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

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

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

5 Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

6 (a) This bill may be referred to as the “BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2025  
7 Appropriations Act.”

8 Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

9 (a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of  
10 State government and for capital appropriations not funded with bond proceeds  
11 during fiscal year 2025. It is the express intent of the General Assembly that  
12 activities of the various agencies, departments, divisions, boards, and  
13 commissions be limited to those that can be supported by funds appropriated in  
14 this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2024. Agency and department  
15 heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of  
16 fiscal year 2025 so as to meet this condition unless otherwise directed by  
17 specific language in this act or other acts of the General Assembly.

18 Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

19 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serves as the  
20 primary source and reference for appropriations for the operations of State  
21 government and for capital appropriations not funded with bond proceeds for  
22 fiscal year 2025.

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

9       (c) Unless codified or otherwise specified, all narrative portions of this act  
10       apply only to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025.

11       Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

12       (a) As used in this act:

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

17               (2) “Encumbrances” means a portion of an appropriation reserved for  
18               the subsequent payment of existing purchase orders or contracts. The  
19               Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the  
20               appropriateness of encumbrances.

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

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

10           (5) “Personal services” means wages and salaries, fringe benefits, per  
11           diems, and contracted third-party services, and similar items.

12       Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

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

15       Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

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

19       Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

20           (a) In fiscal year 2025, the Governor, with the approval of the General  
21           Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the General Assembly is not in

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

7 (b) If, during fiscal year 2025, federal funds available to the State of  
8 Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2024 session of  
9 the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are  
10 abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new  
11 title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for  
12 any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were  
13 appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for not  
14 more than 45 days prior to General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee  
15 approval. Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if  
16 the Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint  
17 Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's  
18 request for approval.

19 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

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

1 positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(a)(11), shall not be increased during  
2 fiscal year 2025 except for new positions authorized by the 2024 session.  
3 Limited service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be  
4 subject to this restriction.

5 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

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

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



1	Operating expenses	<u>160,916</u>
2	Total	1,575,096
3	Source of funds	
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,575,096</u>
5	Total	1,575,096
6	Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
7	Personal services	894,261
8	Operating expenses	<u>90,822</u>
9	Total	985,083
10	Source of funds	
11	Internal service funds	<u>985,083</u>
12	Total	985,083
13	Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
14	Personal services	567,817
15	Operating expenses	<u>59,472</u>
16	Total	627,289
17	Source of funds	
18	Internal service funds	<u>627,289</u>
19	Total	627,289
20	Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
21	Personal services	275,025

1	Operating expenses	<u>48,667</u>
2	Total	323,692
3	Source of funds	
4	Internal service funds	<u>323,692</u>
5	Total	323,692
6	Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information	
7	technology	
8	Personal services	82,994,362
9	Operating expenses	<u>62,547,212</u>
10	Total	145,541,574
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	209,808
13	Special funds	511,723
14	Internal service funds	<u>144,820,043</u>
15	Total	145,541,574
16	Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
17	Personal services	1,526,943
18	Operating expenses	<u>332,906</u>
19	Total	1,859,849
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,183,688



1	Internal service funds	666,328
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>9,833</u>
3	Total	1,859,849
4	Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
5	Personal services	2,753,093
6	Operating expenses	<u>887,167</u>
7	Total	3,640,260
8	Source of funds	
9	Internal service funds	3,499,357
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>140,903</u>
11	Total	3,640,260
12	Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
13	Personal services	11,174,144
14	Operating expenses	<u>1,533,893</u>
15	Total	12,708,037
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	1,835,968
18	Special funds	242,235
19	Internal service funds	10,105,741
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>524,093</u>
21	Total	12,708,037

1	Sec. B.108.1 Human resources - VTHR operations	
2	Personal services	2,001,756
3	Operating expenses	<u>897,472</u>
4	Total	2,899,228
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>2,899,228</u>
7	Total	2,899,228
8	Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
9	Personal services	1,219,976
10	Operating expenses	<u>656,818</u>
11	Total	1,876,794
12	Source of funds	
13	Internal service funds	<u>1,876,794</u>
14	Total	1,876,794
15	Sec. B.110 Libraries	
16	Personal services	2,608,231
17	Operating expenses	987,312
18	Grants	<u>272,701</u>
19	Total	3,868,244
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	2,151,812

1	Special funds	130,971
2	Federal funds	1,467,374
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>118,087</u>
4	Total	3,868,244
5	Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
6	Personal services	28,375,591
7	Operating expenses	<u>6,868,137</u>
8	Total	35,243,728
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	23,248,019
11	Special funds	11,880,709
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>115,000</u>
13	Total	35,243,728
14	Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
15	Personal services	1,070,354
16	Operating expenses	<u>229,587</u>
17	Total	1,299,941
18	Source of funds	
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,299,941</u>
20	Total	1,299,941

1	Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
2	Personal services	18,881
3	Operating expenses	<u>1,271,574</u>
4	Total	1,290,455
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>1,290,455</u>
7	Total	1,290,455
8	Sec. B.113.1 Buildings and General Services Engineering - Capital Projects	
9	Personal services	2,973,306
10	Operating expenses	<u>500,000</u>
11	Total	3,473,306
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	2,973,306
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>500,000</u>
15	Total	3,473,306
16	Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
17	Personal services	3,585,324
18	Operating expenses	<u>1,919,853</u>
19	Total	5,505,177
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	688,453

1	Transportation fund	4,292,149
2	Special funds	<u>524,575</u>
3	Total	5,505,177
4	Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
5	Personal services	2,462,542
6	Operating expenses	<u>245,613</u>
7	Total	2,708,155
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,568,464
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,139,691</u>
11	Total	2,708,155
12	Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
13	Personal services	826,840
14	Operating expenses	<u>177,446</u>
15	Total	1,004,286
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	90,941
18	Internal service funds	<u>913,345</u>
19	Total	1,004,286
20	Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
21	Personal services	902,844

1	Operating expenses	<u>237,416</u>
2	Total	1,140,260
3	Source of funds	
4	Internal service funds	<u>1,140,260</u>
5	Total	1,140,260
6	Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
7	Personal services	915,232
8	Operating expenses	<u>251,755</u>
9	Total	1,166,987
10	Source of funds	
11	Internal service funds	<u>1,166,987</u>
12	Total	1,166,987
13	Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
14	Operating expenses	<u>4,298</u>
15	Total	4,298
16	Source of funds	
17	Enterprise funds	<u>4,298</u>
18	Total	4,298
19	Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	
20	Personal services	375,218
21	Operating expenses	<u>149,871</u>

1	Total	525,089
2	Source of funds	
3	Internal service funds	<u>525,089</u>
4	Total	525,089
5	Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
6	Personal services	1,471,106
7	Operating expenses	<u>652,847</u>
8	Total	2,123,953
9	Source of funds	
10	Internal service funds	<u>2,123,953</u>
11	Total	2,123,953
12	Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
13	Personal services	20,361,714
14	Operating expenses	<u>17,940,900</u>
15	Total	38,302,614
16	Source of funds	
17	Internal service funds	38,214,088
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>88,526</u>
19	Total	38,302,614
20	Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
21	Personal services	1,621,889

1	Operating expenses	<u>529,815</u>
2	Total	2,151,704
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	1,896,299
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>255,405</u>
6	Total	2,151,704
7	Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel	
8	Personal services	3,906,667
9	Operating expenses	<u>291,399</u>
10	Total	4,198,066
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>4,198,066</u>
13	Total	4,198,066
14	Sec. B.126 Legislature	
15	Personal services	6,531,132
16	Operating expenses	<u>4,934,310</u>
17	Total	11,465,442
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>11,465,442</u>
20	Total	11,465,442



1	Sec. B.126.1 Legislative information technology	
2	Personal services	1,433,677
3	Operating expenses	<u>807,537</u>
4	Total	2,241,214
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>2,241,214</u>
7	Total	2,241,214
8	Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
9	Personal services	2,661,816
10	Operating expenses	<u>197,363</u>
11	Total	2,859,179
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>2,859,179</u>
14	Total	2,859,179
15	Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
16	Personal services	1,501,807
17	Operating expenses	<u>161,697</u>
18	Total	1,663,504
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>1,663,504</u>
21	Total	1,663,504

1	Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
2	Personal services	273,359
3	Operating expenses	<u>48,050</u>
4	Total	321,409
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>321,409</u>
7	Total	321,409
8	Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
9	Personal services	4,397,652
10	Operating expenses	<u>140,540</u>
11	Total	4,538,192
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	383,992
14	Special funds	53,145
15	Internal service funds	<u>4,101,055</u>
16	Total	4,538,192
17	Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
18	Personal services	6,021,504
19	Operating expenses	<u>305,404</u>
20	Total	6,326,908
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	2,233,091
2	Special funds	3,783,849
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>309,968</u>
4	Total	6,326,908
5	Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
6	Personal services	814,215
7	Operating expenses	<u>514,990</u>
8	Total	1,329,205
9	Source of funds	
10	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,329,205</u>
11	Total	1,329,205
12	Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
13	Personal services	213,238
14	Operating expenses	<u>2,849,942</u>
15	Total	3,063,180
16	Source of funds	
17	Pension trust funds	<u>3,063,180</u>
18	Total	3,063,180
19	Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
20	Personal services	237,966
21	Operating expenses	<u>1,499,159</u>

1	Total	1,737,125
2	Source of funds	
3	Pension trust funds	<u>1,737,125</u>
4	Total	1,737,125
5	Sec. B.134.1 Vermont Pension Investment Commission	
6	Personal services	2,154,707
7	Operating expenses	<u>294,507</u>
8	Total	2,449,214
9	Source of funds	
10	Special funds	<u>2,449,214</u>
11	Total	2,449,214
12	Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
13	Personal services	290,593
14	Operating expenses	<u>48,629</u>
15	Total	339,222
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	329,646
18	Special funds	6,788
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
20	Total	339,222

1	Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
2	Personal services	98,853
3	Operating expenses	<u>25,115</u>
4	Total	123,968
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	72,964
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>51,004</u>
8	Total	123,968
9	Sec. B.136.1 Ethics Commission	
10	Personal services	171,374
11	Operating expenses	<u>38,979</u>
12	Total	210,353
13	Source of funds	
14	Internal service funds	<u>210,353</u>
15	Total	210,353
16	Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
17	Grants	<u>19,100,000</u>
18	Total	19,100,000
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>19,100,000</u>
21	Total	19,100,000

1	Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
2	Grants	<u>9,500,000</u>
3	Total	9,500,000
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>
6	Total	9,500,000
7	Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
8	Grants	<u>3,400,000</u>
9	Total	3,400,000
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>3,400,000</u>
12	Total	3,400,000
13	Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
14	Grants	<u>20,050,000</u>
15	Total	20,050,000
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	<u>20,050,000</u>
18	Total	20,050,000
19	Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
20	Grants	<u>12,050,000</u>
21	Total	12,050,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	<u>12,050,000</u>
3	Total	12,050,000
4	Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier	
5	Grants	<u>184,000</u>
6	Total	184,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	<u>184,000</u>
9	Total	184,000
10	Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
11	Grants	<u>40,000</u>
12	Total	40,000
13	Source of funds	
14	Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
15	Total	40,000
16	Sec. B.145 Total general government	
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	117,405,610
19	Transportation fund	4,292,149
20	Special funds	31,882,209
21	Federal funds	1,467,374

1	Internal service funds	214,635,950
2	Interdepartmental transfers	7,053,789
3	Enterprise funds	4,298
4	Pension trust funds	4,800,305
5	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,329,205</u>
6	Total	382,870,889
7	Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
8	Personal services	14,435,517
9	Operating expenses	2,015,028
10	Grants	<u>20,000</u>
11	Total	16,470,545
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	7,391,661
14	Special funds	2,355,424
15	Tobacco fund	422,000
16	Federal funds	1,743,215
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,558,245</u>
18	Total	16,470,545
19	Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
20	Personal services	1,250
21	Grants	<u>3,526,258</u>



1	Total	3,527,508
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	3,269,511
4	Special funds	<u>257,997</u>
5	Total	3,527,508
6	Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
7	Personal services	17,745,612
8	Operating expenses	<u>1,393,866</u>
9	Total	19,139,478
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	18,399,825
12	Special funds	589,653
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>150,000</u>
14	Total	19,139,478
15	Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
16	Personal services	7,654,274
17	Operating expenses	<u>49,500</u>
18	Total	7,703,774
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>7,703,774</u>
21	Total	7,703,774

1	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
2	Personal services	58,439,095
3	Operating expenses	12,479,384
4	Grants	<u>121,030</u>
5	Total	71,039,509
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	63,414,698
8	Special funds	4,503,401
9	Federal funds	953,928
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,167,482</u>
11	Total	71,039,509
12	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
13	Personal services	17,309,679
14	Operating expenses	<u>2,034,016</u>
15	Total	19,343,695
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	18,734,634
18	Federal funds	31,000
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>578,061</u>
20	Total	19,343,695

1	Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
2	Personal services	66,237
3	Operating expenses	24,295
4	Grants	<u>2,140,047</u>
5	Total	2,230,579
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>2,230,579</u>
8	Total	2,230,579
9	Sec. B.206.1 Crime Victims Advocates	
10	Personal services	3,016,156
11	Operating expenses	<u>104,396</u>
12	Total	3,120,552
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>3,120,552</u>
15	Total	3,120,552
16	Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
17	Personal services	5,067,726
18	Operating expenses	<u>405,868</u>
19	Total	5,473,594
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>5,473,594</u>

1	Total	5,473,594
2	Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
3	Personal services	4,620,756
4	Operating expenses	<u>6,022,923</u>
5	Total	10,643,679
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	6,179,193
8	Special funds	4,105
9	Federal funds	396,362
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,064,019</u>
11	Total	10,643,679
12	Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
13	Personal services	74,755,468
14	Operating expenses	15,992,094
15	Grants	<u>1,137,841</u>
16	Total	91,885,403
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	57,891,409
19	Transportation fund	20,250,000
20	Special funds	3,170,328
21	Federal funds	8,967,252

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,606,414</u>
2	Total	91,885,403
3	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
4	Personal services	5,387,100
5	Operating expenses	<u>2,152,467</u>
6	Total	7,539,567
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	1,829,099
9	Special funds	4,975,847
10	Federal funds	<u>734,621</u>
11	Total	7,539,567
12	Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management	
13	Personal services	5,420,245
14	Operating expenses	1,326,624
15	Grants	<u>41,392,759</u>
16	Total	48,139,628
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	940,339
19	Special funds	710,000
20	Federal funds	46,427,309
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>61,980</u>

1	Total	48,139,628
2	Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
3	Personal services	9,384,147
4	Operating expenses	3,412,948
5	Grants	<u>107,000</u>
6	Total	12,904,095
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	1,586,884
9	Special funds	10,093,736
10	Federal funds	1,178,475
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
12	Total	12,904,095
13	Sec. B.213 Public safety - Forensic Laboratory	
14	Personal services	3,842,354
15	Operating expenses	<u>1,095,166</u>
16	Total	4,937,520
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	3,768,566
19	Special funds	75,572
20	Federal funds	557,339
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>536,043</u>

1	Total	4,937,520
2	Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
3	Personal services	1,056,147
4	Operating expenses	776,352
5	Grants	<u>1,319,834</u>
6	Total	3,152,333
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>3,152,333</u>
9	Total	3,152,333
10	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
11	Personal services	10,499,846
12	Operating expenses	<u>1,504,451</u>
13	Total	12,004,297
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	775,259
16	Federal funds	<u>11,229,038</u>
17	Total	12,004,297
18	Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
19	Personal services	45,473,792
20	Operating expenses	<u>8,181,836</u>
21	Total	53,655,628

1	Source of funds	
2	Federal funds	<u>53,655,628</u>
3	Total	53,655,628
4	Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
5	Personal services	827,320
6	Operating expenses	<u>1,008,123</u>
7	Total	1,835,443
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,772,943
10	Special funds	<u>62,500</u>
11	Total	1,835,443
12	Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
13	Personal services	1,211,819
14	Operating expenses	176,383
15	Grants	<u>28,500</u>
16	Total	1,416,702
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	1,096,505
19	Special funds	209,092
20	Federal funds	<u>111,105</u>
21	Total	1,416,702



1	Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
2	Personal services	2,061,261
3	Operating expenses	391,491
4	Grants	<u>9,908,464</u>
5	Total	12,361,216
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	1,601,998
8	Special funds	4,015,490
9	Federal funds	<u>6,743,728</u>
10	Total	12,361,216
11	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council	
12	Personal services	2,356,811
13	Operating expenses	<u>1,821,496</u>
14	Total	4,178,307
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	3,835,126
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>343,181</u>
18	Total	4,178,307
19	Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
20	Personal services	3,057,449
21	Operating expenses	<u>346,294</u>

1	Total	3,403,743
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	1,393,366
4	Special funds	1,432,323
5	Federal funds	<u>578,054</u>
6	Total	3,403,743
7	Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer	
8	protection	
9	Personal services	5,235,644
10	Operating expenses	1,113,830
11	Grants	<u>2,780,000</u>
12	Total	9,129,474
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	3,400,278
15	Special funds	4,020,618
16	Federal funds	1,696,578
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>12,000</u>
18	Total	9,129,474
19	Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
20	Personal services	4,265,067
21	Operating expenses	734,947

1	Grants	<u>15,307,498</u>
2	Total	20,307,512
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	3,077,928
5	Special funds	644,363
6	Federal funds	<u>16,585,221</u>
7	Total	20,307,512
8	Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management	
9	and environmental stewardship	
10	Personal services	2,712,147
11	Operating expenses	839,493
12	Grants	<u>212,000</u>
13	Total	3,763,640
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	824,794
16	Special funds	2,242,158
17	Federal funds	343,452
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>353,236</u>
19	Total	3,763,640
20	Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont Agriculture and	
21	Environmental Lab	

1	Personal services	1,822,983
2	Operating expenses	<u>1,438,533</u>
3	Total	3,261,516
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	1,602,665
6	Special funds	1,591,189
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>67,662</u>
8	Total	3,261,516
9	Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, Food and Markets - Clean Water	
10	Personal services	3,815,695
11	Operating expenses	745,519
12	Grants	<u>11,147,000</u>
13	Total	15,708,214
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	1,817,135
16	Special funds	10,528,782
17	Federal funds	2,169,174
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,193,123</u>
19	Total	15,708,214
20	Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
21	Personal services	2,726,198

1	Operating expenses	159,635
2	Grants	<u>100,000</u>
3	Total	2,985,833
4	Source of funds	
5	Special funds	<u>2,985,833</u>
6	Total	2,985,833
7	Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
8	Personal services	2,400,645
9	Operating expenses	<u>473,873</u>
10	Total	2,874,518
11	Source of funds	
12	Special funds	<u>2,874,518</u>
13	Total	2,874,518
14	Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
15	Personal services	5,028,218
16	Operating expenses	<u>556,622</u>
17	Total	5,584,840
18	Source of funds	
19	Special funds	<u>5,584,840</u>
20	Total	5,584,840

1	Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
2	Personal services	5,723,322
3	Operating expenses	<u>652,707</u>
4	Total	6,376,029
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	<u>6,376,029</u>
7	Total	6,376,029
8	Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
9	Personal services	1,269,574
10	Operating expenses	<u>241,157</u>
11	Total	1,510,731
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	<u>1,510,731</u>
14	Total	1,510,731
15	Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
16	Personal services	22,592,899
17	Operating expenses	4,345,999
18	Grants	<u>1,000,000</u>
19	Total	27,938,898
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,000,000

1	Special funds	19,922,486
2	Federal funds	<u>7,016,412</u>
3	Total	27,938,898
4	Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
5	Personal services	10,861,325
6	Operating expenses	1,405,907
7	Grants	<u>28,300</u>
8	Total	12,295,532
9	Source of funds	
10	Special funds	11,060,542
11	Federal funds	992,781
12	Interdepartmental transfers	225,423
13	Enterprise funds	<u>16,786</u>
14	Total	12,295,532
15	Sec. B.233.1 VT Community Broadband Board	
16	Personal services	1,609,379
17	Operating expenses	269,690
18	Grants	<u>150,000</u>
19	Total	2,029,069
20	Source of funds	
21	Special funds	1,269,289

1	Federal funds	<u>759,780</u>
2	Total	2,029,069
3	Sec. B.234 Public utility commission	
4	Personal services	5,052,403
5	Operating expenses	<u>617,149</u>
6	Total	5,669,552
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	<u>5,669,552</u>
9	Total	5,669,552
10	Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
11	Personal services	4,429,219
12	Operating expenses	<u>471,441</u>
13	Total	4,900,660
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	<u>4,900,660</u>
16	Total	4,900,660
17	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
18	Personal services	927,697
19	Operating expenses	<u>115,103</u>
20	Total	1,042,800
21	Source of funds	



1	General fund	953,800
2	Federal funds	<u>89,000</u>
3	Total	1,042,800
4	Sec. B.236.1 Liquor & Lottery Comm. Office	
5	Personal services	9,831,453
6	Operating expenses	<u>5,667,447</u>
7	Total	15,498,900
8	Source of funds	
9	Special funds	125,000
10	Tobacco fund	250,579
11	Interdepartmental transfers	70,000
12	Enterprise funds	<u>15,053,321</u>
13	Total	15,498,900
14	Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board	
15	Personal services	4,242,224
16	Operating expenses	<u>1,819,990</u>
17	Total	6,062,214
18	Source of funds	
19	Special funds	<u>6,062,214</u>
20	Total	6,062,214

1	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	228,238,448
4	Transportation fund	20,250,000
5	Special funds	119,824,272
6	Tobacco fund	672,579
7	Federal funds	162,959,452
8	Interdepartmental transfers	16,031,869
9	Enterprise funds	<u>15,070,107</u>
10	Total	563,046,727
11	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
12	Personal services	16,219,746
13	Operating expenses	7,220,486
14	Grants	<u>3,795,202</u>
15	Total	27,235,434
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	12,913,202
18	Special funds	135,517
19	Federal funds	13,565,080
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>621,635</u>
21	Total	27,235,434

1	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
2	Grants	<u>2,039,512,911</u>
3	Total	2,039,512,911
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	668,380,623
6	Special funds	32,047,905
7	Tobacco fund	21,049,373
8	State health care resources fund	28,053,557
9	Federal funds	1,285,494,243
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,487,210</u>
11	Total	2,039,512,911
12	Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
13	Personal services	479,072
14	Operating expenses	95,765
15	Grants	<u>191,595</u>
16	Total	766,432
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	12,000
19	Federal funds	<u>754,432</u>
20	Total	766,432

