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2 An act related to fiscal year 2024 budget adjustments

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

4 Sec. 1. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.209 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

|   |                    |                       |                  |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 6 | Personal services  | <del>67,754,321</del> | 69,564,321       |
| 7 | Operating expenses | 13,861,460            | 13,861,460       |
| 8 | Grants             | <u>1,591,501</u>      | <u>1,591,501</u> |
| 9 | Total              | <del>83,207,282</del> | 85,017,282       |

10 Source of funds

|    |                             |                       |                  |
|----|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 11 | General fund                | <del>53,896,213</del> | 55,706,213       |
| 12 | Transportation fund         | 20,250,000            | 20,250,000       |
| 13 | Special funds               | 3,166,387             | 3,166,387        |
| 14 | Federal funds               | 4,311,304             | 4,311,304        |
| 15 | Interdepartmental transfers | <u>1,583,378</u>      | <u>1,583,378</u> |
| 16 | Total                       | <del>83,207,282</del> | 85,017,282       |

17 Sec. 2. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.216 is amended to read:

18 Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract

|    |                    |                       |                  |
|----|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 19 | Personal services  | <del>9,124,240</del>  | 9,224,240        |
| 20 | Operating expenses | <u>1,396,315</u>      | <u>1,396,315</u> |
| 21 | Total              | <del>10,520,555</del> | 10,620,555       |

|   |                 |                       |                  |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Source of funds |                       |                  |
| 2 | General fund    | <del>665,922</del>    | 765,922          |
| 3 | Federal funds   | <u>9,854,633</u>      | <u>9,854,633</u> |
| 4 | Total           | <del>10,520,555</del> | 10,620,555       |

5 Sec. 3. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board

|   |                    |                      |                |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 7 | Personal services  | <del>4,829,061</del> | 4,917,181      |
| 8 | Operating expenses | <u>341,631</u>       | <u>764,181</u> |
| 9 | Total              | <del>5,170,692</del> | 5,681,362      |

10 Source of funds

|    |               |                      |                  |
|----|---------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 11 | Special funds | <u>5,170,692</u>     | <u>5,681,362</u> |
| 12 | Total         | <del>5,170,692</del> | 5,681,362        |

13 Sec. 4. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property

15 Source of funds

|    |                             |                        |             |
|----|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 16 | General fund                | <del>208,539,656</del> | 210,449,656 |
| 17 | Transportation fund         | 20,250,000             | 20,250,000  |
| 18 | Special funds               | <del>109,230,607</del> | 109,741,277 |
| 19 | Tobacco fund                | 635,843                | 635,843     |
| 20 | Federal funds               | 133,784,669            | 133,784,669 |
| 21 | Interdepartmental transfers | 13,729,981             | 13,729,981  |

|    |   |                          |                      |
|----|---|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1  | Enterprise funds  | <u>13,816,313</u>        | <u>13,816,313</u>    |
| 2  | Total   | <del>499,987,069</del>   | 502,407,739          |
| 3  | Sec. 5. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:     |                          |                      |
| 4  | Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office |                          |                      |
| 5  | Personal services   | <del>14,083,686</del>    | 15,401,686           |
| 6  | Operating expenses  | 5,402,086                | 5,402,086            |
| 7  | Grants  | <u>2,895,202</u>         | <u>2,895,202</u>     |
| 8  | Total   | <del>22,380,974</del>    | 23,698,974           |
| 9  | Source of funds   |                          |                      |
| 10 | General fund  | <del>9,767,874</del>     | 10,226,874           |
| 11 | Special funds   | 135,517                  | 135,517              |
| 12 | Federal funds   | <del>11,678,441</del>    | 12,537,441           |
| 13 | Interdepartmental transfers   | <u>799,142</u>           | <u>799,142</u>       |
| 14 | Total   | <del>22,380,974</del>    | 23,698,974           |
| 15 | Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:     |                          |                      |
| 16 | Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment                         |                          |                      |
| 17 | Grants  | <del>1,990,896,293</del> | <u>2,039,037,932</u> |
| 18 | Total   | <del>1,990,896,293</del> | 2,039,037,932        |
| 19 | Source of funds   |                          |                      |
| 20 | General fund  | <del>648,528,785</del>   | 657,710,193          |
| 21 | Special funds   | 32,994,384               | 32,994,384           |

|   |                                  |                          |                  |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Tobacco fund                     | 21,049,373               | 21,049,373       |
| 2 | State health care resources fund | <del>25,265,312</del>    | 25,438,836       |
| 3 | Federal funds                    | <del>1,259,024,269</del> | 1,298,107,936    |
| 4 | Interdepartmental transfers      | <u>4,034,170</u>         | <u>3,737,210</u> |
| 5 | Total                            | <del>1,990,896,293</del> | 2,039,037,932    |

6 Sec. 7. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

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

|    |                    |                        |                  |
|----|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 8  | Personal services  | <del>136,568,959</del> | 127,889,514      |
| 9  | Operating expenses | 44,391,640             | 44,391,640       |
| 10 | Grants             | <u>2,912,301</u>       | <u>2,912,301</u> |
| 11 | Total              | <del>183,872,900</del> | 175,193,455      |

12 Source of funds

|    |                             |                        |                  |
|----|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 13 | General fund                | <del>35,605,917</del>  | 39,109,628       |
| 14 | Special funds               | 4,753,011              | 4,753,011        |
| 15 | Federal funds               | <del>134,621,243</del> | 122,016,027      |
| 16 | Global Commitment fund      | 4,220,337              | 4,220,337        |
| 17 | Interdepartmental transfers | <u>4,672,392</u>       | <u>5,094,452</u> |
| 18 | Total                       | <del>183,872,900</del> | 175,193,455      |

19 Sec. 8. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.307 is amended to read:

20 Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program –  
21 global commitment

|    |  |                    |                    |
|----|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Personal services  | 547,983            | 547,983            |
| 2  | Grants   | <u>932,542,238</u> | <u>936,811,294</u> |
| 3  | Total  | <u>933,090,221</u> | <u>937,359,277</u> |
| 4  | Source of funds  |                    |                    |
| 5  | Global Commitment fund   | <u>933,090,221</u> | <u>937,359,277</u> |
| 6  | Total  | <u>933,090,221</u> | <u>937,359,277</u> |
| 7  | Sec. 9. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:  |                    |                    |
| 8  | Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program –    |                    |                    |
| 9  | state only   |                    |                    |
| 10 | Grants   | <u>53,067,318</u>  | <u>55,742,931</u>  |
| 11 | Total  | <u>53,067,318</u>  | <u>55,742,931</u>  |
| 12 | Source of funds  |                    |                    |
| 13 | General fund   | <u>53,062,626</u>  | 54,861,587         |
| 14 | Global Commitment fund   | <u>4,692</u>       | <u>881,344</u>     |
| 15 | Total  | <u>53,067,318</u>  | <u>55,742,931</u>  |
| 16 | Sec. 10. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.310 is amended to read: |                    |                    |
| 17 | Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver   |                    |                    |
| 18 | matched  |                    |                    |
| 19 | Grants   | <u>34,621,472</u>  | <u>34,672,534</u>  |
| 20 | Total  | <u>34,621,472</u>  | <u>34,672,534</u>  |

|   |                 |                       |                   |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Source of funds |                       |                   |
| 2 | General fund    | <del>12,634,069</del> | 12,493,853        |
| 3 | Federal funds   | <u>21,987,403</u>     | <u>22,178,681</u> |
| 4 | Total           | <u>34,621,472</u>     | 34,672,534        |

5 Sec. 11. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.312 Health - public health

|    |                    |                        |                   |
|----|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 7  | Personal services  | 64,592,946             | 64,592,946        |
| 8  | Operating expenses | 13,047,530             | 13,047,530        |
| 9  | Grants             | <u>45,946,724</u>      | <u>53,342,870</u> |
| 10 | Total              | <del>123,587,200</del> | 130,983,346       |

11 Source of funds

|    |                             |                        |               |
|----|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 12 | General fund                | 12,408,429             | 12,408,429    |
| 13 | Special funds               | <del>25,017,725</del>  | 31,148,098    |
| 14 | Tobacco fund                | <del>1,088,918</del>   | 1,306,918     |
| 15 | Federal funds               | 66,753,896             | 66,753,896    |
| 16 | Global Commitment fund      | <del>16,582,951</del>  | 17,630,724    |
| 17 | Interdepartmental transfers | 1,710,281              | 1,710,281     |
| 18 | Permanent trust funds       | <u>25,000</u>          | <u>25,000</u> |
| 19 | Total                       | <del>123,587,200</del> | 130,983,346   |

20 Sec. 12. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:

21 Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

|    |  |                        |                    |
|----|--|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Personal services  | <del>47,716,644</del>  | 50,489,379         |
| 2  | Operating expenses   | 5,272,240              | 5,272,240          |
| 3  | Grants   | <del>264,539,814</del> | <u>264,343,558</u> |
| 4  | Total  | <del>317,528,698</del> | 320,105,177        |
| 5  | Source of funds  |                        |                    |
| 6  | General fund   | <del>25,282,556</del>  | 26,278,924         |
| 7  | Special funds  | 1,708,155              | 1,708,155          |
| 8  | Federal funds  | 10,999,654             | 10,999,654         |
| 9  | Global Commitment fund   | <del>279,524,193</del> | 281,104,304        |
| 10 | Interdepartmental transfers  | <u>14,140</u>          | <u>14,140</u>      |
| 11 | Total  | <del>317,528,698</del> | 320,105,177        |
| 12 | Sec. 13. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:     |                        |                    |
| 13 | Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support |                        |                    |
| 14 | services   |                        |                    |
| 15 | Personal services  | <del>44,446,942</del>  | 46,323,033         |
| 16 | Operating expenses   | 17,162,151             | 17,162,151         |
| 17 | Grants   | <u>3,919,106</u>       | <u>3,919,106</u>   |
| 18 | Total  | <del>65,528,199</del>  | 67,404,290         |
| 19 | Source of funds  |                        |                    |
| 20 | General fund   | <del>37,090,554</del>  | 38,841,112         |
| 21 | Special funds  | 2,781,912              | 2,781,912          |

|   |                             |                       |                |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Federal funds               | 23,540,549            | 23,540,549     |
| 2 | Global Commitment fund      | <del>1,659,321</del>  | 1,784,854      |
| 3 | Interdepartmental transfers | <u>455,863</u>        | <u>455,863</u> |
| 4 | Total                       | <del>65,528,199</del> | 67,404,290     |

5 Sec. 14. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:

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

|    |                    |                        |                   |
|----|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 7  | Personal services  | 43,987,652             | 43,987,652        |
| 8  | Operating expenses | 5,180,385              | 5,180,385         |
| 9  | Grants             | <del>93,421,639</del>  | <u>93,703,581</u> |
| 10 | Total              | <del>142,589,676</del> | 142,871,618       |

11 Source of funds

|    |                             |                        |               |
|----|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 12 | General fund                | <del>59,707,017</del>  | 59,046,300    |
| 13 | Special funds               | 729,587                | 729,587       |
| 14 | Federal funds               | <del>33,937,204</del>  | 34,378,330    |
| 15 | Global Commitment fund      | <del>48,178,131</del>  | 48,679,664    |
| 16 | Interdepartmental transfers | <u>37,737</u>          | <u>37,737</u> |
| 17 | Total                       | <del>142,589,676</del> | 142,871,618   |

18 Sec. 15. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

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

|    |                    |           |           |
|----|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 20 | Personal services  | 5,670,999 | 5,670,999 |
| 21 | Operating expenses | 810,497   | 810,497   |



|    |  |                        |                   |
|----|--|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1  | Grants   | <u>95,860,842</u>      | <u>99,707,882</u> |
| 2  | Total  | <del>102,342,338</del> | 106,189,378       |
| 3  | Source of funds  |                        |                   |
| 4  | General fund   | 35,016,309             | 35,016,309        |
| 5  | Special funds  | 16,745,000             | 16,745,000        |
| 6  | Federal funds  | <del>37,419,258</del>  | 41,266,298        |
| 7  | Global Commitment fund   | <u>13,161,771</u>      | <u>13,161,771</u> |
| 8  | Total  | <del>102,342,338</del> | 106,189,378       |
| 9  | Sec. 16. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:   |                        |                   |
| 10 | Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and |                        |                   |
| 11 | disabled   |                        |                   |
| 12 | Personal services  | 2,252,206              | 2,252,206         |
| 13 | Grants   | <u>10,431,118</u>      | <u>11,181,118</u> |
| 14 | Total  | <del>12,683,324</del>  | 13,433,324        |
| 15 | Source of funds  |                        |                   |
| 16 | General fund   | 7,533,333              | 7,533,333         |
| 17 | Global Commitment fund   | <u>5,149,991</u>       | <u>5,899,991</u>  |
| 18 | Total  | <del>12,683,324</del>  | 13,433,324        |
| 19 | Sec. 17. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:   |                        |                   |
| 20 | Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up               |                        |                   |
| 21 | Operating expenses   | 30,633                 | 30,633            |

|   |                        |                   |                   |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Grants                 | <u>35,536,413</u> | <u>36,683,099</u> |
| 2 | Total                  | <u>35,567,046</u> | 36,713,732        |
| 3 | Source of funds        |                   |                   |
| 4 | General fund           | <u>23,233,869</u> | 24,114,082        |
| 5 | Special funds          | 5,970,229         | 5,970,229         |
| 6 | Federal funds          | <u>3,531,330</u>  | 2,806,330         |
| 7 | Global Commitment fund | <u>2,831,618</u>  | <u>3,823,091</u>  |
| 8 | Total                  | <u>35,567,046</u> | 36,713,732        |

