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2 An act relating to fiscal year 2024 budget adjustments.

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 Sec. 1. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.209 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

7	Personal services	<del>67,754,321</del>	69,564,321
8	Operating expenses	13,861,460	13,861,460
9	Grants	<u>1,591,501</u>	<u>1,591,501</u>
10	Total	<del>83,207,282</del>	85,017,282

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	<del>53,896,213</del>	55,706,213
13	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
14	Special funds	3,166,387	3,166,387
15	Federal funds	4,311,304	4,311,304
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,583,378</u>	<u>1,583,378</u>
17	Total	<del>83,207,282</del>	85,017,282

18 Sec. 2. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.216 is amended to read:

19 Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract

20	Personal services	<del>9,124,240</del>	9,224,240
21	Operating expenses	<u>1,396,315</u>	<u>1,396,315</u>

1	Total	<del>10,520,555</del>	10,620,555
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	<del>665,922</del>	765,922
4	Federal funds	<u>9,854,633</u>	<u>9,854,633</u>
5	Total	<del>10,520,555</del>	10,620,555
6	Sec. 3. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board		
8	Personal services	<del>4,829,061</del>	4,917,181
9	Operating expenses	<u>341,631</u>	<u>764,181</u>
10	Total	<del>5,170,692</del>	5,681,362
11	Source of funds		
12	Special funds	<u>5,170,692</u>	<u>5,681,362</u>
13	Total	<del>5,170,692</del>	5,681,362
14	Sec. 4. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property		
16	Source of funds		
17	General fund	<del>208,539,656</del>	210,449,656
18	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
19	Special funds	<del>109,230,607</del>	109,741,277
20	Tobacco fund	635,843	635,843
21	Federal funds	133,784,669	133,784,669

1	Interdepartmental transfers	13,729,981	13,729,981
2	Enterprise funds	<u>13,816,313</u>	<u>13,816,313</u>
3	Total	<del>499,987,069</del>	502,407,739
4	Sec. 5. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:		
5	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office		
6	Personal services	<del>14,083,686</del>	15,401,686
7	Operating expenses	5,402,086	5,402,086
8	Grants	<u>2,895,202</u>	<u>2,895,202</u>
9	Total	<del>22,380,974</del>	23,698,974
10	Source of funds		
11	General fund	<del>9,767,874</del>	10,226,874
12	Special funds	135,517	135,517
13	Federal funds	<del>11,678,441</del>	12,537,441
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>799,142</u>	<u>799,142</u>
15	Total	<del>22,380,974</del>	23,698,974
16	Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:		
17	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment		
18	Grants	<del>1,990,896,293</del>	<u>2,039,037,932</u>
19	Total	<del>1,990,896,293</del>	2,039,037,932
20	Source of funds		
21	General fund	<del>648,528,785</del>	657,710,193

1	Special funds	32,994,384	32,994,384
2	Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
3	State health care resources fund	<del>25,265,312</del>	25,438,836
4	Federal funds	<del>1,259,024,269</del>	1,298,107,936
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,034,170</u>	<u>3,737,210</u>
6	Total	<del>1,990,896,293</del>	2,039,037,932
7	Sec. 7. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration		
9	Personal services	<del>136,568,959</del>	127,889,514
10	Operating expenses	44,391,640	44,391,640
11	Grants	<u>2,912,301</u>	<u>2,912,301</u>
12	Total	<del>183,872,900</del>	175,193,455
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	<del>35,605,917</del>	39,109,628
15	Special funds	4,753,011	4,753,011
16	Federal funds	<del>134,621,243</del>	122,016,027
17	Global Commitment fund	4,220,337	4,220,337
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,672,392</u>	<u>5,094,452</u>
19	Total	<del>183,872,900</del>	175,193,455

1 Sec. 8. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.307 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -

3 global commitment

4 Personal services 547,983 547,983

5 Grants ~~932,542,238~~ 936,811,294

6 Total ~~933,090,221~~ 937,359,277

7 Source of funds

8 Global Commitment fund ~~933,090,221~~ 937,359,277

9 Total ~~933,090,221~~ 937,359,277

10 Sec. 9. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:

11 Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -

12 state only

13 Grants ~~53,067,318~~ 55,742,931

14 Total ~~53,067,318~~ 55,742,931

15 Source of funds

16 General fund ~~53,062,626~~ 54,861,587

17 Global Commitment fund ~~4,692~~ 881,344

18 Total ~~53,067,318~~ 55,742,931

19 Sec. 10. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:

20 Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver

21 matched

1	Grants	<u>34,621,472</u>	<u>34,672,534</u>
2	Total	34,621,472	34,672,534
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	<del>12,634,069</del>	12,493,853
5	Federal funds	<u>21,987,403</u>	<u>22,178,681</u>
6	Total	34,621,472	34,672,534
7	Sec. 11. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.312 Health - public health		
9	Personal services	64,592,946	64,592,946
10	Operating expenses	13,047,530	13,047,530
11	Grants	<u>45,946,724</u>	<u>53,124,870</u>
12	Total	<del>123,587,200</del>	130,765,346
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	12,408,429	12,408,429
15	Special funds	<del>25,017,725</del>	31,148,098
16	Tobacco fund	<del>1,088,918</del>	1,088,918
17	Federal funds	66,753,896	66,753,896
18	Global Commitment fund	<del>16,582,951</del>	17,630,724
19	Interdepartmental transfers	1,710,281	1,710,281
20	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
21	Total	<del>123,587,200</del>	130,765,346

1 Sec. 12. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

3	Personal services	47,716,644	50,489,379
4	Operating expenses	5,272,240	5,272,240
5	Grants	<u>264,539,814</u>	<u>264,343,558</u>
6	Total	<del>317,528,698</del>	320,105,177

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	<del>25,282,556</del>	26,278,924
9	Special funds	1,708,155	1,708,155
10	Federal funds	10,999,654	10,999,654
11	Global Commitment fund	<del>279,524,193</del>	281,104,304
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>	<u>14,140</u>
13	Total	<del>317,528,698</del>	320,105,177

14 Sec. 13. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:

15 Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support

16 services

17	Personal services	<del>44,446,942</del>	46,323,033
18	Operating expenses	17,162,151	17,162,151
19	Grants	<u>3,919,106</u>	<u>3,919,106</u>
20	Total	<del>65,528,199</del>	67,404,290

21 Source of funds

1	General fund	<del>37,090,554</del>	38,841,112
2	Special funds	2,781,912	2,781,912
3	Federal funds	23,540,549	23,540,549
4	Global Commitment fund	<del>1,659,321</del>	1,784,854
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>455,863</u>	<u>455,863</u>
6	Total	<del>65,528,199</del>	67,404,290
7	Sec. 14. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services		
9	Personal services	43,987,652	43,987,652
10	Operating expenses	5,180,385	5,180,385
11	Grants	<del>93,421,639</del>	<u>93,703,581</u>
12	Total	<del>142,589,676</del>	142,871,618
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	<del>59,707,017</del>	59,046,300
15	Special funds	729,587	729,587
16	Federal funds	<del>33,937,204</del>	34,378,330
17	Global Commitment fund	<del>48,178,131</del>	48,679,664
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>37,737</u>	<u>37,737</u>
19	Total	<del>142,589,676</del>	142,871,618

20 Sec. 15. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

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



1	Personal services	5,670,999	5,670,999
2	Operating expenses	810,497	810,497
3	Grants	<u>95,860,842</u>	<u>99,707,882</u>
4	Total	<del>102,342,338</del>	106,189,378
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	35,016,309	35,016,309
7	Special funds	16,745,000	16,745,000
8	Federal funds	<del>37,419,258</del>	41,266,298
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>13,161,771</u>	<u>13,161,771</u>
10	Total	<del>102,342,338</del>	106,189,378
11	Sec. 16. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and		
13	disabled		
14	Personal services	2,252,206	2,252,206
15	Grants	<u>10,431,118</u>	<u>11,181,118</u>
16	Total	<del>12,683,324</del>	13,433,324
17	Source of funds		
18	General fund	7,533,333	7,533,333
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,149,991</u>	<u>5,899,991</u>
20	Total	<del>12,683,324</del>	13,433,324

1 Sec. 17. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up

3	Operating expenses	30,633	30,633
4	Grants	<u>35,536,413</u>	<u>36,683,099</u>
5	Total	<u>35,567,046</u>	36,713,732

6 Source of funds

7	General fund	<u>23,233,869</u>	24,114,082
8	Special funds	5,970,229	5,970,229
9	Federal funds	<u>3,531,330</u>	2,806,330
10	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,831,618</u>	<u>3,823,091</u>
11	Total	<u>35,567,046</u>	36,713,732

12 Sec. 18. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:

13 Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and

14 independent living grants

15	Grants	<u>22,380,328</u>	<u>22,922,275</u>
16	Total	<u>22,380,328</u>	22,922,275

17 Source of funds

18	General fund	9,220,695	9,220,695
19	Federal funds	7,321,114	7,321,114
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,838,519</u>	<u>6,380,466</u>
21	Total	<u>22,380,328</u>	22,922,275

1 Sec. 19. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and  
3 community based waiver

4	Grants	<u>6,638,028</u>	<u>6,938,028</u>
5	Total	6,638,028	6,938,028

6 Source of funds

7	Global Commitment fund	<u>6,638,028</u>	<u>6,938,028</u>
8	Total	<u>6,638,028</u>	6,938,028

9 Sec. 20. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:

10 Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care

11	Grants	<u>268,715,683</u>	<u>289,878,189</u>
12	Total	<u>268,715,683</u>	289,878,189

13 Source of funds

14	General fund	498,579	498,579
15	Federal funds	2,450,000	2,450,000
16	Global Commitment fund	<u>265,767,104</u>	<u>286,929,610</u>
17	Total	<u>268,715,683</u>	289,878,189

18 Sec. 21. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:

19 Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

20	Personal services	<u>139,473,576</u>	152,714,793
21	Operating expenses	<u>24,600,099</u>	<u>24,600,099</u>

1	Total	<del>164,073,675</del>	177,314,892
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	<del>159,502,946</del>	167,744,163
4	Special funds	935,963	935,963
5	ARPA State Fiscal	0	5,000,000
6	Federal funds	492,196	492,196
7	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255	2,746,255
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
9	Total	<del>164,073,675</del>	177,314,892
10	Sec. 22. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.338.1 is amended to read:		
11	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Reinvestment II		
12	Grants	<del>10,659,519</del>	<u>11,206,413</u>
13	Total	<del>10,659,519</del>	11,206,413
14	Source of funds		
15	General fund	8,081,831	8,081,831
16	Federal funds	13,147	13,147
17	Global Commitment fund	<del>2,564,541</del>	<u>3,111,435</u>
18	Total	<del>10,659,519</del>	11,206,413
19	Sec. 23. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:		
20	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services		
21	Personal services	<del>18,187,631</del>	24,284,571