1	Sec. B.304 Human services board	
2	Personal services	703,548
3	Operating expenses	<u>90,191</u>
4	Total	793,739
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	486,165
7	Federal funds	<u>307,574</u>
8	Total	793,739
9	Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
10	Personal services	330,000
11	Operating expenses	<u>13,170,000</u>
12	Total	13,500,000
13	Source of funds	
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,500,000</u>
15	Total	13,500,000
16	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
17	Personal services	134,929,148
18	Operating expenses	44,171,193
19	Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>
20	Total	182,212,642
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	39,872,315
2	Special funds	4,733,015
3	Federal funds	128,790,580
4	Global Commitment fund	4,308,574
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,508,158</u>
6	Total	182,212,642
7	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global	
8	commitment	
9	Personal services	547,983
10	Grants	<u>899,550,794</u>
11	Total	900,098,777
12	Source of funds	
13	Global Commitment fund	<u>900,098,777</u>
14	Total	900,098,777
15	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state	
16	only	
17	Grants	<u>63,033,948</u>
18	Total	63,033,948
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	62,151,546
21	Global Commitment fund	<u>882,402</u>

1	Total	63,033,948
2	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver	
3	matched	
4	Grants	<u>34,994,888</u>
5	Total	34,994,888
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	12,511,405
8	Federal funds	<u>22,483,483</u>
9	Total	34,994,888
10	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
11	Personal services	8,373,168
12	Operating expenses	7,519,722
13	Grants	<u>7,985,727</u>
14	Total	23,878,617
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	3,189,843
17	Special funds	2,308,186
18	Federal funds	11,040,433
19	Global Commitment fund	7,173,924
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>166,231</u>
21	Total	23,878,617

1	Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
2	Personal services	67,812,371
3	Operating expenses	11,025,497
4	Grants	<u>46,766,832</u>
5	Total	125,604,700
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	12,908,892
8	Special funds	24,906,804
9	Tobacco fund	1,088,918
10	Federal funds	64,038,301
11	Global Commitment fund	17,036,150
12	Interdepartmental transfers	5,600,635
13	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
14	Total	125,604,700
15	Sec. B.313 Health - substance use programs	
16	Personal services	6,570,967
17	Operating expenses	511,500
18	Grants	<u>58,215,510</u>
19	Total	65,297,977
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	6,672,061

1	Special funds	2,413,678
2	Tobacco fund	949,917
3	Federal funds	15,456,754
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>39,805,567</u>
5	Total	65,297,977
6	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
7	Personal services	50,191,086
8	Operating expenses	5,517,999
9	Grants	<u>270,625,138</u>
10	Total	326,334,223
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	25,555,311
13	Special funds	1,718,092
14	Federal funds	11,436,913
15	Global Commitment fund	287,609,767
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>
17	Total	326,334,223
18	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support	
19	services	
20	Personal services	46,644,080
21	Operating expenses	17,560,755



1	Grants	<u>5,627,175</u>
2	Total	69,832,010
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	39,722,724
5	Special funds	2,781,912
6	Federal funds	24,448,223
7	Global Commitment fund	2,417,024
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>462,127</u>
9	Total	69,832,010
10	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
11	Personal services	45,197,694
12	Operating expenses	5,315,309
13	Grants	<u>98,251,027</u>
14	Total	148,764,030
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	58,838,741
17	Special funds	729,587
18	Federal funds	34,666,196
19	Global Commitment fund	54,514,506
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>
21	Total	148,764,030

1	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
2	Personal services	5,908,038
3	Operating expenses	813,321
4	Grants	<u>223,329,336</u>
5	Total	230,050,695
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	76,723,518
8	Special funds	96,312,000
9	Federal funds	43,511,414
10	Global Commitment fund	<u>13,503,763</u>
11	Total	230,050,695
12	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
13	Personal services	13,157,660
14	Operating expenses	<u>3,759,992</u>
15	Total	16,917,652
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	5,200,064
18	Special funds	455,719
19	Federal funds	10,874,269
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
21	Total	16,917,652

1	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and	
2	disabled	
3	Personal services	2,252,206
4	Grants	<u>10,717,444</u>
5	Total	12,969,650
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	7,376,133
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,593,517</u>
9	Total	12,969,650
10	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
11	Personal services	15,000
12	Grants	<u>11,054,252</u>
13	Total	11,069,252
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	10,811,345
16	Federal funds	11,320
17	Global Commitment fund	<u>246,587</u>
18	Total	11,069,252
19	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
20	Grants	<u>44,377,812</u>
21	Total	44,377,812

1	Source of funds	
2	Federal funds	<u>44,377,812</u>
3	Total	44,377,812
4	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
5	Operating expenses	23,821
6	Grants	<u>37,230,488</u>
7	Total	37,254,309
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	24,733,042
10	Special funds	5,970,229
11	Federal funds	2,806,330
12	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,744,708</u>
13	Total	37,254,309
14	Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel	
15	assistance/LIHEAP	
16	Grants	<u>16,019,953</u>
17	Total	16,019,953
18	Source of funds	
19	Special funds	1,480,395
20	Federal funds	<u>14,539,558</u>
21	Total	16,019,953

1	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic	
2	opportunity	
3	Personal services	817,029
4	Operating expenses	100,407
5	Grants	<u>35,466,283</u>
6	Total	36,383,719
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	28,178,010
9	Special funds	83,135
10	Federal funds	4,935,273
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,187,301</u>
12	Total	36,383,719
13	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization	
14	assistance	
15	Personal services	465,709
16	Operating expenses	248,905
17	Grants	<u>15,147,885</u>
18	Total	15,862,499
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	7,697,546
21	Federal funds	<u>8,164,953</u>

1	Total	15,862,499
2	Sec. B.327 Department for Children and Families - Secure Residential	
3	Treatment	
4	Personal services	258,100
5	Operating expenses	42,225
6	Grants	<u>3,476,862</u>
7	Total	3,777,187
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	3,747,187
10	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>
11	Total	3,777,187
12	Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination	
13	services	
14	Personal services	7,860,410
15	Operating expenses	<u>488,354</u>
16	Total	8,348,764
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	124,172
19	Federal funds	<u>8,224,592</u>
20	Total	8,348,764

1	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &	
2	support	
3	Personal services	45,217,977
4	Operating expenses	<u>6,472,558</u>
5	Total	51,690,535
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	22,916,281
8	Special funds	1,390,457
9	Federal funds	26,063,097
10	Global Commitment fund	35,000
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,285,700</u>
12	Total	51,690,535
13	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and	
14	independent living grants	
15	Grants	<u>24,571,060</u>
16	Total	24,571,060
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	8,392,303
19	Federal funds	7,321,114
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>8,857,643</u>
21	Total	24,571,060

1	Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually	
2	impaired	
3	Grants	<u>1,907,604</u>
4	Total	1,907,604
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	489,154
7	Special funds	223,450
8	Federal funds	890,000
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>305,000</u>
10	Total	1,907,604
11	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational	
12	rehabilitation	
13	Grants	<u>10,179,845</u>
14	Total	10,179,845
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	1,371,845
17	Federal funds	7,558,000
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>
19	Total	10,179,845
20	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental	
21	services	



1	Grants	<u>329,299,344</u>
2	Total	329,299,344
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	132,732
5	Special funds	15,463
6	Federal funds	403,573
7	Global Commitment fund	328,697,576
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>
9	Total	329,299,344
10	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and	
11	community based waiver	
12	Grants	<u>6,845,005</u>
13	Total	6,845,005
14	Source of funds	
15	Global Commitment fund	<u>6,845,005</u>
16	Total	6,845,005
17	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care	
18	Grants	<u>293,584,545</u>
19	Total	293,584,545
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	498,579

1	Federal funds	2,450,000
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>290,635,966</u>
3	Total	293,584,545
4	Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
5	Personal services	5,025,978
6	Operating expenses	<u>266,783</u>
7	Total	5,292,761
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>5,292,761</u>
10	Total	5,292,761
11	Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
12	Personal services	475,099
13	Operating expenses	<u>59,692</u>
14	Total	534,791
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>534,791</u>
17	Total	534,791
18	Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
19	Personal services	3,979,310
20	Operating expenses	<u>252,649</u>
21	Total	4,231,959

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	4,082,899
3	Federal funds	276
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
5	Total	4,231,959
6	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
7	Personal services	147,472,104
8	Operating expenses	<u>24,914,205</u>
9	Total	172,386,309
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	162,807,888
12	Special funds	935,963
13	ARPA State Fiscal	5,000,000
14	Federal funds	499,888
15	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
17	Total	172,386,309
18	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Reinvestment II	
19	Grants	<u>11,055,849</u>
20	Total	11,055,849
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	8,478,161
2	Federal funds	13,147
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>
4	Total	11,055,849
5	Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services-out of state beds	
6	Personal services	<u>4,130,378</u>
7	Total	4,130,378
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>
10	Total	4,130,378
11	Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
12	Personal services	634,972
13	Operating expenses	<u>456,715</u>
14	Total	1,091,687
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	<u>1,091,687</u>
17	Total	1,091,687
18	Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
19	Personal services	324,103
20	Operating expenses	<u>166,750</u>
21	Total	490,853

1	Source of funds	
2	Internal service funds	<u>490,853</u>
3	Total	490,853
4	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
5	Personal services	17,631,222
6	Operating expenses	<u>5,013,462</u>
7	Total	22,644,684
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	4,320,687
10	Special funds	10,051,903
11	Federal funds	<u>8,272,094</u>
12	Total	22,644,684
13	Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
14	Personal services	398,669
15	Operating expenses	<u>93,837</u>
16	Total	492,506
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	487,998
19	Special funds	<u>4,508</u>
20	Total	492,506

1	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
2	Grants	<u>160,155</u>
3	Total	160,155
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>160,155</u>
6	Total	160,155
7	Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board	
8	Personal services	8,396,809
9	Operating expenses	<u>398,601</u>
10	Total	8,795,410
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	3,494,109
13	Special funds	<u>5,301,301</u>
14	Total	8,795,410
15	Sec. B.346 Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate	
16	Personal services	342,966
17	Operating expenses	<u>88,820</u>
18	Total	431,786
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>431,786</u>
21	Total	431,786

1	Sec. B.347 Total human services	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	1,328,118,806
4	Special funds	202,800,452
5	Tobacco fund	23,088,208
6	State health care resources fund	28,053,557
7	ARPA State Fiscal	5,000,000
8	Federal funds	1,803,398,922
9	Global Commitment fund	1,980,839,553
10	Internal service funds	490,853
11	Interdepartmental transfers	32,893,535
12	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
13	Total	5,404,708,886
14	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
15	Personal services	39,963,839
16	Operating expenses	5,708,836
17	Grants	<u>9,199,639</u>
18	Total	54,872,314
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	10,916,365
21	Special funds	9,407,107

1	Federal funds	34,261,616
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>287,226</u>
3	Total	54,872,314
4	Sec. B.401 Total labor	
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	10,916,365
7	Special funds	9,407,107
8	Federal funds	34,261,616
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>287,226</u>
10	Total	54,872,314
11	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
12	Personal services	22,086,664
13	Operating expenses	4,484,934
14	Grants	<u>14,770,700</u>
15	Total	41,342,298
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	7,317,085
18	Special funds	16,618,543
19	Education fund	3,486,988
20	Federal funds	13,154,385
21	Global Commitment fund	260,000



1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>505,297</u>
2	Total	41,342,298
3	Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
4	Personal services	28,237,700
5	Operating expenses	1,134,912
6	Grants	<u>322,345,763</u>
7	Total	351,718,375
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	6,387,955
10	Special funds	3,033,144
11	Tobacco fund	750,388
12	Federal funds	340,584,414
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>962,474</u>
14	Total	351,718,375
15	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
16	Grants	<u>264,649,859</u>
17	Total	264,649,859
18	Source of funds	
19	Education fund	<u>264,649,859</u>
20	Total	264,649,859

1	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
2	Grants	<u>20,000,000</u>
3	Total	20,000,000
4	Source of funds	
5	Education fund	<u>20,000,000</u>
6	Total	20,000,000
7	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
8	Grants	<u>4,694,183</u>
9	Total	4,694,183
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	3,778,133
12	Federal funds	<u>916,050</u>
13	Total	4,694,183
14	Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
15	Grants	<u>11,361,755</u>
16	Total	11,361,755
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	921,500
19	Education fund	<u>10,440,255</u>
20	Total	11,361,755

1	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
2	Grants	<u>1,893,267,394</u>
3	Total	1,893,267,394
4	Source of funds	
5	Education fund	<u>1,893,267,394</u>
6	Total	1,893,267,394
7	Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
8	Grants	<u>25,306,000</u>
9	Total	25,306,000
10	Source of funds	
11	Education fund	<u>25,306,000</u>
12	Total	25,306,000
13	Sec. B.507 Education - Merger Support Grants	
14	Grants	<u>1,800,000</u>
15	Total	1,800,000
16	Source of funds	
17	Education fund	<u>1,800,000</u>
18	Total	1,800,000
19	Sec. B.507.1 Education - EL Categorical Aid	
20	Grants	<u>2,250,000</u>
21	Total	2,250,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Education fund	<u>2,250,000</u>
3	Total	2,250,000
4	Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition	
5	Grants	<u>20,400,000</u>
6	Total	20,400,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Education fund	<u>20,400,000</u>
9	Total	20,400,000
10	Sec. B.509 Education - Afterschool Grant Program	
11	Personal services	500,000
12	Grants	<u>3,500,000</u>
13	Total	4,000,000
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	<u>4,000,000</u>
16	Total	4,000,000
17	Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
18	Grants	<u>8,725,587</u>
19	Total	8,725,587
20	Source of funds	
21	Education fund	<u>8,725,587</u>

1	Total	8,725,587
2	Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
3	Grants	<u>17,881,950</u>
4	Total	17,881,950
5	Source of funds	
6	Education fund	<u>17,881,950</u>
7	Total	17,881,950
8	Sec. B.511.1 State Board of Education	
9	Personal services	54,208
10	Operating expenses	<u>16,500</u>
11	Total	70,708
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>70,708</u>
14	Total	70,708
15	Sec. B.513 Retired Teachers Pension Plus Funding	
16	Grants	<u>12,000,000</u>
17	Total	12,000,000
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>12,000,000</u>
20	Total	12,000,000

1	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
2	Grants	<u>191,382,703</u>
3	Total	191,382,703
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	155,384,035
6	Education fund	<u>35,998,668</u>
7	Total	191,382,703
8	Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	
9	Personal services	349,979
10	Operating expenses	<u>3,222,801</u>
11	Total	3,572,780
12	Source of funds	
13	Pension trust funds	<u>3,572,780</u>
14	Total	3,572,780
15	Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
16	Grants	<u>62,107,644</u>
17	Total	62,107,644
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	43,031,103
20	Education fund	<u>19,076,541</u>
21	Total	62,107,644

1	Sec. B.516 Total general education	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	228,890,519
4	Special funds	23,651,687
5	Tobacco fund	750,388
6	Education fund	2,323,283,242
7	Federal funds	354,654,849
8	Global Commitment fund	260,000
9	Interdepartmental transfers	1,467,771
10	Pension trust funds	<u>3,572,780</u>
11	Total	2,936,531,236
12	Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
13	Grants	<u>55,706,897</u>
14	Total	55,706,897
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>55,706,897</u>
17	Total	55,706,897
18	Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
19	Grants	<u>50,940,478</u>
20	Total	50,940,478
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>50,940,478</u>
2	Total	50,940,478
3	Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
4	Grants	<u>1,788,434</u>
5	Total	1,788,434
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	288,434
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,500,000</u>
9	Total	1,788,434
10	Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
11	Grants	<u>26,139,946</u>
12	Total	26,139,946
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>26,139,946</u>
15	Total	26,139,946
16	Sec. B.605.1 VSAC - Flexible Pathways Stipend	
17	Grants	<u>82,450</u>
18	Total	82,450
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	41,225
21	Education fund	<u>41,225</u>



1	Total	82,450
2	Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
3	Grants	<u>86,520</u>
4	Total	86,520
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>86,520</u>
7	Total	86,520
8	Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm	
9	Grants	<u>1</u>
10	Total	1
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>1</u>
13	Total	1
14	Sec. B.608 Total higher education	
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	133,203,501
17	Education fund	41,225
18	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,500,000</u>
19	Total	134,744,726
20	Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	
21	Personal services	6,006,412

1	Operating expenses	<u>1,475,166</u>
2	Total	7,481,578
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	5,129,356
5	Special funds	775,079
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,577,143</u>
7	Total	7,481,578
8	Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment	
9	Operating expenses	<u>2,689,176</u>
10	Total	2,689,176
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	2,267,676
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
14	Total	2,689,176
15	Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
16	Personal services	22,597,844
17	Operating expenses	6,843,095
18	Grants	<u>853,066</u>
19	Total	30,294,005
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	8,267,967

1	Special funds	365,427
2	Fish and wildlife fund	10,418,331
3	Federal funds	9,751,683
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,490,597</u>
5	Total	30,294,005
6	Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
7	Personal services	1,347,215
8	Operating expenses	<u>1,658,662</u>
9	Total	3,005,877
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	2,867,366
12	Special funds	<u>138,511</u>
13	Total	3,005,877
14	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
15	Personal services	7,880,566
16	Operating expenses	1,005,046
17	Grants	<u>1,712,423</u>
18	Total	10,598,035
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	6,299,512
21	Special funds	547,215

1	Federal funds	3,394,931
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>356,377</u>
3	Total	10,598,035
4	Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
5	Personal services	13,641,062
6	Operating expenses	5,555,506
7	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
8	Total	19,246,568
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,461,122
11	Special funds	<u>17,785,446</u>
12	Total	19,246,568
13	Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration and recreation	
14	Personal services	3,209,865
15	Operating expenses	7,721,058
16	Grants	<u>3,729,759</u>
17	Total	14,660,682
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,179,068
20	Special funds	2,283,759
21	Federal funds	10,802,370

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>395,485</u>
2	Total	14,660,682
3	Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest and parks access roads	
4	Personal services	130,000
5	Operating expenses	<u>99,925</u>
6	Total	229,925
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>229,925</u>
9	Total	229,925
10	Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services	
11	Personal services	9,202,579
12	Operating expenses	4,811,255
13	Grants	<u>122,735</u>
14	Total	14,136,569
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	2,243,575
17	Special funds	794,867
18	Federal funds	2,164,711
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>8,933,416</u>
20	Total	14,136,569

1	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
2	Personal services	27,995,328
3	Operating expenses	10,788,954
4	Grants	<u>4,943,000</u>
5	Total	43,727,282
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	199,372
8	Special funds	24,643,580
9	Federal funds	18,800,064
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>84,266</u>
11	Total	43,727,282
12	Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs	
13	Personal services	50,153,806
14	Operating expenses	8,362,915
15	Grants	<u>92,365,140</u>
16	Total	150,881,861
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	11,887,629
19	Special funds	30,967,150
20	Federal funds	107,154,542
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>872,540</u>

1	Total	150,881,861
2	Sec. B.713 Natural resources board	
3	Personal services	3,313,829
4	Operating expenses	<u>421,198</u>
5	Total	3,735,027
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	760,232
8	Special funds	<u>2,974,795</u>
9	Total	3,735,027
10	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	42,792,800
13	Special funds	81,275,829
14	Fish and wildlife fund	10,418,331
15	Federal funds	152,068,301
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,131,324</u>
17	Total	300,686,585
18	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce	
19	and community development - administration	
20	Personal services	2,368,443
21	Operating expenses	839,383

1	Grants	<u>389,320</u>
2	Total	3,597,146
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	<u>3,597,146</u>
5	Total	3,597,146
6	Sec. B.801 Economic development	
7	Personal services	4,612,442
8	Operating expenses	1,215,603
9	Grants	<u>6,539,044</u>
10	Total	12,367,089
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	5,701,138
13	Special funds	820,850
14	Federal funds	4,021,428
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,823,673</u>
16	Total	12,367,089
17	Sec. B.802 Housing and community development	
18	Personal services	7,645,042
19	Operating expenses	910,983
20	Grants	<u>23,978,656</u>
21	Total	32,534,681



1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	5,365,841
3	Special funds	8,702,439
4	Federal funds	14,615,349
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,851,052</u>
6	Total	32,534,681
7	Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
8	Personal services	5,332,723
9	Operating expenses	6,090,577
10	Grants	<u>3,920,000</u>
11	Total	15,343,300
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	4,785,247
14	Federal funds	10,483,053
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
16	Total	15,343,300
17	Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
18	Grants	<u>973,848</u>
19	Total	973,848
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>973,848</u>

1	Total	973,848
2	Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
3	Grants	<u>149,680</u>
4	Total	149,680
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>149,680</u>
7	Total	149,680
8	Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
9	Grants	<u>1,135,640</u>
10	Total	1,135,640
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>1,135,640</u>
13	Total	1,135,640
14	Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
15	Grants	<u>82,283,351</u>
16	Total	82,283,351
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	25,607,155
19	Federal funds	<u>56,676,196</u>
20	Total	82,283,351

1	Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
2	Grants	<u>309,000</u>
3	Total	309,000
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>309,000</u>
6	Total	309,000
7	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	22,017,540
10	Special funds	35,130,444
11	Federal funds	85,796,026
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,749,725</u>
13	Total	148,693,735
14	Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
15	Personal services	18,099,986
16	Operating expenses	6,108,609
17	Grants	<u>350,000</u>
18	Total	24,558,595
19	Source of funds	
20	Transportation fund	23,202,105
21	Federal funds	<u>1,356,490</u>

1	Total	24,558,595
2	Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
3	Personal services	3,907,105
4	Operating expenses	17,194,905
5	Grants	<u>737,501</u>
6	Total	21,839,511
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	5,766,122
9	Federal funds	<u>16,073,389</u>
10	Total	21,839,511
11	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
12	Personal services	1,025,000
13	Operating expenses	<u>1,800,000</u>
14	Total	2,825,000
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	<u>2,825,000</u>
17	Total	2,825,000
18	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
19	Personal services	82,232,854
20	Operating expenses	307,766,179
21	Grants	<u>30,605,814</u>

1	Total	420,604,847
2	Source of funds	
3	Transportation fund	65,845,147
4	TIB fund	14,726,719
5	Federal funds	334,397,149
6	Interdepartmental transfers	1,411,518
7	Local match	<u>4,224,314</u>
8	Total	420,604,847
9	Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
10	Personal services	300,000
11	Operating expenses	<u>1,185,601</u>
12	Total	1,485,601
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	148,560
15	Federal funds	<u>1,337,041</u>
16	Total	1,485,601
17	Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
18	Personal services	42,757,951
19	Operating expenses	<u>63,680,546</u>
20	Total	106,438,497
21	Source of funds	

1	Transportation fund	105,406,483
2	Federal funds	932,014
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
4	Total	106,438,497
5	Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
6	Personal services	4,108,918
7	Operating expenses	942,444
8	Grants	<u>9,000,491</u>
9	Total	14,051,853
10	Source of funds	
11	Transportation fund	3,137,901
12	Federal funds	10,797,449
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>116,503</u>
14	Total	14,051,853
15	Sec. B.906.1 Transportation - Environmental Policy and Sustainability	
16	Personal services	6,953,362
17	Operating expenses	1,176,411
18	Grants	<u>1,480,000</u>
19	Total	9,609,773
20	Source of funds	
21	Transportation fund	531,909

