

1 H.883

2 Introduced by Committee on Appropriations

3 Date:

4 Subject: Appropriations; Big Bill; fiscal year 2025 budget

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make  
6 appropriations in support of government for the fiscal year 2025

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

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

9 \* \* \* Purpose, Definitions, Legend \* \* \*

10 Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

11 (a) This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2025  
12 Appropriations Act.

13 Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

14 (a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of  
15 State government and for capital appropriations not funded with bond  
16 proceeds during fiscal year 2025. It is the express intent of the General  
17 Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments, divisions,  
18 boards, and commissions be limited to those that can be supported by funds  
19 appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2024. Agency

1 and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at  
2 the beginning of fiscal year 2025 so as to meet this condition unless otherwise  
3 directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the General Assembly.

4 Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

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

19 Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

20 (a) As used in this act:

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

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

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

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

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

20       Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

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

3       Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

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

7       Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

8       (a) In fiscal year 2025, the Governor, with the approval of the General  
9       Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the General Assembly is not in  
10       session, may accept federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including  
11       block grants in lieu of, or in addition to, funds herein designated as federal.  
12       The Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal  
13       Committee if the General Assembly is not in session, may allocate all or any  
14       portion of such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for  
15       which the basic appropriations in this act have been made.

16       (b) If, during fiscal year 2025, federal funds available to the State of  
17       Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2024 session of  
18       the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are  
19       abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new  
20       title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for  
21       any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were

1 appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for not  
2 more than 45 days prior to General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee  
3 approval. Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if  
4 the Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint  
5 Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's  
6 request for approval.

7 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total number of  
9 authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary  
10 positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(a)(11), shall not be increased during  
11 fiscal year 2025 except for new positions authorized by the 2024 session.  
12 Limited service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be  
13 subject to this restriction.

14 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

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

20 B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199 General Government

21 B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299 Protection to Persons and

1		<u>Property</u>
2	<u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
3	<u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
4	<u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
5	<u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
6	<u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
7	<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community</u>
8		<u>Development</u>
9	<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
10	<u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
11	<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other</u>
12		<u>appropriation actions</u>

13       (b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year and  
14       the D sections contain fund transfers and reserve allocations for the upcoming  
15       budget year. The F section includes effective dates.

16                               \* \* \* Fiscal Year 2025 Base Appropriations \* \* \*

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

18	Personal services	3,624,952
19	Operating expenses	185,657
20	Grants	<u>25,000</u>
21	Total	3,835,609

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	2,449,890
3	Special funds	25,000
4	Internal service funds	437,265
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>923,454</u>
6	Total	3,835,609
7	Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance	
8	Personal services	1,414,180
9	Operating expenses	<u>160,916</u>
10	Total	1,575,096
11	Source of funds	
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,575,096</u>
13	Total	1,575,096
14	Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
15	Personal services	894,261
16	Operating expenses	<u>90,822</u>
17	Total	985,083
18	Source of funds	
19	Internal service funds	<u>985,083</u>
20	Total	985,083
21	Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	

1	Personal services	567,817
2	Operating expenses	<u>59,472</u>
3	Total	627,289
4	Source of funds	
5	Internal service funds	<u>627,289</u>
6	Total	627,289
7	Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
8	Personal services	275,025
9	Operating expenses	<u>48,667</u>
10	Total	323,692
11	Source of funds	
12	Internal service funds	<u>323,692</u>
13	Total	323,692
14	Sec. B.104.1 Retired State Employees Pension Plus Funding	
15	Grants	<u>12,000,000</u>
16	Total	12,000,000
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>12,000,000</u>
19	Total	12,000,000
20	Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information	
21	technology	



1	Personal services	83,082,218
2	Operating expenses	<u>62,547,212</u>
3	Total	145,629,430
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	209,808
6	Special funds	511,723
7	Internal service funds	<u>144,907,899</u>
8	Total	145,629,430
9	Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
10	Personal services	1,526,943
11	Operating expenses	<u>332,906</u>
12	Total	1,859,849
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	1,183,688
15	Internal service funds	666,328
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>9,833</u>
17	Total	1,859,849
18	Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
19	Personal services	2,753,093
20	Operating expenses	<u>887,167</u>
21	Total	3,640,260

1	Source of funds	
2	Internal service funds	3,499,357
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>140,903</u>
4	Total	3,640,260
5	Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
6	Personal services	11,174,144
7	Operating expenses	<u>1,533,893</u>
8	Total	12,708,037
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,835,968
11	Special funds	242,235
12	Internal service funds	10,105,741
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>524,093</u>
14	Total	12,708,037
15	Sec. B.108.1 Human resources - VTHR operations	
16	Personal services	2,001,756
17	Operating expenses	<u>897,472</u>
18	Total	2,899,228
19	Source of funds	
20	Internal service funds	<u>2,899,228</u>
21	Total	2,899,228

1	Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
2	Personal services	1,219,976
3	Operating expenses	<u>656,818</u>
4	Total	1,876,794
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>1,876,794</u>
7	Total	1,876,794
8	Sec. B.110 Libraries	
9	Personal services	2,608,231
10	Operating expenses	987,312
11	Grants	<u>272,701</u>
12	Total	3,868,244
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	2,151,812
15	Special funds	130,971
16	Federal funds	1,467,374
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>118,087</u>
18	Total	3,868,244
19	Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
20	Personal services	28,305,591
21	Operating expenses	<u>6,868,137</u>

1	Total	35,173,728
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	23,248,019
4	Special funds	11,880,709
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
6	Total	35,173,728
7	Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
8	Personal services	1,070,354
9	Operating expenses	<u>229,587</u>
10	Total	1,299,941
11	Source of funds	
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,299,941</u>
13	Total	1,299,941
14	Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
15	Personal services	18,881
16	Operating expenses	<u>1,271,574</u>
17	Total	1,290,455
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>1,290,455</u>
20	Total	1,290,455
21	Sec. B.113.1 Buildings and General Services Engineering - Capital Projects	

1	Personal services	2,973,306
2	Operating expenses	<u>500,000</u>
3	Total	3,473,306
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	2,973,306
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>500,000</u>
7	Total	3,473,306
8	Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
9	Personal services	3,585,324
10	Operating expenses	<u>1,919,853</u>
11	Total	5,505,177
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	688,453
14	Transportation fund	4,292,149
15	Special funds	<u>524,575</u>
16	Total	5,505,177
17	Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
18	Personal services	2,462,542
19	Operating expenses	<u>245,613</u>
20	Total	2,708,155
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	1,568,464
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,139,691</u>
3	Total	2,708,155
4	Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
5	Personal services	826,840
6	Operating expenses	<u>177,446</u>
7	Total	1,004,286
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	90,941
10	Internal service funds	<u>913,345</u>
11	Total	1,004,286
12	Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
13	Personal services	902,844
14	Operating expenses	<u>237,416</u>
15	Total	1,140,260
16	Source of funds	
17	Internal service funds	<u>1,140,260</u>
18	Total	1,140,260
19	Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
20	Personal services	915,232
21	Operating expenses	<u>251,755</u>

1	Total	1,166,987
2	Source of funds	
3	Internal service funds	<u>1,166,987</u>
4	Total	1,166,987
5	Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
6	Operating expenses	<u>4,298</u>
7	Total	4,298
8	Source of funds	
9	Enterprise funds	<u>4,298</u>
10	Total	4,298
11	Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	
12	Personal services	375,218
13	Operating expenses	<u>149,871</u>
14	Total	525,089
15	Source of funds	
16	Internal service funds	<u>525,089</u>
17	Total	525,089
18	Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
19	Personal services	1,471,106
20	Operating expenses	<u>652,847</u>
21	Total	2,123,953

1	Source of funds	
2	Internal service funds	<u>2,123,953</u>
3	Total	2,123,953
4	Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
5	Personal services	20,361,714
6	Operating expenses	<u>17,940,900</u>
7	Total	38,302,614
8	Source of funds	
9	Internal service funds	38,214,088
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>88,526</u>
11	Total	38,302,614
12	Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
13	Personal services	1,621,889
14	Operating expenses	<u>529,815</u>
15	Total	2,151,704
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	1,896,299
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>255,405</u>
19	Total	2,151,704
20	Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel	
21	Personal services	3,856,667



1	Operating expenses	<u>291,399</u>
2	Total	4,148,066
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	<u>4,148,066</u>
5	Total	4,148,066
6	Sec. B.126 Legislature	
7	Personal services	6,531,132
8	Operating expenses	<u>4,934,310</u>
9	Total	11,465,442
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>11,465,442</u>
12	Total	11,465,442
13	Sec. B.126.1 Legislative information technology	
14	Personal services	1,433,677
15	Operating expenses	<u>807,537</u>
16	Total	2,241,214
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>2,241,214</u>
19	Total	2,241,214
20	Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
21	Personal services	2,611,816

1	Operating expenses	<u>197,363</u>
2	Total	2,809,179
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	<u>2,809,179</u>
5	Total	2,809,179
6	Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
7	Personal services	1,501,807
8	Operating expenses	<u>161,697</u>
9	Total	1,663,504
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>1,663,504</u>
12	Total	1,663,504
13	Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
14	Personal services	273,359
15	Operating expenses	<u>48,050</u>
16	Total	321,409
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>321,409</u>
19	Total	321,409
20	Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
21	Personal services	4,397,652

1	Operating expenses	<u>140,540</u>
2	Total	4,538,192
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	383,992
5	Special funds	53,145
6	Internal service funds	<u>4,101,055</u>
7	Total	4,538,192
8	Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
9	Personal services	6,021,504
10	Operating expenses	<u>305,404</u>
11	Total	6,326,908
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	2,233,091
14	Special funds	3,750,239
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>343,578</u>
16	Total	6,326,908
17	Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
18	Personal services	814,215
19	Operating expenses	<u>514,990</u>
20	Total	1,329,205

1	Source of funds	
2	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,329,205</u>
3	Total	1,329,205
4	Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
5	Personal services	213,238
6	Operating expenses	<u>2,849,942</u>
7	Total	3,063,180
8	Source of funds	
9	Pension trust funds	<u>3,063,180</u>
10	Total	3,063,180
11	Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
12	Personal services	237,966
13	Operating expenses	<u>1,499,159</u>
14	Total	1,737,125
15	Source of funds	
16	Pension trust funds	<u>1,737,125</u>
17	Total	1,737,125
18	Sec. B.134.1 Vermont Pension Investment Commission	
19	Personal services	2,154,707
20	Operating expenses	<u>294,507</u>
21	Total	2,449,214

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	<u>2,449,214</u>
3	Total	2,449,214
4	Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
5	Personal services	290,593
6	Operating expenses	<u>48,629</u>
7	Total	339,222
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	329,646
10	Special funds	6,788
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
12	Total	339,222
13	Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
14	Personal services	98,853
15	Operating expenses	<u>25,115</u>
16	Total	123,968
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	72,964
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>51,004</u>
20	Total	123,968

1	Sec. B.136.1 Ethics Commission	
2	Personal services	171,374
3	Operating expenses	<u>38,979</u>
4	Total	210,353
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>210,353</u>
7	Total	210,353
8	Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
9	Grants	<u>19,100,000</u>
10	Total	19,100,000
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>19,100,000</u>
13	Total	19,100,000
14	Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
15	Grants	<u>9,500,000</u>
16	Total	9,500,000
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>
19	Total	9,500,000
20	Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
21	Grants	<u>3,400,000</u>

1	Total	3,400,000
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	<u>3,400,000</u>
4	Total	3,400,000
5	Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
6	Grants	<u>20,050,000</u>
7	Total	20,050,000
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>20,050,000</u>
10	Total	20,050,000
11	Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
12	Grants	<u>12,050,000</u>
13	Total	12,050,000
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	<u>12,050,000</u>
16	Total	12,050,000
17	Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier	
18	Grants	<u>184,000</u>
19	Total	184,000
20	Source of funds	
21	Special funds	<u>184,000</u>

1	Total	184,000
2	Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
3	Grants	<u>40,000</u>
4	Total	40,000
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
7	Total	40,000
8	Sec. B.145 Total general government	
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	129,305,610
11	Transportation fund	4,292,149
12	Special funds	31,848,599
13	Federal funds	1,467,374
14	Internal service funds	214,723,806
15	Interdepartmental transfers	7,017,399
16	Enterprise funds	4,298
17	Pension trust funds	4,800,305
18	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,329,205</u>
19	Total	394,788,745
20	Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
21	Personal services	14,426,517



1	Operating expenses	2,015,028
2	Grants	<u>20,000</u>
3	Total	16,461,545
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	7,391,661
6	Special funds	2,355,424
7	Tobacco fund	422,000
8	Federal funds	1,743,215
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,549,245</u>
10	Total	16,461,545
11	Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
12	Personal services	1,250
13	Grants	<u>3,229,558</u>
14	Total	3,230,808
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	2,972,811
17	Special funds	<u>257,997</u>
18	Total	3,230,808
19	Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
20	Personal services	16,174,612
21	Operating expenses	<u>1,393,866</u>

1	Total	17,568,478
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	16,828,825
4	Special funds	589,653
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>150,000</u>
6	Total	17,568,478
7	Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
8	Personal services	7,213,974
9	Operating expenses	<u>49,500</u>
10	Total	7,263,474
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>7,263,474</u>
13	Total	7,263,474
14	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
15	Personal services	56,200,260
16	Operating expenses	12,479,384
17	Grants	<u>121,030</u>
18	Total	68,800,674
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	61,175,863
21	Special funds	4,503,401

1	Federal funds	953,928
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,167,482</u>
3	Total	68,800,674
4	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
5	Personal services	15,286,679
6	Operating expenses	<u>2,034,016</u>
7	Total	17,320,695
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	16,711,634
10	Federal funds	31,000
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>578,061</u>
12	Total	17,320,695
13	Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
14	Personal services	66,237
15	Operating expenses	24,295
16	Grants	<u>2,140,047</u>
17	Total	2,230,579
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>2,230,579</u>
20	Total	2,230,579