1	Operating expenses	<u>5,978,873</u>	<u>6,813,344</u>
2	Total	<del>24,166,504</del>	31,097,915
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	4,199,478	9,579,745
5	Special funds	11,655,797	13,627,301
6	Federal funds	<u>8,311,229</u>	<u>7,890,869</u>
7	Total	<del>24,166,504</del>	31,097,915
8	Sec. 24. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.347 is amended to read:		
9	Sec. B.347 Total human services		
10	Source of funds		
11	General fund	<del>1,231,153,062</del>	1,262,543,832
12	Special funds	<del>124,537,345</del>	132,639,222
13	Tobacco fund	<del>23,088,208</del>	23,088,208
14	State health care resources fund	<del>25,265,312</del>	25,438,836
15	ARPA State Fiscal	0	5,000,000
16	Federal funds	<del>1,785,709,992</del>	1,816,381,527
17	Global Commitment fund	<del>1,943,848,077</del>	1,976,541,555
18	Internal service funds	1,746,397	1,746,397
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<del>28,591,925</del>	28,717,025
20	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
21	Total	<del>5,163,965,318</del>	5,272,121,602

1 Sec. 25. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.500 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration

3	Personal services	<del>17,683,192</del>	16,733,192
4	Operating expenses	<del>4,387,522</del>	4,407,522
5	Grants	<u>15,270,700</u>	<u>15,270,700</u>
6	Total	<u>37,341,414</u>	36,411,414

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	<del>7,415,742</del>	7,465,742
9	Special funds	<del>16,575,926</del>	16,595,926
10	Education fund	3,486,447	3,486,447
11	Federal funds	<del>9,220,942</del>	8,220,942
12	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>382,357</u>	<u>382,357</u>
14	Total	<u>37,341,414</u>	36,411,414

15 Sec. 26. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.502 is amended to read:

16 Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants

17	Grants	<del>226,195,600</del>	<u>229,821,806</u>
18	Total	<del>226,195,600</del>	229,821,806

19 Source of funds

20	Education fund	<del>226,195,600</del>	<u>229,821,806</u>
21	Total	<del>226,195,600</del>	229,821,806

1 Sec. 27. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.505 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment

3	Grants	<del>1,703,317,103</del>	<u>1,711,148,481</u>
4	Total	<del>1,703,317,103</del>	<u>1,711,148,481</u>

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6 Source of funds

7	Education fund	<del>1,703,317,103</del>	<u>1,711,148,481</u>
8	Total	<del>1,703,317,103</del>	<u>1,711,148,481</u>

9 Sec. 27a. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.509 is amended to read:

10 Sec. B.509 Education - Afterschool Grant Program

11	Grants	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>
12	Total	4,000,000	4,000,000

13 Source of funds

14	<del>Education fund</del> <u>Special funds</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>
15	Total	4,000,000	4,000,000

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17 Sec. 28. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:

18 Sec. B.516 Total general education

19 Source of funds

20	General fund	<del>216,199,064</del>	216,249,064
21	Special funds	<del>19,495,486</del>	19,515,486

1	Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
2	Education fund	<del>2,070,971,937</del>	2,082,429,521
3	Federal funds	<del>493,305,099</del>	492,305,099
4	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
5	Interdepartmental transfers	382,357	382,357
6	Pension trust funds	<u>3,448,255</u>	<u>3,448,255</u>
7	Total	<del>2,804,812,586</del>	2,815,340,170
8	Sec. 29. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.603 is amended to read:		
9	Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health		
10	Grants	<u>1,157,775</u>	<u>1,774,148</u>
11	Total	<del>1,157,775</del>	1,774,148
12	Source of funds		
13	General fund	748,314	274,148
14	Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
15	Total	<del>1,157,775</del>	1,774,148
16	Sec. 30. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.608 is amended to read:		
17	Sec. B.608 Total higher education		
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	<del>128,339,478</del>	127,865,312
20	Education fund	41,225	41,225
21	Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>



1	Total	<del>128,790,164</del>	129,406,537
2	Sec. 31. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.702 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services		
4	Personal services	<del>21,567,730</del>	22,223,023
5	Operating expenses	7,140,027	7,140,027
6	Grants	<u>936,232</u>	<u>936,232</u>
7	Total	<del>29,643,989</del>	30,299,282
8	Source of funds		
9	General fund	<del>7,173,206</del>	7,603,314
10	Special funds	<del>370,644</del>	385,694
11	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090	10,921,090
12	Federal funds	<del>9,793,589</del>	10,003,724
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,385,460</u>	<u>1,385,460</u>
14	Total	<del>29,643,989</del>	30,299,282
15	Sec. 32. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.710 is amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management		
17	Personal services	<del>26,006,961</del>	29,506,961
18	Operating expenses	10,026,393	10,026,393
19	Grants	<u>4,905,988</u>	<u>4,905,988</u>
20	Total	<del>40,939,342</del>	44,439,342
21	Source of funds		

1	General fund	193,565	193,565
2	Special funds	<del>26,236,633</del>	29,736,633
3	Federal funds	14,342,090	14,342,090
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>167,054</u>	<u>167,054</u>
5	Total	<del>40,939,342</del>	44,439,342
6	Sec. 33. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources		
8	Source of funds		
9	General fund	<del>37,999,582</del>	38,429,690
10	Special funds	<del>79,971,986</del>	83,487,036
11	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090	10,921,090
12	Federal funds	<del>93,077,302</del>	93,287,437
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,215,308</u>	<u>13,215,308</u>
14	Total	<del>235,185,268</del>	239,340,561
15	Sec. 34. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.800 is amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce		
17	and community development - administration		
18	Personal services	<del>2,610,304</del>	2,510,304
19	Operating expenses	982,307	982,307
20	Grants	<u>539,820</u>	<u>539,820</u>
21	Total	<del>4,132,431</del>	4,032,431

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	<del>3,666,442</del>	3,566,442
3	Federal funds	351,000	351,000
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>114,989</u>	<u>114,989</u>
5	Total	<del>4,132,431</del>	4,032,431
6	Sec. 35. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.802 is amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.802 Housing and community development		
8	Personal services	<del>6,428,334</del>	6,528,334
9	Operating expenses	705,584	705,584
10	Grants	<del><u>23,739,005</u></del>	<u>25,967,039</u>
11	Total	<del>30,872,923</del>	33,200,957
12	Source of funds		
13	General fund	<del>5,031,943</del>	5,131,943
14	Special funds	<del>6,937,054</del>	9,165,088
15	Federal funds	15,854,615	15,854,615
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,049,311</u>	<u>3,049,311</u>
17	Total	<del>30,872,923</del>	33,200,957
18	Sec. 36. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.813 is amended to read:		
19	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development		
20	Source of funds		
21	General fund	21,222,221	21,222,221

1	Special funds	<del>32,106,330</del>	34,334,364
2	Federal funds	93,013,297	93,013,297
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,062,973</u>	<u>5,062,973</u>
4	Total	<del>151,404,821</del>	153,632,855

5 Sec. 37. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1000 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.1000 Debt service

7	Operating expenses	<del>75,705,398</del>	<u>675,000</u>
8	Total	<del>75,705,398</del>	675,000

9 Source of funds

10	General fund	<del>75,377,993</del>	675,000
11	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>	<u>0</u>
12	Total	<del>75,705,398</del>	675,000

13 Sec. 38. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1001 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

15 Source of funds

16	General fund	<del>75,377,993</del>	675,000
17	Transportation fund	<u>327,045</u>	<u>0</u>
18	Total	<del>75,705,398</del>	675,000

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

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

21 APPROPRIATIONS

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

3 \* \* \*

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

7 (5) \$6,250,000 General Fund for grants to municipalities in counties that  
8 were impacted by the July 2023 flooding event and are eligible for Federal  
9 Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance funds under  
10 federal disaster declaration DR-4720-VT. Grants shall be made in proportion  
11 to the municipality's share of the overall percentage of residential properties  
12 that were majorly damaged or destroyed, as designated by FEMA, by the July  
13 2023 flooding event.

14 (6) \$3,000,000 Interdepartmental Transfer Fund for Enterprise Resource  
15 Planning (ERP) Modernization – Business Transformation.

16 \* \* \*

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

19 (1) ~~\$725,000~~ \$600,000 General Fund to fund ~~seven~~ six new permanent  
20 full-time positions in the Operations division in fiscal year 2024. These

1 position costs shall be funded through the Department of Human Resources –  
2 Internal Service Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025;

3 (2) ~~\$75,000~~ \$200,000 General Fund to fund ~~one~~ two new permanent  
4 full-time ~~position~~ positions in the VTHR Operations division in fiscal year  
5 2024. These position costs shall be funded through the ~~Department of Human~~  
6 ~~Resources~~ Financial Management – Internal Service Fund beginning in fiscal  
7 year 2025; and

8 \* \* \*

9 (d) ~~\$200,000 General Fund to the~~ Department of Libraries ~~in~~ In fiscal year  
10 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

11 (1) \$200,000 General Fund to support the FiberConnect project relating  
12 to Internet access in public libraries; and

13 (2) \$11,500 General Fund for contract costs incurred in support of the  
14 Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont pursuant to 2021 Acts  
15 and Resolves No. 66, Sec. 1.

16 \* \* \*

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

19 (1) \$110,000 General Fund for electric vehicle charger inspections.  
20 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).

12 \* \* \*

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

15 (1) \$620,000 General Fund for costs associated with the implementation  
16 of the Vermont Health Care Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System  
17 (VHCURES) database; and

18 ~~(2) \$120,500 General Fund for the implementation of a new financial~~  
19 ~~database solution; and~~

20 ~~(3) \$50,000 General Fund for the development of the statutorily required~~  
21 Health Resources Allocation Plan Tool.

