

**FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT ACT
HOUSE AND SENATE
LANGUAGE COMPARISON**

Language from House	Senate Bill Section	Language from Senate
	49	No change.
	50	<p>Added Cannabis Control Board positions:</p> <p>Sec. 50 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.100 is amended to read:</p> <p><u>Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS</u></p> <p>(a) The establishment of the following new positions is authorized in fiscal year 2023:</p> <p>(1) Permanent classified positions:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(F) Cannabis Control Board:</p> <p>(i) two enforcement officers; and</p> <p>(ii) one data analyst;</p> <p><u>(iii) two chemists; and</u></p> <p><u>(iv) one Cannabis Quality Assurance Program and Laboratory Director.</u></p>
	51	No change.
	52	No change.
<p>Edited Governor's recommend:</p> <p>Sec. 53 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.300.2 is added to read:</p> <p><u>Sec. E.300.2 EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS FOR NEW AMERICANS</u></p> <p><u>(a) Employment Assistance Grants. The State Refugee Office, in consultation with the Vermont Department of Labor, shall administer a grant program to support the development of coordinated community-based systems, with consideration of regional networks and resources, to assist in achieving economic self-sufficiency for New Americans, including refugees, humanitarian parolees, special immigrant visa holders,</u></p>	53	<p>Added (c):</p> <p><u>(c) The funding for this grant program is provided in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by Sec. 45 of this act.</u></p>

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<p><u>asylees, asylum-seekers and other immigrants with low income who are or intend to become residents of Vermont.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Grant funds may be allocated to:</u></p> <p><u>(1) assess the current ability of a municipality or region supporting the resettlement of New Americans, including the availability of English language services, transportation, housing, employment supports and economic and health services;</u></p> <p><u>(2) provide employment and related support services for refugees, asylum seekers and other New Americans including technical support, employment training before or during employment, English language learning, employment- related case management, job placement, transportation or other related services; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) provide staff support for the coordination of local and State resources to secure partnerships with organizations employing refugees, development of sustainable New American support systems for regions where New Americans are being settled, creation of employer partnerships to serve multiple refugees, identification of cultural barriers for individual or groups of refugees, and facilitation with necessary stakeholders to remove barriers and prepare for successful employment.</u></p>		
	54	No change.
	55	<p>Added “room and board” language in (a):</p> <p>Sec. 55 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.314.3 is added to read: <u>Sec. E.314.3 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH: REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PRIVATE NONMEDICAL INSTITUTIONS</u></p> <p><u>(a) Of the amounts appropriated in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185 SectionSec. B.314 as amended by this act, \$420,000 is appropriated for the purposes of increasing reimbursement rates for Private Nonmedical Institutions which that have rates set according to the Department of Vermont Health Access, Division of Rate Setting’s <u>Methods, Standards and Principles for Establishing Payment Rates for Private Nonmedical Institutions Providing Residential Child Care Services.</u> This amount shall be distributed by increasing the per diem rates set by the Department of Vermont Health Access, Division of Rate Setting for each Private Nonmedical Institution. <u>The Division of Rate Setting shall increase the treatment and room and board portions of the final per diem rate for each Private Nonmedical Institution whose rate is set by the Division of Rate Setting by an amount sufficient to ensure the appropriation in this section is fully utilized from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.</u></u></p>

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	56	<p>Added “room and board” language in (a):</p> <p>Sec. 56 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.317.1 is added to read: Sec. E.317.1—DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: <u>REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PRIVATE NONMEDICAL INSTITUTIONS</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Of the amounts appropriated in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185 Section B.317 as amended by this act, \$1,944,900,000 is appropriated for the purposes of increasing reimbursement rates for Private Nonmedical Institutions which that have rates set according to the Department of Vermont Health Access, Division of Rate Setting’s Methods, Standards and Principles for Establishing Payment Rates for Private Nonmedical Institutions Providing Residential Child Care Services. This amount shall be distributed by increasing the per diem rates set by the Department of Vermont Health Access, Division of Rate Setting for each Private Nonmedical Institution. The Division of Rate Setting shall increase the treatment and room and board portions of the final per diem rate for each Private Nonmedical Institution whose rate is set by the Division of Rate Setting by an amount sufficient to ensure the appropriation in this section is fully utilized from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.</u></p>
	57	No change.
	58	No change.
	59	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 59. 1 V.S.A. § 317(c) is amended to read:</p> <p>(c) The following public records are exempt from public inspection and copying:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(21) Lists of names compiled or obtained by Vermont Life magazine for the purpose of developing and maintaining a subscription list, which list may be sold or rented in the sole discretion of Vermont Life magazine, provided that such discretion is exercised in furtherance of that magazine’s continued financial viability and is exercised pursuant to specific guidelines adopted by the editor of the magazine [Repealed].</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
	60	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 60. 3 V.S.A. § 2042 is amended to read:</p>

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		<p>§ 2402. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>(a) An Agency of Commerce and Community Development is created consisting of the following:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">* * *</p> <p>(4) Vermont Life magazine. <u>[Repealed.]</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">* * *</p>
	61	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 61. REPEAL OF VERMONT LIFE MAGAZINE</p> <p><u>3 V.S.A. § 2473a (Vermont Life magazine) is repealed.</u></p>
	62	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 62. CLOSURE OF VERMONT LIFE MAGAZINE FUND</p> <p><u>The Vermont Life Magazine Fund (#50400) is closed. Any residual balance remaining at or after the close of fiscal year 2023 shall also be transferred to the General Fund to bring the Vermont Life Magazine Fund to a \$0.00 balance for closure.</u></p>
	63	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 63. FISCAL YEAR 2022 TRANSPORTATION FUND BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE</p> <p><u>For the purpose of calculating the fiscal year 2022 Transportation Fund stabilization requirement of five percent of prior year appropriations, reversions of \$1,360,563 are excluded from the fiscal year 2021 total appropriations amount.</u></p>
	64	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 64. FISCAL YEAR 2023 TRANSPORTATION FUND BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE:</p>

