1	H.882
2	An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment
3	The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after
4	the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
5	* * * Legislative Intent * * *
6	Sec. 1. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 1 is amended to read:
7	Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT
8	(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the $\frac{122,767,376.00}{122,767,376.00}$
9	<u>\$130,606,224.00</u> authorized in this act, not more than \$56,520,325.00 shall be
10	appropriated in the first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be
11	appropriated in the second year.
12	(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the
13	biennium, any amendments to the appropriations or authorities granted in this
14	act shall take the form of the Capital Construction and State Bonding
15	Adjustment Bill. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unless otherwise
16	indicated, all appropriations in this act are subject to capital budget adjustment.
17	* * * Capital Appropriations * * *
18	Sec. 2. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 2 is amended to read:
19	Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS
20	* * *
21	(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025:

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1	(1) Statewide, major maintenance: \$8,500,000.00 \$8,501,999.00
2	* * *
3	(3) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency:
4	\$425,000.00 <u>\$455,000.00</u>
5	(4) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence, master
6	plan, design, and decommissioning: $\$400,000.00$ $\$50,000.00$
7	(5) Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:
8	\$50,000.00 [Repealed.]
9	* * *
10	(11) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase out:
11	\$1,000,000.00 <u>\$750,000.00</u>
12	(12) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program: \$75,000.00
13	(13) St. Albans, Northwest State Correctional Facility, roof replacement:
14	<u>\$400,000.00</u>
15	* * *
16	Appropriation – FY 2024 \$23,126,244.00
17	Appropriation – FY 2025 \$25,275,000.00 \$25,131,999.00
18	Total Appropriation – Section 2 \$48,401,244.00 \$48,258,243.00
19	Sec. 3. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 3 is amended to read:
20	Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES
21	* * *

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1	(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of
2	Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the
3	following projects described in this subsection:
4	(1) Northwest State Correctional Facility, booking expansion, planning,
5	design, and construction: \$2,500,000.00 \$2,600,000.00
6	* * *
7	(3) Statewide, correctional facilities, HVAC systems, planning, design,
8	and construction for upgrades and replacements:
9	\$700,000.00 <u>\$5,150,000.00</u>
10	(4) Statewide, correctional facilities, accessibility upgrades:
11	<u>\$822,000.00</u>
12	* * *
13	Appropriation – FY 2024 \$1,800,000.00
14	Appropriation – FY 2025 \$16,200,000.00 \$21,572,000.00
15	Total Appropriation – Section 3 \$18,000,000.00 \$23,372,000.00
16	Sec. 4. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 4 is amended to read:
17	Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
18	* * *
19	(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
20	Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described
21	in this subsection:

1	(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:
2	\$500,000.00 <u>\$700,000.00</u>
3	* * *
4	Appropriation – FY 2024 \$596,000.00
5	Appropriation – FY 2025 \$596,000.00 \$796,000.00
6	Total Appropriation – Section 4 \$1,192,000.00 \$1,392,000.00
7	Sec. 5. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 9 is amended to read:
8	Sec. 9. NATURAL RESOURCES
9	* * *
10	(f) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
11	Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the projects
12	described in this subsection:
13	(1) General infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance
14	and rehabilitation of infrastructure, and improvements to buildings, including
15	conservation camps:
16	<u>\$1,344,150.00</u> <u>\$2,114,000.00</u>
17	* * *
18	Appropriation – FY 2024 \$6,997,081.00
19	Appropriation – FY 2025 \$7,497,051.00 \$8,266,901.00
20	Total Appropriation – Section 9 \$14,494,132.00 \$15,263,982.00
21	Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 10 is amended to read:

1	Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES	
2	* * *	
3	(e) The sum of \$6,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025	to the Agency of
4	Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Cons	servation for
5	clean water implementation projects. [Repealed.]	
6	* * *	
7	(g) The sum of \$550,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to	the Agency of
8	Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants and co	ontracts.
9	(h) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the	e Agency of
10	Natural Resources for the following projects:	
11	(1) the Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match
12	for the Water Pollution Control Fund:	<u>\$1,600,000.00</u>
13	(2) municipal pollution control grants:	\$3,300,000.00
14	(i) The sum of \$550,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to	the Agency of
15	Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and R	ecreation for
16	forestry access roads, recreation access roads, and water quali	ty improvements.
17	(j) In FY 2024 and FY 2025, any agency that receives fun	ding from this
18	section shall consult with the State Treasurer to ensure that th	e projects are
19	capital eligible.	
20	Appropriation – FY 2024	\$9,885,000.00
21	Appropriation – FY 2025	\$6,000,000.00