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

3 \* \* \*

4 (3) \$10,000,000 General Fund to continue to address the emergent and  
5 exigent circumstances impacting health care providers following the COVID-  
6 19 pandemic. All or a portion of these funds may also be used as matching  
7 funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment Program to  
8 provide state match. If funds are used as matching funds to the Agency of  
9 Human Services Global Commitment Program to provide state match, the  
10 commensurate amount of Global Commitment Fund spending authority may  
11 be requested during the Global Commitment Transfer process pursuant to 2023  
12 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.301.1;

13 \* \* \*

14 (n) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for  
15 the following

16 \* \* \*

17 (7) \$5,000,000 General Fund for the purpose of supporting the  
18 Community Violence Prevention Program established by legislation enacted in  
19 2023. An amount not to exceed five percent of this appropriation may be used  
20 for the administrative costs of the program, including the funding of an  
21 existing limited service position at the Department of Health. Unexpended



1 appropriations shall carry forward into the subsequent fiscal year and remain  
2 available for use for this purpose. All or part of this appropriation may be  
3 transferred to the Department of Health for this Program if necessary;

4 \* \* \*

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

7 \* \* \*

8 (3) \$40,000 General Fund ~~the purchase of a driving school vehicle for~~  
9 ~~the Youth Development Program to support foster and former foster youth~~  
10 ~~access to driver's education~~ for the Youth Development Program to fund costs  
11 associated with supporting youth in foster care, or formerly in foster care, to  
12 learn to drive and to obtain their drivers' licenses and independent  
13 transportation;

14 \* \* \*

15 (9) \$130,000 General Fund for a grant to the Snelling Center to restart  
16 the Early Childhood Education Leadership Program; ~~and~~

17 (10) \$300,000 General Fund for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse  
18 Vermont to provide education regarding the prevention of unsafe infant sleep  
19 and to expand programming and support services regarding child abuse often  
20 related to parental substance misuse;





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(2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$1,175,000 is

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appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Education for grants to

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Adult Basic Education programs to provide bridge funding and deficit

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assistance for Adult Basic Education programs while the study and report

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required by Sec. E.504 of this act is completed.

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(d) Healthcare and social services workforce.

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(1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from

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the General Fund to the Department of Health to be ~~transferred~~ granted as

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needed to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the Vermont

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Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Forgivable Loan Incentive

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Program created in 18 V.S.A. § 39.

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(4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from

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the General Fund to the ~~Department of Mental Health~~ Agency of Human

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Services to address workforce needs at the designated and specialized services

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agencies. These funds shall not be released until a plan to meet training and

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retention is mutually agreed upon by the Department of Disabilities, Aging,

20

and Independent Living and the designated and specialized services agencies

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and approved by the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the

1 legislature is not in session. All or a portion of these funds may be used as  
2 matching funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment  
3 program to provide State match if any part of the plan is eligible to draw  
4 federal funds. It is the intent of the General Assembly to maximize the value  
5 of this one-time funding through eligible Global Commitment investment.

6 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$6,899,724 is appropriated from  
7 the Global Commitment Fund to the Department of Mental Health for purposes  
8 of leveraging the appropriation in subdivision (4) of this subsection for Global  
9 Commitment investment.

10 \* \* \*

11 (g) Agriculture Economic Development.

12 \* \* \*

13 (3) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of ~~\$6,900,000~~ \$7,025,492 General  
14 Fund is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to fund  
15 Agriculture Development Grants for the Organic Dairy Farm Assistance  
16 Program. Farms eligible for assistance that timely filed a complete application  
17 in calendar year 2023 and that are currently operating as of the passage of the  
18 fiscal year 2024 budget adjustment act shall be eligible for an award under the  
19 Program.

20 \* \* \*

1 Sec. 41. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1103 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.1103 CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT – FISCAL YEAR 2024

3 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

4 \* \* \*

5 (h) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 General Fund is  
6 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
7 Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act as codified in  
8 10 V.S.A. chapter 159. Funds shall be used for ~~the~~ assessment and cleanup  
9 planning ~~for a maximum~~ of 25 brownfields sites.

10 \* \* \*

11 (n) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$165,000 General Fund is  
12 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation to complete the  
13 engineering assessment for the Green River Reservoir Dam. The Department  
14 shall share the findings of the assessment with Morrisville Water and Light.

15 Sec. 42. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1104 is amended to read:

16 Sec. B.1104 FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION;

17 RETIRED TEACHERS’ COST OF LIVING PAYMENT

18 (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025  
19 to the contrary, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State  
20 Teachers’ Retirement System from the Education Fund for Calendar Year  
21 2023 supplemental payments made in Sec. E.514.2(b) of this act and

1 associated costs and to fund the present value of modifications to the  
2 postretirement adjustments allowance.

3 Sec. 43. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1105(d) is amended to read:

4 (d) In fiscal year 2024, to the extent funds are available from transfers  
5 made in Sec. C.109 of this act, and before the appropriation identified in 2023  
6 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 7(a), the projects in this subsection shall  
7 receive an appropriation from the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments,  
8 and Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential  
9 Investments in the following order:

10 \* \* \*

11 Sec. 44. 29 V.S.A. § 161 is amended to read:

12 § 161. REQUIREMENTS ON STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

13 \* \* \*

14 (b) Each contract awarded under this section for any State project with a  
15 construction cost exceeding \$100,000.00, a construction project with a  
16 construction cost exceeding \$200,000.00 that is authorized and is at least  
17 50 percent funded by a capital construction act pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 701a,  
18 or a construction project with a construction cost exceeding \$200,000.00 that is  
19 at least 50 percent funded by the Cash Fund for Capital ~~Infrastructure~~ and  
20 ~~Other~~ Essential Investments established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001~~b~~ shall provide  
21 that all construction employees working on the project shall be paid not less

1 than the mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont  
2 Department of Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey plus an  
3 additional fringe benefit of 42 and one-half percent of wage, as calculated by  
4 the current Vermont prevailing wage survey. As used in this section, “fringe  
5 benefits” means benefits, including paid vacations and holidays, sick leave,  
6 employer contributions and reimbursements to health insurance and retirement  
7 benefits, and similar benefits that are incidents of employment.

8 Sec. 45. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.108 is amended to read:

9 Sec. C.108 RESERVES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND  
10 JOBS ACT (IIJA) MATCH

11 \* \* \*

12 (b) To the extent available in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, the amount of  
13 \$14,500,000 is reserved in the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and  
14 Reserves subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments,  
15 from the transfer provided in subdivision D.101(a)(1)(D)(ii) of this act, to  
16 provide the State match in fiscal years 2025 and 2026 needed for federal  
17 funding for water and wastewater related projects under the IIJA. These funds  
18 shall only be expended if authorized by the General Assembly.

19 Sec. 46. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.109 is amended to read:

20 Sec. C.109 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTINGENT TRANSFERS TO CASH  
21 FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS:



1 (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, to the extent any fund  
2 specified in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. D.101(b)(2) as amended by  
3 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 48 has ~~an~~ a remaining unobligated fund  
4 balance in fiscal year 2023 after the transfers to the General Fund are made, the  
5 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer to the subaccount  
6 created under 32 V.S.A. 1001b(b)(2) the respective fiscal year 2023  
7 unobligated special fund balances. The Commissioner shall report the amounts  
8 transferred pursuant to this provision to the Joint Fiscal Committee in July  
9 2023.

10 \* \* \*

11 Sec. 47. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2023  
12 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.115, is further amended to read:

13 Sec. B.1100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

14 APPROPRIATIONS

15 \* \* \*

16 (b) \$11,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
17 Department of Public Safety for regional dispatch funding. The funds are  
18 subject to the following conditions:

19 (1) Up to \$1,000,000 shall be available for the retention of technical  
20 experts to assist the Public Safety Communications Task Force with the  
21 analysis and planning required by ~~Sec. C.112 of this act~~ 2023 Acts and

1 Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.114 and to fund the administrative expenses incurred  
2 by the Public Safety Communications Task Force. If the Task Force  
3 determines ~~in calendar year 2023~~ that additional funding is necessary to  
4 achieve its purposes, it may submit a request to the Joint Fiscal Committee.  
5 The Joint Fiscal Committee is authorized to approve up to an additional  
6 \$1,000,000.

7 (2) Up to \$4,500,000 shall be available to provide funding for pilot  
8 projects pursuant to ~~Sec. C.112(f), of this act~~ 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78,  
9 Sec. C.114(f).

10 (3) Any remaining amounts not obligated pursuant to subdivisions (1)  
11 and (2) of this subsection (b) shall ~~be held in reserve~~ remain unobligated and  
12 unexpended until approval to expend the funds is authorized by further  
13 enactment of the General Assembly.

14 (4) ~~It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Public~~  
15 ~~Safety~~ In order to extract the greatest value from the limited State and federal  
16 dollars currently available for public safety communications modernization, it  
17 is the intent of the General Assembly that all such funding is expended in an  
18 efficient and complementary manner. To that end, the Commissioner of Public  
19 Safety shall seek to draw and deploy the \$9,000,000 in Congressionally  
20 Directed Spending to support Vermont's transition to a modernized, regional  
21 communications network in a manner that coordinates with and advances, to

1 the greatest extent possible, the goals of a statewide public safety  
2 communications system developed by the Public Safety Communications Task  
3 Force. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall ~~consult with~~ promptly inform  
4 the Public Safety Communications Task Force as ~~the~~ federal parameters for  
5 expending the funds become available and as the Commissioner develops a  
6 and, if necessary, revises the plan to expend such funds. The Commissioner  
7 shall solicit recommendations from the Task Force regarding the plan,  
8 including any revisions to the plan, the implementation schedule, and specific  
9 expenditures. In addition, the Commissioner shall update the Joint Fiscal  
10 Committee on planned expenditures.

11 \* \* \*

12 Sec. 48. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.114(f), is amended to read:

13 (f)(1) If the Task Force determines that sufficient minimum technical and  
14 operational standards have been developed to warrant the funding of one or  
15 more pilot projects, the Task Force may submit for approval a pilot project  
16 plan to the Joint Fiscal Committee ~~in calendar year 2023.~~

17 \* \* \*

18 Sec. 49. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.120 is amended to read:

19 Sec. C.120 ~~BALANCE RESERVE UNRESERVED; RESERVED FOR~~

20 ~~VCBB~~



1 accordance with the requirements of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 and in a manner  
2 designed to achieve rapid deployment and administrative efficiency, and may  
3 reallocate funds across governmental units in a net-neutral manner as follows  
4 for a total of \$9,400,000:

5 (1) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to  
6 reallocate General Fund appropriations made to the ~~Vermont Housing and~~  
7 ~~Conservation Board in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45~~ Department of  
8 Corrections in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.338. In exchange, the  
9 Secretary of Administration shall provide an amount equal to the reallocation  
10 amount to the ~~Vermont Housing and Conservation Board from the federal~~  
11 ~~funds appropriated through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which~~  
12 ~~was originally approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to Grant~~  
13 ~~Request #3034.~~

14 (2) ~~The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to~~  
15 ~~reallocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal~~  
16 ~~Recovery Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in 2021 Acts~~  
17 ~~and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300(a)(31), as amended by 2022 Acts and~~  
18 ~~Resolves No. 83, Sec. 68~~ Department of Corrections from American Rescue  
19 Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund dollars  
20 appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in 2021 Acts and Resolves No.  
21 74, Sec. G.300(a)(31), as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 68.