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		<u>For the purpose of calculating the fiscal year 2023 Transportation Fund stabilization requirement of five percent of prior year appropriations, reversions of \$3,933,027 are excluded from fiscal year 2022 total appropriations.</u>
	65	No change.
	66	No change.
<p>Amended language:</p> <p>Sec. 61 [sic] 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G. 600(a)(2) is amended to read:</p> <p>(2) \$35,000,000 to the Department of Public Service to grant to Efficiency Vermont for the purpose of weatherization incentives to Vermonters with a moderate income. These funds shall be deposited in the Electric Efficiency Fund established under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3) and shall be available for use <u>obligation</u> by Efficiency Vermont through December 31, 2024. Households approved for assistance in this section will also be offered services outlined in subdivision (4) of this subsection.</p>	67	<p>Amended language:</p> <p>Sec. 67 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G. 600(a)(2) is amended to read:</p> <p>(2) \$35,000,000 to the Department of Public Service to grant to Efficiency Vermont for the purpose of weatherization incentives to Vermonters with a moderate income. These funds shall be deposited in the Electric Efficiency Fund established under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3) and shall be available for <u>use</u> by Efficiency Vermont through December 31, 2024 <u>2026</u>. Households approved for assistance in this section will also be offered services outlined in subdivision (4) of this subsection.</p>
No change.	68	No change.
	69	No change.
	70	No change.
	71	No change.
	72	<p>Added:</p> <p><u>Sec. 72. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.600(a)(4) is amended to read:</u></p> <p><u>(4) \$2,000,000 to the Department of Public Service to grant to Efficiency Vermont for the purpose of workforce development initiatives and to support the expansion of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont’s Heat Squad program. These funds shall be deposited in the Electric Efficiency Fund established under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3) and shall be available for use by Efficiency Vermont through December 31, 2023 <u>2024</u>.</u></p>
	73	<p>Amended (B):</p> <p>Sec. 73 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 72 is amended to read:</p>

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		<p>Sec. 72. WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION INCENTIVE GRANT FUNDING FOR EMPLOYEES OF ELIGIBLE HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE EMPLOYERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(B) Grants to health care employers, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, designated and specialized service agencies, federally qualified health centers, and other health care providers, to establish or expand partnerships with Vermont nursing schools to create nursing pipeline or apprenticeship programs, or both, that will train members of the health care employers' existing staff, including personal care attendants, licensed nursing assistants, and licensed practical nurses, to become higher-level nursing professionals. Through a combination of scholarship awards, grants awarded to health care employers pursuant to this section, grants awarded to health care employers pursuant to-2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 22, and the health care employer's contributions, the trainees' tuition and fees shall be covered in full, and trainees shall be provided with assistance in meeting their living costs, such as housing and child care, while attending the program there will be no out-of-pocket costs toward tuition and fees incurred by the trainees. Trainees may also receive assistance in meeting their living costs, such as housing and child care, while attending the program as allocated funding allows.</u></p>
<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 67 [sic] 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 21 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. 21. NURSE PRECEPTOR INCENTIVE GRANTS; HOSPITALS; WORKING GROUP; REPORT</p> <p>(a)(1) In fiscal year 2023, the amount of \$400,000.00 is appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Agency of Human Services to provide incentive grants to nurses employed by critical access hospitals in Vermont for serving as preceptors for nursing students enrolled in Vermont nursing school programs. The Agency shall distribute the funds to critical access hospitals employing nurses who provide student preceptor supervision based on the number of preceptor hours to be provided, at a rate of \$5.00 per preceptor hour, or a lesser hourly rate if the need exceeds the available funds. The Agency shall prioritize funding for hospitals that provide matching funds for additional preceptor compensation or that commit to providing future compensation and support to expanding the number of</p>	74	<p>No change.</p>

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<p>preceptors. <u>If funding is not fully obligated after offering an initial grant opportunity to critical access hospitals, the Agency may open the grant opportunity to other health care employers, including non-critical access hospitals, long-term care facilities, designated and specialized service agencies, federally qualified health centers, and other health care providers.</u></p> <p>(2) If nurse preceptors receiving compensation pursuant to a grant awarded to a hospital or other health care employer under this section are subject to a collective bargaining agreement, the use of the grant funds provided to the hospital <u>or other health care employer</u> for the nurse preceptors shall be subject to impact bargaining between the hospital <u>or other health care employer</u> and the collective bargaining representative of the nurses to the extent required by the collective bargaining agreement.</p>		
	75	No change.
	76	No change.
	77	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 77. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 3 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. 3. DISBURSEMENT PLAN; POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCBs); REMEDIATION; SIGNIFICANT HEALTH THREAT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(c) Expenditures made pursuant to this section shall be authorized notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(d).</u></p>
	78	No change.
	79	No change.
	80	<p>Struck effective date:</p> <p>Sec. 80 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 47(d)(3) is amended to read:</p> <p>(3) the amount of the cumulative decline in adjusted net operating income during the COVID-19 public health emergency in 2020 and 2021, <u>or other appropriate basis of comparison used to determine eligibility under subdivision (c)(4) of this section.</u> <u>Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 71 of this act (amending 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 47(d)(3)), shall take effect on July 1, 2022 and apply retroactively to applications received on or after that date.</u></p>
	81	No change.

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<p>Edited Governor's recommend:</p> <p>Sec. 74 [sic] 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 54 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. 54. APPROPRIATION; DOWNTOWN AND VILLAGE CENTER TAX CREDIT PROGRAM</p> <p>There is appropriated the sum of \$2,450,000.00 from the General Fund to the Vermont Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit Program to be used in fiscal years 2023 and 2024. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 5930ee, the funds until the end of fiscal year 2024, up to \$5,450,000 shall be used to increase the amount of for Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit Program tax credits that may be awarded to on qualified projects. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 5930ee, any tax credit capacity for this program not used in fiscal year 2023 shall carry forward. Of those tax credits awarded in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, up to \$2,000,000.00 may be awarded to qualified projects located in designated neighborhood development areas. It is the intent of the General Assembly that this section be a temporary increase to the Program for fiscal years 2023 and 2024.</p>	82	<p>Edited House language:</p> <p>Sec. 82. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 54 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. 54. APPROPRIATION; DOWNTOWN AND VILLAGE CENTER TAX CREDIT PROGRAM: <u>ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTAL CAPACITY</u></p> <p>There is appropriated the sum of \$2,450,000.00 from the General Fund to the Vermont Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit Program to be used in fiscal years 2023 and 2024. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 5930ee, the funds shall be used in the period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, the tax credit capacity for the Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit program shall be increased by a cumulative total of \$2,450,000 to increase the amount of tax credits that may be awarded to qualified projects. Of those the supplemental tax credits awarded in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, up to \$2,000,000.00 may be awarded to qualified projects located in designated neighborhood development areas.</p>
<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 75 [sic] 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 184, Sec. 2(8)(C) and (D) are amended to read:</p> <p>(C) Replace Your Ride Program. Sec. 5(c) of this act authorizes \$3,000,000.00 <u>\$2,900,000.00</u> for incentives under Replace Your Ride, which will be the State's program to incentivize Vermonters to remove older low-efficiency vehicles from operation and switch to modes of transportation that produce fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and capped administrative costs.</p> <p>(D) eBike Incentives. Sec. 5(d) of this act authorizes \$50,000.00 <u>\$150,000.00</u> for eBike incentives and capped administrative costs.</p>	83	No change.
<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 76 [sic] 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 184, Sec. 5(c) and (d) are amended to read:</p> <p>(c) Replace Your Ride Program. The Agency is authorized to spend up to \$3,000,000.00 <u>\$2,900,000.00</u> as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on the Replace Your Ride Program established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 27, as amended.</p>	84	No change.