1	Sec. B.206.1 Crime Victims Advocates	
2	Personal services	2,894,156
3	Operating expenses	<u>104,396</u>
4	Total	2,998,552
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>2,998,552</u>
7	Total	2,998,552
8	Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
9	Personal services	5,067,726
10	Operating expenses	<u>405,868</u>
11	Total	5,473,594
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>5,473,594</u>
14	Total	5,473,594
15	Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
16	Personal services	4,620,756
17	Operating expenses	<u>6,022,923</u>
18	Total	10,643,679
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	6,179,193
21	Special funds	4,105

1	Federal funds	396,362
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,064,019</u>
3	Total	10,643,679
4	Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
5	Personal services	74,521,468
6	Operating expenses	15,992,094
7	Grants	<u>1,137,841</u>
8	Total	91,651,403
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	57,657,409
11	Transportation fund	20,250,000
12	Special funds	3,170,328
13	Federal funds	8,967,252
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,606,414</u>
15	Total	91,651,403
16	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
17	Personal services	5,387,100
18	Operating expenses	<u>2,152,467</u>
19	Total	7,539,567
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,829,099

1	Special funds	4,975,847
2	Federal funds	<u>734,621</u>
3	Total	7,539,567
4	Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management	
5	Personal services	5,220,245
6	Operating expenses	1,326,624
7	Grants	<u>41,392,759</u>
8	Total	47,939,628
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	740,339
11	Special funds	710,000
12	Federal funds	46,427,309
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>61,980</u>
14	Total	47,939,628
15	Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
16	Personal services	9,384,147
17	Operating expenses	3,412,948
18	Grants	<u>107,000</u>
19	Total	12,904,095
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,586,884

1	Special funds	10,093,736
2	Federal funds	1,178,475
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
4	Total	12,904,095
5	Sec. B.213 Public safety - Forensic Laboratory	
6	Personal services	3,842,354
7	Operating expenses	<u>1,095,166</u>
8	Total	4,937,520
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	3,768,566
11	Special funds	75,572
12	Federal funds	557,339
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>536,043</u>
14	Total	4,937,520
15	Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
16	Personal services	1,056,147
17	Operating expenses	776,352
18	Grants	<u>1,319,834</u>
19	Total	3,152,333
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>3,152,333</u>

1	Total	3,152,333
2	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
3	Personal services	10,499,846
4	Operating expenses	<u>1,504,451</u>
5	Total	12,004,297
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	775,259
8	Federal funds	<u>11,229,038</u>
9	Total	12,004,297
10	Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
11	Personal services	45,473,792
12	Operating expenses	<u>8,181,836</u>
13	Total	53,655,628
14	Source of funds	
15	Federal funds	<u>53,655,628</u>
16	Total	53,655,628
17	Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
18	Personal services	827,320
19	Operating expenses	<u>1,008,123</u>
20	Total	1,835,443
21	Source of funds	



1	General fund	1,772,943
2	Special funds	<u>62,500</u>
3	Total	1,835,443
4	Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
5	Personal services	1,211,819
6	Operating expenses	176,383
7	Grants	<u>28,500</u>
8	Total	1,416,702
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,096,505
11	Special funds	209,092
12	Federal funds	<u>111,105</u>
13	Total	1,416,702
14	Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
15	Personal services	1,976,117
16	Operating expenses	391,491
17	Grants	<u>9,908,464</u>
18	Total	12,276,072
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	1,516,854
21	Special funds	4,015,490

1	Federal funds	<u>6,743,728</u>
2	Total	12,276,072
3	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council	
4	Personal services	2,356,811
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,821,496</u>
6	Total	4,178,307
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	3,835,126
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>343,181</u>
10	Total	4,178,307
11	Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
12	Personal services	3,057,449
13	Operating expenses	<u>346,294</u>
14	Total	3,403,743
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	1,393,366
17	Special funds	1,432,323
18	Federal funds	<u>578,054</u>
19	Total	3,403,743

1	Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer	
2	protection	
3	Personal services	5,235,644
4	Operating expenses	1,113,830
5	Grants	<u>2,780,000</u>
6	Total	9,129,474
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	3,400,278
9	Special funds	4,020,618
10	Federal funds	1,696,578
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>12,000</u>
12	Total	9,129,474
13	Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
14	Personal services	4,265,067
15	Operating expenses	734,947
16	Grants	<u>15,357,498</u>
17	Total	20,307,512
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	3,077,928
20	Special funds	644,363
21	Federal funds	<u>16,585,221</u>

1	Total	20,307,512
2	Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management	
3	and environmental stewardship	
4	Personal services	2,712,147
5	Operating expenses	839,493
6	Grants	<u>212,000</u>
7	Total	3,763,640
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	824,794
10	Special funds	2,242,158
11	Federal funds	343,452
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>353,236</u>
13	Total	3,763,640
14	Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont Agriculture and	
15	Environmental Lab	
16	Personal services	1,822,983
17	Operating expenses	<u>1,438,533</u>
18	Total	3,261,516
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	1,602,665
21	Special funds	1,591,189

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>67,662</u>
2	Total	3,261,516
3	Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, Food and Markets - Clean Water	
4	Personal services	3,815,695
5	Operating expenses	745,519
6	Grants	<u>11,035,000</u>
7	Total	15,596,214
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,705,135
10	Special funds	10,528,782
11	Federal funds	2,169,174
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,193,123</u>
13	Total	15,596,214
14	Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
15	Personal services	2,726,198
16	Operating expenses	159,635
17	Grants	<u>100,000</u>
18	Total	2,985,833
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	<u>2,985,833</u>
21	Total	2,985,833

1	Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
2	Personal services	2,400,645
3	Operating expenses	<u>473,873</u>
4	Total	2,874,518
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	<u>2,874,518</u>
7	Total	2,874,518
8	Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
9	Personal services	5,028,218
10	Operating expenses	<u>556,622</u>
11	Total	5,584,840
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	<u>5,584,840</u>
14	Total	5,584,840
15	Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
16	Personal services	5,723,322
17	Operating expenses	<u>652,707</u>
18	Total	6,376,029
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	<u>6,376,029</u>
21	Total	6,376,029

1	Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
2	Personal services	1,269,574
3	Operating expenses	<u>241,157</u>
4	Total	1,510,731
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	<u>1,510,731</u>
7	Total	1,510,731
8	Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
9	Personal services	22,592,899
10	Operating expenses	<u>4,345,999</u>
11	Total	26,938,898
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	19,922,486
14	Federal funds	<u>7,016,412</u>
15	Total	26,938,898
16	Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
17	Personal services	10,861,325
18	Operating expenses	1,405,907
19	Grants	<u>28,300</u>
20	Total	12,295,532

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	11,060,542
3	Federal funds	992,781
4	Interdepartmental transfers	225,423
5	Enterprise funds	<u>16,786</u>
6	Total	12,295,532
7	Sec. B.233.1 VT Community Broadband Board	
8	Personal services	1,609,379
9	Operating expenses	269,690
10	Grants	<u>150,000</u>
11	Total	2,029,069
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	1,269,289
14	Federal funds	<u>759,780</u>
15	Total	2,029,069
16	Sec. B.234 Public utility commission	
17	Personal services	5,052,403
18	Operating expenses	<u>617,149</u>
19	Total	5,669,552
20	Source of funds	
21	Special funds	<u>5,669,552</u>



1	Total	5,669,552
2	Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
3	Personal services	4,429,219
4	Operating expenses	<u>471,441</u>
5	Total	4,900,660
6	Source of funds	
7	Special funds	<u>4,900,660</u>
8	Total	4,900,660
9	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
10	Personal services	927,697
11	Operating expenses	<u>115,103</u>
12	Total	1,042,800
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	953,800
15	Federal funds	<u>89,000</u>
16	Total	1,042,800
17	Sec. B.236.1 Liquor & Lottery Comm. Office	
18	Personal services	9,831,453
19	Operating expenses	<u>5,667,447</u>
20	Total	15,498,900

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	125,000
3	Tobacco fund	250,579
4	Interdepartmental transfers	70,000
5	Enterprise funds	<u>15,053,321</u>
6	Total	15,498,900
7	Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board	
8	Personal services	4,242,224
9	Operating expenses	<u>1,819,990</u>
10	Total	6,062,214
11	Source of funds	
12	Special funds	<u>6,062,214</u>
13	Total	6,062,214
14	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property	
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	219,665,469
17	Transportation fund	20,250,000
18	Special funds	119,824,272
19	Tobacco fund	672,579
20	Federal funds	162,959,452
21	Interdepartmental transfers	16,022,869

1	Enterprise funds	<u>15,070,107</u>
2	Total	554,464,748
3	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
4	Personal services	16,066,746
5	Operating expenses	7,220,486
6	Grants	<u>2,895,202</u>
7	Total	26,182,434
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	11,860,202
10	Special funds	135,517
11	Federal funds	13,565,080
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>621,635</u>
13	Total	26,182,434
14	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
15	Grants	<u>2,019,998,406</u>
16	Total	2,019,998,406
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	660,158,311
19	Special funds	32,047,905
20	Tobacco fund	21,049,373
21	State health care resources fund	28,053,557

1	Federal funds	1,274,202,050
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,487,210</u>
3	Total	2,019,998,406
4	Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
5	Personal services	479,072
6	Operating expenses	95,765
7	Grants	<u>191,595</u>
8	Total	766,432
9	Source of funds	
10	Special funds	12,000
11	Federal funds	<u>754,432</u>
12	Total	766,432
13	Sec. B.304 Human services board	
14	Personal services	703,548
15	Operating expenses	<u>90,191</u>
16	Total	793,739
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	486,165
19	Federal funds	<u>307,574</u>
20	Total	793,739

1	Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
2	Personal services	330,000
3	Operating expenses	<u>13,170,000</u>
4	Total	13,500,000
5	Source of funds	
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,500,000</u>
7	Total	13,500,000
8	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
9	Personal services	134,929,148
10	Operating expenses	44,171,193
11	Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>
12	Total	182,212,642
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	39,872,315
15	Special funds	4,733,015
16	Federal funds	128,790,580
17	Global Commitment fund	4,308,574
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,508,158</u>
19	Total	182,212,642

1	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global	
2	commitment	
3	Personal services	547,983
4	Grants	<u>897,047,478</u>
5	Total	897,595,461
6	Source of funds	
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>897,595,461</u>
8	Total	897,595,461
9	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state	
10	only	
11	Grants	<u>63,033,948</u>
12	Total	63,033,948
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	62,151,546
15	Global Commitment fund	<u>882,402</u>
16	Total	63,033,948
17	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver	
18	matched	
19	Grants	<u>34,994,888</u>
20	Total	34,994,888

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	12,511,405
3	Federal funds	<u>22,483,483</u>
4	Total	34,994,888
5	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
6	Personal services	8,373,168
7	Operating expenses	7,519,722
8	Grants	<u>7,985,727</u>
9	Total	23,878,617
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	3,189,843
12	Special funds	2,308,186
13	Federal funds	11,040,433
14	Global Commitment fund	7,173,924
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>166,231</u>
16	Total	23,878,617
17	Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
18	Personal services	67,812,371
19	Operating expenses	11,025,497
20	Grants	<u>46,816,832</u>
21	Total	125,654,700

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	12,908,892
3	Special funds	24,956,804
4	Tobacco fund	1,088,918
5	Federal funds	64,038,301
6	Global Commitment fund	17,036,150
7	Interdepartmental transfers	5,600,635
8	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
9	Total	125,654,700
10	Sec. B.313 Health - substance use programs	
11	Personal services	6,467,467
12	Operating expenses	511,500
13	Grants	<u>57,616,599</u>
14	Total	64,595,566
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	6,643,150
17	Special funds	2,008,678
18	Tobacco fund	949,917
19	Federal funds	15,456,754
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>39,537,067</u>
21	Total	64,595,566



1	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
2	Personal services	50,191,086
3	Operating expenses	5,517,999
4	Grants	<u>266,820,307</u>
5	Total	322,529,392
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	25,507,128
8	Special funds	1,718,092
9	Federal funds	11,436,913
10	Global Commitment fund	283,853,119
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>
12	Total	322,529,392
13	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support	
14	services	
15	Personal services	46,644,080
16	Operating expenses	17,560,755
17	Grants	<u>5,627,175</u>
18	Total	69,832,010
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	39,722,724
21	Special funds	2,781,912

1	Federal funds	24,448,223
2	Global Commitment fund	2,417,024
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>462,127</u>
4	Total	69,832,010
5	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
6	Personal services	45,286,553
7	Operating expenses	5,315,309
8	Grants	<u>97,944,827</u>
9	Total	148,546,689
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	58,477,357
12	Special funds	729,587
13	Federal funds	34,871,380
14	Global Commitment fund	54,453,365
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>
16	Total	148,546,689
17	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
18	Personal services	5,908,038
19	Operating expenses	813,321
20	Grants	<u>231,124,586</u>
21	Total	237,845,945

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	84,518,768
3	Special funds	96,312,000
4	Federal funds	43,511,414
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>13,503,763</u>
6	Total	237,845,945
7	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
8	Personal services	13,157,660
9	Operating expenses	<u>3,759,992</u>
10	Total	16,917,652
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	5,200,064
13	Special funds	455,719
14	Federal funds	10,874,269
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
16	Total	16,917,652
17	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and	
18	disabled	
19	Personal services	2,252,206
20	Grants	<u>10,717,444</u>
21	Total	12,969,650

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	7,376,133
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,593,517</u>
4	Total	12,969,650
5	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
6	Personal services	15,000
7	Grants	<u>11,054,252</u>
8	Total	11,069,252
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	10,811,345
11	Federal funds	11,320
12	Global Commitment fund	<u>246,587</u>
13	Total	11,069,252
14	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
15	Grants	<u>44,377,812</u>
16	Total	44,377,812
17	Source of funds	
18	Federal funds	<u>44,377,812</u>
19	Total	44,377,812
20	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
21	Operating expenses	23,821