1	Federal funds	7,900,327
2	Local match	<u>1,177,537</u>
3	Total	9,609,773
4	Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
5	Personal services	5,734,768
6	Operating expenses	<u>43,012,063</u>
7	Total	48,746,831
8	Source of funds	
9	Transportation fund	15,690,849
10	Federal funds	30,641,237
11	Interdepartmental transfers	2,196,000
12	Local match	<u>218,745</u>
13	Total	48,746,831
14	Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
15	Personal services	4,612,631
16	Operating expenses	119,894
17	Grants	<u>50,807,700</u>
18	Total	55,540,225
19	Source of funds	
20	Transportation fund	9,807,525
21	Federal funds	45,592,700

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>140,000</u>
2	Total	55,540,225
3	Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
4	Personal services	5,480,920
5	Operating expenses	<u>18,070,315</u>
6	Total	23,551,235
7	Source of funds	
8	Internal service funds	<u>23,551,235</u>
9	Total	23,551,235
10	Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
11	Personal services	33,713,124
12	Operating expenses	<u>13,549,772</u>
13	Total	47,262,896
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	44,454,119
16	Federal funds	2,687,081
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>121,696</u>
18	Total	47,262,896
19	Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
20	Grants	<u>8,016,000</u>
21	Total	8,016,000



1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	<u>8,016,000</u>
3	Total	8,016,000
4	Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
5	Personal services	449,763
6	Operating expenses	<u>31,689</u>
7	Total	481,452
8	Source of funds	
9	Transportation fund	121,452
10	Federal funds	<u>360,000</u>
11	Total	481,452
12	Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
13	Grants	<u>8,858,000</u>
14	Total	8,858,000
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	<u>8,858,000</u>
17	Total	8,858,000
18	Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
19	Personal services	12,185,000
20	Operating expenses	<u>33,149,278</u>
21	Total	45,334,278

1	Source of funds	
2	TIB fund	3,973,281
3	Federal funds	39,264,097
4	Local match	<u>2,096,900</u>
5	Total	45,334,278
6	Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
7	Grants	<u>29,532,753</u>
8	Total	29,532,753
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	<u>29,532,753</u>
11	Total	29,532,753
12	Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
13	Grants	<u>128,750</u>
14	Total	128,750
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
17	Total	128,750
18	Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
19	Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
20	Total	1,150,000
21	Source of funds	

1	Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
2	Total	1,150,000
3	Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	
4	Personal services	25,000
5	Grants	<u>155,000</u>
6	Total	180,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	20,000
9	Federal funds	<u>160,000</u>
10	Total	180,000
11	Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program	
12	Personal services	125,000
13	Operating expenses	280,000
14	Grants	<u>6,738,000</u>
15	Total	7,143,000
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	715,000
18	Special funds	5,000,000
19	Federal funds	<u>1,428,000</u>
20	Total	7,143,000

1	Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program	
2	Operating expenses	200,000
3	Grants	<u>1,050,000</u>
4	Total	1,250,000
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	50,000
7	Federal funds	1,000,000
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>200,000</u>
9	Total	1,250,000
10	Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
11	Personal services	176,315
12	Operating expenses	<u>23,782</u>
13	Total	200,097
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	<u>200,097</u>
16	Total	200,097
17	Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
18	Source of funds	
19	Transportation fund	325,557,772
20	TIB fund	18,700,000
21	Special funds	5,050,000

1	Federal funds	493,926,974
2	Internal service funds	23,551,235
3	Interdepartmental transfers	4,285,717
4	Local match	<u>7,717,496</u>
5	Total	878,789,194
6	Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
7	Operating expenses	<u>675,000</u>
8	Total	675,000
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	<u>675,000</u>
11	Total	675,000
12	Sec. B.1001 Total debt service	
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>675,000</u>
15	Total	675,000
16	* * * Fiscal Year 2025 One-Time Appropriations * * *	
17	Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONE-TIME	
18	APPROPRIATIONS	
19	<u>(a) Department of Public Safety. In fiscal year 2025, funds are</u>	
20	<u>appropriated for the following:</u>	
21	<u>(1) \$250,000 General Fund to fund the Urban Search and Rescue Team.</u>	

1       (b) Military Department. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the  
2       following:

3               (1) \$10,000 General Fund for the USS Vermont Support Group.

4       (c) Department of Mental Health. In fiscal year 2025, funds are  
5       appropriated for the following:

6               (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for start-up costs related to the psychiatric  
7       youth inpatient facility funded by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec.  
8       B.1105(b)(4).

9       (d) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for  
10       the following:

11               (1) \$1,060,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for a program  
12       administered by Vermont's 13 recovery centers in collaboration with the  
13       Department of Corrections to provide recovery support to those in correctional  
14       facilities, post-incarceration, and involved in probation and parole;

15               (2) \$1,000,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for grants to providers  
16       to establish community-based stabilization beds for individuals transitioning  
17       between substance use disorder residential treatment and the recovery system;

18               (3) \$800,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for grants to providers for  
19       ongoing support for contingency management;

20               (4) \$714,481 Opioid Abatement Special Fund to expand Student  
21       Assistance Professional and school-based services;

1           (5) \$325,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for recovery housing  
2           supports;

3           (6) \$150,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for a grant to Johnson  
4           Health Center to establish a managed medical response partnership for  
5           individuals with substance use disorder;

6           (7) \$150,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for a grant to Vermonters  
7           for Criminal Justice Reform to establish a managed medical response  
8           partnership for individuals with substance use disorder;

9           (8) \$835,073 General Fund for the Bridges to Health Program; and

10           (9) \$400,000 General Fund for the Vermont Household Health  
11           Insurance Survey.

12           (e) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2025, funds are  
13           appropriated for the following:

14           (1) \$16,500,000 General Fund for the General Assistance Emergency  
15           Housing program;

16           (2) \$1,034,065 General Fund to extend 10 Economic Services Division  
17           limited service positions, including associated operating costs, in support of the  
18           General Assistance Emergency Housing program; and

19           (3) \$332,000 General Fund for a 2-1-1 service line contract to operate  
20           24 hours seven days per week.

1       (f) Vermont State University. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated  
2       for the following:

3               (1) \$10,000,000 General Fund for deficit reduction and systems  
4       transformation bridge funding; and

5               (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the Community College of Vermont  
6       Tuition Advantage Program.

7       (g) Department of Environmental Conservation. In fiscal year 2025, funds  
8       are appropriated for the following:

9               (1) \$500,000 General Fund to be used as State match for the federal  
10       Water Resources Development Act Winooski Study;

11               (2) \$225,000 General Fund for contracting to support development of  
12       State Flood Hazard Area Standards;

13               (3) \$1,500,000 General Fund for contracting to support completion of  
14       river corridor mapping and implementation of river corridor permitting;

15               (4) \$150,000 General Fund for contracting to support wetlands mapping  
16       and rulemaking; and

17               (5) \$50,000 General Fund for education and outreach on the use of  
18       unencapsulated polystyrene foam for docks in waters of the State.

19       (h) Department of Economic Development. In fiscal year 2025, funds are  
20       appropriated for the following:



1           (1) \$150,000 General Fund for continued funding of the International  
2           Business Office previously funded by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec.  
3           G.300(b)(1).

4           (i) Department of Housing and Community Development. In fiscal year  
5           2025, funds are appropriated for the following:

6           (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the Manufactured Home Improvement  
7           and Repair Program.

8           (j) Agency of Transportation. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated  
9           for the following:

10           (1) \$630,000 Transportation Fund for a grant to Green Mountain Transit  
11           as one-time bridge funding while Green Mountain Transit stabilizes its  
12           finances, adjusts its service levels, and transitions to a sustainable funding  
13           model;

14           (2) \$1,700,000 Transportation Fund for the purpose of providing grants  
15           to increase access to level 1 and 2 electric vehicle supply equipment charging  
16           ports at workplaces and multiunit dwelling places; and

17           (3) \$70,000 Transportation Fund for the purpose of providing grants as  
18           part of the eBike Incentive Program.

19           (k) Secretary of State. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the  
20           following:

1           (1) \$300,000 General Fund to support the costs of elections in calendar  
2           year 2024;

3           (2) \$67,000 General Fund, notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 124(a), to the  
4           Office of Professional Regulation to support the administrative work necessary  
5           to implement newly joined interstate compacts; and

6           (3) \$50,000 General Fund for a consultant to assist the Working Group  
7           on Participation and Accessibility of Municipal Public Meetings and Elections.

8           (l) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. In fiscal year 2025, funds  
9           are appropriated for the following:

10           (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the pilot expansion of the Water  
11           Quality Assistance Program to provide financial assistance to logging  
12           contractors.

13           (m) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2025, funds  
14           are appropriated for the following:

15           (1) \$240,000 General Fund for a grant to the Northeast Organic Farming  
16           Association of Vermont for the Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm Share  
17           programs; and

18           (2) \$100,000 General Fund for grants to Vermont's 14 Natural  
19           Resources Conservation Districts.

20           (n) Agency of Human Services Secretary's Office. In fiscal year 2025,  
21           funds are appropriated for the following:

1           (1) \$3,913,200 General Fund and \$5,366,383 federal funds to be used  
2           for Global Commitment match for the Medicaid Global Payment Program. To  
3           the extent that at a future date the Global Payment Program ceases to operate  
4           as a program or changes methodology to a retrospective payment program, any  
5           resulting one-time General Fund spending authority remaining at that time  
6           shall be reverted. If the Human Services Caseload Reserve established in 32  
7           V.S.A. § 308b has not been replenished in accordance with subdivision (b)(21)  
8           of Sec. B.1102 of this act, the remaining unallocated General Fund balance  
9           shall be reserved in the Human Services Caseload Reserve established in 32  
10          V.S.A. § 308b up to the amount appropriated in this subdivision.

11          (o) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2025, funds are  
12          appropriated for the following:

13                 (1) \$9,279,583 Global Commitment for the Medicaid Global Payment  
14          Program;

15                 (2) \$150,000 General Fund to conduct a technical analysis of Vermont's  
16          health insurance markets; and

17                 (3) \$100,000 General Fund to implement the expansion of Medicare  
18          Savings Programs eligibility.

19          (p) Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living. In fiscal  
20          year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:

1           (1) \$82,000 General Fund to fund the start-up costs relating to the Adult  
2           Days center in central Vermont.

3           (q) Center for Crime Victim Services. In fiscal year 2025, funds are  
4           appropriated for the following:

5           (1) \$254,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Network Against  
6           Domestic and Sexual Violence to maintain its current level of operations;

7           (2) \$60,000 General Fund for a grant to support the creation of the  
8           Memorial and Healing Garden on the former grounds of Saint Joseph's  
9           Orphanage; and

10          (3) \$22,000 General Fund for a grant to the Intercollegiate Sexual Harm  
11          Prevention Council for the purpose of staffing the Council and providing per  
12          diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses to members who are not  
13          otherwise compensated by their employer.

14          (r) Department of Corrections. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated  
15          for the following:

16          (1) \$300,000 General Fund for the purpose of contracting with a vendor  
17          to enhance the Department's capacity to analyze and interpret data, with the  
18          goals of transferring individuals from incarceration to community supervision  
19          more quickly and improving reentry and case management processes.

20          (s) Green Mountain Care Board. In fiscal year 2025, funds are  
21          appropriated for the following:

1           (1) \$15,000 General Fund for a contract with a qualified entity for a  
2           reference-based pricing analysis.

3           (t) Joint Fiscal Office. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the  
4           following:

5           (1) \$50,000 General Fund for a consultant to assist the County and  
6           Regional Governance Study Committee.

7           (u) General Assembly. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the  
8           following:

9           (1) \$15,000 General Fund for per diem compensation and expense  
10          reimbursement for the members of the County and Regional Governance Study  
11          Committee.

12          (v) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated  
13          for the following:

14          (1) \$200,000 General Fund for local economic damage grants to  
15          municipalities that were impacted by the August and December 2023 flooding  
16          events in counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management  
17          Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declarations DR-4744-  
18          VT and DR-4762-VT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these local  
19          economic damage grants be distributed to municipalities throughout the State  
20          to address the secondary economic impacts of the August and December 2023

1 flooding events. Monies from these grants shall not be expended on Federal  
2 Emergency Management Agency related projects.

3 Sec. B.1101.1 TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

4 (a) In fiscal year 2025, \$1,100,000 General Fund is appropriated to the  
5 Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

6 Sec. B.1102 UNOBLIGATED GENERAL FUND CONTINGENT

7 APPROPRIATIONS

8 (a) As part of the fiscal year 2024 closeout, the Department of Finance and  
9 Management shall execute the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308. If any  
10 balance remains after meeting these requirements, then, notwithstanding 32  
11 V.S.A. § 308c, the Department of Finance and Management shall designate the  
12 first \$44,310,000 as unallocated carryforward for use in meeting the  
13 requirements of the fiscal year 2025 appropriations act as passed by the  
14 General Assembly. The Department of Finance and Management shall then,  
15 notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c, calculate the maximum number of  
16 contingent transactions that can be funded, in the order provided in subsection  
17 (b) of this section, and designate that money to remain unallocated for such  
18 purpose in fiscal year 2025. Any residual balance remaining after such  
19 designations shall be reserved in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308c.

1       (b) In fiscal year 2025, the following contingent transactions shall be  
2       executed in the following order from the designated unallocated balance as  
3       determined in subsection (a) of this section:

4               (1) \$20,000,000 is appropriated to the Department for Children and  
5       Families for the General Assistance Emergency Housing program.

6               (2) \$3,500,000 is transferred to the Community Resilience and Disaster  
7       Mitigation Fund for an appropriation in an equal amount to the Department of  
8       Public Safety for grants to municipalities with Federal Emergency  
9       Management Agency approved Individuals and Households Program  
10       registrations for Individual Assistance relating to a calendar year 2023 flooding  
11       event and for subgrants to residential building owners of up to \$300,000 for  
12       residential structure elevation projects.

13               (3) \$3,000,000 is transferred to the Dam Safety Revolving Loan Fund.

14               (4) \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Department for Children and  
15       Families' Family Services Division for the Comprehensive Child Welfare  
16       Information System.

17               (5) \$12,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Public Safety to be  
18       used as matching funds for Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood  
19       Hazard Mitigation grant receipts.

1           (6) \$12,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration to fund  
2           additional direct payments to the Vermont State Retirement System made  
3           pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 473(c)(8).

4           (7) \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Environmental  
5           Conservation for the Healthy Homes Initiative.

6           (8) \$5,000,000 is transferred to the Other Infrastructure, Essential  
7           Investments, and Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and  
8           Essential Investments established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b and reserved in  
9           accordance with the provisions of 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec.  
10          C.108(b). It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds be used for  
11          the State match needed for water- and wastewater-related projects under the  
12          federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These funds shall only be  
13          expended if authorized by the General Assembly.

14          (9) \$10,000,000 is appropriated to the Department for Children and  
15          Families' Office of Economic Opportunity to expand shelter bed and  
16          permanent supportive housing capacity in the State.

17          (10) \$1,300,000 is appropriated to the Department for Children and  
18          Families for a grant to the Vermont Foodbank. It is the intent of the General  
19          Assembly that \$1,000,000 of these funds be used as direct aid to the Vermont  
20          Foodbank's network partner food shelves and pantries through an equitable  
21          statewide distribution of food and or subgrants or both.



1           (11) \$500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Disabilities, Aging,  
2           and Independent Living for grants to skilled nursing facilities to increase the  
3           pipeline of employed licensed nursing assistants, including increasing the  
4           capacity of new and existing facility-based training programs, and developing  
5           or expanding collaborations with other programs, including career and  
6           technical education programs. Grants may support training program costs,  
7           paid internships, student support, and recruitment and retention bonuses.

8           (A) Of the funds appropriated in subdivision (11) of this section,  
9           \$150,000 shall be for grants of \$30,000 or less.

10           (B) Of the funds appropriated in subdivision (11) of this section,  
11           \$350,000 shall be for up to three grants.

12           (12) \$500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Disabilities, Aging,  
13           and Independent Living for Medical Director recruitment and retention grants  
14           of not more than \$50,000 per grant at skilled nursing facilities.

15           (13) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and  
16           Recreation for the Vermont Serve, Learn, and Earn Program.

17           (14) \$6,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Housing and  
18           Community Development for the Vermont Housing Improvement Program.

19           (15) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Public Safety's  
20           Division of Fire Safety to subsidize the cost of providing cancer screening to

1 all Vermont professional and volunteer firefighters, as well as all enrollees in  
2 the Vermont Fire Academy Firefighter I program.

3 (16) \$5,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and  
4 Community Development to open a flood recovery center to administer a grant  
5 program, in coordination with the Central Vermont Economic Development  
6 Corporation, to issue grants to flood impacted businesses of not more than  
7 \$50,000 per recipient. An amount not to exceed five percent of this  
8 appropriation may be used for the administrative costs of the program. Twenty  
9 percent of these funds shall be for grants to business owners who are Black,  
10 Indigenous, and Persons of Color.

11 (17) \$12,500,000 is transferred to the Other Infrastructure, Essential  
12 Investments, and Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and  
13 Essential Investments established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b and reserved in  
14 accordance with the provisions of 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec.  
15 C.108(a). It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds be used for  
16 the State match needed for transportation-related projects under the federal  
17 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These funds shall only be expended if  
18 authorized by the General Assembly.

19 (18) \$8,000,000 is transferred to the Child Care Contribution Fund  
20 established in 32 V.S.A. § 10554 to be available for appropriation to  
21 Department for Children and Families' Child Development Division for the

1 Child Care Financial Assistance Program if necessary. As part of the report  
2 required by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.131.2, as amended by 2024  
3 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 61, the Treasurer shall include a  
4 recommendation regarding the future status of these funds and whether the  
5 Child Care Contribution Fund should have a statutory reserve.

6 (19) \$60,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and  
7 Markets for a grant to the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont  
8 for the Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm Share programs.

9 (20) \$750,000 is transferred to the Court Technology Fund established  
10 in 4 V.S.A. § 27.

11 (21) \$3,913,200 is reserved in the Human Services Caseload Reserve.

12 Sec. B.1103 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL

13 INVESTMENTS – FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONE-TIME

14 APPROPRIATIONS

15 (a) In fiscal year 2025, \$9,550,000 is appropriated from the Capital  
16 Infrastructure sub account in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential  
17 Investments for the following projects:

18 (1) \$220,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and  
19 General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

20 (2) \$2,300,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and  
21 General Services for parking garage repairs at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington;

1           (3) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and  
2           General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120  
3           State Street in Montpelier;

4           (4) \$850,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and  
5           General Services for the Judiciary for design, renovations, and land acquisition  
6           at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

7           (5) \$850,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and  
8           General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and  
9           design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

10           (6) \$850,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and  
11           General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and  
12           design of the Rutland Field Station;

13           (7) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Vermont Veterans' Home for the  
14           design and renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units;

15           (8) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and  
16           General Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel  
17           waterproofing and Aiken Avenue reconstruction;

18           (9) \$200,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and  
19           General Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the  
20           elevator replacement at 111 State Street;



1	Operating expenses		810,497
2	Grants	<del>95,860,842</del>	<u>85,860,842</u>
3	Total	<del>102,342,338</del>	<u>92,342,338</u>
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	<del>35,016,309</del>	<u>25,016,309</u>
6	Special funds		16,745,000
7	Federal funds		37,419,258
8	Global Commitment fund		13,161,771
9	Total	<del>102,342,338</del>	<u>92,342,338</u>

10 Sec. C.101 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2024  
11 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 40, is further amended to read:

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

13 APPROPRIATIONS

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

16 \* \* \*

17 (5) ~~\$6,250,000~~ \$6,265,000 General Fund for local economic damage  
18 grants to municipalities that were impacted by the July 2023 flooding event in  
19 counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
20 Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declaration DR-4720-VT. It is  
21 the intent of the General Assembly that these local economic damage grants be

1 distributed to municipalities throughout the state to address the secondary  
2 economic impacts of the July 2023 flooding event. Monies from these grants  
3 shall not be expended on FEMA-related projects.

4 \* \* \*

5 (B) ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$3,015,000 of the funds appropriated in this  
6 subdivision (a)(5) for local economic damage grants shall be distributed as  
7 follows:

8 \* \* \*

9 (C) To the extent that the funds appropriated in this subdivision  
10 (a)(5) have not been granted by ~~June~~ September 30, 2024, they shall revert the  
11 General Fund and be transferred to the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund.

12 \* \* \*

13 (I) Agency of Human Services Central Office. In fiscal year 2024, funds  
14 are appropriated for the following:

15 \* \* \*

16 (3) ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$9,429,904 General Fund to continue to address the  
17 emergent and exigent circumstances impacting health care providers following  
18 the COVID-19 pandemic; ~~and~~

19 (4) \$10,534,603 General Fund and ~~\$13,693,231~~ \$13,694,105 Federal  
20 Revenue Fund ~~#2205~~ #22005 for use as Global Commitment matching funds

1 for one-time caseload pressures due to the suspension of Medicaid eligibility  
2 redeterminations; and

3 (5) \$570,096 General Fund and \$741,072 Federal Revenue Fund #22005  
4 for use as Global Commitment matching funds for supplemental  
5 nonemergency medical transportation funding.

6 (m) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2024, funds are  
7 appropriated for the following:

8 (1) \$366,066 General Fund and \$372,048 Federal Revenue Fund #22005  
9 to the Department of Vermont Health Access for a two-year pilot to expand the  
10 Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program ~~and~~;

11 (2) \$15,583,352 Global Commitment Fund #20405 to the Department of  
12 Health Access Medicaid program for a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint  
13 for Health Hub and Spoke program; and

14 (3) \$1,311,168 in Global Commitment Fund #20405 as supplemental  
15 funding for nonemergency medical transportation services to address the  
16 urgent financial needs of the Department's contracted nonemergency medical  
17 transportation service providers.

18 (A) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall report on its  
19 new payment methodology for nonemergency medical transportation and the  
20 estimated costs of providing nonemergency medical transportation to Medicaid



1 beneficiaries in fiscal year 2026 under that methodology as part of the  
2 Department's fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment presentation.

3 \* \* \*

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

6 \* \* \*

7 (13) \$500,000 General Fund and \$500,000 federal funds for information  
8 technology implementation to support the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer  
9 Program.

10 \* \* \*

11 Sec. C.102 GLOBAL COMMITMENT WAIVER AMENDMENT

12 (a) The Secretary of Human Services may request to amend Vermont's  
13 Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver to make  
14 changes necessary to comply with federal Home and Community-Based  
15 Services Conflict of Interest requirements, as well as to seek approval of  
16 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage federal funds for certain room and  
17 board payments and rental assistance not currently eligible for Federal Medical  
18 Assistance Percentage federal funds.

19 Sec. C.103 GLOBAL COMMITMENT INVESTMENT; HOME-

20 DELIVERED MEALS

1        (a) The Secretary of Human Services shall request approval from the  
2        Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for home-delivered meals that are  
3        part of a participant's service plan of care and meet Vermont's area agencies  
4        on aging's nutrition requirements in accordance with the Older Americans Act,  
5        42 U.S.C. §§ 3001–3058ff to be a Global Commitment Investment.

