

1

H.883

2

An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

3

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after

4

the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5

* * * Purpose, Definitions, Legend * * *

6

Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

7

(a) This bill may be referred to as the “BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2025

8

Appropriations Act.”

9

Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

10

(a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of

11

State government and for capital appropriations not funded with bond proceeds

12

during fiscal year 2025. It is the express intent of the General Assembly that

13

activities of the various agencies, departments, divisions, boards, and

14

commissions be limited to those that can be supported by funds appropriated in

15

this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2024. Agency and department

16

heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of

17

fiscal year 2025 so as to meet this condition unless otherwise directed by

18

specific language in this act or other acts of the General Assembly.

19

Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

20

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serves as the

21

primary source and reference for appropriations for the operations of State

1 government and for capital appropriations not funded with bond proceeds for
2 fiscal year 2025.

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

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

13 Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

14 (a) As used in this act:

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

19 (2) “Encumbrances” means a portion of an appropriation reserved for
20 the subsequent payment of existing purchase orders or contracts. The

1 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the
2 appropriateness of encumbrances.

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

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

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

14 Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

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

17 Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

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

1 Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

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

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

1 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

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

8 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

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

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

1	<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community</u>
2		<u>Development</u>
3	<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
4	<u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
5	<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other</u>
6		<u>appropriation actions</u>

7 (b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year, the D
8 sections contain fund transfers and reserve allocations for the upcoming budget
9 year, and the F sections contain adjustments to securities fees. The G section
10 includes effective dates.

11 * * * Fiscal Year 2025 Base Appropriations * * *

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

13	Personal services	3,624,952
14	Operating expenses	185,657
15	Grants	<u>25,000</u>
16	Total	3,835,609
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	2,449,890
19	Special funds	25,000
20	Internal service funds	437,265
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>923,454</u>

1	Total	3,835,609
2	Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance	
3	Personal services	1,414,180
4	Operating expenses	<u>160,916</u>
5	Total	1,575,096
6	Source of funds	
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,575,096</u>
8	Total	1,575,096
9	Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
10	Personal services	894,261
11	Operating expenses	<u>90,822</u>
12	Total	985,083
13	Source of funds	
14	Internal service funds	<u>985,083</u>
15	Total	985,083
16	Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
17	Personal services	567,817
18	Operating expenses	<u>59,472</u>
19	Total	627,289
20	Source of funds	
21	Internal service funds	<u>627,289</u>

1	Total	627,289
2	Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
3	Personal services	275,025
4	Operating expenses	<u>48,667</u>
5	Total	323,692
6	Source of funds	
7	Internal service funds	<u>323,692</u>
8	Total	323,692
9	Sec. B.104.1 Retired State Employees Pension Plus Funding	
10	Grants	<u>12,000,000</u>
11	Total	12,000,000
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>12,000,000</u>
14	Total	12,000,000
15	Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information	
16	technology	
17	Personal services	83,082,218
18	Operating expenses	<u>62,547,212</u>
19	Total	145,629,430
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	209,808

1	Special funds	511,723
2	Internal service funds	<u>144,907,899</u>
3	Total	145,629,430
4	Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
5	Personal services	1,526,943
6	Operating expenses	<u>332,906</u>
7	Total	1,859,849
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,183,688
10	Internal service funds	666,328
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>9,833</u>
12	Total	1,859,849
13	Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
14	Personal services	2,753,093
15	Operating expenses	<u>887,167</u>
16	Total	3,640,260
17	Source of funds	
18	Internal service funds	3,499,357
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>140,903</u>
20	Total	3,640,260

1	Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
2	Personal services	11,174,144
3	Operating expenses	<u>1,533,893</u>
4	Total	12,708,037
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	1,835,968
7	Special funds	242,235
8	Internal service funds	10,105,741
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>524,093</u>
10	Total	12,708,037
11	Sec. B.108.1 Human resources - VTHR operations	
12	Personal services	2,001,756
13	Operating expenses	<u>897,472</u>
14	Total	2,899,228
15	Source of funds	
16	Internal service funds	<u>2,899,228</u>
17	Total	2,899,228
18	Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
19	Personal services	1,219,976
20	Operating expenses	<u>656,818</u>
21	Total	1,876,794

1	Source of funds	
2	Internal service funds	<u>1,876,794</u>
3	Total	1,876,794
4	Sec. B.110 Libraries	
5	Personal services	2,608,231
6	Operating expenses	987,312
7	Grants	<u>272,701</u>
8	Total	3,868,244
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	2,151,812
11	Special funds	130,971
12	Federal funds	1,467,374
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>118,087</u>
14	Total	3,868,244
15	Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
16	Personal services	28,305,591
17	Operating expenses	<u>6,868,137</u>
18	Total	35,173,728
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	23,248,019
21	Special funds	11,880,709

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
2	Total	35,173,728
3	Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
4	Personal services	1,070,354
5	Operating expenses	<u>229,587</u>
6	Total	1,299,941
7	Source of funds	
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,299,941</u>
9	Total	1,299,941
10	Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
11	Personal services	18,881
12	Operating expenses	<u>1,271,574</u>
13	Total	1,290,455
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	<u>1,290,455</u>
16	Total	1,290,455
17	Sec. B.113.1 Buildings and General Services Engineering - Capital Projects	
18	Personal services	2,973,306
19	Operating expenses	<u>500,000</u>
20	Total	3,473,306
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	2,973,306
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>500,000</u>
3	Total	3,473,306
4	Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
5	Personal services	3,585,324
6	Operating expenses	<u>1,919,853</u>
7	Total	5,505,177
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	688,453
10	Transportation fund	4,292,149
11	Special funds	<u>524,575</u>
12	Total	5,505,177
13	Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
14	Personal services	2,462,542
15	Operating expenses	<u>245,613</u>
16	Total	2,708,155
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	1,568,464
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,139,691</u>
20	Total	2,708,155

1	Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
2	Personal services	826,840
3	Operating expenses	<u>177,446</u>
4	Total	1,004,286
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	90,941
7	Internal service funds	<u>913,345</u>
8	Total	1,004,286
9	Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
10	Personal services	902,844
11	Operating expenses	<u>237,416</u>
12	Total	1,140,260
13	Source of funds	
14	Internal service funds	<u>1,140,260</u>
15	Total	1,140,260
16	Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
17	Personal services	915,232
18	Operating expenses	<u>251,755</u>
19	Total	1,166,987
20	Source of funds	
21	Internal service funds	<u>1,166,987</u>

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

1	Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
2	Personal services	20,361,714
3	Operating expenses	<u>17,940,900</u>
4	Total	38,302,614
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	38,214,088
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>88,526</u>
8	Total	38,302,614
9	Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
10	Personal services	1,621,889
11	Operating expenses	<u>529,815</u>
12	Total	2,151,704
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	1,896,299
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>255,405</u>
16	Total	2,151,704
17	Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel	
18	Personal services	3,906,667
19	Operating expenses	<u>291,399</u>
20	Total	4,198,066
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>4,198,066</u>
2	Total	4,198,066
3	Sec. B.126 Legislature	
4	Personal services	6,531,132
5	Operating expenses	<u>4,934,310</u>
6	Total	11,465,442
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>11,465,442</u>
9	Total	11,465,442
10	Sec. B.126.1 Legislative information technology	
11	Personal services	1,433,677
12	Operating expenses	<u>807,537</u>
13	Total	2,241,214
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	<u>2,241,214</u>
16	Total	2,241,214
17	Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
18	Personal services	2,661,816
19	Operating expenses	<u>197,363</u>
20	Total	2,859,179
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>2,859,179</u>
2	Total	2,859,179
3	Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
4	Personal services	1,501,807
5	Operating expenses	<u>161,697</u>
6	Total	1,663,504
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>1,663,504</u>
9	Total	1,663,504
10	Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
11	Personal services	273,359
12	Operating expenses	<u>48,050</u>
13	Total	321,409
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	<u>321,409</u>
16	Total	321,409
17	Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
18	Personal services	4,397,652
19	Operating expenses	<u>140,540</u>
20	Total	4,538,192
21	Source of funds	

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

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

1	Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
2	Personal services	290,593
3	Operating expenses	<u>48,629</u>
4	Total	339,222
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	329,646
7	Special funds	6,788
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
9	Total	339,222
10	Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
11	Personal services	98,853
12	Operating expenses	<u>25,115</u>
13	Total	123,968
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	72,964
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>51,004</u>
17	Total	123,968
18	Sec. B.136.1 Ethics Commission	
19	Personal services	171,374
20	Operating expenses	<u>38,979</u>
21	Total	210,353

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

1	Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
2	Grants	<u>20,050,000</u>
3	Total	20,050,000
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>20,050,000</u>
6	Total	20,050,000
7	Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
8	Grants	<u>12,050,000</u>
9	Total	12,050,000
10	Source of funds	
11	Special funds	<u>12,050,000</u>
12	Total	12,050,000
13	Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier	
14	Grants	<u>184,000</u>
15	Total	184,000
16	Source of funds	
17	Special funds	<u>184,000</u>
18	Total	184,000
19	Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
20	Grants	<u>40,000</u>
21	Total	40,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
3	Total	40,000
4	Sec. B.145 Total general government	
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	129,405,610
7	Transportation fund	4,292,149
8	Special funds	31,848,599
9	Federal funds	1,467,374
10	Internal service funds	214,723,806
11	Interdepartmental transfers	7,017,399
12	Enterprise funds	4,298
13	Pension trust funds	4,800,305
14	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,329,205</u>
15	Total	394,888,745
16	Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
17	Personal services	14,511,661
18	Operating expenses	2,015,028
19	Grants	<u>20,000</u>
20	Total	16,546,689
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	7,476,805
2	Special funds	2,355,424
3	Tobacco fund	422,000
4	Federal funds	1,743,215
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,549,245</u>
6	Total	16,546,689
7	Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
8	Personal services	297,950
9	Grants	<u>3,229,558</u>
10	Total	3,527,508
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	3,269,511
13	Special funds	<u>257,997</u>
14	Total	3,527,508
15	Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
16	Personal services	17,745,612
17	Operating expenses	<u>1,393,866</u>
18	Total	19,139,478
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	18,399,825
21	Special funds	589,653

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>150,000</u>
2	Total	19,139,478
3	Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
4	Personal services	7,654,274
5	Operating expenses	<u>49,500</u>
6	Total	7,703,774
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>7,703,774</u>
9	Total	7,703,774
10	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
11	Personal services	58,439,095
12	Operating expenses	12,479,384
13	Grants	<u>121,030</u>
14	Total	71,039,509
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	63,414,698
17	Special funds	4,503,401
18	Federal funds	953,928
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,167,482</u>
20	Total	71,039,509

1	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
2	Personal services	17,431,679
3	Operating expenses	<u>2,034,016</u>
4	Total	19,465,695
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	18,856,634
7	Federal funds	31,000
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>578,061</u>
9	Total	19,465,695
10	Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
11	Personal services	66,237
12	Operating expenses	24,295
13	Grants	<u>2,140,047</u>
14	Total	2,230,579
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>2,230,579</u>
17	Total	2,230,579
18	Sec. B.206.1 Crime Victims Advocates	
19	Personal services	2,894,156
20	Operating expenses	<u>104,396</u>
21	Total	2,998,552

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>2,998,552</u>
3	Total	2,998,552
4	Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
5	Personal services	5,067,726
6	Operating expenses	<u>405,868</u>
7	Total	5,473,594
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>5,473,594</u>
10	Total	5,473,594
11	Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
12	Personal services	4,620,756
13	Operating expenses	<u>6,022,923</u>
14	Total	10,643,679
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	6,179,193
17	Special funds	4,105
18	Federal funds	396,362
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,064,019</u>
20	Total	10,643,679

1	Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
2	Personal services	74,755,468
3	Operating expenses	15,992,094
4	Grants	<u>1,137,841</u>
5	Total	91,885,403
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	57,891,409
8	Transportation fund	20,250,000
9	Special funds	3,170,328
10	Federal funds	8,967,252
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,606,414</u>
12	Total	91,885,403
13	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
14	Personal services	5,387,100
15	Operating expenses	<u>2,152,467</u>
16	Total	7,539,567
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	1,829,099
19	Special funds	4,975,847
20	Federal funds	<u>734,621</u>
21	Total	7,539,567

1	Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management	
2	Personal services	5,420,245
3	Operating expenses	1,326,624
4	Grants	<u>41,392,759</u>
5	Total	48,139,628
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	940,339
8	Special funds	710,000
9	Federal funds	46,427,309
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>61,980</u>
11	Total	48,139,628
12	Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
13	Personal services	9,384,147
14	Operating expenses	3,412,948
15	Grants	<u>107,000</u>
16	Total	12,904,095
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	1,586,884
19	Special funds	10,093,736
20	Federal funds	1,178,475
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>

1	Total	12,904,095
2	Sec. B.213 Public safety - Forensic Laboratory	
3	Personal services	3,842,354
4	Operating expenses	<u>1,095,166</u>
5	Total	4,937,520
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	3,768,566
8	Special funds	75,572
9	Federal funds	557,339
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>536,043</u>
11	Total	4,937,520
12	Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
13	Personal services	1,056,147
14	Operating expenses	776,352
15	Grants	<u>1,319,834</u>
16	Total	3,152,333
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>3,152,333</u>
19	Total	3,152,333
20	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
21	Personal services	10,499,846

1	Operating expenses	<u>1,504,451</u>
2	Total	12,004,297
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	775,259
5	Federal funds	<u>11,229,038</u>
6	Total	12,004,297
7	Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
8	Personal services	45,473,792
9	Operating expenses	<u>8,181,836</u>
10	Total	53,655,628
11	Source of funds	
12	Federal funds	<u>53,655,628</u>
13	Total	53,655,628
14	Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
15	Personal services	827,320
16	Operating expenses	<u>1,008,123</u>
17	Total	1,835,443
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,772,943
20	Special funds	<u>62,500</u>
21	Total	1,835,443

1	Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
2	Personal services	1,211,819
3	Operating expenses	176,383
4	Grants	<u>28,500</u>
5	Total	1,416,702
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	1,096,505
8	Special funds	209,092
9	Federal funds	<u>111,105</u>
10	Total	1,416,702
11	Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
12	Personal services	1,976,117
13	Operating expenses	391,491
14	Grants	<u>9,908,464</u>
15	Total	12,276,072
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	1,516,854
18	Special funds	4,015,490
19	Federal funds	<u>6,743,728</u>
20	Total	12,276,072