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Sec. 51. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.100 is amended to read:

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Sec. D.100 ~~APPROPRIATIONS~~ ALLOCATIONS; PROPERTY

4

TRANSFER TAX

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(a) This act contains the following amounts ~~appropriated from~~ allocated to

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special funds that receive revenue from the property transfer tax. ~~Expenditures~~

7

~~from these appropriations~~ These allocations shall not exceed available

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revenues.

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(1) The sum of \$560,000 is ~~appropriated~~ allocated from the Current Use

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Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of

11

the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),

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amounts in excess of \$560,000 from the property transfer tax deposited into the

13

Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General

14

Fund.

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(2) ~~The sum of \$21,462,855 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing~~

16

~~and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board~~

17

~~(VHCB)~~. Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of \$21,462,855

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from the property transfer tax and surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a

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that are deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund

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shall be transferred into the General Fund.

1           (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property  
2 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the  
3 affordable housing bond (10 V.S.A. § 314) shall be offset by the reduction of  
4 \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation  
5 Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a.  
6 The fiscal year 2024 appropriation of \$21,462,855 to the Vermont Housing and  
7 Conservation Board reflects the \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing  
8 bond and related property transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed  
9 after the life of the bond on July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, it is the  
10 intent of the General Assembly that the \$1,500,000 reduction in the  
11 appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board should be  
12 restored.

13           (3) ~~The sum of \$7,545,993 is appropriated from the Municipal and~~  
14 ~~Regional Planning Fund.~~ Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts in  
15 excess of \$7,545,993 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the  
16 Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General  
17 Fund. The \$7,545,993 shall be allocated for the following:

18           (A) \$6,211,650 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in  
19 a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

20           (B) \$898,283 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner  
21 consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

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

3 Sec. 52. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.100.1 is amended to read:

4 Sec. D.100.1 LEGISLATIVE INTENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

5 PLANNING FUNDS

6 (a) ~~It is the intent of the General Assembly that an amount not to exceed~~  
7 \$500,000 of the planning funds provided in Sec. D.100 of this act shall be used  
8 for municipal bylaw modernization.

9 Sec. 53. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

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

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

13 (1) From the General Fund to:

14 \* \* \*

15 (E) the Fire Prevention/Building Inspection Special Fund (21901):

16 \$1,500,000.00; ~~and~~

17 (F) the Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (21909):

18 \$3,600,000.00;

19 (G) the State Liability Insurance Fund (56200): \$9,500,000.00;

20 (H) the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (21555):

21 \$17,250,000.00;





1           (5) From the Waste Management Assistance Fund (21285) to:

2                   (A) the Environmental Contingency Fund (21275): \$3,500,000.

3           (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
4 2024:

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

7	22005 AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts	\$4,641,960
8	50300 Liquor Control Fund	\$21,200,000
9	<u>50250 Sports Wagering Fund</u>	<del>\$1,204,000</del> <u>\$3,200,000</u>
10	<del>Caledonia Fair</del>	<del>\$5,000</del>
11	<del>North Country Hospital Loan Repayment</del>	<del>\$24,047</del>
12	<del>Springfield Hospital Promissory Note Repayment</del>	<del>\$121,416</del>
13	<u>21970 Registration Fees Fund</u>	<u>\$605,273.01</u>
14	<u>21064 Financial Institutions Supervision Fund</u>	<u>\$4,024,748</u>

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

1	21638 AG-Fees and reimbursement		
2	– Court order	\$1,000,000	<u>\$4,000,000</u>
3	621000 Unclaimed Property Fund	<del>\$3,270,225</del>	<u>\$4,806,692</u>
4		* * *	

5 (3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.228,  
6 ~~\$60,044,000~~ \$57,667,840 of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance  
7 Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory  
8 and Supervision Fund (21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision  
9 Fund (21080) shall be transferred to the General Fund.

10 (c)(1)(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal  
11 year 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the  
12 ~~accounts indicated~~ the general funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act for  
13 the Global Commitment Program:

14 3400004000 ~~Agency of Human Services –~~  
15 ~~Secretary’s Office~~ – Global Commitment \$15,103,683

16 (B) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal  
17 year 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the  
18 accounts indicated:

19	<u>1130892201 Lib – Working Group Per Diem</u>		<u>\$11,550.00</u>
20	<u>1140070000 Use Tax Reimbursement Program</u>		<u>\$120,096.98</u>
21	<u>1140330000 Renter Rebates</u>		<u>\$943,487.35</u>

1	<u>1150891901</u>	<u>Electric Vehicle Charge</u>	<u>\$4,412.78</u>
2	<u>1250010000</u>	<u>Auditor of Accounts</u>	<u>\$21,067.71</u>
3	<u>1260010000</u>	<u>Office of the Treasurer</u>	<u>\$110,821.00</u>
4	<u>2110010000</u>	<u>Assigned Counsel</u>	<u>\$3.37</u>
5	<u>2120892203</u>	<u>JUD – County Courthouse HVAC</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
6	<u>2130200000</u>	<u>Sheriffs</u>	<u>\$29,880.53</u>
7	<u>2130400000</u>	<u>SIUS Parent Account</u>	<u>\$167,678.27</u>
8	<u>2130500000</u>	<u>Crime Victims Advocates</u>	<u>\$18,465.95</u>
9	<u>2150010000</u>	<u>Military – Administration</u>	<u>\$100,782.00</u>
10	<u>2160892102</u>	<u>CCVS-BCJC for St Jo’s Orphan</u>	<u>\$88.00</u>
11	<u>2200010000</u>	<u>Administration Division</u>	<u>\$389,654.70</u>
12	<u>2230892202</u>	<u>SOS – One-Time FY22 Election Cost</u>	<u>\$171,400.78</u>
13	<u>2320020000</u>	<u>Liquor Enforcement &amp; Licensing</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
14	<u>3150070000</u>	<u>Mental Health</u>	<u>\$2,772,735.17</u>
15	<u>3310000000</u>	<u>Commission on Women</u>	<u>\$11,173.77</u>
16	<u>3330010000</u>	<u>Green Mountain Care Board</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
17	<u>3400001000</u>	<u>Secretary’s Office Admin Costs</u>	<u>\$475,775.00</u>
18	<u>3400004000</u>	<u>Global Commitment</u>	<u>\$11,676,230.24</u>
19	<u>3400010000</u>	<u>Human Services Board</u>	<u>\$110,000.00</u>
20	<u>3400892109</u>	<u>St Match – Act 155 4(a),5(a)</u>	<u>\$34,350.00</u>
21	<u>3400892203</u>	<u>AHSCO – COVID-19 Emergent/Exigen</u>	<u>\$4,868,985.74</u>

1	<u>3400892205</u>	<u>AHSCO – Workforce Recruitment</u>	<u>\$4,367,147.39</u>
2	<u>3400892312</u>	<u>AHSCO – VT Nursing Forgivable Loan</u>	<u>\$13,403.00</u>
3	<u>3410018000</u>	<u>DVHA – Medicaid-Non-Waiver Program</u>	<u>\$525,610.73</u>
4	<u>3420060000</u>	<u>Substance Use Programs</u>	<u>\$119,130.89</u>
5	<u>3440010000</u>	<u>DCFS – Admin &amp; Support Services</u>	<u>\$2,595,167.55</u>
6	<u>3440020000</u>	<u>DCFS – Family Services</u>	<u>\$2,864,970.25</u>
7	<u>3440030000</u>	<u>DCFS – Child Development</u>	<u>\$3,131,063.24</u>
8	<u>3440050000</u>	<u>DCFS – AABD</u>	<u>\$451,263.27</u>
9	<u>3440060000</u>	<u>DCFS – General Assistance</u>	<u>\$1,414,739.60</u>
10	<u>3440080000</u>	<u>DCFS – Reach Up</u>	<u>\$979,674.76</u>
11	<u>3440100000</u>	<u>DCFS – OEO Office of Economic Opp.</u>	<u>\$273,038.00</u>
12	<u>3440120000</u>	<u>DCFS – Secure Res. Treatment</u>	<u>\$2,752,270.00</u>
13	<u>3440130000</u>	<u>DCFS – DDS</u>	<u>\$80,299.43</u>
14	<u>3440891908</u>	<u>Weatherization Assist Bridge</u>	<u>\$1,892.85</u>
15	<u>3440892214</u>	<u>DCF – Childcare Provider Workforce</u>	<u>\$2,879,549.25</u>
16	<u>3440892309</u>	<u>DCF – Worker Retention Grant</u>	<u>\$564,500.00</u>
17	<u>3480007000</u>	<u>Corrections – Justice Reinvest</u>	<u>\$831,964.28</u>
18	<u>4100500000</u>	<u>VT Department of Labor</u>	<u>\$2,400,000.00</u>
19	<u>5100010000</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$0.03</u>
20	<u>5100060000</u>	<u>Adult Basic Education</u>	<u>\$136.13</u>
21	<u>5100892214</u>	<u>AOA – School Food Program Admin</u>	<u>\$50,670.70</u>

1	<u>5100892301</u>	<u>AOE – Child Nutrition</u>	<u>\$244,648.60</u>
2	<u>5100892309</u>	<u>AOE – Staffing</u>	<u>\$146,649.08</u>
3	<u>6100040000</u>	<u>Property Tax Assessment Approp.</u>	<u>\$9,542.14</u>
4	<u>6130030000</u>	<u>Parks</u>	<u>\$3.85</u>
5	<u>6130891903</u>	<u>Logger Safety, Value Added</u>	<u>\$108.51</u>
6	<u>6140040000</u>	<u>Water Programs Appropriation</u>	<u>\$0.20</u>
7	<u>7110010000</u>	<u>Housing &amp; Community Development</u>	<u>\$1.86</u>
8	<u>7120010000</u>	<u>Economic Development</u>	<u>\$0.71</u>
9	<u>7130000000</u>	<u>Dept. of Tourism &amp; Marketing</u>	<u>\$230.47</u>

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

13	<u>1150400000</u>	<u>BGS – Information Centers</u>	<u>\$183,952.35</u>
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14 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
15 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Transportation Infrastructure  
16 Bond Fund from the accounts indicated:

17	<u>8100001100</u>	<u>Program Development</u>	<u>\$3,239,445.00</u>
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18 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
19 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the  
20 accounts indicated:

21	<u>5100010000</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$1,280,710.79</u>
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1           5100110000 Small School Grant                                 \$391,067.00

2           5100200000 Education – Technical Education                                 \$1,204,216.38

3           5100892310 Education – Universal Meals                                 \$6,823,849.84

4           (5) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year

5           2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Clean Water Fund from the

6           accounts indicated:

7           1100010000 Secretary of Administration                                 \$100,000.00

8           (6) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year

9           2024, the following amounts shall revert to the American Rescue Plan Act

10           (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund from the accounts

11           indicated:

12           6140892207 Department of Environmental Conservation

13                                 – Clean Water Board                                 \$6,000,000.00

14           1110892111 University of Vermont – Workforce Upskill \$131,670.00

15           1110892112 VSAC HS Grad Advancement                                 \$24,539.92

16           1110892219 University of Vermont – New Career                                 \$184,485.00

17           2200892308 AAFM – Soil Quality Practices                                 \$200,000.00

18           3400892204 AHSCO – Workforce Retention                                 \$2,000,000.00

19           3440892205 DCF – OEO – Community Action Agc                                 \$3,182.48

20           4100892203 DOL-COVID-19 Unemployment Syst                                 \$2,456,122.60

1           (7) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
2 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Tobacco Fund from the  
3 accounts indicated:

4	<u>3400891802</u>	<u>Invest Substance Use Treat</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>
5	<u>3400891803</u>	<u>Finance Substance Use Treat</u>	<u>\$724,241.80</u>

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7           (e)(1) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.3 of the Rules for State Matching Funds  
8 Under the Federal Public Assistance Program, in fiscal year 2024, the  
9 Secretary of Administration may provide funding from the Emergency Relief  
10 and Assistance Fund that was transferred pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(H) of  
11 this section to subgrantees prior to the completion of a project. In fiscal year  
12 2024, up to 70 percent of the State funding match on the non-federal share of  
13 an approved project for municipalities in counties that were impacted by the  
14 July 2023 flooding event and are eligible for Federal Emergency Management  
15 Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declaration  
16 DR-4720-VT may be advanced at the request of a municipality.