6        Sec. C.104 3 V.S.A. § 3091 is amended to read:

7        § 3091. HEARINGS

8        (a) An applicant for or a recipient of assistance, benefits, or social services  
9        from the Department for Children and Families, of Vermont Health Access, of  
10        Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, ~~or~~ of Mental Health, or of the  
11        Department of Health's Women, Infant, and Children program, or an applicant  
12        for a license from one of those departments, except for the Department of  
13        Health, or a licensee may file a request for a fair hearing with the Human  
14        Services Board. An opportunity for a fair hearing will be granted to any  
15        individual requesting a hearing because ~~his or her~~ the individual's claim for  
16        assistance, benefits, or services is denied, or is not acted upon with reasonable  
17        promptness; or because the individual is aggrieved by any other Agency action  
18        affecting ~~his or her~~ the individual's receipt of assistance, benefits, or services,  
19        or license or license application; or because the individual is aggrieved by  
20        Agency policy as it affects ~~his or her~~ the individual's situation.

21        \* \* \*

1 Sec. C.105 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.104.1 is amended to read:

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

3 PENSION PLUS APPROPRIATION DIRECTIVE

4 (a) In fiscal year 2024, and in each applicable year thereafter, funds  
5 appropriated to the Department of Finance and Management and the Agency of  
6 Administration in Sec. B.104.1 ~~of this act~~ or in other one-time appropriation  
7 sections of the appropriations act to fund additional payments to the Vermont  
8 State Retirement System made pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 473(c)(8) shall be  
9 directly deposited in the Vermont State Retirement System.

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

13 Sec. C.106 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.107(d) is amended to read:

14 (d) Contributions of State. As provided by law, the Retirement Board shall  
15 certify to the Governor or Governor-Elect a statement of the percentage of the  
16 payroll of all members sufficient to pay for all operating expenses of the  
17 Vermont State Retirement System and all contributions of the State that will  
18 become due and payable during the next biennium. The contributions of the  
19 State to pay the annual actuarially determined employer contribution ~~and any~~  
20 ~~additional amounts pursuant to section (c)(8) of this section~~ shall be charged to  
21 the departmental appropriation from which members' salaries are paid and

1 shall be included in each departmental budgetary request. Annually, on or  
2 before January 15, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall  
3 provide to the General Assembly a breakdown of the components of the  
4 payroll charge applied to each department's budget in the current fiscal year  
5 and anticipated to apply in the upcoming fiscal year. This report shall itemize  
6 the percentages of payroll assessments to fund:

7 (1) the actuarially determined employer contribution to the Vermont  
8 State Retirement System; and

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

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

13 Sec. C.107 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.900 is amended to read:

14 Sec. E.900 TRANSPORTATION FUND RESERVE; REVERSIONS  
15 EXCLUDED

16 (a) ~~To calculate~~ For the purpose of calculating the fiscal year 2024  
17 Transportation Fund Stabilization Reserve requirement of five percent of prior  
18 year appropriations, Transportation Fund reversions ~~of \$20,727,012~~ are  
19 ~~excluded~~ deducted from the fiscal year 2023 total appropriations amount.

1 Sec. C.108 CENTRAL GARAGE FUND

2 (a) Notwithstanding 19 V.S.A. § 13(c), the Transportation Fund transfer to  
3 the Central Garage fund in fiscal year 2024 shall be \$0.

4 Sec. C.109 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec B.1102 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.1102 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT; FISCAL  
6 YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

7 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$10,000,000 General Fund is  
8 appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for  
9 the Vermont Rental Housing Improvement Program established in 10 V.S.A.  
10 § 699. The Department may use up to five percent for administrative costs to  
11 allow for the support of the grant program and technical assistance.

12 \* \* \*

13 Sec. C.110 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

14 REVERSION AND REALLOCATION

15 (a) The Secretary of Administration shall revert up to \$5,000,000 of prior  
16 fiscal year federal funds appropriated through the Emergency Rental  
17 Assistance Program, as approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to  
18 Grant Request #3034. An amount of spending authority equal to these  
19 reversions shall be provided, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511, to existing State  
20 programs that meet the eligibility criteria established by the U.S. Treasury.

1        (b) To the extent that qualifying General Fund expenditures already  
2        incurred are transferred onto the spending authority established in subsection  
3        (a) of this section, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall,  
4        notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706, transfer an equivalent amount of General  
5        Fund spending authority to support programs established through Grant  
6        Request #3034 and subsequent Emergency Rental Assistance Program grant  
7        approvals by the Joint Fiscal Committee.

8        Sec. C.111 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 4(b) is amended to read:

9        (b) Appropriation. The sum of \$500,000.00 is appropriated from the  
10        General Fund to the Secretary of State in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of  
11        offsetting election costs incurred by school districts pursuant to this section or  
12        the provisions of 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 1. To the extent to which these  
13        funds remain unobligated and unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2024, they  
14        shall revert to the General Fund and a new one-time General Fund  
15        appropriation shall be established in fiscal year 2025, in the amount reverted,  
16        to be used for election costs in fiscal year 2025.

17        Sec. C.112 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 22, Sec. 14 is amended to read:

18        Sec. 14. APPROPRIATION; OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL FUND

19        In fiscal year 2023, the following monies shall be appropriated from the

20        Opioid Abatement Special Fund pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4774:



1 antagonist distribution efforts, including establishing harm reduction vending  
2 machines, home delivery and mail order options, and expanding the harm  
3 reduction pack and leave behind kit programs.

4 Sec. C.114 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1105 is amended to read:

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

6 INVESTMENTS – FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME

7 APPROPRIATIONS

8 (a) In fiscal year 2024, ~~\$17,685,000~~ \$15,435,000 is appropriated from the  
9 Capital Infrastructure sub account in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential  
10 Investments for the following projects:

11 \* \* \*

12 (~~7~~) ~~\$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and~~  
13 ~~General Services for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern State~~  
14 ~~Correctional Facility in Newport; [Repealed.]~~

15 \* \* \*

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

20 (10) ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of  
21 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the



1 planning and design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term  
2 stabilization facility;

3 (11) \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and  
4 General Services for the Judiciary for design, renovations, and land acquisition  
5 at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

6 \* \* \*

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

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

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

17 (b) In fiscal year 2024, ~~\$31,025,000~~ \$30,025,000 is appropriated from the  
18 Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves subaccount in the  
19 Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments for the following projects.  
20 This funding is provided by the General Fund transfer in Sec. D.101 of this act.

21 \* \* \*



1 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social  
2 Security Act.

3 (b) To address the disruption to cash flows caused by the Change  
4 Healthcare cybersecurity incident, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 308b(a), funds shall  
5 be unreserved from the subaccount of the Human Services Caseload Reserve  
6 established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b(c)(2) for appropriation to Sec. B.301,  
7 Secretary’s Office Global Commitment, of this act for net-neutral transfers  
8 made under the authority granted to the Secretary of Administration in  
9 subsection (a) of this section. Once the cash flows are restored, the  
10 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall include the actions necessary  
11 to reserve in the Human Services Caseload Reserve the amount previously  
12 unreserved as part of the fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment.

13 Sec. C.116 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1101 is amended to read:

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

16 (a) Education workforce.

17 \* \* \*

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

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

5 \* \* \*

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

12 \* \* \*

13 Sec. C.117 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 64, Sec. 3a, is amended to read:

14 Sec. 3a. APPROPRIATION; SCHOOL MEALS

15 The sum of ~~\$29,000,000.00~~ \$26,400,000.00 is appropriated from the  
16 Education Fund to the Agency of Education for fiscal year 2024 to provide  
17 reimbursement for school meals under 16 V.S.A. § 4017.

18 \* \* \* Fiscal Year 2025 Fund Transfers and Reserve Allocations \* \* \*

19 Sec. D.100 ALLOCATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

1       (a) This act contains the following amounts allocated to special funds that  
2       receive revenue from the property transfer tax. These allocations shall not  
3       exceed available revenues.

4               (1) The sum of \$575,662 is allocated from the Current Use  
5       Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of  
6       the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),  
7       amounts in excess of \$575,662 from the property transfer tax deposited into the  
8       Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General  
9       Fund.

10              (2) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of \$22,106,740  
11       from the property transfer tax and surcharge established in 32 V.S.A. § 9602a  
12       deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall be  
13       transferred into the General Fund.

14              (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property  
15       transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the  
16       affordable housing bond pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 314 shall be offset by the  
17       reduction of \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and  
18       Conservation Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established in 32  
19       V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2025 appropriation of \$22,106,740 to the  
20       Vermont Housing and Conservation Board reflects the \$1,500,000 reduction.  
21       The affordable housing bond and related property transfer tax and surcharge

1 provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on July 1, 2039. Once the  
2 bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the appropriation to the Vermont  
3 Housing and Conservation Board shall be restored.

4 (3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts in excess of  
5 \$7,772,373 from the property transfer tax deposited into the Municipal and  
6 Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund. The  
7 \$7,772,373 shall be allocated as follows:

8 (A) \$6,404,540 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in  
9 a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

10 (B) \$931,773 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner  
11 consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

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

14 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

15 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are  
16 transferred from the funds indicated:

17 (1) From the General Fund to the:

18 (A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100):  
19 \$73,212,880.

20 (B) Capital Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital  
21 and Essential Investments Fund (#21952): \$6,688,747.63.

1           (C) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909):

2           \$1,800,000.

3           (D) Fire Prevention/Building Inspection Special Fund (#21901):

4           \$1,400,000.

5           (E) Enhanced 9-1-1 Board Fund (#21711): \$1,300,000.

6           (F) Unsafe Dam Revolving Loan Fund (#21960): \$1,000,000.

7           (G) Military – Sale of Burlington Armory & Other (#21661):

8           \$890,000.

9           (H) Act 250 Permit Fund (#21260): \$600,000.

10          (I) Criminal History Records Check Fund (#21130): \$107,277.

11          (J) Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (#21555): \$830,000.

12          (K) Education Fund (#20205): \$25,000,000.

13          (2) From the Transportation Fund to the:

14           (A) Vermont Recreational Trails Fund (#21455): \$370,000.

15           (B) Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvements

16          Fund (#21575): \$523,966.

17          (C) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100):

18          \$316,745.

19          (D) Notwithstanding 19 V.S.A. § 13(c), the Transportation Fund

20          transfer to the Central Garage fund in fiscal year 2025 shall be \$0.

21          (3) From the Education Fund to the:

1           (A) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909):

2           \$1,400,000.

3           (4) From the Clean Water Fund to the:

4           (A) Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund (#21933): \$9,010,000.

5           (B) Lake in Crisis Response Program Special Fund (#21938):

6           \$120,000.

7           (5) From the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments and Reserves

8           Subaccount in the Cash for Capital and Essential Investments Fund to the:

9           (A) Transportation Fund (#20105): \$25,000,000.

10          (B) General Fund (#10000): \$5,000,000.

11          (6) From the Tax-Local Option Process Fees Fund (#21591),

12          notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 138(c)(1), to the:

13          (A) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909):

14          \$2,000,000.

15          (7) From the Central Garage Fund established in 19 V.S.A. § 13 to:

16          (A) the Transportation Fund: \$1,100,000.

17          (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year

18          2025:

19          (1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from

20          the funds indicated:

21          (A) Cannabis Regulation Fund (#21998): \$12,000,000.



1           (B) AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts (#22005):

2           \$4,641,960.

3           (C) Sports Wagering Enterprise Fund (#50250): \$7,000,000.

4           (D) Liquor Control Fund (#50300): \$21,100,000.

5           (E) Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund (#21370): \$3,000,000.

6           (F) Financial Institutions Supervision Fund (#21065): \$1,100,000.

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

14           (A) AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order Fund (#21638):  
15           \$2,000,000.

16           (B) Unclaimed Property Fund (#62100): \$6,500,000.

17           (3) \$66,935,000 of the net unencumbered fund balances in the Insurance  
18           Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory  
19           and Supervision Fund (#21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision  
20           Fund (#21080) shall be transferred to the General Fund.

1       (c)(1) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.3 of the Rules for State Matching Funds  
2       under the Federal Public Assistance Program, in fiscal year 2025, the Secretary  
3       of Administration may provide funding from the Emergency Relief and  
4       Assistance Fund that was transferred pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(J) of this  
5       section to subgrantees prior to the completion of a project. In fiscal year 2025,  
6       up to 70 percent of the State funding match on the nonfederal share of an  
7       approved project for municipalities that were impacted by the August and  
8       December 2023 flooding events in counties that are eligible for Federal  
9       Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funds under federal  
10       disaster declarations DR-4744-VT and DR-4762-VT may be advanced at the  
11       request of a municipality.

12       (2) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.1 of the Rules for State Matching Funds  
13       Under the Federal Public Assistance Program, the Secretary of Administration  
14       shall increase the standard State funding match on the nonfederal share of an  
15       approved project to the highest percentage possible given available funding for  
16       municipalities in counties that were impacted by the August and December  
17       2023 flooding events and are eligible for Federal Emergency Management  
18       Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declarations DR-4744-  
19       VT and DR-4762-VT.

1       Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

2           (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
3       2025, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the  
4       accounts indicated:

5	<u>1210002000</u>	<u>Legislature</u>	<u>\$211,576.00</u>
6	<u>1215001000</u>	<u>Legislative Counsel</u>	<u>\$301,089.00</u>
7	<u>1220000000</u>	<u>Joint Fiscal Committee/Office</u>	<u>\$301,010.46</u>
8	<u>1220890501</u>	<u>Budget System/Transfer to Tax Dept</u>	<u>\$39.54</u>
9	<u>1220891802</u>	<u>Decarbonization Mech Study</u>	<u>\$39.00</u>
10	<u>3150892104</u>	<u>MH – Case Management Serv</u>	<u>\$350,000.00</u>
11	<u>1100892201</u>	<u>Agency of Administration – 27/53 Reserve</u>	<u>\$8,064,362.69</u>
12	<u>1100892302</u>	<u>Agency of Administration</u>	
13		<u>– Trans. Retirement</u>	<u>\$3,935,637.31</u>

14           (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
15       2025, the following amounts shall revert to the American Rescue Plan Act –  
16       Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund from the accounts indicated:

17	<u>3440892306</u>	<u>DCF – OEO – Home Weatherization</u>	
18		<u>Assistance</u>	<u>\$5,000,000.00</u>

1       Sec. D.103 RESERVES

2           (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
3           2025, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds  
4           provided:

5           (1) General Fund.

6           (A) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 308, an estimated amount of  
7           \$15,168,663 shall be added to the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve.

8           (B) \$5,480,000 shall be added to the 27/53 reserve in fiscal year  
9           2025. This action is the fiscal year 2025 contribution to the reserve for the  
10          53rd week of Medicaid as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e and the 27th payroll  
11          reserve as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

12          (C) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308b, \$3,913,200 shall be  
13          unreserved from the Human Services Caseload Reserve established within the  
14          General Fund in 32 V.S.A. § 308b.

15          (2) Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments and Reserves Subaccount  
16          in the Cash for Capital and Essential Investments Fund.

17          (A) \$25,000,000 is unreserved to be used by the Agency of  
18          Transportation in accordance with the provisions for which the funds were  
19          originally reserved in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.108(a).

20          (B) \$5,000,000 of the \$14,500,000 reserved in 2023 Acts and  
21          Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.108(b) is unreserved.

1           (3) Transportation Fund.

2           (A) For the purpose of calculating the fiscal year 2025 Transportation  
3           Fund stabilization requirement of five percent of prior year appropriations,  
4           Transportation Fund reversions are deducted from the fiscal year 2024 total  
5           appropriations amount.

6                                   \* \* \* General Government \* \* \*

7           Sec. E.100 POSITIONS

8           (a) The establishment of 43 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year  
9           2025 for the following:

10           (1) Permanent classified positions:

11           (A) Department of Public Safety:

12                   (i) one Criminal History Record Specialist I; and

13                   (ii) three Regional Emergency Management Program  
14           Coordinators.

15           (B) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation:

16                   (i) four Field Park Manager IVs.

17           (C) Office of the Treasurer:

18                   (i) one Internal Auditor.

19           (D) Office of the Secretary of State:

20                   (i) one Administrative Services Coordinator IV; and

21                   (ii) one Information Technology Specialist III.

- 1           (E) Department of Environmental Conservation:
- 2                 (i) one Administrative Services Coordinator;
- 3                 (ii) two Environmental Engineers;
- 4                 (iii) two Environmental Technicians; and
- 5                 (iv) 10 Environmental Analysts.
- 6           (F) Agency of Education:
- 7                 (i) one CTE Education Programs Coordinator; and
- 8                 (ii) one Education Finance Data Analyst.
- 9           (G) Department of Corrections:
- 10                (i) five Probation and Parole Officers.
- 11           (2) Permanent exempt positions:
- 12                (A) Agency of Administration – Secretary’s Office:
- 13                 (i) one Chief Performance Officer.
- 14                (B) Judiciary:
- 15                 (i) three Superior Court Judges.
- 16                (C) Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs:
- 17                 (i) one SIU Director.
- 18                (D) Office of Legislative Counsel:
- 19                 (i) one Law Clerk; and
- 20                 (ii) two Legislative Counsels.
- 21                (E) Office of Legislative Information Technology:

1                   (i) one Audio Visual Specialist.

2                   (F) Joint Fiscal Office:

3                   (i) one Analyst.

4                   (b) The conversion of 14 limited service positions to classified permanent  
5 status is authorized in fiscal year 2025 as follows:

6                   (1) Department of Environmental Conservation:

7                   (A) one Environmental Engineer V;

8                   (B) one Environmental Engineer III; and

9                   (C) one Environmental Scientist IV.

10                  (2) Department of Labor:

11                  (A) one Re-Employment Services and Eligibility Assessment  
12 Program Program Coordinator; and

13                  (B) nine Re-Employment Services and Eligibility Assessment  
14 Program Facilitators.

15                  (3) Agency of Education:

16                  (A) one Education Project Manager.

17                  (c) The establishment of 35 exempt limited service positions is authorized  
18 in fiscal year 2025 as follows:

19                  (1) Judiciary:

20                  (A) one Database Administrator;

21                  (B) two IT Help Desk Analysts;

1           (C) two Centralized Service Analysts;

2           (D) 10 Judicial Assistants; and

3           (E) 11 Judicial Officer II's.

4           (2) Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs:

5           (A) seven Deputy State's Attorneys;

6           (B) one Victim Advocate; and

7           (C) one Legal Assistant.

8           Sec. E.100.1 3 V.S.A. § 2310 is added to read:

9           § 2310. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER

10           (a) There is created the permanent, exempt position of Chief Performance  
11           Officer within the Agency of Administration for the purpose of better  
12           developing a culture of performance accountability and continuous  
13           improvement across State government. The Chief Performance Officer shall:

14           (1) provide advice, recommendations, and consultation to the Executive  
15           and Legislative branches of State government about performance improvement  
16           and management;

17           (2) lead the creation and implementation of a performance improvement  
18           and management strategy for State government to ensure effective and  
19           efficient government operations;



1           (3) assist agencies and departments as necessary in developing,  
2           monitoring, managing, and improving performance measures as well as  
3           developing strategies that maximize results and return on investment;

4           (4) develop and offer trainings, professional development opportunities,  
5           and resources for agencies and departments regarding performance  
6           improvement and management; and

7           (5) provide consultation on the design and implementation of systems  
8           that use data and metrics to measure and report performance.

9           Sec. E.106 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

10                    APPROPRIATIONS; REVERSION AND ESTABLISHMENT  
11                    OF NEW SPENDING AUTHORITY

12           (a) The Agency of Administration shall structure any existing American  
13           Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund program in  
14           accordance with the requirements of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 and in a manner  
15           designed to achieve the intent of the General Assembly and may revert any  
16           unexpended and unencumbered spending authority and establish new spending  
17           authority across governmental units in an overall net-neutral manner, pursuant  
18           to 32 V.S.A. § 511.

19           (b) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall revert all  
20           unobligated American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
21           Fund spending authority prior to December 31, 2024. The total amount of

1 American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund  
2 spending authority reverted in accordance with this subsection shall equal the  
3 amount of new spending authority established pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 for  
4 the following purposes in the following order:

5 (1) \$36,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety Division of  
6 Emergency Management for Federal Emergency Management Agency match  
7 or municipal support for hazard mitigation. Any unexpended and  
8 unencumbered spending authority shall be reverted and amount of funds equal  
9 to the reversion shall be transferred to the Community Resilience and Disaster  
10 Mitigation Fund.

11 (2) \$4,000,000 to the Agency of Administration for Administration  
12 costs, including for an anticipated audit response per 2021 Acts and Resolves  
13 No. 74, Sec. G.801(a) and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.801(A).

14 (3) \$30,000,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to  
15 provide support and enhance capacity for the production and preservation of  
16 affordable mixed-income rental housing and homeownership units, including  
17 improvements to manufactured homes and communities, permanent homes and  
18 emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness, recovery residences,  
19 and housing available to farm workers, refugees, and individuals who are  
20 eligible to receive Medicaid-funded home and community based services.





1           (1) Mileage reimbursement. ~~Reimbursement~~ Each member shall be  
2 entitled to receive reimbursement in an amount equal to the actual mileage  
3 traveled for each day of session in which the member travels between  
4 Montpelier and the member's home or from Montpelier or from the member's  
5 home to another site on officially sanctioned legislative business.  
6 Reimbursement of actual mileage traveled under this subdivision shall be at the  
7 rate per mile determined by the federal Office of Government-wide Policy and  
8 published in the Federal Register for the year of the session.

9           (2) Meals ~~and lodging allowance~~. ~~An~~ Each member shall receive either  
10 a meals allowance or reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member  
11 shall be presumed to have elected to receive the meals allowance unless the  
12 member informs the Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by  
13 the Office of Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive  
14 reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member's election to receive  
15 reimbursement of actual meals expenses shall remain in effect through the  
16 remainder of that session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that  
17 the member needs to change to the meals allowance due to a change in  
18 circumstances or for another compelling reason.

19           (A) Meals allowance. A member who elects to receive a meals  
20 allowance ~~in~~ shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for meals ~~and~~  
21 lodging determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of

1 Government-wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of  
2 the session; for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.

3 (B) Meals reimbursement. A member who elects to receive  
4 reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual  
5 amounts expended by the member for meals for each day that the House in  
6 which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of  
7 the weekly reimbursement available pursuant to this subdivision (B) shall not  
8 exceed the amount the member would have received for the same week if the  
9 member had elected the meals allowance pursuant to subdivision (A) of this  
10 subdivision (2). The member shall provide meal receipts or otherwise  
11 substantiate the amounts expended to the Office of Legislative Operations in  
12 the form and manner prescribed by the Director of Legislative Operations.

