providers annually. These graduates deliver direct, high-quality health care
17 services to Medicaid beneficiaries or uninsured or underinsured persons.

18 Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

19 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.605 of this act, \$25,000 is appropriated
20 from the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
21 (VSAC) to be deposited into the Trust Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2845.

1 Assistance Corporation (VSAC) for dual enrollment and need-based stipend
2 purposes to fund a flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for
3 financially needy students enrolled in a dual enrollment course pursuant to
4 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in early college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 946 to be used for
5 the purchase of books, cost of transportation, and payment of fees. The
6 Vermont Student Assistance Corporation shall establish the criteria for
7 program eligibility. Funds shall be granted to eligible students on a first-come,
8 first-served basis until funds are depleted.

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

14 Sec. E.702 10 V.S.A. § 4829(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) A person engaged in the business of farming who suffers damage by
16 deer to the person's crops, fruit trees, or crop-bearing plants on land not posted
17 against the hunting of deer, or a person engaged in the business of farming who
18 suffers damage by black bear to the person's cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, or
19 bees or bee hives on land not posted against hunting or trapping of black bear
20 is entitled to reimbursement for the damage up to an amount not to exceed
21 \$5,000.00 per year, and may apply to the Department of Fish and Wildlife

1 within 72 hours of the occurrence of the damage for reimbursement for the
2 damage. As used in this section, “post” means any signage that would lead a
3 reasonable person to believe that hunting is prohibited on the land.

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5 Sec. E.811 LAND ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD;

6 ATTACHMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION; REPORT

7 (a) On or before December 15, 2023, the Land Access and Opportunity
8 Board shall submit a written report to the House Committees on
9 Appropriations and on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the
10 Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations
11 regarding the appropriate State entity for the Board to be attached to for
12 administrative purposes. The report shall, in consideration of the mission,
13 powers, and duties of the Board, identify various State entities to which the
14 Board could be attached for administrative purposes and shall examine the
15 potential benefits and drawbacks of the Board being attached to each of the
16 entities identified. The report shall consider the benefits and drawbacks of the
17 Board continuing to be attached to the Vermont Housing and Conservation
18 Board for administrative purposes.

19 Sec. E.900 TRANSPORTATION FUND RESERVE – REVERSIONS

20 EXCLUDED

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

4 Sec. F.2 EDUCATOR WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

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

14 Sec. F.3 18 V.S.A. § 39 is added to read:

15 § 39. VERMONT PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE

16 PRACTITIONER FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

17 (a) As used in this section:

18 (1) “Corporation” means the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
19 established in 16 V.S.A. § 2821.

20 (2) “Eligible individual” means an individual who satisfies the eligibility
21 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 cover room, board, and the cost of required books and
5 supplies for up to full-time attendance at an eligible school.

6 (5) “Program” means the Vermont Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse
7 Practitioner Forgivable Loan Incentive Program created under this section.

8 (b) The Vermont Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Forgivable
9 Loan Incentive Program is created and shall be administered by the
10 Corporation in collaboration with the Department of Health. The Program
11 provides forgivable loans to students enrolled in a master’s program at an
12 eligible school who commit to working as a psychiatric mental health nurse
13 practitioner in this State and who meet the eligibility requirements in
14 subsection (d) of this section.

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

18 (d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual,
19 whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following
20 requirements:

1 (1) be enrolled at an eligible school in a program, whether through in-
2 person or remote instruction, that leads to a master's degree or specialty in
3 psychiatric mental health;

4 (2) maintain good standing at the eligible school at which the individual
5 is enrolled;

6 (3) agree to work as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner in
7 Vermont for a minimum of one year following licensure for each year of
8 forgivable loan awarded;

9 (4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce
10 the individual's forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to
11 subsection (f) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of
12 service required in subdivision (3) of this subsection;

13 (5) have completed the Program's application form and the Free
14 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), in accordance with a schedule
15 determined by the Corporation; and

16 (6) have provided such other documentation as the Corporation may
17 require.

18 (e) If an eligible individual fails to serve as a psychiatric mental health
19 nurse practitioner in this State in compliance with the Program for a period that
20 would entitle the individual to the full forgivable loan benefit received by the
21 individual, other than for good cause as determined by the Corporation in

1 consultation with the Vermont Department of Health, then the individual shall
2 receive only partial loan forgiveness for a pro rata portion of the loan pursuant
3 to the terms of the interest-free reimbursement promissory note signed by the
4 individual at the time of entering the Program.

5 (f) The Corporation shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines
6 necessary to implement the provisions of this section, including maximum
7 forgivable loan amounts.

8 Sec. F.4 18 V.S.A. § 40 is added to read:

9 § 40. VERMONT DENTAL HYGIENIST FORGIVABLE LOAN

10 INCENTIVE PROGRAM

11 (a) As used in this section:

12 (1) “Corporation” means the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
13 established in 16 V.S.A. § 2821.

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

16 (3) “Eligible school” means an approved postsecondary education
17 institution, as defined under 16 V.S.A. § 2822.

18 (4) “Forgivable loan” means a loan awarded under this section covering
19 tuition, which may also include room, board, and the cost of required books
20 and supplies for up to full-time attendance at an eligible school.

1 (5) “Program” means the Vermont Dental Hygienist Forgivable Loan
2 Incentive Program created under this section.

3 (b) The Vermont Dental Hygienist Forgivable Loan Incentive Program is
4 created and shall be administered by the Department of Health in collaboration
5 with the Corporation. The Program provides forgivable loans to students
6 enrolled in an eligible school who commit to working as a dental hygienist in
7 this State and who meet the eligibility requirements in subsection (d) of this
8 section.

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

12 (d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual,
13 whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following
14 requirements:

15 (1) be enrolled at a dental hygienist program at an eligible school;

16 (2) maintain good standing at the eligible school at which the individual
17 is enrolled;

18 (3) agree to work as a dental hygienist in Vermont for a minimum of
19 one year following licensure for each year of forgivable loan awarded;

20 (4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce
21 the individual’s forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to

1 subsection (g) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of
2 service required in this subsection;

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

7 (6) have provided such other documentation as the Corporation may
8 require.

9 (e) If an eligible individual fails to serve as a dental hygienist in this State
10 for a period that would entitle the individual to the full forgivable loan benefit
11 received by the individual, other than for good cause as determined by the
12 Corporation in consultation with the Vermont Department of Health, then the
13 individual shall receive only partial loan forgiveness for a pro rata portion of
14 the loan pursuant to the terms of the interest-free credit agreement or
15 promissory note signed by the individual at the time of entering the Program.

16 (f) There shall be no deadline to apply for a forgivable loan under this
17 section. Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis as long as funds
18 are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall roll over
19 and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the
20 following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this
21 section.

1 (g) The Corporation shall adopt policies, procedures, and guidelines
2 necessary to implement the provisions of this section, including maximum
3 forgivable loan amounts.

4 Sec. F.5 BROWNFIELDS FUNDING; USE IN FISCAL YEAR 2024

5 (a) The Department of Economic Development shall use the funds
6 appropriated in fiscal year 2024 for brownfields redevelopment for the
7 assessment, remediation, and redevelopment of brownfield sites to be used in
8 the same manner as the Brownfields Revitalization Fund established by 10
9 V.S.A. § 6654 except, notwithstanding the grant limitations in 10 V.S.A. §
10 6654, projects supported by this appropriation shall not be limited to a
11 maximum amount per site. The Agency of Commerce and Community
12 Development shall award the amount of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 to
13 regional planning commissions for the purposes of brownfields assessment. In
14 awarding funds under this section, the Secretary, in consultation with the
15 Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies, shall select one
16 regional planning commission to administer these funds. To ensure statewide
17 availability, the selected regional planning commission shall subgrant to
18 regional planning commissions with brownfield programs, with not more than
19 10 percent of the funds being used for administrative purposes.

1 Sec. F.6 10 V.S.A. § 6654(e) is amended to read:

2 (e) A grant may be awarded by the Secretary of Commerce and
3 Community Development with the approval of the Secretary of Natural
4 Resources, provided that:

5 (1) A grant may not exceed \$50,000 for characterization and assessment
6 of a site.

7 (2) A grant may not exceed ~~\$200,000~~ \$500,000 for remediation of a site.

8 (3) A grant may be used by an applicant to purchase environmental
9 insurance relating to the performance of the characterization, assessment, or
10 remediation of a Brownfield site in accordance with a corrective action plan
11 approved by the Secretary of Natural Resources.