17           (2) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.1 of the Rules for State Matching Funds  
18 Under the Federal Public Assistance Program, in fiscal year 2024, the  
19 Secretary of Administration shall increase the standard State funding match on  
20 the non-federal share of an approved project to the highest percentage possible  
21 given available funding for municipalities in counties that were impacted by



1 the July 2023 flooding event and are eligible for Federal Emergency  
2 Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance funds under federal disaster  
3 declaration DR-4720-VT.

4 \* \* \*

5 Sec. 54. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.100 is amended to read:

6 Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

7 (a) The establishment of ~~68~~ 75 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal  
8 year 2024 for the following:

9 (1) Permanent classified positions:

10 \* \* \*

11 (R) Department for Children and Families:

12 (i) five Family Service Workers;

13 (S) Cannabis Control Board:

14 (i) one Compliance Agent; and

15 (ii) one Deputy Director of Compliance and Enforcement.

16 \* \* \*

17 (c) The establishment of ~~9~~ 12 new classified limited service positions is  
18 authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

19 \* \* \*

20 (3) Department of Finance and Management:

21 (A) one VISION Reporting Analyst III; and



1 (a) Creation. There is created the Technology Modernization Special Fund,  
2 to be administered by the Agency of Digital Services. Monies in the Fund  
3 shall be used to fund business process transformation and to purchase,  
4 implement, and upgrade technology platforms, systems, and cybersecurity  
5 services used by State agencies and departments to carry out their statutory  
6 functions.

7 \* \* \*

8 Sec. 57. AGENCY OF ADMINISTRATION; ENTERPRISE RESOURCE  
9 PLANNING

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

14 (b) The Agency of Administration shall share the results of its independent  
15 review with the Committee within three business days after its completion.

16 Sec. 58. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.111.2 is amended to read:

17 Sec. E.111.2 TAX COMPUTER SYSTEM MODERNIZATION FUND  
18 TRANSFER

19 (a) Any remaining funds on June 30, 2023 in the Tax Computer System  
20 Modernization Fund established by 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 282,

1 and amended from time to time, shall ~~be deposited into~~ remain in the fund  
2 ~~established as codified~~ by 32 V.S.A. § 3209.

3 Sec. 59. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.131.2 is added to read:

4 Sec. E.131.2 TREASURER; STATE RESERVES STUDY

5 (a) Report. On or before December 15, 2024, the Treasurer shall, in  
6 consultation with the Department of Finance and Management and the Joint  
7 Fiscal Office, submit a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on the  
8 State's fiscal reserve practices and the fiscal reserve practices of other states.

9 The report shall include a review of:

10 (1) the current fiscal reserve practices of the State, including a review of  
11 which funds have statutory reserves and which funds do not;

12 (2) the fiscal reserve practices of other states and best practices;

13 (3) how Vermont's fiscal reserve practices compare to those of other  
14 states and to best practices; and

15 (4) the cash reserve policies of the State as it compares to reserve  
16 requirements.

17 (b) The report shall include the Treasurer's findings and any  
18 recommendations for changes in the fiscal reserve practices of the State.

19 Sec. 60. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.131.3 is added to read:

20 Sec. E.131.3 TREASURER; STRESS-TESTING REPORT

1       (a) Report. On or before December 15, 2024, the Treasurer, in consultation  
2       with the Department of Finance and Management and the Joint Fiscal Office,  
3       shall submit a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on fiscal stress-  
4       testing practices and methodologies in other states. The report shall address  
5       the extent to which such practices may be useful or beneficial and include any  
6       recommendations for the implementation of stress-testing practices in State  
7       government.

8       Sec. 61. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.300.2 is amended to read:

9               Sec. E.300.2 BLUEPRINT FOR HEALTH HUB AND SPOKE

10                               PROGRAM PILOT; FUND SOURCES

11       (a) The Agency of Human Services, in collaboration with the Departments  
12       of Vermont Health Access and of Health, shall identify alternative fund  
13       sources, including sales tax revenue from tobacco, cannabis, and liquor, for  
14       ongoing funding of the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke pilot program  
15       funded in Sec. B.1100 of this act and shall update the Joint Fiscal Committee  
16       on its findings on or before November 15, 2023.

17       Sec. 62. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.301 is amended to read:

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

19   \* \* \*

1 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a  
2 total estimated sum of ~~\$25,231,644~~ \$25,050,921 is anticipated to be certified as  
3 State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

4 \* \* \*

5 (c) Up to ~~\$4,034,170~~ \$3,737,210 is transferred from the AHS Federal  
6 Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund consistent  
7 with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301, Secretary's Office – Global  
8 Commitment, of this act.

9 Sec. 63. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.312 is amended to read:

10 Sec. E.312 HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH

11 (a) HIV/AIDS funding:

12 \* \* \*

13 (5) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in  
14 the amount of \$300,000 in General Funds Fund dollars to the current syringe  
15 exchange programs in Vermont ~~AIDS service organizations and other Vermont~~  
16 ~~HIV/AIDS prevention providers for syringe exchange programs.~~ The method  
17 by which these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual  
18 agreement of the Department of Health, the Vermont AIDS service  
19 organizations, and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The  
20 performance period for these grants shall be State fiscal year 2024. Grant  
21 reporting shall include outcomes and results.

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2 Sec. 64. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.802, as amended by 2023

3 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 41, is further amended to read:

4 Sec. B.802 Housing and community development

5 Personal services 5,321,306 5,212,164

6 Operating expenses ~~673,807~~ 671,358

7 Grants ~~77,056,152~~ 27,259,532

8 Total ~~83,051,265~~ 33,143,054

9 Source of funds

10 General fund 4,065,708 4,065,708

11 Special funds ~~7,204,966~~ 7,747,606

12 Federal funds ~~68,364,457~~ 18,456,246

13 Interdepartmental transfers 2,873,494 2,873,494

14 Total ~~83,051,265~~ 33,143,054

15 Sec. 65. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2023

16 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45 is further amended to read:

17 Sec. B.1100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

18 APPROPRIATIONS

19 (a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriated from the General Fund for

20 new and ongoing initiatives as follows:

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1 publicly available community needle and syringe disposal programs that  
2 participated in a stakeholder meeting pursuant to Sec. 2 of this act.

3 Sec. 68. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 22, Sec. 14 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 14. APPROPRIATION; OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL FUND

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

7 \* \* \*

8 (9) All appropriations made in this section shall carry forward into fiscal  
9 year 2024 unless reverted as part of the fiscal year 2024 budget adjustment act.

10 Sec. 69. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.600(b), as amended by 2023  
11 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 85, and 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 62, Sec.  
12 26, is further amended to read:

13 (b) In fiscal year 2023, \$32,200,000 is appropriated from the General Fund  
14 and \$550,000 is appropriated from the Transportation Fund for electric vehicle  
15 charging infrastructure, electrification incentives and public transportation  
16 investments as follows:

17 \* \* \*

18 (4) ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$4,000,000 to the Agency of Transportation to grant to  
19 the Community Action Agencies to support the MileageSmart Program,  
20 established in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34, as amended.



1 General Assistance Emergency Housing Program as set forth in this act, then  
2 the General Assembly may provide additional spending authority as needed.

3 \* \* \*

4 Sec. 71. 10 V.S.A. § 6083a is amended to read:

5 § 6083a. ACT 250 FEES

6 (a) All applicants for a land use permit under section 6086 of this title shall  
7 be directly responsible for the costs involved in the publication of notice in a  
8 newspaper of general circulation in the area of the proposed development or  
9 subdivision and the costs incurred in recording any permit or permit  
10 amendment in the land records. In addition, applicants shall be subject to each  
11 of the following fees for each individual permit or permit application for the  
12 purpose of compensating the State of Vermont for the direct and indirect costs  
13 incurred with respect to the administration of the Act 250 program:

14 \* \* \*

15 Sec. 72. 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b)(2) is amended to read:

16 (2) To cover the cost of fund auditing, accounting, revenue collection,  
17 and of short-term borrowing to meet fund cash flow requirements.

18 Sec. 73. 18 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

19 § 1001. REPORTS TO COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

20 \* \* \*

1 (b) Public health records developed or acquired by State or local public  
2 health agencies that relate to HIV or AIDS and that contain either personally  
3 identifying information or information that may indirectly identify a person  
4 shall be confidential and only disclosed following notice to and written  
5 authorization from the individual subject of the public health record or the  
6 individual's legal representative. Notice otherwise required pursuant to this  
7 section shall not be required for disclosures to the federal government; other  
8 departments, agencies, or programs of the State; or other states' infectious  
9 disease surveillance programs if the disclosure is for the purpose of comparing  
10 the details of potentially duplicative case reports, public health surveillance, or  
11 epidemiological follow-up, provided the information shall be shared using the  
12 least identifying information first so that the individual's name shall be used  
13 only as a last resort.