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(d) eBike Incentives. The Agency is authorized to spend up to \$50,000.00 <u>\$150,000.00</u> as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on an eBike incentive program.		
<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 77 [sic] 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.600(b) is amended to read:</p> <p>(b) In fiscal year 2023, \$32,200,000 is appropriated from the General Fund and \$550,000 is appropriated from the Transportation Fund for electric vehicle charging infrastructure, electrification incentives and public transportation investments as follows:</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>(5) \$3,000,000.00 <u>\$2,900,000.00</u> to the Agency of Transportation for the Replace Your Ride Program, established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 27, as amended.</p> <p>(6) \$2,200,000 general funds and \$550,000 Transportation funds to the Agency of Transportation for the following:</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>(C) \$50,000 Transportation funds <u>and \$100,000 general funds</u> to the Agency of Transportation for electric bicycle incentives.</p>	85	No change.
	86	No change.
	87	No change.
<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 80 [sic] <u>33 V.S.A. § 3543</u> is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 3543. STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE</p> <p>(a)(1) There is established a need-based student loan repayment assistance program for the purpose of providing student loan repayment assistance to any individual employed by a regulated, privately operated center-based child care program or family child care home.</p> <p>(2) An eligible individual shall:</p> <p>(A)(i) work in a privately operated center-based child care program or in a family child care home that is regulated by the Division for at least an average of 30 hours per week for 48 weeks of the year; <u>or</u></p> <p>(ii) <u>if the individual is an employee of a Vermont Head Start program that operates fewer than 48 weeks per year, work a minimum of nine months of the year, inclusive of any employer-approved time off;</u></p>	88	<p>Edited and added Sec. 88a:</p> <p>Sec. 88. <u>33 V.S.A. § 3543 is amended to read:</u></p> <p><u>§ 3543. STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE</u></p> <p><u>(a)(1) There is established a need-based student loan repayment assistance program for the purpose of providing student loan repayment assistance to any individual employed by a regulated, privately operated center-based child care program or family child care home.</u></p> <p><u>(2) An eligible individual shall:</u></p> <p><u>(A)(i) work in a privately operated center-based child care program or in a family child care home that is regulated by the Division for at least an average of 30 hours per week for 48 weeks of the year; <u>or</u></u></p> <p><u>(ii) <u>if the individual is an employee of a Vermont Head Start program that operates fewer than 48 weeks per year, work a minimum of nine months of the year, inclusive of any employer-approved time off; or</u></u></p>

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<p>(B) receive an annual salary of not more than \$50,000.00 <u>\$60,000.00</u> through the individual's work in regulated childcare; and</p> <p>(C)(i) have earned an associate's or bachelor's degree with a major or concentration in early childhood, child and human development, elementary education, special education with a birth to age eight focus, or child and family services within the preceding five years; <u>or</u> (ii) have earned an associate's, bachelor's, or master's degree that contributes to an Early Childhood Career Ladder Certificate Level IIIB or higher through Northern Lights at the Community College of Vermont.</p> <p>(3) To participate in the program set forth in this section, an eligible individual shall submit to the Department for Children and Families documentation expressing the individual's intent to work in a regulated, privately operated center-based child care program or family child care home for at least the 12 months following the annual loan repayment award notification. A participant may receive up to \$4,000.00 annually in student loan repayment assistance, which shall be distributed by the Department in four allotments. The Department shall distribute at least one-quarter of the individual's total annual benefit after the individual has completed three months of employment in accordance with the program. The remainder of an individual's total annual benefit shall be distributed by the Department every three months after the initial payment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(d) <u>An individual who has not received student loan repayment assistance pursuant to subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall be eligible for a one-time retroactive payment of \$4,000.00 if the individual met all eligibility requirements within the 12 months preceding the date of application.</u></p>		<p>(B) receive an annual salary of not more than \$50,000.00 <u>\$60,000.00</u> through the individual's work in regulated childcare; and</p> <p>(C)(i) have earned an associate's, or bachelor's, <u>or master's</u> degree with a major or concentration in early childhood, child and human development, elementary education, special education with a birth to age eight focus, or child and family services within the preceding five years; <u>or</u> (ii) have earned an associate's, bachelor's, or master's degree that contributes to an Early Childhood Career Ladder Certificate Level IIIB or higher through Northern Lights at the Community College of Vermont.</p> <p>(3) To participate in the program set forth in this section, an eligible individual shall submit to the Department for Children and Families documentation expressing the individual's intent to work in a regulated, privately operated center-based child care program or family child care home for at least the 12 months following the annual loan repayment award notification. A participant may receive up to \$4,000.00 annually in student loan repayment assistance, which shall be distributed by the Department in four allotments. The Department shall distribute at least one-quarter of the individual's total annual benefit after the individual has completed three months of employment in accordance with the program. The remainder of an individual's total annual benefit shall be distributed by the Department every three months after the initial payment.</p> <p>Sec. 88a. RETROACTIVE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE</p> <p><u>(a) In recognition that many long-serving child care providers had student loan debt that is now retired, the Department for Children and Families shall provide to an eligible applicant a one-time retroactive payment of up to \$4,000.00. An eligible applicant shall:</u></p> <p><u>(1) have not previously received student loan repayment assistance pursuant to 33 V.S.A. section 3543;</u></p> <p><u>(2) have met all eligibility requirements listed in 33 V.S.A. section 3543 within the 12 months preceding the date of application; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) not currently have any student loan debt.</u></p>
	89	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 89. TRANSITION OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROSPECTIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROVIDERS PROGRAM</p> <p><u>(a) As a result of timing constraints on the American Rescue Plan Act—Child Care Development Block Grant funds (ARPA—CCDBG), utilization of the Scholarships for</u></p>