12 (4) Financial assistance may be provided to applicants by developing a
13 risk sharing pool, an indemnity pool, or other insurance mechanism designed
14 to help applicants.

15 (5) All reports generated by financial assistance from the Brownfield
16 Revitalization Fund, including site assessments, site investigations, feasibility
17 studies, corrective action plans, and completion reports shall be provided as
18 hard copies to the Secretaries of Commerce and Community Development and
19 of Natural Resources.

1 Sec. F.7 10 V.S.A. § 4 is amended to read:

2 § 4. NEW RELOCATING EMPLOYEE INCENTIVES

3 * * *

4 (e) As used in this section:

5 * * *

6 (2) “Relocating employee” means an individual who submits an
7 application before becoming a resident of this State and who meets the
8 following criteria:

9 (A)(i) ~~On or after July 1, 2021~~ the individual is a new relocating
10 employee who meets the following criteria:

11 (I) the individual becomes a full-time resident of this State;

12 (II) the individual becomes a full-time employee at a Vermont
13 location of a for-profit or nonprofit business organization domiciled or
14 authorized to do business in this State, or of a State, municipal, or other public
15 sector employer; and

16 (III) the employer attests to the Agency that, after reasonable
17 time and effort, the employer was unable to fill the employee’s position from
18 among Vermont applicants; or

19 (ii) ~~on or after February 1, 2022~~ the individual is a new remote
20 employee who meets the following criteria:

21 (I) the individual becomes a full-time resident of this State; and

1 (II) the individual is a full-time employee of an out-of-state
2 business and performs the majority of ~~his or her~~ the employee's employment
3 duties remotely from a home office or a co-working space located in this State.

4 (B) The individual receives gross salary or wages that equal or
5 exceed the Vermont livable wage rate calculated pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 526.

6 (C) The individual is subject to Vermont income tax.

7 Sec. F.8 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. H.18, as amended by 2022 Acts
8 and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 46, is further amended to read:

9 Sec. H.18. COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND REVITALIZATION

10 GRANT PROGRAM

11 * * *

12 (b) Eligible applicants.

13 (1) To be eligible for a grant, the applicant must be located within the
14 State and:

15 (A)(i) the applicant is a for-profit entity with not less than a 10
16 percent equity interest in the project, or a nonprofit entity, which has
17 documented financial impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic; or

18 (ii) intends to utilize the funds for an enumerated use as defined in
19 the U.S. Treasury Final Rule for Coronavirus State and Fiscal Recovery Funds;

20 (B)(i) the applicant is a municipality;

1 (ii) the municipality needs to make infrastructure improvements to
2 incentivize community development; and

3 (iii) the proposed infrastructure improvements and the projected
4 development or redevelopment are compatible with confirmed municipal and
5 regional development plans and the project has clear local significance for
6 employment.

7 (2) The applicant must demonstrate:

8 (A) community and regional support for the project;

9 (B) that grant funding is needed to complete the project;

10 (C) leveraging of additional sources of funding from local, State, or
11 federal economic development programs; and

12 (D) an ability to manage the project, with requisite experience and a
13 plan for fiscal viability.

14 (3) The following are ineligible to apply for a grant:

15 (A) ~~a State or local government-operated business~~ [Repealed.]

16 (B) a business that, together with any affiliated business, owns or
17 operates more than 20 locations, regardless of whether those locations do
18 business under the same name or within the same industry; and

19 (C) a publicly traded company.

20 (c) Grant funds; eligible uses for municipalities. A municipality is only
21 authorized to utilize program funding under this section if:

1 (1) the project clearly requires substantial public investment over and
2 above the normal municipal operating or bonded debt expenditures;

3 (2) the public improvements being requested are integral to the expected
4 private development; and

5 (3) the project meets one of the following criteria:

6 (A) the development includes new or rehabilitated affordable
7 housing, as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 4303;

8 (B) the development will include at least one entirely new business or
9 business operation or expansion of an existing business within the project, and
10 this business will provide new, quality, full-time jobs that meet or exceed the
11 prevailing wage for the region as reported by the Department of Labor; ~~or~~

12 (C) the development will enhance transportation by creating
13 improved traffic patterns and flow or creating or improving public
14 transportation systems; or

15 (D) the development will promote and provide community benefit
16 through educational services, agriculture, arts and entertainment, or food
17 security.

18 * * *

19 (g) Application process; decisions; awards.

20 (1)(A) Under the grant program established in this section, a
21 municipality, upon approval of its legislative body, may apply to the Vermont

1 Economic Progress Council pursuant to the process set forth in this section to
2 use grant funding for a project.

3 (B) The Agency shall accept applications from for-profit or nonprofit
4 entities on a rolling basis until Program funds are expended.

5 (2) [Repealed.]

6 (3) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development shall
7 appoint an interagency team, which may include members from among the
8 Department of Economic Development, the Department of Housing and
9 Community Development, the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, the
10 Department of Public Service, the Agency of Natural Resources, or other State
11 agencies and departments, which team shall review, analyze, and recommend
12 projects for funding consistent with the guidelines the Agency develops in
13 coordination with the Joint Fiscal Office and the following:

14 (A) project readiness, quality, and demonstrated collaboration with
15 stakeholders and other funding sources;

16 (B) alignment and consistency with regional plans and priorities; and

17 (C) creation and retention of workforce opportunities.

18 (4) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development shall
19 consider the recommendations of the interagency team and shall give final
20 approval to projects.

1 (b) Grant considerations. In making grant awards, the Agency shall
2 consider:

3 (1) the real estate needs of growing and relocating businesses, including
4 nonprofit organizations, in the applicant's region;

5 (2) the ability of the proposed project to meet the site-specific needs of
6 businesses considering whether to expand or locate in this State;

7 (3) the funding that the applicant has identified, or secured, to leverage a
8 grant award; and

9 (4) the readiness of an applicant to move a project forward.

10 (c) Eligible applicants; priority.

11 (1) To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must be a local development
12 corporation, as defined in subdivision 212(10) of this title, located within this
13 State.

14 (2) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development may
15 designate projects and agreements as first priority based on rural communities
16 that continue to experience insufficient economic and grand list growth.

17 (d) Eligible activities. A grant recipient may use funding for the following:

18 (1) to purchase land for potential industrial use;

19 (2) for the costs of site development, permitting, or providing

20 infrastructure for property the recipient owns;

1 (3) for the equity investment required for a loan transaction through the
2 Vermont Economic Development Authority under 10 V.S.A. chapter 12,
3 subchapter 3; or

4 (4) for the matching requirement of another State or federal grant
5 consistent with this section.

6 (e) Application; market assessment.

7 (1) An applicant shall include in its application a local and regional
8 market assessment that demonstrates reasonable need for the proposed
9 development and identifies imminent, potential, or existing business growth
10 opportunities.

11 (2) An applicant shall submit the following to demonstrate a readiness to
12 begin and complete the proposed project:

13 (A) community and regional support for the project;

14 (B) that grant funding is needed to complete the proposed project;

15 (C) an ability to manage the project, with requisite experience and a
16 plan for fiscal viability; and

17 (D) a description of the permitting required to proceed with the
18 project and a plan for obtaining the permits.

19 (f) Awards; amount.

20 (1) An award shall not exceed the lesser of \$1,000,000 or 20 percent of
21 the total project cost.

1 (2) A recipient may combine grant funds with funding from other
2 sources.

3 (3) The Agency shall release grant funds upon determining that the
4 applicant has met all application conditions and requirements.

5 (4) A grant recipient may apply for additional grant funds if future
6 amounts are appropriated for the Program and the funds are for a separate but
7 eligible use.

8 (g) Deed restrictions; property sales. The Agency shall include deed
9 restrictions that require the return of the principal amount to the state and may
10 require the payment of a percentage of the sales profit.

11 Sec. F.10 24 V.S.A. § 2799 is amended to read:

12 § 2799. BETTER PLACES PROGRAM; CROWD GRANTING

13 (a)(1) There is created the Better Places Program within the Department of
14 Housing and Community Development, and the Better Places Fund, which the
15 Department shall manage pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5.

16 (2) The purpose of the Program is to utilize crowdfunding to spark
17 community revitalization through collaborative grantmaking for projects that
18 create, activate, or revitalize public spaces.

19 (3) The Department may administer the Program in coordination with
20 and support from other State agencies and nonprofit and philanthropic partners.