14 \* \* \*

15 Sec. 74. 33 V.S.A. § 3511 is amended to read:

16 § 3511. DEFINITIONS

17 As used in this chapter:

18 \* \* \*

19 (7) "Family child care home" means a child care facility that provides  
20 care on a regular basis in the caregiver's own residence ~~for not more than 10~~  
21 ~~children at any one time. Of this number, up to six children may be provided~~

1 ~~care on a full-time basis and the remainder on a part-time basis. As used in~~  
2 ~~this subdivision, care of a child on a part-time basis shall mean care of a~~  
3 ~~school-age child for not more than four hours a day. These limits shall not~~  
4 ~~include children who reside in the residence of the caregiver, except:~~

5 ~~(A) These part-time, school-age children may be cared for on a full-~~  
6 ~~day basis during school closing days, snow days, and vacation days that occur~~  
7 ~~during the school year.~~

8 ~~(B) During the school summer vacation, up to 12 children may be~~  
9 ~~cared for provided that at least six of these children are of school age and a~~  
10 ~~second staff person is present and on duty when the number of children in~~  
11 ~~attendance exceeds six. These limits shall not include children who are~~  
12 ~~required by law to attend school (seven years of age and older) and who reside~~  
13 ~~in the residence of the caregiver.~~

14 \* \* \*

15 Sec. 75. 29 V.S.A. chapter 61 is amended to read:

16 CHAPTER 61. MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT LOAN FUND

17 \* \* \*

18 § 1602. APPLICATION; LOANS; CONDITIONS

19 (a) Upon application of a municipality or two or more municipalities  
20 applying jointly, the State Treasurer may loan money from the Fund to that  
21 municipality or municipalities for the purchase of equipment. Purchases of

1 equipment eligible for loans from the Fund shall have a useful life of at least  
2 five years and a purchase price of at least \$20,000.00 but shall not be eligible  
3 for loans in excess of ~~\$110,000.00~~ \$150,000.00 from this Fund.

4 (b) The Treasurer is authorized to establish terms and conditions, including  
5 repayment schedules of up to five years for loans from the Fund to ensure  
6 repayment of loans to the Fund. Before a municipality may receive a loan  
7 from the Fund, it shall give to the Treasurer security for the repayment of the  
8 funds. The security shall be in such form and amount as the Treasurer may  
9 determine and may include a lien on the equipment financed by the loan.

10 (c) The rates of interest shall be as established by this section to assist  
11 municipalities in purchasing equipment upon terms more favorable than in the  
12 commercial market. Such rates shall be ~~no~~ not more than two percent per  
13 annum for a loan to a single municipality, and loans shall bear no interest  
14 charge if made to two or more municipalities purchasing equipment jointly.

15 (d) In any fiscal year, new loans from the Municipal Equipment Fund shall  
16 not exceed an aggregate of \$1,500,000.00. The Treasurer shall put forth  
17 recommendations to the General Assembly on a maximum loan amount every  
18 five years, commencing on January 15, 2028, based on requests received and  
19 loans granted pursuant to this chapter.

20 \* \* \*

1 Sec. 76. 3 V.S.A. chapter 18 is amended to read:

2 CHAPTER 18. VT SAVES

3 \* \* \*

4 § 532. VT SAVES PROGRAM; ESTABLISHMENT

5 \* \* \*

6 (c) Contributions.

7 (1) Unless otherwise specified by the covered employee, a covered  
8 employee shall automatically initially contribute five percent of the covered  
9 employee's ~~salary or~~ wages to the Program. A covered employee may elect to  
10 opt out of the Program at any time or contribute at any higher or lower rate,  
11 expressed as a percentage of ~~salary or~~ wages, or, as permitted by the Treasurer,  
12 expressed as a flat dollar amount, subject in all cases to the IRA contribution  
13 and eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code at no  
14 additional charge.

15 (2) The Treasurer shall provide for, on a uniform basis, an annual  
16 increase of each active participant's contribution rate, by not less than one  
17 percent, but not more than eight percent, of ~~salary or~~ wages each year. Any  
18 such increases shall apply to active participants, including participants by  
19 default with an option to opt out or participants who are initiated by affirmative  
20 participant election, provided that any increase is subject to the IRA  
21 contribution and eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code.

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2 § 535. PENALTIES

3 (a) Failure to ~~enroll~~ comply. If a covered employer fails to ~~enroll a covered~~  
4 ~~employee~~ be in compliance with this chapter without reasonable cause, the  
5 covered employer is subject to a penalty for each covered employee for each  
6 calendar year or portion of a calendar year during which the covered employee  
7 was not enrolled in the Program or had not opted out of participation in the  
8 Program. The amount of any penalty imposed on a covered employer for the  
9 failure to enroll a covered employee without reasonable cause is determined as  
10 follows:

11

\* \* \*

12 (b) Waivers. The Treasurer is authorized to establish a rule waiving the  
13 penalty for a covered employer ~~for any failure to enroll a covered employee~~  
14 that fails to be in compliance with this chapter for which it is established that  
15 the covered employer did not know that the failure existed and exercised  
16 reasonable diligence to meet the requirements of this chapter, provided that:

17

\* \* \*

18 Sec. 77. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 2. VT SAVES; IMPLEMENTATION

20 (a) Subject to an appropriation from the General Assembly, the State  
21 Treasurer shall implement the VT Saves Program (Program), established in 3



1 V.S.A. chapter 18, ~~as follows:~~ in stages as determined by the Treasurer, which  
2 may include phasing in the Program based on the size of employers or other  
3 factors. The Program shall be implemented so that all covered employees will  
4 begin participation and make contributions on or before July 1, 2026

5 (1) ~~Beginning on July 1, 2025, all covered employers with 25 or more~~  
6 ~~covered employees shall offer the Program to all covered employees.~~

7 (2) ~~Beginning on January 1, 2026, all covered employers with 15 to 24~~  
8 ~~covered employees shall offer the Program to all covered employees.~~

9 (3) ~~Beginning on July 1, 2026, all covered employers with five to 14~~  
10 ~~covered employees shall offer the Program to all covered employees.~~

11 (b) As used in this section, “covered employer” and “covered employee”  
12 have the same meanings as in 3 V.S.A. § 531.

13 Sec. 78. 17 V.S.A. § 2732(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) The electors shall meet at the State House on the first ~~Monday~~ Tuesday  
15 after the second Wednesday in December next following their election to vote  
16 for the President and Vice President of the United States, agreeably to the laws  
17 of the United States.

18 Sec. 79. 18 V.S.A. § 9435 is amended to read:

19 § 9435. EXCLUSIONS

20 \* \* \*



1 12 meetings per year. These payments shall be appropriated from the Opioid  
2 Abatement Special Fund.

3 (2) Other members of the Advisory Committee shall be entitled to per  
4 diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32  
5 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than ~~six~~ 12 meetings per year. These payments  
6 shall be appropriated from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund.

7 Sec. 81. 27 V.S.A. § 1513 is amended to read:

8 § 1513. PAYMENT OR DELIVERY OF PROPERTY TO  
9 ADMINISTRATOR

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11 (f) If property reported to the Administrator under section 1491 of this title  
12 is virtual currency, the holder shall liquidate the virtual currency and remit the  
13 proceeds to the Administrator. The liquidation shall occur anytime within  
14 30 days prior to the remittance. The owner of the property shall not have  
15 recourse against the holder or the Administrator to recover any gain in value  
16 that occurs after the liquidation of the virtual currency for property properly  
17 reported as set forth in this chapter.

18 (g) The Administrator shall establish procedures for the registration,  
19 issuance, method of delivery, transfer, and maintenance of securities delivered  
20 to the Administrator by a holder.

1       ~~(g)~~(h) An issuer, holder, and transfer agent or other person acting under this  
2 section under instructions of and on behalf of the issuer or holder is not liable  
3 to the apparent owner for, and must be indemnified by the State against, a  
4 claim arising with respect to property after the property has been delivered to  
5 the Administrator.

6       ~~(h)~~(i) A holder is not required to deliver to the Administrator a security  
7 identified by the holder as a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable security. If the  
8 Administrator or holder determines that a security is no longer a ~~non-freely~~  
9 nonfreely transferable security, the holder shall deliver the security on the next  
10 regular date prescribed for delivery of securities under this chapter. The holder  
11 shall make a determination annually whether a security identified in a report  
12 filed under section 1491 of this title as a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable  
13 security is no longer a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable security.

14       Sec. 82. 20 V.S.A. § 3173 is amended to read:

15       § 3173. MONETARY BENEFIT

16       (a) The survivors of emergency personnel who dies while in the line of  
17 duty or from an occupation-related illness may apply for a payment of  
18 ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$80,000.00 from the State.

19       (b) The State Treasurer shall disburse from the Special Fund established in  
20 section 3175 of this title the monetary benefit described in subsection (a) of

1 this section and shall adopt necessary procedures for the disbursement of such  
2 funds.

3 Sec. 83. 16 V.S.A. § 1949 is amended to read:

4 § 1949. POSTRETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIREMENT

5 ALLOWANCES

6 (a) Postretirement adjustments to retirement allowance. On January 1 of  
7 each year, the retirement allowance of each beneficiary of the System who is in  
8 receipt of a retirement allowance for at least a one-year period as of December  
9 31 in the previous year, and who meets the eligibility criteria set forth in this  
10 section, shall be adjusted by the amount described in subsection (d) of this  
11 section. In no event shall a beneficiary receive a negative adjustment to the  
12 beneficiary's retirement allowance.

13 (b) Calculation of net percentage increase. Each year, a determination shall  
14 be made of any increase or decrease, to the nearest one-tenth of a percent, in  
15 the Consumer Price Index for the month ending on June 30 of that year to the  
16 average of the Consumer Price Index for the month ending on June 30 of the  
17 previous year.

18 (1) ~~Consumer Price Index; maximum and minimum amounts. Any~~  
19 ~~increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index shall be subject to~~  
20 ~~adjustment so as to remain within the following maximum and minimum~~  
21 ~~amounts:~~

1           ~~(A) For Group A members and Group C members who are eligible~~  
2 ~~for normal retirement or unreduced early retirement, or who are vested~~  
3 ~~deferred, on or before June 30, 2022, the maximum amount of any increase or~~  
4 ~~decrease utilized to determine the net percentage increase shall be five percent.~~

5           ~~(B) For Group C members who are eligible for retirement and leave~~  
6 ~~active service on or after July 1, 2022, the maximum amount of any increase or~~  
7 ~~decrease utilized to determine the net percentage increase shall be four percent.~~

8           ~~(2)~~ Consumer Price Index; decreases. In the event of a decrease of the  
9 Consumer Price Index as of June 30 for the preceding year, there shall be no  
10 adjustment to the retirement allowance of a beneficiary for the subsequent year  
11 beginning on January 1; provided, however, that:

12           (A) such decrease shall be applied as an offset against the first  
13 subsequent year's increase of the Consumer Price Index up to the full amount  
14 of such increase; and

15           (B) to the extent that such decrease is greater than such subsequent  
16 year's increase, such decrease shall be offset in the same manner against two  
17 or more years of such increases, for up to but not exceeding five subsequent  
18 years of such increases, until fully offset.