1	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council	
2	Personal services	2,356,811
3	Operating expenses	<u>1,821,496</u>
4	Total	4,178,307
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	3,835,126
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>343,181</u>
8	Total	4,178,307
9	Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
10	Personal services	3,057,449
11	Operating expenses	<u>346,294</u>
12	Total	3,403,743
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	1,393,366
15	Special funds	1,432,323
16	Federal funds	<u>578,054</u>
17	Total	3,403,743
18	Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer	
19	protection	
20	Personal services	5,235,644
21	Operating expenses	1,113,830

1	Grants	<u>2,780,000</u>
2	Total	9,129,474
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	3,400,278
5	Special funds	4,020,618
6	Federal funds	1,696,578
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>12,000</u>
8	Total	9,129,474
9	Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
10	Personal services	4,265,067
11	Operating expenses	734,947
12	Grants	<u>15,307,498</u>
13	Total	20,307,512
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	3,077,928
16	Special funds	644,363
17	Federal funds	<u>16,585,221</u>
18	Total	20,307,512
19	Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management	
20	and environmental stewardship	
21	Personal services	2,824,147

1	Operating expenses	839,493
2	Grants	<u>212,000</u>
3	Total	3,875,640
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	936,794
6	Special funds	2,242,158
7	Federal funds	343,452
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>353,236</u>
9	Total	3,875,640
10	Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont Agriculture and	
11	Environmental Lab	
12	Personal services	1,822,983
13	Operating expenses	<u>1,438,533</u>
14	Total	3,261,516
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	1,602,665
17	Special funds	1,591,189
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>67,662</u>
19	Total	3,261,516
20	Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, Food and Markets - Clean Water	
21	Personal services	3,815,695

1	Operating expenses	745,519
2	Grants	<u>11,035,000</u>
3	Total	15,596,214
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	1,705,135
6	Special funds	10,528,782
7	Federal funds	2,169,174
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,193,123</u>
9	Total	15,596,214
10	Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
11	Personal services	2,726,198
12	Operating expenses	159,635
13	Grants	<u>100,000</u>
14	Total	2,985,833
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	<u>2,985,833</u>
17	Total	2,985,833
18	Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
19	Personal services	2,400,645
20	Operating expenses	<u>473,873</u>
21	Total	2,874,518

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	<u>2,874,518</u>
3	Total	2,874,518
4	Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
5	Personal services	5,028,218
6	Operating expenses	<u>556,622</u>
7	Total	5,584,840
8	Source of funds	
9	Special funds	<u>5,584,840</u>
10	Total	5,584,840
11	Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
12	Personal services	5,723,322
13	Operating expenses	<u>652,707</u>
14	Total	6,376,029
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	<u>6,376,029</u>
17	Total	6,376,029
18	Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
19	Personal services	1,269,574
20	Operating expenses	<u>241,157</u>
21	Total	1,510,731

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	<u>1,510,731</u>
3	Total	1,510,731
4	Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
5	Personal services	22,592,899
6	Operating expenses	4,345,999
7	Grants	<u>1,000,000</u>
8	Total	27,938,898
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,000,000
11	Special funds	19,922,486
12	Federal funds	<u>7,016,412</u>
13	Total	27,938,898
14	Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
15	Personal services	10,861,325
16	Operating expenses	1,405,907
17	Grants	<u>28,300</u>
18	Total	12,295,532
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	11,060,542
21	Federal funds	992,781

1	Interdepartmental transfers	225,423
2	Enterprise funds	<u>16,786</u>
3	Total	12,295,532
4	Sec. B.233.1 VT Community Broadband Board	
5	Personal services	1,609,379
6	Operating expenses	269,690
7	Grants	<u>150,000</u>
8	Total	2,029,069
9	Source of funds	
10	Special funds	1,269,289
11	Federal funds	<u>759,780</u>
12	Total	2,029,069
13	Sec. B.234 Public utility commission	
14	Personal services	5,052,403
15	Operating expenses	<u>617,149</u>
16	Total	5,669,552
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	<u>5,669,552</u>
19	Total	5,669,552
20	Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
21	Personal services	4,429,219

1	Operating expenses	<u>471,441</u>
2	Total	4,900,660
3	Source of funds	
4	Special funds	<u>4,900,660</u>
5	Total	4,900,660
6	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
7	Personal services	927,697
8	Operating expenses	<u>115,103</u>
9	Total	1,042,800
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	953,800
12	Federal funds	<u>89,000</u>
13	Total	1,042,800
14	Sec. B.236.1 Liquor & Lottery Comm. Office	
15	Personal services	9,831,453
16	Operating expenses	<u>5,667,447</u>
17	Total	15,498,900
18	Source of funds	
19	Special funds	125,000
20	Tobacco fund	250,579
21	Interdepartmental transfers	70,000

1	Enterprise funds	<u>15,053,321</u>
2	Total	15,498,900
3	Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board	
4	Personal services	4,242,224
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,819,990</u>
6	Total	6,062,214
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	<u>6,062,214</u>
9	Total	6,062,214
10	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property	
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	228,238,448
13	Transportation fund	20,250,000
14	Special funds	119,824,272
15	Tobacco fund	672,579
16	Federal funds	162,959,452
17	Interdepartmental transfers	16,022,869
18	Enterprise funds	<u>15,070,107</u>
19	Total	563,037,727
20	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
21	Personal services	17,119,746

1	Operating expenses	7,220,486
2	Grants	<u>2,895,202</u>
3	Total	27,235,434
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	12,913,202
6	Special funds	135,517
7	Federal funds	13,565,080
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>621,635</u>
9	Total	27,235,434
10	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
11	Grants	<u>2,039,030,122</u>
12	Total	2,039,030,122
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	668,181,378
15	Special funds	32,047,905
16	Tobacco fund	21,049,373
17	State health care resources fund	28,053,557
18	Federal funds	1,285,210,699
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,487,210</u>
20	Total	2,039,030,122

1	Sec. B.303	Developmental disabilities council	
2		Personal services	479,072
3		Operating expenses	95,765
4		Grants	<u>191,595</u>
5		Total	766,432
6		Source of funds	
7		Special funds	12,000
8		Federal funds	<u>754,432</u>
9		Total	766,432
10	Sec. B.304	Human services board	
11		Personal services	703,548
12		Operating expenses	<u>90,191</u>
13		Total	793,739
14		Source of funds	
15		General fund	486,165
16		Federal funds	<u>307,574</u>
17		Total	793,739
18	Sec. B.305	AHS - administrative fund	
19		Personal services	330,000
20		Operating expenses	<u>13,170,000</u>
21		Total	13,500,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,500,000</u>
3	Total	13,500,000
4	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
5	Personal services	134,929,148
6	Operating expenses	44,171,193
7	Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>
8	Total	182,212,642
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	39,872,315
11	Special funds	4,733,015
12	Federal funds	128,790,580
13	Global Commitment fund	4,308,574
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,508,158</u>
15	Total	182,212,642
16	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global	
17	commitment	
18	Personal services	547,983
19	Grants	<u>899,550,794</u>
20	Total	900,098,777
21	Source of funds	

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>900,098,777</u>
2	Total	900,098,777
3	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state	
4	only	
5	Grants	<u>63,033,948</u>
6	Total	63,033,948
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	62,151,546
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>882,402</u>
10	Total	63,033,948
11	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver	
12	matched	
13	Grants	<u>34,994,888</u>
14	Total	34,994,888
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	12,511,405
17	Federal funds	<u>22,483,483</u>
18	Total	34,994,888
19	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
20	Personal services	8,373,168
21	Operating expenses	7,519,722

1	Grants	<u>7,985,727</u>
2	Total	23,878,617
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	3,189,843
5	Special funds	2,308,186
6	Federal funds	11,040,433
7	Global Commitment fund	7,173,924
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>166,231</u>
9	Total	23,878,617
10	Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
11	Personal services	67,812,371
12	Operating expenses	11,025,497
13	Grants	<u>47,128,832</u>
14	Total	125,966,700
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	12,908,892
17	Special funds	25,306,804
18	Tobacco fund	1,088,918
19	Federal funds	64,038,301
20	Global Commitment fund	17,036,150
21	Interdepartmental transfers	5,600,635

1	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
2	Total	126,004,700
3	Sec. B.313 Health - substance use programs	
4	Personal services	6,570,967
5	Operating expenses	511,500
6	Grants	<u>56,986,599</u>
7	Total	64,069,066
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	6,643,150
10	Special funds	1,213,678
11	Tobacco fund	949,917
12	Federal funds	15,456,754
13	Global Commitment fund	<u>39,805,567</u>
14	Total	64,069,066
15	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
16	Personal services	50,191,086
17	Operating expenses	5,517,999
18	Grants	<u>270,625,138</u>
19	Total	326,334,223
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	25,555,311

1	Special funds	1,718,092
2	Federal funds	11,436,913
3	Global Commitment fund	287,609,767
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>
5	Total	326,334,223
6	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support	
7	services	
8	Personal services	46,644,080
9	Operating expenses	17,560,755
10	Grants	<u>5,627,175</u>
11	Total	69,832,010
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	39,722,724
14	Special funds	2,781,912
15	Federal funds	24,448,223
16	Global Commitment fund	2,417,024
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>462,127</u>
18	Total	69,832,010
19	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
20	Personal services	45,197,694
21	Operating expenses	5,315,309

1	Grants	<u>97,944,827</u>
2	Total	148,457,830
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	58,327,357
5	Special funds	729,587
6	Federal funds	34,871,380
7	Global Commitment fund	54,514,506
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>
9	Total	148,457,830
10	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
11	Personal services	5,908,038
12	Operating expenses	813,321
13	Grants	<u>226,329,336</u>
14	Total	233,050,695
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	79,723,518
17	Special funds	96,312,000
18	Federal funds	43,511,414
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>13,503,763</u>
20	Total	233,050,695

1	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
2	Personal services	13,157,660
3	Operating expenses	<u>3,759,992</u>
4	Total	16,917,652
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	5,200,064
7	Special funds	455,719
8	Federal funds	10,874,269
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
10	Total	16,917,652
11	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and	
12	disabled	
13	Personal services	2,252,206
14	Grants	<u>10,717,444</u>
15	Total	12,969,650
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	7,376,133
18	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,593,517</u>
19	Total	12,969,650
20	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
21	Personal services	15,000

1	Grants	<u>11,054,252</u>
2	Total	11,069,252
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	10,811,345
5	Federal funds	11,320
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>246,587</u>
7	Total	11,069,252
8	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
9	Grants	<u>44,377,812</u>
10	Total	44,377,812
11	Source of funds	
12	Federal funds	<u>44,377,812</u>
13	Total	44,377,812
14	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
15	Operating expenses	23,821
16	Grants	<u>37,230,488</u>
17	Total	37,254,309
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	24,733,042
20	Special funds	5,970,229
21	Federal funds	2,806,330

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,744,708</u>
2	Total	37,254,309
3	Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel	
4	assistance/LIHEAP	
5	Grants	<u>16,019,953</u>
6	Total	16,019,953
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	1,480,395
9	Federal funds	<u>14,539,558</u>
10	Total	16,019,953
11	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic	
12	opportunity	
13	Personal services	817,029
14	Operating expenses	100,407
15	Grants	<u>35,466,283</u>
16	Total	36,383,719
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	28,178,010
19	Special funds	83,135
20	Federal funds	4,935,273
21	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,187,301</u>

1	Total	36,383,719
2	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization	
3	assistance	
4	Personal services	465,709
5	Operating expenses	248,905
6	Grants	<u>15,147,885</u>
7	Total	15,862,499
8	Source of funds	
9	Special funds	7,697,546
10	Federal funds	<u>8,164,953</u>
11	Total	15,862,499
12	Sec. B.327 Department for Children and Families - Secure Residential	
13	Treatment	
14	Personal services	258,100
15	Operating expenses	42,225
16	Grants	<u>3,476,862</u>
17	Total	3,777,187
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	3,747,187
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>
21	Total	3,777,187

1	Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination	
2	services	
3	Personal services	7,860,410
4	Operating expenses	<u>488,354</u>
5	Total	8,348,764
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	124,172
8	Federal funds	<u>8,224,592</u>
9	Total	8,348,764
10	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &	
11	support	
12	Personal services	45,217,977
13	Operating expenses	<u>6,472,558</u>
14	Total	51,690,535
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	22,916,281
17	Special funds	1,390,457
18	Federal funds	26,063,097
19	Global Commitment fund	35,000
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,285,700</u>
21	Total	51,690,535

1	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and	
2	independent living grants	
3	Grants	<u>24,571,060</u>
4	Total	24,571,060
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	8,392,303
7	Federal funds	7,321,114
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>8,857,643</u>
9	Total	24,571,060
10	Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually	
11	impaired	
12	Grants	<u>1,907,604</u>
13	Total	1,907,604
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	489,154
16	Special funds	223,450
17	Federal funds	890,000
18	Global Commitment fund	<u>305,000</u>
19	Total	1,907,604
20	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational	
21	rehabilitation	

1	Grants	<u>10,179,845</u>
2	Total	10,179,845
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	1,371,845
5	Federal funds	7,558,000
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>
7	Total	10,179,845
8	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental	
9	services	
10	Grants	<u>329,299,344</u>
11	Total	329,299,344
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	132,732
14	Special funds	15,463
15	Federal funds	403,573
16	Global Commitment fund	328,697,576
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>
18	Total	329,299,344
19	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and	
20	community based waiver	
21	Grants	<u>6,845,005</u>

1	Total	6,845,005
2	Source of funds	
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>6,845,005</u>
4	Total	6,845,005
5	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care	
6	Grants	<u>293,584,545</u>
7	Total	293,584,545
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	498,579
10	Federal funds	2,450,000
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>290,635,966</u>
12	Total	293,584,545
13	Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
14	Personal services	5,025,978
15	Operating expenses	<u>266,783</u>
16	Total	5,292,761
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>5,292,761</u>
19	Total	5,292,761
20	Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
21	Personal services	475,099

1	Operating expenses	<u>59,692</u>
2	Total	534,791
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	<u>534,791</u>
5	Total	534,791
6	Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
7	Personal services	3,979,310
8	Operating expenses	<u>252,649</u>
9	Total	4,231,959
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	4,082,899
12	Federal funds	276
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
14	Total	4,231,959
15	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
16	Personal services	147,472,104
17	Operating expenses	<u>24,914,205</u>
18	Total	172,386,309
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	162,807,888
21	Special funds	935,963