9 Sec. 18. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:

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

|    |                        |                   |                   |
|----|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 12 | Grants                 | <u>22,380,328</u> | <u>22,922,275</u> |
| 13 | Total                  | <u>22,380,328</u> | 22,922,275        |
| 14 | Source of funds        |                   |                   |
| 15 | General fund           | 9,220,695         | 9,220,695         |
| 16 | Federal funds          | 7,321,114         | 7,321,114         |
| 17 | Global Commitment fund | <u>5,838,519</u>  | <u>6,380,466</u>  |
| 18 | Total                  | <u>22,380,328</u> | 22,922,275        |

19 Sec. 19. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:

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

|    |  |                    |                    |
|----|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Grants   | <u>6,638,028</u>   | <u>6,938,028</u>   |
| 2  | Total  | 6,638,028          | 6,938,028          |
| 3  | Source of funds  |                    |                    |
| 4  | Global Commitment fund   | <u>6,638,028</u>   | <u>6,938,028</u>   |
| 5  | Total  | 6,638,028          | 6,938,028          |
| 6  | Sec. 20. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read: |                    |                    |
| 7  | Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care |                    |                    |
| 8  | Grants   | <u>268,715,683</u> | <u>289,878,189</u> |
| 9  | Total  | 268,715,683        | 289,878,189        |
| 10 | Source of funds  |                    |                    |
| 11 | General fund   | 498,579            | 498,579            |
| 12 | Federal funds  | 2,450,000          | 2,450,000          |
| 13 | Global Commitment fund   | <u>265,767,104</u> | <u>286,929,610</u> |
| 14 | Total  | 268,715,683        | 289,878,189        |
| 15 | Sec. 21. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:   |                    |                    |
| 16 | Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services                           |                    |                    |
| 17 | Personal services  | <u>139,473,576</u> | 152,714,793        |
| 18 | Operating expenses   | <u>24,600,099</u>  | <u>24,600,099</u>  |
| 19 | Total  | 164,073,675        | 177,314,892        |
| 20 | Source of funds  |                    |                    |
| 21 | General fund   | 159,502,946        | 167,744,163        |

|    |  |                        |                   |
|----|--|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1  | Special funds  | 935,963                | 935,963           |
| 2  | ARPA State Fiscal  | 0                      | 5,000,000         |
| 3  | Federal funds  | 492,196                | 492,196           |
| 4  | Global Commitment fund   | 2,746,255              | 2,746,255         |
| 5  | Interdepartmental transfers  | <u>396,315</u>         | <u>396,315</u>    |
| 6  | Total  | <del>164,073,675</del> | 177,314,892       |
| 7  | Sec. 22. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.338.1 is amended to read: |                        |                   |
| 8  | Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Reinvestment II                       |                        |                   |
| 9  | Grants   | <del>10,659,519</del>  | <u>11,206,413</u> |
| 10 | Total  | <del>10,659,519</del>  | 11,206,413        |
| 11 | Source of funds  |                        |                   |
| 12 | General fund   | 8,081,831              | 8,081,831         |
| 13 | Federal funds  | 13,147                 | 13,147            |
| 14 | Global Commitment fund   | <del>2,564,541</del>   | <u>3,111,435</u>  |
| 15 | Total  | <del>10,659,519</del>  | 11,206,413        |
| 16 | Sec. 23. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:   |                        |                   |
| 17 | Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services            |                        |                   |
| 18 | Personal services  | <del>18,187,631</del>  | 24,284,571        |
| 19 | Operating expenses   | <del>5,978,873</del>   | <u>6,813,344</u>  |
| 20 | Total  | <del>24,166,504</del>  | 31,097,915        |

|   |                 |                       |                  |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Source of funds |                       |                  |
| 2 | General fund    | 4,199,478             | 9,579,745        |
| 3 | Special funds   | <del>11,655,797</del> | 13,627,301       |
| 4 | Federal funds   | <u>8,311,229</u>      | <u>7,890,869</u> |
| 5 | Total           | 24,166,504            | 31,097,915       |

6 Sec. 24. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.347 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.347 Total human services

|    |                                  |                          |               |
|----|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 8  | Source of funds                  |                          |               |
| 9  | General fund                     | <del>1,231,153,062</del> | 1,262,543,832 |
| 10 | Special funds                    | <del>124,537,345</del>   | 132,639,222   |
| 11 | Tobacco fund                     | <del>23,088,208</del>    | 23,306,208    |
| 12 | State health care resources fund | <del>25,265,312</del>    | 25,438,836    |
| 13 | ARPA State Fiscal                | 0                        | 5,000,000     |
| 14 | Federal funds                    | <del>1,785,709,992</del> | 1,816,381,527 |
| 15 | Global Commitment fund           | <del>1,943,848,077</del> | 1,976,541,555 |
| 16 | Internal service funds           | 1,746,397                | 1,746,397     |
| 17 | Interdepartmental transfers      | <del>28,591,925</del>    | 28,717,025    |
| 18 | Permanent trust funds            | <u>25,000</u>            | <u>25,000</u> |
| 19 | Total                            | <del>5,163,965,318</del> | 5,272,339,602 |

20 Sec. 25. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.500 is amended to read:

21 Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration

|    |  |                               |                    |
|----|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Personal services  | <del>17,683,192</del>         | 16,733,192         |
| 2  | Operating expenses   | <del>4,387,522</del>          | 4,407,522          |
| 3  | Grants   | <u>15,270,700</u>             | <u>15,270,700</u>  |
| 4  | Total  | <del>37,341,414</del>         | 36,411,414         |
| 5  | Source of funds  |                               |                    |
| 6  | General fund   | <del>7,415,742</del>          | 7,465,742          |
| 7  | Special funds  | <del>16,575,926</del>         | 16,595,926         |
| 8  | Education fund   | 3,486,447                     | 3,486,447          |
| 9  | Federal funds  | <del>9,220,942</del>          | 8,220,942          |
| 10 | Global Commitment fund   | 260,000                       | 260,000            |
| 11 | Interdepartmental transfers  | <u>382,357</u>                | <u>382,357</u>     |
| 12 | Total  | <del>37,341,414</del>         | 36,411,414         |
| 13 | Sec. 26. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.502 is amended to read: |                               |                    |
| 14 | Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants               |                               |                    |
| 15 | Grants   | <del><u>226,195,600</u></del> | <u>229,821,806</u> |
| 16 | Total  | <del>226,195,600</del>        | 229,821,806        |
| 17 | Source of funds  |                               |                    |
| 18 | Education fund   | <del><u>226,195,600</u></del> | <u>229,821,806</u> |
| 19 | Total  | <del>226,195,600</del>        | 229,821,806        |
| 20 | Sec. 27. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.505 is amended to read: |                               |                    |
| 21 | Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment                      |                               |                    |

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| 1  | Grants   | <del>1,703,317,103</del> | 1,711,148,481    |
| 2  | Total  | <del>1,703,317,103</del> | 1,711,148,481    |
| 3  | Source of funds  |                          |                  |
| 4  | Education fund   | <del>1,703,317,103</del> | 1,711,148,481    |
| 5  | Total  | <del>1,703,317,103</del> | 1,711,148,481    |
| 6  | Sec. 28. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.509 is amended to read: |                          |                  |
| 7  | Sec. B.509 Education - Afterschool Grant Program                       |                          |                  |
| 8  | Grants   | <u>4,000,000</u>         | <u>4,000,000</u> |
| 9  | Total  | 4,000,000                | 4,000,000        |
| 10 | Source of funds  |                          |                  |
| 11 | Special funds  | 0                        | 4,000,000        |
| 12 | Education fund   | <u>4,000,000</u>         | <u>0</u>         |
| 13 | Total  | 4,000,000                | 4,000,000        |
| 14 | Sec. 29. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.516 is amended to read: |                          |                  |
| 15 | Sec. B.516 Total general education                                     |                          |                  |
| 16 | Source of funds  |                          |                  |
| 17 | General fund   | <del>216,199,064</del>   | 216,249,064      |
| 18 | Special funds  | <del>19,495,486</del>    | 23,515,486       |
| 19 | Tobacco fund   | 750,388                  | 750,388          |
| 20 | Education fund   | <del>2,070,971,937</del> | 2,078,429,521    |
| 21 | Federal funds  | <del>493,305,099</del>   | 492,305,099      |

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|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Global Commitment fund      | 260,000                  | 260,000          |
| 2 | Interdepartmental transfers | 382,357                  | 382,357          |
| 3 | Pension trust funds         | <u>3,448,255</u>         | <u>3,448,255</u> |
| 4 | Total                       | <del>2,804,812,586</del> | 2,815,340,170    |

5 Sec. 30. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.603 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health

|   |        |                      |                  |
|---|--------|----------------------|------------------|
| 7 | Grants | <u>1,157,775</u>     | <u>1,774,148</u> |
| 8 | Total  | <del>1,157,775</del> | 1,774,148        |

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| 10 | General fund           | <del>748,314</del>   | 274,148          |
| 11 | Global Commitment fund | <u>409,461</u>       | <u>1,500,000</u> |
| 12 | Total                  | <del>1,157,775</del> | 1,774,148        |

13 Sec. 31. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.608 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.608 Total higher education

15 Source of funds

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| 16 | General fund           | <del>128,339,478</del> | 127,865,312      |
| 17 | Education fund         | 41,225                 | 41,225           |
| 18 | Global Commitment fund | <u>409,461</u>         | <u>1,500,000</u> |
| 19 | Total                  | <del>128,790,164</del> | 129,406,537      |

20 Sec. 32. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.702 is amended to read:

21 Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services



|    |  |                       |                  |
|----|--|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1  | Personal services  | <del>21,567,730</del> | 22,223,023       |
| 2  | Operating expenses   | 7,140,027             | 7,140,027        |
| 3  | Grants   | <u>936,232</u>        | <u>936,232</u>   |
| 4  | Total  | <del>29,643,989</del> | 30,299,282       |
| 5  | Source of funds  |                       |                  |
| 6  | General fund   | <del>7,173,206</del>  | 7,603,314        |
| 7  | Special funds  | <del>370,644</del>    | 385,694          |
| 8  | Fish and wildlife fund   | 10,921,090            | 10,921,090       |
| 9  | Federal funds  | <del>9,793,589</del>  | 10,003,724       |
| 10 | Interdepartmental transfers  | <u>1,385,460</u>      | <u>1,385,460</u> |
| 11 | Total  | <del>29,643,989</del> | 30,299,282       |
| 12 | Sec. 33. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.710 is amended to read: |                       |                  |
| 13 | Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management       |                       |                  |
| 14 | Personal services  | <del>26,006,961</del> | 29,506,961       |
| 15 | Operating expenses   | 10,026,393            | 10,026,393       |
| 16 | Grants   | <u>4,905,988</u>      | <u>4,905,988</u> |
| 17 | Total  | <del>40,939,342</del> | 44,439,342       |
| 18 | Source of funds  |                       |                  |
| 19 | General fund   | 193,565               | 193,565          |
| 20 | Special funds  | <del>26,236,633</del> | 29,736,633       |
| 21 | Federal funds  | 14,342,090            | 14,342,090       |