- 1 Total Appropriation Section 10 \$15,885,000.00
- 2 Sec. 7. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 15a is added to read:
- 3 Sec. 15a. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
- 4 The sum of \$1,540,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of
- 5 Buildings and General Services for the Department of Labor for upgrades of
- 6 mechanical systems and HVAC, life safety needs, and minor interior
- 7 renovations at 5 Green Mountain Drive in Montpelier.
- 8 Sec. 8. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 15b is added to read:
- 9 Sec. 15b. SERGEANT AT ARMS
- 10 The sum of \$100,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Sergeant at Arms
- 11 for the replacement of tables and chairs in the State House cafeteria.
- 12 * * * Funding * * *
- 13 Sec. 8a. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 16 is amended to read:
- 14 Sec. 16. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS
- 15 (a) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings
- 16 and General Services from prior capital appropriations to defray expenditures
- 17 authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:
- 18 ***
 19 (5) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec.
 20 2(b) (various projects): \$65,463.17 \$147,206.37

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1	(7) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,	
2	Sec. 1(c)(5) (major maintenance): \$93,549.00 \$116,671.15	
3	* * *	
4	(10) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,	
5	Sec. 2(c) (various projects): \$24,363.06 \$476,725.66	
6	* * *	
7	(13) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,	
8	Sec. 2(b)(3) (major maintenance): \$32,780.00 \$439,889.66	
9	* * *	
10	(17) of the amount appropriated in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40,	
11	Sec. 2(b)(4) (Statewide, major maintenance): \$9,606.45	
12	(18) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec.	
13	2(b)(4) (Statewide, major maintenance): \$7,207.90	
14	(19) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.	
15	2(b)(5) (Montpelier, State House, Dome, Drum, and Ceres, design, permitting,	
16	construction, restoration, renovation, and lighting):	
17	<u>\$38,525.00</u>	
18	(20) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,	
19	Sec. 11(b)(4) (municipal pollution control grants, pollution control projects	
20	and planning advances for feasibility studies, new projects):	
21	<u>\$4,498.17</u>	

1	(21) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
2	Sec. 11(f)(2) (EcoSystem restoration and protection): \$4,298.22
3	(22) of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,
4	Sec. 8(m) (Downtown Transportation Fund pilot project): \$9,150.00
5	(23) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
6	Sec. 2(b)(9) (Newport, Northeast State Correctional Facility, direct digital
7	<u>HVAC control system replacement):</u> <u>\$26,951.52</u>
8	(24) of the amount appropriated in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50,
9	Sec. 2(b)(20), as added by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 180, Sec. 2 (Windsor,
10	former Southeast State Correctional Facility, necessary demolition, salvage,
11	dismantling, and improvements to facilitate future use of the facility):
12	<u>\$378,180.00</u>
13	* * *
14	(h) From prior year bond issuance cost estimates allocated to the entities
15	to which funds were appropriated and for which bonding was required as the
16	source of funds, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 954, \$1,148,251.79 is reallocated to
17	defray expenditures authorized by this act.
18	Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 16
19	\$14,767,376.32 <u>\$17,358,383.85</u>

1	Sec. 9. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 17 is amended to read:
2	Sec. 17. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS
3	(a) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in
4	the amount of \$108,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations
5	made in Secs. 2–15b of this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the
6	Governor, shall determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds
7	authorized by this section consistent with the underlying nature of the
8	appropriation to be funded. The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated
9	cost of bond issuance or issuances to the entities to which funds are
10	appropriated pursuant to this section and for which bonding is required as the
11	source of funds, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 954.
11 12	source of funds, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 954. (b) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue additional general obligation
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12 13 14 15 16 17	(b) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue additional general obligation bonds in the amount of \$5,247,838.90 that were previously appropriated but unissued under 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69 for the purposes of funding the appropriations in this act. Total Revenues – Section 17 \$108,000,000.00 \$113,247,838.90 Sec. 10. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18 is amended to read:

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1	(c) Authorizations. In FY 2024, spending authority for the following
2	capital projects are authorized as follows:
3	* * *
4	(7) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
5	spend \$600,000.00 for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern
6	State Correctional Facility in Newport; [Repealed.]
7	* * *
8	(9) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
9	spend \$600,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
10	design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;
11	[Repealed.]
12	(10) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
13	spend $\frac{1,000,000.00}{5750,000.00}$ for the Agency of Human Services for the
14	planning and design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term
15	stabilization facility;
16	(11) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
17	spend \$750,000.00 for the Judiciary for design, renovations, and land
18	acquisition at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;
19	* * *
20	(16) the Vermont State Colleges is authorized to spend $\frac{7,500,000.00}{100}$
21	<u>\$6,500,000.00</u> for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any
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1	facility owned or operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges;
2	infrastructure transformation planning; and the planning, design, and
3	construction of Green Hall and Vail Hall;
4	* * *
5	(19) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
6	\$4,000,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
7	Municipal Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning
8	advances for feasibility studies; and
9	(20) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
10	\$3,000,000.00 for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the
11	maintenance facilities at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest
12	State Park; and.
13	(21) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
14	\$800,000.00 for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure
15	maintenance and improvements of the Department's buildings, including
16	conservation camps. [Repealed.]
17	(d) FY 2025 capital projects authorizations. To the extent general funds
18	are available to appropriate to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in FY
19	2025, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the following capital
20	projects receive funding from the Fund In FY 2024, spending authority for the
21	following capital projects are authorized as follows:

1	(1) the sum of $\frac{250,000.00}{220,000.00}$ to the Department of Buildings
2	and General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;
3	* * *
4	(3) the sum of $\frac{2,000,000.00}{51,500,000.00}$ to the Department of
5	Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam
6	lines at 120 State Street in Montpelier;
7	(4) the sum of $\frac{1,000,000.00}{8850,000.00}$ to the Department of
8	Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for design, renovations, and
9	land acquisition at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;
10	(5) the sum of $\frac{1,000,000.00}{8850,000.00}$ to the Department of
11	Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the
12	planning and design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;
13	(6) the sum of $\frac{1,000,000.00}{8850,000.00}$ to the Department of
14	Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the
15	planning and design of the Rutland Field Station;
16	* * *
17	(8) the sum of \$500,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
18	Services for the Newport courthouse replacement, planning, and design;
19	[Repealed.]

1	(9) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
2	Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel waterproofing and
3	Aiken Avenue reconstruction; and
4	(10) the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
5	General Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the
6	elevator replacement at 111 State Street;
7	(11) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
8	General Services for roof replacement and brick façade repairs at the
9	McFarland State Office Building in Barre; and
10	(12) the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for
11	the Lake Champlain International fishing derby.
12	* * *
13	* * * Policy * * *
14	* * * Agency of Natural Resources * * *
15	Sec. 11. 10 V.S.A. § 2603 is amended to read:
16	§ 2603. POWERS AND DUTIES: COMMISSIONER
17	* * *
18	(g) The Commissioner shall consult with and receive approval from the
19	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services concerning proposed
20	construction or renovation of individual projects involving capital
21	improvements which are expected, either in phases or in total, to cost more

- 1 than \$200,000.00. The Department of Environmental Conservation shall
- 2 manage all contracts for engineering services for capital improvements made
- 3 by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation The Department of
- 4 <u>Environmental Conservation Facilities Engineering Section:</u>
- 5 (1) may execute and consult on design for the Department of Forests,
- 6 Parks and Recreation;
- 7 (2) shall provide professional engineering services for compliance with
- 8 <u>environmental operating permits; and</u>
- 9 (3) shall be the custodian of all plans of record for work executed by the
- 10 Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, regardless of the source and
- 11 <u>designer of record</u>.
- 12 ***
- 13 Sec. 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT; SALISBURY FISH HATCHERY
- 14 It is the intent of the General Assembly that:
- 15 (1) The State shall maintain or increase its current fish stocking
- 16 capacity.
- 17 (2) To the extent practicable, the Salisbury fish hatchery shall, subject to
- 18 annual appropriations, continue operating through December 31, 2027.
- 19 (3) The Agency of Natural Resources shall examine potential options
- 20 for continuing the operation of the Salisbury fish hatchery after fiscal year
- 21 <u>2027</u>, including maintaining any necessary permits.