1	ARPA State Fiscal	5,000,000
2	Federal funds	499,888
3	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
5	Total	172,386,309
6	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Reinvestment II	
7	Grants	<u>10,755,849</u>
8	Total	10,755,849
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	8,178,161
11	Federal funds	13,147
12	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>
13	Total	10,755,849
14	Sec. B.339 Corrections - correctional services - out of state beds	
15	Personal services	<u>4,130,378</u>
16	Total	4,130,378
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>
19	Total	4,130,378
20	Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
21	Personal services	634,972

1	Operating expenses	<u>456,715</u>
2	Total	1,091,687
3	Source of funds	
4	Special funds	<u>1,091,687</u>
5	Total	1,091,687
6	Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
7	Personal services	324,103
8	Operating expenses	<u>166,750</u>
9	Total	490,853
10	Source of funds	
11	Internal service funds	<u>490,853</u>
12	Total	490,853
13	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
14	Personal services	17,631,222
15	Operating expenses	<u>5,013,462</u>
16	Total	22,644,684
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	4,320,687
19	Special funds	10,051,903
20	Federal funds	<u>8,272,094</u>
21	Total	22,644,684

1	Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
2	Personal services	398,669
3	Operating expenses	<u>93,837</u>
4	Total	492,506
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	487,998
7	Special funds	<u>4,508</u>
8	Total	492,506
9	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
10	Grants	<u>160,155</u>
11	Total	160,155
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>160,155</u>
14	Total	160,155
15	Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board	
16	Personal services	8,396,809
17	Operating expenses	<u>398,601</u>
18	Total	8,795,410
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	3,494,109
21	Special funds	<u>5,301,301</u>

1	Total	8,795,410
2	Sec. B.346 Office of the Child, Youth, and Family Advocate	
3	Personal services	342,966
4	Operating expenses	<u>88,820</u>
5	Total	431,786
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>431,786</u>
8	Total	431,786
9	Sec. B.347 Total human services	
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	1,330,079,266
12	Special funds	202,000,452
13	Tobacco fund	23,088,208
14	State health care resources fund	28,053,557
15	ARPA State Fiscal	5,000,000
16	Federal funds	1,803,320,562
17	Global Commitment fund	1,980,839,553
18	Internal service funds	490,853
19	Interdepartmental transfers	32,893,535
20	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
21	Total	5,405,790,986

1	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
2	Personal services	39,963,839
3	Operating expenses	5,708,836
4	Grants	<u>9,199,639</u>
5	Total	54,872,314
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	10,916,365
8	Special funds	9,407,107
9	Federal funds	34,261,616
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>287,226</u>
11	Total	54,872,314
12	Sec. B.401 Total labor	
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	10,916,365
15	Special funds	9,407,107
16	Federal funds	34,261,616
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>287,226</u>
18	Total	54,872,314
19	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
20	Personal services	21,961,664
21	Operating expenses	4,484,934

1	Grants	<u>14,770,700</u>
2	Total	41,217,298
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	7,192,085
5	Special funds	16,618,543
6	Education fund	3,486,988
7	Federal funds	13,154,385
8	Global Commitment fund	260,000
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>505,297</u>
10	Total	41,217,298
11	Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
12	Personal services	28,237,700
13	Operating expenses	1,134,912
14	Grants	<u>322,345,763</u>
15	Total	351,718,375
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	6,387,955
18	Special funds	3,033,144
19	Tobacco fund	750,388
20	Federal funds	340,584,414
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>962,474</u>

1	Total	351,718,375
2	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
3	Grants	<u>264,649,859</u>
4	Total	264,649,859
5	Source of funds	
6	Education fund	<u>264,649,859</u>
7	Total	264,649,859
8	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
9	Grants	<u>20,000,000</u>
10	Total	20,000,000
11	Source of funds	
12	Education fund	<u>20,000,000</u>
13	Total	20,000,000
14	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
15	Grants	<u>4,694,183</u>
16	Total	4,694,183
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	3,778,133
19	Federal funds	<u>916,050</u>
20	Total	4,694,183

1	Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
2	Grants	<u>11,361,755</u>
3	Total	11,361,755
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	921,500
6	Education fund	<u>10,440,255</u>
7	Total	11,361,755
8	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
9	Grants	<u>1,902,951,000</u>
10	Total	1,902,951,000
11	Source of funds	
12	Education fund	<u>1,902,951,000</u>
13	Total	1,902,951,000
14	Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
15	Grants	<u>25,306,000</u>
16	Total	25,306,000
17	Source of funds	
18	Education fund	<u>25,306,000</u>
19	Total	25,306,000
20	Sec. B.507 Education - Merger Support Grants	
21	Grants	<u>1,800,000</u>

1	Total	1,800,000
2	Source of funds	
3	Education fund	<u>1,800,000</u>
4	Total	1,800,000
5	Sec. B.507.1 Education – EL Categorical Aid	
6	Grants	<u>2,250,000</u>
7	Total	2,250,000
8	Source of funds	
9	Education fund	<u>2,250,000</u>
10	Total	2,250,000
11	Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition	
12	Grants	<u>20,400,000</u>
13	Total	20,400,000
14	Source of funds	
15	Education fund	<u>20,400,000</u>
16	Total	20,400,000
17	Sec. B.509 Education - Afterschool Grant Program	
18	Personal services	500,000
19	Grants	<u>3,500,000</u>
20	Total	4,000,000
21	Source of funds	

1	Special funds	<u>4,000,000</u>
2	Total	4,000,000
3	Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
4	Grants	<u>8,725,587</u>
5	Total	8,725,587
6	Source of funds	
7	Education fund	<u>8,725,587</u>
8	Total	8,725,587
9	Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
10	Grants	<u>17,881,950</u>
11	Total	17,881,950
12	Source of funds	
13	Education fund	<u>17,881,950</u>
14	Total	17,881,950
15	Sec. B.511.1 State Board of Education	
16	Personal services	54,208
17	Operating expenses	<u>16,500</u>
18	Total	70,708
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>70,708</u>
21	Total	70,708

1	Sec. B.513 Retired Teachers Pension Plus Funding	
2	Grants	<u>12,000,000</u>
3	Total	12,000,000
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>12,000,000</u>
6	Total	12,000,000
7	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
8	Grants	<u>191,382,703</u>
9	Total	191,382,703
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	155,384,035
12	Education fund	<u>35,998,668</u>
13	Total	191,382,703
14	Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	
15	Personal services	349,979
16	Operating expenses	<u>3,222,801</u>
17	Total	3,572,780
18	Source of funds	
19	Pension trust funds	<u>3,572,780</u>
20	Total	3,572,780

1	Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
2	Grants	<u>62,107,644</u>
3	Total	62,107,644
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	43,031,103
6	Education fund	<u>19,076,541</u>
7	Total	62,107,644
8	Sec. B.516 Total general education	
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	228,765,519
11	Special funds	23,651,687
12	Tobacco fund	750,388
13	Education fund	2,332,966,848
14	Federal funds	354,654,849
15	Global Commitment fund	260,000
16	Interdepartmental transfers	1,467,771
17	Pension trust funds	<u>3,572,780</u>
18	Total	2,946,089,842
19	Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
20	Grants	<u>55,706,897</u>
21	Total	55,706,897

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>55,706,897</u>
3	Total	55,706,897
4	Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
5	Grants	<u>50,940,478</u>
6	Total	50,940,478
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>50,940,478</u>
9	Total	50,940,478
10	Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
11	Grants	<u>1,788,434</u>
12	Total	1,788,434
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	288,434
15	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,500,000</u>
16	Total	1,788,434
17	Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
18	Grants	<u>26,139,946</u>
19	Total	26,139,946
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>26,139,946</u>

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

1	Sec. B.608 Total higher education	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	133,203,501
4	Education fund	41,225
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,500,000</u>
6	Total	134,744,726
7	Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	
8	Personal services	6,006,412
9	Operating expenses	<u>1,475,166</u>
10	Total	7,481,578
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	5,129,356
13	Special funds	775,079
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,577,143</u>
15	Total	7,481,578
16	Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment	
17	Operating expenses	<u>2,689,176</u>
18	Total	2,689,176
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	2,267,676
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>

1	Total	2,689,176
2	Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
3	Personal services	22,597,844
4	Operating expenses	6,843,095
5	Grants	<u>853,066</u>
6	Total	30,294,005
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	8,267,967
9	Special funds	365,427
10	Fish and wildlife fund	10,418,331
11	Federal funds	9,751,683
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,490,597</u>
13	Total	30,294,005
14	Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
15	Personal services	1,847,215
16	Operating expenses	<u>1,658,662</u>
17	Total	3,505,877
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	3,367,366
20	Special funds	<u>138,511</u>
21	Total	3,505,877

1	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
2	Personal services	7,880,566
3	Operating expenses	1,005,046
4	Grants	<u>1,712,423</u>
5	Total	10,598,035
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	6,299,512
8	Special funds	547,215
9	Federal funds	3,394,931
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>356,377</u>
11	Total	10,598,035
12	Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
13	Personal services	13,141,062
14	Operating expenses	5,555,506
15	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
16	Total	18,746,568
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	961,122
19	Special funds	<u>17,785,446</u>
20	Total	18,746,568

1	Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration and recreation	
2	Personal services	3,209,865
3	Operating expenses	7,721,058
4	Grants	<u>3,729,759</u>
5	Total	14,660,682
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	1,179,068
8	Special funds	2,283,759
9	Federal funds	10,802,370
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>395,485</u>
11	Total	14,660,682
12	Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest and parks access roads	
13	Personal services	130,000
14	Operating expenses	<u>99,925</u>
15	Total	229,925
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	<u>229,925</u>
18	Total	229,925
19	Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services	
20	Personal services	9,202,579
21	Operating expenses	4,811,255

1	Grants	<u>122,735</u>
2	Total	14,136,569
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	2,243,575
5	Special funds	794,867
6	Federal funds	2,164,711
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>8,933,416</u>
8	Total	14,136,569
9	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
10	Personal services	27,995,328
11	Operating expenses	10,788,954
12	Grants	<u>4,943,000</u>
13	Total	43,727,282
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	199,372
16	Special funds	24,643,580
17	Federal funds	18,800,064
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>84,266</u>
19	Total	43,727,282
20	Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs	
21	Personal services	50,153,806

1	Operating expenses	8,362,915
2	Grants	<u>92,365,140</u>
3	Total	150,881,861
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	11,887,629
6	Special funds	30,967,150
7	Federal funds	107,154,542
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>872,540</u>
9	Total	150,881,861
10	Sec. B.713 Natural resources board	
11	Personal services	3,313,829
12	Operating expenses	<u>421,198</u>
13	Total	3,735,027
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	760,232
16	Special funds	<u>2,974,795</u>
17	Total	3,735,027
18	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	42,792,800
21	Special funds	81,275,829

1	Fish and wildlife fund	10,418,331
2	Federal funds	152,068,301
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,131,324</u>
4	Total	300,686,585
5	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce	
6	and community development - administration	
7	Personal services	2,368,443
8	Operating expenses	839,383
9	Grants	<u>389,320</u>
10	Total	3,597,146
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>3,597,146</u>
13	Total	3,597,146
14	Sec. B.801 Economic development	
15	Personal services	4,612,442
16	Operating expenses	1,215,603
17	Grants	<u>6,539,044</u>
18	Total	12,367,089
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	5,701,138
21	Special funds	820,850

1	Federal funds	4,021,428
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,823,673</u>
3	Total	12,367,089
4	Sec. B.802 Housing and community development	
5	Personal services	7,645,042
6	Operating expenses	910,983
7	Grants	<u>23,978,656</u>
8	Total	32,534,681
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	5,365,841
11	Special funds	8,702,439
12	Federal funds	14,615,349
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,851,052</u>
14	Total	32,534,681
15	Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
16	Personal services	5,332,723
17	Operating expenses	6,090,577
18	Grants	<u>3,920,000</u>
19	Total	15,343,300
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	4,785,247

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

1	Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
2	Grants	<u>82,283,351</u>
3	Total	82,283,351
4	Source of funds	
5	Special funds	25,607,155
6	Federal funds	<u>56,676,196</u>
7	Total	82,283,351
8	Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
9	Grants	<u>309,000</u>
10	Total	309,000
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>309,000</u>
13	Total	309,000
14	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	22,017,540
17	Special funds	35,130,444
18	Federal funds	85,796,026
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,749,725</u>
20	Total	148,693,735

1	Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
2	Personal services	18,099,986
3	Operating expenses	6,108,609
4	Grants	<u>350,000</u>
5	Total	24,558,595
6	Source of funds	
7	Transportation fund	23,202,105
8	Federal funds	<u>1,356,490</u>
9	Total	24,558,595
10	Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
11	Personal services	3,907,105
12	Operating expenses	17,194,905
13	Grants	<u>737,501</u>
14	Total	21,839,511
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	5,766,122
17	Federal funds	<u>16,073,389</u>
18	Total	21,839,511
19	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
20	Personal services	1,025,000
21	Operating expenses	<u>1,800,000</u>

1	Total	2,825,000
2	Source of funds	
3	Transportation fund	<u>2,825,000</u>
4	Total	2,825,000
5	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
6	Personal services	82,232,854
7	Operating expenses	307,766,179
8	Grants	<u>30,605,814</u>
9	Total	420,604,847
10	Source of funds	
11	Transportation fund	65,845,147
12	TIB fund	14,726,719
13	Federal funds	334,397,149
14	Interdepartmental transfers	1,411,518
15	Local match	<u>4,224,314</u>
16	Total	420,604,847
17	Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
18	Personal services	300,000
19	Operating expenses	<u>1,185,601</u>
20	Total	1,485,601
21	Source of funds	

1	Transportation fund	148,560
2	Federal funds	<u>1,337,041</u>
3	Total	1,485,601
4	Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
5	Personal services	42,757,951
6	Operating expenses	<u>63,980,546</u>
7	Total	106,738,497
8	Source of funds	
9	Transportation fund	105,706,483
10	Federal funds	932,014
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
12	Total	106,738,497
13	Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
14	Personal services	4,108,918
15	Operating expenses	942,444
16	Grants	<u>9,000,491</u>
17	Total	14,051,853
18	Source of funds	
19	Transportation fund	3,137,901
20	Federal funds	10,797,449
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>116,503</u>

1	Total	14,051,853
2	Sec. B.906.1 Transportation - Environmental Policy and Sustainability	
3	Personal services	6,953,362
4	Operating expenses	76,411
5	Grants	<u>1,480,000</u>
6	Total	8,509,773
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	531,909
9	Federal funds	6,800,327
10	Local match	<u>1,177,537</u>
11	Total	8,509,773
12	Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
13	Personal services	5,734,768
14	Operating expenses	<u>43,012,063</u>
15	Total	48,746,831
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	15,690,849
18	Federal funds	30,641,237
19	Interdepartmental transfers	2,196,000
20	Local match	<u>218,745</u>
21	Total	48,746,831