1	Grants	<u>37,230,488</u>
2	Total	37,254,309
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	24,733,042
5	Special funds	5,970,229
6	Federal funds	2,806,330
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,744,708</u>
8	Total	37,254,309
9	Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel	
10	assistance/LIHEAP	
11	Grants	<u>16,019,953</u>
12	Total	16,019,953
13	Source of funds	
14	Special funds	1,480,395
15	Federal funds	<u>14,539,558</u>
16	Total	16,019,953
17	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic	
18	opportunity	
19	Personal services	817,029
20	Operating expenses	100,407
21	Grants	<u>35,466,283</u>

1	Total	36,383,719
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	28,178,010
4	Special funds	83,135
5	Federal funds	4,935,273
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,187,301</u>
7	Total	36,383,719
8	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization	
9	assistance	
10	Personal services	465,709
11	Operating expenses	248,905
12	Grants	<u>15,147,885</u>
13	Total	15,862,499
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	7,697,546
16	Federal funds	<u>8,164,953</u>
17	Total	15,862,499
18	Sec. B.327 Department for Children and Families - Secure Residential	
19	Treatment	
20	Personal services	258,100
21	Operating expenses	42,225

1	Grants	<u>3,476,862</u>
2	Total	3,777,187
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	3,747,187
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>
6	Total	3,777,187
7	Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination	
8	services	
9	Personal services	7,860,410
10	Operating expenses	<u>488,354</u>
11	Total	8,348,764
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	124,172
14	Federal funds	<u>8,224,592</u>
15	Total	8,348,764
16	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &	
17	support	
18	Personal services	45,217,977
19	Operating expenses	<u>6,472,558</u>
20	Total	51,690,535

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	22,916,281
3	Special funds	1,390,457
4	Federal funds	26,063,097
5	Global Commitment fund	35,000
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,285,700</u>
7	Total	51,690,535
8	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and	
9	independent living grants	
10	Grants	<u>24,303,452</u>
11	Total	24,303,452
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	8,220,695
14	Federal funds	7,321,114
15	Global Commitment fund	<u>8,761,643</u>
16	Total	24,303,452
17	Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually	
18	impaired	
19	Grants	<u>1,907,604</u>
20	Total	1,907,604



1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	489,154
3	Special funds	223,450
4	Federal funds	890,000
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>305,000</u>
6	Total	1,907,604
7	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational	
8	rehabilitation	
9	Grants	<u>10,179,845</u>
10	Total	10,179,845
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	1,371,845
13	Federal funds	7,558,000
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>
15	Total	10,179,845
16	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental	
17	services	
18	Grants	<u>319,849,344</u>
19	Total	319,849,344
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	132,732

1	Special funds	15,463
2	Federal funds	403,573
3	Global Commitment fund	319,247,576
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>
5	Total	319,849,344
6	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and	
7	community based waiver	
8	Grants	<u>6,639,205</u>
9	Total	6,639,205
10	Source of funds	
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>6,639,205</u>
12	Total	6,639,205
13	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care	
14	Grants	<u>290,411,445</u>
15	Total	290,411,445
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	498,579
18	Federal funds	2,450,000
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>287,462,866</u>
20	Total	290,411,445

1	Sec. B.335	Corrections - administration	
2		Personal services	5,025,978
3		Operating expenses	<u>266,783</u>
4		Total	5,292,761
5		Source of funds	
6		General fund	<u>5,292,761</u>
7		Total	5,292,761
8	Sec. B.336	Corrections - parole board	
9		Personal services	475,099
10		Operating expenses	<u>59,692</u>
11		Total	534,791
12		Source of funds	
13		General fund	<u>534,791</u>
14		Total	534,791
15	Sec. B.337	Corrections - correctional education	
16		Personal services	3,979,310
17		Operating expenses	<u>252,649</u>
18		Total	4,231,959
19		Source of funds	
20		General fund	4,082,899
21		Federal funds	276

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
2	Total	4,231,959
3	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
4	Personal services	146,811,338
5	Operating expenses	<u>24,914,205</u>
6	Total	171,725,543
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	162,147,122
9	Special funds	935,963
10	ARPA State Fiscal	5,000,000
11	Federal funds	499,888
12	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
14	Total	171,725,543
15	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Reinvestment II	
16	Grants	<u>10,659,519</u>
17	Total	10,659,519
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	8,081,831
20	Federal funds	13,147
21	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>

1	Total	10,659,519
2	Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services-out of state beds	
3	Personal services	<u>4,130,378</u>
4	Total	4,130,378
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>
7	Total	4,130,378
8	Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
9	Personal services	634,972
10	Operating expenses	<u>456,715</u>
11	Total	1,091,687
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	<u>1,091,687</u>
14	Total	1,091,687
15	Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
16	Personal services	324,103
17	Operating expenses	<u>166,750</u>
18	Total	490,853
19	Source of funds	
20	Internal service funds	<u>490,853</u>
21	Total	490,853

1	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
2	Personal services	17,631,222
3	Operating expenses	<u>5,013,462</u>
4	Total	22,644,684
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	4,320,687
7	Special funds	10,051,903
8	Federal funds	<u>8,272,094</u>
9	Total	22,644,684
10	Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
11	Personal services	398,669
12	Operating expenses	<u>93,837</u>
13	Total	492,506
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	487,998
16	Special funds	<u>4,508</u>
17	Total	492,506
18	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
19	Grants	<u>160,155</u>
20	Total	160,155

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>160,155</u>
3	Total	160,155
4	Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board	
5	Personal services	8,396,809
6	Operating expenses	<u>398,601</u>
7	Total	8,795,410
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	3,494,109
10	Special funds	<u>5,301,301</u>
11	Total	8,795,410
12	Sec. B.346 Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate	
13	Personal services	342,966
14	Operating expenses	<u>88,820</u>
15	Total	431,786
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	<u>431,786</u>
18	Total	431,786
19	Sec. B.347 Total human services	
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,325,002,762

1	Special funds	202,445,452
2	Tobacco fund	23,088,208
3	State health care resources fund	28,053,557
4	ARPA State Fiscal	5,000,000
5	Federal funds	1,792,353,764
6	Global Commitment fund	1,961,398,099
7	Internal service funds	490,853
8	Interdepartmental transfers	32,893,535
9	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
10	Total	5,370,751,230
11	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
12	Personal services	39,963,839
13	Operating expenses	5,708,836
14	Grants	<u>9,199,639</u>
15	Total	54,872,314
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	10,916,365
18	Special funds	9,407,107
19	Federal funds	34,261,616
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>287,226</u>
21	Total	54,872,314



1	Sec. B.401 Total labor	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	10,916,365
4	Special funds	9,407,107
5	Federal funds	34,261,616
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>287,226</u>
7	Total	54,872,314
8	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
9	Personal services	21,961,664
10	Operating expenses	4,484,934
11	Grants	<u>14,770,700</u>
12	Total	41,217,298
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	7,192,085
15	Special funds	16,618,543
16	Education fund	3,486,988
17	Federal funds	13,154,385
18	Global Commitment fund	260,000
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>505,297</u>
20	Total	41,217,298

1	Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
2	Personal services	27,987,700
3	Operating expenses	1,134,912
4	Grants	<u>322,345,763</u>
5	Total	351,468,375
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	6,137,955
8	Special funds	3,033,144
9	Tobacco fund	750,388
10	Federal funds	340,584,414
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>962,474</u>
12	Total	351,468,375
13	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
14	Grants	<u>264,649,859</u>
15	Total	264,649,859
16	Source of funds	
17	Education fund	<u>264,649,859</u>
18	Total	264,649,859
19	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
20	Grants	<u>20,000,000</u>
21	Total	20,000,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Education fund	<u>20,000,000</u>
3	Total	20,000,000
4	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
5	Grants	<u>4,694,183</u>
6	Total	4,694,183
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	3,778,133
9	Federal funds	<u>916,050</u>
10	Total	4,694,183
11	Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
12	Grants	<u>10,361,755</u>
13	Total	10,361,755
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	921,500
16	Education fund	<u>9,440,255</u>
17	Total	10,361,755
18	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
19	Grants	<u>1,918,951,000</u>
20	Total	1,918,951,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Education fund	<u>1,918,951,000</u>
3	Total	1,918,951,000
4	Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
5	Grants	<u>25,306,000</u>
6	Total	25,306,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Education fund	<u>25,306,000</u>
9	Total	25,306,000
10	Sec. B.507 Education – Merger Support Grants	
11	Grants	<u>3,000,000</u>
12	Total	3,000,000
13	Source of funds	
14	Education fund	<u>3,000,000</u>
15	Total	3,000,000
16	Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition	
17	Grants	<u>24,000,000</u>
18	Total	24,000,000
19	Source of funds	
20	Education fund	<u>24,000,000</u>
21	Total	24,000,000

1	Sec. B.509 Education - Afterschool Grant Program	
2	Personal services	500,000
3	Grants	<u>3,500,000</u>
4	Total	4,000,000
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	<u>4,000,000</u>
7	Total	4,000,000
8	Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
9	Grants	<u>8,725,587</u>
10	Total	8,725,587
11	Source of funds	
12	Education fund	<u>8,725,587</u>
13	Total	8,725,587
14	Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
15	Grants	<u>17,881,950</u>
16	Total	17,881,950
17	Source of funds	
18	Education fund	<u>17,881,950</u>
19	Total	17,881,950
20	Sec. B.511.1 State Board of Education	
21	Personal services	54,208

1	Operating expenses	<u>16,500</u>
2	Total	70,708
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	<u>70,708</u>
5	Total	70,708
6	Sec. B.513 Retired Teachers Pension Plus Funding	
7	Grants	<u>12,000,000</u>
8	Total	12,000,000
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	<u>12,000,000</u>
11	Total	12,000,000
12	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
13	Grants	<u>191,382,703</u>
14	Total	191,382,703
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	155,384,035
17	Education fund	<u>35,998,668</u>
18	Total	191,382,703
19	Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	
20	Personal services	349,979
21	Operating expenses	<u>3,222,801</u>

1	Total	3,572,780
2	Source of funds	
3	Pension trust funds	<u>3,572,780</u>
4	Total	3,572,780
5	Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
6	Grants	<u>62,107,644</u>
7	Total	62,107,644
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	43,031,103
10	Education fund	<u>19,076,541</u>
11	Total	62,107,644
12	Sec. B.516 Total general education	
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	228,515,519
15	Special funds	23,651,687
16	Tobacco fund	750,388
17	Education fund	2,350,516,848
18	Federal funds	354,654,849
19	Global Commitment fund	260,000
20	Interdepartmental transfers	1,467,771
21	Pension trust funds	<u>3,572,780</u>

1	Total	2,963,389,842
2	Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
3	Grants	<u>55,706,897</u>
4	Total	55,706,897
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>55,706,897</u>
7	Total	55,706,897
8	Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
9	Grants	<u>49,440,478</u>
10	Total	49,440,478
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>49,440,478</u>
13	Total	49,440,478
14	Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
15	Grants	<u>1,788,434</u>
16	Total	1,788,434
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	288,434
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,500,000</u>
20	Total	1,788,434



1	Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
2	Grants	<u>26,139,946</u>
3	Total	26,139,946
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>26,139,946</u>
6	Total	26,139,946
7	Sec. B.605.1 VSAC - Flexible Pathways Stipend	
8	Grants	<u>82,450</u>
9	Total	82,450
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	41,225
12	Education fund	<u>41,225</u>
13	Total	82,450
14	Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
15	Grants	<u>86,520</u>
16	Total	86,520
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>86,520</u>
19	Total	86,520
20	Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm	
21	Grants	<u>1</u>

1	Total	1
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	<u>1</u>
4	Total	1
5	Sec. B.608 Total higher education	
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	131,703,501
8	Education fund	41,225
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,500,000</u>
10	Total	133,244,726
11	Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	
12	Personal services	6,006,412
13	Operating expenses	<u>1,475,166</u>
14	Total	7,481,578
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	5,129,356
17	Special funds	775,079
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,577,143</u>
19	Total	7,481,578
20	Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment	
21	Operating expenses	<u>2,689,176</u>

1	Total	2,689,176
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	2,267,676
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
5	Total	2,689,176
6	Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
7	Personal services	22,597,844
8	Operating expenses	6,843,095
9	Grants	<u>853,066</u>
10	Total	30,294,005
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	8,267,967
13	Special funds	365,427
14	Fish and wildlife fund	10,418,331
15	Federal funds	9,751,683
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,490,597</u>
17	Total	30,294,005
18	Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
19	Personal services	1,347,215
20	Operating expenses	<u>1,658,662</u>
21	Total	3,005,877

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	2,867,366
3	Special funds	<u>138,511</u>
4	Total	3,005,877
5	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
6	Personal services	7,880,566
7	Operating expenses	1,005,046
8	Grants	<u>1,712,423</u>
9	Total	10,598,035
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	6,299,512
12	Special funds	547,215
13	Federal funds	3,394,931
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>356,377</u>
15	Total	10,598,035
16	Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
17	Personal services	13,141,062
18	Operating expenses	5,555,506
19	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
20	Total	18,746,568

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	961,122
3	Special funds	<u>17,785,446</u>
4	Total	18,746,568
5	Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration and recreation	
6	Personal services	3,209,865
7	Operating expenses	7,721,058
8	Grants	<u>3,729,759</u>
9	Total	14,660,682
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	1,179,068
12	Special funds	2,283,759
13	Federal funds	10,802,370
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>395,485</u>
15	Total	14,660,682
16	Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest and parks access roads	
17	Personal services	130,000
18	Operating expenses	<u>99,925</u>
19	Total	229,925
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>229,925</u>

1	Total	229,925
2	Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services	
3	Personal services	9,077,579
4	Operating expenses	4,811,255
5	Grants	<u>122,735</u>
6	Total	14,011,569
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	2,118,575
9	Special funds	794,867
10	Federal funds	2,164,711
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>8,933,416</u>
12	Total	14,011,569
13	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
14	Personal services	27,995,328
15	Operating expenses	10,788,954
16	Grants	<u>4,943,000</u>
17	Total	43,727,282
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	199,372
20	Special funds	24,643,580
21	Federal funds	18,800,064