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|----|--|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1  | Interdepartmental transfers  | <u>167,054</u>         | <u>167,054</u>    |
| 2  | Total  | <del>40,939,342</del>  | 44,439,342        |
| 3  | Sec. 34. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.714 is amended to read: |                        |                   |
| 4  | Sec. B.714 Total natural resources                                     |                        |                   |
| 5  | Source of funds  |                        |                   |
| 6  | General fund   | <del>37,999,582</del>  | 38,429,690        |
| 7  | Special funds  | <del>79,971,986</del>  | 83,487,036        |
| 8  | Fish and wildlife fund   | 10,921,090             | 10,921,090        |
| 9  | Federal funds  | <del>93,077,302</del>  | 93,287,437        |
| 10 | Interdepartmental transfers  | <u>13,215,308</u>      | <u>13,215,308</u> |
| 11 | Total  | <del>235,185,268</del> | 239,340,561       |
| 12 | Sec. 35. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.800 is amended to read: |                        |                   |
| 13 | Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce     |                        |                   |
| 14 | and community development - administration                             |                        |                   |
| 15 | Personal services  | <del>2,610,304</del>   | 2,510,304         |
| 16 | Operating expenses   | 982,307                | 982,307           |
| 17 | Grants   | <u>539,820</u>         | <u>539,820</u>    |
| 18 | Total  | <del>4,132,431</del>   | 4,032,431         |
| 19 | Source of funds  |                        |                   |
| 20 | General fund   | <del>3,666,442</del>   | 3,566,442         |
| 21 | Federal funds  | 351,000                | 351,000           |

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|----|--|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1  | Interdepartmental transfers  | <u>114,989</u>        | <u>114,989</u>    |
| 2  | Total  | <del>4,132,431</del>  | 4,032,431         |
| 3  | Sec. 36. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.802 is amended to read: |                       |                   |
| 4  | Sec. B.802 Housing and community development                           |                       |                   |
| 5  | Personal services  | <del>6,428,334</del>  | 6,528,334         |
| 6  | Operating expenses   | 705,584               | 705,584           |
| 7  | Grants   | <del>23,739,005</del> | <u>25,967,039</u> |
| 8  | Total  | <del>30,872,923</del> | 33,200,957        |
| 9  | Source of funds  |                       |                   |
| 10 | General fund   | <del>5,031,943</del>  | 5,131,943         |
| 11 | Special funds  | <del>6,937,054</del>  | 9,165,088         |
| 12 | Federal funds  | 15,854,615            | 15,854,615        |
| 13 | Interdepartmental transfers  | <u>3,049,311</u>      | <u>3,049,311</u>  |
| 14 | Total  | <del>30,872,923</del> | 33,200,957        |
| 15 | Sec. 37. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.813 is amended to read: |                       |                   |
| 16 | Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development                    |                       |                   |
| 17 | Source of funds  |                       |                   |
| 18 | General fund   | 21,222,221            | 21,222,221        |
| 19 | Special funds  | <del>32,106,330</del> | 34,334,364        |
| 20 | Federal funds  | 93,013,297            | 93,013,297        |
| 21 | Interdepartmental transfers  | <u>5,062,973</u>      | <u>5,062,973</u>  |



1           (4) \$30,000,000 General Fund to be used as Federal Emergency  
2           Management Agency (FEMA) matching funds for costs incurred due to the  
3           July 2023 flooding event.

4           (5) \$6,250,000 General Fund for local economic damage grants to  
5           municipalities that were impacted by the July 2023 flooding event in counties  
6           that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public  
7           Assistance funds under federal disaster declaration DR-4720-VT. It is the  
8           intent of the General Assembly that these local economic damage grants be  
9           distributed to municipalities throughout the state to address the secondary  
10           economic impacts of the July 2023 flooding event. Monies from these grants  
11           shall not be expended on FEMA-related projects.

12           (A) \$3,250,000 of the funds appropriated in this subdivision (a)(5)  
13           for local economic damage grants shall be distributed as follows:

14           (i) \$1,000,000 to each municipality that as of February 1, 2024 has  
15           at least 450 FEMA-approved Individuals and Households Program  
16           registrations for Individual Assistance relating to the July 2023 flooding event.

17           (ii) \$750,000 to each municipality that as of February 1, 2024 has  
18           less than 450 and at least 95 FEMA-approved Individuals and Households  
19           Program registrations for Individual Assistance relating to the July 2023  
20           flooding event.



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

3 (1) ~~\$725,000~~ \$600,000 General Fund to fund ~~seven~~ six new permanent  
4 full-time positions in the Operations division in fiscal year 2024. These  
5 position costs shall be funded through the Department of Human Resources –  
6 Internal Service Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025;

7 (2) ~~\$75,000~~ \$200,000 General Fund to fund ~~one~~ two new permanent  
8 full-time ~~position~~ positions in the VTHR Operations division in fiscal year  
9 2024. These position costs shall be funded through the ~~Department of Human~~  
10 ~~Resources~~ Financial Management – Internal Service Fund beginning in fiscal  
11 year 2025; and

12 \* \* \*

13 (d) ~~\$200,000 General Fund to the~~ Department of Libraries in. In fiscal year  
14 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

15 (1) \$200,000 General Fund to support the FiberConnect project relating  
16 to ~~Internet~~ internet access in public libraries; and

17 (2) \$11,500 General Fund for contract costs incurred in support of the  
18 Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont pursuant to 2021 Acts  
19 and Resolves No. 66, Sec. 1.

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

3 (1) \$110,000 General Fund for electric vehicle charger inspections.  
4 Funds shall be used for the purchase of two testing units and related equipment  
5 to support the development and implementation of the Commercial Electric  
6 Vehicle Fueling Systems regulatory program;

7 (2) \$1,070,000 General Fund for replacement of the existing Food  
8 Safety Inspection Database; ~~and~~

9 (3) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Salvation Farms to expand  
10 access to locally grown food for all Vermonters; and

11 (4) \$6,000,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State  
12 Fiscal Recovery Fund for water quality grants to partners and farmers, in  
13 accordance with the Clean Water Board’s fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024  
14 budget recommendations and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec.  
15 G.700(a)(6)(A).

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

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





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

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(7) \$5,000,000 General Fund for the purpose of supporting the Community Violence Prevention Program established by legislation enacted in 2023. An amount not to exceed five percent of this appropriation may be used for the administrative costs of the program, including the funding of an existing limited service position at the Department of Health. Unexpended appropriations shall carry forward into the subsequent fiscal year and remain available for use for this purpose. All or part of this appropriation may be transferred to the Department of Health for this Program if necessary;

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

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(3) \$40,000 General Fund ~~the purchase of a driving school vehicle for the Youth Development Program to support foster and former foster youth access to driver's education~~ to fund costs associated with supporting youth in foster care, or formerly in foster care, to learn to drive and to obtain their drivers' licenses and independent transportation;

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

(10) \$300,000 General Fund for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont to provide education regarding the prevention of unsafe infant sleep and to expand programming and support services regarding child abuse often related to parental substance misuse;

(11) \$11,304,802 General Fund for emergency housing needs through the end of fiscal year 2024; and

(12) \$1,329,000 General Fund for standing up shelters.

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(r) Agency of Education. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$200,000 General Fund in fiscal year 2024 to the Agency of Education for the work of the School Construction Task Force; and

(2) \$1,924,495 Education Fund to hold Local Education Agencies harmless for the Special Education Census Block Grant miscalculation.

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

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

3 (2) \$400,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to complete  
4 the Telecom Plan Update scheduled for June 2024; ~~and~~

5 (3) \$300,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to craft policy  
6 proposals to reform and streamline electric sector policy; and

7 (4) \$20,000,000 General Fund for the appropriation established in 2022  
8 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100(a)(28), as amended by 2023 Acts and  
9 Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45, to replenish the \$20,000,000 of General Fund  
10 spending authority transferred by the Emergency Board on July 31, 2023, per  
11 32 V.S.A. §§ 133(b) and 706(2), as directed by order of the Emergency Board  
12 under Item 5(a) – Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

13 \* \* \*

14 (x) Judiciary. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

15 (1)(A) ~~\$4,680,000 General Fund to the Judiciary~~ for the Judiciary  
16 network replacement project.

17 (1)(B) Judiciary shall update the Joint Information Technology  
18 Oversight Committee on the status of this project on or before December 1,  
19 2023.

20 (2) \$300,000 General Fund for the Essex County Courthouse renovation  
21 planning.

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Sec. 41. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1101 is amended to read:

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

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(b) Youth workforce and high school completion.

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(2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$1,380,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Education for grants to Adult Basic Education programs to provide deficit assistance and bridge funding for Adult Basic Education programs while the study and report required by Sec. E.504 of this act is completed. Of the funds appropriated in this section, \$380,000 shall be allocated to Adult Basic Education providers as follows:

- (A) \$300,000 to Vermont Adult Learning;
- (B) \$40,000 to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services;
- (C) \$20,000 to Central Vermont Adult Education; and
- (D) \$20,000 to the Tutorial Center.

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1 (d) Healthcare and social services workforce.

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

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



1           (c) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of ~~\$50,000,000~~ \$52,000,000 General  
2 Fund is appropriated to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board  
3 (VHCB):

4           (1) \$10,000,000 to provide support and enhance capacity for emergency  
5 shelter and permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness. The funds  
6 shall be used to expand Vermont's shelter capacity, provide homes for those  
7 experiencing homelessness, and decrease reliance on the General Assistance  
8 Emergency Housing hotel and motel program. The Vermont Housing and  
9 Conservation Board shall consult with the Agency of Human Services to  
10 ensure new investments in homes and shelters are paired with appropriate  
11 support services for residents, including services supported through Medicaid.  
12 Funded projects may utilize a range of housing options, including the  
13 expansion of shelter capacity, the conversion of hotels to housing, creation of  
14 permanent supportive housing, and utilization of manufactured homes on infill  
15 sites.

16           (2) ~~\$40,000,000~~ \$30,000,000 to provide support and enhance capacity  
17 for the production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing  
18 and homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes  
19 and communities, permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness,  
20 recovery residences, and housing available to farm workers and refugees. The



1 Board is authorized to utilize up to 10 percent of these resources for innovative  
2 approaches to helping communities meet their housing needs.

3 (3) \$10,000,000 to:

4 (A) Provide support and enhance the capacity, availability, and  
5 utilization of manufactured homes in cooperatively owned, nonprofit, and  
6 privately owned manufactured home parks with vacant and available lots. The  
7 Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall consult with the Department  
8 of Housing and Community Development to ensure that new investments  
9 prioritize individuals and families exiting from hotels and motels in accordance  
10 with 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81.

11 (B) Provide support, expand emergency shelter capacity, and provide  
12 permanent homes to households experiencing homelessness, while decreasing  
13 reliance on motels and hotels used by beneficiaries of the emergency housing  
14 transition benefit established in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81 and  
15 participants of the General Assistance emergency housing program. The  
16 Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall consult with the Agency of  
17 Human Services to ensure that new investments in emergency shelters and  
18 permanent homes are paired with appropriate support services for residents.

19 (4) \$2,000,000 for emergency shelter projects in central Vermont and  
20 southeastern Vermont.

1 Sec. 43. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1103 is amended to read:

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

3 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

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5 (h) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 General Fund is  
6 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
7 Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act as codified in  
8 10 V.S.A. chapter 159. Funds shall be used for ~~the~~ assessment and cleanup  
9 planning ~~for a maximum~~ of 25 brownfields sites.

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11 (n) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$165,000 General Fund is  
12 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation to complete the  
13 engineering assessment for the Green River Reservoir Dam. The Department  
14 shall share the findings of the assessment with Morrisville Water and Light.

15 Sec. 44. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1104 is amended to read:

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

17 RETIRED TEACHERS’ COST OF LIVING PAYMENT

18 (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025  
19 to the contrary, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State  
20 Teachers’ Retirement System from the Education Fund for Calendar Year  
21 2023 supplemental payments made in Sec. E.514.2(b) of this act and

1 associated costs and to fund the present value of modifications to the  
2 postretirement adjustments allowance.

3 Sec. 45. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1105(d) is amended to read:

4 (d) In fiscal year 2024, to the extent funds are available from transfers  
5 made in Sec. C.109 of this act, and before the appropriation identified in 2023  
6 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 7(a), the projects in this subsection shall  
7 receive an appropriation from the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments,  
8 and Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential  
9 Investments in the following order:

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11 Sec. 46. 29 V.S.A. § 161 is amended to read:

12 § 161. REQUIREMENTS ON STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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14 (b) Each contract awarded under this section for any State project with a  
15 construction cost exceeding \$100,000.00, a construction project with a  
16 construction cost exceeding \$200,000.00 that is authorized and is at least  
17 50 percent funded by a capital construction act pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 701a,  
18 or a construction project with a construction cost exceeding \$200,000.00 that is  
19 at least 50 percent funded by the Cash Fund for Capital ~~Infrastructure~~ and  
20 ~~Other~~ Essential Investments established in 32 V.S.A. § ~~1001~~ 1001b shall  
21 provide that all construction employees working on the project shall be paid

1 not less than the mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont  
2 Department of Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey plus an  
3 additional fringe benefit of 42 and one-half percent of wage, as calculated by  
4 the current Vermont prevailing wage survey. As used in this section, “fringe  
5 benefits” means benefits, including paid vacations and holidays, sick leave,  
6 employer contributions and reimbursements to health insurance and retirement  
7 benefits, and similar benefits that are incidents of employment.