1	Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
2	Personal services	4,612,631
3	Operating expenses	119,894
4	Grants	<u>51,907,700</u>
5	Total	56,640,225
6	Source of funds	
7	Transportation fund	9,807,525
8	Federal funds	46,692,700
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>140,000</u>
10	Total	56,640,225
11	Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
12	Personal services	5,480,920
13	Operating expenses	<u>19,170,315</u>
14	Total	24,651,235
15	Source of funds	
16	Internal service funds	<u>24,651,235</u>
17	Total	24,651,235
18	Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
19	Personal services	33,713,124
20	Operating expenses	<u>13,549,772</u>
21	Total	47,262,896

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	44,454,119
3	Federal funds	2,687,081
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>121,696</u>
5	Total	47,262,896
6	Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
7	Grants	<u>7,416,000</u>
8	Total	7,416,000
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	<u>7,416,000</u>
11	Total	7,416,000
12	Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
13	Personal services	449,763
14	Operating expenses	<u>31,689</u>
15	Total	481,452
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	121,452
18	Federal funds	<u>360,000</u>
19	Total	481,452
20	Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
21	Grants	<u>8,858,000</u>

1	Total	8,858,000
2	Source of funds	
3	Transportation fund	<u>8,858,000</u>
4	Total	8,858,000
5	Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
6	Personal services	12,185,000
7	Operating expenses	<u>33,149,278</u>
8	Total	45,334,278
9	Source of funds	
10	TIB fund	3,973,281
11	Federal funds	39,264,097
12	Local match	<u>2,096,900</u>
13	Total	45,334,278
14	Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
15	Grants	<u>29,532,753</u>
16	Total	29,532,753
17	Source of funds	
18	Transportation fund	<u>29,532,753</u>
19	Total	29,532,753
20	Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
21	Grants	<u>128,750</u>

1	Total	128,750
2	Source of funds	
3	Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
4	Total	128,750
5	Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
6	Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
7	Total	1,150,000
8	Source of funds	
9	Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
10	Total	1,150,000
11	Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	
12	Personal services	25,000
13	Grants	<u>155,000</u>
14	Total	180,000
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	20,000
17	Federal funds	<u>160,000</u>
18	Total	180,000
19	Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program	
20	Personal services	125,000
21	Operating expenses	280,000

1	Grants	<u>6,738,000</u>
2	Total	7,143,000
3	Source of funds	
4	Transportation fund	715,000
5	Special funds	5,000,000
6	Federal funds	<u>1,428,000</u>
7	Total	7,143,000
8	Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program	
9	Operating expenses	200,000
10	Grants	<u>1,050,000</u>
11	Total	1,250,000
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	50,000
14	Federal funds	1,000,000
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>200,000</u>
16	Total	1,250,000
17	Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
18	Personal services	176,315
19	Operating expenses	<u>23,782</u>
20	Total	200,097
21	Source of funds	

1	Transportation fund	<u>200,097</u>
2	Total	200,097
3	Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
4	Source of funds	
5	Transportation fund	325,257,772
6	TIB fund	18,700,000
7	Special funds	5,050,000
8	Federal funds	493,926,974
9	Internal service funds	24,651,235
10	Interdepartmental transfers	4,285,717
11	Local match	<u>7,717,496</u>
12	Total	879,589,194
13	Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
14	Operating expenses	<u>675,000</u>
15	Total	675,000
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	<u>675,000</u>
18	Total	675,000
19	Sec. B.1001 Total debt service	
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>675,000</u>

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

5 (2) \$1,000,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for grants to providers
6 to establish community-based stabilization beds for individuals transitioning
7 between substance use disorder residential treatment and the recovery system;

8 (3) \$800,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for grants to providers for
9 ongoing support for contingency management;

10 (4) \$714,481 Opioid Abatement Special Fund to expand Student
11 Assistance Professional and school-based services;

12 (5) \$325,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for recovery housing
13 supports;

14 (6) \$300,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for a grant to Johnson
15 Health Center and Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform to establish a
16 managed medical response partnership for individuals with substance use
17 disorder;

18 (7) \$835,073 General Fund for the Bridges to Health Program; and

19 (8) \$400,000 General Fund for the Vermont Household Health
20 Insurance Survey.

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

3 (1) \$16,500,000 General Fund for the General Assistance Emergency
4 Housing program;

5 (2) \$3,000,000 General Fund for the Family Service Division
6 Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System;

7 (3) \$1,034,065 General Fund to extend 10 Economic Services Division
8 limited service positions, including associated operating costs, in support of the
9 General Assistance Emergency Housing program; and

10 (4) \$176,480 General Fund for a 2-1-1 service line contract to operate
11 24 hours five days per week.

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

14 (1) \$10,000,000 General Fund for deficit reduction and systems
15 transformation bridge funding; and

16 (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the Community College of Vermont
17 Tuition Advantage Program.

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

20 (1) \$500,000 General Fund to be used as State match for the federal
21 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Winooski Study;

1 (2) \$2,000,000 General Fund to continue the Healthy Homes Initiative;

2 (3) \$225,000 General Fund for contracting to support development of

3 State Flood Hazard Area Standards;

4 (4) \$1,500,000 General Fund for contracting to support completion of

5 river corridor mapping and implementation of river corridor permitting;

6 (5) \$150,000 General Fund for contracting to support wetlands mapping

7 and rulemaking; and

8 (6) \$50,000 General Fund for education and outreach on the use of

9 unencapsulated polystyrene foam for docks in waters of the State.

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

12 (1) \$150,000 General Fund for continued funding of the International

13 Business Office previously funded by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec.

14 G.300(b)(1).

15 (i) Department of Housing and Community Development. In fiscal year

16 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:

17 (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the Manufactured Home Improvement

18 and Repair Program.

19 (j) Agency of Transportation. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated

20 for the following:

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

5 (2) \$900,000 Transportation Fund to increase Vermonters' access to
6 electric vehicle supply equipment charging ports. These funds shall be derived
7 from the revenue generated by the annual electric vehicle infrastructure fee;
8 provided, however, that if the revenue generated by the fee in fiscal year 2025
9 is less than \$900,000, the amount to be appropriated pursuant to this
10 subdivision shall be limited to the actual amount of revenue generated by the
11 fee in fiscal year 2025.

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

14 (1) \$300,000 General Fund to support the costs of elections in calendar
15 year 2024;

16 (2) \$67,000 General Fund, notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 124(a), to the
17 Office of Professional Regulation to support the administrative work necessary
18 to implement newly joined interstate compacts; and

19 (3) \$50,000 General Fund for a consultant to assist the Working Group
20 on Participation and Accessibility of Municipal Public Meetings and Elections.

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

3 (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the pilot expansion of the Water
4 Quality Assistance Program to provide financial assistance to logging
5 contractors.

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

8 (1) \$240,000 General Fund for a grant to the Northeast Organic Farming
9 Association of Vermont for the Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm Share
10 programs; and

11 (2) \$100,000 General Fund for grants to Vermont's 14 Natural
12 Resources Conservation Districts.

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

15 (1) \$3,913,200 General Fund and \$5,366,383 federal funds to be used
16 for Global Commitment match for the Medicaid Global Commitment Payment
17 Program. To the extent that at a future date the Global Payment Program
18 ceases to operate as a program or changes methodology to a retrospective
19 payment program, any resulting one-time General Fund spending authority
20 created at that time shall be reserved in the Human Services Caseload Reserve

1 established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b up to the amount appropriated in this
2 subdivision.

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

5 (1) \$9,279,583 Global Commitment for the Medicaid Global Payment
6 Program;

7 (2) \$150,000 General Fund to conduct a technical analysis of Vermont's
8 health insurance markets; and

9 (3) \$100,000 General Fund to implement the expansion of Medicare
10 Savings Programs eligibility.

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

13 (1) \$82,000 General Fund to fund the start-up costs relating to the Adult
14 Days center in central Vermont.

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

17 (1) \$254,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Network Against
18 Domestic and Sexual Violence to maintain its current level of operations;

19 (2) \$60,000 General Fund for a grant to support the creation of the
20 Memorial and Healing Garden on the former grounds of Saint Joseph's
21 Orphanage; and

1 (3) \$22,000 General Fund for a grant to the Intercollegiate Sexual Harm
2 Prevention Council for the purpose of staffing the Council and providing per
3 diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses to members who are not
4 otherwise compensated by their employer.

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

7 (1) \$300,000 General Fund for the purpose of contracting with a vendor
8 to enhance the Department's capacity to analyze and interpret data, with the
9 goals of transferring individuals from incarceration to community supervision
10 more quickly and improving reentry and case management processes.

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

13 (1) \$15,000 General Fund for a contract with a qualified entity for a
14 reference-based pricing analysis.

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

17 (1) \$50,000 General Fund for a consultant to assist the County and
18 Regional Governance Study Committee.

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

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

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

6 (1) \$200,000 General Fund for local economic damage grants to
7 municipalities that were impacted by the August and December 2023 flooding
8 events in counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management
9 Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declarations
10 DR-4744-VT and DR-4695-VT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that
11 these local economic damage grants be distributed to municipalities throughout
12 the State to address the secondary economic impacts of the August and
13 December 2023 flooding events. Monies from these grants shall not be
14 expended on FEMA-related projects.

15 Sec. B.1101.1 TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

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

18 Sec. B.1102 UNOBLIGATED GENERAL FUND CONTINGENT

19 APPROPRIATIONS

20 (a) After satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, but prior to
21 satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the remaining unobligated and

1 unexpended balance of the General Fund at the close of fiscal year 2024 shall
2 be appropriated or transferred, to the extent that funds are available, in fiscal
3 year 2025 in the following order:

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

6 (2) \$3,500,000 to the Community Resilience and Disaster Mitigation
7 Fund, which shall be used for grants to municipalities with FEMA-approved
8 Individuals and Households Program registrations for Individual Assistance
9 relating to a calendar year 2023 flooding event for subgrants to residential
10 building owners of up to \$300,000 for residential structure elevation projects.

11 (3) \$1,000,000 to the Dam Safety Revolving Loan Fund.

12 (4) \$1,000,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
13 Healthy Homes Initiative.

14 (5) \$2,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community
15 Development for the Vermont Housing Improvement Program.

16 (6) \$2,500,000 to the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and
17 Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments.

18 It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds be used for the State
19 match needed for water- and wastewater-related projects under the federal
20 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These funds shall only be expended if
21 authorized by the General Assembly.

1 (7) \$1,300,000 to the Department for Children and Families for a grant
2 to the Vermont Foodbank. It is the intent of the General Assembly that
3 \$1,000,000 of these funds be distributed proportionally to the Vermont
4 Foodbank's network partner food shelves.

5 (8) \$500,000 to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent
6 Living for grants to skilled nursing facilities to increase the pipeline of
7 employed licensed nursing assistants, including increasing the capacity of new
8 and existing facility-based training programs, and developing or expanding
9 collaborations with other programs, including career and technical education
10 programs. Grants may support training program costs, paid internships,
11 student support, and recruitment and retention bonuses.

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

14 (B) Of the funds appropriated in this subdivision (8), \$350,000 shall
15 be for up to three grants.

16 (9) \$500,000 to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent
17 Living for Medical Director recruitment and retention grants of not more than
18 \$50,000 per grant at skilled nursing facilities.

19 (10) \$1,500,000 to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for
20 the Vermont Serve, Learn, and Earn Program.

1 (11) \$2,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community
2 Development for the Vermont Housing Improvement Program.

3 (12) \$2,500,000 to the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and
4 Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments.

5 It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds be used for the State
6 match needed for water- and wastewater-related projects under the federal
7 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These funds shall only be expended if
8 authorized by the General Assembly.

9 (13) \$1,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety's Division of Fire
10 Safety to subsidize the cost of providing cancer screening to all Vermont
11 professional and volunteer firefighters, as well as all enrollees in the Vermont
12 Fire Academy Firefighter I program.

13 (14) \$5,000,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community
14 Development for the Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

15 (15) \$3,913,200 to the Human Services Caseload Reserve.

16 (16) \$12,500,000 to the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and
17 Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments.

18 It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds be used for the State
19 match needed for transportation-related projects under the federal
20 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These funds shall only be expended if
21 authorized by the General Assembly.

1 (17) \$5,000,000 to the Dam Safety Revolving Loan Fund.

2 (18) \$10,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families' Office
3 of Economic Opportunity to expand shelter bed and permanent supportive
4 housing capacity in the State.

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

6 INVESTMENTS – FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONE-TIME

7 APPROPRIATIONS

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

11 (1) \$220,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
12 General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

13 (2) \$2,300,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
14 General Services for parking garage repairs at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington;

15 (3) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
16 General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120
17 State Street in Montpelier;

18 (4) \$850,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
19 General Services for the Judiciary for design, renovations, and land acquisition
20 at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

1 (5) \$850,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
2 General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
3 design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

4 (6) \$850,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
5 General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
6 design of the Rutland Field Station;

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

9 (8) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
10 General Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel
11 waterproofing and Aiken Avenue reconstruction;

12 (9) \$200,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
13 General Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the
14 elevator replacement at 111 State Street;

15 (10) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
16 General Services for roof replacement and brick facade repairs at the
17 McFarland State Office Building in Barre; and

18 (11) \$30,000 is appropriated to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for
19 the Lake Champlain International Fishing Derby.

1 Sec. B.1104 APPROPRIATION OF ARPA FUNDS; FISCAL YEAR 2025

2 (a) To the extent that any base funding appropriation that would have
3 otherwise come from the General Fund or a special fund has been replaced in
4 this act with the appropriation of an equivalent amount of American Rescue
5 Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund dollars, it is the intent of
6 the General Assembly that this funding replacement for eligible expenses is a
7 one-time funding option for fiscal year 2025 that shall not recur. Any agency
8 or department impacted by this funding replacement in fiscal year 2025 shall
9 include an equivalent amount of General Fund or relevant special fund in its
10 budget proposal in future fiscal years in order to maintain its base
11 appropriation.