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>84,266</u>
2	Total	43,727,282
3	Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs	
4	Personal services	48,528,806
5	Operating expenses	8,362,915
6	Grants	<u>92,365,140</u>
7	Total	149,256,861
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	10,262,629
10	Special funds	30,967,150
11	Federal funds	107,154,542
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>872,540</u>
13	Total	149,256,861
14	Sec. B.713 Natural resources board	
15	Personal services	3,313,829
16	Operating expenses	<u>421,198</u>
17	Total	3,735,027
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	760,232
20	Special funds	<u>2,974,795</u>
21	Total	3,735,027

1	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	40,542,800
4	Special funds	81,275,829
5	Fish and wildlife fund	10,418,331
6	Federal funds	152,068,301
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,131,324</u>
8	Total	298,436,585
9	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce	
10	and community development - administration	
11	Personal services	2,368,443
12	Operating expenses	839,383
13	Grants	<u>389,320</u>
14	Total	3,597,146
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>3,597,146</u>
17	Total	3,597,146
18	Sec. B.801 Economic development	
19	Personal services	4,612,442
20	Operating expenses	1,215,603
21	Grants	<u>6,539,044</u>



1	Total	12,367,089
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	5,701,138
4	Special funds	820,850
5	Federal funds	4,021,428
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,823,673</u>
7	Total	12,367,089
8	Sec. B.802 Housing and community development	
9	Personal services	7,645,042
10	Operating expenses	910,983
11	Grants	<u>23,978,656</u>
12	Total	32,534,681
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	5,365,841
15	Special funds	8,702,439
16	Federal funds	14,615,349
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,851,052</u>
18	Total	32,534,681
19	Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
20	Personal services	5,332,723
21	Operating expenses	6,090,577

1	Grants	<u>3,920,000</u>
2	Total	15,343,300
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	4,785,247
5	Federal funds	10,483,053
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
7	Total	15,343,300
8	Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
9	Grants	<u>973,848</u>
10	Total	973,848
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>973,848</u>
13	Total	973,848
14	Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
15	Grants	<u>149,680</u>
16	Total	149,680
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>149,680</u>
19	Total	149,680
20	Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
21	Grants	<u>1,135,640</u>

1	Total	1,135,640
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	<u>1,135,640</u>
4	Total	1,135,640
5	Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
6	Grants	<u>82,283,351</u>
7	Total	82,283,351
8	Source of funds	
9	Special funds	25,607,155
10	Federal funds	<u>56,676,196</u>
11	Total	82,283,351
12	Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
13	Grants	<u>309,000</u>
14	Total	309,000
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>309,000</u>
17	Total	309,000
18	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	22,017,540
21	Special funds	35,130,444

1	Federal funds	85,796,026
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,749,725</u>
3	Total	148,693,735
4	Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
5	Personal services	18,099,986
6	Operating expenses	6,108,609
7	Grants	<u>350,000</u>
8	Total	24,558,595
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	23,202,105
11	Federal funds	<u>1,356,490</u>
12	Total	24,558,595
13	Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
14	Personal services	3,907,105
15	Operating expenses	17,194,905
16	Grants	<u>737,501</u>
17	Total	21,839,511
18	Source of funds	
19	Transportation fund	5,766,122
20	Federal funds	<u>16,073,389</u>
21	Total	21,839,511

1	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
2	Personal services	1,025,000
3	Operating expenses	<u>1,800,000</u>
4	Total	2,825,000
5	Source of funds	
6	Transportation fund	<u>2,825,000</u>
7	Total	2,825,000
8	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
9	Personal services	82,232,854
10	Operating expenses	307,766,179
11	Grants	<u>30,605,814</u>
12	Total	420,604,847
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	65,845,147
15	TIB fund	14,726,719
16	Federal funds	334,397,149
17	Interdepartmental transfers	1,411,518
18	Local match	<u>4,224,314</u>
19	Total	420,604,847
20	Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
21	Personal services	300,000

1	Operating expenses	<u>1,185,601</u>
2	Total	1,485,601
3	Source of funds	
4	Transportation fund	148,560
5	Federal funds	<u>1,337,041</u>
6	Total	1,485,601
7	Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
8	Personal services	42,757,951
9	Operating expenses	<u>63,840,546</u>
10	Total	106,598,497
11	Source of funds	
12	Transportation fund	105,566,483
13	Federal funds	932,014
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
15	Total	106,598,497
16	Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
17	Personal services	4,108,918
18	Operating expenses	942,444
19	Grants	<u>9,000,491</u>
20	Total	14,051,853

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	3,137,901
3	Federal funds	10,797,449
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>116,503</u>
5	Total	14,051,853
6	Sec. B.906.1 Transportation - Environmental Policy and Sustainability	
7	Personal services	6,953,362
8	Operating expenses	1,776,411
9	Grants	<u>1,480,000</u>
10	Total	10,209,773
11	Source of funds	
12	Transportation fund	531,909
13	Federal funds	8,500,327
14	Local match	<u>1,177,537</u>
15	Total	10,209,773
16	Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
17	Personal services	5,734,768
18	Operating expenses	<u>43,012,063</u>
19	Total	48,746,831
20	Source of funds	
21	Transportation fund	15,690,849

1	Federal funds	30,641,237
2	Interdepartmental transfers	2,196,000
3	Local match	<u>218,745</u>
4	Total	48,746,831
5	Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
6	Personal services	4,612,631
7	Operating expenses	119,894
8	Grants	<u>50,207,700</u>
9	Total	54,940,225
10	Source of funds	
11	Transportation fund	9,807,525
12	Federal funds	44,992,700
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>140,000</u>
14	Total	54,940,225
15	Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
16	Personal services	5,480,920
17	Operating expenses	<u>17,470,315</u>
18	Total	22,951,235
19	Source of funds	
20	Internal service funds	<u>22,951,235</u>
21	Total	22,951,235



1	Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
2	Personal services	33,713,124
3	Operating expenses	<u>13,549,772</u>
4	Total	47,262,896
5	Source of funds	
6	Transportation fund	44,454,119
7	Federal funds	2,687,081
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>121,696</u>
9	Total	47,262,896
10	Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
11	Grants	<u>8,416,000</u>
12	Total	8,416,000
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	<u>8,416,000</u>
15	Total	8,416,000
16	Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
17	Personal services	449,763
18	Operating expenses	<u>31,689</u>
19	Total	481,452
20	Source of funds	
21	Transportation fund	121,452

1	Federal funds	<u>360,000</u>
2	Total	481,452
3	Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
4	Grants	<u>8,858,000</u>
5	Total	8,858,000
6	Source of funds	
7	Transportation fund	<u>8,858,000</u>
8	Total	8,858,000
9	Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
10	Personal services	12,185,000
11	Operating expenses	<u>33,149,278</u>
12	Total	45,334,278
13	Source of funds	
14	TIB fund	3,973,281
15	Federal funds	39,264,097
16	Local match	<u>2,096,900</u>
17	Total	45,334,278
18	Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
19	Grants	<u>29,532,753</u>
20	Total	29,532,753

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	<u>29,532,753</u>
3	Total	29,532,753
4	Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
5	Grants	<u>128,750</u>
6	Total	128,750
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
9	Total	128,750
10	Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
11	Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
12	Total	1,150,000
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
15	Total	1,150,000
16	Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	
17	Personal services	25,000
18	Grants	<u>155,000</u>
19	Total	180,000
20	Source of funds	
21	Transportation fund	20,000

1	Federal funds	<u>160,000</u>
2	Total	180,000
3	Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program	
4	Personal services	125,000
5	Operating expenses	280,000
6	Grants	<u>6,738,000</u>
7	Total	7,143,000
8	Source of funds	
9	Transportation fund	715,000
10	Special funds	5,000,000
11	Federal funds	<u>1,428,000</u>
12	Total	7,143,000
13	Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program	
14	Operating expenses	200,000
15	Grants	<u>1,050,000</u>
16	Total	1,250,000
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	50,000
19	Federal funds	1,000,000
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>200,000</u>
21	Total	1,250,000

1	Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
2	Personal services	176,315
3	Operating expenses	<u>23,782</u>
4	Total	200,097
5	Source of funds	
6	Transportation fund	<u>200,097</u>
7	Total	200,097
8	Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	326,117,772
11	TIB fund	18,700,000
12	Special funds	5,050,000
13	Federal funds	486,626,974
14	Internal service funds	22,951,235
15	Interdepartmental transfers	4,285,717
16	Local match	<u>7,717,496</u>
17	Total	871,449,194
18	Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
19	Operating expenses	<u>675,000</u>
20	Total	675,000

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>675,000</u>
3	Total	675,000

4 Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>675,000</u>
7	Total	675,000

8 \* \* \* Fiscal Year 2025 One-time Appropriations \* \* \*

9 Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONE-TIME

10 APPROPRIATIONS

11 (a) Department of Public Safety. In fiscal year 2025, funds are  
12 appropriated for the following:

13 (1) \$12,500,000 General Fund to be used as matching funds for Federal  
14 Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Hazard Mitigation grant  
15 receipts.

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

18 (1) \$10,000 General Fund for the USS Vermont Support Group.

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

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

4           (2) \$482,789 Global Commitment to support mental health urgent care  
5           centers.

6           (A) On or before January 15, 2025, the Department of Mental Health  
7           shall report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Appropriations  
8           and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations with  
9           data regarding each independent urgent care center and the Department's  
10           recommendations regarding continued funding needs.

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

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

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

20           (3) \$800,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for grants to providers for  
21           ongoing support for contingency management;

1           (4) \$795,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for prevention coalitions;

2           (5) \$714,481 Opioid Abatement Special Fund to expand Student

3           Assistance Professional and school-based services;

4           (6) \$325,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for recovery housing

5           supports;

6           (7) \$300,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for a grant to Johnson

7           Health Center and Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform to establish a

8           managed medical response partnership for individuals with substance use

9           disorder;

10           (8) \$835,073 General Fund for the Bridges to Health program; and

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

12           Insurance Survey.

13           (e) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2025, funds are

14           appropriated for the following:

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

16           Housing program;

17           (2) \$3,000,000 General Fund for the Family Service Division

18           Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System;

19           (3) \$1,034,065 General Fund to extend 10 Economic Services Division

20           limited service positions, including associated operating costs, in support of

21           the General Assistance Emergency Housing program; and



1           (4) \$332,000 General Fund for a 2-1-1 service line contract.

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

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

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

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

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

12           (2) \$2,000,000 General Fund to continue the Healthy Homes Initiative.

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

15           (1) \$150,000 General Fund for continued funding of the International  
16 Business Office previously funded by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec.  
17 G.300(b)(1).

18           (i) Department of Housing and Community Development. In fiscal year  
19 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:

20           (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the Manufactured Home Improvement  
21 and Repair Program.

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

3            (1) \$1,700,000 Transportation Fund for the purpose of providing grants  
4        to increase access to level 1 and 2 electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE)  
5        charging ports at workplaces and multiunit dwelling places; and

6            (2) \$140,000 Transportation Fund for the purpose of providing grants as  
7        part of the eBike Incentive Program.

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

10           (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund to support the Vermont Access Network;

11           (2) \$300,000 General Fund to support the costs of elections in calendar  
12        year 2024; and

13           (3) \$67,000 General Fund to the Office of Professional Regulation to  
14        support the administrative work necessary to implement newly joined  
15        interstate compacts.

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

18           (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the pilot expansion of the Water  
19        Quality Assistance Program to provide financial assistance to logging  
20        contractors.

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

3           (1) \$450,000 General Fund for a grant to the Northeast Organic  
4       Farming Association of Vermont for the Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm  
5       Share programs.

6       (n) Agency of Human Services. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated  
7       for the following:

8           (1) \$206,199 General Fund and \$276,590 federal funds for Global  
9       Commitment match to support mental health urgent care centers.

10       Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2024 VACANCY SAVINGS

11       (a) In fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of Administration shall reduce  
12       appropriations for labor savings due to unfilled vacant positions within the  
13       Executive Branch. The Secretary of Administration shall provide status  
14       reports to the Joint Fiscal Committee on achievement of this base reduction at  
15       meetings in July, September, and November of 2024. The Commissioner of  
16       Finance and Management is authorized to transfer other funds saved as a result  
17       of these initiatives to the General Fund in fiscal year 2025:

18 <u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>
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19       Sec. B.1101.1 TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

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

1       Sec. B.1102 UNOBLIGATED GENERAL FUND CONTINGENT  
2                                    APPROPRIATIONS

      (a) After satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, but prior to satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the remaining unobligated and unexpended balance of the General Fund at the close of fiscal year 2024 shall *carry forward and* be appropriated in fiscal year 2025 as follows:

3               (1) \$20,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families for the  
4 General Assistance Emergency Housing program; and

5               (2) \$3,500,000 to the Department of Public Safety Flood Resilient  
6 Communities Fund that shall be used for grants to residential or commercial  
7 structure elevation projects.

8       Sec. B.1103 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL  
9                                    INVESTMENTS – FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONE-TIME  
10                                   APPROPRIATIONS

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

14               (1) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and  
15 General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

16               (2) \$2,300,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and  
17 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; and



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

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4 (13) \$500,000 General Fund and \$500,000 federal funds for information  
5 technology implementation to support the Summer EBT nutritional benefit  
6 program.

7 \* \* \*

8 Sec. C.102 GLOBAL COMMITMENT WAIVER AMENDMENT

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

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

16 DELIVERED MEALS

17 (a) The Secretary of Human Services shall request approval from the  
18 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for home-delivered meals that are  
19 part of a participant's service plan of care and meet Vermont's area agencies  
20 on aging's nutrition requirements in accordance with the Older Americans Act,  
21 42 U.S.C. §§ 3001–3058ff to be a Global Commitment Investment.