1	(4) The Agency of Natural Resources shall examine options for
2	maintaining or increasing the State's current fish stocking capacity following
3	the potential closure of the Salisbury fish hatchery, including:
4	(A) replacing the stocking capacity of the Salisbury fish hatchery
5	with increased stocking capacity at one or more State-operated or federally
6	operated fish hatcheries;
7	(B) transferring fish broodstock from the Salisbury hatchery to other
8	State fish hatcheries;
9	(C) establishing additional egg production at other State fish
10	hatcheries to compensate for any lost egg production; and
11	(D) utilizing other innovative or more cost-effective approaches for
12	replacing any lost stocking capacity.
13	(5) The Agency of Natural Resources shall examine options for limiting
14	any negative economic impact from the potential closure of the Salisbury fish
15	hatchery, including impacts from reduced fish stocking on fishing and tourism,
16	and impacts from the loss of staff positions at the Salisbury fish hatchery.
17	(6) The Salisbury fish hatchery shall not close without prior approval of
18	the General Assembly, which shall be provided if:
19	(A) the hatchery is unable to secure the necessary permits to continue
20	operating after December 31, 2027; or

- 1 (B) the stocking capacity of the hatchery can be replaced in a manner
- 2 that is more cost-effective than the up-front and operating costs of the capital
- 3 improvements necessary for the hatchery to obtain the necessary permits to
- 4 <u>continue operating after December 31, 2027.</u>
- 5 Sec. 13. SALISBURY FISH HATCHERY; ANNUAL REPORT
- 6 On or before January 15 of 2025, 2026, and 2027, the Secretary of Natural
- 7 <u>Resources shall submit a written report to the Senate Committees on</u>
- 8 Institutions and on Natural Resources and Energy and the House Committees
- 9 on Corrections and Institutions and on Environment and Energy regarding
- 10 efforts undertaken and progress made with respect to sustaining the fish
- 11 production and stocking capacity of Vermont's State-operated fish hatcheries,
- 12 <u>including:</u>
- 13 (1) efforts to maintain permits necessary to continue operating the
- 14 <u>Salisbury fish hatchery after December 31, 2027;</u>
- 15 (2) the potential for transferring the stocking capacity of the Salisbury
- 16 fish hatchery to one or more State-operated or federally operated fish
- 17 <u>hatcheries, including estimated costs;</u>
- 18 (3) the potential for transferring the fish broodstock of the Salisbury fish
- 19 hatchery to one or more State-operated fish hatcheries for the purpose of
- 20 replacing the Salisbury fish hatchery's egg production, including estimated
- 21 <u>costs;</u>

1	(4) the potential to employ innovative or more cost-effective approaches
2	than those identified pursuant to subdivisions (1)-(3) of this section to replace
3	any lost stocking capacity due to the closure of the Salisbury fish hatchery,
4	including estimated costs; and
5	(5) options for limiting negative economic impact of the potential
6	closure of the Salisbury fish hatchery after December 31, 2027, including
7	impacts from reduced fish stocking on fishing and tourism, and impacts from
8	the loss of staff positions at the Salisbury fish hatchery.
9	Sec. 14. [Deleted.]
10	* * * Buildings and General Services * * *
11	Sec. 15. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 22 is amended to read:
12	Sec. 22. SALE OF PROPERTIES
13	* * *
14	(c) 108 Cherry Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the
15	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the
16	property located at 108 Cherry Street in the City of Burlington. The
17	Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to purchase the
18	property.
19	* * *
20	(3) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(d) and 29 V.S.A. § 160, of the
21	proceeds received by the State for the sale of the property located at 108