21 (b) The Fund is composed of the following:

1 (1) State or federal funds appropriated by the General Assembly;

2 (2) gifts, grants, or other contributions to the Fund; and

3 (3) any interest earned by the Fund.

4 (c) As used in this section, “public space” means an area or place that is
5 open and accessible to all people with no charge for admission and includes
6 village greens, squares, parks, community centers, town halls, libraries, and
7 other publicly accessible buildings and connecting spaces such as sidewalks,
8 streets, alleys, and trails.

9 (d)(1) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall
10 establish an application process, eligibility criteria, and criteria for prioritizing
11 assistance for awarding grants through the Program.

12 (2) The Department may award a grant to a municipality, a nonprofit
13 organization, or a community group with a fiscal sponsor for a project that is
14 located in or serves a designated downtown, village center, new town center, or
15 neighborhood development area that will create a new public space or
16 revitalize or activate an existing public space.

17 (3) The Department may award a grant to not more than ~~one project~~
18 three projects per calendar year within a municipality.

19 (4) The minimum amount of a grant award is \$5,000, and the maximum
20 amount of a grant award is \$40,000.

1 (5) The Department shall develop matching grant eligibility
2 requirements to ensure a broad base of community and financial support for
3 the project, subject to the following:

4 (A) A project shall include in-kind support and matching funds raised
5 through a crowdfunding approach that includes multiple donors.

6 (B) An applicant may not donate to its own crowdfunding campaign.

7 (C) A donor may not contribute more than \$10,000 or 35 percent of
8 the campaign goal, whichever is less.

9 (D) An applicant shall provide matching funds raised through
10 crowdfunding of not less than 33 percent of the grant award.

11 (e) The Department of Housing and Community Development, with the
12 assistance of a fiscal agent, shall distribute funds under this section in a manner
13 that provides funding for projects of various sizes in as many geographical
14 areas of the State as possible.

15 (f) The Department of Housing and Community Development may use up
16 to 15 percent of any appropriation to the Fund from the General Fund to assist
17 with crowdfunding, administration, training, and technological needs of the
18 Program.

19 Sec. F.11 24 V.S.A. § 2792(d) is amended to read:

20 (d) The Department shall provide staff and administrative support to the
21 State Board, ~~and~~ shall produce guidelines to direct municipalities seeking to

1 obtain designation under this chapter, and shall pay per diem compensation for
2 board members pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010(b).

3 Sec. F.12 24 V.S.A. § 2793(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ Upon the first
5 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed
6 application, the State Board shall designate a downtown development district if
7 the State Board finds in its written decision that the municipality has:

8 * * *

9 Sec. F.13 24 V.S.A. § 2793a(b) is amended to read:

10 (b) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ Upon the first
11 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed
12 application, the State Board shall designate a village center if the State Board
13 finds the applicant has met the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

14 Sec. F.14 24 V.S.A. § 2793b(b) is amended to read:

15 (b) ~~Within 45 days of receipt of a completed application~~ Upon the first
16 meeting of the State Board held after 45 days of receipt of a completed
17 application, the State Board shall designate a new town center development
18 district if the State Board finds, with respect to that district, the municipality
19 has:

20 * * *

1 Sec. F.15 24 V.S.A. § 2793e(d) is amended to read:

2 (d) ~~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, for designation of a neighborhood development area, the State
5 Board, after opportunity for public comment, shall approve a neighborhood
6 development area if the Board determines that the applicant has met the
7 requirements of this section.

8 Sec. F.16 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 196, Sec. 1, as amended by 2019 Acts
9 and Resolves No. 80, Sec. 13, is further amended to read:

10 Sec. 1. SIMPLIFYING GOVERNMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

11 (a) The Secretary of ~~State~~ Digital Services shall serve as the chair of a
12 steering committee, composed of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of
13 Commerce and Community Development, the Secretary of Administration,
14 and the Secretary of Digital Services or their designees.

15 (b) ~~The Secretary of State, in collaboration with the~~ steering committee,
16 and in collaboration with other State agencies and departments and interested
17 stakeholders ~~as necessary~~, shall:

18 (1) review and consider the necessary procedural and substantive steps
19 to enhance the Secretary of State's one-stop business portal for businesses,
20 entrepreneurs, and citizens to provide information about starting and operating
21 a business in Vermont; and

1 (2) submit on or before December 15, ~~2019~~ 2023:

2 (A) a design proposal that includes a project scope, timeline,
3 roadmap, and cost projections;

4 (B) any statutory or regulatory changes needed to implement the
5 proposal; and

6 (C) a sustainable funding model for the portal.

7 (c) The steering committee shall evaluate the cost and efficacy, and
8 integrate into the current one-stop portal to the extent feasible, features that:

9 (1) enhance State websites to simplify registrations and provide a ~~clear~~
10 comprehensive, one-stop compilation of other State business requirements,
11 including permits and licenses;

12 (2) implement a data collection component that offers the registrant the
13 option to self-identify, and make available to the public through the business
14 search function, demographic information concerning ownership of the
15 business, including whether the business is woman-owned, veteran-owned,
16 BIPOC-owned, LGBTQ-owned, or minority-owned;

17 (3) simplify the mechanism for making payments to the State by
18 allowing a person to pay amounts ~~he or she~~ the person owes to the State for
19 taxes, fees, or other charges to a single recipient within State government;

1 ~~(3)~~(4) simplify annual filing requirements by allowing a person to make
2 a single filing to a single recipient within State government and check a box if
3 nothing substantive has changed from the prior year;

4 ~~(4)~~(5) provide guidance, assistance with navigation, and other support to
5 persons who are forming or operating a small business;

6 ~~(5)~~(6) after registration, provide information about additional and
7 ongoing State requirements and a point of contact to discuss questions or
8 explore any assistance needed;

9 ~~(6)~~(7) provide guidance and information about State and federal
10 programs and initiatives, as well as State partner organizations and Vermont-
11 based businesses of interest; and

12 ~~(7)~~(8) map communication channels for project updates, including
13 digital channels such as e-mail, social media, and other communications.

14 (d) All State agencies and departments shall designate a single employee or
15 team of employees who are charged with the duty to provide assistance to the
16 steering committee upon its request.

17 (e) The steering committee shall focus its review on providing services
18 through the one-stop business portal primarily for the benefit of businesses
19 with 20 or fewer employees.

20 (f) The Agency of Digital Services shall assign a project manager or
21 business analyst to report directly to the Secretary of State to assist with the

1 implementation of this act through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2025 for the purpose of
2 developing and implementing a one-stop navigable portal for businesses,
3 entrepreneurs, and citizens to access information about starting a business in
4 Vermont, and to provide ongoing support to businesses interfacing with State
5 government.

6 * * * Fees * * *

7 * * * Enhanced Driver's License * * *

8 Sec. G.100 23 V.S.A. § 7 is amended to read:

9 § 7. ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSE; MAINTENANCE OF DATABASE
10 INFORMATION; FEE

11 * * *

12 (d) The fee for an enhanced license shall be ~~\$30.00~~ \$36.00 in addition to
13 the fees otherwise established by this title.

14 * * *

15 * * * Department of Motor Vehicles * * *

16 Sec. G.101 23 V.S.A. § 114 is amended to read:

17 § 114. FEES

18 (a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees for miscellaneous
19 transactions:

20 (1) Listings of 1 through 4 registrations	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u>
21 (2) Certified copy of registration application	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u>

1	(3) Sample plates	\$18.00 <u>\$22.00</u>
2	(4) Lists of registered dealers, transporters, periodic inspection stations,	
3	fuel dealers, and distributors, including gallonage sold or delivered and rental	
4	vehicle companies	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> per page
5	(5) [Repealed.]	
6	(6) Periodic inspection sticker record	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u>
7	(7) Certified copy individual crash report	\$12.00 <u>\$15.00</u>
8	(8) Certified copy police crash report	\$18.00 <u>\$22.00</u>
9	(9) Certified copy suspension notice	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u>
10	(10) Certified copy mail receipt	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u>
11	(11) Certified copy proof of mailing	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u>
12	(12) Certified copy reinstatement notice	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u>
13	(13) Certified copy operator's license application	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u>
14	(14) Certified copy three-year operating record	\$14.00 <u>\$17.00</u>
15	(15) [Repealed.]	
16	(16) Government official photo identification card	\$6.00 <u>\$8.00</u>
17	(17) Listing of operator's licenses of 1 through 4	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u>
18	(18) Statistics and research	\$42.00 <u>\$51.00</u> per hour
19	(19) Insurance information on crash	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u>
20	(20) Certified copy complete operating record	\$20.00 <u>\$24.00</u>
21	(21) Records not otherwise specified	\$8.00 <u>\$10.00</u> per page

1 proof of veteran status specified by the Commissioner, and the Office of
2 Veterans Affairs confirms the veteran's status as an honorably discharged
3 veteran or a veteran discharged under honorable conditions, the identification
4 card shall include the term "veteran" on its face. The Commissioner shall
5 require payment of a fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 at the time application for an
6 identification card is made, except that an initial nondriver identification card
7 shall be issued at no charge to an individual who surrenders ~~his or her~~ the
8 individual's license in connection with a suspension or revocation under
9 subsection 636(b) of this title due to a physical or mental condition.

