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Representative Lanpher of Vergennes moves that the bill be amended as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 39, which amends 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 39 to read as follows:

Sec. 39. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

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

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

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(4) \$30,000,000 General Fund to be used as Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) matching funds for costs incurred due to the July 2023 flooding event.

(5) \$10,000,000 General Fund for grants to municipalities in counties that were impacted by the July 2023 flooding event and are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declaration DR-4720-VT.

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(c) Department of Human Resources. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

1 (1) ~~\$725,000~~ \$600,000 General Fund to fund ~~seven~~ six new permanent
2 full-time positions in the Operations division in fiscal year 2024. These
3 position costs shall be funded through the Department of Human Resources –
4 Internal Service Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025;

5 (2) ~~\$75,000~~ \$200,000 General Fund to fund ~~one~~ two new permanent
6 full-time ~~position~~ positions in the VTHR Operations division in fiscal year
7 2024. This position cost shall be funded through the ~~Department of Human~~
8 ~~Resources~~ Financial Management – Internal Service Fund beginning in fiscal
9 year 2025; and

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11 (d) ~~\$200,000 General Fund to the~~ Department of Libraries, ~~in~~ In fiscal year
12 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

13 (1) \$200,000 General Fund to support the FiberConnect project relating
14 to Internet access in public libraries; and

15 (2) \$11,500 General Fund for contract costs incurred in support of the
16 Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont pursuant to 2021 Acts
17 and Resolves No. 66, Sec. 1.

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19 (i) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2024, funds
20 are appropriated for the following:

21 (1) \$110,000 General Fund for electric vehicle charger inspections.
22 Funds shall be used for the purchase of two testing units and related equipment

1 to support the development and implementation of the Commercial Electric
2 Vehicle Fueling Systems regulatory program;

3 (2) \$1,070,000 General Fund for replacement of the existing Food
4 Safety Inspection Database; ~~and~~

5 (3) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Salvation Farms to expand
6 access to locally grown food for all Vermonters; and

7 (4) \$6,000,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State
8 Fiscal Recovery Fund for water quality grants to partners and farmers, in
9 accordance with the Clean Water Board’s fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024
10 budget recommendations and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec.
11 G.700(a)(6)(A).

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13 (j) Department of Mental Health. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
14 appropriated for the following:

15 (1) \$166,000 General Fund for a grant to the Howard Center to support
16 the Cultural Liaison Program; and

17 (2) \$105,000 General Fund to the Department of Mental Health in fiscal
18 year 2024 for expediting competency and sanity evaluations.

19 (k) Green Mountain Care Board. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
20 appropriated for the following:

1 (1) \$620,000 General Fund for costs associated with the implementation
2 of the Vermont Health Care Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System
3 (VHCURES) database; and

4 (2) ~~\$120,500 General Fund for the implementation of a new financial~~
5 ~~database solution; and~~

6 ~~(3) \$50,000 General Fund for the development of the statutorily required~~
7 ~~Health Resources Allocation Plan Tool.~~

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

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11 (3) \$10,000,000 General Fund to continue to address the emergent and
12 exigent circumstances impacting health care providers following the COVID-
13 19 pandemic. All or a portion of these funds may also be used as matching
14 funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment Program to
15 provide state match. If funds are used as matching funds to the Agency of
16 Human Services Global Commitment Program to provide state match, the
17 commensurate amount of Global Commitment Fund spending authority may
18 be requested during the Global Commitment Transfer process pursuant to 2023
19 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.301.1;

20 (4) \$255,000 General Fund for a subgrant to the United Way of
21 Lamoille County to expand resource coordination for employee stability
22 through its Working Bridges Program;

1 (r) Agency of Education. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the
2 following:

3 (1) \$200,000 General Fund in fiscal year 2024 to the Agency of
4 Education for the work of the School Construction Task Force; and

5 (2) \$1,924,495 Education Fund to hold Local Education Agencies
6 harmless for the Special Education Census Block Grant miscalculation.

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8 (v) Public Service Department. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated
9 for the following:

10 (1) \$500,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to upgrade and
11 expand the ePSD case management system;

12 (2) \$400,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to complete
13 the Telecom Plan Update scheduled for June 2024; ~~and~~

14 (3) \$300,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to craft policy
15 proposals to reform and streamline electric sector policy; and

16 (4) \$20,000,000 General Fund for the appropriation established in 2022
17 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100(a)(28), as amended by 2023 Acts and
18 Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45, to replenish the \$20,000,000 of General Fund
19 spending authority transferred by the Emergency Board on July 31, 2023, per
20 32 V.S.A. §§ 133(b) and 706(2), as directed by order of the Emergency Board
21 under Item 5(a) – Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

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1 (x) Judiciary. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

2 (1) \$300,000 General Fund for the Essex County Courthouse renovation
3 planning; and

4 (2)(A) \$4,680,000 General Fund to the Judiciary for the Judiciary
5 network replacement project.