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		<p><u>Prospective Early Childhood Providers program established in 33 V.S.A. § 3542 has been limited requiring funding and program transition.</u></p> <p><u>(1) Notwithstanding subdivisions E.318.3(a)(1) and (2) of 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74 or other ARPA–CCDBG funding allocations to the Prospective Early Childhood Providers established in 33 V.S.A. § 3542, the Department for Children and Families may allocate any unexpended and unobligated ARPA–CCDBG funding to any of the initiatives listed in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 45 to the extent allowed by ARPA–CCDBG.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Notwithstanding Sec. E.318.3(a)(1) and (2) of 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, the Department for Children and Families shall transition the program in coordination with the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the existing participants including the release of participants from work requirements. The Department for Children and Families shall fund any transition costs associated with the current participants enrolled in the Scholarships for Prospective Early Childhood Providers established in 33 V.S.A. § 3542 from the existing allocation of ARPA–CCDBG monies.</u></p>
<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 81 [sic] 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 164, Sec. 6d. is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. 6d. AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS REPORT</p> <p>On or before November 15, 2023 <u>2024</u>, the Auditor of Accounts shall report to the General Assembly regarding the organizational structure and membership of the Cannabis Control Board and whether the structure continues to be the most efficient for carrying out the statutory duties of the Board.</p>	<p>90</p>	<p>Edited to change date:</p> <p>Sec. 90 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 164, Sec. 6d. is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. 6d. AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS REPORT</p> <p>On or before November 15, 2023 <u>2025</u>, the Auditor of Accounts shall report to the General Assembly regarding the organizational structure and membership of the Cannabis Control Board and whether the structure continues to be the most efficient for carrying out the statutory duties of the Board.</p>
<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 82 [sic] 32 V.S.A. § 7811 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 7811. IMPOSITION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX</p> <p>***</p> <p>(b) The tax established in this section shall not be imposed on:</p> <p><u>(1) cannabis-related supplies sold by a dispensary registered under 48 V.S.A. chapter 86 <u>7 V.S.A. chapter 37</u> to registered patients and registered caregivers, as those terms are defined in 48 V.S.A. § 4472 <u>7 V.S.A. § 972</u>;</u></p> <p><u>(2) cannabis products, as defined in 7 V.S.A. § 831, that do not contain tobacco; or</u></p>	<p>91</p>	<p>No change.</p>

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(3) <u>hemp or hemp products, as defined in 6 V.S.A. § 562, that do not contain tobacco.</u>		
<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 84 [sic] JUDICIARY NETWORK REPLACEMENT REVIEW</p> <p><u>(a) On or before April 15, 2023, the Judiciary shall obtain an independent expert review for their proposed Network Replacement project. The review shall include:</u></p> <p><u>(1) an acquisition cost assessment;</u></p> <p><u>(2) a technology architecture and standards review;</u></p> <p><u>(3) an implementation plan assessment, including a review of the staffing plan for the ongoing operation of the network;</u></p> <p><u>(4) a cost analysis and a model for benefit analysis;</u></p> <p><u>(5) an analysis of alternatives;</u></p> <p><u>(6) an impact analysis on the Judiciary’s net operating costs; and</u></p> <p><u>(7) a security assessment.</u></p> <p><u>(b) The Judiciary shall submit a copy of the review described in subsection (a) of this section to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations. No funds shall be appropriated for the Judiciary’s Network Replacement project until the results of the review are assessed by the General Assembly.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Any costs associated with the review described in subsection (a) of this section shall be paid for from the Judiciary’s Fiscal Year 2023 operating budget.</u></p>	<p>92</p> <p>93</p>	<p>No change.</p> <p>No change.</p>
<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 85. CHILDREN’S INTEGRATED SERVICES PER MEMBER PER MONTH PAYMENT</p> <p><u>Providers of children’s integrated services shall receive a per member per month payment of \$650.00 for all eligible recipients.</u></p> <p>Sec. 86. SECURE RESIDENTIAL STABILIZATION FACILITIES FOR YOUTH</p> <p><u>(a) \$4,626,506 of funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services shall be held in reserve until the Department for Children and Families submits a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare providing a detailed plan for the location,</u></p>	<p>94</p>	<p>Struck Sections 85, 86, and 87.</p> <p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 94. LEGISLATIVE INTENT FOR ADDRESSING THE HOUSING SHORTAGE AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS</p> <p><u>(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that all future funding and policy development for addressing the housing shortage and ending homelessness be aligned with the strategies presented in the 2016 Agency of Human Services Roadmap to End Homelessness report to reduce both homelessness and reliance on the temporary housing program.</u></p>

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<p><u>design, and budget of the proposed secure residential stabilization facilities for youth, on or before March 31, 2023. The report shall include:</u></p> <p><u>(1) the proposed timeframe in which each temporary facility would be operational while plans for a suitable permanent facility are developed and implemented; and</u></p> <p><u>(2) the timeframe for the additional stabilization and treatment unit plans.</u></p> <p>Sec. 87. GENERAL ASSISTANCE TEMPORARY HOUSING PROGRAM</p> <p><u>(a) The Department for Children and Families shall convene a group of broad stakeholders, including Continuum of Care organizations, Community Action Agencies, people with lived experience, lodging establishments, homelessness shelters, and other interested parties, to examine the public policy options for administering temporary housing assistance. The group shall make recommendations to the Commissioner for Children and Families on the design and implementation of a sustainable, long-term plan for providing emergency housing after fiscal year 2023 that ends reliance on the General/Emergency Assistance Motel Voucher Program. This group shall consider investments needed to build local capacity to support emergency housing needs, which may include funding, training, technical assistance, and planning support. The Department for Children and Families and the workgroup shall also consider the Governor’s proposed permanent housing initiative when developing its recommendations.</u></p> <p><u>(b) On or before April 15, 2023, the Department for Children and Families shall submit a written report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on General and Housing, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and on Health and Welfare with recommendations on the development of a sustainable, long-term plan for emergency housing.</u></p> <p><u>(c) The Department shall also continue to engage interested local and statewide parties, including the Continuum of Care organizations, service providers, people with lived experience, and representatives of Vermont’s health care system, in the design, implementation, and evaluation of housing assistance programs and community-based alternatives to General/Emergency Assistance temporary housing.</u></p> <p><u>(d) The Department for Children and Families shall implement the identified sustainable housing plan on July 1, 2023 in line with recommendations made in the April 15, 2023 written report. The Department for Children and Families shall take into consideration steps necessary to ensure an effective and efficient transition that ends reliance on the General/Emergency Assistance Motel Voucher Program on June 30, 2023.</u></p>		