13 (3) Lodging. Each member shall receive either a lodging allowance or  
14 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member shall be presumed to  
15 have elected to receive the lodging allowance unless the member informs the  
16 Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by the Office of  
17 Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive reimbursement of  
18 actual lodging expenses. A member's election to receive reimbursement of  
19 actual lodging expenses shall remain in effect through the remainder of that  
20 session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that the member

1 needs to change to the lodging allowance due to a change in circumstances or  
2 for another compelling reason.

3 (A) Lodging allowance. A member who elects to receive a lodging  
4 allowance shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for lodging  
5 determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of Government-  
6 wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session  
7 for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.

8 (B) Lodging reimbursement. A member who elects to receive  
9 reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual  
10 amounts expended by the member for lodging for each day that the House in  
11 which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of  
12 the weekly reimbursement available pursuant to this subdivision (B) for each  
13 week shall not exceed the amount the member would have received for the  
14 same week if the member had elected the lodging allowance pursuant to  
15 subdivision (A) of this subdivision (3). The member shall provide lodging  
16 receipts or otherwise substantiate the amounts expended to the Office of  
17 Legislative Operations in the form and manner prescribed by the Director of  
18 Legislative Operations.

19 (4) Absences. If a member is absent for reasons other than sickness or  
20 legislative business for one or more entire days while the ~~house~~ House in  
21 which the member sits is in session, the member shall notify the Office of

1 Legislative Operations of that absence, and ~~expenses received shall not include~~  
2 ~~the amount that the legislator specifies was not~~ the member shall not be  
3 entitled to receive or be reimbursed for mileage, meals, or lodging expenses  
4 incurred during the period of that absence, except that lodging expenses  
5 associated with a lease or rental agreement may be received or reimbursed  
6 upon approval of either the Speaker of the House or the President Pro Tempore  
7 of the Senate.

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9 Sec. E.126.1 2 V.S.A. § 703 is amended to read:

10 § 703. FUNCTIONS; CONFIDENTIALITY

11 (a) The Office of Legislative Information Technology shall:

12 \* \* \*

13 (b) Any draft of a report or other work in progress generated by or  
14 submitted to the Office of Legislative Information Technology shall remain  
15 confidential until it has been finalized.

16 Sec. E.126.2 LEGISLATURE; STATE HOUSE RENOVATION

17 APPROVAL

18 (a) The Speaker of the House, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the  
19 Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Chair of the Senate  
20 Committee on Appropriations shall have the authority to approve the use of



1 legislative budget carryforward funds to cover the cost of room renovations to  
2 increase public space within the State House.

3 Sec. E.127 2 V.S.A. § 523 is amended to read:

4 § 523. FUNCTIONS; CONFIDENTIALITY

5 \* \* \*

6 (b)(1)(A) All requests for assistance, information, and advice from the Joint  
7 Fiscal Office, all information received in connection with fiscal research or  
8 related drafting, and all confidential materials provided to or generated by the  
9 Joint Fiscal Office shall remain confidential unless the party requesting or  
10 providing the information designates that it is not confidential.

11 (B) Any draft of a report or other work in progress generated by or  
12 submitted to the Joint Fiscal Office shall remain confidential until it has been  
13 finalized.

14 \* \* \*

15 Sec. E.127.1 FISCAL YEAR 2025 FEE REPORT; PROTECTION TO

16 PERSONS AND PROPERTY

17 (a) Fiscal year 2025 fee information. The Judiciary, agencies, departments,  
18 boards, and offices that receive appropriations in Secs. B.200 through B.299 of  
19 this act shall, in collaboration with the Joint Fiscal Office, prepare a  
20 comprehensive fee report for each fee that is in effect in fiscal year 2025. The  
21 fee report shall contain the following information for each fee:

- 1           (1) the statutory authorization and termination date, if any;
- 2           (2) the current rate or amount of the fee and the date the fee was last set  
3           or adjusted by the General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee;
- 4           (3) the Fund into which the fee revenues are deposited;
- 5           (4) the amount of the revenues derived from the fee in each of the five  
6           fiscal years preceding fiscal year 2025;
- 7           (5) the number of times that the fee was paid in each of the two fiscal  
8           years preceding fiscal year 2025;
- 9           (6) a projection of the fee revenues in fiscal years 2025 and 2026;
- 10          (7) a description of the service or product provided or the regulatory  
11          function performed by the Judiciary, agency, department, board or office  
12          supported by the fee;
- 13          (8) the amount of the fee if adjusted for inflation from the last time the  
14          fee amount was modified using an appropriate index chosen in consultation  
15          with the Joint Fiscal Office. The inflation adjustment shall be calculated as the  
16          percentage change between the value of the index in the July of the year the fee  
17          was last adjusted by the General Assembly and July 2024;
- 18          (9) if any portion of the fee revenue is deposited into a special fund, the  
19          percentage of the special fund's revenues that the fee represents;
- 20          (10) any available information regarding comparable fees in other  
21          jurisdictions;

1           (11) any polices or trends that might affect the viability of the fee  
2           amount; and

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

4           (b) Reports.

5           (1) The Joint Fiscal Office shall provide guidance as necessary to the  
6           Judiciary, agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection  
7           (a) of this section on the methodology to be used for compiling the information  
8           requested in the fee reports. On or before October 15, 2024, the Judiciary,  
9           agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this  
10          section shall submit a draft report of the information required in subdivisions  
11          (a)(1)–(12) of this section to the Joint Fiscal Office for review. The Judiciary,  
12          agencies, departments, boards, and offices shall work with the Joint Fiscal  
13          Office to finalize the report before submitting the final report described in  
14          subdivision (2) of this subsection.

15          (2) On or before December 15, 2024, the Judiciary, agencies,  
16          departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) shall submit a  
17          jointly prepared final report to the House Committees on Appropriations and  
18          on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on  
19          Finance.

20          (3) If any of the information requested in this section cannot be provided  
21          for any reason, the Judiciary, agencies, departments, boards, and offices

1 described in subsection (a) shall include in both the draft and final reports a  
2 written explanation for why the information cannot be provided.

3 (c) As used in this section, as it pertains to Executive Branch agencies,  
4 departments, boards, and offices, “fee” means any source of State revenue  
5 classified by the Department of Finance and Management Accounting System  
6 as “fees,” “business licenses,” “nonbusiness licenses,” and “fines and  
7 penalties.” As it pertains to the Judiciary, “fee” means any source of State  
8 revenue classified by the Department of Finance and Management accounting  
9 system as “fees.”

10 (d) Executive Branch fee report moratorium. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.  
11 § 605, in fiscal year 2025, the Governor shall not be required to submit the  
12 consolidated Executive Branch fee annual report and request to the General  
13 Assembly.

14 (e) Judicial Branch fee report moratorium. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.  
15 § 605a, in fiscal year 2025, the Justices of the Supreme Court or the Court  
16 Administrator if one is appointed pursuant to 4 V.S.A. § 21 shall not be  
17 required to submit the consolidated Judicial Branch fee annual report and  
18 request to the General Assembly.

19 Sec. E.132 33 V.S.A. § 8003 is amended to read:

20 § 8003. PROGRAM LIMITATIONS

1 (a) Cash contributions. The Treasurer or designee shall not accept a  
2 contribution:

3 (1) unless it is in cash; or

4 (2) except in the case of a contribution under 26 U.S.C. § 529A(c)(1)(C)  
5 (relating to a change in a designated beneficiary or program), if such  
6 contribution to an ABLE account would result in aggregate contributions from  
7 all contributors to the ABLE account for the taxable year exceeding the  
8 amount in effect under 26 U.S.C. § 2503(b) for the calendar year in which the  
9 taxable year begins.

10 (b) Separate accounting. The Treasurer or designee shall provide separate  
11 accounting for each designated beneficiary.

12 (c) Limited investment direction. A designated beneficiary may, directly or  
13 indirectly, direct the investment of any contributions to the Vermont ABLE  
14 Savings Program, or any earnings thereon, ~~no~~ not more than two times in any  
15 calendar year.

16 (d) No pledging of interest as security. A person shall not use an interest in  
17 the Vermont ABLE Savings Program, or any portion thereof, as security for a  
18 loan.

19 (e) Prohibition on excess contributions. The Treasurer or designee shall  
20 adopt adequate safeguards under the Vermont ABLE Savings Program to

1 prevent aggregate contributions on behalf of a designated beneficiary in excess  
2 of the limit established by the State pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 529(b)(6).

3 (f) Adjustment or recovery. Neither the State nor any agency or  
4 instrumentality of the State shall seek adjustment or recovery under Section  
5 529A of the federal Internal Revenue Code against an ABLE account for the  
6 costs of benefits provided to a designated beneficiary.

7 (g) Abandoned accounts. Any abandoned ABLE accounts shall be subject  
8 to the unclaimed property provisions in 27 V.S.A. chapter 18.

9 Sec. E.132.1 27 V.S.A. § 1452 is amended to read:

10 § 1452. DEFINITIONS

11 As used in this chapter:

12 \* \* \*

13 (24) “Property” means tangible property described in section 1465 of  
14 this title or a fixed and certain interest in intangible property held, issued, or  
15 owed in the course of a holder’s business or by a government, governmental  
16 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality. The term:

17 \* \* \*

18 (C) does not include:

19 (i) ~~property held in a plan described in 26 U.S.C. § 529A, as may~~  
20 ~~be amended;~~ [Repealed.]

21 (ii) game-related digital content;

1 (iii) a loyalty card; or

2 (iv) a gift card.

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4 Sec. E.133 VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
5 AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;  
6 OPERATING BUDGET, SOURCE OF FUNDS

7 (a) Of the \$3,063,180 appropriated in Sec. B.133 of this act, \$2,047,989  
8 constitutes the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System operating  
9 budget, and \$1,015,191 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension  
10 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State  
11 Employees' Retirement System.

12 Sec. E.134 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT  
13 SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT  
14 COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS

15 (a) Of the \$1,737,125 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,359,845  
16 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating  
17 budget, and \$377,280 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension  
18 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont Municipal  
19 Employees' Retirement System.

20 Sec. E.134.1 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT  
21 SYSTEM; FISCAL YEARS 2027–2030; RATES

1        (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 5064(b), for the period  
2        of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, contributions shall be made by:

3            (1) Group A members at the rate of 4.5 percent of earnable  
4        compensation;

5            (2) Group B members at the rate of 6.875 percent of earnable  
6        compensation;

7            (3) Group C members at the rate of 12.0 percent of earnable  
8        compensation; and

9            (4) Group D members at the rate of 13.35 percent of earnable  
10       compensation.

11        (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 5064(b), for the period  
12        July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028, contributions shall be made by:

13            (1) Group A members at the rate of 4.75 percent of earnable  
14        compensation;

15            (2) Group B members at the rate of 7.125 percent of earnable  
16        compensation;

17            (3) Group C members at the rate of 12.25 percent of earnable  
18        compensation; and

19            (4) Group D members at the rate of 13.6 percent of earnable  
20        compensation.



1           (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 5064(b), for the period  
2           July 1, 2028 through June 30, 2029, contributions shall be made by:

3           (1) Group A members at the rate of 5.0 percent of earnable  
4           compensation;

5           (2) Group B members at the rate of 7.375 percent of earnable  
6           compensation;

7           (3) Group C members at the rate of 12.5 percent of earnable  
8           compensation; and

9           (4) Group D members at the rate of 13.85 percent of earnable  
10          compensation.

11          (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 5064(b), for the period  
12          July 1, 2029 through June 30, 2030, contributions shall be made by:

13          (1) Group A members at the rate of 5.25 percent of earnable  
14          compensation;

15          (2) Group B members at the rate of 7.625 percent of earnable  
16          compensation;

17          (3) Group C members at the rate of 12.75 percent of earnable  
18          compensation; and

19          (4) Group D members at the rate of 14.1 percent of earnable  
20          compensation.

1       Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

2           (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.139 of this act, \$9,000 shall be  
3       transferred to the Attorney General and \$70,000 shall be transferred to the  
4       Department of Taxes' Division of Property Valuation and Review and used  
5       with any remaining funds from the amount previously transferred for final  
6       payment of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of grand  
7       list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and other  
8       expenses incurred to undertake utility property appraisals in Vermont.

9       Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

10          (a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under  
11       32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in  
12       addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier  
13       and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes  
14       under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A.  
15       § 3709.

16       Sec. E.143 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; MONTPELIER

17          (a) Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the  
18       PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

19       Sec. E.144 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; CORRECTIONAL

20                       FACILITIES

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

3       Sec. E.200 ATTORNEY GENERAL

4       (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Office of the Attorney  
5       General, Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit, is authorized to retain,  
6       subject to appropriation, one-half of the State share of any recoveries from  
7       Medicaid fraud settlements, excluding interest, that exceed the State share of  
8       restitution to the Medicaid Program. All such designated additional recoveries  
9       retained shall be used to finance Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit  
10       activities.

11       (b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A.  
12       § 2458(b)(4), \$1,749,700 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

13       Sec. E.204 JUDICIARY; SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE POSITIONS

14       (a) Of the three Superior Court Judge positions established in Sec.  
15       E.100(a)(2)(B)(i) of this act, one shall be funded with the Tobacco Litigation  
16       Settlement Fund appropriated to the Judiciary in 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and  
17       Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106(a).

18       Sec. E.204.1 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106, is  
19       amended to read:

20       Sec. C.106 CHINS CASES SYSTEM-WIDE REFORM



1 provide law enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the  
2 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Sheriff.

3 Sec. E.208.1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; EMBEDDED  
4 MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS; REPORT

5 (a) In 2025, the Department of Public Safety shall present the House  
6 Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare  
7 and on Judiciary with measurable outcomes on the results of the Department's  
8 embedded mental health worker program to date, by barrack, and on the  
9 Department's collaboration with the Department of Mental Health to achieve a  
10 coordinated and integrated system of care, including how this program works  
11 with 988, with the statewide Mobile Crisis Response program, and with the  
12 designated and specialized service agencies.

13 Sec. E.209 PUBLIC SAFETY; STATE POLICE

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

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

1 task force officers. These town task force officers shall be dedicated to  
2 enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18  
3 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any  
4 unobligated spending authority may be allocated by the Commissioner to fund  
5 the work of the Drug Task Force or carried forward.

6 Sec. E.212 PUBLIC SAFETY; FIRE SAFETY

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

10 Sec. E.215 MILITARY; ADMINISTRATION

11 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.215 of this act, \$1,319,834 shall be  
12 granted to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard  
13 Tuition Benefit Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2857.

14 Sec. E.219 MILITARY; VETERANS' AFFAIRS

15 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.219 of this act, \$1,000 shall be used  
16 for continuation of the Vermont Medal Program, \$2,000 shall be used for the  
17 expenses of the Governor's Veterans' Advisory Council, \$7,500 shall be used  
18 for the Veterans' Day parade, and \$10,000 shall be granted to the American  
19 Legion for the Boys' State and Girls' State programs.

20 Sec. E.232 SECRETARY OF STATE; VERMONT ACCESS NETWORK

21 BUDGET

1       (a) The Office of the Secretary of State shall request that Vermont Access  
2       Network submit a proposed operating budget required to maintain its current  
3       level of operation and programming. The Office of the Secretary of State shall  
4       include the proposed operating budget as part of its fiscal year 2026 budget  
5       presentation.

6       Sec. E.300 FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE

7                   ADVOCATE, VERMONT LEGAL AID

8       (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.300 of this act:

9               (1) \$2,000,406 shall be used for the contract with the Office of the  
10       Health Care Advocate;

11              (2) \$1,717,994 for Vermont Legal Aid services, including the Poverty  
12       Law Project and mental health services; and

13              (3) \$650,000 is for the purposes of maintaining current Vermont Legal  
14       Aid program capacity and addressing increased requests for services, including  
15       eviction prevention and protection from foreclosure and consumer debt.

16       Sec. E.300.1 18 V.S.A. § 8915 is added to read:

17       § 8915. PROVISION FOR AGREEMENTS WITH CASE MANAGEMENT

18                   ENTITIES

19       Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Commissioner of  
20       Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living may enter into agreements with  
21       case management entities to support local communities. The Commissioner

1 may develop rules setting forth the standards and procedures for the case  
2 management entities it contracts with.

3 Sec. E.300.2 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 72a, as amended by 2022  
4 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.105 and 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78,  
5 Sec. E.301.2, is further amended to read:

6 Sec. 72a. MEDICAID HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES  
7 (HCBS) PLAN

8 \* \* \*

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



1       Sec. E.300.3 AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; FISCAL YEAR 2024  
2                               CLOSEOUT CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION;  
3                               COMPREHENSIVE CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION  
4                               SYSTEM

5               (a) Notwithstanding 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 103(a), to the  
6               extent that General Fund appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in  
7               2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Secs. B.300 through B.341 remains  
8               unobligated and unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2024, up to \$3,000,000  
9               shall revert to the General Fund. A one-time General Fund appropriation in an  
10              amount equivalent to the reversion shall be made to the Department for  
11              Children and Families' Family Services Division for the Comprehensive Child  
12              Welfare Information System in fiscal year 2025.

13       Sec. E.300.4 OPERATIONAL COSTS; RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT  
14                               PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

15              (a) On or before January 15, 2025, the Department for Children and  
16              Families shall submit a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and  
17              on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and  
18              Health and Welfare describing the anticipated cost differential in operating the  
19              former Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center as compared to operating the  
20              various residential treatment programs for youth developed to replace the  
21              former Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center.

1 Sec. E.301 SECRETARY'S OFFICE; GLOBAL COMMITMENT

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

8 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a  
9 total estimated sum of \$24,301,185 is anticipated to be certified as State  
10 matching funds under Global Commitment as follows:

11 (1) \$21,295,850 certified State match available from local education  
12 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under  
13 Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$29,204,150 of federal  
14 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated  
15 expenditure of \$50,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal  
16 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services  
17 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment  
18 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A.  
19 § 2959a.



1 waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under  
2 Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

3 Sec. E.306 DR. DYNASAUR; PREMIUM INVOICING SUSPENSION AND  
4 AMNESTY

5 (a) The Agency of Human Services is authorized under 33 V.S.A.  
6 § 1901(c) and Vermont's Global Commitment to Health Section 1115  
7 Medicaid demonstration to charge a monthly premium for certain Dr.  
8 Dynasaur enrollees whose family income exceeds 195 percent of the federal  
9 poverty level. The Agency suspended premium invoicing for this population  
10 as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, and that premium  
11 suspension has continued following the end of the public health emergency.

12 (b)(1) The Agency shall not attempt to collect or take adverse action  
13 against a Dr. Dynasaur enrollee or the enrollee's family as a result of any  
14 unpaid premium balance that was incurred prior to the public health emergency  
15 or during the period of the invoicing suspension.

16 (2) At such time as the Agency reinstates premium invoicing, no Dr.  
17 Dynasaur applicant or enrollee shall carry any outstanding premium balance.

18 Sec. E.306.1 HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETS; TECHNICAL  
19 ANALYSIS

20 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall conduct a technical analysis  
21 relating to Vermont's health insurance markets that shall include:

1           (1) determining the potential advantages and disadvantages to  
2           individuals, small businesses, and large businesses of modifying Vermont's  
3           current health insurance market structure, including the impacts on health  
4           insurance premiums and on Vermonters' access to health care services;

5           (2) exploring other affordability mechanisms to address the calendar  
6           year 2026 expiration of federal enhanced premium tax credits for plans issued  
7           through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange; and

8           (3) examining the feasibility of creating a public option or other  
9           mechanism through which otherwise ineligible individuals or employees of  
10           small businesses, or both, could buy into Vermont Medicaid coverage.

11           (b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Agency of Human Services and the  
12           Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide the results of the analysis  
13           to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committees on Health  
14           and Welfare and on Finance.

15           Sec. E.306.2 DVHA; RATE ANALYSES REQUEST

16           (a) To the extent that resources allow, the Department of Vermont Health  
17           Access shall conduct the analysis set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection  
18           first, followed by the analysis set forth in subdivision (2) of this subsection,  
19           and shall provide its findings to the House Committees on Health Care and on  
20           Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on  
21           Appropriations on or before January 15, 2025:

1           (1) methodologies for comparing Medicaid rates for home health agency  
2           services to rates under the Medicare home health prospective payment system  
3           model and for comparing Medicaid pediatric palliative care rates to rates under  
4           the Medicare home health prospective payment system model or to Medicare  
5           hospice rates, or both; and

6           (2) methodologies for modifying the Medicaid Resource-Based Relative  
7           Value Scale professional fee schedule by considering:

8                   (A) maintaining alignment with relative value units used by Medicare  
9                   but including a minimum on conversion factors;

10                   (B) benchmarking one or more conversion factors in Vermont  
11                   Medicaid to the Medicare conversion factor from a specific year; and

12                   (C) determining whether Vermont Medicaid should continue to use  
13                   two separate conversion factors, or transition to a single conversion factor in  
14                   combination with other methods of providing enhanced support for primary  
15                   care services.

16           Sec. E.306.3 PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY;  
17                                   LICENSURE

18                   (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no funds  
19                   appropriated to the Department of Vermont Health Access in this act shall be  
20                   expended for operation of a psychiatric residential treatment facility until the  
21                   facility has been licensed by the State; provided, however, that the Department

1 may expend funds on goods and services, such as purchasing supplies and  
2 hiring and training staff, that are necessary to prepare the facility to be  
3 operational upon licensure. Notwithstanding 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78,  
4 Sec. E.511.1, a psychiatric residential treatment facility may be approved in  
5 accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 166(b) and applicable State Board of Education  
6 Rules.

7 Sec. E.306.4 MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS; INCOME ELIGIBILITY

8 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall make the following changes to the  
9 Medicare Savings Programs:

10 (1) increase the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program income  
11 threshold to 145 percent of the federal poverty level; and

12 (2) increase the Qualifying Individual Program income threshold to the  
13 maximum percent of the federal poverty level allowed under federal law based  
14 on the increase to the income threshold for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary  
15 Program in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

16 Sec. E.306.5 MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS; MEDICAID STATE

17 PLAN AMENDMENT; VPHARM TRANSITION; REPORTS

18 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall request approval from the Centers  
19 for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend Vermont's Medicaid state plan  
20 to expand eligibility for the Medicare Savings Programs as set forth in Sec.  
21 E.306.4 of this act.

1       (b)(1) On or before January 15, 2025, the Agency of Human Services shall  
2       provide recommendations to the House Committees on Health Care, on Human  
3       Services, and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health and  
4       Welfare and on Appropriations regarding the VPharm program to ensure  
5       alignment with the Medicare Savings Programs' eligibility expansions set forth  
6       in Sec. E.306.4 of this act, including:

7               (A) whether the VPharm program should be modified or repealed as  
8       a result of the Medicare Savings Programs' eligibility expansions;

9               (B) whether the benefits provided by the VPharm program should be  
10       delivered through an alternative program design;

11              (C) the estimated fiscal impacts of implementing any recommended  
12       changes; and

13              (D) when any recommended changes should take effect.