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

2 § 3091. HEARINGS

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

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

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

19 PENSION PLUS APPROPRIATION DIRECTIVE

20 (a) In fiscal year 2024, and in each applicable year thereafter, funds

21 appropriated to the Department of Finance and Management and the Agency



1 of Administration in Sec. B.104.1 of this act to fund additional payments to  
2 the Vermont State Retirement System made pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 473(c)(8)  
3 shall be directly deposited in the Vermont State Retirement System.

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

6 (d) Contributions of State. As provided by law, the Retirement Board shall  
7 certify to the Governor or Governor-Elect a statement of the percentage of the  
8 payroll of all members sufficient to pay for all operating expenses of the  
9 Vermont State Retirement System and all contributions of the State that will  
10 become due and payable during the next biennium. The contributions of the  
11 State to pay the annual actuarially determined employer contribution ~~and any~~  
12 ~~additional amounts pursuant to section (c)(8) of this section~~ shall be charged to  
13 the departmental appropriation from which members' salaries are paid and  
14 shall be included in each departmental budgetary request. Annually, on or  
15 before January 15, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall  
16 provide to the General Assembly a breakdown of the components of the  
17 payroll charge applied to each department's budget in the current fiscal year  
18 and anticipated to apply in the upcoming fiscal year. This report shall itemize  
19 the percentages of payroll assessments to fund:

20 (1) the actuarially determined employer contribution to the Vermont  
21 State Retirement System; and

1           (2) ~~any additional payments made pursuant to subdivision (c)(8) of this~~  
2 ~~section to the Vermont State Retirement System; and the employer~~  
3 contribution to the State Employees' Postemployment Benefits Trust Fund  
4 made pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 479a(e)(3).

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

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

8           Sec. E.900 TRANSPORTATION FUND RESERVE – REVERSIONS

9                           EXCLUDED

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

14           Sec. C.108 CENTRAL GARAGE FUND

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

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

18           Sec. B.1102 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT – FISCAL

19                           YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

20           (a) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$10,000,000 General Fund is  
21 appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for

1 the Vermont Rental Housing Improvement Program established in 10 V.S.A.  
2 § 699. The Department may use up to five percent for administrative costs to  
3 allow for the support of the grant program and technical assistance.

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5 Sec. C.110 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;  
6 REVERSION AND REALLOCATION

7 (a) The Secretary of Administration is authorized to reallocate up to  
8 \$5,000,000 of federal funds appropriated through the Emergency Rental  
9 Assistance Program, as approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to  
10 Grant Request #3034, to existing State programs that meet the eligibility  
11 criteria established by U.S. Treasury.

12 (b) To the extent the reallocations in subsection (a) of this section may  
13 offset General Fund expenditures already incurred, the Commissioner of  
14 Finance and Management is authorized to reallocate an equivalent amount of  
15 General Fund spending authority to support programs established through  
16 Grant Request #3034 and subsequent Emergency Rental Assistance Program  
17 grant approvals by the Joint Fiscal Committee.

18 Sec. C.111 SUPPLEMENTAL NONEMERGENCY MEDICAID  
19 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING; REVERSION

1        (a) Of the funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in 2023  
2        Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100(1)(3), the sum of \$560,000 is reverted  
3        to the General Fund and shall be appropriated in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

4            (1) \$1,311,168 in Global Commitment Fund dollars is appropriated to  
5        the Department of Vermont Health Access in fiscal year 2024 as supplemental  
6        funding for nonemergency medical transportation services to address the  
7        urgent financial needs of the Department's contracted nonemergency medical  
8        transportation service providers.

9            (A) The sum of \$560,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to  
10       the Agency of Human Services, Global Commitment appropriation in fiscal  
11       year 2024 for the State match for the supplemental nonemergency medical  
12       transportation funding.

13           (B) The sum of \$751,168 in federal funds is appropriated to the  
14       Agency of Human Services, Global Commitment appropriation in fiscal year  
15       2024 for the supplemental nonemergency medical transportation funding.

16           (2) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall report on its new  
17       payment methodology for nonemergency medical transportation and the  
18       estimated costs of providing nonemergency medical transportation to Medicaid  
19       beneficiaries in fiscal year 2026 under that methodology as part of the  
20       Department's fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment presentation.

1 Sec. C.112 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 4(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) Appropriation. The sum of \$500,000.00 is appropriated from the  
3 General Fund to the Secretary of State in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of  
4 offsetting election costs incurred by school districts pursuant to this section or  
5 the provisions of 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 1. To the extent to which these  
6 funds remain unobligated and unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2024, they  
7 shall carry forward and be used for election costs in fiscal year 2025.

8 Sec. C.113 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 22, Sec. 14 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 14. APPROPRIATION; OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL FUND

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

12 (1) ~~\$1,980,000.00 for the expansion of naloxone distribution efforts,~~  
13 ~~including establishing harm reduction vending machines, home delivery and~~  
14 ~~mail order options, and expanding the harm reduction pack and leave behind~~  
15 ~~kit programs;~~

16 (2)(A) ~~\$2,000,000.00~~ \$1,500,000 divided equally between four opioid  
17 treatment programs to cover costs associated with partnering with other health  
18 care providers to expand satellite locations for the dosing of medications,  
19 including costs associated with the satellite locations' physical facilities, staff  
20 time at the satellite locations, and staff time at opioid treatment programs to  
21 prepare medications and coordinate with satellite locations;

1 (B) the satellite locations established pursuant to this subdivision  
2 ~~(2)~~(1) shall be located in Addison County, eastern or southern Vermont,  
3 Chittenden County, and in a facility operated by the Department of  
4 Corrections;

5 (2) \$500,000 to expand the hours and operations of the Howard Center's  
6 Chittenden Clinic Addiction Treatment Center;

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8 Sec. C.114 APPROPRIATION; EVIDENCE BASED EDUCATION AND  
9 ADVERTISING FUND

10 (a) \$1,980,000 is appropriated from the Evidence-Based Education and  
11 Advertising Fund for the expansion of naloxone distribution efforts, including  
12 establishing harm reduction vending machines, home delivery and mail order  
13 options, and expanding the harm reduction pack and leave behind kit  
14 programs.

15 Sec. C.115 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1105 is amended to read:

16 Sec. B.1105 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL  
17 INVESTMENTS – FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME  
18 APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

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

(10) ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term stabilization facility;

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

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

1           (17) \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for  
2 the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the maintenance facilities  
3 at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton State Forest; and

4           ~~(18) \$800,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for~~  
5 ~~the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and~~  
6 ~~improvements of the Department's buildings, including conservation camps.~~

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

12   \* \* \*

13           (3) ~~\$7,500,000~~ \$6,500,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State  
14 Colleges for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility  
15 owned or operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure  
16 transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green  
17 Hall and Vail Hall; and

18   \* \* \*

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

20           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  
8       the Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the  
9       General 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 by 32 V.S.A.  
12       § 9602a deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund  
13       shall be transferred into the General Fund.

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

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

1           (3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts in excess of  
2           \$7,772,373 from the property transfer tax deposited into the Municipal and  
3           Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund. The  
4           \$7,772,373 shall be allocated as follows:

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

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

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

11           Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

14                   (1) From the General Fund to the:

15                           (A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100):  
16           \$73,212,880

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

3           (C) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909):  
4           \$1,800,000

5           (D) Fire Prevention/Building Inspection Special Fund (#21901):  
6           \$1,400,000

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

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

9           (G) Military – Sale of Burlington Armory & Other (#21661):  
10          \$890,000

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

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

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: \$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 by 19 V.S.A. § 13 to:

16          (A) the Transportation Fund: \$1,700,000

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

18          2025:

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

20          from 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 (#2120891802): \$3,000,000

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

13           (A) AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order Fund (#21638):

14           \$2,000,000

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

16           (3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E. 228,  
17           \$58,100,000 of the net unencumbered fund balances in the Insurance  
18           Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory  
19           and Supervision Fund (21085), the Financial Institutions Supervision Fund  
20           (21065), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21080) shall be  
21           transferred to the General Fund.

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>3150070000</u>	<u>Department of Mental Health</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 – Trans. Retirement</u>	<u>\$3,935,637.31</u>
13	<u>34008924023</u>	<u>AHS – COVID Contingency</u>	<u>\$1,041,272.00</u>

14 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
15 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the American Rescue Plan Act  
16 (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund from the accounts  
17 indicated:

18	<u>3440892306</u>	<u>DCF – OEO – Home Weatherization Assistance</u>	<u>\$5,000,000.00</u>
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1 Sec. D.103 RESERVES

2 (a) Notwithstanding any provisions 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.

(A) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 308, an estimated amount of  
~~\$14,800,138.75~~ \$15,195,975 shall be added to the General Fund Budget  
Stabilization Reserve.

6 (B) \$5,480,000 shall be added to the 27/53 reserve in fiscal year  
7 2025. This action is the fiscal year 2025 contribution to the reserve for the  
8 53rd week of Medicaid as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e and the 27th payroll  
9 reserve as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

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

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

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

17 (3) Transportation Fund.





1           (2) Permanent exempt positions:

2                   (A) Agency of Administration – Secretary’s Office:

3                           (i) one Chief Performance Officer.

4                   (B) Judiciary:

5                           (i) three Superior Court Judges.

6           (b) The conversion of 12 limited service positions to classified permanent  
7 status is authorized in fiscal year 2025 as follows:

8                   (1) Department of Environmental Conservation:

9                           (A) one Environmental Engineer V;

10                           (B) one Environmental Engineer III; and

11                           (C) one Environmental Scientist IV.

12                   (2) Department of Labor:

13                           (A) one Re-Employment Services and Eligibility Assessment  
14 Program Program Coordinator; and

15                           (B) eight Re-Employment Services and Eligibility Assessment  
16 Program Facilitators.

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

18           § 2310. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER

19                   (a) There is created the permanent, exempt position of Chief Performance  
20 Officer within the Agency of Administration for the purpose of better

1 developing a culture of performance accountability and continuous  
2 improvement across State government. The Chief Performance Officer shall:

3 (1) provide advice, recommendations, and consultation to the Executive  
4 and Legislative branches of State government about performance improvement  
5 and management;

6 (2) lead the creation and implementation of a performance improvement  
7 and management strategy for State government to ensure effective and  
8 efficient government operations;

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

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

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

17 Sec. E.100.2 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 95 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 95. MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ACCESS STATE  
19 AND FEDERAL FUNDING

20 (a) Expanding municipal access to State and federal funding. The Agency  
21 of Administration, consistent with the provisions of this section, shall design

1 and implement a process to provide expanded technical and administrative  
2 assistance to municipalities with high need that may be eligible for State or  
3 federal funding for the following activities:

4 (1) Community needs assessment. Conducting a review of community  
5 assets and needs, strategic planning, and identifying potential eligible projects,  
6 including in the following categories:

7 (A) water supply and wastewater infrastructure;

8 (B) housing;

9 (C) community recovery, workforce development, and business  
10 support;

11 (D) climate change mitigation and resilience;

12 (E) a municipal project that is capital in nature, or an activity that is a  
13 precursor or requirement to taking on a capital project; and

14 ~~(E)~~(F) other community economic development projects identified  
15 by a municipality and approved by the Agency of Administration.

16 \* \* \*

17 Sec. E.100.3 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

18 LIMITED SERVICE POSITIONS; REVERSION

19 (a) To the extent to which limited service positions funded with American  
20 Rescue Plan Act dollars remain vacant after June 30, 2024, the positions shall

1 be abolished, and monies shall be reverted to the American Rescue Plan Act  
2 Fund.

3 Sec. E.106 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

4 APPROPRIATIONS; REVERSION AND REALLOCATION

5 (a) The Agency of Administration shall structure any existing Coronavirus  
6 State Fiscal Recovery (SFR) program in accordance with the requirements of  
7 31 C.F.R. Part 35 and in a manner designed to achieve the intent of the  
8 General Assembly and may reallocate unspent funds across governmental units  
9 in an overall net-neutral manner.

10 (b) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to revert  
11 all unobligated SFR monies prior to December 31, 2024. The total amount of  
12 SFR monies reverted in accordance with this subsection shall be allocated  
13 pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 to the following purposes:

14 (1) \$36,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety Division of  
15 Emergency Management for FEMA match and municipal support for hazard  
16 mitigation.

17 (2) \$4,000,000 to the Agency of Administration for Administration  
18 costs, including for anticipated audit response per 2021 Acts and Resolves No.  
19 74, Sec. G.801(a) and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.801(A).

20 (3) \$30,000,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board  
21 (VHCB) to provide support and enhance capacity for the production and

1 preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing and homeownership  
2 units, including improvements to manufactured homes and communities,  
3 permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness, recovery residences,  
4 and housing available to farm workers and refugees.

5 (4) \$25,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community  
6 Development for a grant to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency for the  
7 Middle-Income Homeownership Development Program and the Vermont  
8 Rental Revolving Loan Fund.

9 (5) Any remaining funds shall be reallocated, with the express  
10 authorization of the Joint Fiscal Committee, to existing SFR programs  
11 established by the General Assembly.

12 (c) If previously obligated SFR monies become unobligated after  
13 December 31, 2024, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may, with  
14 the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee, revert the unobligated SFR monies  
15 and allocate the monies for expenditure pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 to any  
16 existing SFR programs in accordance with the requirements of 31 C.F.R. Part  
17 35.

18 Sec. E.125 OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL; NEW POSITION

19 (a) The abolishment of two session-only Law Clerk positions and the  
20 establishment of one new permanent exempt Law Clerk position in the Office  
21 of Legislative Counsel is authorized in fiscal year 2025.

1 Sec. E.126.1 OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

2 TECHNOLOGY; NEW POSITIONS

3 (a) The establishment of one new permanent exempt Audio Visual  
4 Specialist position in the Office of Legislative Information Technology is  
5 authorized in fiscal year 2025.