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<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 87a. [sic] MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ACCESS STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING</p> <p><u>(a) Expanding municipal access to State and federal funding. The Agency of Administration, consistent with the provisions of this section, shall design and implement a process to provide expanded technical and administrative assistance to municipalities with high need that may be eligible for State or federal funding for the following activities:</u></p> <p><u>(1) Community needs assessment. Conducting a review of community assets and needs, strategic planning, and identifying potential eligible projects, including in the following categories:</u></p> <p><u>(A) water supply and wastewater infrastructure;</u></p> <p><u>(B) housing;</u></p> <p><u>(C) community recovery, workforce development, and business support;</u></p> <p><u>(D) climate change mitigation and resilience; and</u></p> <p><u>(E) other community economic development projects identified by a municipality and approved by the Agency of Administration.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Opportunity assessment. Assessing the technical assistance and funding available from State, federal, and private sources; evaluating eligibility and compliance requirements; and conducting a feasibility analysis of whether the municipality has, or can develop, the capacity to complete a project and meet applicable requirements.</u></p> <p><u>(3) Application and permit assistance. Providing technical and administrative assistance with completing funding applications, permit applications, and satisfying initial regulatory requirements.</u></p> <p><u>(4) Project management and implementation. Providing ongoing support to successful grant recipients with project management, funding program implementation, funding program compliance, and administrative and regulatory compliance through project completion.</u></p> <p><u>(5) Other capacity-building activities. Providing additional assistance, subject to approval by the Agency, to advance priority projects identified by municipalities.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Eligible service providers; service delivery.</u></p> <p><u>(1) Eligibility.</u></p>	<p>95</p>	<p>Added (g):</p> <p><u>(g) Funding. The funding is provided in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100 as amended by Sec. 45 of this act.</u></p>

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<p><u>(A) The Agency shall develop eligibility criteria, issue a request for proposals, and implement an approval process for service providers within each region to provide the technical assistance and services specified in subsection (a) of this section.</u></p> <p><u>(B) The Agency may exercise its discretion in structuring the terms of service and payments, provided that the Agency shall adopt a set of minimum standards, duties, and performance requirements applicable to all service providers.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Providers; mode of delivery. The Agency may:</u></p> <p><u>(A) award a grant or contract for services to a regional planning commission, regional development corporation, or other similar instrumentality; to a private for-profit or nonprofit contractor; or to a combination of these;</u></p> <p><u>(B) award funding to two or more municipalities to create a shared full-time, part-time, or limited-service position; or</u></p> <p><u>(C) authorize an eligible municipality to directly contract for services from one or more providers approved by the Agency, subject to terms approved by the Agency.</u></p> <p><u>(3) Regional collaboration. In approving service providers, the Agency shall give priority to applicants that demonstrate a commitment and ability to promote regional collaboration and maximize the efficient use of resources.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Eligible municipalities; communities index.</u></p> <p><u>(1) The Agency shall develop an index that ranks Vermont municipalities based on their relative administrative capacity to access and maximize the benefits of technical assistance and funding that is available from State, federal, and other sources.</u></p> <p><u>(2) In developing the index, for each municipality in this State, the Agency shall consider its demographic profile, geographic location, and economic resources; the current size and administrative capacity of the municipal government; the availability of regional partners and supports; and other factors the Agency determines to be relevant in assessing the municipality's capacity to fully access available funding and related assistance.</u></p> <p><u>(d) Eligible municipalities; priority.</u></p> <p><u>(1) The Agency shall approve funding on a first-come, first-served basis to municipalities that rank in the top 25th percentile on the index developed pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, the Agency may adopt a process to consider and approve funding for a municipality that ranks below the top 25th percentile but demonstrates exceptional circumstances.</u></p>		

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<p><u>(3) If funds remain available after meeting the funding requirements of municipalities that qualify under subdivisions (1)–(2) of this subsection, the Agency may award funding to other municipalities according to index ranking.</u></p> <p><u>(e) Outreach; implementation.</u></p> <p><u>(1) The Agency, in coordination with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, shall conduct a general public engagement campaign to make municipalities aware of the potential opportunity for services and funding pursuant to this section.</u></p> <p><u>(2) The Agency, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, and each regional planning commission and regional development corporation that serves a municipality that is eligible for funding priority under subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall work collaboratively to ensure that individual outreach to each eligible municipality occurs:</u></p> <p><u>(A) to inform the municipality that it is eligible for funding for technical assistance and related services based on its index ranking;</u></p> <p><u>(B) to educate the municipality on the process for identifying the types of services and assistance available, identifying eligible service providers, and accessing funding pursuant to this section; and</u></p> <p><u>(C) to determine whether the municipality intends to further pursue funding for technical assistance and related services or waives its priority for funding.</u></p> <p><u>(f) Reporting.</u></p> <p><u>(1) The Agency shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Government Operations, the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, and the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs on or before the following dates:</u></p> <p><u>(A) April 1, 2023;</u></p> <p><u>(B) July 1, 2023; and</u></p> <p><u>(C) January 15, 2024.</u></p> <p><u>(2) The Agency shall address in its reports the design and implementation of the process for providing municipal technical assistance pursuant to this section, including information addressing:</u></p> <p><u>(A) the activities specified in subsection (a) of this section for which the Agency provided funding and the type and amount of State, federal, or other funds that were leveraged for each activity;</u></p>		

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<p><u>(B) the eligibility criteria, request for proposals, and approval process for service providers; the standards, duties, and performance requirements applicable to service providers; and the identity and scope of services performed by approved service providers;</u> <u>(C) the mode of delivery, amount, and purpose of funding awarded to municipalities;</u> <u>(D) the design, methodology, and efficacy of the index; the effectiveness of the index in identifying relative priority and capacity of municipalities; and, if applicable, the basis of any funding awards made due to exceptional circumstances pursuant to subdivision (d)(3) of this section; and</u> <u>(E) the design, implementation, and effectiveness of outreach efforts undertaken pursuant to subsection (e) of this section.</u></p>		
	96	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 96. 3 V.S.A. § 455 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 455. DEFINITIONS</p> <p>(a) As used in this subchapter:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">* * *</p> <p>(11) “Member” means any employee included in the membership of the Retirement System under section 457 of this title.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">* * *</p> <p>(F) “Group G member” means the following employees who are first employed in the positions listed in this subdivision (F) on or after July 1, 2022 <u>July 1, 2023</u>, or who are members of the System as of June 30, 2022 and make an irrevocable election to prospectively join Group G on or before June 30, 2023, pursuant to the terms set by the Board: facility employees of the Department of Corrections, as Department of Corrections employees who provide direct security and treatment services to offenders under supervision in the community, as employees of a facility for justice-involved youth, or as Vermont State Hospital employees or as employees of its successor in interest, who provide direct patient care.</p> <p>(12) “Membership service” shall mean <u>means</u> service rendered while a member of the Retirement System.</p> <p>(13) “Normal retirement date” means:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">* * *</p> <p>(E) with respect to a Group G member:</p>