10 (b) Every identification card shall expire, unless earlier canceled, at 12:00
11 midnight on the eve of the fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the
12 cardholder following the date of original issue, and may be renewed every four
13 years upon payment of a ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 fee. A renewed identification card
14 shall expire, unless earlier canceled, at 12:00 midnight on the eve of the fourth
15 anniversary of the date of birth of the cardholder following the expiration of
16 the card being renewed. At least 30 days before an identification card will
17 expire, the Commissioner shall mail first-class to the cardholder or send the
18 cardholder electronically an application to renew the identification card; a
19 cardholder shall be sent the renewal notice by mail unless the cardholder opts
20 in to receive electronic notification. An individual born on February 29 shall,
21 for the purposes of this section, be considered as born on March 1.

1 (c) In the event an identification card is lost, destroyed, mutilated, or a new
2 name is acquired, a replacement may be obtained upon furnishing satisfactory
3 proof to the Commissioner and paying a ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 fee.

4 * * *

5 * * * Registration; General Provisions * * *

6 Sec. G.103 23 V.S.A. § 304 is amended to read:

7 § 304. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES; NUMBER PLATES; VANITY
8 AND OTHER SPECIAL PLATES

9 * * *

10 (b) The authority to issue vanity motor vehicle number plates or special
11 number plates for safety organizations and service organizations shall reside
12 with the Commissioner. Determination of compliance with the criteria
13 contained in this section shall be within the discretion of the Commissioner.
14 Series of number plates for safety and service organizations that are authorized
15 by the Commissioner shall be issued in order of approval, subject to the
16 operating considerations in the Department as determined by the
17 Commissioner. The Commissioner shall issue vanity and special organization
18 number plates in the following manner:

19 (1) Vanity plates. Subject to the restrictions of this section, vanity plates
20 shall be issued at the request of the registrant of a motor vehicle unless the
21 vehicle is registered under the International Registration Plan, upon application

1 and upon payment of an annual fee of ~~\$48.00~~ \$58.00 in addition to the annual
2 fee for registration. The Commissioner shall not issue two sets of plates
3 bearing the same initials or letters unless the plates also contain a
4 distinguishing number. Vanity plates are subject to reassignment if not
5 renewed within 60 days of expiration of the registration.

6 (2) Special organization plates.

7 * * *

8 (B) The officer of a safety organization or service organization may
9 apply to the Commissioner to approve special plates indicating membership in
10 a qualifying organization to be issued to organization members for a ~~\$17.00~~
11 \$21.00 special fee for each set of plates in addition to the annual fee for
12 registration. The application shall include designation of an officer or member
13 to serve as the principal contact with the Department and a distinctive name or
14 emblem, or both, for use on the proposed special plate. The name and emblem
15 shall not be objectively obscene or confusing to the general public and shall
16 not promote, advertise, or endorse a product, brand, or service provided for
17 sale. The organization's name and emblem must not infringe on or violate a
18 trademark, trade name, service mark, copyright, or other proprietary or
19 property right, and the organization must have the right to use the name and
20 emblem. After consulting with the principal contact, the Commissioner shall
21 determine the design of the special plate on the basis that the primary purpose

1 of motor vehicle number plates is vehicle identification. An organization may
2 have only one design, regardless of the number of individual organizational
3 units, squads, or departments within the State that may conduct the same or
4 substantially similar activities.

5 (C) After the plate design is finalized and an officer or the principal
6 contact provides the Commissioner a written statement authorizing issuance of
7 the plates, the organization shall deposit ~~\$2,200.00~~ \$2,600.00 with the
8 Commissioner. Of this deposit, \$500.00 shall be retained by the Department to
9 recover costs of developing the organization plate. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.
10 § 502, the Commissioner may charge the actual costs of production of the
11 plates against the fees collected and the balance shall be deposited in the
12 Transportation Fund. Upon application, special plates shall be issued to a
13 registrant of a vehicle registered at the pleasure car rate or of a truck registered
14 for less than 26,001 pounds (but excluding trucks registered under the
15 International Registration Plan) who furnishes the Commissioner satisfactory
16 proof that ~~he or she~~ the registrant is a member of an organization that has
17 satisfied the requirements of this subdivision (b)(2). For each of the first 100
18 applicants to whom sets of plates are issued, the ~~\$17.00~~ \$21.00 special plate
19 fee shall not be collected and shall be subtracted from the balance of the
20 deposit. When the ~~\$1,700.00~~ \$2,100.00 balance of the deposit is depleted,
21 applicants shall be required to pay the ~~\$17.00~~ \$21.00 fee as provided for in

1 subdivision (2)(B) of this subsection. No organization shall charge its
2 members any additional fee or premium charge for the authorization, right, or
3 privilege to display special number plates, but any organization may recover
4 up to ~~\$1,700.00~~ \$2,100.00 from applicants for the special plates.

5 * * *

6 (f) Upon the request of a registrant of a motor vehicle with the previous
7 issue number plates, the Commissioner shall issue current issue number plates
8 bearing the same number as shown on the previous issue plates that are being
9 replaced. The initial one-time fee for the plates shall be ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 in
10 addition to the regular registration fee. Official plates and plates with numbers
11 of 9999 or lower are specifically exempted.

12 * * *

13 Sec. G.104 23 V.S.A. § 304b is amended to read:

14 § 304b. CONSERVATION MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES

15 (a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue conservation
16 registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate,
17 on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, and on vehicles registered to
18 State agencies under section 376 of this title, but excluding vehicles registered
19 under the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted
20 on the front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioners of Motor Vehicles
21 and of Fish and Wildlife shall determine the graphic design of the special

1 plates in a manner that serves to enhance the public awareness of the State's
2 interest in restoring and protecting its wildlife and major watershed areas. The
3 Commissioners of Motor Vehicles and of Fish and Wildlife may alter the
4 graphic design of these special plates, provided that plates in use at the time of
5 a design alteration shall remain valid subject to the operator's payment of the
6 annual registration fee. Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the
7 Commissioner and shall pay an initial fee of ~~\$26.00~~ \$32.00 in addition to the
8 annual fee for registration. In following years, in addition to the annual
9 registration fee, the holder of a conservation plate shall pay a renewal fee of
10 ~~\$26.00~~ \$32.00. The Commissioner may adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25
11 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

12 * * *

13 Sec. G.105 23 V.S.A. § 304c is amended to read:

14 § 304c. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES: BUILDING
15 BRIGHT SPACES FOR BRIGHT FUTURES FUND

16 (a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue "Building Bright
17 Spaces for Bright Futures Fund," referred to as "the Bright Futures Fund,"
18 registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate,
19 on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, on vehicles registered to State
20 agencies under section 376 of this title, and excluding vehicles registered under
21 the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted on the

1 front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
2 utilize the graphic design recommended by the Commissioner for Children and
3 Families for the special plates to enhance the public awareness of the State's
4 interest in supporting children's services. Applicants shall apply on forms
5 prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and shall pay an initial fee
6 of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 in addition to the annual fee for registration. In following
7 years, in addition to the annual registration fee, the holder of a Bright Futures
8 Fund plate shall pay a renewal fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00. The Commissioner of
9 Motor Vehicles shall adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to implement the
10 provisions of this subsection.

11 * * *

12 Sec. G.106 23 V.S.A. § 307 is amended to read:

13 § 307. CARRYING OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE; REPLACEMENT
14 AND CORRECTED CERTIFICATES

15 * * *

16 (b) In case of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of a certificate, the owner
17 of the vehicle described in it shall forthwith notify the Commissioner and remit
18 a fee of ~~\$16.00~~ \$20.00, upon receipt of which the Commissioner shall furnish
19 the owner with a duplicate certificate.