1	Cherry Street in the City of Burlington, \$6,242,500.00 shall be deposited into
2	the Property Management Revolving Fund (58700) to recover the deficit
3	incurred in the fund as a result of the original purchase of the property and,
4	notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 168(c), \$293,753.63 shall be deposited into the
5	State Energy Revolving Fund (59700) to repay debt outstanding for loans for
6	energy improvement projects on the property.
7	Sec. 16. SALE OF FORMER WILLISTON STATE POLICE BARRACKS;
8	INTENT; REPORT
9	It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Town of Williston shall
10	report to the Senate Committee on Institutions and the House Committee on
11	Corrections and Institutions in January 2025 regarding:
12	(1) whether the town desires to purchase the property; and
13	(2) if so:
14	(A) the feasibility of the Town purchasing the property, including
15	any requested conditions on the sale of the property; and
16	(B) the potential future uses of the property envisioned by the Town.
17	Sec. 17. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 36 is amended to read:
18	Sec. 36. PUBLIC SAFETY FIELD STATION; WILLISTON
19	* * *
20	(b) The Beginning on July 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Buildings and
21	General Services is authorized to sell the Williston Public Safety Field Station

- 1 and adjacent land pursuant to the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166. The
- 2 proceeds from the sale shall be appropriated to future capital construction
- 3 projects.
- 4 Sec. 18. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 34 is amended to read:
- 5 Sec. 34. WILLISTON PUBLIC SAFETY BARRACKS; SALE
- 6 The <u>Beginning on July 1, 2025, the</u> Commissioner of Buildings and General
- 7 Services is authorized to sell the property known as the Williston Public Safety
- 8 Barracks (State Office Building) located at 2777 St. George Road in Williston,
- 9 Vermont pursuant to the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166. The proceeds from
- 10 the sale shall be appropriated to future capital construction projects.
- 11 Sec. 19. 29 V.S.A. § 152 is amended to read:
- 12 § 152. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER
- 13 (a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in addition to the
- 14 duties expressly set forth elsewhere by law, shall have the authority to:
- 15 ***
- 16 (3) Prepare or cause to be prepared plans and specifications for
- 17 construction and repair on all State-owned buildings:
- 18 ***
- 19 (B) For which no specific appropriations have been made by the
- 20 General Assembly or the Emergency Board. The Commissioner may, with the
- 21 approval of the Secretary of Administration, acquire an option, for a price not

1	to exceed \$75,000.00, on an individual property without prior legislative
2	approval, for a price not to exceed five percent of the listed sale price of the
3	property, provided the option contains a provision stating that purchase of the
4	property shall occur only upon the approval of the General Assembly and the
5	appropriation of funds for this purpose. The State Treasurer is authorized to
6	advance a sum not to exceed \$75,000.00 five percent of the listed sale price of
7	the property, upon warrants drawn by the Commissioner of Finance and
8	Management for the purpose of purchasing an option on a property pursuant to
9	this subdivision.
10	* * *
11	(19) Transfer any unexpended project balances between projects that are
12	authorized within the same section of an annual <u>a biennial</u> capital construction
13	act.
14	(20) Transfer any unexpended project balances between projects that are
15	authorized within different capital construction acts, with the approval of the
16	Secretary of Administration, when the unexpended project balance does not
17	exceed $\frac{100,000.00}{200,000.00}$, or with the additional approval of the
18	Emergency Board when such balance exceeds \$100,000.00 \$200,000.00.
19	* * *
20	(22) Use the contingency fund appropriation to cover shortfalls for any
21	project approved in any capital construction act; however, transfers from the
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1 contingency in excess of \$50,000.00 \$100,000.00 shall be done with the 2 approval of the Secretary of Administration. * * * 3 4 Sec. 20. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read: 5 § 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY * * * 6 7 (b)(1) Upon authorization by the General Assembly, which may be granted 8 by resolution, and with the advice and consent of the Governor, the 9 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may sell real estate owned 10 by the State. Such The property shall be sold to the highest bidder therefor at 11 public auction or upon sealed bids in at the discretion of the Commissioner of 12 Buildings and General Services, who may reject any or all bids, or the 13 Commissioner is authorized to list the sale of property with a real estate agent licensed by the State. In no event shall the property be sold for less than fair 14 15 market value as determined by the Commissioner in consultation with an 16 independent real estate broker or appraiser, or both, retained by the 17 Commissioner, unless otherwise authorized by the General Assembly. * * * 18