14       (2) The Agency of Human Services and the Department of Vermont  
15       Health Access shall seek input from the Office of the Health Care Advocate  
16       and other interested stakeholders in developing the recommendations required  
17       by this subsection.

18       (c) On or before January 15, 2027, the Agency of Human Services shall  
19       provide cost estimates for expanding eligibility for the Medicare Savings  
20       Programs beyond the eligibility expansions set forth in Sec. E.306.4 of this act  
21       to the House Committees on Health Care, on Human Services, and on



1 Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on  
2 Appropriations.

3 Sec. E.307 14 V.S.A. § 931 is amended to read:

4 § 931. LIMITATIONS ON CLAIMS OF CREDITORS

5 All claims against the decedent's estate that arose before the death of the  
6 decedent, including claims of the State and any subdivision thereof except  
7 claims filed by the State on behalf of Vermont Medicaid, absolute or  
8 contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, founded on contract, tort, or other legal  
9 basis, if not barred earlier by other statute of limitations, are barred against the  
10 estate, the legal representative of the estate, and the heirs and devisees of the  
11 decedent, unless presented within one year after the decedent's death. Nothing  
12 in this section affects or prevents any proceeding to enforce any mortgage,  
13 pledge, or other lien upon the property of the estate. Claims filed by the State  
14 on behalf of Vermont Medicaid must be filed in accordance with  
15 subsection 1203(d) of this title.

16 Sec. E.307.1 14 V.S.A. § 1203 is amended to read:

17 § 1203. LIMITATIONS ON PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

18 (a) All claims against a decedent's estate that arose before the death of the  
19 decedent, including claims of the State and any subdivision thereof except  
20 claims filed by the State on behalf of Vermont Medicaid, whether due or to  
21 become due, absolute or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, founded on

1 contract, tort, or other legal basis, except claims for the possession of or title to  
2 real estate and claims for injury to the person and damage to property suffered  
3 by the act or default of the deceased, if not barred earlier by other statute of  
4 limitations, are barred against the estate, the executor or administrator, and the  
5 heirs and devisees of the decedent, unless presented as follows:

6 (1) within four months after the date of the first publication of notice to  
7 creditors if notice is given in compliance with the Rules of Probate Procedure;  
8 provided, however, that claims barred by the nonclaim statute of the decedent's  
9 domicile before the first publication for claims in the State are also barred in  
10 this State;

11 (2) within one year after the decedent's death, if notice to creditors has  
12 not been published or otherwise given as provided by the Rules of Probate  
13 Procedure.

14 \* \* \*

15 (d) Claims filed by the State on behalf of Vermont Medicaid must be  
16 presented within four months after the date of the first publication of notice to  
17 creditors if notice is given in compliance with the Rules of Probate Procedure,  
18 regardless of the date of the decedent's death or when a decedent's executor or  
19 administrator opens the estate.



1           ~~(3) any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of~~  
2           ~~the Fund.~~

3           (e) The ~~Fund shall be administered by the~~ Department of Health, ~~which~~  
4           shall make funds available to the University of Vermont College of Medicine  
5           area health education centers (AHEC) program for loan repayment awards.  
6           The Commissioner may require certification of compliance with this section  
7           prior to the making of an award.

8           ~~(d)~~(b) AHEC shall administer awards in such a way as to comply with the  
9           requirements of Section 108(f) of the Internal Revenue Code.

10          ~~(e)~~(c) AHEC shall make loan repayment awards in exchange for service  
11          commitment by health care ~~providers~~ professionals and health care educators  
12          and shall define the service obligation in a contract with the health care  
13          ~~provider~~ professional or health care educator. Payment awards shall be made  
14          directly to the educational loan creditor or lender of the health care ~~provider~~  
15          professional or health care educator.

16          ~~(f)~~(d) Loan repayment awards shall only be available for a health care  
17          ~~provider~~ professional or health care educator who:

18                 (1) is a Vermont resident;

19                 (2) serves Vermont;

20                 (3) accepts patients with coverage under Medicaid, Medicare, or other  
21                 State-funded health care benefit programs, if applicable; and



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2 § 33. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT COLLEGE OF MEDICINE;  
3 MEDICAL STUDENT INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP

4 \* \* \*

5 (f) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are  
6 available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry  
7 forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation  
8 in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in  
9 this section.

10 § 34. VERMONT NURSING FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE  
11 PROGRAM

12 (a) As used in this section:

13 \* \* \*

14 (4) “Forgivable loan” means a loan awarded under this section covering  
15 tuition, which may also ~~include~~ cover room, board, and the cost of required  
16 books and supplies for up to full-time attendance at an eligible school.

17 \* \* \*

18 (d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual,  
19 whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following  
20 requirements:

21 \* \* \*



1 with AHEC. The Program provides loan repayment on behalf of individuals  
2 who live and work in this State as a nurse, physician assistant, medical lab  
3 technician, medical lab technologist, clinical laboratory scientist, child  
4 psychiatrist, or primary care provider and who meet the eligibility  
5 requirements in subsection (d) of this section.

6 (c) The loan repayment benefits provided under the Program shall be paid  
7 on behalf of the eligible individual by AHEC, subject to the appropriation of  
8 funds by the General Assembly for this purpose.

9 (d) To be eligible for loan repayment under the Program, an individual  
10 shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

11 (1) have graduated from an eligible school where the individual was  
12 awarded a degree in nursing, physician assistant studies, medicine, osteopathic  
13 medicine, or naturopathic medicine, or a two- or four-year degree that qualifies  
14 the individual to be a medical lab technician, medical lab technologist, or  
15 clinical laboratory scientist;

16 (2) work in this State as a nurse, physician assistant, medical lab  
17 technician, medical lab technologist, or clinical laboratory scientist, child  
18 psychiatrist, or primary care provider; and

19 (3) be a resident of Vermont.

20 (e)(1) An eligible individual shall be entitled to an amount of loan  
21 ~~cancellation and~~ repayment under this section ~~equal to one year of loans for~~



1 ~~each year of service as a nurse, physician assistant, medical technician, child~~  
2 ~~psychiatrist, or primary care provider in this State~~ for a defined service  
3 obligation in Vermont of not less than one year. Employment as a traveling  
4 nurse shall not be construed to satisfy the service commitment required ~~for~~  
5 ~~loan repayment~~ under this section.

6 (2) AHEC shall award loan repayments in amounts that are sufficient to  
7 attract high-quality candidates while also making a meaningful increase in  
8 Vermont's health care professional workforce.

9 (f) Loan repayment shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are  
10 available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry  
11 forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and AHEC in the  
12 following fiscal year to award additional loan repayment as set forth in this  
13 section.

14 \* \* \*

15 § 36. NURSE FACULTY FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

16 \* \* \*

17 (d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual,  
18 whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following  
19 requirements:

20 \* \* \*



1 defined service obligation of not less than one year at a Vermont nursing  
2 school.

3 (f) Loan repayment shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are  
4 available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry  
5 forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and AHEC in the  
6 following fiscal year to award additional loan repayment as set forth in this  
7 section.

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9 § 38. VERMONT MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL FORGIVABLE  
10 LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

11 \* \* \*

12 (d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual,  
13 whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following  
14 requirements:

15 \* \* \*

16 (5) have completed the Program's application form and ~~the Free~~  
17 ~~Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)~~ such financial aid forms as the  
18 Corporation deems necessary, in accordance with a schedule determined by the  
19 Corporation; and

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(g) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this section.

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§ 40. VERMONT DENTAL HYGIENIST FORGIVABLE LOAN  
INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

\* \* \*

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

(5) have completed the Program's application form, ~~the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the Vermont grant application each academic year of enrollment~~ and such financial aid forms as

1 the Corporation deems necessary, in accordance with a schedule determined by  
2 the Corporation; and

3 \* \* \*

4 (h) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are  
5 available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry  
6 forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation  
7 in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in  
8 this section.

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10 Sec. E.312 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH

11 (a) AIDS/HIV funding:

12 (1) In fiscal year 2025 and as provided in this section, the Department of  
13 Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication  
14 Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support  
15 organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health  
16 AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory  
17 Group with current information and data relating to service initiatives. The  
18 funds shall be allocated according to an RFP process.

19 (2) In fiscal year 2025 and as provided in this section, the Department of  
20 Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$295,000 for HIV and Harm  
21 Reduction Services to the following organizations:

1           (A) Vermont CARES – \$140,000;

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

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

4           (3) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont  
5           Medication Assistance Program shall be distributed in accordance with federal  
6           guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or services  
7           funded solely by the State General Fund.

8           (A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the  
9           Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in the  
10           Vermont Medication Assistance Program to assist all eligible individuals. The  
11           Secretary shall work in collaboration with persons living with HIV/AIDS to  
12           develop a plan to continue access to Vermont Medication Assistance Program  
13           medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.

14           (B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services  
15           shall work in collaboration with the Vermont Medication Assistance Program  
16           Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of not less than 50 percent of  
17           members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the program's  
18           eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall  
19           make recommendations regarding the program's formulary of approved  
20           medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility  
21           for the program.





1 vote of the majority, the Advisory Committee shall present its  
2 recommendations for expenditures from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund  
3 established pursuant to this subchapter to the Department of Health and  
4 concurrently submit its recommendations in writing to the House Committees  
5 on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on  
6 Appropriations and on Health and Welfare. The Advisory Committee shall  
7 give priority consideration to services requiring funding on an ongoing basis.

8 Sec. E.312.2 LEGISLATIVE INTENT; OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL  
9 FUND

10 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that syringe services be funded  
11 annually at not less than fiscal year 2025 levels through the Opioid Abatement  
12 Special Fund established in 18 V.S.A. § 4774, provided funds remain  
13 available.

14 Sec. E.313 PLAN; PUBLIC INEBRIATE AND SOBER BED PROGRAMS

15 (a)(1) On or before July 15, 2024, the Department of Health shall initiate  
16 the first of as many as five stakeholder meetings for the purpose of identifying  
17 and discussing improvements to public inebriate and sober bed programs.

18 Data from the report produced in accordance with 2022 Acts and Resolves No.  
19 185, Sec. E.313 shall inform the work of this stakeholder group.

20 (2) Participating stakeholders shall include:

21 (A) the Commissioner of Public Safety or designee;

1           (B) the Commissioner of Corrections or designee;

2           (C) a representative of the Vermont Preferred Provider Network for  
3           substance use disorder treatment appointed by the Commissioner of Health;  
4           and

5           (D) a representative of recovery centers in the State appointed by  
6           Recovery Partners of Vermont.

7           (b) As part of its fiscal year 2026 budget presentation, the Department of  
8           Health, in consultation with the stakeholder group described in subsection (a)  
9           of this section, shall submit a plan to the Senate Committees on Appropriations  
10           and on Health and Welfare and to the House Committees on Appropriations  
11           and on Human Services with recommendations to reorganize public inebriate  
12           and sober bed programs in a manner that accounts for increased client acuity  
13           and decreased bed availability throughout the State. The proposed  
14           reorganization shall include a spending plan that prioritizes staff support and  
15           public safety.

16           Sec. E.313.1 CERTIFIED RECOVERY RESIDENCES

17           (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.313 of this act, \$1,200,000 Opioid  
18           Abatement Special Fund shall be for recovery residencies certified by the  
19           Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences, including at least two new  
20           recovery residences certified by the Vermont Alliance for Recovery  
21           Residences.



1 “the ~~Bright Futures~~ Fund,” is hereby created for this purpose to be  
2 administered by the Commissioner for Children and Families. Subject to  
3 approvals required by 32 V.S.A. § 5, the Fund may accept gifts and donations  
4 from any source, and the Commissioner may take appropriate actions to  
5 encourage contributions and designations to the ~~account~~ Fund, including  
6 publicizing explanations of the purposes of the Fund and the uses to which the  
7 ~~Bright Futures~~ Fund has been or will be applied.

8 (c) ~~Funds appropriated for this Program shall be used by the The~~  
9 Commissioner ~~to award grants to eligible applicants for the development and~~  
10 ~~expansion of child care options and community programs targeted for youths~~  
11 ~~14 through 18 years of age. These options may include recreational programs~~  
12 ~~and related equipment or facilities, development or expansion of child care~~  
13 ~~facilities, and community based programs that address specific child care and~~  
14 ~~youth program needs of the applicant region. The Commissioner shall~~  
15 ~~establish by rule, criteria, conditions, and procedures for awarding such grants~~  
16 ~~and administering this Program~~ shall disburse the proceeds of this fund in  
17 accordance with the plan developed by the Building Bright Futures Council per  
18 33 V.S.A. § 4603(3) and all applicable administrative bulletins.

19 Sec. E.316.1 33 V.S.A. § 4601 is amended to read:

20 § 4601. DEFINITIONS

21 As used in this chapter:

1 (1) “Early care, health, and education” means all services provided to  
2 families expecting a child and to children up to ~~the age of six~~ eight years of  
3 age, including child care, family support, early education, mental and physical  
4 health services, nutrition services, and disability services.

5 (2) “Regional council” means a regional entity linked to the State  
6 Building Bright Futures Council to support the creation of an integrated system  
7 of early care, health, and education at the local level.

8 Sec. E.317 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT; COMPREHENSIVE CHILD  
9 WELFARE INFORMATION SYSTEM

10 (a) In developing and implementing a comprehensive child welfare  
11 information system, the Department for Children and Families’ Division of  
12 Family Services shall solicit input from youth, foster parents, kinship care  
13 providers, Division staff, and the employees of the Office of Racial Equity’s  
14 Division of Racial Justice Statistics.

15 Sec. E.317.1 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 101 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 101. ~~FOSTER CARE; SUBSIDIZED ADOPTION; EXPENDITURE~~

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

20 [Repealed.]



1 Sec. E.318.1 33 V.S.A. § 3517 is amended to read:

2 § 3517. CHILD CARE TUITION RATES

3 A child care provider shall ensure that its tuition rates are available to the  
4 public. ~~A regulated child care provider shall not impose an increase on annual~~  
5 ~~child care tuition that exceeds 1.5 times the most recent annual increase in the~~  
6 ~~NAICS code 611, Educational Services. This amount shall be posted on the~~  
7 ~~Department's website annually.~~

8 Sec. E.318.2 33 V.S.A. § 3517 is amended to read:

9 § 3517. CHILD CARE TUITION RATES

10 A child care provider shall ensure that its tuition rates are available to the  
11 public. A regulated child care provider shall not impose an increase on annual  
12 child care tuition that exceeds 1.5 times the most recent annual increase in the  
13 NAICS code 611, Educational Services. This amount shall be posted on the  
14 Department's website annually.

15 Sec. E.318.3 33 V.S.A. § 3512 is amended to read:

16 § 3512. CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

17 ELIGIBILITY

18 (a)(1) The Child Care Financial Assistance Program is established to  
19 subsidize, ~~to the extent that funds permit,~~ the costs of child care for families  
20 that need child care services in order to obtain employment, to retain  
21 employment, or to obtain training leading to employment. Families seeking

1 employment shall be entitled to participate in the Program for up to three  
2 months and the Commissioner may further extend that period.

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4 Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY HOUSING

5 (a) To the extent emergency housing is available and within the funds  
6 appropriated, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall ensure that  
7 General Assistance Emergency Housing is provided in fiscal year 2025 to  
8 households that attest to lack of a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime  
9 residence and have a member who:

10 (1) is 65 years of age or older;

11 (2) has a disability that can be documented by:

12 (A) receipt of Supplemental Security Income or Social Security  
13 Disability Insurance; or

14 (B) a form developed by the Department as a means of documenting  
15 a qualifying disability or health condition that requires:

16 (i) the applicant's name, date of birth, and the last four digits of  
17 the applicant's Social Security number or other identifying number;

18 (ii) a description of the applicant's disability or health condition;

19 (iii) a description of the risk posed to the applicant's health, safety,  
20 or welfare if temporary emergency housing is not authorized pursuant to this  
21 section; and



1                    (iv) a certification of a health care provider, as defined in 18  
2                    V.S.A. § 9481, that includes the provider’s credentials, credential number,  
3                    address, and phone number;

4                    (3) is a child 19 years of age or under;

5                    (4) is pregnant;

6                    (5) has experienced the death of a spouse, domestic partner, or minor  
7                    child that caused the household to lose its housing;

8                    (6) has experienced a natural disaster, such as a flood, fire, or hurricane;

9                    (7) is under a court-ordered eviction or constructive eviction due to  
10                    circumstances over which the household has no control; or

11                    (8) is experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
12                    stalking, human trafficking, hate violence, or other dangerous or life-  
13                    threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a  
14                    household member that caused the household to lose its housing.

15                    (b)(1) General Assistance Emergency Housing shall be provided in a  
16                    community-based shelter whenever possible. If there is inadequate  
17                    community-based shelter space available within the Agency of Human  
18                    Services district in which the household presents itself, the household shall be  
19                    provided emergency housing in a hotel or motel within the district, if available,  
20                    until adequate community-based shelter space becomes available in the  
21                    district. The utilization of hotel and motel rooms pursuant to this subdivision

1 shall be capped at 1,100 rooms per night between September 15, 2024 through  
2 November 30, 2024 and between April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

3 (2) The maximum number of days that an eligible household receives  
4 emergency housing in a hotel or motel under this section, per 12-month period,  
5 shall not exceed 80 days.

6 (3) The Department shall provide emergency winter housing to  
7 households meeting the eligibility criteria in subsection (a) of this section  
8 between December 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025. Emergency housing in a  
9 hotel or motel provided pursuant to this subdivision shall not count toward the  
10 maximum days of eligibility per 12-month period provided in subdivision (2)  
11 of this subsection.

12 (4)(A) Notwithstanding any rule or law to the contrary, the Department  
13 shall require all households applying for or receiving General Assistance  
14 Emergency Housing to engage in their own search for and accept any available  
15 alternative housing placements. All applicants and eligible households shall  
16 regularly provide information to the Department, not less frequently than  
17 monthly, about their efforts to secure an alternative housing placement. If the  
18 Department determines that a household, at the time of application or during  
19 the term of the household's authorization, has not made efforts to secure an  
20 alternative housing placement, or has access to an alternative housing

1 placement, the Department shall deny the application or terminate the  
2 authorization at the end of the current authorization period.

3 (B) For purposes of this subdivision (4), “alternative housing  
4 placements” may include shelter beds and pods; placements with family or  
5 friends; permanent housing solutions, including tiny homes, manufactured  
6 homes, and apartments; residential treatment beds for physical health, long-  
7 term care, substance use, or mental health; nursing home beds; and recovery  
8 homes.

9 (c) Emergency housing provided pursuant to this section shall replace the  
10 catastrophic and noncatastrophic categories adopted by the Department in rule.

11 (d) Emergency housing required pursuant to this section may be provided  
12 through approved community-based shelters, new unit generation, open units,  
13 licensed hotels or motels, or other appropriate shelter space. The Department  
14 shall, when available, prioritize emergency housing at housing or shelter  
15 placements other than hotels or motels.

16 (e) Case management services provided by case managers employed by or  
17 under contract with the Agency of Human Services or reimbursed through an  
18 Agency-funded grant shall include assisting clients with finding appropriate  
19 housing.

20 (f) The Commissioner for Children and Families shall adopt emergency  
21 rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 for the administration of this section, which

1 shall be deemed to have met the emergency rulemaking standard in 3 V.S.A.  
2 § 844(a), while permanent rules are pending.

3 (g) On or before the last day of each month from July 2024 through June  
4 2025, the Department for Children and Families, or other relevant agency or  
5 department, shall continue submitting a similar report to that due pursuant to  
6 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b) to the Joint Fiscal Committee,  
7 House Committee on Human Services, and Senate Committee on Health and  
8 Welfare. Additionally, this report shall include the Department's monthly  
9 expenditure on General Assistance Emergency Housing.

10 (h) For emergency housing provided in a hotel or motel beginning on July  
11 1, 2024 and thereafter, the Department for Children and Families shall not pay  
12 a hotel or motel establishment more than the hotel's lowest advertised room  
13 rate and not more than \$80 a day per room to shelter a household experiencing  
14 homelessness. The Department for Children and Families may shelter a  
15 household in more than one hotel or motel room depending on the household's  
16 size and composition.

17 (i) The Department for Children and Families shall apply the following  
18 rules to participating hotels and motels:

19 (1) Section 2650.1 of the Department for Children and Families'  
20 General Assistance (CVR 13-170-260);

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

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

5           (j)(1) The Department for Children and Families may work with either a  
6           shelter provider or a community housing agency to enter into a full or partial  
7           facility lease or sales agreement with a hotel or motel provider. Any facility  
8           conversion under this section shall comply with the Office of Economic  
9           Opportunity's shelter standards.

10           (2) If the Department for Children and Families determines that a  
11           contractual agreement with a licensed hotel or motel operator to secure  
12           temporary emergency housing capacity is beneficial to improve the quality,  
13           cleanliness, or access to services for those households temporarily housed in  
14           the facility, the Department shall be authorized to enter into such an agreement  
15           in accordance with the per-room rate identified in subsection (h) of this  
16           section; provided, however, that in no event shall such an agreement cause a  
17           household to become unhoused. The Department for Children and Families  
18           may include provisions to address access to services or related needs within the  
19           contractual agreement.

20           (k) Of the amount appropriated to implement this section, not more than  
21           \$500,000 shall be used for security costs.

1       (l) As used in this section:

2           (1) “Community-based shelter” means a shelter that meets the Vermont  
3 Housing Opportunity Grant Program’s Standards of Provision of Assistance.

4           (2) “Household” means an individual and any dependents for whom the  
5 individual is legally responsible and who live in Vermont. “Household”  
6 includes individuals who reside together as one economic unit, including those  
7 who are married, parties to a civil union, or unmarried.

8       Sec. E.321.1 EMERGENCY SHELTERS

9           (a)(1) The Department for Children and Families shall continue to develop  
10 emergency shelters for the provision of lodging between December 1, 2024  
11 and March 31, 2025 to households that do not meet the eligibility criteria for  
12 General Assistance Emergency Housing as described in subsection (a) of Sec.  
13 E.321 of this act or are otherwise in need of emergency shelter.

14           (2) The Department shall work with community providers as available  
15 to deliver daytime and overnight shelter services.

16           (b)(1) In fiscal year 2025, \$10,000,000 allocated from the General Fund in  
17 Sec. B.1102(b)(9) of this act to expand shelter bed and permanent supportive  
18 housing shall be used by the Department to first develop emergency shelters as  
19 required in subsection (a) of this section. Any allocated funds that are not  
20 needed for emergency shelters may be used to expand permanent shelter bed  
21 and permanent supportive housing capacity.