12 * * * Fiscal Year 2024 Adjustments, Appropriations, and Amendments * * *

13 Sec. C.100 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

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

15 Personal services 5,670,999

16 Operating expenses 810,497

17 Grants 95,860,842 85,860,842

18 Total ~~102,342,338~~ 92,342,338

19 Source of funds

20 General fund ~~35,016,309~~ 25,016,309

21 Special funds 16,745,000

1	Federal funds		37,419,258
2	Global Commitment fund		13,161,771
3	Total	402,342,338	<u>92,342,338</u>

4 Sec. C.101 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

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

6 APPROPRIATIONS

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

9 * * *

10 (3) ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$9,440,000 General Fund to continue to address the
11 emergent and exigent circumstances impacting health care providers following
12 the COVID-19 pandemic; ~~and~~

13 (4) \$10,534,603 General Fund and \$13,168 Federal Revenue Fund
14 #2205 for use as Global Commitment matching funds for one-time caseload
15 pressures due to the suspension of Medicaid eligibility redeterminations; and

16 (5) \$560,000 General Fund and \$751,168 Federal Revenue Fund #2205
17 for use as Global Commitment matching funds for supplemental
18 nonemergency medical transportation funding.

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

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.

16 * * *

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 of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 Sec. E.900 TRANSPORTATION FUND RESERVE; REVERSIONS

11 EXCLUDED

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

16 Sec. C.108 CENTRAL GARAGE FUND

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

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

20 Sec. B.1102 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT; FISCAL

21 YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

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

6 * * *

7 Sec. C.110 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

8 REVERSION AND REALLOCATION

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

14 (b) To the extent the reallocations in subsection (a) of this section offset
15 General Fund expenditures already incurred, the Commissioner of Finance and
16 Management is authorized to reallocate an equivalent amount of General Fund
17 spending authority to support programs established through Grant Request
18 #3034 and subsequent Emergency Rental Assistance Program grant approvals
19 by the Joint Fiscal Committee.

1 Sec. C.111 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 revert to the General Fund and a new one-time General Fund
8 appropriation shall be established in fiscal year 2025, in the amount reverted,
9 to be used for election costs in fiscal year 2025.

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

11 Sec. 14. APPROPRIATION; OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL FUND

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

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

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

1 time at the satellite locations, and staff time at opioid treatment programs to
2 prepare medications and coordinate with satellite locations;

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

7 (2) \$500,000 to expand the hours and operations of the Howard Center's
8 Chittenden Clinic Addiction Treatment Center;

9 * * *

10 Sec. C.113 APPROPRIATION; EVIDENCE BASED EDUCATION AND
11 ADVERTISING FUND

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

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

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

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

4 * * *

5 ~~(7) \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and~~
6 ~~General Services for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern State~~
7 ~~Correctional Facility in Newport; [Repealed.]~~

8 * * *

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

13 (10) ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of
14 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the
15 planning and design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term
16 stabilization facility;

17 (11) \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
18 General Services for the Judiciary for design, renovations, and land acquisition
19 at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

20 * * *

1 (16) \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
2 the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Municipal Pollution
3 Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning advances for
4 feasibility studies; and

5 (17) \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
6 the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the maintenance facilities
7 at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton State Forest; ~~and~~

8 ~~(18) \$800,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for~~
9 ~~the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and~~
10 ~~improvements of the Department's buildings, including conservation camps.~~

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

15 * * *

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

21 * * *

1 Sec. C.115 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.301.1 is amended to read:

2 Sec. E.301.1 GLOBAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS;

3 TRANSFER; REPORT

4 (a) To facilitate the end-of-year closeout for fiscal year 2024, the Secretary
5 of Human Services, with approval from the Secretary of Administration, may
6 make transfers among the appropriations authorized for Medicaid and
7 Medicaid-waiver program expenses, including Global Commitment
8 appropriations outside the Agency of Human Services. At least three business
9 days prior to any transfer, the Agency of Human Services shall submit to the
10 Joint Fiscal Office a proposal of transfers to be made pursuant to this section.
11 A final report on all transfers made under this section shall be made to the Joint
12 Fiscal Committee for review at the Committee's September 2024 meeting.
13 The purpose of this section is to provide the Agency with limited authority to
14 modify the appropriations to comply with the terms and conditions of the
15 Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 demonstration approved by the
16 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social
17 Security Act.

18 (b) To address the disruption to cash flows caused by the Change
19 Healthcare cybersecurity incident, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 308b(a), funds shall
20 be unreserved from the Human Services Caseload Reserve for appropriation to
21 Sec. B.301 Secretary's Office Global Commitment for net-neutral transfers

1 made under the authority granted to the Secretary of Administration in
2 subsection (a) of this section. Once the cash flows are restored, the
3 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall reserve in the Human
4 Services Caseload Reserve the amount previously unreserved as part of the
5 fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment.

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

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

9 (a) Education workforce.

10 * * *

11 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from
12 the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the
13 Vermont Teacher Forgivable Loan Incentive Program to provide forgivable
14 loans to students enrolled in an eligible school who meet the eligibility
15 requirements in subdivision (A) of this subsection. The goal of the program is
16 to encourage students to enter into teaching professions, with an emphasis on
17 encouraging Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color, New Americans, and
18 other historically underrepresented communities.

19 * * *

20 (E) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided
21 funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall

1 carry forward and shall be available to the Corporation in the following fiscal
2 year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this section.

3 * * *

4 Sec. C.117 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.112 is amended to read:

5 Sec. C.112 FUNDING OF POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCB)

6 REMEDIATION AND REMOVAL IN SCHOOLS

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

9 * * *

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

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

15 (1) Grants to schools in the State that are required to conduct
16 investigation, remediation, or removal of PCB contamination in the school
17 after Agency of Natural Resources testing but have not received a grant from
18 the Agency of Education for the costs of investigation, environmental
19 assessment, planning, management, remediation, or removal. The grants shall
20 be in an amount sufficient to pay for 100 percent of the school's investigation,
21 remediation, environmental assessment, planning, management, or removal

1 costs required by the Agency of Natural Resources Investigation and
2 Remediation of Contaminated Properties Rule, including the costs incurred,
3 when necessary, under State or federal law to relocate students to a facility
4 during remediation or removal activities.

5 (2) Grants to schools in the State that conducted investigation,
6 environmental assessment, planning, management, remediation, or removal of
7 PCBs in the school after Agency of Natural Resources testing and received a
8 grant for 80 percent of the costs of investigation, remediation, environmental
9 assessment, planning, management, or removal from the Agency of Education.
10 The grants under this subdivision (2) shall be in an amount that will reimburse
11 the school for any remediation or removal costs not paid by the Agency of
12 Natural Resources.

13 (3) A grant to the Burlington School District to reimburse the school
14 district for the actual cost of associated with the management, demolition, and
15 removal of PCB contamination at Burlington High School, including ancillary
16 costs related to environmental assessments and planning, not to exceed
17 \$16,000,000.

18 Sec. C.118 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.101, as amended by 2024
19 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 55 is further amended to read:

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

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

3 * * *

4 (c)(1)(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal
5 year 2024, the following amount shall revert to the General Fund from the
6 general funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act for the Global
7 Commitment Program:

8 * * *

9 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
10 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the
11 accounts indicated:

12	5100010000	Administration	\$1,280,710.79
13	5100110000	Small School Grant	\$391,067.00
14	5100200000	Education – Technical Education	\$1,204,216.38
15	5100892310	Education – Universal Meals	\$6,823,849.84 <u>\$9,423,849.84</u>

16 * * *

17 Sec. C.119 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2024
18 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 40, is further amended to read:

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

20 APPROPRIATIONS

21 (a) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated

1 for the following:

2 * * *

3 (5) ~~\$6,250,000~~ \$6,265,000 General Fund for local economic damage
4 grants to municipalities that were impacted by the July 2023 flooding event in
5 counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
6 Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declaration DR-4720-VT. It is
7 the intent of the General Assembly that these local economic damage grants be
8 distributed to municipalities throughout the state to address the secondary
9 economic impacts of the July 2023 flooding event. Monies from these grants
10 shall not be expended on FEMA-related projects.

11 * * *

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

14 * * *

15 Sec. C.120 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; FAMILY
16 SERVICES; UNUSED FUNDS

17 (a) Any unused General Fund dollars designated for the purposes described
18 in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317, shall revert to the General Fund
19 and be reappropriated to the Department for Children and Families as follows:

20 (1) an amount not to exceed \$270,234 for grants to post-permanency
21 adoption services;

1 (2) \$141,000 for grants to recovery residences in the State;

2 (3) \$125,000 for grants to youth service bureaus in Vermont; and

3 (4) \$180,250 for grants to programs supporting homeless youth in
4 Vermont.

5 * * * Fiscal Year 2025 Fund Transfers and Reserve Allocations * * *

6 Sec. D.100 ALLOCATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

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

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

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

20 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property
21 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the

1 affordable housing bond pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 314 shall be offset by the
2 reduction of \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and
3 Conservation Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32
4 V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2025 appropriation of \$22,106,740 to the
5 Vermont Housing and Conservation Board reflects the \$1,500,000 reduction.
6 The affordable housing bond and related property transfer tax and surcharge
7 provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on July 1, 2039. Once the
8 bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the appropriation to the Vermont
9 Housing and Conservation Board shall be restored.

10 (3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts in excess of
11 \$7,772,373 from the property transfer tax deposited into the Municipal and
12 Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund. The
13 \$7,772,373 shall be allocated as follows:

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

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

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

1 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

4 (1) From the General Fund to the:

5 (A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100):

6 \$73,212,880.

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

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

10 \$1,800,000.

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

12 \$1,400,000.

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

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

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

16 \$890,000.

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

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

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

20 (2) From the Transportation Fund to the:

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

1 (B) Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvements

2 Fund (#21575): \$523,966.

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

4 \$316,745.

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

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

7 (3) From the Education Fund to the:

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

9 \$1,400,000.

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

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

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

13 \$120,000.

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

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

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

17 (B) General Fund: \$5,000,000.

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

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

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

21 \$2,000,000.

1 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
2 2025:

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

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

6 (B) AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts (#22005):
7 \$4,641,960.

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

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

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

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

18 (A) AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order Fund (#21638):
19 \$2,000,000.

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

1 (3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.228,
2 \$68,035,000 of the net unencumbered fund balances in the Insurance
3 Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory
4 and Supervision Fund (#21085), the Financial Institutions Supervision Fund
5 (#21065), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21080) shall
6 be transferred to the General Fund.

7 (c)(1) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.3 of the Rules for State Matching Funds
8 under the Federal Public Assistance Program, in fiscal year 2025, the Secretary
9 of Administration may provide funding from the Emergency Relief and
10 Assistance Fund that was transferred pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(J) of this
11 section to subgrantees prior to the completion of a project. In fiscal year 2025,
12 up to 70 percent of the State funding match on the nonfederal share of an
13 approved project for municipalities that were impacted by the August and
14 December 2023 flooding events in counties that are eligible for Federal
15 Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funds under federal
16 disaster declarations DR-4744-VT and DR-4695-VT may be advanced at the
17 request of a municipality.

18 (2) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.1 of the Rules for State Matching Funds
19 Under the Federal Public Assistance Program, the Secretary of Administration
20 shall increase the standard State funding match on the nonfederal share of an
21 approved project to the highest percentage possible given available funding for

1 municipalities in counties that were impacted by the August and December
2 2023 flooding events and are eligible for Federal Emergency Management
3 Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declarations DR-4744-
4 VT and DR-4695-VT.

5 Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

6 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
7 2025, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the
8 accounts indicated:

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

18 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
19 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the American Rescue Plan Act –
20 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund from the accounts indicated:

21 3440892306 DCF – OEO – Home Weatherization

1 Assistance \$5,000,000.00

2 Sec. D.103 RESERVES

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

6 (1) General Fund.

7 (A) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 308, an estimated amount of
8 \$15,195,225 shall be added to the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve.

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

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

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

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

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

3 (3) Transportation Fund.

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

8 Sec D.104 FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND 2026 STATE EMPLOYEE

9 CONTRACT FUNDING

10 (a) As part of the fiscal year appropriations and revenue decisions, this act
11 reserves sufficient monies to fully fund the Vermont State Employees’
12 Association contract obligations and related appropriations. It is the intention
13 that specific appropriations and statutory language, along with any applicable
14 adjustments, once developed, will be incorporated in a specific pay act bill or,
15 if necessary, be added to this act.

16 (b) In order to fund the estimated \$58,948,151 fiscal year 2025 total
17 contract cost, \$25,813,043 in federal funds and special funds or excess receipt
18 authority will be combined with the following amounts reserved for
19 appropriation:

20 (1) General Fund: \$30,635,108.

21 (2) Transportation Fund: \$2,500,000.

1 (ii) one Information Technology Specialist III.

2 (E) Department of Environmental Conservation:

3 (i) ten Environmental Analysts;

4 (ii) two Environmental Engineers;

5 (iii) two Environmental Technicians; and

6 (iv) one Administrative Services Coordinator.

7 (F) Agency of Education:

8 (i) one CTE Education Programs Coordinator.

9 (G) Department of Corrections:

10 (i) five Probation and Parole Officers.

11 (2) Permanent exempt positions:

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

13 (i) one Chief Performance Officer.

14 (B) Judiciary:

15 (i) three Superior Court Judges.

16 (C) Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs:

17 (i) one SIU Director.

18 (b) The conversion of 14 limited service positions to classified permanent

19 status is authorized in fiscal year 2025 as follows:

20 (1) Department of Environmental Conservation:

21 (A) one Environmental Engineer V;

1 (B) one Environmental Engineer III; and

2 (C) one Environmental Scientist IV.

3 (2) Department of Labor:

4 (A) one Re-Employment Services and Eligibility Assessment

5 Program Program Coordinator; and

6 (B) nine Re-Employment Services and Eligibility Assessment

7 Program Facilitators.

8 (3) Agency of Education:

9 (A) one Education Project Manager.

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

12 (1) Judiciary:

13 (A) ten Judicial Assistants;

14 (B) two IT Help Desk Analysts;

15 (C) two Centralized Service Analysts;

16 (D) one Database Administrator; and

17 (E) 11 Judicial Officer II's.

18 (1) Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs:

19 (A) three Deputy State's Attorneys;

20 (B) three Victim Advocates; and

21 (C) three Administrative Secretaries.

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

2 § 2310. CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER

3 (a) There is created the permanent, exempt position of Chief Performance

4 Officer within the Agency of Administration for the purpose of better

5 developing a culture of performance accountability and continuous

6 improvement across State government. The Chief Performance Officer shall:

7 (1) provide advice, recommendations, and consultation to the Executive

8 and Legislative branches of State government about performance improvement

9 and management;

10 (2) lead the creation and implementation of a performance improvement

11 and management strategy for State government to ensure effective and

12 efficient government operations;

13 (3) assist agencies and departments as necessary in developing,

14 monitoring, managing, and improving performance measures as well as

15 developing strategies that maximize results and return on investment;

16 (4) develop and offer trainings, professional development opportunities,

17 and resources for agencies and departments regarding performance

18 improvement and management; and

19 (5) provide consultation on the design and implementation of systems

20 that use data and metrics to measure and report performance.