6 (B) Judiciary shall update the Joint Information Technology Oversight
7 Committee on the status of this project on or before December 1, 2023.

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9 (aa) Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living. In fiscal
10 year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

11 (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund to grant to meal providers that provide
12 meals to seniors with low income; and

13 (2) \$450,000 General Fund to the Department of Disabilities, Aging,
14 and Independent Living to continue the SASH pilot for another year.

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16 Second: In Sec. 40, which amends 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec.
17 B.1101, by striking out Sec. B.1101(g)(3) as proposed by the bill and inserting
18 in lieu thereof a new Sec. B.1101(g)(3) to read as follows:

19 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of ~~\$6,900,000~~ \$7,152,203 General
20 Fund is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to fund
21 Agriculture Development Grants for the Organic Dairy Farm Assistance
22 Program. Farms eligible for assistance and operating when they timely filed a

1 complete application in calendar year 2023 shall be eligible for an award under
2 the Program.

3 Third: In Sec. 48, which amends 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec.
4 B.1100 as amended by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.115, by striking
5 out Sec. B.1100(b)(4) as proposed by the bill and inserting in lieu thereof a
6 new Sec. B.1100(b)(4) to read as follows:

7 (4) ~~It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Public~~
8 ~~Safety~~ In order to extract the greatest value from the limited State and federal
9 dollars currently available for public safety communications modernization, it
10 is the intent of the General Assembly that all such funding is expended in an
11 efficient and complementary manner. To that end, the Commissioner of Public
12 Safety shall seek to draw and deploy the \$9,000,000 in Congressionally
13 Directed Spending to support Vermont’s transition to a modernized, regional
14 communications network in a manner that coordinates with and advances, to
15 the greatest extent possible, ~~the goals of a statewide public safety~~
16 ~~communications system developed by the Public Safety Communications Task~~
17 ~~Force.~~ The Commissioner of Public Safety shall ~~consult with~~ promptly inform
18 the Public Safety Communications Task Force as the federal parameters for
19 expending the funds become available and as the Commissioner develops a
20 and, if necessary, revises the plan to expend such funds. The Commissioner
21 shall solicit recommendations from the Task Force regarding the plan,
22 including any revisions to the plan, the implementation schedule, and specific

1 expenditures. In addition, the Commissioner shall update the Joint Fiscal
2 Committee on planned expenditures.

3 Fourth: By striking out Sec. 58 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a
4 new Sec. 58 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 58. AGENCY OF ADMINISTRATION; ENTERPRISE RESOURCE
6 PLANNING

7 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the Agency of Administration shall report to the
8 Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee within three business days
9 after any change in status of any contract relating to the Enterprise Resource
10 Planning (ERP) – Modernization Business Transformation project changes.

11 Fifth: By striking out Sec. 85 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a
12 new Sec 85 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 85. [Deleted.]

14 Sixth: By striking out Sec. 86 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a
15 new Sec 86 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 86. [Deleted.]

17 Seventh: In Sec. 93, temporary emergency housing, in subsection (a),
18 preceding “the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program,” by striking
19 out the words “individuals participating in” and inserting in lieu thereof the
20 words “households eligible for”

1 Eighth: In Sec. 93, temporary emergency housing, in subsection (a),
2 following “including,” by striking out the words “individuals participating”
3 and inserting in lieu thereof the words “households eligible”

4 Ninth: In Sec. 93, temporary emergency housing, in subdivision (e)(2), in
5 the first sentence, by striking out the word “individuals” preceding
6 “temporarily” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “households”

7 Tenth: In Sec. 93, temporary emergency housing, in subdivision (e)(2), at
8 the end of the first sentence, by inserting before the period “; provided,
9 however, that in no event shall such an agreement or the negotiations for such
10 an agreement cause a household to become unhoused”

11 Eleventh: In Sec. 93, temporary emergency housing, in subsection (e), by
12 designating the second sentence of subdivision (2) to be subdivision (3) and, at
13 the end of the newly designated subdivision (3), by inserting before the period
14 the words “per household” following “per day”