8 Sec. 47. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.108 is amended to read:

9 Sec. C.108 RESERVES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND

10 JOBS ACT (IIJA) MATCH

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12 (b) To the extent available in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, the amount of  
13 \$14,500,000 is reserved in the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and  
14 Reserves subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments,  
15 from the transfer provided in subdivision D.101(a)(1)(D)(ii) of this act, to  
16 provide the State match in fiscal years 2025 and 2026 needed for federal  
17 funding for water and wastewater related projects under the IIJA. These funds  
18 shall only be expended if authorized by the General Assembly.

19 Sec. 48. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.109 is amended to read:

20 Sec. C.109 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTINGENT TRANSFERS TO CASH

21 FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS:

1 (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, to the extent any fund  
2 specified in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. D.101(b)(2) as amended by  
3 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 48 has ~~an~~ a remaining unobligated fund  
4 balance in fiscal year 2023 after the transfers to the General Fund are made, the  
5 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer to the subaccount  
6 created under 32 V.S.A. § 1001b(b)(2) the respective fiscal year 2023  
7 unobligated special fund balances. The Commissioner shall report the amounts  
8 transferred pursuant to this provision to the Joint Fiscal Committee in July  
9 2023.

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11 Sec. 49. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2023  
12 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.115, is further amended to read:

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

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

19 (1) Up to \$1,000,000 shall be available for the retention of technical  
20 experts to assist the Public Safety Communications Task Force with the  
21 analysis and planning required by ~~Sec. C.112 of this act~~ 2023 Acts and

1 Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.114 and to fund the administrative expenses incurred  
2 by the Public Safety Communications Task Force. If the Task Force  
3 determines ~~in calendar year 2023~~ that additional funding is necessary to  
4 achieve its purposes, it may submit a request to the Joint Fiscal Committee.  
5 The Joint Fiscal Committee is authorized to approve up to an additional  
6 \$1,000,000.

7 (2) Up to \$4,500,000 shall be available to provide funding for pilot  
8 projects pursuant to ~~Sec. C.112(f), of this act~~ 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78,  
9 Sec. C.114(f).

10 (3) Any remaining amounts not obligated pursuant to subdivisions  
11 (1) and (2) of this subsection ~~(b) shall be held in reserve~~ remain unobligated  
12 and unexpended until approval to expend the funds is authorized by further  
13 enactment of the General Assembly.

14 (4) ~~It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of~~  
15 ~~Public Safety~~ In order to extract the greatest value from the limited State and  
16 federal dollars currently available for public safety communications  
17 modernization, it is the intent of the General Assembly that all such funding is  
18 expended in an efficient and complementary manner. To that end, the  
19 Commissioner of Public Safety shall seek to draw and deploy the \$9,000,000  
20 in Congressionally Directed Spending to support Vermont's transition to a  
21 modernized, regional communications network in a manner that coordinates

1 with and advances, to the greatest extent possible, the ~~goals of a statewide~~  
2 public safety communications system developed by the Public Safety  
3 Communications Task Force. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall  
4 ~~consult with~~ promptly inform the Public Safety Communications Task Force as  
5 ~~the~~ federal parameters for expending the funds become available and as the  
6 Commissioner develops a and, if necessary, revises the plan to expend such  
7 funds. The Commissioner shall solicit recommendations from the Task Force  
8 regarding the plan, including any revisions to the plan, the implementation  
9 schedule, and specific expenditures. In addition, the Commissioner shall  
10 update the Joint Fiscal Committee on planned expenditures.

11 \* \* \*

12 Sec. 50. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.114(f) is amended to read:

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

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18 Sec. 51. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.120 is amended to read:

19 Sec. C.120 ~~BALANCE RESERVE UNRESERVED; RESERVED FOR~~

20 ~~VCBB~~





1 accordance with the requirements of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 and in a manner  
2 designed to achieve rapid deployment and administrative efficiency, and may  
3 reallocate funds across governmental units in a net-neutral manner as follows  
4 for a total of \$9,400,000:

5 (1) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to  
6 reallocate General Fund appropriations made to the ~~Vermont Housing and~~  
7 ~~Conservation Board in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45~~ Department of  
8 Corrections in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.338. In exchange, the  
9 Secretary of Administration shall provide an amount equal to the reallocation  
10 amount to the ~~Vermont Housing and Conservation Board from the federal~~  
11 ~~funds appropriated through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which~~  
12 ~~was originally approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to Grant~~  
13 ~~Request #3034.~~

14 (2) ~~The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to~~  
15 ~~reallocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal~~  
16 ~~Recovery Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in 2021 Acts~~  
17 ~~and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300(a)(31), as amended by 2022 Acts and~~  
18 ~~Resolves No. 83, Sec. 68~~ Department of Corrections from American Rescue  
19 Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund dollars  
20 appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in 2021 Acts and Resolves No.  
21 74, Sec. G.300(a)(31), as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 68.

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Sec. 53. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.100 is amended to read:

Sec. D.100 ~~APPROPRIATIONS~~ ALLOCATIONS; PROPERTY  
TRANSFER TAX

(a) This act contains the following amounts ~~appropriated from~~ allocated to special funds that receive revenue from the property transfer tax. ~~Expenditures from these appropriations~~ These allocations shall not exceed available revenues.

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

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

1           (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property  
2 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the  
3 affordable housing bond (10 V.S.A. § 314) shall be offset by the reduction of  
4 \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation  
5 Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a.  
6 The fiscal year 2024 appropriation of \$21,462,855 to the Vermont Housing and  
7 Conservation Board reflects the \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing  
8 bond and related property transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed  
9 after the life of the bond on July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, it is the  
10 intent of the General Assembly that the \$1,500,000 reduction in the  
11 appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board should be  
12 restored.

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

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

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

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

3 Sec. 54. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.100.1 is amended to read:

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

5 PLANNING FUNDS

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

9 Sec. 55. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

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

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

13 (1) From the General Fund to:

14 \* \* \*

15 (E) the Fire Prevention/Building Inspection Special Fund (21901):

16 \$1,500,000.00; ~~and~~

17 (F) the Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (21909):

18 \$3,600,000.00;

19 (G) the State Liability Insurance Fund (56200): \$9,500,000.00;

20 (H) the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (21555):

21 \$17,250,000.00;



1           (B) the General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (35100):

2           \$327,405.00.

3           (5) From the Waste Management Assistance Fund (21285) to:

4           (A) the Environmental Contingency Fund (21275): \$3,500,000.00.

5           (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
6           2024:

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

|    |   |   |
|----|---|---|
| 9  | 22005 AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts          | \$4,641,960                               |
| 10 | 50300 Liquor Control Fund                                 | \$21,200,000                              |
| 11 | <u>50250 Sports Wagering Fund</u>                         | <del>\$1,204,000</del> <u>\$3,200,000</u> |
| 12 | <del>Caledonia Fair</del>                                 | \$5,000                                   |
| 13 | <del>North Country Hospital Loan Repayment</del>          | \$24,047                                  |
| 14 | <del>Springfield Hospital Promissory Note Repayment</del> | \$121,416                                 |
| 15 | <u>21970 Registration Fees Fund</u>                       | <u>\$605,273.01</u>                       |
| 16 | <u>21065 Financial Institutions Supervision Fund</u>      | <u>\$4,024,748</u>                        |

17           (2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of  
18           unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred to the General Fund. The  
19           Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report to the Joint Fiscal  
20           Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred from each fund



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| 1  | <u>1140070000</u> | <u>Use Tax Reimbursement Program</u>      | <u>\$120,096.98</u>    |
| 2  | <u>1140330000</u> | <u>Renter Rebates</u>                     | <u>\$943,487.35</u>    |
| 3  | <u>1150891901</u> | <u>Electric Vehicle Charge</u>            | <u>\$4,412.78</u>      |
| 4  | <u>1250010000</u> | <u>Auditor of Accounts</u>                | <u>\$21,067.71</u>     |
| 5  | <u>1260010000</u> | <u>Office of the Treasurer</u>            | <u>\$110,821.00</u>    |
| 6  | <u>2110010000</u> | <u>Assigned Counsel</u>                   | <u>\$3.37</u>          |
| 7  | <u>2120892203</u> | <u>JUD – County Courthouse HVAC</u>       | <u>\$300,000.00</u>    |
| 8  | <u>2130200000</u> | <u>Sheriffs</u>                           | <u>\$29,880.53</u>     |
| 9  | <u>2130400000</u> | <u>SIUS Parent Account</u>                | <u>\$167,678.27</u>    |
| 10 | <u>2130500000</u> | <u>Crime Victims Advocates</u>            | <u>\$18,465.95</u>     |
| 11 | <u>2150010000</u> | <u>Military – Administration</u>          | <u>\$100,782.00</u>    |
| 12 | <u>2160892102</u> | <u>CCVS-BCJC for St Jo’s Orphan</u>       | <u>\$88.00</u>         |
| 13 | <u>2200010000</u> | <u>Administration Division</u>            | <u>\$389,654.70</u>    |
| 14 | <u>2230892202</u> | <u>SOS – One-Time FY22 Election</u>       |                        |
| 15 |                   | <u>Cost</u>                               | <u>\$171,400.78</u>    |
| 16 | <u>2320020000</u> | <u>Liquor Enforcement &amp; Licensing</u> | <u>\$15,000.00</u>     |
| 17 | <u>3150070000</u> | <u>Mental Health</u>                      | <u>\$2,772,735.17</u>  |
| 18 | <u>3310000000</u> | <u>Commission on Women</u>                | <u>\$11,173.77</u>     |
| 19 | <u>3330010000</u> | <u>Green Mountain Care Board</u>          | <u>\$250,000.00</u>    |
| 20 | <u>3400001000</u> | <u>Secretary’s Office Admin Costs</u>     | <u>\$475,775.00</u>    |
| 21 | <u>3400004000</u> | <u>Global Commitment</u>                  | <u>\$11,676,230.24</u> |



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| 1  | <u>3400010000</u> | <u>Human Services Board</u>         | <u>\$110,000.00</u>   |
| 2  | <u>3400892109</u> | <u>St Match – Act 155 4(a),5(a)</u> | <u>\$34,350.00</u>    |
| 3  | <u>3400892203</u> | <u>AHSCO – COVID-19</u>             |                       |
| 4  |                   | <u>Emergent/Exigen</u>              | <u>\$4,868,985.74</u> |
| 5  | <u>3400892205</u> | <u>AHSCO – Workforce</u>            |                       |
| 6  |                   | <u>Recruitment</u>                  | <u>\$4,367,147.39</u> |
| 7  | <u>3400892312</u> | <u>AHSCO – VT Nursing</u>           |                       |
| 8  |                   | <u>Forgivable Loan</u>              | <u>\$13,403.00</u>    |
| 9  | <u>3410018000</u> | <u>DVHA – Medicaid-Non-</u>         |                       |
| 10 |                   | <u>Waiver Program</u>               | <u>\$525,610.73</u>   |
| 11 | <u>3420060000</u> | <u>Substance Use Programs</u>       | <u>\$119,130.89</u>   |
| 12 | <u>3440010000</u> | <u>DCFS – Admin &amp; Support</u>   |                       |
| 13 |                   | <u>Services</u>                     | <u>\$2,595,167.55</u> |
| 14 | <u>3440020000</u> | <u>DCFS – Family Services</u>       | <u>\$2,864,970.25</u> |
| 15 | <u>3440030000</u> | <u>DCFS – Child Development</u>     | <u>\$3,131,063.24</u> |
| 16 | <u>3440050000</u> | <u>DCFS – AABD</u>                  | <u>\$451,263.27</u>   |
| 17 | <u>3440060000</u> | <u>DCFS – General Assistance</u>    | <u>\$1,414,739.60</u> |
| 18 | <u>3440080000</u> | <u>DCFS – Reach Up</u>              | <u>\$979,674.76</u>   |
| 19 | <u>3440100000</u> | <u>DCFS – OEO Office of</u>         |                       |
| 20 |                   | <u>Economic Opp.</u>                | <u>\$273,038.00</u>   |