20 (c) A corrected registration certificate shall be furnished by the
21 Commissioner upon request and receipt of a fee of ~~\$16.00~~ \$20.00.

1 (d) An operator cited for violating subsection (a) of this section with
2 respect to a pleasure car, motorcycle, or truck that could be registered for less
3 than 26,001 pounds shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5.00,
4 which penalty shall be exempt from surcharges under 13 V.S.A. § 7282(a), if
5 ~~he or she~~ the operator is cited within the 14 days following the expiration of
6 the motor vehicle's registration.

7 Sec. G.107 23 V.S.A. § 323 is amended to read:

8 § 323. TRANSFER FEES

9 A person who transfers the ownership of a registered motor vehicle to
10 another, upon the filing of a new application and upon the payment of a fee of
11 ~~\$25.00~~ \$30.00, may have registered in ~~his or her~~ the person's name another
12 motor vehicle for the remainder of the registration period without payment of
13 any additional registration fee, provided the proper registration fee of the
14 motor vehicle sought to be registered is the same as the registration fee of the
15 transferred motor vehicle. However, if the proper registration fee of the motor
16 vehicle sought to be registered by such person is greater than the registration
17 fee of the transferred motor vehicle, the applicant shall pay, in addition to such
18 fee of ~~\$25.00~~ \$30.00, the difference between the registration fee of the motor
19 vehicle previously registered and the proper fee for the registration of the
20 motor vehicle sought to be registered.

1 (a) The annual fee for registration of an all-surface vehicle (ASV) shall be
2 the sum of the fees established by sections 3305 and 3504 of this title, plus
3 ~~\$26.00~~ \$32.00.

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5 Sec. G.112 23 V.S.A. § 367 is amended to read:

6 § 367. TRUCKS

7 (a)(1) The annual fee for registration of tractors, truck-tractors, or motor
8 trucks except truck cranes, truck shovels, road oilers, bituminous distributors,
9 and farm trucks used as specified in subsection (f) of this section shall be based
10 on the total weight of the truck-tractor or motor truck, including body and cab
11 plus the heaviest load to be carried. In computing the fees for registration of
12 tractors, truck-tractors, or motor trucks with trailers or semi-trailers attached,
13 except trailers or semi-trailers with a gross weight of less than 6,000 pounds,
14 the fee shall be based upon the weight of the tractor, truck-tractor, or motor
15 truck, the weight of the trailer or semi-trailer, and the weight of the heaviest
16 load to be carried by the combined vehicles. In addition to the fee set out in
17 the following schedule, the fee for vehicles weighing between 10,000 and
18 25,999 pounds inclusive shall be an additional ~~\$35.50~~ \$42.53, the fee for
19 vehicles weighing between 26,000 and 39,999 pounds inclusive shall be an
20 additional ~~\$70.98~~ \$85.03, the fee for vehicles weighing between 40,000 and
21 59,999 pounds inclusive shall be an additional ~~\$248.48~~ \$297.68, and the fee

1 for vehicles 60,000 pounds and over shall be an additional ~~\$390.48~~ \$467.80.

2 The fee shall be computed at the following rates per 1,000 pounds of weight
3 determined pursuant to this subdivision and rounded up to the nearest whole
4 dollar; the minimum fee for registering a tractor, truck-tractor, or motor truck
5 to 6,000 pounds shall be the same as for the pleasure car type:

6 ~~\$15.20~~ \$18.21 when the weight exceeds 6,000 pounds but does not
7 exceed 8,000 pounds.

8 ~~\$17.39~~ \$20.83 when the weight exceeds 8,000 pounds but does not
9 exceed 12,000 pounds.

10 ~~\$19.17~~ \$22.97 when the weight exceeds 12,000 pounds but does not
11 exceed 16,000 pounds.

12 ~~\$20.50~~ \$24.56 when the weight exceeds 16,000 pounds but does not
13 exceed 20,000 pounds.

14 ~~\$21.46~~ \$25.71 when the weight exceeds 20,000 pounds but does not
15 exceed 30,000 pounds.

16 ~~\$21.92~~ \$26.26 when the weight exceeds 30,000 pounds but does not
17 exceed 40,000 pounds.

18 ~~\$22.45~~ \$26.90 when the weight exceeds 40,000 pounds but does not
19 exceed 50,000 pounds.

20 ~~\$22.65~~ \$27.13 when the weight exceeds 50,000 pounds but does not
21 exceed 60,000 pounds.

1 Sec. G.115 23 V.S.A. § 372a is amended to read:

2 § 372a. LOCAL TRANSIT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

3 (a) The annual registration fee for any motor bus used in local transit or
4 public transportation service shall be ~~\$62.00~~ \$75.00, except for those vehicles
5 owned by a municipality for such service that are subject to the provisions of
6 section 376 of this title. In the event a bus registered for local transit or public
7 transportation service is subsequently registered for general use during the
8 same registration year, such fee shall be applied toward the fee for general
9 registration.

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11 Sec. G.116 23 V.S.A. § 373 is amended to read:

12 § 373. EXHIBITION VEHICLES; YEAR OF MANUFACTURE PLATES

13 (a) The annual fee for the registration of a motor vehicle that is maintained
14 for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, and other functions of public
15 interest and that is not used for general daily transportation of passengers or
16 property on any highway shall be ~~\$21.00~~ \$26.00, in lieu of fees otherwise
17 provided by law. Permitted use shall include:

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19 Sec. G.117 23 V.S.A. § 376 is amended to read:

20 § 376. STATE, MUNICIPAL, FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND RESCUE

21 ORGANIZATION MOTOR VEHICLES

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(b) The fee for registration of a motor vehicle owned by any municipality

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in this State and used entirely by it or any other municipality for municipal

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purposes shall be ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00 in lieu of fees otherwise specified in this

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chapter. ~~As used in~~ For purposes of this subsection, the term municipality

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shall include county-owned vehicles. The Commissioner shall issue specially

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designed registration plates for county-owned sheriffs' departments' vehicles.

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(c) The registration fee for registration of a motor truck, trailer, ambulance,

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or other motor vehicle, owned by a volunteer fire department or other

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conducting rescue operations and used solely for fire fighting or rescue

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chapter. A motor vehicle or trailer registered under this section shall be plainly

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marked on both sides of the body or cab to indicate its ownership.

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(f) A replacement registration plate shall be provided by the Commissioner

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upon the payment of a fee of ~~\$9.00~~ \$11.00.

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(g)(1) The fee for registration of a motor vehicle obtained from the

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government as excess government property, or a vehicle purchased with 100

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percent federal funds and used for federally supported local programs, shall be

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\$14.00, in lieu of fees otherwise specified in this chapter. The Commissioner

1 shall determine the eligibility as to whether or not the motor vehicle qualifies
2 for this registration and ownership of the vehicle shall be plainly marked on
3 both sides of the body or cab.

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5 Sec. G.118 23 V.S.A. § 382 is amended to read:

6 § 382. DIESEL-POWERED PLEASURE CARS

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the annual registration fee for a
8 pleasure car or tractor, truck-tractor, or motor truck up to 6,000 pounds
9 powered by fuel as defined in section 3002 of this title shall be ~~\$74.00~~ \$89.00,
10 and the biennial fee shall be ~~\$136.00~~ \$163.00.

11 * * * Registration; Registration of Dealers and Transporters * * *

12 Sec. G.119 23 V.S.A. § 453 is amended to read:

13 § 453. FEES AND NUMBER PLATES

14 (a)(1) An application for registration as a dealer in new or used cars or
15 motor trucks shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$503.00~~ \$603.00 for each
16 certificate issued in such dealer's name. The Commissioner shall furnish free
17 of charge with each dealer's registration certificate three number plates
18 showing the distinguishing number assigned such dealer. The Commissioner
19 may furnish additional plates according to the volume of the dealer's sales in
20 the prior year or, in the case of an initial registration, according to the dealer's
21 reasonable estimate of expected sales, as follows:

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(2) If the issuance of additional plates is authorized under subdivision (1) of this subsection, up to two plates shall be provided free of charge, and the Commissioner shall collect ~~\$55.00~~ \$66.00 for each additional plate thereafter.