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		<p>(i) for facility employees of the Department of Corrections, Department of Corrections employees who provide direct security and treatment services to offenders under supervision in the community, employees of a facility for justice-involved youth, or employees of the Vermont State Hospital or its successor in interest, who provide direct patient care, who were first included in the membership of the System on or before June 30, 2008, who were employed as of June 30, 2022, and who made an irrevocable election to prospectively join Group G on or before July 1, 2023, pursuant to the terms set by the Board, the first day of the calendar month next following the earlier of:</p> <p>(I) 62 years of age and following completion of five years of creditable service; or</p> <p>(II) completion of 30 years of creditable service; or</p> <p>(III) 55 years of age and following completion of 20 years of creditable service; or</p> <p>(ii) for facility employees of the Department of Corrections, Department of Corrections employees who provide direct security and treatment services to offenders under supervision in the community, as employees of a facility for justice-involved youth, or employees of the Vermont State Hospital or its successor in interest, who provide direct patient care, who were first included in the membership of the System on or after July 1, 2008, who were employed as of June 30, 2022, and who made an irrevocable election to prospectively join Group G on or before July 1, 2023, pursuant to the terms set by the Board, the first day of the calendar month next following the earlier of:</p> <p>(I) 65 years of age and following completion of five years of creditable service; or</p> <p>(II) attainment of 87 points reflecting a combination of the age of the member and number of years of service; or</p> <p>(III) 55 years of age and following completion of 20 years of creditable service; or</p> <p>(iii) for facility employees of the Department of Corrections, Department of Corrections employees who provide direct security and treatment services to offenders under supervision in the community, employees of a facility for justice-involved youth, or employees of the Vermont State Hospital or its successor in interest, who provide direct patient care, who first become a Group G member on or after July 1, 2023, the first day of the calendar month next following <u>the earlier of:</u></p> <p><u>(I) attainment of 55 years of age and following completion of 20 years of creditable service; or</u></p> <p><u>(II) 65 years of age and following completion of five years of creditable service.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
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		<p>Sec. 97. 3 V.S.A. § 470 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 470. POSTRETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES * * *</p> <p>(b) Calculation of net percentage increase. (1) Consumer Price Index; maximum and minimum amounts. Prior to October 1 of each year, a determination shall be made of any increase or decrease, to the nearest one-tenth of a percent, in the Consumer Price Index for the month ending on June 30 of that year to the average of said index for the month ending on June 30 of the previous year. Any increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index shall be subject to adjustment so as to remain within the following maximum and minimum amounts: * * *</p> <p>(E) For Group F <u>and Group G</u> members who are first eligible for normal retirement or unreduced early retirement on or before June 30, 2022, or who are vested deferred members as of June 30, 2022, the maximum amount of any increase or decrease used to determine the net percentage increase shall be five percent. In the event that there is an increase or decrease of less than one percent, the net percentage increase shall be assigned a value of one percent and shall not be subject to further adjustment pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. * * *</p> <p>(c) Eligibility for postretirement adjustment. In order for a beneficiary to receive a postretirement adjustment to the beneficiary's retirement allowance, the beneficiary must meet the following eligibility requirements: * * *</p> <p>(2) In service on or before June 30, 2022. For all Group A, C, and F, <u>and G</u> members who are first eligible for normal retirement or unreduced early retirement on or before June 30, 2022, and for Group D members first appointed or elected on or before June 30, 2022, the member must be in receipt of a retirement allowance for at least 12 months prior to the January 1 effective date of any postretirement adjustment. * * *</p>
	98	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 98. 3 V.S.A. § 473 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 473. FUNDS</p>

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		<p>(a) Assets. All of the assets of the Retirement System shall be credited to the Vermont State Retirement Fund.</p> <p>(b) Member contributions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(2)(A) Group A members. Commencing on July 1, 2016, contributions shall be 6.55 percent of compensation for Group A members.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(C) Group D members. Commencing on July 1, 2022, the contribution rate for Group D members shall be based on the <u>highest</u> quartile in which a member's hourly rate of pay falls. Quartiles shall be determined annually in the first full pay period of each fiscal year by the Department of Human Resources based on the hourly rate of pay by all Group D members. The contribution rates shall be based on the schedule set forth below:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(D) Group F members. Commencing on July 1, 2022, the contribution rate for Group F members shall be based on the quartile in which a member's hourly rate of pay falls. Quartiles shall be determined annually in the first full pay period of each fiscal year by the Department of Human Resources based on the <u>combined</u> hourly rate of pay of all Group F and Group G members. The contribution rates shall be based on the schedule set forth below:</p> <p>(i) Based on the quartiles for the first full pay period of each fiscal year and effective the first full pay period in that fiscal year, for members who have an hourly rate of pay in any pay period below the 25th percentile of Group F and Group G member hourly rates of pay, the contribution rate shall be 6.55 percent of compensation.</p> <p>(ii) Based on the quartiles for the first full pay period of each fiscal year and effective the first full pay period in that fiscal year, for members who have an hourly rate of pay in any pay period at the 25th percentile and below the 50th percentile of Group F and Group G member hourly rates of pay, the contribution rate shall be as follows:</p> <p>(I) commencing in fiscal year 2023, 7.05 percent of compensation;</p> <p>(II) commencing in fiscal year 2024, 7.55 percent of compensation; and</p> <p>(III) commencing in fiscal year 2025 and annually thereafter, 8.05 percent of compensation.</p> <p>(iii) Based on the quartiles for the first full pay period of each fiscal year and effective the first full pay period in that fiscal year, for members who have an hourly rate of pay in any</p>