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| 1  | <u>3440120000</u> | <u>DCFS – Secure Res.</u>             |                       |
| 2  |                   | <u>Treatment</u>                      | <u>\$2,752,270.00</u> |
| 3  | <u>3440130000</u> | <u>DCFS – DDS</u>                     | <u>\$80,299.43</u>    |
| 4  | <u>3440891908</u> | <u>Weatherization Assist Bridge</u>   | <u>\$1,892.85</u>     |
| 5  | <u>3440892214</u> | <u>DCF – Childcare Provider</u>       |                       |
| 6  |                   | <u>Workforce</u>                      | <u>\$2,879,549.25</u> |
| 7  | <u>3440892309</u> | <u>DCF – Worker Retention</u>         |                       |
| 8  |                   | <u>Grant</u>                          | <u>\$564,500.00</u>   |
| 9  | <u>3480007000</u> | <u>Corrections – Justice Reinvest</u> | <u>\$831,964.28</u>   |
| 10 | <u>4100500000</u> | <u>VT Department of Labor</u>         | <u>\$2,400,000.00</u> |
| 11 | <u>5100010000</u> | <u>Administration</u>                 | <u>\$0.03</u>         |
| 12 | <u>5100060000</u> | <u>Adult Basic Education</u>          | <u>\$136.13</u>       |
| 13 | <u>5100892214</u> | <u>AOA – School Food Program</u>      |                       |
| 14 |                   | <u>Admin</u>                          | <u>\$50,670.70</u>    |
| 15 | <u>5100892301</u> | <u>AOE – Child Nutrition</u>          | <u>\$244,648.60</u>   |
| 16 | <u>5100892309</u> | <u>AOE – Staffing</u>                 | <u>\$146,649.08</u>   |
| 17 | <u>6100040000</u> | <u>Property Tax Assessment</u>        |                       |
| 18 |                   | <u>Approp.</u>                        | <u>\$9,542.14</u>     |
| 19 | <u>6130030000</u> | <u>Parks</u>                          | <u>\$3.85</u>         |
| 20 | <u>6130891903</u> | <u>Logger Safety, Value Added</u>     | <u>\$108.51</u>       |
| 21 | <u>6140040000</u> | <u>Water Programs Appropriation</u>   | <u>\$0.20</u>         |

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| 1 | <u>7110010000</u> | <u>Housing &amp; Community Development</u> | <u>\$1.86</u>   |
| 2 | <u>7120010000</u> | <u>Economic Development</u>                | <u>\$0.71</u>   |
| 3 | <u>7130000000</u> | <u>Dept. of Tourism &amp; Marketing</u>    | <u>\$230.47</u> |

4           (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
5 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Transportation Fund from the  
6 accounts indicated:

|   |                   |                                  |                     |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 7 | <u>1150400000</u> | <u>BGS – Information Centers</u> | <u>\$183,952.35</u> |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|

8           (3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
9 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Transportation Infrastructure  
10 Bond Fund from the accounts indicated:

|    |                   |                            |                       |
|----|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 11 | <u>8100001100</u> | <u>Program Development</u> | <u>\$3,239,445.00</u> |
|----|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|

12           (4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
13 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the  
14 accounts indicated:

|    |                   |                       |                       |
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| 15 | <u>5100010000</u> | <u>Administration</u> | <u>\$1,280,710.79</u> |
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|----|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 16 | <u>5100110000</u> | <u>Small School Grant</u> | <u>\$391,067.00</u> |
|----|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|

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|----|-------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 17 | <u>5100200000</u> | <u>Education – Technical Education</u> | <u>\$1,204,216.38</u> |
|----|-------------------|--|-----------------------|

|    |                   |                                    |                       |
|----|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 18 | <u>5100892310</u> | <u>Education – Universal Meals</u> | <u>\$6,823,849.84</u> |
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19           (5) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
20 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Clean Water Fund from the  
21 accounts indicated:





1 and are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public  
2 Assistance funds under federal disaster declaration DR-4720-VT.

3 \* \* \*

4 Sec. 56. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.100 is amended to read:

5 Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

6 (a) The establishment of ~~68~~ 75 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal  
7 year 2024 for the following:

8 (1) Permanent classified positions:

9 \* \* \*

10 (R) Department for Children and Families:

11 (i) five Family Service Workers;

12 (S) Cannabis Control Board:

13 (i) one Compliance Agent; and

14 (ii) one Deputy Director of Compliance and Enforcement.

15 \* \* \*

16 (c) The establishment of ~~9~~ 12 new classified limited service positions is  
17 authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

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19 (3) Department of Finance and Management:

20 (A) one VISION Reporting Analyst III; and

21 (B) two VISION Financial Analysts II.

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Sec. 57. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.501(a) is amended to read:

(a) \$52,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2022 from American Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds as follows:

\* \* \*

(4) \$12,800,000 to the Agency of Administration for a Human Capital Management ERP upgrade - replacement of the HR system that tracks employee information, timesheets, and contracts, including a VANTAGE budget system upgrade and interface with the new HR system. Up to \$3,000,000 of these funds may be expended for other Enterprise Resource Planning modernization related projects, including business process transformation.

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Sec. 58. 3 V.S.A. § 3306 is amended to read:

§ 3306. TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND

(a) Creation. There is created the Technology Modernization Special Fund, to be administered by the Agency of Digital Services. Monies in the Fund shall be used to fund business process transformation and to purchase, implement, and upgrade technology platforms, systems, and cybersecurity services used by State agencies and departments to carry out their statutory functions.

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Sec. 59. AGENCY OF ADMINISTRATION; ENTERPRISE RESOURCE  
PLANNING

(a) In fiscal year 2024, the Agency of Administration shall report to the Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee within three business days after any change in status of any contract relating to the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Modernization – Business Transformation project changes.

(b) The Agency of Administration shall share the results of its independent review with the Committee within three business days after its completion.

Sec. 60. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.111.2 is amended to read:

Sec. E.111.2 TAX COMPUTER SYSTEM MODERNIZATION FUND  
TRANSFER

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

Sec. 61. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.131.2 is added to read:

Sec. E.131.2 TREASURER; STATE RESERVES STUDY

(a) On or before December 15, 2024, the Treasurer shall, in consultation with the Department of Finance and Management and the Joint Fiscal Office, submit a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on the State’s fiscal



1 reserve practices and the fiscal reserve practices of other states. The report  
2 shall include a review of:

3 (1) the current fiscal reserve practices of the State, including a review of  
4 which funds have statutory reserves and which funds do not;

5 (2) the fiscal reserve practices of other states and best practices;

6 (3) how Vermont's fiscal reserve practices compare to those of other  
7 states and to best practices; and

8 (4) the cash reserve policies of the State as it compares to reserve  
9 requirements.

10 (b) The report shall include the Treasurer's findings and any  
11 recommendations for changes in the fiscal reserve practices of the State.

12 Sec. 62. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.131.3 is added to read:

13 Sec. E.131.3 TREASURER; STRESS-TESTING REPORT

14 (a) On or before December 15, 2024, the Treasurer, in consultation with the  
15 Department of Finance and Management and the Joint Fiscal Office, shall  
16 submit a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on fiscal stress-testing  
17 practices and methodologies in other states. The report shall address the extent  
18 to which such practices may be useful or beneficial and include any  
19 recommendations for the implementation of stress-testing practices in State  
20 government.

1 Sec. 63. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.300.2 is amended to read:

2 Sec. E.300.2 BLUEPRINT FOR HEALTH HUB AND SPOKE  
3 PROGRAM PILOT; FUND SOURCES

4 (a) The Agency of Human Services, in collaboration with the Departments  
5 of Vermont Health Access and of Health, shall identify alternative fund  
6 sources, including sales tax revenue from tobacco, cannabis, and liquor, for  
7 ongoing funding of the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke pilot program  
8 funded in Sec. B.1100 of this act and shall update the Joint Fiscal Committee  
9 on its findings on or before November 15, 2023.

10 Sec. 64. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.301 is amended to read:

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

12 \* \* \*

13 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a  
14 total estimated sum of ~~\$25,231,644~~ \$25,050,921 is anticipated to be certified as  
15 State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

16 \* \* \*

17 (c) Up to ~~\$4,034,170~~ \$3,737,210 is transferred from the AHS Federal  
18 Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund consistent  
19 with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301, Secretary's Office – Global  
20 Commitment, of this act.

1 Sec. 65. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.312 is amended to read:

2 Sec. E.312 HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH

3 (a) HIV/AIDS funding:

4 \* \* \*

5 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in  
6 the amount of \$300,000 in General Funds Fund dollars and \$218,000 Tobacco  
7 Litigation Settlement Fund dollars to the current syringe exchange programs in  
8 Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS  
9 prevention providers for syringe exchange programs. The method by which  
10 these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual  
11 agreement of the Department of Health, the Vermont AIDS service  
12 organizations, and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The  
13 performance period for these grants shall be State fiscal year 2024. Grant  
14 reporting shall include outcomes and results.

15 (A) The \$218,000 Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund dollars  
16 appropriated to the Department of Health in Sec. B.312 of this act for grants to  
17 the current syringe exchange programs in Vermont shall be distributed as  
18 follows:

19 (i) \$148,000 to Vermont Cares;

20 (ii) \$30,000 to the AIDS Project of Southern Vermont;

21 (iii) \$15,000 to the HIV/HCV Resource Center; and



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(38) \$30,000 to the Department of Health ~~for a grant~~ to enter into an agreement with the American Heart Association for CPR and First Aid Training kits to facilitate training in schools.

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Sec. 68. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 53(a), as amended by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 81 is further amended to read:

(a) Reversion. In fiscal year 2023, of the amounts appropriated in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300(a)(13) and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 9, Sec. 3(b)(1), from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the Economic Recovery Grant Program, ~~\$25,042,000.00~~ \$24,980,874.93 shall revert to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Sec. 69. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 22, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION; COMMUNITY NEEDLE AND SYRINGE  
DISPOSAL PROGRAMS

~~in~~ Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2024, \$150,000.00 is ~~authorized~~ appropriated from the Evidence-Based Education and Advertising Fund ~~in~~ established by 33 V.S.A. § 2004a to the Department of Health’s Division of Substance Use Programs to provide grants and

1 consultations for municipalities, hospitals, community health centers, and other  
2 publicly available community needle and syringe disposal programs that  
3 participated in a stakeholder meeting pursuant to Sec. 2 of this act.

4 Sec. 70. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 22, Sec. 14 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 14. APPROPRIATION; OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL FUND

6 In fiscal year 2023, the following monies shall be appropriated from the  
7 Opioid Abatement Special Fund pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4774:

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9 (9) All appropriations made in this section shall carry forward into fiscal  
10 year 2024 unless reverted as part of the fiscal year 2024 budget adjustment act.

11 Sec. 71. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.600(b), as amended by 2023  
12 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 85, and 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 62, Sec.  
13 26, is further amended to read:

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

18 \* \* \*

19 (4) ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$4,000,000 to the Agency of Transportation to grant to  
20 the Community Action Agencies to support the MileageSmart Program,  
21 established in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34, as amended.



1 General Assistance Emergency Housing Program as set forth in this act, then  
2 the General Assembly may provide additional spending authority as needed.

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4 Sec. 73. 10 V.S.A. § 6083a is amended to read:

5 § 6083a. ACT 250 FEES

6 (a) All applicants for a land use permit under section 6086 of this title shall  
7 be directly responsible for the costs involved in the publication of notice in a  
8 newspaper of general circulation in the area of the proposed development or  
9 subdivision and the costs incurred in recording any permit or permit  
10 amendment in the land records. In addition, applicants shall be subject to each  
11 of the following fees for each individual permit or permit application for the  
12 purpose of compensating the State of Vermont for the direct and indirect costs  
13 incurred with respect to the administration of the Act 250 program:

14 \* \* \*

15 Sec. 74. 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b)(2) is amended to read:

16 (2) To cover the cost of fund auditing, accounting, revenue collection,  
17 and of short-term borrowing to meet fund cash flow requirements.