19           ~~(3)~~(2) Consumer Price Index; increases. ~~Subject to the maximum and~~  
20 ~~minimum amounts set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, in In the~~  
21 event of an increase in the Consumer Price Index, and provided there remains

1 an increase following the application of any offset as in subdivision ~~(2)~~(1) of  
2 this subsection, that amount shall be identified as the net percentage increase  
3 and used to determine the members' postretirement adjustment as set forth in  
4 subsection (d) of this section.

5 (c) Eligibility for postretirement adjustment. In order for a beneficiary to  
6 receive a postretirement adjustment allowance, the beneficiary must meet the  
7 following eligibility requirements:

8 (1) ~~for~~ For any Group A or Group C member eligible for normal  
9 retirement, or who is vested deferred, on or before June 30, 2022, the member  
10 must be in receipt of a retirement allowance for at least 12 months prior to the  
11 January 1 effective date of any postretirement adjustment; ~~and~~.

12 (2) ~~for~~ For any Group C member who is first eligible for normal  
13 retirement and leaves active service on or after July 1, 2022, the member must  
14 be in receipt of a retirement allowance for at least 24 months prior to the  
15 January 1 effective date of any postretirement adjustment.

16 (3) Special rule for Group C early retirement. A Group C member in  
17 receipt of an early retirement allowance shall not receive a postretirement  
18 adjustment to the member's retirement allowance until such time as the  
19 member has reached normal retirement age, provided the member meets all  
20 eligibility criteria set forth in this subsection.

1 (d) Amount of postretirement adjustment. The postretirement adjustment  
2 for each member who meets the eligibility criteria set forth in subsection (c) of  
3 this section shall be as follows:

4 (1) the full amount of the net percentage increase calculated pursuant to  
5 subsection (b) of this section for all Group A members; ~~and~~, provided that:

6 (A) the net percentage increase following the application of any  
7 offset as provided in this section equals or exceeds one percent; and

8 (B) the maximum amount of any adjustment under this section shall  
9 be five percent; and

10 (2) one-half of the net percentage increase calculated pursuant to  
11 subsection (b) of this section for all Group C members; ~~and~~, provided that:

12 (A) For Group C members eligible for normal retirement or who are  
13 vested deferred on or before June 30, 2022, the maximum amount of any  
14 adjustment under this section shall be five percent. An adjustment of less than  
15 one percent shall be assigned a value of one percent.

16 (B) For Group C members first eligible for normal retirement and  
17 who leave active service on or after July 1, 2022, the maximum amount of any  
18 adjustment under this section shall be four percent and the minimum amount  
19 shall be zero percent.

20 (e) As used in this section, “Consumer Price Index” ~~shall mean~~ means the  
21 Northeast Region Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, designated as



1 “CPI-U,” in the northeast region, as published by the U.S. Department of  
2 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

3 Sec. 84. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 36 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 36 MIDDLE-INCOME HOMEOWNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
5 PROGRAM

6 (a) The Vermont Housing Finance Agency shall establish a Middle-Income  
7 Homeownership Development Program pursuant to this section.

8 (b) As used in this section:

9 (1) “Affordable owner-occupied housing” means owner-occupied  
10 housing identified in 26 U.S.C. § 143(c)(1) or that qualifies under Vermont  
11 Housing Finance Agency criteria governing owner-occupied housing.

12 (2) “Income-eligible homebuyer” means a Vermont household with  
13 annual income that does not exceed 150 percent of area median income.

14 (c) The Agency shall use the funds appropriated in this section to provide  
15 subsidies for new construction or acquisition and substantial rehabilitation of  
16 affordable owner-occupied housing for purchase by income-eligible  
17 homebuyers.

18 (d) The total amount of subsidies for a project shall not exceed 35 percent  
19 of eligible development costs, as determined by the Agency, which the Agency  
20 may allocate consistent with the following:

1           (1) Developer subsidy. The Agency may provide a direct subsidy to the  
2 developer, which shall not exceed the difference between the cost of  
3 development and the market value of the home as completed.

4           (2) Affordability subsidy. Of any remaining amounts available for the  
5 project after the developer subsidy, the Agency may provide a subsidy for the  
6 benefit of the homebuyer to reduce the cost of purchasing the home, provided  
7 that:

8                   (A) the Agency includes conditions in the subsidy, agreement or uses  
9 another legal mechanism, to ensure that, ~~to the extent the home value has risen,~~  
10 ~~the amount of the subsidy~~ upon sale of the home, to the extent proceeds are  
11 available, the amount of the affordability subsidy either:

12                           (i) remains with the home to offset the cost to future homebuyers;  
13 or

14                           (ii) is recaptured by the Agency upon sale of the home for use in a  
15 similar program to support affordable homeownership development; or

16                   (B) the subsidy is subject to a housing subsidy covenant, as defined  
17 in 27 V.S.A. § 610, that preserves the affordability of the home for a period of  
18 99 years or longer.

19           (3) The Agency shall allocate not less than 33 percent of the funds  
20 available through the Program to projects that include a housing subsidy  
21 covenant consistent with subdivision (2)(B) of this subsection.

1 (e) The Agency shall adopt a Program plan that establishes application and  
2 selection criteria, including:

3 (1) project location;

4 (2) geographic distribution;

5 (3) leveraging of other programs;

6 (4) housing market needs;

7 (5) project characteristics, including whether the project includes the use  
8 of existing housing as part of a community revitalization plan;

9 (6) construction standards, including considerations for size;

10 (7) priority for plans with deeper affordability and longer duration of  
11 affordability requirements;

12 (8) sponsor characteristics;

13 (9) energy efficiency of the development; and

14 (10) the historic nature of the project.

15 (f)(1) When implementing the Program, the Agency shall consult

16 stakeholders and experts in the field.

17 (2) The Program shall include:

18 (A) a streamlined and appropriately scaled application process;

19 (B) an outreach and education plan, including specific tactics to reach

20 and support eligible applicants, especially those from underserved regions or

21 sectors;

1           (C) an equitable system for distributing investments statewide on the  
2 basis of need according to a system of priorities that includes consideration of:

3           (i) geographic distribution;

4           (ii) community size;

5           (iii) community economic need; and

6           (iv) whether an application has already received an investment or  
7 is from an applicant in a community that has already received Program  
8 funding.

9           ~~(3) The Agency shall use its best efforts to ensure:~~

10           ~~(A) that investments awarded are targeted to the geographic~~  
11 ~~communities or regions with the most pressing economic and employment~~  
12 ~~needs; and~~

13           ~~(B) that the allocation of investments provides equitable access to the~~  
14 ~~benefits to all eligible geographical areas.~~

15           (g) The Agency may assign its rights under any investment or subsidy  
16 made under this section to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board or  
17 any State agency or nonprofit organization qualifying under 26 U.S.C §  
18 501(c)(3), provided such assignee acknowledges and agrees to comply with the  
19 provisions of this section.

1 (h) The Department shall report to the House Committee on General and  
2 Housing and the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and  
3 General Affairs on the status of the Program annually, on or before January 15.

4 Sec. 85. UNRESERVED EDUCATION FUNDS; VERMONT STATE  
5 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM APPROPRIATION

6 (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A.  
7 § 4025 to the contrary, the amount of \$9,100,000 in Education Fund dollars  
8 reserved in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.104(a) is unreserved, and  
9 the sum of \$9,340,000 in Education Fund dollars is appropriated to the  
10 Vermont Teachers' Retirement Fund, established in 16 V.S.A. § 1944, to fund  
11 the present value of modifications made to the postretirement adjustments  
12 allowance set forth in Sec. 89 of this act.

13 Sec. 86. TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING

14 (a) To the extent emergency housing is available, the Commissioner for  
15 Children and Families shall ensure that temporary emergency housing is  
16 provided through June 30, 2024 to households eligible for the General  
17 Assistance Emergency Housing Program, including beneficiaries of the  
18 emergency housing transition benefit that is set to conclude on April 1, 2024  
19 and excluding those individuals who only qualify for temporary emergency  
20 housing pursuant to the Department's adverse weather condition policy.

1 Participation pursuant to this subsection shall not be bound by day limit  
2 maximums and shall be subject to the following eligibility criteria:

3 (1) for beneficiaries of the emergency housing transition benefit, 2023  
4 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6, and Department for Children and Families,  
5 Emergency Housing Transition Benefit (EH-100), adopted under Secretary of  
6 State emergency rule filing number 23-E12 or any future identical emergency  
7 rule adopted by the Department; and

8 (2) for all other participants of the General Assistance Emergency  
9 Housing Program, excluding those individuals who only qualify for temporary  
10 emergency housing pursuant to the Department's adverse weather condition  
11 policy, Department for Children and Families, General Assistance (CVR 13-  
12 170-260) as amended by Department for Children and Families under  
13 Secretary of State emergency rule filing number 23-E11 or any future identical  
14 emergency rule adopted by the Department.

15 (b) Temporary emergency housing required pursuant to subsection (a) of  
16 this section may be provided through approved shelters, new unit generation,  
17 open units, licensed hotels or motels, or other appropriate shelter space. The  
18 Agency of Human Services shall, when available, prioritize temporary  
19 emergency housing at housing or shelter placements other than licensed hotels  
20 or motels.

1       (c) On or before the last day of each month from April 2024 through June  
2       2024, the Agency of Human Services, or other relevant agency or department,  
3       shall continue submitting a substantially similar report to that due pursuant to  
4       2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b).

5       (d) For temporary emergency housing provided beginning on March 1,  
6       2024 and thereafter, the Agency of Human Services shall not pay a licensed  
7       hotel or motel establishment more than the lowest advertised room rate and not  
8       more than \$80 a day per room to shelter a household experiencing  
9       homelessness. The Agency of Human Services may shelter a household in  
10       more than one licensed hotel or motel room depending on the household's size  
11       and composition.

12       (e) The Agency of Human Services shall apply the following rules:

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

15               (2) Department of Health, Licensed Lodging Establishment Rule (CVR  
16       13-140-023); and

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

19       (f)(1) Prior to June 1, 2024, the Agency of Human Services may work with  
20       either a shelter provider or a community housing agency to enter into a full  
21       facility lease or sales agreement with a hotel or motel provider. Any facility

1 conversion under this section shall comply with the Office of Economic  
2 Opportunity's shelter standards.

3 (2) If the Agency determines that a contractual arrangement with a  
4 licensed hotel or motel operator to secure temporary emergency housing  
5 capacity is beneficial to improve the quality, cleanliness, and access to services  
6 for those households temporarily housed in the facility, the Agency shall be  
7 authorized to enter into such an agreement; provided, however, that in no event  
8 shall such an agreement cause a household to become unhoused.