1 Sec. E.106 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

2 APPROPRIATIONS; REVERSION AND REALLOCATION

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

8 (b) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to revert
9 all unobligated American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal
10 Recovery Fund monies prior to December 31, 2024. The total amount of
11 American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund monies
12 reverted in accordance with this subsection shall be allocated pursuant to 32
13 V.S.A. § 511 to the following purposes in the following order:

14 (1) \$36,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety Division of
15 Emergency Management for Federal Emergency Management Agency match
16 or municipal support for hazard mitigation. Any unused funds shall be
17 deposited in the Community Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Fund.

18 (2) \$4,000,000 to the Agency of Administration for Administration
19 costs, including for anticipated audit response per 2021 Acts and Resolves No.
20 74, Sec. G.801(a) and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.801(A).

1 (3) \$30,000,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to
2 provide support and enhance capacity for the production and preservation of
3 affordable mixed-income rental housing homeownership units, including
4 improvements to manufactured homes and communities, permanent homes and
5 emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness, recovery residences,
6 and housing available to farm workers, refugees, and individuals who are
7 eligible to receive Medicaid-funded home and community based services.

8 (4) \$25,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community
9 Development for a grant to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency for the
10 Middle-Income Homeownership Development Program, the First Generation
11 Homebuyer Program, and the Vermont Rental Revolving Loan Fund. Up to
12 \$1,000,000 of these funds may be for the First Generation Homebuyer
13 Program.

14 (5) Any remaining funds shall be reallocated, with the express
15 authorization of the Joint Fiscal Committee, to existing American Rescue Plan
16 Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund programs established by the
17 General Assembly.

18 (c) If previously obligated American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State
19 Fiscal Recovery Fund monies become unobligated after December 31, 2024,
20 the Commissioner of Finance and Management may, with the approval of the
21 Joint Fiscal Committee, revert the unobligated American Rescue Plan Act –

1 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund monies and allocate the monies for
2 expenditure pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 to any existing American Rescue Plan
3 Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery programs in accordance with the
4 requirements of 31 C.F.R. Part 35.

5 Sec. E.125 OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL; NEW POSITIONS

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

10 Sec. E.125.1 2 V.S.A. § 403 is amended to read:

11 § 403. FUNCTIONS; CONFIDENTIALITY

12 * * *

13 (b)(1)(A) All requests for legal assistance, information, and advice from the
14 Office of Legislative Counsel; all information received in connection with
15 research or drafting; and all confidential materials provided to or generated by
16 the Office shall remain confidential unless the party requesting or providing
17 the information or material designates that it is not confidential.

18 (B) Any draft of a report or other work in progress generated by or
19 submitted to the Office of Legislative Counsel shall remain confidential until it
20 has been finalized.

21 * * *

1 Sec. E.126. 32 V.S.A. § 1052 is amended to read:

2 § 1052. MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; COMPENSATION
3 AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

4 * * *

5 (b) During any session of the General Assembly, each member is entitled
6 to receive reimbursement of expenses as follows: set forth in this subsection.

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

15 (2) Meals ~~and lodging allowance.~~ ~~An~~ Each member shall receive either
16 a meals allowance or reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member
17 shall be presumed to have elected to receive the meals allowance unless the
18 member informs the Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by
19 the Office of Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive
20 reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member's election to receive
21 reimbursement of actual meals expenses shall remain in effect through the

1 remainder of that session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that
2 the member needs to change to the meals allowance due to a change in
3 circumstances or for another compelling reason.

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

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

19 (3) Lodging. Each member shall receive either a lodging allowance or
20 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member shall be presumed to
21 have elected to receive the lodging allowance unless the member informs the

1 Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by the Office of
2 Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive reimbursement of
3 actual lodging expenses. A member's election to receive reimbursement of
4 actual lodging expenses shall remain in effect through the remainder of that
5 session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that the member
6 needs to change to the lodging allowance due to a change in circumstances or
7 for another compelling reason.

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

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

1 Legislative Operations in the form and manner prescribed by the Director of
2 Legislative Operations.

3 (4) Absences. If a member is absent for reasons other than sickness or
4 legislative business for one or more entire days while the ~~house~~ House in
5 which the member sits is in session, the member shall notify the Office of
6 Legislative Operations of that absence, and ~~expenses received shall not include~~
7 ~~the amount that the legislator specifies was not~~ the member shall not be
8 entitled to receive or be reimbursed for mileage, meals, or lodging expenses
9 incurred during the period of that absence, except that lodging expenses
10 associated with a lease or rental agreement may be received or reimbursed
11 upon approval of either the Speaker of the House or the President Pro Tempore
12 of the Senate.

13 * * *

14 Sec. E.126.1 OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION
15 TECHNOLOGY; NEW POSITION

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

19 Sec. E.126.2 2 V.S.A. § 703 is amended to read:

20 § 703. FUNCTIONS; CONFIDENTIALITY

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

1

* * *

2

(b) Any draft of a report or other work in progress generated by or

3

submitted to the Office of Legislative Information Technology shall remain

4

confidential until it has been finalized.

5

Sec. E.126.3 LEGISLATURE; STATE HOUSE RENOVATION

6

APPROVAL

7

(a) The Speaker of the House, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Chair

8

the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Chair of the Senate

9

Committee on Appropriations shall have the authority to approve the use of

10

legislative budget carryforward funds to cover the cost of room renovations to

11

increase public space within the State House.

12

Sec. E.127 JOINT FISCAL OFFICE; POSITION

13

(a) The establishment of one new permanent exempt analyst position in the

14

Joint Fiscal Office is authorized in fiscal year 2025.

15

Sec. E.127.1 2 V.S.A. § 523 is amended to read:

16

§ 523. FUNCTIONS; CONFIDENTIALITY

17

* * *

18

(b)(1)(A) All requests for assistance, information, and advice from the Joint

19

Fiscal Office, all information received in connection with fiscal research or

20

related drafting, and all confidential materials provided to or generated by the

1 Joint Fiscal Office shall remain confidential unless the party requesting or
2 providing the information designates that it is not confidential.

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

6 * * *

7 Sec. E.127.2 FISCAL YEAR 2025 FEE REPORT; PROTECTION TO
8 PERSONS AND PROPERTY

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

14 (1) the statutory authorization and termination date, if any;

15 (2) the current rate or amount of the fee and the date the fee was last set
16 or adjusted by the General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee;

17 (3) the Fund into which the fee revenues are deposited;

18 (4) the amount of revenue derived from the fee in each of the five fiscal
19 years preceding fiscal year 2025;

20 (5) the number of times that the fee was paid in each of the two fiscal
21 years preceding fiscal year 2025;

1 (6) a projection of the fee revenues in fiscal years 2025 and 2026;

2 (7) a description of the service or product provided or the regulatory
3 function performed by the Judiciary, agency, department, board or office
4 supported by the fee;

5 (8) the amount of the fee if adjusted for inflation from the last time the
6 fee amount was modified;

7 (9) if any portion of the fee revenue is deposited into a special fund, the
8 percentage of the special fund's revenues that the fee represents;

9 (10) any available information regarding comparable fees in other
10 jurisdictions;

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

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

14 (b) Reports.

15 (1) On or before October 15, 2024, the Judiciary, agencies, departments,
16 boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this section shall submit a
17 prepared draft report of the information required in subdivisions (a)(1)–(12) of
18 this section to the Joint Fiscal Office for review. The Judiciary, agencies,
19 departments, boards, and offices shall work with the Joint Fiscal Office to
20 finalize the report before submitting the final report described in subdivision
21 (2) of this subsection.

1 (2) On or before December 15, 2024, the Judiciary, agencies,
2 departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) shall submit a final
3 report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means
4 and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Finance.

5 (3) If any of the information requested in this section cannot be provided
6 for any reason, the Judiciary, agencies, departments, boards, and offices
7 described in subsection (a) shall include in both the draft and final reports a
8 written explanation for why the information cannot be provided.

9 (c) As used in this section, “fee” means any source of State revenue
10 classified by the Department of Finance and Management Accounting System
11 as “fees,” “business licenses,” “nonbusiness licenses,” and “fines and
12 penalties.”

13 (d) Fee report moratorium. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 605, in fiscal year
14 2025, the Governor shall not be required to submit the consolidated Executive
15 Branch fee annual report and request to the General Assembly.

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

17 § 8003. PROGRAM LIMITATIONS

18 (a) Cash contributions. The Treasurer or designee shall not accept a
19 contribution:

20 (1) unless it is in cash; or

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

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

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

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

16 (e) Prohibition on excess contributions. The Treasurer or designee shall
17 adopt adequate safeguards under the Vermont ABLE Savings Program to
18 prevent aggregate contributions on behalf of a designated beneficiary in excess
19 of the limit established by the State pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 529(b)(6).

1 Sec. E.133 VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
2 AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;
3 OPERATING BUDGET, SOURCE OF FUNDS

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

9 Sec. E.134 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
10 SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT
11 COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS

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

17 Sec. E.134.1 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
18 SYSTEM; FISCAL YEARS 2027-2030; RATES

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

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

3 (2) Group B members at the rate of 6.875 percent of earnable
4 compensation;

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

7 (4) Group D members at the rate of 13.35 percent of earnable
8 compensation.

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

11 (1) Group A members at the rate of 4.75 percent of earnable
12 compensation;

13 (2) Group B members at the rate of 7.125 percent of earnable
14 compensation;

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

17 (4) Group D members at the rate of 13.6 percent of earnable
18 compensation.

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

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

3 (2) Group B members at the rate of 7.375 percent of earnable
4 compensation;

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

7 (4) Group D members at the rate of 13.85 percent of earnable
8 compensation.

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

11 (1) Group A members at the rate of 5.25 percent of earnable
12 compensation;

13 (2) Group B members at the rate of 7.625 percent of earnable
14 compensation;

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

17 (4) Group D members at the rate of 14.1 percent of earnable
18 compensation.

19 Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

20 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.139 of this act, \$9,000 shall be
21 transferred to the Attorney General and \$70,000 shall be transferred to the

1 Department of Taxes' Division of Property Valuation and Review and reserved
2 and used with any remaining funds from the amount previously transferred for
3 final payment of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of
4 grand list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and
5 other expenses incurred to undertake utility property appraisals in Vermont.

6 Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

7 (a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under
8 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in
9 addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier
10 and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes
11 under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A.
12 § 3709.

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

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

16 Sec. E.144 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; CORRECTIONAL
17 FACILITIES

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

1 Sec. E.200 ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

9 (b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A.
10 § 2458(b)(4), \$1,749,700 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

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

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

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

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

19 (a) The sum of ~~\$7,000,000~~ \$4,000,000 is appropriated from the Tobacco
20 Litigation Settlement Fund to the Judiciary in fiscal year 2018 and shall carry
21 forward for the uses and based on the allocations set forth in subsections (b)

1 and (c) of this section. The purpose of the funds is to make strategic
2 investments to transform the adjudication of CHINS cases in Vermont.

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

5 (1) \$1,250,000 for fiscal year 2019, which shall not be distributed until
6 the group defined in subsection (c) of this section provides proposed
7 expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2019 budget adjustment request;

8 (2) ~~\$2,500,000~~ \$1,750,000 for fiscal year 2020, for which the group
9 shall provide proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2020 budget
10 request or budget adjustment request, or both;

11 (3) ~~\$2,500,000~~ \$250,000 for fiscal year 2021, for which the group shall
12 provide proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2021 budget request or
13 budget adjustment request, or both; and

14 (4) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2022 or after as needed.

15 * * *

16 Sec. E.208 PUBLIC SAFETY; ADMINISTRATION

17 (a) The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a
18 performance-based contract with the Essex County Sheriff's Department to
19 provide law enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the
20 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Sheriff.

1 Sec. E.208.1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; EMBEDDED

2 MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS; REPORT

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

11 Sec. E.209 PUBLIC SAFETY; STATE POLICE

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

17 (b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$405,000 is
18 allocated for grants in support of the Drug Task Force. Of this amount,
19 \$190,000 shall be used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town
20 task force officers. These town task force officers shall be dedicated to
21 enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18

1 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any
2 unobligated funds may be allocated by the Commissioner to fund the work of
3 the Drug Task Force or carried forward.

4 Sec. E.212 PUBLIC SAFETY; FIRE SAFETY

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

8 Sec. E.215 MILITARY; ADMINISTRATION

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

12 Sec. E.219 MILITARY; VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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

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

19 BUDGET

20 (a) The Office of the Secretary of State shall request that Vermont Access
21 Network submit a proposed operating budget required to maintain its current

1 level of operation and programming. The Office of the Secretary of State shall
2 include the proposed operating budget as part of its fiscal year 2026 budget
3 presentation.

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

5 ADVOCATE, VERMONT LEGAL AID

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

7 (1) \$2,000,406 shall be used for the contract with the Office of the
8 Health Care Advocate;

9 (2) \$1,717,994 for Vermont Legal Aid services, including the Poverty
10 Law Project and mental health services; and

11 (3) \$650,000 is for the purposes of maintaining current Vermont Legal
12 Aid program capacity and addressing increased requests for services, including
13 eviction prevention and protection from foreclosure and consumer debt.

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

15 § 8915. PROVISION FOR AGREEMENTS WITH CASE MANAGEMENT

16 ENTITIES

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

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

4 Sec. 72a. MEDICAID HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES
5 (HCBS) PLAN

6 * * *

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

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

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

13 Sec. E.300.4 [Deleted.]

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

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

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

4 (1) \$21,295,850 certified State match available from local education
5 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under
6 Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$29,204,150 of federal
7 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated
8 expenditure of \$50,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal
9 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services
10 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment
11 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A.
12 § 2959a.

13 (2) \$3,005,335 certified State match available from local designated
14 mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health
15 services provided under Global Commitment.

16 (c) Up to \$4,487,210 is transferred from the Agency of Human Services
17 Federal Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund
18 consistent with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act.