18 Sec. 75. 18 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

19 § 1001. REPORTS TO COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

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1 (b) Public health records developed or acquired by State or local public  
2 health agencies that relate to HIV or AIDS and that contain either personally  
3 identifying information or information that may indirectly identify a person  
4 shall be confidential and only disclosed following notice to and written  
5 authorization from the individual subject of the public health record or the  
6 individual's legal representative. Notice otherwise required pursuant to this  
7 section shall not be required for disclosures to the federal government; other  
8 departments, agencies, or programs of the State; or other states' infectious  
9 disease surveillance programs if the disclosure is for the purpose of comparing  
10 the details of potentially duplicative case reports, public health surveillance, or  
11 epidemiological follow-up, provided the information shall be shared using the  
12 least identifying information first so that the individual's name shall be used  
13 only as a last resort.

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15 Sec. 76. 33 V.S.A. § 3511 is amended to read:

16 § 3511. DEFINITIONS

17 As used in this chapter:

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19 (7) "Family child care home" means a child care facility that provides  
20 care on a regular basis in the caregiver's own residence ~~for not more than 10~~  
21 ~~children at any one time. Of this number, up to six children may be provided~~

1 ~~care on a full-time basis and the remainder on a part-time basis. As used in~~  
2 ~~this subdivision, care of a child on a part-time basis shall mean care of a~~  
3 ~~school-age child for not more than four hours a day. These limits shall not~~  
4 ~~include children who reside in the residence of the caregiver, except:~~

5 ~~(A) These part-time, school-age children may be cared for on a full-~~  
6 ~~day basis during school closing days, snow days, and vacation days that occur~~  
7 ~~during the school year.~~

8 ~~(B) During the school summer vacation, up to 12 children may be~~  
9 ~~cared for provided that at least six of these children are of school age and a~~  
10 ~~second staff person is present and on duty when the number of children in~~  
11 ~~attendance exceeds six. These limits shall not include children who are~~  
12 ~~required by law to attend school (seven years of age and older) and who reside~~  
13 ~~in the residence of the caregiver.~~

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15 Sec. 77. 29 V.S.A. chapter 61 is amended to read:

16 CHAPTER 61. MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT LOAN FUND

17 \* \* \*

18 § 1602. APPLICATION; LOANS; CONDITIONS

19 (a) Upon application of a municipality or two or more municipalities  
20 applying jointly, the State Treasurer may loan money from the Fund to that  
21 municipality or municipalities for the purchase of equipment. Purchases of

1 equipment eligible for loans from the Fund shall have a useful life of at least  
2 five years and a purchase price of at least \$20,000.00 but shall not be eligible  
3 for loans in excess of ~~\$110,000.00~~ \$150,000.00 from this Fund.

4 (b) The Treasurer is authorized to establish terms and conditions, including  
5 repayment schedules of up to five years for loans from the Fund to ensure  
6 repayment of loans to the Fund. Before a municipality may receive a loan  
7 from the Fund, it shall give to the Treasurer security for the repayment of the  
8 funds. The security shall be in such form and amount as the Treasurer may  
9 determine and may include a lien on the equipment financed by the loan.

10 (c) The rates of interest shall be as established by this section to assist  
11 municipalities in purchasing equipment upon terms more favorable than in the  
12 commercial market. Such rates shall be ~~no~~ not more than two percent per  
13 annum for a loan to a single municipality, and loans shall bear no interest  
14 charge if made to two or more municipalities purchasing equipment jointly.

15 (d) In any fiscal year, new loans from the Municipal Equipment Fund shall  
16 not exceed an aggregate of \$1,500,000.00. The Treasurer shall put forth  
17 recommendations to the General Assembly on a maximum loan amount every  
18 five years, commencing on January 15, 2028, based on requests received and  
19 loans granted pursuant to this chapter.

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§ 535. PENALTIES

(a) Failure to ~~enroll~~ comply. If a covered employer fails to ~~enroll a covered employee~~ be in compliance with this chapter without reasonable cause, the covered employer is subject to a penalty for each covered employee for each calendar year or portion of a calendar year during which the covered employee was not enrolled in the Program or had not opted out of participation in the Program. The amount of any penalty imposed on a covered employer for the failure to enroll a covered employee without reasonable cause is determined as follows:

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(b) Waivers. The Treasurer is authorized to establish a rule waiving the penalty for a covered employer ~~for any failure to enroll a covered employee that fails to be in compliance with this chapter~~ for which it is established that the covered employer did not know that the failure existed and exercised reasonable diligence to meet the requirements of this chapter, provided that:

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Sec. 79. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

Sec. 2. VT SAVES; IMPLEMENTATION

(a) Subject to an appropriation from the General Assembly, the State Treasurer shall implement the VT Saves Program (Program), established in

1 3 V.S.A. chapter 18, ~~as follows:~~ in stages as determined by the Treasurer,  
2 which may include phasing in the Program based on the size of employers or  
3 other factors. The Program shall be implemented so that all covered  
4 employees will begin participation and make contributions on or before July 1,  
5 2026

6 (1) ~~Beginning on July 1, 2025, all covered employers with 25 or more~~  
7 ~~covered employees shall offer the Program to all covered employees.~~

8 (2) ~~Beginning on January 1, 2026, all covered employers with 15 to 24~~  
9 ~~covered employees shall offer the Program to all covered employees.~~

10 (3) ~~Beginning on July 1, 2026, all covered employers with five to 14~~  
11 ~~covered employees shall offer the Program to all covered employees.~~

12 (b) As used in this section, “covered employer” and “covered employee”  
13 have the same meanings as in 3 V.S.A. § 531.

14 Sec. 80. 17 V.S.A. § 2732(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) The electors shall meet at the State House on the first ~~Monday~~ Tuesday  
16 after the second Wednesday in December next following their election to vote  
17 for the President and Vice President of the United States, agreeably to the laws  
18 of the United States.

19 Sec. 81. 18 V.S.A. § 9435 is amended to read:

20 § 9435. EXCLUSIONS

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1       ~~(g)~~(h) An issuer, holder, and transfer agent or other person acting under this  
2 section under instructions of and on behalf of the issuer or holder is not liable  
3 to the apparent owner for, and must be indemnified by the State against, a  
4 claim arising with respect to property after the property has been delivered to  
5 the Administrator.

6       ~~(h)~~(i) A holder is not required to deliver to the Administrator a security  
7 identified by the holder as a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable security. If the  
8 Administrator or holder determines that a security is no longer a ~~non-freely~~  
9 nonfreely transferable security, the holder shall deliver the security on the next  
10 regular date prescribed for delivery of securities under this chapter. The holder  
11 shall make a determination annually whether a security identified in a report  
12 filed under section 1491 of this title as a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable  
13 security is no longer a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable security.

14       Sec. 84. 20 V.S.A. § 3173 is amended to read:

15       § 3173. MONETARY BENEFIT

16       (a) The survivors of emergency personnel who dies while in the line of  
17 duty or from an occupation-related illness may apply for a payment of  
18 ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$80,000.00 from the State.

19       (b) The State Treasurer shall disburse from the Special Fund established in  
20 section 3175 of this title the monetary benefit described in subsection (a) of

1 this section and shall adopt necessary procedures for the disbursement of such  
2 funds.

3 Sec. 85. 16 V.S.A. § 1949 is amended to read:

4 § 1949. POSTRETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIREMENT  
5 ALLOWANCES

6 (a) Postretirement adjustments to retirement allowance. On January 1 of  
7 each year, the retirement allowance of each beneficiary of the System who is in  
8 receipt of a retirement allowance for at least a one-year period as of December  
9 31 in the previous year, and who meets the eligibility criteria set forth in this  
10 section, shall be adjusted by the amount described in subsection (d) of this  
11 section. In no event shall a beneficiary receive a negative adjustment to the  
12 beneficiary's retirement allowance.

13 (b) Calculation of net percentage increase. Each year, a determination shall  
14 be made of any increase or decrease, to the nearest one-tenth of a percent, in  
15 the Consumer Price Index for the month ending on June 30 of that year to the  
16 average of the Consumer Price Index for the month ending on June 30 of the  
17 previous year.

18 (1) ~~Consumer Price Index; maximum and minimum amounts. Any~~  
19 ~~increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index shall be subject to~~  
20 ~~adjustment so as to remain within the following maximum and minimum~~  
21 ~~amounts:~~

1           ~~(A) For Group A members and Group C members who are eligible~~  
2           ~~for normal retirement or unreduced early retirement, or who are vested~~  
3           ~~deferred, on or before June 30, 2022, the maximum amount of any increase or~~  
4           ~~decrease utilized to determine the net percentage increase shall be five percent.~~

5           ~~(B) For Group C members who are eligible for retirement and leave~~  
6           ~~active service on or after July 1, 2022, the maximum amount of any increase or~~  
7           ~~decrease utilized to determine the net percentage increase shall be four percent.~~

8           ~~(2)~~ Consumer Price Index; decreases. In the event of a decrease of the  
9           Consumer Price Index as of June 30 for the preceding year, there shall be no  
10          adjustment to the retirement allowance of a beneficiary for the subsequent year  
11          beginning on January 1; provided, however, that:

12           (A) such decrease shall be applied as an offset against the first  
13          subsequent year's increase of the Consumer Price Index up to the full amount  
14          of such increase; and

15           (B) to the extent that such decrease is greater than such subsequent  
16          year's increase, such decrease shall be offset in the same manner against two  
17          or more years of such increases, for up to but not exceeding five subsequent  
18          years of such increases, until fully offset.

19           ~~(3)~~(2) Consumer Price Index; increases. ~~Subject to the maximum and~~  
20          ~~minimum amounts set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, in In the~~  
21          event of an ~~4~~increase in the Consumer Price Index, and provided there remains

1 an increase following the application of any offset as in subdivision ~~(2)~~(1) of  
2 this subsection, that amount shall be identified as the net percentage increase  
3 and used to determine the members' postretirement adjustment as set forth in  
4 subsection (d) of this section.

5 (c) Eligibility for postretirement adjustment. In order for a beneficiary to  
6 receive a postretirement adjustment allowance, the beneficiary must meet the  
7 following eligibility requirements:

8 (1) ~~for~~ For any Group A or Group C member eligible for normal  
9 retirement, or who is vested deferred, on or before June 30, 2022, the member  
10 must be in receipt of a retirement allowance for at least 12 months prior to the  
11 January 1 effective date of any postretirement adjustment; ~~and~~.

12 (2) ~~for~~ For any Group C member who is first eligible for normal  
13 retirement and leaves active service on or after July 1, 2022, the member must  
14 be in receipt of a retirement allowance for at least 24 months prior to the  
15 January 1 effective date of any postretirement adjustment.

16 (3) Special rule for Group C early retirement. A Group C member in  
17 receipt of an early retirement allowance shall not receive a postretirement  
18 adjustment to the member's retirement allowance until such time as the  
19 member has reached normal retirement age, provided the member meets all  
20 eligibility criteria set forth in this subsection.

1 (d) Amount of postretirement adjustment. The postretirement adjustment  
2 for each member who meets the eligibility criteria set forth in subsection (c) of  
3 this section shall be as follows:

4 (1) the full amount of the net percentage increase calculated pursuant to  
5 subsection (b) of this section for all Group A members; ~~and~~, provided that:

6 (A) the net percentage increase following the application of any  
7 offset as provided in this section equals or exceeds one percent; and

8 (B) the maximum amount of any adjustment under this section shall  
9 be five percent; and

10 (2) one-half of the net percentage increase calculated pursuant to  
11 subsection (b) of this section for all Group C members; ~~and~~, provided that:

12 (A) For Group C members eligible for normal retirement or who are  
13 vested deferred on or before June 30, 2022, the maximum amount of any  
14 adjustment under this section shall be five percent. An adjustment of less than  
15 one percent shall be assigned a value of one percent.

16 (B) For Group C members first eligible for normal retirement and  
17 who leave active service on or after July 1, 2022, the maximum amount of any  
18 adjustment under this section shall be four percent and the minimum amount  
19 shall be zero percent.

20 (e) As used in this section, “Consumer Price Index” ~~shall mean~~ means the  
21 Northeast Region Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, designated as

1 “CPI-U,” in the northeast region, as published by the U.S. Department of  
2 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

3 Sec. 86. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 36 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 36 MIDDLE-INCOME HOMEOWNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
5 PROGRAM

6 (a) The Vermont Housing Finance Agency shall establish a Middle-Income  
7 Homeownership Development Program pursuant to this section.

8 (b) As used in this section:

9 (1) “Affordable owner-occupied housing” means owner-occupied  
10 housing identified in 26 U.S.C. § 143(c)(1) or that qualifies under Vermont  
11 Housing Finance Agency criteria governing owner-occupied housing.

12 (2) “Income-eligible homebuyer” means a Vermont household with  
13 annual income that does not exceed 150 percent of area median income.