6 Sec. E.133 VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

7 AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;

8 OPERATING BUDGET, SOURCE OF FUNDS

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

14 Sec. E.134 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT

15 SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT

16 COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS

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

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 reserved  
5 and used with any remaining funds from the amount previously transferred for  
6 final payment of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of  
7 grand list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and  
8 other property owned by TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. and its successor  
9 Great River Hydro, LLC in the State of Vermont. Expenditures for this  
10 purpose shall be considered qualified expenditures under 16 V.S.A. § 4025(c).

11 Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

12 (a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under  
13 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in  
14 addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier  
15 and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes  
16 under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A.  
17 § 3709.

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

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

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

4 Sec. E.144 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES – CORRECTIONAL  
5 FACILITIES

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

8 Sec. E.200 ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

16 (b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A.  
17 § 2458(b)(4), \$1,749,700 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

18 Sec. E.204 JUDICIARY; SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE POSITION

19 (a) Of the three Superior Court Judge positions established in Sec.  
20 E.100(a)(2)(B)(i) of this act, one shall be funded with the Tobacco Litigation



1 Settlement Fund dollars appropriated to the Judiciary in 2018 Acts and  
2 Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106(a).

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

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

6 (a) The sum of ~~\$7,000,000~~ \$4,000,000 is appropriated from the Tobacco  
7 Litigation Settlement Fund to the Judiciary in fiscal year 2018 and shall carry  
8 forward for the uses and based on the allocations set forth in subsections (b)  
9 and (c) of this section. The purpose of the funds is to make strategic  
10 investments to transform the adjudication of CHINS cases in Vermont.

11 (b) The sum appropriated from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund in  
12 subsection (a) of this section shall be allocated as follows:

13 (1) \$1,250,000 for fiscal year 2019, which shall not be distributed until  
14 the group defined in subsection (c) of this section provides proposed  
15 expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2019 budget adjustment request;

16 (2) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2020, for which the group shall provide  
17 proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2020 budget request or budget  
18 adjustment request, or both;

19 (3) ~~\$2,500,000~~ \$250,000 for fiscal year 2021, for which the group shall  
20 provide proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2021 budget request or  
21 budget adjustment request, or both; ~~and~~



1 Health and Welfare with measurable outcomes on the results of the  
2 Department's embedded mental health worker program to date, by barrack,  
3 and on the Department's collaboration with the Department of Mental Health  
4 to achieve a coordinated and integrated system of care, including how this  
5 program works with 988, with the statewide Mobile Crisis Response program,  
6 and with the designated and specialized service agencies.

7 Sec. E.209 PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE POLICE

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

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

1 Sec. E.212 PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE SAFETY

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

5 Sec. E.215 MILITARY - ADMINISTRATION

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

9 Sec. E.219 MILITARY – VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

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

15 ~~Sec. E.224, 20 V.S.A. § 248a(d) is amended to read:~~

16 ~~(d) Electric and natural gas facilities. This subsection sets fees for~~  
17 ~~applications under section 248 of this title.~~

18 ~~(1) There shall be a registration fee of \$100.00 for each electric~~  
19 ~~generation facility less than or equal to 50 kW in plant capacity, or for a~~  
20 ~~rooftop project, or for a hydroelectric project filing a net metering registration,~~  
21 ~~or for an application filed under subsection 248(n) of this title, or for an energy~~

1 ~~storage facility less than or equal to 1 MW in nameplate capacity that is~~  
2 ~~required to obtain a certificate of public good under section 248 of this title~~  
3 ~~and is proposed to be located inside an existing building and that would not~~  
4 ~~require any ground disturbance work or upgrades to the distribution system.~~

5 (2) There shall be a fee of \$25.00 for modifications for each electric  
6 generation facility less than or equal to 50 kW in plant capacity, or for a  
7 rooftop project, or for a hydroelectric project filing a net metering registration,  
8 or for an application filed under subsection 248(n) of this title, ~~or for an energy~~  
9 ~~storage facility less than or equal to 1 MW in nameplate capacity that is~~  
10 ~~required to obtain a certificate of public good under section 248 of this title~~  
11 ~~and is proposed to be located inside an existing building and that would not~~  
12 ~~require any ground disturbance work or upgrades to the distribution system.~~

13 (3) There shall be a fee for electric generation facilities ~~and energy~~  
14 ~~storage facilities that are required to obtain a certificate of public good under~~  
15 ~~section 248 of this title and that do not qualify for the lower fees in~~  
16 ~~subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, calculated as follows:~~

17 (A) \$5.00 per kW; and

18 (B) \$100.00 for modifications.

19 (4) ~~For applications that include both a proposed electric generation~~  
20 ~~facility and a proposed energy storage facility, the fee shall be the larger of~~

1 ~~either the fee for the electric generation facility or the energy storage facility as~~  
2 ~~set out in subdivisions (1) and (3) of this subsection.~~

3 (5) For applications that propose to add an energy storage facility to a  
4 location that already has a certificate of public good for an electric generation  
5 facility, the fee shall be that for a proposed new energy storage facility as set  
6 out in subdivisions (1) and (3) of this subsection.

7 (6) For applications that propose to add an electric generation facility to  
8 a location that already has a certificate of public good for an energy storage  
9 facility, the fee shall be that for a proposed new electric generation facility as  
10 set out in subdivisions (1) and (3) of this subsection.

*Sec. E.234 [Deleted.]*

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

12 ADVOCATE, VERMONT LEGAL AID

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

14 (1) \$1,847,406 shall be used for the contract with the Office of the  
15 Health Care Advocate;

16 (2) \$1,717,994 for Vermont Legal Aid services, including the Poverty  
17 Law Project and mental health services; and

18 (3) \$650,000 is for the purposes of maintaining current Vermont Legal  
19 Aid program capacity and addressing increased requests for services, including  
20 eviction prevention and protection from foreclosure and consumer debt.

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

2 § 8915. PROVISION FOR AGREEMENTS WITH CASE MANAGEMENT

3 ENTITIES

4 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the  
5 Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living may enter into  
6 agreements with case management entities to support local communities. The  
7 Commissioner may develop rules setting forth the standards and procedures  
8 for the case management entities it contracts with.

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

12 Sec. 72a. MEDICAID HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES  
13 (HCBS) PLAN

14 \* \* \*

15 (f) The Global Commitment Fund appropriated in subsection (e) of this  
16 section obligated in fiscal year years 2023 and fiscal year, 2024, and 2025 for  
17 the purposes of bringing HCBS plan spending authority forward into fiscal  
18 year 2024 and fiscal year 2025, respectively. The funds appropriated in  
19 subsections (b), (c), and (e) of this section may be transferred on a net-neutral  
20 basis in fiscal year years 2023 and fiscal year, 2024, and 2025 in the same  
21 manner as the Global Commitment appropriations in 2022 Acts and Resolves

1 No. 185, Sec. E.301. The Agency shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in  
2 September 2023 ~~and~~, September 2024, and September 2025, respectively, on  
3 transfers of appropriations made and final amounts expended by each  
4 department in ~~fiscal year~~ years 2023 ~~and fiscal year~~, 2024, and 2025,  
5 respectively, and any obligated funds carried forward to be expended in fiscal  
6 year 2024 and fiscal year 2025, respectively.

7 Sec. E.300.3 FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS;

8 RESIDENTIAL BEDS FOR YOUTH

9 (a) As part of their fiscal year 2026 budget presentations to the General  
10 Assembly, the Agency of Human Services and departments within the Agency  
11 of Human Services shall provide coordinated information regarding:

12 (1) the basis for the projected number of beds per facility to create 41  
13 new beds for youth in high-end facilities under the Departments for Children  
14 and Families, of Mental Health, and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent  
15 Living for inpatient, psychiatric residential, stabilization, and treatment  
16 services, including projected reductions in out-of-state placements;

17 (2) the status of capacity at lower level residential and crisis facilities  
18 and their capabilities in preventing higher level needs if investments would  
19 enable full capacity use; and



1           (3) a projected five-year operating budget across the Agency and  
2           departments for full utilization of the new high-end system components as  
3           currently planned, including:

4                   (A) costs to the Department of Vermont Health Access' budget; and

5                   (B) how these costs will impact the overall budgets for lower-level,  
6           community-based, prevention, and other services needed to prevent escalation  
7           to higher levels of care.

8           Sec. E.300.4 PLANNING FOR HIGH END SYSTEM OF CARE YOUTH;

9                               STAKEHOLDER INPUT

10           (a) The stakeholder working group for the development of a long-term plan  
11           for the high-end system of care and for the temporary stabilization facility for  
12           youth established pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.316 shall  
13           be consulted by the Agency of Human Services and departments within the  
14           Agency prior to each substantive decision regarding facility locations, facility  
15           capacity, facility design, treatment planning, policy planning, staffing, and  
16           implementation.

17           Sec. E.300.5 AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; FISCAL YEAR 2024

18                               CLOSEOUT; COMPREHENSIVE CHILD WELFARE

19                               INFORMATION SYSTEM

20           (a) To the extent to which General Fund dollars appropriated to the Agency  
21           of Human Services in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.300 remain

1 unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2024, \$3,000,000 shall be carried forward  
2 and appropriated to the Department for Children and Families' Family Service  
3 Division for the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System in fiscal  
4 year 2025.

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

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

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

16 (1) \$21,295,850 certified State match available from local education  
17 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under  
18 Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$29,204,150 of federal  
19 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated  
20 expenditure of \$50,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal  
21 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services

1 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment  
2 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A.  
3 § 2959a.

4 (2) \$3,005,335 certified State match available from local designated  
5 mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health  
6 services provided under Global Commitment.

7 (c) Up to \$4,487,210 is transferred from the AHS Federal Receipts  
8 Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund consistent with the  
9 amount appropriated in Sec. B.301 Secretary's Office – Global Commitment  
10 of this act.

11 Sec. E.301.1 GLOBAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER;  
12 REPORT

13 (a) To facilitate the end-of-year closeout for fiscal year 2025, the Secretary  
14 of Human Services, with approval from the Secretary of Administration, may  
15 make transfers among the appropriations authorized for Medicaid and  
16 Medicaid-waiver program expenses, including Global Commitment  
17 appropriations outside the Agency of Human Services. At least three business  
18 days prior to any transfer, the Agency of Human Services shall submit to the  
19 Joint Fiscal Office a proposal of transfers to be made pursuant to this section.  
20 A final report on all transfers made under this section shall be made to the  
21 Joint Fiscal Committee for review at the Committee's September 2025

1 meeting. The purpose of this section is to provide the Agency of Human  
2 Services with limited authority to modify the appropriations to comply with  
3 the terms and conditions of the Global Commitment for Health Section 1115  
4 demonstration waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
5 Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

6 Sec. E.306 VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE RULES

7 (a) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.  
8 chapter 25 to conform Vermont's rules regarding health care eligibility and  
9 enrollment and the operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to State  
10 and federal law and guidance. The Agency may use the emergency rules  
11 process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 prior to June 30, 2025, but only if new  
12 State or federal law or guidance requires Vermont to amend or adopt its rules  
13 in a time frame that cannot be accomplished under the traditional rulemaking  
14 process. An emergency rule adopted under these exigent circumstances shall  
15 be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of emergency rules required  
16 pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

17 Sec. E.306.1 HOME HEALTH AGENCY RATE COMPARISON

18 METHODOLOGIES; REPORT

19 (a) On or before August 31, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health  
20 Access shall provide the following to the Health Reform Oversight Committee  
21 and the Joint Fiscal Committee:

1           (1) a methodology for comparing Medicaid rates for home health  
2           agency services to rates under the Medicare home health prospective payment  
3           system model; and

4           (2) a methodology for comparing Medicaid pediatric palliative care  
5           rates to rates under the Medicare home health prospective payment system  
6           model or to Medicare hospice rates, or both.

7           Sec. E.306.2 PROPOSED METHODOLOGY FOR 2025 MEDICAID

8                               RESOURCE-BASED RELATIVE VALUE SCALE

9                               PROFESSIONAL FEE SCHEDULE

10           (a) On or before July 1 and October 1, 2024, the Department of Vermont  
11           Health Access shall meet with interested stakeholders to develop a proposed  
12           methodology for the Medicaid Resource-Based Relative Value Scale  
13           professional fee schedule for calendar year 2025. In developing the proposed  
14           methodology, the Department shall consider:

15           (1) maintaining alignment with relative value units used by Medicare  
16           but implementing a mandatory minimum on the conversion factors used in  
17           Vermont Medicaid, so that Vermont Medicaid's conversion factors do not  
18           decrease in the event that Medicare decreases its conversion factor;

19           (2) whether to benchmark one or more conversion factors in Vermont  
20           Medicaid to the Medicare conversion factor from a specific year; and

1           (3) whether Vermont Medicaid should continue to use two separate  
2           conversion factors, one for primary care services and one standard conversion  
3           factor, or transition to a single conversion factor in combination with other  
4           methods of providing enhanced support for primary care services, such as  
5           implementing payment of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System add-  
6           on code G2211 for primary care services, and the potential implications that  
7           any proposed approach may have on Vermont's participation in the States  
8           Advancing All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD)  
9           Model, as applicable.

10           (b) On or before November 1, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health  
11           Access shall provide its proposed methodology to the House Committees on  
12           Health Care and on Appropriations, the Senate Committees on Health and  
13           Welfare and on Appropriations, and the Health Reform Oversight Committee.

14           (c) On or before December 15, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health  
15           Access shall report to the House Committees on Health Care and on  
16           Appropriations, the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on  
17           Appropriations, and the Health Reform Oversight Committee on the fiscal  
18           impact of implementing its proposed methodology for calendar year 2025 and,  
19           if the new methodology would not result in an increase to provider rates that  
20           are greater than or equal to the Medicare Economic Index, the costs of

1 increasing provider rates in an amount equal to the Medicare Economic Index  
2 increase as part of the Department's fiscal year 2026 budget.