- 1 Sec. 21. SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; POTENTIAL
- 2 LAND TRANSFER; REPORT
- 3 (a) The Department of Fish and Wildlife, in consultation with the
- 4 Department of Buildings and General Services, shall evaluate the potential
- 5 transfer of a portion of the former Southeast State Correctional Facility
- 6 property to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for inclusion in the adjacent
- 7 <u>wildlife management area</u>. The evaluation shall:
- 8 (1) delineate the portions of the former Southeast State Correctional
- 9 Facility property that could be used for future redevelopment of the site, taking
- 10 into account any necessary setbacks from wetlands, streams, or wildlife
- 11 <u>habitat;</u>
- 12 (2) identify any portions of the property that could be transferred into
- 13 the adjacent wildlife management area and potential impacts on the
- 14 redevelopment or sale of the property from the transfer of the identified
- 15 portions; and
- 16 (3) identify any rights of way or easements that will be necessary for the
- 17 potential future redevelopment of any retained portion of the property.
- 18 (b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife
- 19 and the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall report to the
- 20 House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee

- 1 <u>on Institutions regarding the evaluation and any legislative action that may be</u>
- 2 <u>necessary to facilitate a proposed transfer or redevelopment of the property.</u>
- 3 Sec. 21a. SOUTHERN STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; TRANSFER
- 4 OF PARCEL
- 5 (a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
- 6 transfer to the Town of Springfield a portion of the Southern State Correctional
- 7 Facility Property consisting of approximately 10 acres to be used as the
- 8 <u>location of a new Town garage.</u>
- 9 (b) The transfer shall be contingent on:
- 10 (1) the State obtaining State and local zoning and subdivision approvals
- 11 that are necessary for the transfer; and
- 12 (2) the negotiation of an agreement between the State and the Town of
- 13 Springfield regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the access road and the
- 14 water and sewer service lines for the Correctional Facility and the transferred
- 15 parcel.
- 16 (c) The transferred parcel shall not include any brownfields on the
- 17 <u>Southern State Correctional Facility Property.</u>
- 18 (d) In the event the Town does not utilize the transferred parcel for a new
- 19 Town garage, the Town shall consult with the Commissioner of Buildings and
- 20 <u>General Services regarding any proposed alternative uses of the parcel.</u>

- 1 (e) The transfer authority provided pursuant to this section shall expire on
- 2 July 1, 2027.
- 3 Sec. 22. FORENSIC FACILITY; NEEDS; REVIEW; REPORT
- 4 (a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation
- 5 with the Commissioners of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and
- 6 Independent Living, shall review the programming needs and facility
- 7 requirements of individuals who will be housed in a proposed forensic facility.
- 8 The review shall be performed during fiscal year 2025 using funds from the
- 9 Department of Buildings and General Service's base appropriation as the
- 10 Commissioner determines to be appropriate. The Commissioner shall report,
- 11 on or before February 1, 2025, to the Senate Committees on Appropriations
- 12 and on Institutions and to the House Committees on Appropriations and on
- 13 Corrections and Institutions regarding the findings of the review.
- 14 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the fiscal year 2026 capital
- 15 construction and State bonding act shall include funding for the design and
- 16 development of the proposed forensic facility.
- 17 Sec. 22a. SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;
- 18 POTENTIAL REUSE BY STATE; INTENT
- 19 It is the intent of the General Assembly that the parcel on which the former
- 20 Southeast State Correctional Facility was located shall not be sold unless the

- 1 State has determined that the site is not needed for use as the location for a
- 2 <u>State facility or other State purpose.</u>
- 3 Sec. 23. DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES YOUTH
- 4 SHORT-TERM STABILIZATION AND TREATMENT CENTER;
- 5 LONG-TERM LEASE; AUTHORIZATION
- 6 Notwithstanding any provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 165(h) or 29 V.S.A.
- 7 <u>§ 166(a) to the contrary, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services</u>
- 8 is authorized to enter into a long-term ground lease agreement at a below-
- 9 market rate for an initial term of not more than 20 years with not more than
- 10 four five-year renewal options for the Department for Children and Families
- 11 Youth Short Term Stabilization and Treatment Center. At the end of the term
- 12 and any renewals, the ground lease shall terminate.
- 13 Sec. 24. CAPITOL COMPLEX FLOOD RECOVERY; SPECIAL
- 14 COMMITTEE
- 15 (a) The Special Committee on Capitol Complex Flood Recovery is
- 16 established. The Special Committee shall comprise the Joint Fiscal Committee
- 17 and the chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the
- 18 <u>Senate Committee on Institutions.</u>
- 19 (b)(1) The Special Committee shall meet at the call of the chair of the Joint
- 20 Fiscal Committee, in consultation with the chairs of the House Committee on
- 21 <u>Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.</u>