14 (c) The Agency shall use the funds appropriated in this section to provide  
15 subsidies for new construction or acquisition and substantial rehabilitation of  
16 affordable owner-occupied housing for purchase by income-eligible  
17 homebuyers.

18 (d) The total amount of subsidies for a project shall not exceed 35 percent  
19 of eligible development costs, as determined by the Agency, which the Agency  
20 may allocate consistent with the following:

1           (1) Developer subsidy. The Agency may provide a direct subsidy to the  
2 developer, which shall not exceed the difference between the cost of  
3 development and the market value of the home as completed.

4           (2) Affordability subsidy. Of any remaining amounts available for the  
5 project after the developer subsidy, the Agency may provide a subsidy for the  
6 benefit of the homebuyer to reduce the cost of purchasing the home, provided  
7 that:

8                   (A) the Agency includes conditions in the subsidy, agreement or uses  
9 another legal mechanism, to ensure that, ~~to the extent the home value has risen,~~  
10 ~~the amount of the subsidy~~ upon sale of the home, to the extent proceeds are  
11 available, the amount of the affordability subsidy either:

12                           (i) remains with the home to offset the cost to future homebuyers;  
13 or

14                           (ii) is recaptured by the Agency upon sale of the home for use in a  
15 similar program to support affordable homeownership development; or

16                   (B) the subsidy is subject to a housing subsidy covenant, as defined  
17 in 27 V.S.A. § 610, that preserves the affordability of the home for a period of  
18 99 years or longer.

19           (3) The Agency shall allocate not less than 33 percent of the funds  
20 available through the Program to projects that include a housing subsidy  
21 covenant consistent with subdivision (2)(B) of this subsection.

1 (e) The Agency shall adopt a Program plan that establishes application and  
2 selection criteria, including:

3 (1) project location;

4 (2) geographic distribution;

5 (3) leveraging of other programs;

6 (4) housing market needs;

7 (5) project characteristics, including whether the project includes the use  
8 of existing housing as part of a community revitalization plan;

9 (6) construction standards, including considerations for size;

10 (7) priority for plans with deeper affordability and longer duration of  
11 affordability requirements;

12 (8) sponsor characteristics;

13 (9) energy efficiency of the development; and

14 (10) the historic nature of the project.

15 (f)(1) When implementing the Program, the Agency shall consult  
16 stakeholders and experts in the field.

17 (2) The Program shall include:

18 (A) a streamlined and appropriately scaled application process;

19 (B) an outreach and education plan, including specific tactics to reach  
20 and support eligible applicants, especially those from underserved regions or  
21 sectors;



1           (C) an equitable system for distributing investments statewide on the  
2 basis of need according to a system of priorities that includes consideration of:

3           (i) geographic distribution;

4           (ii) community size;

5           (iii) community economic need; and

6           (iv) whether an application has already received an investment or  
7 is from an applicant in a community that has already received Program  
8 funding.

9           ~~(3) The Agency shall use its best efforts to ensure:~~

10           ~~(A) that investments awarded are targeted to the geographic~~  
11 ~~communities or regions with the most pressing economic and employment~~  
12 ~~needs; and~~

13           ~~(B) that the allocation of investments provides equitable access to the~~  
14 ~~benefits to all eligible geographical areas.~~

15           (g) The Agency may assign its rights under any investment or subsidy  
16 made under this section to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board or  
17 any State agency or nonprofit organization qualifying under 26 U.S.C  
18 § 501(c)(3), provided such assignee acknowledges and agrees to comply with  
19 the provisions of this section.

1 (h) The Department shall report to the House Committee on General and  
2 Housing and the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and  
3 General Affairs on the status of the Program annually, on or before January 15.

4 Sec. 87. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 37 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 37. ~~MIDDLE INCOME HOMEOWNERSHIP; IMPLEMENTATION~~

6 ~~The duty to implement Sec. 36 of this act is contingent upon an~~  
7 ~~appropriation of funds in fiscal year 2024 from the General Fund to the~~  
8 ~~Department of Housing and Community Development for a subgrant to the~~  
9 ~~Vermont Housing Finance Agency for the Middle Income Homeownership~~  
10 ~~Development Program. [Repealed.]~~

11 Sec. 88. UNRESERVED EDUCATION FUNDS; VERMONT STATE

12 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TRANSFER

13 (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025  
14 to the contrary, the amount of \$9,100,000 in Education Fund dollars reserved  
15 in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.104(a) is unreserved, and the sum of  
16 \$9,340,000 in Education Fund dollars is transferred to the Vermont Teachers'  
17 Retirement Fund, established in 16 V.S.A. § 1944, to fund the present value of  
18 modifications made to the postretirement adjustments allowance set forth in  
19 Sec. 85 of this act.

1       Sec. 89. TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING

2           (a) To the extent emergency housing is available, the Commissioner for  
3       Children and Families shall ensure that temporary emergency housing is  
4       provided through June 30, 2024 to households eligible for the General  
5       Assistance Emergency Housing Program, including beneficiaries of the  
6       emergency housing transition benefit that is set to conclude on April 1, 2024  
7       and including those individuals who qualify for temporary emergency housing  
8       pursuant to both the Department’s adverse weather condition policy and either  
9       catastrophic or vulnerable population eligibility. Participation pursuant to this  
10       subsection shall not be bound by day limit maximums and shall be subject to  
11       the following eligibility criteria:

12           (1) for beneficiaries of the emergency housing transition benefit, 2023  
13       Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6, and Department for Children and Families,  
14       Emergency Housing Transition Benefit (EH-100), adopted under Secretary of  
15       State emergency rule filing number 23-E12 or any future identical emergency  
16       rule adopted by the Department; and

17           (2) for all other participants of the General Assistance Emergency  
18       Housing Program, including those individuals who qualify for temporary  
19       emergency housing pursuant to both the Department’s adverse weather  
20       condition policy and either catastrophic or vulnerable population eligibility,  
21       Department for Children and Families, General Assistance (CVR 13-170-260)

1 as amended by Department for Children and Families under Secretary of State  
2 emergency rule filing number 23-E11 or any future identical emergency rule  
3 adopted by the Department.

4 (b) A household that is otherwise eligible for temporary emergency  
5 housing pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, but for the inability to  
6 qualify for or document receipt of SSI or SSDI, may use the Department's  
7 Emergency Housing Disability Variance Request Form as a means of  
8 documenting a qualifying disability or health condition.

9 (c) Temporary emergency housing required pursuant to subsection (a) of  
10 this section may be provided through approved shelters, new unit generation,  
11 open units, licensed hotels or motels, or other appropriate shelter space. The  
12 Agency of Human Services shall, when available, prioritize temporary  
13 emergency housing at housing or shelter placements other than licensed hotels  
14 or motels.

15 (d) On or before the last day of each month from April 2024 through June  
16 2024, the Agency of Human Services, or other relevant agency or department,  
17 shall continue submitting a substantially similar report to that due pursuant to  
18 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b).

19 (e) For temporary emergency housing provided beginning on March 1,  
20 2024 and thereafter, the Agency of Human Services shall not pay a licensed  
21 hotel or motel establishment more than the lowest advertised room rate and not

1 more than \$80 a day per room to shelter a household experiencing  
2 homelessness. The Agency of Human Services may shelter a household in  
3 more than one licensed hotel or motel room depending on the household's size  
4 and composition.

5 (f) The Agency of Human Services shall apply the following rules:

6 (1) Section 2650.1 of the Department for Children and Families,  
7 General Assistance (CVR 13-170-260);

8 (2) Department of Health, Licensed Lodging Establishment Rule (CVR  
9 13-140-023); and

10 (3) Department of Public Safety, Vermont Fire and Building Safety  
11 Code (CVR 28-070-001).

12 (g)(1) Prior to June 1, 2024, the Agency of Human Services may work with  
13 either a shelter provider or a community housing agency to enter into a full  
14 facility lease or sales agreement with a hotel or motel provider. Any facility  
15 conversion under this section shall comply with the Office of Economic  
16 Opportunity's shelter standards.

17 (2) If the Agency determines that a contractual agreement with a  
18 licensed hotel or motel operator to secure temporary emergency housing  
19 capacity is beneficial to improve the quality, cleanliness, or access to services  
20 for those households temporarily housed in the facility, the Agency shall be  
21 authorized to enter into such an agreement in accordance with the per-room

1 rate identified in subsection (e) of this section; provided, however, that in no  
2 event shall such an agreement cause a household to become unhoused. The  
3 Agency may include provisions to address access to services or related needs  
4 within the contractual agreement.

5 Sec. 90. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 1, as amended by 2012 Acts and  
6 Resolves No. 143, Sec. 13, 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 189, Sec. 26, and 2017  
7 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 24, is further amended to read:

8 Sec. 1. VERMONT STRONG MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES

9 (a) ~~Intent. It is the intent of this act to recognize all of those who have~~  
10 ~~suffered losses because of the destruction brought by Tropical Storm Irene and~~  
11 ~~the flooding of 2011, and to commemorate the contributions of the many who~~  
12 ~~are helping to rebuild Vermont and to make it stronger. [Repealed.]~~

13 (b) Authority; accounting and reporting; bundles.

14 (1) ~~The department of motor vehicles (“department”)~~ Department of  
15 Motor Vehicles is authorized to design, manufacture or procure, and distribute  
16 one or more commemorative plates that include the text “Vermont Strong” in  
17 accordance with this section. ~~The department and Vermont Life magazine are~~  
18 Department is authorized to sell commemorative plates individually or in  
19 conjunction with a bundled promotional item. ~~The department~~ Department  
20 may also authorize other persons to sell commemorative plates, provided that  
21 such persons are required to pay the ~~department \$25.00~~ Department \$35.00 per

1 plate within 30 days of after receiving the plates from the ~~department~~  
2 Department.

3 (2) A The Vermont Strong commemorative plate fund (the “fund”)  
4 Commemorative Plate Fund is established. The ~~fund~~ Fund shall be under the  
5 control of the ~~commissioner of motor vehicles~~ Commissioner of Motor  
6 Vehicles or designee, and shall consist of all receipts from the sales of  
7 Vermont Strong commemorative plates and bundled promotional items. The  
8 ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall account for all proceeds of sales of  
9 commemorative plates and bundled promotional items and all receipts into and  
10 disbursements from the ~~fund~~ Fund; shall track the number of plates and  
11 bundled promotional items distributed and sold; and shall track and collect  
12 payments owed for plates distributed. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall  
13 transfer funds from the ~~fund~~ Fund in accordance with subsection (d) of this  
14 section ~~no~~ not less often than once per month. The ~~department~~ Department  
15 shall report its accounting of ~~fund~~ Fund receipts and disbursements, plate  
16 inventory, and uncollected payments for plates distributed to the ~~joint fiscal~~  
17 ~~committee at its November 2012 meeting~~ House and Senate Committees on  
18 Transportation and the Joint Fiscal Committee not later than May 1, 2024.

19 (c) Use. An approved Vermont Strong commemorative plate may be  
20 displayed on a motor vehicle registered in Vermont as a pleasure car or on a  
21 motor truck registered in Vermont for less than 26,001 pounds ~~€~~, but excluding

1 vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan), by covering the  
2 front registration plate with the commemorative plate any time from the  
3 effective date of this act. The regular front registration plate shall not be  
4 removed. The regular rear registration plate shall be in place and clearly  
5 visible at all times.

6 (d) Price and allocation of revenue.

7 (1) The retail price of the plate shall be ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00, except that on or  
8 after July 1, ~~2016~~ 2026, plates may be sold by the Commissioner for \$5.00.

9 (2) Funds received from the sale of plates for \$5.00 shall be allocated to  
10 the Department; funds received from the sale of the plates for ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00  
11 shall be allocated as follows:

12 ~~(1)(A)~~ (A) \$5.00 to the Department;

13 ~~(2)(B)~~ (B) ~~\$18.00 to the Vermont Disaster Relief Fund~~ \$15.00 to the  
14 Vermont Community Foundation; and

15 ~~(3)(C)~~ (C) ~~\$2.00 to the Vermont Foodbank~~ \$15.00 to the Agency of  
16 Commerce and Community Development's Business Emergency Gap  
17 Assistance Program.