*Sec. E.306.3 PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY;*

*LICENSURE*

*Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no funds appropriated to the Department of Vermont Health Access in this act shall be expended for operation of a psychiatric residential treatment facility until the facility has been licensed by the State; provided, however, that the Department may expend funds on goods and services, such as purchasing supplies and hiring and training staff, that are necessary to prepare the facility to be operational upon licensure.*

3 Sec. E.307.1 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,

1 pledge, or other lien upon the property of the estate. Claims filed by the State  
2 on behalf of Vermont Medicaid must be filed in accordance with  
3 subsection 1203(d) of this title.

4 Sec. E.307.2 14 V.S.A. § 1203 is amended to read:

5 § 1203. LIMITATIONS ON PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

6 (a) All claims against a decedent's estate that arose before the death of the  
7 decedent, including claims of the State and any subdivision thereof except  
8 claims filed by the State on behalf of Vermont Medicaid, whether due or to  
9 become due, absolute or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, founded on  
10 contract, tort, or other legal basis, except claims for the possession of or title to  
11 real estate and claims for injury to the person and damage to property suffered  
12 by the act or default of the deceased, if not barred earlier by other statute of  
13 limitations, are barred against the estate, the executor or administrator, and the  
14 heirs and devisees of the decedent, unless presented as follows:

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





1           STUDENT INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP

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

8       § 34. VERMONT NURSING FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE  
9           PROGRAM

10          (a) As used in this section:

11   \* \* \*

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

15   \* \* \*

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

19   \* \* \*

20          (5) have completed the Program’s application form, ~~the Free~~  
21          ~~Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the Vermont grant~~

1 ~~application each academic year of enrollment and such financial aid forms as~~  
2 ~~the Corporation deems necessary,~~ in accordance with a schedule determined by  
3 the Corporation; and

4 \* \* \*

5 § 35. VERMONT HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT  
6 PROGRAM

7 \* \* \*

8 (b) The Vermont Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program is  
9 created and shall be administered by the Department of Health in collaboration  
10 with AHEC. The Program provides loan repayment on behalf of individuals  
11 who live and work in this State as a nurse, physician assistant, medical  
12 ~~technician~~ technologist or clinical laboratory scientist, child psychiatrist, or  
13 primary care provider and who meet the eligibility requirements in subsection  
14 (d) of this section.

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

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

20 (1) have graduated from an eligible school where the individual was  
21 awarded a degree in nursing, physician assistant studies, medicine, osteopathic

1 medicine, or naturopathic medicine, or a two- or four-year degree that qualifies  
2 the individual to be a medical ~~technician~~ technologist or clinical laboratory  
3 scientist;

4 (2) work in this State as a nurse, physician assistant, medical ~~technician~~  
5 technologist or clinical laboratory scientist, child psychiatrist, or primary care  
6 provider; and

7 (3) be a resident of Vermont.

8 (e)(1) An eligible individual shall be entitled to an amount of loan  
9 cancellation and repayment under this section equal to one year of loans for  
10 each year of service as a nurse, physician assistant, medical ~~technician~~  
11 technologist or clinical laboratory scientist, child psychiatrist, or primary care  
12 provider in this State. Employment as a traveling nurse shall not be construed  
13 to satisfy the service commitment required for loan repayment under this  
14 section.

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

18 § 36. NURSE FACULTY FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

19 \* \* \*

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

4 \* \* \*

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

9 \* \* \*

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

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16 § 38. VERMONT MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL FORGIVABLE  
17 LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

18 \* \* \*

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

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

\* \* \*

(h) 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 roll over 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.

§ 39. VERMONT PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE

PRACTITIONER 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:

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(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

1 subsection ~~(f)~~(e) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of  
2 service required in subdivision (3) of this subsection;

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

7 \* \* \*

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

13 § 40. VERMONT DENTAL HYGIENIST FORGIVABLE LOAN  
14 INCENTIVE PROGRAM

15 \* \* \*

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

19 \* \* \*

20 (4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce  
21 the individual's forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to

1 subsection ~~(g)~~(e) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period  
2 of service required in this subsection;

3 (5) have completed the Program's application form, ~~the Free~~  
4 ~~Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the Vermont grant~~  
5 ~~application each academic year of enrollment and such financial aid forms as~~  
6 the Corporation deems necessary, in accordance with a schedule determined by  
7 the Corporation; and

8 \* \* \*

9 Sec. E.312 HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH

10 (a) AIDS/HIV funding:

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

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

21 (A) Vermont CARES – \$140,000;



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

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

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

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

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

(4) In fiscal year 2025, the Department of Health shall provide grants in  
the amount of ~~\$100,000~~ \$400,000 General Fund and \$1,100,000 Opioid  
Settlement Fund to syringe service programs for HIV and Harm Reduction

Services no later than September 1, 2024. The method by which these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

1           (5) In fiscal year 2025, the Department of Health shall not reduce any  
2           grants to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations or syringe  
3           service programs from funds appropriated for AIDS/HIV services to levels  
4           below those in fiscal year 2024 without receiving prior approval from the Joint  
5           Fiscal Committee.

6           Sec. E.312.1 18 V.S.A. § 32 is amended to read:

7           § 32. LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND  
8           HEALTH CARE EDUCATIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT FUND

9           ~~(a) There is hereby established a special fund to be known as the Vermont~~  
10          ~~Health Care Educational Loan Repayment Fund, that shall be used for the~~  
11          ~~purpose of ensuring a stable and adequate supply of health care providers and~~  
12          ~~health care educators to meet the health care needs of Vermonters, with a focus~~  
13          ~~on recruiting and retaining providers and health care educators in underserved~~  
14          ~~geographic and specialty areas. [Repealed.]~~

15          ~~(b) The fund shall be established and held separate and apart from any~~  
16          ~~other funds or monies of the State and shall be used and administered~~  
17          ~~exclusively for the purpose of this section. The money in the Fund shall be~~

1 ~~invested in the same manner as permitted for investment of funds belonging to~~  
2 ~~the State of held in the Treasury. The Fund shall consist of the following:~~

3 ~~(1) such sums as may be appropriated or transferred from time to time~~  
4 ~~by the General Assembly, the state Emergency Board, or the Joint Fiscal~~  
5 ~~Committee during such times as the General Assembly is not in session;~~

6 ~~(2) interest earned from the investment of fund balances;~~

7 ~~(3) any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of~~  
8 ~~the Fund. [Repealed.]~~

9 (c) ~~The Fund shall be administered by the Department of Health, which~~  
10 ~~shall make funds available to the University of Vermont College of Medicine~~  
11 ~~area health education centers (AHEC) program for loan repayment awards.~~  
12 ~~The Commissioner may require certification of compliance with this section~~  
13 ~~prior to the making of an award.~~

14 \* \* \*

15 Sec. E.312.2 18 V.S.A. § 4772 is amended to read:

16 § 4772. OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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18 (e) Presentation. Annually, the Advisory Committee shall vote on its  
19 recommendations. If the recommendations are supported by a majority  
20 affirmative vote, the Advisory Committee shall present its recommendations  
21 for expenditures from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund established pursuant

1 to this subchapter to the Department of Health and concurrently submit its  
2 recommendations in writing to the House Committees on Appropriations and  
3 on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on  
4 Health and Welfare.

5 ~~Sec. E 313. APPROPRIATION; SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION~~

6 (a) In fiscal year 2025, an additional \$795,000 shall be appropriated from  
7 the Opioid Settlement Special Fund to the Department of Health's Division of  
8 Substance Use Programs for substance misuse prevention. The total  
9 \$2,205,000 appropriation shall be granted to Vermont Prevention Lead  
10 Organizations to implement evidence-based and trauma-informed substance  
11 misuse prevention strategies statewide. The Division shall require that, as part  
12 of the grant agreement with the Vermont Prevention Lead Organizations, that  
13 information on the use of the funds, including the specific activities supported  
14 by the funds; a description of the number of people served; and information on  
15 the outcomes achieved by this investment be provided to the Division in an  
16 agreed upon time frame. The Division shall report annually, on or before  
17 January 10, to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House  
18 Committee on Human Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and  
19 Welfare.

*Sec. E.313 APPROPRIATION; SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION*

*(a) In fiscal year 2025, the \$795,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund and \$1,410,000 General Fund appropriated to the Department of Health in Secs. B.1100(d)(4) and B.313 of this act shall be for substance misuse prevention. The total \$2,205,000 appropriation shall be granted to Vermont Prevention Lead Organizations to implement evidence-based and trauma-informed substance misuse prevention strategies statewide. The Department shall require, as part of the grant agreement with the Vermont Prevention Lead Organizations, that information on the use of the funds, including the specific activities supported by the funds, a description of the number of people served, and information on the outcomes achieved by this investment, be provided to the Department in an agreed-upon time frame. The Department shall report this information annually, on or before January 10, to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Human Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.*

1      Sec. E.316 SUMMER EBT BENEFIT

2           (a) An amount not to exceed \$40,000 of the General Fund appropriated in  
3      Sec. B.316 of this act shall be used to provide benefits for noncitizen students  
4      who would otherwise be eligible for nutritional benefit programs funded by  
5      federal grants.

6      Sec. E.316.1 33 V.S.A. § 3531 is amended to read:

1 § 3531. CHILD CARE – BUILDING BRIGHT SPACES FOR BRIGHT  
2 FUTURES FUNDS FUND

3 (a) ~~A child care facilities~~ An early childhood services financing program is  
4 established to facilitate the development and expansion of ~~child care facilities~~  
5 early childhood service programs in the State. ~~The Program~~ This financing  
6 program shall be administered by the Department for Children and Families.

7 (b) ~~The Program shall be supported from a special fund, to be known as the~~  
8 ~~“Building Bright Spaces for Bright Futures Fund,”~~ referred to in this section as  
9 ~~“the Bright Futures Fund,”~~ is hereby created for this purpose to be  
10 administered by the Commissioner for Children and Families. Subject to  
11 approvals required by 32 V.S.A. § 5, the Fund may accept gifts and donations  
12 from any source, and the Commissioner may take appropriate actions to  
13 encourage contributions and designations to the ~~account~~ Fund, including  
14 publicizing explanations of the purposes of the Fund and the uses to which the  
15 ~~Bright Futures Fund~~ has been or will be applied.

16 (c) ~~Funds appropriated for this Program shall be used by the~~ The  
17 ~~Commissioner to award grants to eligible applicants for the development and~~  
18 ~~expansion of child care options and community programs targeted for youths~~  
19 ~~14 through 18 years of age. These options may include recreational programs~~  
20 ~~and related equipment or facilities, development or expansion of child care~~  
21 ~~facilities, and community-based programs that address specific child care and~~

1 youth program needs of the applicant region. The Commissioner shall  
2 establish by rule, criteria, conditions, and procedures for awarding such grants  
3 and administering this Program shall disburse the proceeds of this fund in  
4 accordance with the plan developed by the Building Bright Futures Council  
5 per 33 V.S.A. § 4603(3).

6 Sec. E.316.2 33 V.S.A. § 4601 is amended to read:

7 § 4601. DEFINITIONS

8 As used in this chapter:

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

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

16 Sec. E.317 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT; COMPREHENSIVE CHILD

17 WELFARE INFORMATION SYSTEM

18 (a) In developing and implementing a comprehensive child welfare  
19 information system, the Department for Children and Families’ Division of  
20 Family Services shall solicit input and leverage expertise from youth, foster

1 parents, kinship care providers, Division staff, and the employees of the Office  
2 of Racial Equity’s Division of Racial Justice Statistics.

3 Sec. E.317.1 ADOPTION; POST PERMANENCY SERVICES

4 (a) Any unused funds designated for the purposes described in 2023 Acts  
5 and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317, not to exceed \$270,234, shall be used in  
6 fiscal year 2025 for post-permanency adoption services provided by Lund,  
7 Easterseals Vermont, and the Northeastern Family Institute of Vermont.

8 (b) Any unused funds designated for the purposes described in 2023 Acts  
9 and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317, not to exceed \$446,253, shall be used in  
10 fiscal year 2025 for services provided to the youth homeless shelter in Saint  
11 Albans by Spectrum Youth and Family Services.

12 Sec. E.317.2 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 101 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 101. [Repealed.]

14 Sec. E.318 CONSENSUS ESTIMATE; CHILD CARE FINANCIAL

15 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

16 (a) On or before December 1, 2024, 2025, and 2026, the Department for  
17 Children and Families and the Joint Fiscal Office shall jointly determine and  
18 submit a consensus estimate for costs related to the Child Care Financial  
19 Assistance Program for the coming fiscal year to the House Committees on  
20 Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on  
21 Appropriations and on Health and Welfare. This consensus estimate shall



1 serve as a baseline for the Department for Children and Families' Child Care  
2 Financial Assistance Program budget.

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

4 § 3517. CHILD CARE TUITION RATES

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

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

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13 public. A regulated child care provider shall not impose an increase on annual  
14 child care tuition that exceeds 1.5 times the most recent annual increase in the  
15 NAICS code 611, Educational Services. This amount shall be posted on the  
16 Department's website annually.

17 Sec. E.321 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING

18 (a) To the extent emergency housing is available and within the funds  
19 appropriated, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall ensure that  
20 temporary emergency housing is provided in fiscal year 2025 to households

1 that attest to lack of a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and  
2 have a member who:

3 (1) is 60 years of age or older;

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

5 (A) written verification of the disability from a professional licensed  
6 by the State to diagnose and treat the disability and certification that the  
7 disability is expected to be long-continuing or of indefinite duration and  
8 substantially impedes the individual's ability to live independently;

9 (B) written verification from the Social Security Administration;

10 (C) receipt of a disability check;

11 (D) intake staff-recorded observation of a disability that, not later  
12 than 45 days after the application for assistance, is confirmed and accompanied  
13 by evidence of this; or

14 (E) other documentation approved by either the Department or the  
15 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;

16 (3) is experiencing a serious short-term medical condition or has been  
17 discharged from a health care facility where the individual was being treated  
18 for a serious short-term medical condition within the last 30 days;

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

20 (5) is in the third trimester of pregnancy or is experiencing an at-risk  
21 pregnancy;

1           (6) has experienced the death of a spouse or domestic partner within the  
2           last 30 days;

3           (7) has experienced a natural disaster, such as a flood, fire, or hurricane  
4           within the last 30 days;

5           (8) is under a court-ordered eviction or constructive eviction due to  
6           circumstances over which the household has no control; or

7           (9) is experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
8           stalking, human trafficking, hate violence, or other dangerous or life-  
9           threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a  
10          household member.