- 1 (2)(A) The Special Committee shall meet to review and recommend
- 2 <u>alterations to proposals and plans for Capitol Complex flood recovery.</u>
- 3 (B) The Special Committee may, as necessary, grant approval to
- 4 proposals and plans for Capitol Complex flood recovery.
- 5 (c) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall provide
- 6 quarterly updates to the Special Committee on the planning process for Capitol
- 7 <u>Complex flood recovery.</u>
- 8 (d) The Special Committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as
- 9 provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.
- 10 Sec. 25. STATE HOUSE; IMPROVEMENTS; DESIGN; SPECIAL
- 11 COMMITTEE
- 12 (a)(1) To allow the Department of Buildings and General Services to begin
- 13 the design development phase, it is the intent of the General Assembly to
- 14 approve a schematic design plan for accessibility, life safety, and mechanical
- 15 systems improvements to the State House identified in Scenario 1, as approved
- 16 by the Joint Legislative Mangement Committee on December 15, 2023 and
- 17 excluding any improvements that would impact committee rooms.
- 18 (2) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall provide
- 19 the Special Committee established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section
- 20 with a draft schematic design plan for the work identified pursuant to

- <u>subdivision (1) of this subsection on or before July 15, 2024 and a final</u>
 <u>schematic design plan on or before September 15, 2024.</u>
 (b)(1) A Special Committee to be called the Special Committee on State
- 4 House Improvements consisting of the Joint Legislative Management
- 5 Committee and the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and
- 6 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions is established.
- 7 (2) The Special Committee is authorized to meet to:
- 8 (A) review and recommend alterations to the draft schematic design
- 9 to be submitted on or before July 15, 2024 as described in subsection (a) of this
- 10 section at a regularly scheduled Joint Legislative Management Committee
- 11 meeting; and
- 12 (B) review and approve the final schematic design to be submitted on
- 13 or before September 15, 2024 as described in subsection (a) of this section at a
- 14 regularly scheduled Joint Legislative Management Committee meeting.
- 15 (c) In making its decision, the Special Committee shall consider:
- 16 (1) how the design impacts the ability of the General Assembly to
- 17 <u>conduct legislative business;</u>
- 18 (2) whether the design allows for public access to citizens;
- 19 (3) the financial consequences to the State of approval or disapproval of
- 20 the proposal; and
- 21 (4) whether any potential alternatives are available.

(d) The Special Committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as
provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.
* * * Corrections * * *
Sec. 26. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 28 is amended to read:
Sec. 28. REPLACEMENT WOMEN'S FACILITIES; SITE LOCATION
PROPOSAL; DESIGN INTENT
(a) <u>Site location proposal.</u>
(1)(A) Site location proposal. On or before January 15, $2024 2025$, the
Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a site location
proposal for replacement women's facilities for justice-involved women to the
House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee
on Institutions.
(B) It is the intent of the General Assembly that:
(i) when evaluating site locations, preference shall be given to
State-owned property; and
(ii) the site location, regardless of whether it is on State-owned
land or land proposed to be purchased by the State, shall be:
(I) near support services, programming, and work opportunities
needed to facilitate successful reentry into the community; and
(II) in a reasonable proximity to the existing workforce to
facilitate retention and continuity of experienced staff.