18 (3) Funds received from the sale of bundled promotional items, less any  
19 costs to the Department for the purchase of the bundled promotional items,  
20 shall be allocated as follows:

21 (A) 50 percent to the Vermont Community Foundation; and



1                   (B) 50 percent to the Agency of Commerce and Community  
2                   Development's Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

3                   (e) Funding. The ~~department of motor vehicles~~ Department of Motor  
4                   Vehicles is authorized to obtain an advance from the Vermont Strong  
5                   ~~commemorative plate fund~~ Commemorative Plate Fund in ~~an~~ anticipation of  
6                   receipts. The amount to be determined by the ~~commissioner of motor vehicles~~  
7                   ~~in anticipation of receipts from the administration of this section~~  
8                   Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall not exceed the projected number of  
9                   plates to be sold multiplied by the amount provided in subdivision (d)(2)(A) of  
10                   this section.

11                   (f) Tax exemption. Sales of commemorative plates pursuant to this section  
12                   shall be exempt from the sales and use tax established by 32 V.S.A.  
13                   chapter 233.

14                   Sec. 91. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 1, as amended by 2012 Acts and  
15                   Resolves No. 143, Sec. 13, 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 189, Sec. 26, 2017  
16                   Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 24, and Sec. 90 of this act is further amended  
17                   to read:

18                   Sec. 1. VERMONT STRONG MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES

19                   (a) [Repealed.]

20                   (b) Authority; accounting and reporting; ~~bundles.~~

1           (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to design,  
2           manufacture or procure, and distribute one or more commemorative plates that  
3           include the text “Vermont Strong” in accordance with this section. The  
4           Department is authorized to sell commemorative plates ~~individually or in~~  
5           ~~conjunction with a bundled promotional item~~. The Department may also  
6           authorize other persons to sell commemorative plates, provided that such  
7           persons are required to pay the Department \$35.00 per plate within 30 days  
8           after receiving the plates from the Department.

9           (2) The Vermont Strong Commemorative Plate Fund is established. The  
10          Fund shall be under the control of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or  
11          designee, and shall consist of all receipts from the sales of Vermont Strong  
12          commemorative plates and bundled promotional items. The Commissioner  
13          shall account for all proceeds of sales of commemorative plates and bundled  
14          promotional items and all receipts into and disbursements from the Fund; shall  
15          track the number of plates and bundled promotional items distributed and sold;  
16          and shall track and collect payments owed for plates distributed. The  
17          Commissioner shall ~~transfer~~ disburse funds from the Fund in accordance with  
18          subsection (d) of this section not less often than once per month. The  
19          Department shall report its accounting of Fund receipts and disbursements,  
20          plate inventory, and uncollected payments for plates distributed to the House

1 and Senate Committees on Transportation and the Joint Fiscal Committee not  
2 later than May 1, 2024.

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4 (d) Price and allocation of revenue.

5 (1) The retail price of the plate shall be \$35.00, except that on or after  
6 July 1, 2026, plates may be sold by the Commissioner for \$5.00.

7 (2) Funds received from the sale of plates for \$5.00 shall be allocated to  
8 the Department; funds received from the sale of the plates for \$35.00 shall be  
9 allocated as follows:

10 (A) \$5.00 to the Department; and

11 (B) ~~\$15.00~~ \$30.00 to the ~~Vermont Community Foundation~~; and

12 ~~(C) \$15.00 to the Agency of Commerce and Community~~

13 ~~Development's Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program~~ General Fund.

14 It is the intent of the General Assembly that an amount equal to these receipts  
15 be used for natural disaster relief.

16 (3) Funds received from the sale of bundled promotional items prior to  
17 the effective date of this section, less any costs to the Department for the  
18 purchase of the bundled promotional items, shall be allocated as follows:

19 (A) 50 percent to the Vermont Community Foundation; and

20 (B) 50 percent to the Agency of Commerce and Community  
21 Development's Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

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(g) Bundled promotional items. The State shall not be involved with the sale of any bundled promotional items.

Sec. 92. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at each of its scheduled meetings in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 on funding received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program and associated emergency relief and assistance funds match for the damages due to the July 2023 flooding event. The report shall include:

(1) a projection of the total funding needs for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program and to the extent possible, details about the projected funding by State agency or municipality;

(2) spending authority (appropriated and excess receipts) granted to date for the FEMA Public Assistance Program and the associated emergency relief and assistance funds match;

(3) information on any audit findings that may result in financial impacts to the State; and



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Sec. 94. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 2, as amended by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 117, Sec. 3 and 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 5, Sec. 2, is further amended to read:

Sec. 2. PERIODIC HEALTH PLANNING FUNCTION PROGRESS  
REPORTS

For as long as the moratorium continues for certificates of need for the offering of home health services, as established in 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 2 and as amended by 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 1, 2016 Acts and Resolves No.117, Sec. 2, 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 5, Sec. 1, and this act, the Green Mountain Care Board shall provide to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare any progress reports the Board generates on its implementation of its health care reform initiatives and health planning function and how they relate to home health agencies.

Sec. 95. 21 V.S.A. § 384 is amended to read:

§ 384. EMPLOYMENT; WAGES

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(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, an employer shall not pay an employee less than one and one-half times the regular wage rate for any

1 work done by the employee in excess of 40 hours during a workweek.

2 However, this subsection shall not apply to:

3 \* \* \*

4 (8) Permanent employees of the Vermont General Assembly.

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6 Sec. 96. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 64, Sec. 3a. is amended to read:

7 Sec. 3a. APPROPRIATION; SCHOOL MEALS

8 The sum of ~~\$29,000,000.00~~ \$24,000,000 is appropriated from the Education  
9 Fund to the Agency of Education for fiscal year 2024 to provide  
10 reimbursement for school meals under 16 V.S.A. § 4017.

11 Sec. 97. 16 V.S.A. chapter 1, subchapter 3 is added to read:

12 Subchapter 3. Afterschool and Summer Care

13 § 51. UNIVERSAL AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER SPECIAL FUND

14 (a) The Universal Afterschool and Summer Special Fund is created, to be  
15 managed by the Agency of Education. The cannabis sales tax revenue shall be  
16 deposited into the Universal Afterschool and Summer Special Fund. The Fund  
17 shall be used as follows:

18 (1) To establish a grant program that supports the expansion of universal  
19 afterschool and summer programs with a focus on underserved areas of the  
20 State.

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

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

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

8           (C) The award of grants and any subsequent contract or written  
9           agreement issued pursuant to the award of a grant shall require that a grantee  
10           does not discriminate, and prohibits its employees, agents, subcontractors, and  
11           other service providers from discriminating, on the basis of race, creed, color,  
12           national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or  
13           disability.

14           (D) The Agency may use up to \$500,000.00 annually for  
15           administrative costs to allow for the support of the grant program and technical  
16           assistance to communities. This could include subcontracts to support the  
17           grant program.

18           (b) An advisory committee is created to support the Secretary in  
19           administering the funds. The Agency shall provide administrative and  
20           technical support to the advisory committee. The advisory committee shall be  
21           composed of:



- 1           (1) the State’s Chief Prevention Officer;
- 2           (2) the Commissioner for Children and Families or designee;
- 3           (3) the Commissioner of Health or designee;
- 4           (4) the Commissioner of Mental Health or designee;
- 5           (5) the Secretary of Natural Resources or designee;
- 6           (6) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or  
7 designee;
- 8           (7) the Vermont Afterschool Executive Director or designee; and
- 9           (8) a representative from the Governor’s office.

10           (c) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), annually on or before November 15,  
11 the Agency shall submit to the General Assembly a plan to fund grants  
12 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section in the coming year and a report  
13 containing outcomes data on the grants made during the previous year. The  
14 Agency shall report on the number of programs, slots, weeks, or hours;  
15 geographic distribution of programs receiving a grant; and what is known  
16 about costs to families participating in programs receiving a grant. The report  
17 shall be inclusive of 21st Century programming.

18           (d) The amount of grant funds awarded shall be in alignment with the  
19 actual revenue collected from the sales and use tax imposed by 32 V.S.A.  
20 chapter 233 on cannabis or cannabis products in this State. Discrepancies

1 between the amount of grant funds awarded and actual revenue shall be  
2 reconciled through the budget adjustment process.

3 Sec. 98. 32 V.S.A. chapter 207 is amended to read:

4 CHAPTER 207. CANNABIS EXCISE TAX AND CANNABIS  
5 SALES TAX REVENUE

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7 § 7910. CANNABIS SALES TAX REVENUE; UNIVERSAL  
8 AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER SPECIAL FUND

9 Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, revenue from the sales and use tax  
10 imposed by chapter 233 of this title on retail sales of cannabis or cannabis  
11 products in Vermont shall be deposited into the Universal Afterschool and  
12 Summer Special Fund established pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 51.

13 Sec. 99. REPEAL; AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER LEARNING  
14 PROGRAMS

15 16 V.S.A § 4018 (afterschool and summer learning programs) is repealed.

16 Sec. 99a. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.323.7 is amended to read:

17 Sec. E.323.7 REACH AHEAD PILOT PROGRAM

18 \* \* \*

19 (c) The incentive payments provided in subdivision (a)(4) of this section  
20 are reimbursements for past or future work expenses incurred by participating  
21 families.

1 Sec. 100. 7 V.S.A. § 843(f) is amended to read:

2 (f) Executive Director. The Board shall appoint an Executive Director who  
3 shall ~~be an attorney with~~ have prior experience in legislative or regulatory  
4 matters. The Director shall be a full-time State employee, shall be exempt from  
5 the State classified system, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The  
6 Director shall be responsible for:

7 (1) supervising and administering the operation and implementation of  
8 this chapter and chapters 35 and 37 of this title and the rules adopted by the  
9 Board as directed by the Board;

10 (2) assisting the Board in its duties and administering the licensing  
11 requirements of this chapter and chapters 35 and 37 of this title;

12 (3) acting as Secretary to the Board, but as a nonvoting member of the  
13 Board;

14 (4) employing such staff as may be required to carry out the functions of  
15 the Board; and

16 (5) preparing an annual budget for submission to the Board.

17 Sec. 101. FOSTER CARE; SUBSIDIZED ADOPTION; EXPENDITURE

18 (a) The Department for Children and Families' Family Services Division  
19 shall spend funds appropriated in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317  
20 on a four percent rate increase for foster care and subsidized adoption.

1 Sec. 102 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 9, Sec. 17 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 17. PRACTICAL NURSE; WORKFORCE FUNDING

3 (a) Due to the increasing challenge of the pandemic on the health  
4 professions, the sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated from the American  
5 Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the  
6 Vermont State Colleges to ~~open 40 to 45 seats in the Practical Nurse Program~~  
7 ~~in partnership with skilled nursing facilities across the State to upskill existing~~  
8 ~~staff to achieve certification as a practical nurse~~ purchase nursing simulation  
9 equipment to expand nursing student enrollment capacity and address the  
10 critical nursing shortage facing Vermont. These funds shall be used as follows:

11 (1) Up to \$500,000.00 for administrative and start-up costs for Vermont  
12 Technical College.

13 (2) Up to \$260,000.00 in incentive payments in the amount of \$6,000.00  
14 per student to offset lost income during enrollment in the Program.

15 (3) All remaining funds shall be allocated for tuition and fees payments  
16 for required prerequisite courses at Community College of Vermont and for the  
17 Practical Nurse Program at Vermont Technical College after available federal  
18 and State financial aid is applied to ensure no cost to the student.

19 (b) To be eligible to participate in the program, a skilled nursing facility  
20 shall provide an incentive match in the amount of \$4,000.00 per student during  
21 enrollment in the Program.

1       Sec. 103. CARRYFORWARD AUTHORITY

2           (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval  
3           of the Secretary of Administration, General, Transportation, Transportation  
4           Infrastructure Bond, Education Fund, Clean Water Fund (21932), and  
5           Agricultural Water Quality Fund (21933) appropriations remaining  
6           unexpended on June 30, 2024 in the Executive Branch shall be carried forward  
7           and shall be designated for expenditure.

8           (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, General Fund  
9           appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2024 in the Legislative and  
10          Judicial Branches shall be carried forward and shall be designated for  
11          expenditure.

12          (c) As part the fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment presentation, the  
13          Commissioner of Finance and Management shall provide the House and  
14          Senate Committees on Appropriations with a report on reversions and  
15          approved carryforward by appropriation.

16       Sec. 104. EFFECTIVE DATES

17          (a) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 74 (16 V.S.A. § 4025(b)(2)  
18          amendment) is effective retroactively on July 1, 2023.

19          (b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 20 (B.334.1 amendment) is  
20          effective retroactively on January 1, 2024.

- 1        (c) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 90 (Vermont Strong license
- 2        plates through passage) shall take effect retroactively on August 23, 2023.
- 3        (d) All other sections shall take effect on passage.