11          (b) The maximum number of days that a household receives shelter in a  
12          hotel or motel under this section, per 12-month period, shall be determined by  
13          the statewide vacancy rate. If the statewide vacancy rate is:

14           (1) less than five percent at the household's time of application, the  
15           household shall receive a maximum of 90 sheltered days under this section per  
16           12-month period; or

17           (2) is equal to or greater than five percent at the household's time of  
18           application, the household shall receive a maximum of 45 sheltered days under  
19           this section per 12-month period.

20          (c) To the extent funding and capacity exists, and notwithstanding  
21          subsection (a) of this section, the Department shall provide shelter to

1 households lacking a fixed, regular, adequate, nighttime residence between  
2 November 15, 2024 and April 15, 2025. If there is inadequate community-  
3 based shelter space available within the Agency of Human Services district in  
4 which the household presents itself, the household shall be provided shelter in  
5 a hotel or motel within the district, if available, until adequate community-  
6 based shelter space becomes available in the district. Shelter in a hotel or  
7 motel provided pursuant to this section shall not count toward the maximum  
8 days of eligibility per 12-month period provided in subsection (b) of this  
9 section.

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

15 (e) On July 1, 2024, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall:

16 (1) adopt emergency rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 for the  
17 administration for the temporary emergency housing policy established in this  
18 section, which shall be deemed to have met the emergency rulemaking  
19 standard in 3 V.S.A. § 844(a); and

20 (2) begin to transition eligible households to the policy established in  
21 this section on a rolling basis through September 30, 2024.

1       (f) On or before the last day of each month from July 2024 through June  
2       2025, the Department for Children and Families, or other relevant agency or  
3       department, shall continue submitting a substantially similar report to that due  
4       pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b) to the Joint Fiscal  
5       Committee, House Committee on Human Services, and Senate Committee on  
6       Health and Welfare.

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

14       (h) The Department for Children and Families shall apply the following  
15       rules to participating hotels and motels:

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

18               (2) Department of Health, Licensed Lodging Establishment Rule (CVR  
19               13-140-023); and

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

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

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

16       (j) Of the amount appropriated to implement this section, not more than  
17       \$839,000 shall be used for security costs.

18       (k) As used in this section:

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

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

5           (3) “Statewide vacancy rate” means the Vermont-specific rental vacancy  
6           rate as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau.

7           Sec. E.322 REPORT; 3SQUARESVT; MINIMUM BENEFIT

8                           CALCULATION

9           (a) On or before January 1, 2025, the Department for Children and  
10           Families shall submit a transition plan to the House Committees on  
11           Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on  
12           Appropriations and on Health and Welfare detailing the process and resources  
13           necessary to calculate the minimum benefit for 3SquaresVT participants at 30  
14           percent of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s moderate-cost food plan,  
15           including:

16           (1) the nature, cost, and timeline of any information technology changes  
17           needed to implement the new benefit calculation;

18           (2) the annual cost of implementing the increased 3SquaresVT benefit;

19           (3) the number and type of additional staff positions necessary to  
20           implement the new benefit calculation; and

1           (4) any statutory changes or federal approvals necessary to implement  
2           the new benefit calculation.

3           Sec. E.323 RECALCULATION; REACH UP; RATABLE REDUCTION  
4                               REPORT

5           (a) On or before October 1, 2024, the Department for Children and  
6           Families shall submit an amended report to the House Committees on  
7           Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on  
8           Appropriations and on Health Welfare recalculating the amount needed to  
9           remove the ratable reduction in the Reach Up program using current housing  
10           costs.

11           Sec. E.324 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

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

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



1           (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act,  
2           \$25,747,402 shall be used by the Department for Children and Families’  
3           Office of Economic Opportunity to issue grants to community agencies  
4           assisting individuals experiencing homelessness by preserving existing  
5           services, increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide.  
6           These funds may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal Emergency  
7           Solutions Grants funds. Grant decisions and the administration of funds shall  
8           be done in consultation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban  
9           Development recognized Continuum of Care Program.

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

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

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

16          § 2502. HOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

17    \* \* \*

18           (a) In addition, the Director shall supplement or supplant any federal  
19           program with the State Home Weatherization Assistance Program.

20                       (1) The State ~~program~~ Program shall provide an enhanced  
21           weatherization assistance amount exceeding the federal per-unit limit allowing

1 amounts up to an average of ~~\$8,500.00~~ \$15,300.00 per unit allocated on a cost-  
2 effective basis. The allowable average ~~per unit may be adjusted to account for~~  
3 ~~the lower cost per unit of multifamily buildings~~ will be \$4,500.00. In units  
4 where costs exceed the allowable average by more than 25 percent, prior  
5 approval of the Director of the State Economic Opportunity Office shall be  
6 required before work commences. This amount shall be adjusted annually to  
7 account for inflation of materials and labor.

8 \* \* \*

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

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20 Sec. E.338 CORRECTIONS – CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

1       (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the special funds appropriation  
2       of \$152,000 for the supplemental facility payments to Newport and  
3       Springfield shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A.  
4       § 3709.

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

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

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

19               (i) ~~40.0~~ percent by the State from State monies;

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

1 (iii) ~~24~~ 23.2 percent by nonprofit hospital and medical service  
2 corporations licensed under 8 V.S.A. chapter 123 or 125, health insurance  
3 companies licensed under 8 V.S.A. chapter 101, and health maintenance  
4 organizations licensed under 8 V.S.A. chapter 139; and

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

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

14 (C) Expenses ~~incurred by the Board for regulatory duties associated~~  
15 ~~with certificates of need shall be assessed pursuant to the provisions of section~~  
16 ~~9441 of this title and not~~ shall not be assessed in accordance with the formula  
17 set forth in subdivision (A) of this subdivision ~~(2)~~(1).

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

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

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

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

19          Sec. E.400 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; OFFICE OF WORKFORCE

20                         EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT

1       (a) The two staff positions within the Office of Workforce Expansion and  
2       Development shall be existing positions within the Department of Labor and  
3       funded through the appropriation made in Sec. B.400 of this act.

4       Sec. E.500 EDUCATION – FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

5       (a) The Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section will be used  
6       for physician claims for determining medical necessity of Individualized  
7       Education Programs (IEPs). These services are intended to increase access to  
8       quality health care for uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid  
9       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 the Lund Family Center shall be  
3 considered a 24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of  
4 education 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 allocated to the Agency of Education for distribution to adult  
8 education and literacy providers, pursuant to the program established in 16  
9 V.S.A. § 945.

10 Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION – FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

11 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025 to the contrary, of  
12 the appropriation in Sec. B.504.1 of this act, \$2,518,755 Education Fund  
13 dollars shall be allocated to the Agency of Education for distribution to adult  
14 education and literacy providers pursuant to the program established in 16  
15 V.S.A. § 945.

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

18 (1) \$921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs notwithstanding  
19 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);

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

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

1           (4) \$3,600,000 is available for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §  
2           4011(e).

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

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 State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) 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        (b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont  
2        Manufacturing Extension Center to comply with State matching fund  
3        requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds, or  
4        both.

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

18       ~~(b) Of this appropriation, not more than \$300,000 may be used by the~~  
19       ~~Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a student aspirational initiative to~~  
20       ~~serve one or more high schools.~~

1 ~~(c) Of the appropriated amount remaining after accounting for subsections~~  
2 ~~(a) and (b) of this section, not less than 93 percent of this appropriation shall~~  
3 ~~be used for direct student aid.~~

4 ~~(d) Up to seven percent of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student~~  
5 ~~Assistance Corporation in this act or otherwise currently or previously~~  
6 ~~appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation or provided to the~~  
7 ~~Vermont Student Assistance Corporation by an agency or department of the~~  
8 ~~State for the administration of a program or initiative may be used by the~~  
9 ~~Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for its costs of administration. The~~  
10 ~~Vermont Student Assistance Corporation may recoup its reasonable costs of~~  
11 ~~collecting the forgivable loans in repayment. Funds shall not be used for~~  
12 ~~indirect costs. To the extent these are federal funds, allocation for expenses~~  
13 ~~associated with administering the funds shall be consistent with federal grant~~  
14 ~~requirements.~~

15 ~~(e) \$1,000,000 of the General Fund appropriated amount remaining after~~  
16 ~~accounting for subsections (a) and (b) of this section, not less than~~  
17 ~~appropriation in Sec. B.605 of this act shall be used to continue the Vermont~~  
18 ~~Trades Scholarship Program in accordance with 2022 Act and Resolves No.~~  
19 ~~183, Sec. 14.~~

*Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION*

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

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

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

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

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

(c) After accounting for the expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this section, up to seven percent of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act or otherwise currently or previously appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation or provided to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation by an agency or department of the State for the administration of a program or initiative, may be used by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for its costs of

*administration. The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation may recoup its reasonable costs of collecting the forgivable loans in repayment. Funds shall not be used for indirect costs. To the extent that any of these funds are federal funds, allocation for expenses associated with administering the funds shall be consistent with federal grant requirements.*

1      Sec. E.605.1 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND  
2                                      EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

3           (a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b), the sum of \$41,225 in education  
4             funds and \$41,225 in general funds is appropriated to the Vermont Student  
5             Assistance Corporation (VSAC) for dual enrollment and need-based stipend  
6             purposes to fund a flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for  
7             financially disadvantaged students enrolled in a dual enrollment course  
8             pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in early college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 946 to  
9             be used for the purchase of books, cost of transportation, and payment of fees.

10          The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation shall establish the criteria for  
11            program eligibility. Funds shall be granted to eligible students on a first-come,  
12            first-served basis until funds are depleted.

13          (b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Vermont Student Assistance  
14            Corporation shall report on the program to the House Committees on  
15            Appropriations and on Commerce and Economic Development and to the

1 Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Economic Development,  
2 Housing and General Affairs.

3 Sec. E.704 DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS AND RECREATION;  
4 WATER QUALITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EXPANSION;  
5 PILOT

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

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

17 (2) purchase by logging contractors of materials or practices that can be  
18 used for forest access road construction, landing preparation, bridge  
19 construction or installation, culvert protection or installation, and sediment  
20 control in advance of harvest implementation in order to comply with the  
21 AMPs and other potentially applicable water quality requirements; and

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

4           (b) The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation may establish criteria  
5           for eligibility under the Water Quality Assistance Program, including priority  
6           of assistance and application requirements.

7           (c) The Water Quality Assistance Program shall operate as a pilot program  
8           in fiscal year 2025.

9           (d) On or before July 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and  
10          Recreation shall report to the House Committee on Agriculture, Food  
11          Resiliency, and Forestry and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and  
12          Energy the results of the pilot Water Quality Assistance Program.

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

14           § 304c. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES: BUILDING  
15                            BRIGHT SPACES FOR BRIGHT FUTURES FUND

16           (a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue “Building Bright  
17          Spaces for Bright Futures Fund,” referred to as “the Bright Futures Fund,”  
18          registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate,  
19          on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, on vehicles registered to State  
20          agencies under section 376 of this title, and excluding vehicles registered  
21          under the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted

1 on the front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
2 shall utilize the graphic design recommended by the Commissioner for  
3 Children and Families for the special plates to enhance the public awareness of  
4 the State's interest in supporting ~~children's~~ early childhood services.

5 Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor  
6 Vehicles and shall pay an initial fee of \$29.00 in addition to the annual fee for  
7 registration. In following years, in addition to the annual registration fee, the  
8 holder of a ~~Bright Futures Fund~~ plate shall pay a renewal fee of \$29.00. The  
9 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25  
10 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

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

13 (1) 29 percent ~~to~~ in the Transportation Fund.

14 (2) 71 percent ~~to the Department for Children and Families for deposit~~  
15 in the Building Bright Futures Fund created in 33 V.S.A. § 3531.

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

18 (1) 79 percent ~~to the Department for Children and Families for deposit~~  
19 in the Building Bright Futures Fund created in 33 V.S.A. § 3531.

20 (2) 21 percent ~~to~~ in the Transportation Fund.



1 (d) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall be charged by the Department  
2 of Corrections for the production of the Building Bright Futures Fund license  
3 plates.

4 Sec. E.915 TRANSPORTATION – TOWN HIGHWAY AID PROGRAM

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

7 \* \* \* Effective Dates \* \* \*

8 ~~Sec. E.100. EFFECTIVE DATES~~

9 (a) This section and Secs. C.100, C.101, C.103, C.104, C.105, C.106,  
10 C.107, C.111, C.112, C.113, C.114, and C.115 shall take effect on passage.

11 (b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. C.102 shall take effect  
12 retroactively on March 1, 2024.

13 (c) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Secs. C.108, C.109, and C.110 shall  
14 take effect retroactively on July 1, 2023.

15 (d) Sec. E.325.2 shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

16 (e) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. E.910 shall take effect  
17 retroactively on January 1, 2024.

18 ~~(f) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2024.~~

*Sec. F.100 EFFECTIVE DATES*

*(a) This section and Secs. C.100, C.101, C.103, C.104, C.105, C.106, C.107, C.111, C.112, C.113, C.114, C.115, and B.1102 shall take effect on passage.*

*(b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214:*

*(1) Sec. C.102 shall take effect retroactively on March 1, 2024;*

*(2) Secs. C.108, C.109, and C.110 shall take effect retroactively on July 1, 2023; and*

*(3) Sec. E.910 shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2024.*

*(c) Sec. E.318.2 shall take effect on July 1, 2025.*

*(d) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2024.*