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		<p>pay period at the 50th percentile and below the 75th percentile of Group F <u>and Group G</u> member hourly rates of pay, the contribution rate shall be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (I) commencing in fiscal year 2023, 7.05 percent of compensation; (II) commencing in fiscal year 2024, 7.55 percent of compensation; (III) commencing in fiscal year 2025, 8.05 percent of compensation; and (IV) commencing in fiscal year 2026 and annually thereafter, 8.55 percent of compensation. <p>(iv) Based on the quartiles for the first full pay period of each fiscal year and effective the first full pay period in that fiscal year, for members who have an hourly rate of pay in any pay period at or above the 75th percentile of Group F <u>and Group G</u> member hourly rates of pay, the contribution rate shall be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (I) commencing in fiscal year 2023, 7.05 percent of compensation; (II) commencing in fiscal year 2024, 7.55 percent of compensation; (III) commencing in fiscal year 2025, 8.05 percent of compensation; (IV) commencing in fiscal year 2026, 8.55 percent of compensation; and (V) commencing in fiscal year 2027 and annually thereafter, 9.05 percent of compensation. <p>(E) Group G members. Commencing on July 1, 2023, the contribution rate for Group G members shall be based on the quartile in which a member's hourly rate of pay falls. Quartiles shall be determined annually in the first full pay period of each fiscal year by the Department of Human Resources based on the <u>combined</u> hourly rate of pay of all <u>Group F and Group G</u> members. The contribution rates shall be based on the schedule set forth below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Based on the quartiles for the first full pay period of each fiscal year and effective the first full pay period in that fiscal year, for members who have an hourly rate of pay in any pay period below the 25th percentile of <u>Group F and Group G</u> member hourly rates of pay, the contribution rate shall be 11.23 percent of compensation. (ii) Based on the quartiles for the first full pay period of each fiscal year and effective the first full pay period in that fiscal year, for members who have an hourly rate of pay in any pay period at the 25th percentile and below the 50th percentile of <u>Group F and Group G</u> member hourly rates of pay, the contribution rate shall be as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (I) commencing in fiscal year 2024, 12.23 percent of compensation; and (II) commencing in fiscal year 2025 and annually thereafter, 12.73 percent of compensation. (iii) Based on the quartiles for the first full pay period of each fiscal year and effective the first full pay period in that fiscal year, for members who have an hourly rate of pay in any

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		<p>pay period at the 50th percentile and below the 75th percentile of <u>Group F and</u> Group G member hourly rates of pay, the contribution rate shall be as follows:</p> <p>(I) commencing in fiscal year 2024, 12.23 percent of compensation;</p> <p>(II) commencing in fiscal year 2025, 12.73 percent of compensation; and</p> <p>(III) commencing in fiscal year 2026 and annually thereafter, 13.23 percent of compensation.</p> <p>(iv) Based on the quartiles for the first full pay period of each fiscal year and effective the first full pay period in that fiscal year, for members who have an hourly rate of pay in any pay period at or above the 75th percentile of <u>Group F and</u> Group G member hourly rates of pay, the contribution rate shall be as follows:</p> <p>(I) commencing in fiscal year 2024, 12.23 percent of compensation;</p> <p>(II) commencing in fiscal year 2025, 12.73 percent of compensation;</p> <p>(III) commencing in fiscal year 2026, 13.23 percent of compensation; and</p> <p>(IV) commencing in fiscal year 2027 and annually thereafter, 13.73 percent of compensation.</p>
	99	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 99. 3 V.S.A. § 500(b) is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 500. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN * * *</p> <p>(b) Employees who are not members of the classified system who are first employed by the State on and after January 1, 1999, and would otherwise be members of Group A, B, C, D, or F, or G of the Vermont State Retirement System shall be eligible to participate in the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan. * * *</p>
	100	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 100. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 114, Sec. 14 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. 14. ONE-TIME IRREVOCABLE ELECTION FOR CERTAIN CORRECTIONS WORKERS</p> <p>(a) On or before September 15, 2022, the Department of Human Resources, in consultation with the State Treasurer's office, shall establish a list of positions eligible for</p>

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		<p>Group G of the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System. The list of Group G-eligible positions shall be limited to the following State employees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) facility employees of the Department of Corrections; (2) Department of Corrections employees who provide direct security and treatment services to offenders under supervision in the community; (3) employees of a facility for justice-involved youth; and (4) employees of the Vermont State Hospital or its successor in interest, who provide direct patient care. <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(c) In establishing any new corrections <u>classified Department of Corrections or Department of Mental Health</u> position on and after July 1, 2023, the Department of Human Resources shall identify that position as eligible for either Group G, pursuant to the criteria set forth in subsection (a) <u>of this section</u>, or Group F.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
	101	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 101. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS; GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE; REPORT</p> <p><u>(a) The Office of the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Vermont Pension Investment Commission and the Agency of Administration, shall produce a report that examines and makes recommendations on the governance structure of the two OPEB funds, other possible governance structures, and whether changes should be made to better align the governance structure with nature of the OPEB funds. In reviewing the governance structure, the report shall evaluate both the manner in which the funds are overseen as well as the underlying section 115 trusts in which they are held. Specifically, the report shall address the following:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(1) the advantages and disadvantages of retaining the existing governance structure of the OPEB funds with the State Treasurer as sole trustee;</u> <u>(2) alternative governance structures for the OPEB funds, the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative examined, and the steps and timeline required to implement each alternative; and</u> <u>(3) to the extent possible, other issues relating to the OPEB funds identified as warranting study.</u>

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		<p><u>(b) Assistance. The Office of the State Treasurer shall have the administrative support of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission as well as the Agency of Administration in producing the report.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Funding. \$100,000 is provided in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by Sec. 45 of this act for the purpose of subsection (a) of this section.</u></p> <p><u>(d) Report. On or before January 15, 2024, the Treasurer shall submit a written report to the General Assembly with findings and recommendations.</u></p>
	102	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 102. 32 V.S.A. § 3102 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 3102. CONFIDENTIALITY OF TAX RECORDS * * *</p> <p>(e) The Commissioner may, in the Commissioner’s discretion and subject to such conditions and requirements as the Commissioner may provide, including any confidentiality requirements of the Internal Revenue Service, disclose a return or return information: * * *</p> <p><u>(22) to the Agency of Natural Resources and the Department of Public Service, provided that the disclosure relates to the sales and use tax for aviation jet fuel and natural gas under chapter 233 of this title or to the fuel tax under 33 V.S.A. chapter 25 and is subject to any confidentiality requirements of the Internal Revenue Service and the disclosure exemption provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 317.</u></p>
	103	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 103. DEPARTMENT OF TAXES; FORM OF RETURNS</p> <p><u>(a) On or before July 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Taxes shall update the form of returns required by 32 V.S.A. § 9775, including the Sales and Use Tax Return for Aviation Jet Fuel and Natural Gas, known as Form SUT-458, and the Fuel Tax and Petroleum Distributor Licensing Fee Return, known as Form FGR-615, in consultation with the Secretary of Natural Resources to provide further information necessary to understand the volume of each fuel product type sold or consumed.</u></p>
	104	<p>Added:</p>