- 1           (1) two representatives with lived experience of homelessness, one  
2           representative appointed by the Speaker and one representative appointed by  
3           the President Pro Tempore;
- 4           (2) a representative, appointed by the Housing and Homelessness  
5           Alliance of Vermont;
- 6           (3) a representative, appointed by the Vermont Housing and  
7           Conservation Board;
- 8           (4) a representative, appointed by Vermont Care Partners;
- 9           (5) a representative, appointed by the Long-Term Care Crisis Coalition;
- 10          (6) a representative, appointed by Vermont 2-1-1;
- 11          (7) a representative, appointed by the Vermont League of Cities and  
12          Towns;
- 13          (8) a representative, appointed by the Vermont Center for Independent  
14          Living;
- 15          (9) a representative with experience operating an emergency shelter  
16          program, appointed jointly by the Speaker of the House and the President Pro  
17          Tempore;
- 18          (10) the Commissioner of the Department for Children and Families or  
19          designee;
- 20          (11) the Deputy Commissioner of the Department for Children and  
21          Families' Division of Economic Services; and



1           (12) the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community  
2           Development or designee.

3           (c) Powers and duties. The Task Force shall examine and provide  
4           recommendations on the following:

5           (1) household eligibility; maximum days of eligibility; application,  
6           notice, and appeals processes; participant requirements; and annual reporting  
7           requirements;

8           (2) the process to establish a single, statewide, unified coordinated entry  
9           system with participation from the Department;

10           (3) the current organization of roles and responsibilities within the  
11           Department for Children and Families' Office of Economic Opportunity and  
12           the Division of Economic Services;

13           (4) the number and types of emergency shelter spaces needed and  
14           currently available for each geographic region in the State, with a preference  
15           for noncongregate shelter spaces;

16           (5) the identification of a consistent lead agency for each geographic  
17           region;

18           (6) the identification of role and responsibility assigned to the lead  
19           agency;

20           (7) potential adjustments to emergency housing policy during cold  
21           weather months;

1           (8) a process to enable participating households to place a percentage of  
2           the household's gross income into savings, which shall be returned to the  
3           household for permanent housing expenses when the household exits the  
4           General Assistance Emergency Housing;

5           (9) a mechanism for addressing potential conduct challenges posed by a  
6           member of a participating household served in a motel, hotel, or shelter;

7           (10) the identification of any State rules and local regulations and  
8           ordinances that are impeding the timely development of safe, decent,  
9           affordable housing in Vermont communities in order to:

10           (A) identify areas in which flexibility or discretion are available; and

11           (B) advise whether the temporary suspension of relevant State rules  
12           and local regulations and ordinances, or the adoption or amendment of State  
13           rules, would facilitate faster and less costly revitalization of existing housing  
14           and construction of new housing units;

15           (11) a mechanism to ensure that eligible households are sheltered until  
16           transitional or permanent housing is available; and

17           (12) strategies to reduce reliance on hotels and motels for emergency  
18           housing.

19           (d) Assistance. The Task Force shall have the administrative, technical,  
20           and legal assistance of the Department for Children and Families.

1       (e) Report. On or before January 15, 2025, the Task Force shall submit a  
2       written report to the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate  
3       Committee on Health and Welfare with its findings and any recommendations  
4       for legislative action.

5       (f) Meetings.

6           (1) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee shall call  
7       the first meeting of the Task Force to occur on or before August 1, 2024.

8           (2) The Task Force shall select a chair or co-chairs from among its  
9       members at the first meeting.

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

11          (4) The Task Force shall cease once the report required pursuant to  
12       subsection (e) of this section has been submitted to the General Assembly.

13       (g) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Task Force shall be  
14       entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted  
15       under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than eight meetings. These payments  
16       shall be made from monies appropriated to the Department for Children and  
17       Families.

18       Sec. E.323 32 V.S.A. § 306 is amended to read:

19       § 306. BUDGET REPORT

20           (a) The Governor shall submit to the General Assembly, not later than the  
21       third Tuesday of every annual session, a budget that shall embody ~~his or her~~

1 the Governor's estimates, requests, and recommendations for appropriations or  
2 other authorizations for expenditures from the State Treasury. In the first year  
3 of the biennium, the budget shall relate to the two succeeding fiscal years. In  
4 the second year of the biennium, it shall relate to the succeeding fiscal year.  
5 The budget shall be based upon the official State revenue estimates, including  
6 the Medicaid estimated caseloads and per-member per-month expenditures,  
7 adopted by the Emergency Board pursuant to section 305a of this title.

8 (1) As part of the budget report, the Governor shall:

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10 (C) itemize current services liabilities, including the total obligations  
11 and the amount estimated for full funding in the current year in which an  
12 amortization schedule exists. These shall include the following liabilities  
13 projected for the start of the budget fiscal year:

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15 (iii) Reach Up funding full benefit obligations, including the  
16 standard of need for the current fiscal year, reflecting the level of financial  
17 assistance necessary to meet a family's ongoing basic needs in the current  
18 fiscal year as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 1101(13), prior to any rateable reductions  
19 made pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 1103(a), which ensure that the expenditures for  
20 the programs shall not exceed appropriations;

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1 increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide. These funds  
2 may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions  
3 Grants funds. Grant decisions and the administration of funds shall be done in  
4 consultation with the two U.S. Department of Housing and Urban  
5 Development recognized Continuum of Care programs.

6 Sec. E.326 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; OFFICE  
7 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; WEATHERIZATION  
8 ASSISTANCE

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

11 Sec. E.326.1 33 V.S.A. § 2502 is amended to read:

12 § 2502. HOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

13 \* \* \*

14 (b) In addition, the Director shall supplement or supplant any federal  
15 program with the State Home Weatherization Assistance Program.

16 (1) The State ~~program~~ Program shall provide an enhanced  
17 weatherization assistance amount exceeding the federal per-unit limit allowing  
18 amounts up to an average of ~~\$8,500.00~~ \$15,300.00 per unit allocated on a cost-  
19 effective basis. The allowable average ~~per unit may be adjusted to account for~~  
20 ~~the lower cost~~ per unit of multifamily buildings will be \$4,500.00. In units  
21 where costs exceed the allowable average by more than 25 percent, prior

1 approval of the Director of the State Economic Opportunity Office shall be  
2 required before work commences. This amount shall be adjusted annually to  
3 account for inflation of materials and labor.

4 \* \* \*

5 (c) The ~~Secretary of Human Services~~ Director shall ~~by rule establish~~  
6 require landlords that are not income eligible to enter into a rent stabilization  
7 agreements and provisions to recapture amounts expended for weatherization  
8 of a rental unit that exceed the amount of agreement that takes into account the  
9 energy cost reductions projected to be obtained by eligible tenants of the unit.  
10 The time periods established for rent stabilization ~~and recapture~~ shall be set  
11 taking into account the size of benefits received by tenants and landlords as  
12 well as the effect on Program participation. ~~Funds recaptured under this~~  
13 ~~section shall be deposited into the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund~~  
14 ~~established under section 2501 of this title.~~

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16 Sec. E.329 33 V.S.A. § 1602 is amended to read:

17 § 1602. VERMONT DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAFBLIND

18 ADVISORY COUNCIL

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20 (b) Membership. The Advisory Council shall consist of the following  
21 members:

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- (9) a superintendent, selected by the Vermont Superintendents Association; ~~and~~
- (10) a special education administrator, selected by the Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators; and
- (11) a representative of the Vermont chapter of Hands and Voices.

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Sec. E.338 CORRECTIONS; CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the special fund appropriation of \$152,000 in Sec. B.338 of this act for the supplemental facility payments to Newport and Springfield shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

Sec. E.338.1 CORRECTIONS; DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAMS

(a) \$850,000 of the General Fund appropriation made in Sec. B.338.1 of this act shall be for an annual grant to the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence for Domestic Violence Accountability Programs.

Sec. E.339 OUT-OF-STATE BED SAVINGS; PRETRIAL SUPERVISION

PROGRAM

(a) To the extent that the need for the General Fund dollars appropriated to the Department of Corrections for out-of-state beds in Sec. B.339 of this act is



1 reduced, it is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds be  
2 reappropriated to the Department of Corrections for the Pretrial Supervision  
3 Program.

4 Sec. E.345 18 V.S.A. § 9374(h) is amended to read:

5 ~~(h)(1) The Board may assess and collect from each regulated entity the~~  
6 ~~actual costs incurred by the Board, including staff time and contracts for~~  
7 ~~professional services, in carrying out its regulatory duties for health insurance~~  
8 ~~rate review under 8 V.S.A. § 4062; hospital budget review under chapter 221,~~  
9 ~~subchapter 7 of this title; and accountable care organization certification and~~  
10 ~~budget review under section 9382 of this title. The Board may also assess and~~  
11 ~~collect from general hospitals licensed under chapter 43 of this title expenses~~  
12 ~~incurred by the Commissioner of Health in administering hospital community~~  
13 ~~reports under section 9405b of this title.~~

14 ~~(2)(A) In addition to the assessment and collection of actual costs~~  
15 ~~pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and except Except as otherwise~~  
16 ~~provided in subdivisions (2)(C) and (3) (1)(C) and (2) of this subsection (h), all~~  
17 ~~other the expenses of the Board shall be borne as follows:~~

18 (i) 40.0 percent by the State from State monies;

19 (ii) ~~30~~ 28.8 percent by the hospitals;

20 (iii) ~~24~~ 23.2 percent by nonprofit hospital and medical service

21 corporations licensed under 8 V.S.A. chapter 123 or 125, health insurance

1 companies licensed under 8 V.S.A. chapter 101, and health maintenance  
2 organizations licensed under 8 V.S.A. chapter 139; and

3 (iv) ~~six~~ 8.0 percent by accountable care organizations ~~certified~~  
4 ~~under section 9382 of this title.~~

5 (B) Expenses under subdivision (A)(iii) of this subdivision ~~(2)(1)~~  
6 shall be allocated to persons licensed under Title 8 based on premiums paid for  
7 health care coverage, which for the purposes of this subdivision ~~(2)(1)~~ shall  
8 include major medical, comprehensive medical, hospital or surgical coverage,  
9 and comprehensive health care services plans, but shall not include long-term  
10 care, limited benefits, disability, credit or stop loss, or excess loss insurance  
11 coverage.

12 (C) Expenses ~~incurred by the Board for regulatory duties associated~~  
13 ~~with certificates of need shall be assessed pursuant to the provisions of section~~  
14 9441 of this title ~~and not~~ shall not be assessed in accordance with the formula  
15 set forth in subdivision (A) of this subdivision ~~(2)(1)~~.

16 ~~(3)(2)~~ The Board may determine the scope of the incurred expenses to  
17 be allocated pursuant to the formula set forth in subdivision ~~(2)(1)~~ of this  
18 subsection if, in the Board's discretion, the expenses to be allocated are in the  
19 best interests of the regulated entities and of the State.

20 ~~(4)(3)~~ If the amount of the proportional assessment to any entity  
21 calculated in accordance with the formula set forth in subdivision ~~(2)(A)(1)(A)~~

1 of this subsection would be less than \$150.00, the Board shall assess the entity  
2 a minimum fee of \$150.00. The Board shall apply the amounts collected based  
3 on the difference between each applicable entity's proportional assessment  
4 amount and \$150.00 to reduce the total amount assessed to the regulated  
5 entities pursuant to subdivisions ~~(2)(A)(ii)-(iv)~~ (1)(A)(ii)-(iv) of this  
6 subsection.

7 ~~(5)~~(4)(A) Annually on or before September 15, the Board shall report to  
8 the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations the total amount of all  
9 expenses eligible for allocation pursuant to this subsection (h) during the  
10 preceding State fiscal year and the total amount actually billed back to the  
11 regulated entities during the same period. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d)  
12 (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under  
13 this subdivision.

14 (B) The Board ~~and the Department~~ shall also present the information  
15 required by this subsection (h) to the Joint Fiscal Committee annually at its  
16 September meeting.

17 Sec. E.345.1 18 V.S.A. § 9405b is amended to read:

18 § 9405b. HOSPITAL COMMUNITY REPORTS AND AMBULATORY

19 SURGICAL CENTER QUALITY REPORTS

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1 aspects of Vermont’s health care system that likely would be affected by the  
2 use of reference-based pricing, such as hospital margins, health insurance  
3 premiums, and the State’s health care reform efforts.

4 Sec. E.500 EDUCATION; FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

5 (a) The Global Commitment funds appropriated in Sec. B.500 of this act  
6 will be used for physician claims for determining medical necessity of  
7 individualized education programs. These services are intended to increase  
8 access to quality health care for uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and  
9 Medicaid beneficiaries.

10 Sec. E.502 EDUCATION; SPECIAL EDUCATION: FORMULA GRANTS

11 (a) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and  
12 notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed  
13 \$4,329,959 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2025 as  
14 funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the  
15 Secretary shall not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A.  
16 § 2969(c) and (d).

17 (b) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and  
18 notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed \$500,000  
19 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2025 as funding for 16  
20 V.S.A. § 2975. In distributing such funds, the Secretary shall not be limited by  
21 the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c) and (d).

1       Sec. E.503 EDUCATION; STATE-PLACED STUDENTS

2           (a) The Independence Place Program of ANEW Place shall be considered a  
3       24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of education  
4       costs.

5       Sec. E.504 ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

6           (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$3,778,133 General Fund  
7       shall be granted to adult education and literacy providers, pursuant to the Adult  
8       Education and Secondary Credential Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 945.

9       Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION; FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

10          (a) Notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025 to the contrary, of  
11       the appropriation in Sec. B.504.1 of this act, \$2,518,755 Education Fund shall  
12       be granted by the Agency of Education to adult education and literacy  
13       providers pursuant to the Adult Education and Secondary Credential Program  
14       established in 16 V.S.A. § 945.

15          (b) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, of the Education Fund  
16       appropriation in Sec. B.504.1 of this act. the amount of:

17            (1) \$921,500 is designated for dual enrollment programs,  
18       notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);

19            (2) \$2,000,000 is designated to support the Vermont Virtual High  
20       School;

21            (3) \$400,000 is designated for secondary school reform grants; and

1           (4) \$4,600,000 is designated for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §  
2           946.

3           (c) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.504.1 of this act, \$921,500  
4           is designated for dual enrollment programs.

5           Sec. E.504.2 16 V.S.A. § 945 is amended to read:

6           § 945. ~~ADULT DIPLOMA PROGRAM; GENERAL EDUCATIONAL~~  
7                   ~~DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM~~ ADULT EDUCATION AND  
8                   SECONDARY CREDENTIAL PROGRAM

9           (a) The Secretary shall maintain an Adult Diploma Program (ADP), ~~which~~  
10          ~~shall be an assessment process~~ administered by the Agency through which ~~an~~  
11          ~~individual~~ any Vermont resident who is at least ~~20~~ 16 years of age; who has  
12          not received a high school diploma; and who is not enrolled in a public or  
13          approved independent school, postsecondary institution, or home study  
14          program can receive a local high school diploma granted by one of the  
15          Program's participating high schools.

16          (b) The Secretary shall maintain a General Educational Development  
17          (GED) Program, which ~~it~~ the Secretary shall administer jointly with the GED  
18          testing service and approved local testing centers and through which ~~an adult~~  
19          ~~individual~~ a Vermont resident who is at least 16 years of age ~~and~~; who has not  
20          received a high school diploma; and who is not enrolled in secondary a public  
21          or an approved independent school, a postsecondary institution, or a home

1 study program can receive a secondary school equivalency certificate based on  
2 successful completion of the GED tests.

3 (c) The Secretary may provide additional programs designed to address the  
4 individual needs and circumstances of adult students, particularly students with  
5 the lowest levels of literacy skills.

6 (d) The diagnostic portion of the Program referenced in subsection 4011(f)  
7 of this title shall be used as a tool to evaluate the educational needs of and  
8 skills gained by individual students but shall not be used to exclude individuals  
9 from the Program or to condition payments to local education and literacy  
10 providers.

11 Sec. E.504.3 REPEAL

12 16 V.S.A. § 943 (High School Completion Program) is repealed.

13 Sec. E.504.4 16 V.S.A. § 4011 is amended to read:

14 § 4011. EDUCATION PAYMENTS

15 (a) Annually, the General Assembly shall appropriate funds to pay for  
16 statewide education spending and a portion of a base education amount for  
17 each adult ~~diploma~~ education and secondary credential program student.

18 \* \* \*

19 (f) Annually, the Secretary shall pay to a ~~department or agency~~ local adult  
20 education and literacy provider, as defined in section 942 of this title, that  
21 provides an adult ~~diploma~~ education and secondary credential program an



1 amount equal to 26 percent of the base education amount for each student who  
2 ~~completed~~ completes the diagnostic ~~portion~~ portions of the program, based on  
3 an average of the previous two years; 40 percent of the payment required under  
4 this subsection shall be from State funds appropriated from the Education Fund  
5 and 60 percent of the payment required under this subsection shall be from  
6 State funds appropriated from the General Fund.

7 \* \* \*

8 Sec. E.504.5 16 V.S.A. § 944 is amended to read:

9 § 944. DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

10 \* \* \*

11 (b) Students.

12 (1) A Vermont resident who has completed grade 10 but has not  
13 received a high school diploma is eligible to participate in the Program if:

14 (A) the student:

15 \* \* \*

16 (ii) ~~is assigned to a public school through the High School~~  
17 ~~Completion Program~~ a student in the Adult Diploma Program under subsection  
18 945(a) of this title; or

19 \* \* \*

20 Sec. E.504.6 16 V.S.A. § 941 is amended to read:

21 § 941. FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS INITIATIVE

1 (a) There is created within the Agency a Flexible Pathways Initiative:

2 \* \* \*

3 (b) The Secretary shall develop, publish, and regularly update guidance, in  
4 the form of technical assistance, sharing of best practices and model  
5 documents, legal interpretations, and other support designed to assist school  
6 districts:

7 \* \* \*

8 (3) to create opportunities for secondary students to pursue flexible  
9 pathways to graduation that:

10 \* \* \*

11 (C) include:

12 \* \* \*

13 (v) ~~the High School Completion Program as set forth in section~~  
14 ~~943 of this title; and [Repealed.]~~

15 (vi) ~~the Adult Diploma Program and General Educational~~  
16 ~~Development Program~~ adult education and secondary credential opportunities  
17 as set forth in section 945 of this title; and

18 \* \* \*

1 Sec. E.507.1 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS; CATEGORICAL AID

2 (a) The funds appropriated in Sec. B.507.1 of this act shall be used to  
3 provide categorical aid to school districts for English Learner services,  
4 pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4013.

5 Sec. E.514 STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

6 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to  
7 the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System shall be \$201,182,703, of  
8 which \$191,382,703 shall be the State's contribution and \$9,800,000 shall be  
9 contributed from local school systems or educational entities pursuant to 16  
10 V.S.A. § 1944c.

11 (b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution,  
12 \$37,842,027 is the "normal contribution," and \$163,340,676 is the "accrued  
13 liability contribution."

14 Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

15 AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;

16 OPERATING BUDGET, SOURCE OF FUNDS

17 (a) Of the \$3,572,780 appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act, \$2,516,037  
18 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System operating budget,  
19 and \$1,056,743 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment  
20 Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement  
21 System.





1 Chancellor or designee, shall report the results of these structural reductions to  
2 the House and Senate Committees on Education and on Appropriations  
3 annually during the Chancellor's budget presentation.

4 \* \* \*

5 Sec. E.603 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES; ALLIED HEALTH

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

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

14 Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

15 (a) Of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance  
16 Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act:

17 (1) \$25,000 shall be deposited into the Trust Fund established in 16  
18 V.S.A. § 2845;

19 (2) not more than \$300,000 may be used by the Vermont Student  
20 Assistance Corporation for a student aspirational initiative to serve one or more  
21 high schools; and

1           (3) not less than \$1,000,000 shall be used to continue the Vermont  
2           Trades Scholarship Program established in 2022 Act and Resolves No. 183,  
3           Sec. 14.

4           (b) Of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance  
5           Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act that are remaining after accounting for the  
6           expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this section, not less than 93 percent  
7           shall be used for direct student aid.

8           (c) After accounting for the expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this  
9           section, up to seven percent of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student  
10           Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act or otherwise currently or  
11           previously appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation or  
12           provided to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation by an agency or  
13           department of the State for the administration of a program or initiative may be  
14           used by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for its costs of  
15           administration. The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation may recoup its  
16           reasonable costs of collecting the forgivable loans in repayment. Funds shall  
17           not be used for indirect costs. To the extent that any of these funds are federal  
18           funds, allocation for expenses associated with administering the funds shall be  
19           consistent with federal grant requirements.





1        (a) Using the funds appropriated in Sec. B.1100(1)(1) of this act, the  
2        Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation shall as a pilot expand the Water  
3        Quality Assistance Program established in 10 V.S.A. § 2622a to enable the  
4        Program to provide financial assistance to logging contractors to ensure  
5        implementation of proactive and preventative water quality protection and  
6        climate adaptation practices on harvest sites. The Program shall provide  
7        financial assistance to logging contractors for the following:

8            (1) implementation of accepted management practices and other best  
9            practices defined by the Department on harvest sites to enhance water quality  
10           protection and climate adaptation measures before forest operations take place;

11           (2) purchase by logging contractors of materials or practices that can be  
12           used for forest access road construction, landing preparation, bridge  
13           construction or installation, culvert protection or installation, and sediment  
14           control in advance of harvest implementation in order to comply with the  
15           accepted management practices and other potentially applicable water quality  
16           requirements; and

17           (3) financial assistance or cost share for a logging contractor to be  
18           Master Logger Certified by third-party entities, such as the Northeast Master  
19           Logger Certification Program of the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands.



1 composed of at least one individual with a disability who is eligible to receive  
2 Medicaid-funded home and community based services.

3 (B) If, upon petition of the landlord, the Department or the housing  
4 organization that issued the grant determines that a household ~~existing~~  
5 ~~homelessness~~ under subdivision (A) of this subdivision (e)(2) is not available  
6 to lease the unit, then the landlord shall lease the unit:

7 \* \* \*

8 Sec. E.910 23 V.S.A. § 304c is amended to read:

9 § 304c. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES: BUILDING

10 ~~BRIGHT SPACES FOR BRIGHT FUTURES FUND~~

11 (a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue “Building Bright  
12 ~~Spaces for Bright Futures Fund,”~~ referred to as “~~the Bright Futures Fund,~~”  
13 registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate,  
14 on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, on vehicles registered to State  
15 agencies under section 376 of this title, and excluding vehicles registered under  
16 the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted on the  
17 front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall  
18 utilize the graphic design recommended by the Commissioner for Children and  
19 Families for the special plates to enhance the public awareness of the State’s  
20 interest in supporting ~~children’s~~ early childhood services. Applicants shall  
21 apply on forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and shall

1 pay an initial fee of \$29.00 in addition to the annual fee for registration. In  
2 following years, in addition to the annual registration fee, the holder of a  
3 ~~Bright Futures Fund~~ plate shall pay a renewal fee of \$29.00. The  
4 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25  
5 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

6 (b) Fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be ~~allocated~~  
7 deposited as follows:

8 (1) 29 percent ~~to~~ in the Transportation Fund.