1	(C)(i) The proposal shall consider both colocating facilities in a
2	campus-style approach for operational efficiencies and the need for separate
3	facilities at different locations.
4	(ii) The proposal shall consider the proximity of existing and
5	potential future public transit services.
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7	Sec. 27. REPLACEMENT WOMEN'S FACILITIES; AUTHORITY TO
8	PURCHASE LAND; INTENT; REPORT
9	(a) Contingent authority to purchase land. In the event that the
10	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the
11	Commissioner of Corrections, is unable to identify appropriate State-owned
12	site locations for the replacement facilities for justice-involved women, the
13	Commissioner is authorized to purchase land in a location that is:
14	(1) near support services, programming, and work opportunities needed
15	to facilitate successful reentry into the community;
16	(2) in a reasonable proximity to the existing workforce to facilitate
17	retention and continuity of experienced staff; and
18	(3) near existing or potential future public transit services.
19	(b) Reports. Beginning in July 2024 and ending in January 2025, the
20	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the
21	Commissioner of Corrections, shall report at least once per calendar quarter to
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1	the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
2	Committee on Institutions regarding progress in fulfilling the requirements of
3	2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 28 and subsection (a) of this section.
4	Sec. 28. POTENTIAL REUSE OF CHITTENDEN REGIONAL
5	CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SITE; FEASIBILITY; REPORT
6	(a) On or before December 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Buildings and
7	General Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Corrections, shall
8	report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
9	Committees on Institutions and on Judiciary regarding the feasibility of
10	utilizing the site of the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility for a reentry
11	facility for eligible justice-involved men following the construction of
12	replacement facilities for justice-involved women.
13	(b) The report shall:
14	(1)(A) evaluate the condition and structure of the existing facility to
15	determine if it can be repurposed as a reentry facility in a manner that supports
16	the programmatic goals of the Department of Corrections using evidence-based
17	principles for wellness environments for supporting trauma-informed practices;
18	and
19	(B) if it can be repurposed as a reentry facility, the improvements and
20	other work necessary to support the programmatic goals of the Department of
21	Corrections using evidence-based principles for wellness environments for

supporting trauma-informed practices and the estimated cost of performing the

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- 2 work: 3 (2)(A) evaluate whether a new reentry facility could be constructed on 4 the site following the demolition of some or all of the existing facility; 5 (B) identify potential designs for a newly constructed reentry facility 6 at the site that supports the programmatic goals of the Department of 7 Corrections using evidence-based principles for wellness environments for 8 supporting trauma-informed practices; and 9 (C) identify any site work, improvements, and other work necessary 10 to construct a new reentry facility on the site, including the cost of any such 11 work; and 12 (3) if the existing facility cannot be repurposed as a reentry facility and a 13 new reentry facility cannot be constructed on the site, identify other potential 14 sites for a male reentry facility that are near: 15 (A) support services, programming, and work opportunities needed to 16 facilitate successful reentry into the community; and 17 (B) existing or potential future public transit services. 18 (c) As used in this section, "reentry facility" means a facility at which 19 incarcerated individuals prepare to transition back into the community 20 following release. Reentry facilities provide services, or enable incarcerated
- 21 individuals to obtain services, that will facilitate the transition back into the

- 1 community, including career and housing supports, vocational education, job
- 2 placement, mental health counseling, substance use disorder treatment or
- 3 recovery services, financial education, assistance with obtaining public
- 4 <u>benefits, and other similar services.</u>
- 5 (d) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the fiscal year 2026 capital
- 6 construction and State bonding act shall include funding for the preparation of
- 7 the report required pursuant to this section.
- 8 * * * Judiciary * * *
- 9 Sec. 29. BARRE; WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE;
- 10 LAND ACQUISITION; AUTHORIZATION; COMMUNICATION
- 11 WITH CITY
- 12 (a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation
- 13 with the Judiciary, is authorized to use the amounts appropriated in 2023 Acts
- 14 and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(c)(11) and (d)(4) to purchase land as needed to
- 15 renovate or replace the Washington County Superior Courthouse.
- 16 (b) The Commissioner shall:
- 17 (1) consult with the City of Barre on potential options for renovating or
- 18 replacing the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre; and
- 19 (2) provide updates to the City on progress made with respect to
- 20 renovating or replacing the Courthouse.

- 1 Sec. 30. WHITE RIVER JUNCTION; WINDSOR COUNTY SUPERIOR
- 2 COURTHOUSE; TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF EMPLOYEES
- 3 It is the intent of the General Assembly that following completion of the
- 4 renovations to the Windsor County Superior Courthouse in White River
- 5 Junction, the offices of the Windsor County State's Attorney shall be relocated
- 6 to the leased office space at 55 Railroad Row that is being used as temporary
- 7 <u>office space for Courthouse employees during the renovation.</u>
- 8 *** Effective Date ***
- 9 Sec. 31. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 10 <u>This act shall take effect on passage.</u>