(b) Application by a “dealer in farm tractors or other self-propelled farm implements,” which shall mean a person actively engaged in the business of selling or exchanging new or used farm tractors or other self-propelled farm implements, for such dealer registration shall annually be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$78.00~~ \$94.00. The Commissioner shall furnish free of charge with each such dealer registration certificate two sets of number plates showing the distinguishing number assigned such dealer and in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner’s discretion may furnish further sets of plates at a fee of \$12.00 per set; such number plates may, however, be displayed only upon a farm tractor or other self-propelled farm implement.

(c) Application by a “dealer in motorized highway building equipment and road making appliances,” which shall mean a person actively engaged in the business of selling or exchanging new or used motorized highway building equipment or road making appliances, for such dealer registration shall annually be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$123.00~~ \$148.00. The Commissioner shall furnish free of charge with each such dealer registration certificate two sets of number plates showing the distinguishing number assigned such dealer

1 and in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion may furnish further sets of
2 plates at a fee of \$30.00 per set; such number plates may, however, be
3 displayed only upon motorized highway building equipment or road making
4 appliances.

5 (d) If a dealer is engaged only in the business of selling or exchanging
6 motorcycles or motor-driven cycles, the registration fee shall be ~~\$62.00~~
7 \$75.00, which shall include three number plates. The Commissioner may, in
8 ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion, furnish further sets of plates at a fee
9 of \$10.00 for each set.

10 (e) If a dealer is engaged only in the business of selling or exchanging
11 trailers, semi-trailers, or trailer coaches, the registration fee shall be ~~\$123.00~~
12 \$148.00, which shall include three number plates; such number plates may,
13 however, be displayed only upon a trailer, semi-trailer, or trailer coach. The
14 Commissioner may, in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion, furnish
15 further plates at a fee of \$10.00 for each such plate.

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17 Sec. G.120 23 V.S.A. § 457 is amended to read:

18 § 457. TEMPORARY PLATES

19 At the time of the issuance of a registration certificate to a dealer as
20 provided in this chapter, the Commissioner shall furnish the dealer with a
21 sufficient number of number plates and temporary validation stickers,

1 temporary number plates, or temporary decals for use during the 60-day period
2 immediately following sale of a vehicle or motorboat by the dealer. The plates
3 and decals shall have the same general design as the plates or decals furnished
4 individual owners, but the plates and decals may be of a material and color as
5 the Commissioner may determine. The Commissioner shall collect a fee of
6 ~~\$5.00~~ \$6.00 for each temporary plate issued.

7 Sec. G.121 23 V.S.A. § 463 is amended to read:

8 § 463. SALE OF VEHICLE TO GO OUT OF STATE

9 A registered motor vehicle dealer is authorized to issue an in-transit
10 registration permit for the purpose of movement over the highways of certain
11 motor vehicles otherwise required to be registered when these vehicles are sold
12 in this State to be transported to and registered in another state or province.
13 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, upon request, provide registered
14 motor vehicle dealers with such numbers of applications and special in-transit
15 number plates for vehicles sold in this State to be transported to and registered
16 in another state or province as shall be necessary. The Commissioner is
17 authorized to charge a fee of ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 for the processing of the plate
18 application and the issuance of the plate. The dealer, upon the sale of a motor
19 vehicle to be transported to and registered in another state or province, shall
20 cause the application to be filled out and transmitted to the Commissioner and
21 shall attach to the vehicle the in-transit number plate corresponding to the

1 application. No registered motor vehicle dealer shall sell, exchange, give, or
2 transfer any application or in-transit plate to any person other than the person
3 to whom the dealer sells or exchanges a motor vehicle to be registered in
4 another state or province. The application shall be in a form prescribed and
5 furnished by the Commissioner. The special in-transit number plate to be
6 attached to the vehicle will be issued in the form and design as prescribed by
7 the Commissioner and shall be valid for a period of 30 days from the date of
8 issue.

9 Sec. G.122 23 V.S.A. § 476 is amended to read:

10 § 476. MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTY FEE

11 A motor vehicle warranty fee of ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 is imposed on the registration
12 of each new motor vehicle in this State, not including trailers, tractors,
13 motorized highway building equipment, road-making appliances,
14 snowmobiles, motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, or trucks with a gross vehicle
15 weight over 12,000 pounds.

16 Sec. G.123 23 V.S.A. § 494 is amended to read:

17 § 494. FEES

18 The annual fee for a transporter's registration certificate, number plate, or
19 validation sticker is ~~\$123.00~~ \$148.00.

1 * * * Registration; Display of Number Plates * * *

2 Sec. G.124 23 V.S.A. § 514 is amended to read:

3 § 514. REPLACEMENT NUMBER PLATES

4 (a) In case of the loss of a number plate, the owner of the motor vehicle to
5 which it was assigned shall immediately notify the Commissioner of such loss,
6 and the Commissioner shall furnish such owner with a new plate. The fee
7 charged shall be ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00 for each plate. The owner of a motor vehicle
8 who has lost one number plate may operate ~~his or her~~ the owner's vehicle with
9 only one number plate attached, until a new plate is furnished ~~him or her~~ to the
10 owner, provided ~~he or she~~ the owner notified the Commissioner as required
11 under this section.

12 (b) Any replacement number plate shall be issued at a fee of ~~\$12.00~~ \$15.00.
13 However, if the Commissioner, in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion,
14 determines that a plate has become illegible as a result of deficiencies in the
15 manufacturing process or by use of faulty materials, the replacement fee shall
16 be waived.

17 Sec. G.125 23 V.S.A. § 516 is amended to read:

18 § 516. SALE OF VEHICLE TO GO OUT OF STATE BY A PERSON

19 OTHER THAN DEALER

20 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is authorized to issue an in-transit
21 registration permit for the purpose of movement over the highways of certain

1 motor vehicles otherwise required to be registered when the vehicles are sold
2 in this State by a person, other than a registered motor vehicle dealer, to be
3 transported to and registered in another state or province. The registration may
4 be obtained by submitting an application on a form prescribed and furnished
5 by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner is authorized to
6 charge a fee of ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 for the processing of the application and the
7 issuance of the plate. The in-transit registration plate pursuant to this section
8 shall be valid for a period of 30 days from issuance and shall be in the form
9 and design prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Issuance of an
10 in-transit plate for vehicles sold by a registered motor vehicle dealer to a
11 person to be transported to and registered in another state or province shall be
12 governed by the provisions of section 463 of this title.

13 Sec. G.126 23 V.S.A. § 517 is amended to read:

14 § 517. INTRASTATE IN-TRANSIT PERMIT

15 The Commissioner may issue an intrastate in-transit registration permit to
16 authorize the movement within Vermont of a motor vehicle otherwise required
17 to be registered, if the vehicle is sold in this State by a person other than a
18 registered motor vehicle dealer. The permit may be obtained after submission
19 of an application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner and
20 payment of a ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 fee. The permit shall be valid for a period of 10 days

1 from the date of issuance and shall be in the form and design prescribed by the
2 Commissioner.

3 * * * Operator's License; General Provisions * * *

4 Sec. G.127 23 V.S.A. § 608 is amended to read:

5 § 608. FEES

6 (a) The four-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for licensing an
7 operator of motor vehicles or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be
8 ~~\$51.00~~ \$62.00. The two-year fee required to be paid the Commissioner for
9 licensing an operator or for issuing an operator's privilege card shall be ~~\$32.00~~
10 \$39.00, and the two-year fee for licensing a junior operator or for issuing a
11 junior operator's privilege card shall be ~~\$32.00~~ \$39.00.

12 (b) An additional fee of ~~\$3.00~~ \$4.00 per year shall be paid for a motorcycle
13 endorsement. The endorsement may be obtained for either a two-year or four-
14 year period, to be coincidental with the length of the operator's license.

15 Sec. G.128 23 V.S.A. § 613 is amended to read:

16 § 613. REPLACEMENT LICENSE

17 (a) In case of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of a license or error in a
18 license, the licensee shall forthwith notify the Commissioner who shall furnish
19 such licensee with a replacement on receipt of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00.

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1 Sec. G.129 23 V.S.A. § 617 is amended to read:

2 § 617. LEARNER'S PERMIT

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4 (b)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any
5 licensed person may apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a
6 learner's permit for the operation of a motorcycle in the form prescribed by the
7 Commissioner. The Commissioner shall offer both a motorcycle learner's
8 permit that authorizes the operation of three-wheeled motorcycles only and a
9 motorcycle learner's permit that authorizes the operation of any motorcycle.
10 The Commissioner shall require payment of a fee of ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 at the time
11 application is made.