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		<p>Sec. 104 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 11 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. 11. MISSING MIDDLE-INCOME HOMEOWNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM</p> <p>(a) The following amounts are appropriated from the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Department of Housing and Community Development to grant to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency to establish the Missing Middle-Income Homeownership Development Pilot Program:</p> <p>(1) <u>from the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds: \$5,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2022; and</u></p> <p>(2) <u>from the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds: \$10,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2023; and</u></p> <p>(3) <u>from the General Fund \$9,000,000 in fiscal year 2023.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
	105	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 105. SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION FUNDING</p> <p><u>It is the intent of the General Assembly that supplemental fiscal year 2023 Global Commitment funding of \$1,700,000 provided to DVHA for the Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation program in this act be applied only prospectively as soon as reasonably possible to provide services to Vermont Medicaid members through the existing contract #41132 with the Vermont Public Transportation Association. The Association shall allocate the funds to address financial deficits incurred by its members in providing NEMT services.</u></p>
	106	<p>Added (106, 106a, 106b):</p> <p>Sec. 106 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FISCAL YEAR 2022 OUT OF STATE BEDS CARRYFORWARD FUNDS AND JUSTICE REINVESTMENT II FUNDING</p> <p>(a) <u>Notwithstanding 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.335, as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 62, and by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.111, \$1,982,247 of Department of Corrections Out of State Bed General Fund appropriation</u></p>

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		<p><u>carried forward from fiscal year 2022 shall revert to the General Fund in fiscal year 2023 for appropriation to Justice Reinvestment II in fiscal year 2023.</u></p> <p><u>(b) \$290,000 of the funds appropriated to the Justice Reinvestment II in fiscal year 2023 are for the Department’s Offender Management System (OMS) intelligence layer consistent with the actions of the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee.</u></p> <p><u>(c) \$350,000 of the funds appropriated to the Justice Reinvestment II in fiscal year 2023 shall be granted by the Department to VT Network Against Sexual Violence consistent with the actions of the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee.</u></p> <p><u>(d) \$1,000,000 of the funds appropriated to the Justice Reinvestment II in fiscal year 2023 for procurement of a case management and continuity of care management tool with data and disparity analytics capabilities to be used in conjunction with the Department’s Offender Management System (OMS).</u></p> <p><u>(e) \$342,247 of the funds appropriated to the Justice Reinvestment II in fiscal year 2023 for Community Justice Centers (CJCs) whose work is focused on services and programs that enhance community safety and include best-practice and cost-effective approaches to reducing recidivism.</u></p> <p>Sec. 106a. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.134.2 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. E.134.2 3 V.S.A. § 524 is added to read:</p> <p>§ 524. VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION SPECIAL FUND</p> <p>(a) Creation. There is hereby created the Vermont Pension Investment Commission Special Fund, administered by the Vermont Pension Investment Commission, for the purpose of receiving funds transferred to the Commission pursuant to subsection 523 <u>522(i)</u> of this title. Monies in the Fund shall be used to pay expenses associated with carrying out the Commission’s duties.</p> <p>Sec. 106b. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.134.2 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. E.134.3 <u>VERMONT RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; SOURCE OF FUNDS</u></p>

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		<p>(a) The funds appropriated in Sec. B.134.1 of this act are costs to the State's pension funds and have been considered in each pension systems' actuarial valuations, but have not been included in the funds appropriated in Secs. B.133, B.134, and B.514.1 of this act.</p> <p>(b)(a) The funds appropriated from the pension systems for administrative costs in Secs. B.133, B.134, and B.514.1 of this act are intended to provide spending authority needed to transfer cover the operating costs of the State's pensions systems, including transferring funds from the State's pension systems to the Treasurers Retirement Admin Costs fund (21520) and to the Vermont Pension Investment Commission Special Fund (21521) to cover the portion of the Treasurer's budget attributable to the State's pension systems and the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget.</p> <p><u>(1) Of the \$2,456,934 appropriated in Section B.133 of this act, \$1,580,466 constitutes the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System operating budget, and \$876,468 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to Vermont State Employees' Retirement System.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Of the 1,420,006 appropriated in Section B.134 of this act, \$1,088,606 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating budget, and \$331,400 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System.</u></p> <p><u>(3) Of the 2,774,880 appropriated in Section B.514.1 of this act, \$1,846,063 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System operating budget, and \$928,817 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System.</u></p>
	107	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 107. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.335, as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 62, and by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.111 is further amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; UNEXPENDED FUNDS TRANSFER; JUSTICE REINVESTMENT; REPORT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>

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		(c) Any funds expended authorized to be used on community-based service programs <u>justice reinvestment programs</u> pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be included in the subsequent year Department of Corrections budget for the same purpose at the same amount <u>may be spent over multiple fiscal years until fully expended.</u>
	108	<p>Added:</p> <p>Sec. 108. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.335 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; UNEXPENDED FUNDS TRANSFER; JUSTICE REINVESTMENT; REPORT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(c) Any funds expended on community-based service programs pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be included in the subsequent year Department of Corrections budget for the same purpose at the same amount.</p>
	109	No change.
<p>Edited Governor's recommend:</p> <p>Sec. 89 [sic] EFFECTIVE DATES</p> <p>This act shall take effect upon passage; except, notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214: (1) Sec. 71 of this act <u>72 (amending 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 47(d)(3)) shall take effect retroactively on July 1, 2022 and apply retroactively to applications received on or after that date; and</u> (2) Sec. 82 of this act (amending 32 V.S.A. § 7811; imposition of tobacco products tax) shall take effect on July 1, 2023, except, notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 82, that 32 V.S.A. § 7811(b)(1) (exemption for cannabis sold by dispensaries), that shall take effect retroactively on <u>March 1, 2022.</u></p>	110	<p>Edited House language:</p> <p>Sec. 110 EFFECTIVE DATES</p> <p><u>This act shall take effect upon passage except that, notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214:</u> <u>(1) Sec. 63 of this act (regarding the calculation of the fiscal year 2022 transportation fund stabilization reserve requirement) shall take effect retroactively on June 30, 2022;</u> <u>(2) Sec. 70 of this act (amending 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. D.101(d)) shall take effect retroactively on June 30, 2022;</u> <u>(3) Sec. 80 (amending 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 47(d)(3)) shall take effect retroactively on July 1, 2022 and shall apply to applications received on or after that date; and</u> <u>(4) Sec. 91 (amending 32 V.S.A. § 7811; imposition of tobacco products tax) shall take effect on July 1, 2023, except that 32 V.S.A. § 7811(b)(1) (exemption for cannabis sold by dispensaries) shall take effect retroactively on March 1, 2022.</u></p>