9 (2) 71 percent ~~to the Department for Children and Families for deposit~~  
10 in the Building Bright Futures Fund created in 33 V.S.A. § 3531.

11 (c) Renewal fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be  
12 ~~allocated~~ deposited as follows:

13 (1) 79 percent ~~to the Department for Children and Families for deposit~~  
14 in the Building Bright Futures Fund created in 33 V.S.A. § 3531.

15 (2) 21 percent ~~to~~ in the Transportation Fund.

16 (d) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall be charged by the Department  
17 of Corrections for the production of the Building Bright Futures ~~Fund~~ license  
18 plates.

19 Sec. E.915 TRANSPORTATION; TOWN HIGHWAY AID PROGRAM

20 (a) The total appropriation in Sec. B.915 of this act is authorized,  
21 notwithstanding the provisions of 19 V.S.A. § 306(a).



1 registration as an agent, and ~~\$120.00~~ \$145.00 when filing for a change of  
2 registration as an agent. The fee is nonrefundable.

3 \* \* \* Pay Act \* \* \*

4 Sec. G.100 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS; FISCAL  
5 YEARS 2025 AND 2026

6 (a) Fiscal year 2025. This act fully funds the first year of the collective  
7 bargaining agreements between the State and the Vermont State Employees'  
8 Association and the State and the Vermont Troopers' Association for the  
9 period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The collective bargaining  
10 agreements for most classified employees provide in fiscal year 2025 an  
11 average 1.9 percent step increase and 4.5 percent across-the-board increase for  
12 a total of a 6.4 percent increase.

13 (b) Fiscal year 2026. This act fully funds the second year of the collective  
14 bargaining agreements between the State and the Vermont State Employees'  
15 Association and the State and the Vermont Troopers' Association for the  
16 period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The collective bargaining  
17 agreements for most classified employees provide in fiscal year 2026 an  
18 average 1.9 percent step increase and 3.5 percent across-the-board increase for  
19 a total of a 5.4 percent increase.

20 Sec. G.101 EXEMPT EMPLOYEES; PERMITTED SALARY INCREASES;  
21 FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND 2026

1       (a) Fiscal year 2025. The Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches  
2       may extend the fiscal year 2025 provisions of the collective bargaining  
3       agreements that are funded by this act to employees not covered by the  
4       bargaining agreements as they determine to be appropriate and in accordance  
5       with the appropriations provided to each branch.

6       (b) Fiscal year 2026. The Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches  
7       may extend the fiscal year 2026 provisions of the collective bargaining  
8       agreements that are funded by this act to employees not covered by the  
9       bargaining agreements as they determine to be appropriate and in accordance  
10       with the appropriations provided to each branch.

11       Sec. G.102 EXECUTIVE BRANCH; EXEMPT AGENCY AND  
12               DEPARTMENT HEADS, DEPUTIES, AND EXECUTIVE  
13               ASSISTANTS; ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND  
14               SPECIAL SALARY INCREASE OR BONUS

15       (a) Fiscal year 2025. For purposes of determining annual salary  
16       adjustments, special salary increases, and bonuses under 32 V.S.A. §§ 1003(b)  
17       and 1020(b), “the average rate of adjustment available to most classified  
18       employees under the collective bargaining agreement” shall be, in fiscal year  
19       2025, 6.4 percent.

20       (b) Fiscal year 2026. For purposes of determining annual salary  
21       adjustments, special salary increases, and bonuses under 32 V.S.A. §§ 1003(b)

1 and 1020(b), “the average rate of adjustment available to most classified  
2 employees under the collective bargaining agreement” shall be, in fiscal year  
3 2026, 5.4 percent.

4 Sec. G.103 32 V.S.A. § 1003 is amended to read:

5 § 1003. STATE OFFICERS

6 (a) Each elective officer of the Executive Department is entitled to an  
7 annual salary as follows:

	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
	<u>July 3,</u>	<u>July 2,</u>	<u>July 14,</u>	<u>July 13,</u>
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
13 (1) Governor	\$201,150	\$208,995	\$222,371	\$234,379
14 (2) Lieutenant Governor	\$ 85,384	\$88,714	\$94,392	\$99,489
15 (3) Secretary of State	\$127,548	\$132,522	\$141,003	\$148,617
16 (4) State Treasurer	\$127,548	\$132,522	\$141,003	\$148,617
17 (5) Auditor of Accounts	\$127,548	\$132,522	\$141,003	\$148,617
18 (6) Attorney General	\$152,725	\$158,681	\$168,837	\$177,954

19 (b) The Governor may appoint each officer of the Executive Branch listed  
20 in this subsection at a starting salary ranging from the base salary stated for  
21 that position to a salary that does not exceed the maximum salary unless



1 otherwise authorized by this subsection. The maximum salary for each  
2 appointive officer shall be 50 percent above the base salary. Annually, the  
3 Governor may grant to each of those officers an annual salary adjustment  
4 subject to the maximum salary. The annual salary adjustment granted to  
5 officers under this subsection shall not exceed the average rate of adjustment  
6 available to most classified employees under the collective bargaining  
7 agreement then in effect. In addition to the annual salary adjustment specified  
8 in this subsection, the Governor may grant a special salary increase subject to  
9 the maximum salary, or a bonus, to any officer listed in this subsection whose  
10 job duties have significantly increased, or whose contributions to the State in  
11 the preceding year are deemed especially significant. Special salary increases  
12 or bonuses granted to any individual shall not exceed the average rate of  
13 adjustment available to most classified employees under the collective  
14 bargaining agreement then in effect.

15 (1) Heads of the following Departments and Agencies:

	<del>Base</del>	<del>Base</del>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Base</u>
	<del>Salary</del>	<del>Salary</del>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
	<del>as of</del>	<del>as of</del>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
	<del>July 3,</del>	<del>July 2,</del>	<u>July 14,</u>	<u>July 13,</u>
	<del>2022</del>	<del>2023</del>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
21 (A) Administration	\$121,634	\$126,378	<u>\$134,466</u>	<u>\$141,727</u>

1	(B) Agriculture,				
2	Food and				
3	Markets	<del>\$121,634</del>	<del>\$126,378</del>	<u>\$134,466</u>	<u>\$141,727</u>
4	(C) Financial				
5	Regulation	<del>\$113,710</del>	<del>\$118,145</del>	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
6	(D) Buildings and				
7	General Services	<del>\$113,710</del>	<del>\$118,145</del>	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
8	(E) Children and				
9	Families	<del>\$113,710</del>	<del>\$118,145</del>	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
10	(F) Commerce and				
11	Community				
12	Development	<del>\$121,634</del>	<del>\$126,378</del>	<u>\$134,466</u>	<u>\$141,727</u>
13	(G) Corrections	<del>\$113,710</del>	<del>\$118,145</del>	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
14	(H) Defender				
15	General	<del>\$113,710</del>	<del>\$118,145</del>	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
16	(I) Disabilities,				
17	Aging, and				
18	Independent				
19	Living	<del>\$113,710</del>	<del>\$118,145</del>	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
20	(J) Economic				
21	Development	<del>\$103,149</del>	<del>\$107,172</del>	<u>\$114,031</u>	<u>\$120,189</u>

1	(K) Education	\$121,634	\$126,378	<u>\$134,466</u>	<u>\$141,727</u>
2	(L) Environmental				
3	Conservation	\$113,710	\$118,145	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
4	(M) Finance and				
5	Management	\$113,710	\$118,145	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
6	(N) Fish and				
7	Wildlife	\$103,149	\$107,172	<u>\$114,031</u>	<u>\$120,189</u>
8	(O) Forests, Parks				
9	and Recreation	\$103,149	\$107,172	<u>\$114,031</u>	<u>\$120,189</u>
10	(P) Health	\$113,710	\$118,145	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
11	(Q) Housing and				
12	Community				
13	Development	\$103,149	\$107,172	<u>\$114,031</u>	<u>\$120,189</u>
14	(R) Human				
15	Resources	\$113,710	\$118,145	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
16	(S) Human Services	\$121,634	\$126,378	<u>\$134,466</u>	<u>\$141,727</u>
17	(T) Digital Services	\$121,634	\$126,378	<u>\$134,466</u>	<u>\$141,727</u>
18	(U) Labor	\$113,710	\$118,145	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
19	(V) Libraries	\$103,149	\$107,172	<u>\$114,031</u>	<u>\$120,189</u>
20	(W) Liquor and				
21	Lottery	\$103,149	\$107,172	<u>\$114,031</u>	<u>\$120,189</u>

1	(X) [Repealed.]				
2	(Y) Mental Health	<del>\$113,710</del>	<del>\$118,145</del>	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
3	(Z) Military	<del>\$113,710</del>	<del>\$118,145</del>	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
4	(AA) Motor				
5	Vehicles	<del>\$103,149</del>	<del>\$107,172</del>	<u>\$114,031</u>	<u>\$120,189</u>
6	(BB) Natural				
7	Resources	<del>\$121,634</del>	<del>\$126,378</del>	<u>\$134,466</u>	<u>\$141,727</u>
8	(CC) Natural				
9	Resources				
10	Board Chair	<del>\$103,149</del>	<del>\$107,172</del>	<u>\$114,031</u>	<u>\$120,189</u>
11	(DD) Public Safety	<del>\$113,710</del>	<del>\$118,145</del>	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
12	(EE) Public Service	<del>\$113,710</del>	<del>\$118,145</del>	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
13	(FF) Taxes	<del>\$113,710</del>	<del>\$118,145</del>	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
14	(GG) Tourism and				
15	Marketing	<del>\$103,149</del>	<del>\$107,172</del>	<u>\$114,031</u>	<u>\$120,189</u>
16	(HH) Transportation	<del>\$121,634</del>	<del>\$126,378</del>	<u>\$134,466</u>	<u>\$141,727</u>
17	(II) Vermont Health				
18	Access	<del>\$113,710</del>	<del>\$118,145</del>	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
19	(JJ) Veterans' Home	<del>\$113,710</del>	<del>\$118,145</del>	<u>\$125,706</u>	<u>\$132,494</u>
20	(2) [Repealed.]				



1					
2	(1) Chief Justice of				
3	Supreme Court	<del>\$193,600</del>	<del>\$201,150</del>	<u>\$214,024</u>	<u>\$225,581</u>
4	(2) Each Associate				
5	Justice	<del>\$184,771</del>	<del>\$191,977</del>	<u>\$204,264</u>	<u>\$215,294</u>
6	(3) Administrative				
7	Judge	<del>\$184,771</del>	<del>\$191,977</del>	<u>\$204,264</u>	<u>\$215,294</u>
8	(4) Each Superior				
9	Judge	<del>\$175,654</del>	<del>\$182,505</del>	<u>\$194,185</u>	<u>\$204,671</u>
10	(5) [Repealed.]				
11	(6) Each				
12	Magistrate	<del>\$132,441</del>	<del>\$137,606</del>	<u>\$146,413</u>	<u>\$154,319</u>
13	(7) Each Judicial				
14	Bureau hearing				
15	officer	<del>\$132,441</del>	<del>\$137,606</del>	<u>\$146,413</u>	<u>\$154,319</u>

16 Sec. G.105 32 V.S.A. § 1141 is amended to read:

17 § 1141. ASSISTANT JUDGES

18 (a)(1) Each assistant judge of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive  
19 compensation in the amount of ~~\$203.05~~ \$224.47 a day as of ~~July 3, 2022~~ July  
20 14, 2024 and ~~\$210.97~~ \$236.59 a day as of ~~July 2, 2023~~ July 13, 2025 for time  
21 spent in the performance of official duties and necessary expenses as allowed

1 to classified State employees. Compensation under this section shall be based  
2 on a two-hour minimum and hourly thereafter.

3 (2)(A) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this  
4 section shall be paid by the State except as provided in subdivision (B) of this  
5 subdivision (2).

6 (B) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this  
7 section shall be paid by the county at the State rate established in subdivision  
8 (a)(1) of this section when an assistant judge is sitting with a presiding  
9 Superior judge in the Civil or Family Division of the Superior Court.

10 (b) Assistant judges of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive pay  
11 for such days as they attend court when it is in actual session or during a court  
12 recess when engaged in the special performance of official duties.

13 Sec. G.106 32 V.S.A. § 1142 is amended to read:

14 § 1142. PROBATE JUDGES

15 (a) The Probate judges in the several Probate Districts shall be entitled to  
16 receive the following annual salaries, which shall be paid by the State in lieu of  
17 all fees or other compensation:

18	<del>Annual</del>	<del>Annual</del>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
19	<del>Salary</del>	<del>Salary</del>	<u>Salary</u>	Salary
20	<del>as of</del>	<del>as of</del>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
21	<del>July 3,</del>	<del>July 2,</del>	<u>July 14,</u>	<u>July 13,</u>

		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
1					
2	(1) Addison	<del>\$69,249</del>	<del>\$71,950</del>	<u>\$76,555</u>	<u>\$80,689</u>
3	(2) Bennington	<del>\$87,541</del>	<del>\$90,955</del>	<u>\$96,776</u>	<u>102,002</u>
4	(3) Caledonia	<del>\$61,412</del>	<del>\$63,807</del>	<u>\$67,891</u>	<u>\$71,557</u>
5	(4) Chittenden	<del>\$146,093</del>	<del>\$151,791</del>	<u>\$161,506</u>	<u>\$170,227</u>
6	(5) Essex	<del>\$17,156</del>	<del>\$17,825</del>	<u>\$18,966</u>	<u>\$19,990</u>
7	(6) Franklin	<del>\$69,249</del>	<del>\$71,950</del>	<u>\$76,555</u>	<u>\$80,689</u>
8	(7) Grand Isle	<del>\$17,156</del>	<del>\$17,825</del>	<u>\$18,966</u>	<u>\$19,990</u>
9	(8) Lamoille	<del>\$48,343</del>	<del>\$50,228</del>	<u>\$53,443</u>	<u>\$56,329</u>
10	(9) Orange	<del>\$57,489</del>	<del>\$59,731</del>	<u>\$63,554</u>	<u>\$66,986</u>
11	(10) Orleans	<del>\$56,183</del>	<del>\$58,374</del>	<u>\$62,110</u>	<u>\$65,464</u>
12	(11) Rutland	<del>\$124,126</del>	<del>\$128,967</del>	<u>\$137,221</u>	<u>\$144,631</u>
13	(12) Washington	<del>\$95,379</del>	<del>\$99,099</del>	<u>\$105,441</u>	<u>\$111,135</u>
14	(13) Windham	<del>\$77,089</del>	<del>\$80,095</del>	<u>\$85,221</u>	<u>\$89,823</u>
15	(14) Windsor	<del>\$104,527</del>	<del>\$108,604</del>	<u>\$115,555</u>	<u>\$121,795</u>

16 (b) Probate judges shall be entitled to be paid by the State for their actual  
17 and necessary expenses under the rules pertaining to classified State  
18 employees. The compensation for the Probate judge of the Chittenden District  
19 shall be for full-time service.



1 (c) All Probate judges, regardless of the number of hours worked annually,  
2 shall be eligible to participate in all employee benefits that are available to  
3 exempt employees of the Judicial Department.

4 Sec. G.107 32 V.S.A. § 1182 is amended to read:

5 § 1182. SHERIFFS

6 (a) The sheriffs of all counties except Chittenden shall be entitled to receive  
7 salaries in the amount of ~~\$94,085.00~~ \$104,010.00 as of ~~July 3, 2022~~ July 14,  
8 2024 and ~~\$97,754.00~~ \$109,627.00 as of ~~July 2, 2023~~ July 13, 2025. The  
9 Sheriff of Chittenden County shall be entitled to an annual salary in the amount  
10 of ~~\$99,566.00~~ \$110,070.00 as of ~~July 3, 2022~~ July 14, 2024 and ~~\$103,449.00~~  
11 \$116,014.00 as of ~~July 2, 2023~~ July 13, 2025.

12 (b) Compensation under subsection (a) of this section shall be reduced by  
13 10 percent for any sheriff who has not obtained Level III law enforcement  
14 officer certification under 20 V.S.A. § 2358.

15 Sec. G.108 32 V.S.A. § 1183 is amended to read:

16 § 1183. STATE'S ATTORNEYS

17 (a) The State's Attorneys shall be entitled to receive annual salaries as  
18 follows:

19	<del>Annual</del>	<del>Annual</del>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
20	<del>Salary</del>	<del>Salary</del>	<u>Salary</u>	Salary
21	<del>as of</del>	<del>as of</del>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>

	<del>July 3,</del>	<del>July 2,</del>	<u>July 14,</u>	<u>July 13,</u>
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
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2				
3	(1) Addison County	<del>\$127,265</del>	<del>\$132,228</del>	<u>\$140,691</u> <u>\$148,288</u>
4	(2) Bennington County	<del>\$127,265</del>	<del>\$132,228</del>	<u>\$140,691</u> <u>\$148,288</u>
5	(3) Caledonia County	<del>\$127,265</del>	<del>\$132,228</del>	<u>\$140,691</u> <u>\$148,288</u>
6	(4) Chittenden County	<del>\$133,051</del>	<del>\$138,240</del>	<u>\$147,087</u> <u>\$155,030</u>
7	(5) Essex County	<del>\$95,451</del>	<del>\$99,174</del>	<u>\$105,521</u> <u>\$111,219</u>
8	(6) Franklin County	<del>\$127,265</del>	<del>\$132,228</del>	<u>\$140,691</u> <u>\$148,288</u>
9	(7) Grand Isle County	<del>\$95,451</del>	<del>\$99,174</del>	<u>\$105,521</u> <u>\$111,219</u>
10	(8) Lamoille County	<del>\$127,265</del>	<del>\$132,228</del>	<u>\$140,691</u> <u>\$148,288</u>
11	(9) Orange County	<del>\$127,265</del>	<del>\$132,228</del>	<u>\$140,691</u> <u>\$148,288</u>
12	(10) Orleans County	<del>\$127,265</del>	<del>\$132,228</del>	<u>\$140,691</u> <u>\$148,288</u>
13	(11) Rutland County	<del>\$127,265</del>	<del>\$132,228</del>	<u>\$140,691</u> <u>\$148,288</u>
14	(12) Washington			
15	County	<del>\$127,265</del>	<del>\$132,228</del>	<u>\$140,691</u> <u>\$148,288</u>
16	(13) Windham County	<del>\$127,265</del>	<del>\$132,228</del>	<u>\$140,691</u> <u>\$148,288</u>
17	(14) Windsor County	<del>\$127,265</del>	<del>\$132,228</del>	<u>\$140,691</u> <u>\$148,288</u>

18 (b) In settlement of their accounts, the Commissioner of Finance and  
19 Management shall allow the State's Attorneys the expense of printing briefs in  
20 cases in which the State's Attorney has represented the State and their

1 necessary and actual expenses under the rules pertaining to classified State  
2 employees.

3 Sec. G.109 PAY ACT APPROPRIATIONS; FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND  
4 2026

5 (a) Executive Branch. The first and second years of the two-year  
6 agreements between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees'  
7 Association for the Defender General, Non-Management, Supervisory, and  
8 Corrections bargaining units, and, for the purpose of appropriation, the State's  
9 Attorneys' offices bargaining unit, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June  
10 30, 2026; the collective bargaining agreement with the Vermont Troopers'  
11 Association for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026; and salary  
12 increases for employees in the Executive Branch not covered by the bargaining  
13 agreements shall be funded as follows:

14 (1) Fiscal year 2025.

15 (A) General Fund. The amount of \$27,279,337.00 is appropriated  
16 from the General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to  
17 departments to fund the fiscal year 2025 collective bargaining agreements and  
18 the requirements of this act.

19 (B) Transportation Fund. The amount of \$2,500,000.00 is  
20 appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Secretary of Administration  
21 for distribution to the Agency of Transportation and the Department of Public

1 Safety to fund the fiscal year 2025 collective bargaining agreements and the  
2 requirements of this act.

3 (C) Other funds. The Administration shall provide additional  
4 spending authority to departments through the existing process of excess  
5 receipts to fund the fiscal year 2025 collective bargaining agreements and the  
6 requirements of this act. The estimated amounts are \$25,627,057.00 from a  
7 special fund, federal funds, and other sources.

8 (D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other  
9 funds, for fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from  
10 the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the  
11 Liquor Control Board such sums as the Secretary may determine to be  
12 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported  
13 by State funds.

14 (2) Fiscal year 2026.

15 (A) General Fund. The amount of \$24,644,442.00 is appropriated  
16 from the General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to  
17 departments to fund the fiscal year 2026 collective bargaining agreements and  
18 the requirements of this act.

19 (B) Transportation Fund. The amount of \$3,000,000.00 is  
20 appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Secretary of Administration  
21 for distribution to the Agency of Transportation and the Department of Public

1 Safety to fund the fiscal year 2026 collective bargaining agreements and the  
2 requirements of this act.

3 (C) Other funds. The Administration shall provide additional  
4 spending authority to departments through the existing process of excess  
5 receipts to fund the fiscal year 2026 collective bargaining agreements and the  
6 requirements of this act. The estimated amounts are \$27,868,854.00 from a  
7 special fund, federal funds, and other sources.

8 (D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other  
9 funds, for fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from  
10 the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the  
11 Liquor Control Board such sums as the Secretary may determine to be  
12 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported  
13 by State funds.

14 (3) This section shall include sufficient funding to ensure administration  
15 of exempt pay plans authorized by 32 V.S.A. § 1020(c).

16 (b) Judicial Branch.

17 (1) Extension to noncovered employees. The Chief Justice of the  
18 Vermont Supreme Court may extend the provisions of the Judiciary's  
19 collective bargaining agreement to Judiciary employees who are not covered  
20 by the bargaining agreement.

1           (2) Fiscal year 2025. The first year of the two-year agreements between  
2           the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees' Association for the  
3           judicial bargaining unit for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025  
4           and salary increases for employees in the Judicial Branch not covered by the  
5           bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows: the amount of  
6           \$2,470,963.00 is appropriated from the General Fund and the amount of  
7           \$185,986.00 is provided from other sources to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal  
8           year 2025 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.

9           (3) Fiscal year 2026. The second year of the two-year agreements  
10           between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees' Association  
11           for the judicial bargaining unit for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30,  
12           2026 and salary increases for employees in the Judicial Branch not covered by  
13           the bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows: the amount of  
14           \$2,388,783.00 is appropriated from the General Fund and the amount of  
15           \$179,801.00 is provided from other sources to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal  
16           year 2026 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.

17           (c) Legislative Branch.

18           (1) For the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, the General  
19           Assembly, including all Legislative Branch employees, shall be funded as  
20           follows: the amount of \$884,808.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to  
21           the Legislative Branch.