12 (2) After the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the applicable
13 motorcycle endorsement examination, other than a skill test, the Commissioner
14 may issue to the applicant a learner's permit that entitles the applicant, subject
15 to subsection 615(a) of this title, to operate a three-wheeled motorcycle only,
16 or to operate any motorcycle, upon the public highways for a period of 120
17 days from the date of issuance. The fee for the examination shall be ~~\$9.00~~
18 \$11.00.

19 (3) A motorcycle learner's permit may be renewed only twice upon
20 payment of a ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 fee. If, during the original permit period and two
21 renewals the permittee has not successfully passed the applicable skill test or

1 motorcycle rider training course, ~~he or she~~ the permittee may not obtain
2 another motorcycle learner's permit for a period of 12 months from the
3 expiration of the permit unless:

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5 (d) An applicant shall pay ~~\$20.00~~ \$24.00 to the Commissioner for each
6 learner's permit or a duplicate or renewal thereof.

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8 * * * Operator's License; General Provisions * * *

9 Sec. G.130 23 V.S.A. § 634 is amended to read:

10 § 634. FEE FOR EXAMINATION

11 (a) The fee for an examination for a learner's permit shall be ~~\$32.00~~
12 \$39.00. The fee for an examination to obtain an operator's license when the
13 applicant is required to pass an examination pursuant to section 632 of this title
14 shall be ~~\$19.00~~ \$23.00. The fee for a motorcycle skill test to obtain a
15 motorcycle endorsement shall be ~~\$19.00~~ \$23.00.

16 (b) A scheduling fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$29.00 shall be paid by the applicant before
17 ~~he or she~~ the applicant may schedule the road test required under section 632
18 of this title. Unless an applicant gives the Department at least 48 hours' notice
19 of cancellation, if the applicant does not appear as scheduled, the ~~\$24.00~~
20 \$29.00 scheduling fee is forfeited. If the applicant appears for the scheduled
21 road test, the fee shall be applied toward the license examination fee. The

1 Commissioner may waive the scheduling fee until the Department is capable of
2 administering the fee electronically.

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4 * * * Operator's License; Suspension and Revocation * * *

5 Sec. G.131 23 V.S.A. § 675 is amended to read:

6 § 675. FEE PRIOR TO TERMINATION OR REINSTATEMENT OF
7 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE

8 (a) Before a suspension or revocation issued by the Commissioner of a
9 person's operator's license or privilege of operating a motor vehicle may be
10 terminated or before a person's operator's license or privilege of operating a
11 motor vehicle may be reinstated, there shall be paid to the Commissioner a fee
12 of ~~\$80.00~~ \$96.00 in addition to any other fee required by statute. This section
13 shall not apply to suspensions issued under the provisions of chapter 11 of this
14 title nor suspensions issued for physical disabilities or failing to pass
15 reexamination. The Commissioner shall not reinstate the license of a driver
16 whose license was suspended pursuant to section 1205 of this title until the
17 Commissioner receives certification from the court that the costs due the State
18 have been paid.

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1 * * * Operator's License; Driver Training School Licenses * * *

2 Sec. G.132 23 V.S.A. § 702 is amended to read:

3 § 702. TRAINING SCHOOL AND INSTRUCTOR'S LICENSES

4 A person shall not operate a driver training school or act as an instructor
5 unless the person has secured a license from the Commissioner. Applications
6 for such licenses may be filed with the Commissioner and shall contain the
7 information and shall be on the forms the Commissioner may prescribe. Each
8 application for a driver's training school license shall be accompanied by an
9 application fee of ~~\$150.00~~ \$180.00, which shall not be refunded. If the
10 application is approved by the Commissioner, the applicant upon payment of
11 an additional fee of ~~\$225.00~~ \$270.00 shall be granted a license, which shall
12 become void two years after the first day of the month of issue unless sooner
13 revoked as provided in this subchapter. The renewal fee shall be ~~\$225.00~~
14 \$270.00. Each application for an instructor's license shall be accompanied by
15 an application fee of ~~\$105.00~~ \$126.00, which shall not be refunded. If the
16 application is approved by the Commissioner, the applicant upon payment of
17 an additional fee of ~~\$75.00~~ \$90.00 shall be granted a license, which shall
18 become void two years after the first day of the month of issue unless sooner
19 revoked as provided in this subchapter. The renewal fee shall be ~~\$75.00~~
20 \$90.00.

1 Sec. G.133 23 V.S.A. § 703 is amended to read:

2 § 703. POSSESSION OF LICENSE

3 Each person granted a driver's training school license shall display the same
4 conspicuously on the school premises. Each person granted an instructor's
5 license shall carry the same in ~~his or her~~ the person's possession while engaged
6 in giving driver training. In case of loss, mutilation, or destruction of a license
7 certificate, the Commissioner shall issue a duplicate certificate upon payment
8 of a fee of ~~\$8.00~~ \$10.00.

9 * * * Operation of Vehicles; Equipment * * *

10 Sec. G.134 23 V.S.A. § 1230 is amended to read:

11 § 1230. CHARGE

12 For each inspection certificate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles,
13 the Commissioner shall be paid ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00, provided that State and municipal
14 inspection stations that inspect only State or municipally owned and registered
15 vehicles shall not be required to pay a fee. All vehicle inspection certificate
16 charge revenue shall be allocated to the Transportation Fund with one-half
17 reserved for bridge maintenance activities.

18 * * * Operation of Vehicles; Weight, Size, Loads * * *

19 Sec. G.135 23 V.S.A. § 1392 is amended to read:

20 § 1392. GROSS WEIGHT LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS

1 Except as provided in section 1400 of this title, a person ~~or corporation~~ shall
2 not operate or cause to be operated a motor vehicle in excess of the total
3 weight, including vehicle, object, or contrivance and load, of:

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5 (13) Despite the axle-load provisions of section 1391 of this title and the
6 maximum gross load of subdivision (4) of this section, a special annual permit,
7 which shall expire with the vehicle's registration, except for vehicles not
8 registered in Vermont in which case the permit shall become void on January 1
9 following date of issue, may be issued to a person operating on designated
10 routes on the State Highway System for a fee of ~~\$382.00~~ \$458.00 for each
11 vehicle registered for a weight of 80,000 pounds. This special permit shall be
12 issued only for a combination of vehicle and semi-trailer or trailer equipped
13 with five or more axles, with a distance between axles that meets the minimum
14 requirements of registering the vehicle to 80,000 pounds as allowed under
15 subdivision (4) of this section. The maximum gross load under this special
16 permit shall be 90,000 pounds. Unless authorized by federal law, this
17 subdivision shall not apply to operation on the Dwight D. Eisenhower National
18 System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

19 (14) Despite the axle-load provisions of section 1391 of this title and the
20 axle spacing and maximum gross load provisions of subdivision (4) of this
21 section, a special annual permit, which shall expire with the vehicle's

1 registration, except for vehicles not registered in Vermont in which case the
2 permit shall become void on January 1 following date of issue, may be issued
3 to a person transporting loads on vehicles on designated routes on the State
4 Highway System for the following fees for each vehicle unit. Unless
5 authorized by federal law, the provisions of this subdivision regarding weight
6 limits or tolerances, or both, shall not apply to operation on the Dwight D.
7 Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. This special
8 permit shall be issued for the following vehicles and conditions:

9 (A) 3-axle trucks with a single steering axle and a rear tandem axle
10 that have a maximum gross weight of not more than 60,000 pounds when
11 registered for a minimum gross weight of not more than 55,000 pounds, the
12 permit fee shall be ~~\$156.00~~ \$187.00.

13 (B) 4-axle trucks with a single steering axle and a rear tri-axle unit
14 that have a maximum gross weight of not more than 69,000 pounds when
15 registered for a minimum weight of 60,000 pounds, the permit fee shall be
16 ~~\$352.00~~ \$422.00.

17 (C) 4-axle tractor semi-trailer or truck trailer combination with a
18 maximum gross weight of not more than 72,000 pounds, provided the distance
19 between the second axle of the tractor and the rear axle of the trailer is at least
20 24 feet measured to the nearest foot. For each foot or fraction of a foot less

1 than 24 feet, measured to the nearest foot, a reduction of 2,000 pounds in the
2 maximum gross weight shall be made. The permit fee shall be ~~\$15.00~~ \$18.00.