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

20 REPORT

1 (a) To facilitate the end-of-year closeout for fiscal year 2025, the Secretary
2 of Human Services, with approval from the Secretary of Administration, may
3 make transfers among the appropriations authorized for Medicaid and
4 Medicaid-waiver program expenses, including Global Commitment
5 appropriations outside the Agency of Human Services. At least three business
6 days prior to any transfer, the Agency of Human Services shall submit to the
7 Joint Fiscal Office a proposal of transfers to be made pursuant to this section.
8 A final report on all transfers made under this section shall be sent to the Joint
9 Fiscal Committee for review at the Committee’s September 2025 meeting.
10 The purpose of this section is to provide the Agency of Human Services with
11 limited authority to modify appropriations to comply with the terms and
12 conditions of the Global Commitment for Health Section 1115 demonstration
13 waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under
14 Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

15 Sec. E.306 DR. DYNASAUR; PREMIUM INVOICING SUSPENSION AND

16 AMNESTY

17 (a) The Agency of Human Services is authorized under 33 V.S.A.
18 § 1901(c) and Vermont’s Global Commitment to Health Section 1115
19 Medicaid demonstration to charge a monthly premium for certain Dr.
20 Dynasaur enrollees whose family income exceeds 195 percent of the federal
21 poverty level. The Agency suspended premium invoicing for this population

1 as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, and that premium
2 suspension has continued following the end of the public health emergency.

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

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

9 Sec. E.306.1 HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETS; TECHNICAL

10 ANALYSIS

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

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

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

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

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

8 Sec. E.306.2 DVHA; RATE ANALYSES REQUEST

9 (a) To the extent that resources allow, on or before January 15, 2025, the
10 Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide the following analyses to
11 the House Committees on Health Care and on Appropriations and the Senate
12 Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations:

13 (1) methodologies for comparing Medicaid rates for home health agency
14 services to rates under the Medicare home health prospective payment system
15 model and for comparing Medicaid pediatric palliative care rates to rates under
16 the Medicare home health prospective payment system model or to Medicare
17 hospice rates, or both; and

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

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

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

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

7 Sec. E.306.3 PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY;
8 LICENSURE

9 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no funds
10 appropriated to the Department of Vermont Health Access in this act shall be
11 expended for operation of a psychiatric residential treatment facility until the
12 facility has been licensed by the State; provided, however, that the Department
13 may expend funds on goods and services, such as purchasing supplies and
14 hiring and training staff, that are necessary to prepare the facility to be
15 operational upon licensure. Notwithstanding 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78,
16 Sec. E.511.1, a psychiatric residential treatment facility may be approved as a
17 therapeutic school in accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 166(b) and applicable State
18 Board of Education Rules.

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

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

- 1 (1) increase the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program income
2 threshold to 145 percent of the federal poverty level;
3 (2) eliminate the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Program;
4 and
5 (3) increase the Qualifying Individual Program income threshold to 190
6 percent of the federal poverty level.

7 Sec. E.306.5 MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS; MEDICAID STATE
8 PLAN AMENDMENT; VPHARM TRANSITION; REPORT

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

13 (b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Agency of Human Services shall
14 provide recommendations to the House Committees on Health Care, on Human
15 Services, and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health and
16 Welfare and on Appropriations regarding the VPharm program to ensure
17 alignment with the Medicare Savings Program eligibility expansion set forth in
18 Sec. E.306.4 of this act, including:

19 (1) whether the VPharm program should be modified or repealed as a
20 result of the Medicare Savings Program eligibility expansion;

1 (2) whether the benefits provided by the VPharm program should be
2 delivered through an alternative program design;

3 (3) the estimated fiscal impacts of implementing any recommended
4 changes; and

5 (4) when any recommended changes should take effect.

6 (c) The Agency of Human Services and the Department of Vermont Health
7 Access shall seek input from the Office of the Health Care Advocate and other
8 interested stakeholders in developing the recommendations required by this
9 section.

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

11 § 931. LIMITATIONS ON CLAIMS OF CREDITORS

12 All claims against the decedent's estate that arose before the death of the
13 decedent, including claims of the State and any subdivision thereof except
14 claims filed by the State on behalf of Vermont Medicaid, absolute or
15 contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, founded on contract, tort, or other legal
16 basis, if not barred earlier by other statute of limitations, are barred against the
17 estate, the legal representative of the estate, and the heirs and devisees of the
18 decedent, unless presented within one year after the decedent's death. Nothing
19 in this section affects or prevents any proceeding to enforce any mortgage,
20 pledge, or other lien upon the property of the estate. Claims filed by the State

1 on behalf of Vermont Medicaid must be filed in accordance with
2 subsection 1203(d) of this title.

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

4 § 1203. LIMITATIONS ON PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

5 (a) All claims against a 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, whether due or to
8 become due, absolute or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, founded on
9 contract, tort, or other legal basis, except claims for the possession of or title to
10 real estate and claims for injury to the person and damage to property suffered
11 by the act or default of the deceased, if not barred earlier by other statute of
12 limitations, are barred against the estate, the executor or administrator, and the
13 heirs and devisees of the decedent, unless presented as follows:

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

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

1

* * *

2

(d) Claims filed by the State on behalf of Vermont Medicaid must be

3

presented within four months after the date of the first publication of notice to

4

creditors if notice is given in compliance with the Rules of Probate Procedure,

5

regardless of the date of the decedent's death or when a decedent's executor or

6

administrator opens the estate.

7

Sec. E.311.1 18 V.S.A. chapter 1, subchapter 2 is amended to read:

8

Subchapter 2. Health Care Professions; Educational Assistance

9

* * *

10

§ 32. EDUCATIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTH CARE

11

~~PROVIDERS~~ PROFESSIONALS AND HEALTH CARE

12

EDUCATIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT FUND

13

(a) There is hereby established a special fund to be known as the Vermont

14

Health Care Educational Loan Repayment Fund, that shall be used for the

15

purpose of ensuring a stable and adequate supply of health care ~~providers~~

16

professionals and health care educators to meet the health care needs of

17

Vermonters, with a focus on recruiting and retaining ~~providers~~ professionals

18

and health care educators in underserved geographic and specialty areas.

19

(b) The fund shall be established and held separate and apart from any

20

other funds or monies of the State and shall be used and administered

21

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.

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 (e) AHEC shall make loan repayment awards in exchange for service
16 commitment by health care ~~providers~~ professionals and health care educators
17 and shall define the service obligation in a contract with the health care
18 ~~provider~~ professional or health care educator. Payment awards shall be made
19 directly to the educational loan creditor or lender of the health care ~~provider~~
20 professional or health care educator.

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

3 * * *

4 (i) As used in this section:

5 * * *

6 (2) “Health care ~~provider~~ professional” shall mean an individual
7 licensed, certified, or otherwise or authorized by law to provide professional
8 health care ~~service~~ services in this State to an individual during that
9 individual’s medical, mental health, or dental care; treatment or confinement;
10 or in a public health role.

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

16 * * *

17 § 33. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT COLLEGE OF MEDICINE;

18 MEDICAL STUDENT INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP

19 * * *

20 (f) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are
21 available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry

1 forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation
2 in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in
3 this section.

4 § 34. VERMONT NURSING FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE
5 PROGRAM

6 (a) As used in this section:

7 * * *

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

11 * * *

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

15 * * *

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

21 * * *

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

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

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

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

14 (3) be a resident of Vermont.

15 (e)(1) An eligible individual shall be entitled to an amount of loan
16 ~~cancellation and~~ repayment under this section ~~equal to one year of loans for~~
17 ~~each year of service as a nurse, physician assistant, medical technician, child~~
18 ~~psychiatrist, or primary care provider in this State~~ for a defined service
19 obligation in Vermont of no less than one year. Employment as a traveling
20 nurse shall not be construed to satisfy the service commitment required ~~for~~
21 ~~loan repayment~~ under this section.

1 following fiscal year to award additional loan repayment as set forth in this
2 section.

3 * * *

4 § 38. VERMONT MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL FORGIVABLE
5 LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

6 * * *

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

10 * * *

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

15 * * *

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

21 * * *

1 § 39. VERMONT PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE

2 PRACTITIONER FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

3 * * *

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

7 * * *

8 (4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce
9 the individual's forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to
10 subsection ~~(f)~~(e) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of
11 service required in subdivision (3) of this subsection;

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

16 * * *

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

1

* * *

2

§ 40. VERMONT DENTAL HYGIENIST FORGIVABLE LOAN

3

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

4

* * *

5

(d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual,

6

whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following

7

requirements:

8

* * *

9

(4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce

10

the individual's forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to

11

subsection ~~(g)~~(e) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of

12

service required in this subsection;

13

(5) have completed the Program's application form, ~~the Free~~

14

~~Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the Vermont grant~~

15

~~application each academic year of enrollment and such financial aid forms as~~

16

the Corporation deems necessary, in accordance with a schedule determined by

17

the Corporation; and

18

* * *

19

(h) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are

20

available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry

21

forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation

1 in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in
2 this section.

3 * * *

4 Sec. E.312 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH

5 (a) AIDS/HIV funding:

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

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

16 (A) Vermont CARES – \$140,000;

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

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

19 (3) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont
20 Medication Assistance Program shall be distributed in accordance with federal

1 guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or services
2 funded solely by the State General Fund.

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

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

17 (4) In fiscal year 2025, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
18 the amount of \$400,000 General Fund and \$700,000 Opioid Settlement Fund
19 to existing syringe service programs for HIV and Harm Reduction Services no
20 later than September 1, 2024. The method by which these prevention funds are
21 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of

1 Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont
2 HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

3 (5) In fiscal year 2025, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
4 the amount \$350,000 Opioid Settlement Fund to fund new syringe service
5 programs to increase the geographic distribution of Harm Reduction Services
6 in Vermont no later than September 1, 2024.

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

12 Sec. E.312.1 18 V.S.A. § 4772 is amended to read:

13 § 4772. OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14 * * *

15 (e) Presentation. Annually, the Advisory Committee shall vote on its
16 recommendations. If the recommendations are supported by a majority
17 affirmative vote, the Advisory Committee shall present its recommendations
18 for expenditures from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund established pursuant
19 to this subchapter to the Department of Health and concurrently submit its
20 recommendations in writing to the House Committees on Appropriations and

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

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

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

7 Data from the report produced in accordance with 2022 Acts and Resolves No.
8 185, Sec. E.313 shall inform the work of this stakeholder group.

9 (2) Participating stakeholders shall include:

10 (A) the Commissioner of Public Safety, or designee;

11 (B) the Commissioner of Corrections, or designee;

12 (C) a representative, appointed by Vermont Care Partners;

13 (D) a representative, appointed by the Turning Point Center; and

14 (E) substance misuse service providers, appointed by the

15 Commissioner of Health.

16 (b) As part of its fiscal year 2026 budget presentation, the Department of
17 Health, in consultation with the stakeholder group described in subsection (a)
18 of this section, shall submit a plan to the Senate Committees on Appropriations
19 and on Health and Welfare and to the House Committees on Appropriations
20 and on Human Services with recommendations to reorganize public inebriate
21 and sober bed programs in a manner that accounts for increased client acuity

1 and decreased bed availability throughout the State. The proposed
2 reorganization shall include a spending plan that prioritizes staff support and
3 public safety.

4 Sec. E.316 33 V.S.A. § 3531 is amended to read:

5 § 3531. CHILD CARE – BUILDING BRIGHT SPACES FOR BRIGHT
6 FUTURES FUNDS FUND

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

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

20 (c) ~~Funds appropriated for this Program shall be used by the~~ The
21 Commissioner to award grants to eligible applicants for the development and

1 ~~expansion of child care options and community programs targeted for youths~~
2 ~~14 through 18 years of age. These options may include recreational programs~~
3 ~~and related equipment or facilities, development or expansion of child care~~
4 ~~facilities, and community-based programs that address specific child care and~~
5 ~~youth program needs of the applicant region. The Commissioner shall~~
6 ~~establish by rule, criteria, conditions, and procedures for awarding such grants~~
7 ~~and administering this Program~~ shall disburse the proceeds of this fund in
8 accordance with the plan developed by the Building Bright Futures Council per
9 33 V.S.A. § 4603(3) and all applicable administrative bulletins.

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

11 § 4601. DEFINITIONS

12 As used in this chapter:

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

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

1 Sec. E.317 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT; COMPREHENSIVE CHILD
2 WELFARE INFORMATION SYSTEM

3 (a) In developing and implementing a comprehensive child welfare
4 information system, the Department for Children and Families' Division of
5 Family Services shall solicit input from youth, foster parents, kinship care
6 providers, Division staff, and the employees of the Office of Racial Equity's
7 Division of Racial Justice Statistics.

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

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

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

13 [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:

11 § 3517. CHILD CARE TUITION RATES

12 A child care provider shall ensure that its tuition rates are available to the
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.318.3 33 V.S.A. § 3512 is amended to read:

18 § 3512. Child Care Financial Assistance Program; eligibility

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

1 employment, or to obtain training leading to employment. Families seeking
2 employment shall be entitled to participate in the Program for up to three
3 months and the Commissioner may further extend that period.

4 * * *

5 Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY HOUSING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (iii) a description of the risk posed to the applicant’s health, safety,
2 or welfare if temporary emergency housing is not authorized pursuant to this
3 section; and

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

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

8 (4) is pregnant;

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

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

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

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

18 (b)(1) The maximum number of days that a household receives emergency
19 housing in a hotel or motel under this section, per 12-month period, shall not
20 exceed 80 days.

1 (2) Emergency housing provided pursuant to this section shall replace
2 the catastrophic and noncatastrophic categories adopted by the Department in
3 rule.

4 (3)(A) Notwithstanding any rule or law to the contrary, the Department
5 shall require all households applying for or receiving General Assistance
6 Emergency Housing to engage in their own search for and accept any available
7 alternative housing placements. All applicants and eligible households shall
8 regularly provide information to the Department, not less frequently than
9 monthly, about their efforts to secure an alternative housing placement. If the
10 Department determines that a household, at the time of application or during
11 the term of the household’s authorization, has not made efforts to secure an
12 alternative housing placement, or has access to an alternative housing
13 placement, the Department shall deny the application or terminate the
14 authorization at the end of the current authorization period.

15 (B) As used in this subdivision (3), “alternative housing placements”
16 may include shelter beds and pods; placements with family or friends;
17 permanent housing solutions, including tiny homes, manufactured homes, and
18 apartments; residential treatment beds for physical health, long-term care,
19 substance use, or mental health; nursing home beds; and recovery homes.