3 (D) 5- or more axle tractor semi-trailer or truck trailer combination
4 with a maximum gross weight of not more than 76,000 pounds, provided that
5 the distance between the first and last axle of two consecutive sets of tandem
6 axles is at least 24 feet measured to the nearest foot. For each foot or fraction
7 of a foot less than 24 feet, measured to the nearest foot, a reduction of 2,000
8 pounds in the maximum gross weight shall be made. The permit fee shall be
9 ~~\$15.00~~ \$18.00.

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11 (17) Notwithstanding the gross vehicle weight provisions of subdivision
12 (4) of this section, a truck trailer combination or truck tractor, semi-trailer
13 combination with six or more load-bearing axles registered for 80,000 pounds
14 shall be allowed to bear a maximum of 99,000 pounds by special annual
15 permit, which shall expire with the vehicle's registration, except for vehicles
16 not registered in Vermont in which case the permit shall become void on
17 January 1 following the date of issue, for operating on designated routes on
18 State and town highways, subject to the following:

19 * * *

1 (F) The fee for the annual permit as provided in this subdivision (17)
2 shall be ~~\$382.00~~ \$458.00 for vehicles bearing up to 90,000 pounds and
3 ~~\$560.00~~ \$671.00 for vehicles bearing up to 99,000 pounds.

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5 Sec. G.136 23 V.S.A. § 1402 is amended to read:

6 § 1402. OVERWEIGHT, WIDTH, HEIGHT, AND LENGTH PERMITS;

7 FEES

8 (a) Overweight, overwidth, indivisible overlength, and overheight permits.
9 Overweight, overwidth, indivisible overlength, and overheight permits shall be
10 signed by the Commissioner or by ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's agent and a
11 copy shall be kept in the office of the Commissioner or in a location approved
12 by the Commissioner. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a
13 copy shall also be available in the towing vehicle and must be available for
14 inspection on demand of a law enforcement officer. Before operating a
15 traction engine, tractor, trailer, motor truck, or other motor vehicle, the person
16 to whom a permit to operate in excess of the weight, width, indivisible
17 overlength, and height limits established by this title is granted shall pay a fee
18 of ~~\$40.00~~ \$48.00 for each single trip permit or ~~\$112.00~~ \$135.00 for a blanket
19 permit, except that the fee for a fleet blanket permit shall be ~~\$112.00~~ \$135.00
20 for the first unit and ~~\$6.00~~ \$8.00 for each unit thereafter. At the option of a
21 carrier, an annual permit for the entire fleet, to operate over any approved

1 route, may be obtained for ~~\$112.00~~ \$135.00 for the first tractor and ~~\$6.00~~
2 \$8.00 for each additional tractor, up to a maximum fee of \$1,000.00. The fee
3 for a fleet permit shall be based on the entire number of tractors owned by the
4 applicant. An applicant for a fleet permit may apply for any number of
5 specific routes, each of which shall be reviewed with regard to the
6 characteristics of the route and the type of equipment operated by the
7 applicant. When the weight or size of the vehicle-load are considered
8 sufficiently excessive for the routing requested, the Agency of Transportation
9 shall, on request of the Commissioner, conduct an engineering inspection of
10 the vehicle-load and route, for which a fee of \$300.00 will be added to the cost
11 of the permit if the load is a manufactured home. For all other loads of any
12 size or with gross weight limits less than 150,000 pounds, the fee shall be
13 \$800.00 for any engineering inspection that requires up to eight hours to
14 conduct. If the inspection requires more than eight hours to conduct, the fee
15 shall be \$800.00 plus \$60.00 per hour for each additional hour required. If the
16 vehicle and load weigh 150,000 pounds or more but not more than 200,000
17 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$2,000.00. If the vehicle and
18 load weigh more than 200,000 pounds but not more than 250,000 pounds, the
19 engineering inspection fee shall be \$5,000.00. If the vehicle and load weigh
20 more than 250,000 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$10,000.00.
21 The study must be completed prior to the permit being issued. Prior to the

1 issuance of a permit, an applicant whose vehicle weighs 150,000 pounds or
2 more, or is 15 or more feet in width or height, shall file with the Commissioner
3 a special certificate of insurance showing minimum coverage of \$250,000.00
4 for death or injury to one person, \$500,000.00 for death or injury to two or
5 more persons, and \$250,000.00 for property damage, all arising out of any one
6 crash.

7 (b) Overlength permits. Except as provided in subsections 1432(c) and (e)
8 of this title, it shall be necessary to obtain an overlength permit as follows:

9 (1) For vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer longer than 75 feet,
10 anywhere in the State on highways approved by the Agency of Transportation.
11 In such cases, the vehicle may be operated with a single trip overlength permit
12 issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles for a fee of ~~\$28.00~~ \$34.00. If the
13 vehicle is 100 feet or more in length, the permit applicant shall file with the
14 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles a special certificate of insurance showing
15 minimum coverage of \$250,000.00 for death or injury to one person,
16 \$500,000.00 for death or injury to two or more persons, and \$250,000.00 for
17 property damage, all arising out of any one crash.

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19 * * * Title to Motor Vehicles; General Provisions * * *

20 Sec. G.137 23 V.S.A. § 2002 is amended to read:

21 § 2002. FEES

1 (a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees:

2 (1) for any certificate of title, including a salvage certificate of title, or
3 an exempt vehicle title, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

4 (2) for each security interest noted upon a certificate of title, including a
5 salvage certificate of title, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

6 (3) for a certificate of title after a transfer, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

7 (4) for each assignment of a security interest noted upon a certificate of
8 title, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

9 (5) for a duplicate certificate of title, including a salvage certificate of
10 title, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

11 (6) for an ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a
12 distinctive certificate, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

13 (7) for filing a notice of security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

14 (8) for a certificate of search of the records of the Department of Motor
15 Vehicles, for each motor vehicle searched against, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

16 (9) for filing an assignment of a security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

17 (10) for a certificate of title after a security interest has been released,
18 ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00;

19 (11) for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle acquired by a veteran
20 with financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and
21 exempt from registration fees pursuant to section 378 of this title, no fee;

1 (12) for a corrected certificate of title, ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00.

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3 * * * Titling of Vessels, Snowmobiles, and All-terrain Vehicles * * *

4 Sec. G.138. 23 V.S.A. § 3802 is amended to read:

5 § 3802. FEES

6 (a) The Commissioner shall be paid the following fees:

7 (1) for filing an application for a first certificate of title, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

8 (2) for each security interest noted upon a certificate of title, ~~\$11.00~~

9 \$14.00;

10 (3) for a certificate of title after a transfer, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

11 (4) for each assignment of a security interest noted upon a certificate of
12 title, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

13 (5) for a duplicate certificate of title, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

14 (6) for an ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a
15 distinctive certificate, ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

16 (7) for filing a notice of security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

17 (8) for a certificate of search of the records of the Department of Motor
18 Vehicles for each vessel, snowmobile, or all-terrain vehicle searched against,
19 ~~\$22.00~~ \$27.00;

20 (9) for filing an assignment of a security interest, ~~\$11.00~~ \$14.00;

1 Sec. G.140 23 V.S.A. § 4110 is amended to read:

2 § 4110. APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE OR
3 COMMERCIAL LEARNER'S PERMIT

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5 (8) The proper fee.

6 (A) The four-year fee for a commercial driver's license shall be
7 ~~\$90.00~~ \$108.00. The two-year fee shall be ~~\$60.00~~ \$72.00. In those instances
8 where the applicant surrenders a valid Vermont Class D license, the total fees
9 due shall be reduced by:

10 * * *

11 (B) The fee for a commercial learner's permit is ~~\$15.00~~ \$18.00.

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13 (b) When a licensee or permittee changes ~~his or her~~ the licensee's or
14 permittee's name, mailing address, or residence or in the case of the loss,
15 mutilation, or destruction of a license or permit, the licensee or permittee shall
16 forthwith notify the Commissioner and apply in person for a duplicate license
17 or permit in the same manner as set forth in subsection (a) of this section. The
18 fee for a duplicate license or permit shall be ~~\$15.00~~ \$18.00.

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1 leased, or otherwise acquired for use in short-term rentals, in which case the
2 vehicle shall be subject to taxation under subsection (d) of this section.

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4 * * * Effective Dates * * *

5 Sec. H.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

6 (a) This section and Secs. C.100 through C.116 (fiscal year 2023
7 adjustments, appropriations, and amendments) shall take effect upon passage.

8 (b) Sections G.100 through G. 141 shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

9 (c) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

10 And by renumbering all of the sections of the bill to be numerically correct
11 (including internal references) and adjusting all of the totals to be
12 arithmetically correct.