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

1 housing to households lacking a fixed, regular, adequate, nighttime residence
2 between December 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025. Emergency housing provided
3 between November 15, 2024 through November 30, 2024 and between April 1,
4 2025 through April 15, 2025 shall be contingent on adverse weather
5 conditions. If there is inadequate community-based shelter space available
6 within the Agency of Human Services district in which the household presents
7 itself, the household shall be provided emergency housing in a hotel or motel
8 within the district, if available, until adequate community-based shelter space
9 becomes available in the district. Emergency housing in a hotel or motel
10 provided pursuant to this subsection shall not count toward the maximum days
11 of eligibility per 12-month period provided in subdivision (b)(1) of this
12 section.

13 (d)(1) Emergency housing required pursuant to this section may be
14 provided through approved community-based shelters, new unit generation,
15 open units, licensed hotels or motels, or other appropriate shelter space. The
16 Department shall, when available, prioritize emergency housing at housing or
17 shelter placements other than hotels or motels.

18 (2) The utilization of hotel and motel rooms pursuant to this section
19 shall be capped at 1,300 rooms per night during the emergency winter housing
20 period and adverse weather condition nights. Otherwise, beginning on

1 September 15, 2024, the utilization of hotel and motel rooms shall be capped at
2 1,000 rooms per night.

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

7 (f) The Commissioner for Children and Families shall adopt emergency
8 rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 for the administration of this section, which
9 shall be deemed to have met the emergency rulemaking standard in 3 V.S.A.
10 § 844(a), while permanent rules are pending.

11 (g) On or before the last day of each month from July 2024 through June
12 2025, the Department for Children and Families, or other relevant agency or
13 department, shall continue submitting a similar report to that due pursuant to
14 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b) to the Joint Fiscal Committee,
15 House Committee on Human Services, and Senate Committee on Health and
16 Welfare.

17 (h) For temporary emergency housing provided in a hotel or motel
18 beginning on July 1, 2024 and thereafter, the Department for Children and
19 Families shall not pay a hotel or motel establishment more than the hotel's
20 lowest advertised room rate and not more than \$80 a day per room to shelter a
21 household experiencing homelessness. The Department for Children and

1 Families may shelter a household in more than one hotel or motel room
2 depending on the household's size and composition.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 section; provided, however, that in no event shall such an agreement cause a
2 household to become unhoused. The Department for Children and Families
3 may include provisions to address access to services or related needs within the
4 contractual agreement.

5 (k) Of the amount appropriated to implement this section, not more than
6 \$500,000 shall be used for security costs.

7 (l) As used in this section:

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

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

14 Sec. E.321.1 GENERAL ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY HOUSING TASK
15 FORCE

16 (a) Creation. There is created the General Assistance Emergency Housing
17 Task Force to provide recommendations to the General Assembly regarding
18 the statewide and local operation and administration of the General Assistance
19 Emergency Housing benefit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 (5) the identification of a consistent lead agency for each geographic
15 region;

16 (6) the identification of role and responsibility assigned to the lead
17 agency;

18 (7) potential adjustments to emergency housing policy during cold
19 weather months;

20 (8) a process to enable participating households to place a percentage of
21 the household's gross income into savings, which shall be returned to the

1 household for permanent housing expenses when the household exits the

2 General Assistance Emergency Housing;

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

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

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

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

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

15 (12) strategies to reduce reliance on hotels and motels for emergency
16 housing.

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

19 (e) Report. On or before January 15, 2025, the Task Force shall submit a
20 written report to the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate

1 Committee on Health and Welfare with its findings and any recommendations
2 for legislative action.

3 (f) Meetings.

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

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

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

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

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

16 Sec. E.324 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

17 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee may authorize
18 crisis fuel assistance to those income-eligible households that have applied for
19 an expedited seasonal fuel benefit but have not yet received it if the benefit
20 cannot be executed in time to prevent them from running out of fuel. The

1 crisis fuel grants authorized pursuant to this section count toward the crisis fuel
2 grants pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 2609(b).

3 Sec. E.324.1 33 V.S.A. § 2609 is amended to read:

4 § 2609. CRISIS RESERVES; ELIGIBILITY AND ASSISTANCE

5 * * *

6 (b) Crisis fuel grants ~~shall~~ may be limited per winter heating season to one
7 grant for households that are income-eligible and have received a seasonal fuel
8 assistance grant and meet all eligibility requirements for crisis fuel assistance
9 or to two grants for households that are not income-eligible for seasonal fuel
10 assistance and meet all eligibility requirements for crisis fuel assistance.

11 Sec. E.325 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; OFFICE
12 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

13 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act,
14 \$25,847,402 shall be used by the Department for Children and Families' Office
15 of Economic Opportunity to issue grants to community agencies assisting
16 individuals experiencing homelessness by preserving existing services,
17 increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide. These funds
18 may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions
19 Grants funds. Grant decisions and the administration of funds shall be done in
20 consultation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
21 recognized Continuum of Care Program.

1 Sec. E.326 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; OFFICE
2 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; WEATHERIZATION
3 ASSISTANCE

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

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

7 § 2502. HOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

8 * * *

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

11 (1) The State ~~program~~ Program shall provide an enhanced
12 weatherization assistance amount exceeding the federal per-unit limit allowing
13 amounts up to an average of ~~\$8,500.00~~ \$15,300.00 per unit allocated on a cost-
14 effective basis. The allowable average ~~per unit may be adjusted to account for~~
15 ~~the lower cost~~ per unit of multifamily buildings will be \$4,500.00. In units
16 where costs exceed the allowable average by more than 25 percent, prior
17 approval of the Director of the State Economic Opportunity Office shall be
18 required before work commences. This amount shall be adjusted annually to
19 account for inflation of materials and labor.

20 * * *

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

11 * * *

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

13 § 1602. VERMONT DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAFBLIND
14 ADVISORY COUNCIL

15 * * *

16 (b) Membership. The Advisory Council shall consist of the following
17 members:

18 * * *

19 (9) a superintendent, selected by the Vermont Superintendents
20 Association; ~~and~~

1 (10) a special education administrator, selected by the Vermont Council
2 of Special Education Administrators; and

3 (11) a representative of the Vermont chapter of Hands and Voices.

4 * * *

5 Sec. E.338 CORRECTIONS; CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

6 (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the special fund appropriation of
7 \$152,000 in Sec. B.338 of this act for the supplemental facility payments to
8 Newport and Springfield shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under
9 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

10 Sec. E.338.1 CORRECTIONS; DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

11 ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAMS

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

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

16 PROGRAM

17 (a) To the extent that the need for the General Fund dollars appropriated to
18 the Department of Corrections for out-of-state beds in Sec. B.339 of this act is
19 reduced, it is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds be

1 reappropriated to the Department of Corrections for the Pretrial Supervision
2 Program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 § 9405b. HOSPITAL COMMUNITY REPORTS AND AMBULATORY

19 SURGICAL CENTER QUALITY REPORTS

20 * * *

1 (e) The Green Mountain Care Board may assess and collect from general
2 hospitals licensed under chapter 43 of this title expenses incurred by the
3 Commissioner of Health in administering hospital community reports and
4 ambulatory surgical center quality reports under this section.

5 Sec. E.345.2 GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD; REFERENCE-BASED
6 PRICING; DATA ANALYSIS; REPORT

7 (a) The funds appropriated to the Green Mountain Care Board in Sec.
8 B.1100(s)(1) of this act shall be for a contract with a qualified entity for a
9 reference-based pricing analysis that will analyze commercial medical claims
10 for all inpatient and outpatient hospital services and supplies incurred by active
11 and retired members and their dependents enrolled in the State Employees'
12 Health Benefit Plan and in the health benefit plans offered by the Vermont
13 Education Health Initiative during calendar years 2018 to the most recent year
14 for which data are available, to determine what savings, if any, could have
15 been realized for that period if a reference-based pricing methodology
16 benchmarked to Medicare rates had been applied.

17 (b) On or before December 15, 2024, the Green Mountain Care Board shall
18 report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Government
19 Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committees on Health and
20 Welfare and on Government Operations with the results of the analysis and
21 any recommendations for legislative action.

1 Sec. E.500 EDUCATION; FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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

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

8 (a) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and
9 notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed
10 \$4,329,959 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2025 as
11 funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the
12 Secretary shall not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A.
13 § 2969(c) and (d).

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

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

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

5 Sec. E.504 ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

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

9 Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION; FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

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

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

17 (1) \$921,500 is designated for dual enrollment programs,

18 notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 Sec. E.514 STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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

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

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

19 AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;

20 OPERATING BUDGET, SOURCE OF FUNDS

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

6 Sec. E.515 RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL
7 BENEFITS

8 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2) and (h)(1), the annual
9 contribution to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits plan shall be
10 \$70,482,644, of which \$62,107,644 shall be the State's contribution and
11 \$8,375,000 shall be from the annual charge for teacher health care contributed
12 by employers pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944d. Of the annual contribution,
13 \$21,648,946 is the "normal contribution," and \$48,833,698 is the "accrued
14 liability contribution."

15 Sec. E.600 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

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

19 (b) Of this appropriation, \$380,362 shall be transferred to the Experimental
20 Program to Stimulate Competitive Research to comply with State matching

1 fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private
2 funds, or both.

3 Sec. E.602 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

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

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

11 Sec. E.602.1 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.602.2, as amended by
12 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 67 and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185,
13 Sec. C.101, is further amended to read:

14 Sec. E.602.2 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

15 (a) The Vermont State College (VSC) system shall transform itself into a
16 fully integrated system that achieves financial stability in a responsible and
17 sustainable way in order to meet each of these strategic priorities:

18 * * *

19 (b) VSC shall meet the following requirements during the transformation of
20 its system required under subsection (a) of this section and shall accommodate
21 the oversight of the General Assembly in so doing.

1 Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

2 (a) Of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance

3 Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act:

4 (1) \$25,000 shall be deposited into the Trust Fund established in 16

5 V.S.A. § 2845;

6 (2) not more than \$300,000 may be used by the Vermont Student

7 Assistance Corporation for a student aspirational initiative to serve one or more

8 high schools; and

9 (3) not less than \$1,000,000 shall be used to continue the Vermont

10 Trades Scholarship Program established in 2022 Act and Resolves No. 183,

11 Sec. 14.

12 (b) Of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance

13 Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act that are remaining after accounting for the

14 expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this section, not less than 93 percent

15 shall be used for direct student aid.

16 (c) After accounting for the expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this

17 section, up to seven percent of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student

18 Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act or otherwise currently or

19 previously appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation or

20 provided to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation by an agency or

21 department of the State for the administration of a program or initiative may be

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

7 Sec. E.605.1 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND
8 EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

9 (a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, the sum of \$41,225 Education Fund
10 and \$41,225 General Fund is appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance
11 Corporation for dual enrollment and need-based stipend purposes to fund a
12 flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for financially disadvantaged
13 students enrolled in a dual enrollment course pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in
14 early college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 946 to be used for the purchase of books,
15 cost of transportation, and payment of fees. The Vermont Student Assistance
16 Corporation shall establish the criteria for program eligibility. Funds shall be
17 granted to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are
18 depleted.

19 (b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Vermont Student Assistance
20 Corporation shall report on the program to the House Committees on
21 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(1)(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 and other best
14 practices defined by the Department on harvest sites to enhance water quality
15 protection and climate adaptation measures before forest operations take place;

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

1 Families for the special plates to enhance the public awareness of the State's
2 interest in supporting ~~children's~~ early childhood services. Applicants shall
3 apply on forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and shall
4 pay an initial fee of \$29.00 in addition to the annual fee for registration. In
5 following years, in addition to the annual registration fee, the holder of a
6 ~~Bright Futures Fund~~ plate shall pay a renewal fee of \$29.00. The
7 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25
8 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

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

11 (1) 29 percent ~~to~~ in the Transportation Fund.

12 (2) 71 percent ~~to the Department for Children and Families for deposit~~
13 in the Building Bright Futures Fund created in 33 V.S.A. § 3531.

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

16 (1) 79 percent ~~to the Department for Children and Families for deposit~~
17 in the Building Bright Futures Fund created in 33 V.S.A. § 3531.

18 (2) 21 percent ~~to~~ in the Transportation Fund.

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

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

2 (a) The total appropriation in Sec. B.915 of this act is authorized,

3 notwithstanding the provisions of 19 V.S.A. § 306(a).

4 * * * Securities Fees * * *

5 Sec. F.1 8 V.S.A. § 4800(2)(A)(iii) is amended to read:

6 (iii) Except as provided in subdivisions (I) and (II) of this
7 subdivision, initial and annual producer appointment fees for each qualification
8 set forth in section 4813g of subchapter 1A of this chapter for resident and
9 nonresident producers acting as agents of foreign insurers, ~~\$60.00~~ \$80.00:

10 * * *

11 Sec. F.2 9 V.S.A. § 5302(e) is amended to read:

12 (e) At the time of the filing of the information prescribed in subsection (a),
13 (b), (c), or (d) of this section, except investment companies subject to 15
14 U.S.C. § 80a-1 et seq., the issuer shall pay to the Commissioner a fee of
15 ~~\$600.00~~ \$820.00. The fee is nonrefundable.

16 Sec. F.3 9 V.S.A. § 5302(f) is amended to read:

17 (f) Investment companies subject to 15 U.S.C. § 80a-1 et seq. shall pay to
18 the Commissioner an initial notice filing fee of ~~\$2,000.00~~ \$2,275.00 and an
19 annual renewal fee of ~~\$1,650.00~~ \$2,025.00 for each portfolio or class of
20 investment company securities for which a notice filing is submitted.

1 Sec. F.4 9 V.S.A. § 5410(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) The fee for an individual is ~~\$120.00~~ \$145.00 when filing an application
3 for registration as an agent, ~~\$120.00~~ \$145.00 when filing a renewal of
4 registration as an agent, and ~~\$120.00~~ \$145.00 when filing for a change of
5 registration as an agent. The fee is nonrefundable.

6 * * * Effective Dates * * *

7 Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

8 (a) This section and Secs. B.1102, C.100, C.101, C.103, C.104, C.105,
9 C.106, C.107, C.111, C.112, C.113, C.114, C.115, C.116, C.117, C.118,
10 C.119, C.120, E.125.1, E.126.2, and E.127.1 shall take effect on passage.

11 (b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214:

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

13 (2) Secs. C.108, C.109, and C.110 shall take effect retroactively on July
14 1, 2023; and

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

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

17 (d) Sec. F.1 shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

19 And by renumbering all of the sections of the bill to be numerically correct
20 (including internal references) and adjusting all of the totals to be
21 arithmetically correct.