9 Sec. 87. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 1, as amended by 2012 Acts and  
10 Resolves No. 143, Sec. 13, 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 189, Sec. 26, and 2017  
11 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 24, is further amended to read:

12 Sec. 1. VERMONT STRONG MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES

13 (a) ~~Intent. It is the intent of this act to recognize all of those who have~~  
14 ~~suffered losses because of the destruction brought by Tropical Storm Irene and~~  
15 ~~the flooding of 2011, and to commemorate the contributions of the many who~~  
16 ~~are helping to rebuild Vermont and to make it stronger. [Repealed.]~~

17 (b) Authority; accounting and reporting; bundles.

18 (1) The ~~department of motor vehicles~~ (“~~department~~”) Department of  
19 Motor Vehicles is authorized to design, manufacture or procure, and distribute  
20 one or more commemorative plates that include the text “Vermont Strong” in  
21 accordance with this section. The ~~department and Vermont Life magazine are~~



1 Department is authorized to sell commemorative plates individually or in  
2 conjunction with a bundled promotional item. The ~~department~~ Department  
3 may also authorize other persons to sell commemorative plates, provided that  
4 such persons are required to pay the ~~department~~ \$25.00 Department \$35.00 per  
5 plate within 30 days ~~of~~ after receiving the plates from the ~~department~~  
6 Department.

7 (2) ~~A~~ The Vermont Strong commemorative plate fund (the “fund”)  
8 Commemorative Plate Fund is established. The ~~fund~~ Fund shall be under the  
9 control of the ~~commissioner of motor vehicles~~ Commissioner of Motor  
10 Vehicles or designee, and shall consist of all receipts from the sales of  
11 Vermont Strong commemorative plates and bundled promotional items. The  
12 ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall account for all proceeds of sales of  
13 commemorative plates and bundled promotional items and all receipts into and  
14 disbursements from the ~~fund~~ Fund; shall track the number of plates and  
15 bundled promotional items distributed and sold; and shall track and collect  
16 payments owed for plates distributed. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall  
17 transfer funds from the ~~fund~~ Fund in accordance with subsection (d) of this  
18 section ~~to~~ not less often than once per month. The ~~department~~ Department  
19 shall report its accounting of ~~fund~~ Fund receipts and disbursements, plate  
20 inventory, and uncollected payments for plates distributed to the ~~joint fiscal~~

1 ~~committee at its November 2012 meeting~~ House and Senate Committees on  
2 Transportation and the Joint Fiscal Committee not later than May 1, 2024.

3 (c) Use. An approved Vermont Strong commemorative plate may be  
4 displayed on a motor vehicle registered in Vermont as a pleasure car or on a  
5 motor truck registered in Vermont for less than 26,001 pounds ~~(, but excluding~~  
6 ~~vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan),~~ by covering the  
7 front registration plate with the commemorative plate any time from the  
8 effective date of this act. The regular front registration plate shall not be  
9 removed. The regular rear registration plate shall be in place and clearly  
10 visible at all times.

11 (d) Price and allocation of revenue.

12 (1) The retail price of the plate shall be ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00, except that on or  
13 after July 1, ~~2016~~ 2026, plates may be sold by the Commissioner for \$5.00.

14 (2) Funds received from the sale of plates for \$5.00 shall be allocated to  
15 the Department; funds received from the sale of the plates for ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00  
16 shall be allocated as follows:

17 ~~(1)(A)~~ (A) \$5.00 to the Department;

18 ~~(2)(B)~~ (B) ~~\$18.00 to the Vermont Disaster Relief Fund~~ \$15.00 to the  
19 Vermont Community Foundation; and

1           ~~(3)(C)~~ \$2.00 to the Vermont Foodbank \$15.00 to the Agency of  
2 Commerce and Community Development's Business Emergency Gap  
3 Assistance Program.

4           (3) Funds received from the sale of bundled promotional items, less any  
5 costs to the Department for the purchase of the bundled promotional items,  
6 shall be allocated as follows:

7                   (A) 50 percent to the Vermont Community Foundation; and

8                   (B) 50 percent to the Agency of Commerce and Community  
9 Development's Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

10          (e) Funding. The ~~department of motor vehicles~~ Department of Motor  
11 Vehicles is authorized to obtain an advance from the Vermont Strong  
12 ~~commemorative plate fund~~ Commemorative Plate Fund in an amount to be  
13 determined by the ~~commissioner of motor vehicles~~ Commissioner of Motor  
14 Vehicles in anticipation of receipts from the administration of this section.

15          (f) Tax exemption. Sales of commemorative plates pursuant to this section  
16 shall be exempt from the sales and use tax established by 32 V.S.A.  
17 chapter 233.

18          Sec. 88. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 1, as amended by 2012 Acts and  
19 Resolves No. 143, Sec. 13, 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 189, Sec. 26, 2017  
20 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 24, and Sec. 96 of this act is further amended  
21 to read:

1       Sec. 1. VERMONT STRONG MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES

2       (a) [Repealed.]

3       (b) Authority; accounting and reporting; ~~bundles.~~

4           (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to design,  
5       manufacture or procure, and distribute one or more commemorative plates that  
6       include the text “Vermont Strong” in accordance with this section. The  
7       Department is authorized to sell commemorative plates ~~individually or in~~  
8       ~~conjunction with a bundled promotional item.~~ The Department may also  
9       authorize other persons to sell commemorative plates, provided that such  
10      persons are required to pay the Department \$35.00 per plate within 30 days  
11      after receiving the plates from the Department.

12          (2) The Vermont Strong Commemorative Plate Fund is established. The  
13      Fund shall be under the control of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or  
14      designee, and shall consist of all receipts from the sales of Vermont Strong  
15      commemorative plates and bundled promotional items. The Commissioner  
16      shall account for all proceeds of sales of commemorative plates and bundled  
17      promotional items and all receipts into and disbursements from the Fund; shall  
18      track the number of plates and bundled promotional items distributed and sold;  
19      and shall track and collect payments owed for plates distributed. The  
20      Commissioner shall transfer funds from the Fund in accordance with  
21      subsection (d) of this section not less often than once per month. The

1 Department shall report its accounting of Fund receipts and disbursements,  
2 plate inventory, and uncollected payments for plates distributed to the House  
3 and Senate Committees on Transportation and the Joint Fiscal Committee not  
4 later than May 1, 2024.

5 \* \* \*

6 (d) Price and allocation of revenue.

7 (1) The retail price of the plate shall be \$35.00, except that on or after  
8 July 1, 2026, plates may be sold by the Commissioner for \$5.00.

9 (2) Funds received from the sale of plates for \$5.00 shall be allocated to  
10 the Department; funds received from the sale of the plates for \$35.00 shall be  
11 allocated as follows:

12 (A) \$5.00 to the Department; and

13 (B) ~~\$15.00~~ \$30.00 to the ~~Vermont Community Foundation~~; and

14 ~~(C) \$15.00 to the Agency of Commerce and Community~~

15 ~~Development's Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program~~ General Fund

16 for natural disaster relief.

17 (3) Funds received from the sale of bundled promotional items prior to  
18 the effective date of this section, less any costs to the Department for the  
19 purchase of the bundled promotional items, shall be allocated as follows:

20 (A) 50 percent to the Vermont Community Foundation; and

1 (B) 50 percent to the Agency of Commerce and Community  
2 Development's Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

3 \* \* \*

4 (g) Bundled promotional items. The State shall not be involved with the  
5 sale of any bundled promotional items.

6 Sec. 89. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

7 REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT

8 (a) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal  
9 Committee at each of its scheduled meetings in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 on  
10 funding received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
11 Public Assistance Program and associated emergency relief and assistance  
12 funds match for the damages due to the July 2023 flooding event. The report  
13 shall include:

14 (1) a projection of the total funding needs for the Federal Emergency  
15 Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program and to the extent  
16 possible, details about the projected funding by State agency or municipality;

17 (2) spending authority (appropriated and excess receipts) granted to date  
18 for the FEMA Public Assistance Program and the associated emergency relief  
19 and assistance funds match;

20 (3) information on any audit findings that may result in financial  
21 impacts to the State; and



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2 Sec. 91. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 2, as amended by 2016 Acts and  
3 Resolves No. 117, Sec. 3 and 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 5, Sec. 2, is further  
4 amended to read:

5 Sec. 2. PERIODIC HEALTH PLANNING FUNCTION

6 PROGRESS REPORTS

7 For as long as the moratorium continues for certificates of need for the  
8 offering of home health services, as established in 2010 Acts and Resolves No.  
9 83, Sec. 2 and as amended by 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 1, 2016  
10 Acts and Resolves No.117, Sec. 2, 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 5, Sec. 1, and  
11 this act, the Green Mountain Care Board shall provide to the House  
12 Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and the Senate Committee  
13 on Health and Welfare any progress reports the Board generates on its  
14 implementation of its health care reform initiatives and health planning  
15 function and how they relate to home health agencies.

16 Sec. 92. 21 V.S.A. § 384 is amended to read:

17 § 384. EMPLOYMENT; WAGES

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\* \* \*

19 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, an employer shall not  
20 pay an employee less than one and one-half times the regular wage rate for any



1 work done by the employee in excess of 40 hours during a workweek.

2 However, this subsection shall not apply to:

3 \* \* \*

4 (8) Permanent employees of the Vermont General Assembly.

5 \* \* \*

6 Sec. 93. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 64, Sec. 3a. is amended to read:

7 Sec. 3a. APPROPRIATION; SCHOOL MEALS

8 The sum of ~~\$29,000,000.00~~ \$24,000,000 is appropriated from the Education

9 Fund to the Agency of Education for fiscal year 2024 to provide

10 reimbursement for school meals under 16 V.S.A. § 4017.

11 Sec. 94. CARRYFORWARD AUTHORITY

12 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval

13 of the Secretary of Administration, General, Transportation, Transportation

14 Infrastructure Bond, Education Fund, Clean Water Fund (21932), and

15 Agricultural Water Quality Fund (21933) appropriations remaining

16 unexpended on June 30, 2024 in the Executive Branch shall be carried forward

17 and shall be designated for expenditure.

18 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, General Fund

19 appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2024 in the Legislative and

20 Judicial Branches shall be carried forward and shall be designated for

21 expenditure.

1 Sec. 94a. UNIVERSAL AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER

2 (a) The Universal Afterschool and Summer Special Fund is created, to be  
3 managed by the Secretary of Education. The cannabis sales tax revenue shall  
4 be transferred to the Universal Afterschool and Summer Special Fund. The  
5 Secretary shall use the assets in the Fund as follows:

6 (1) To set up programs to support the expansion of universal  
7 afterschool and summer programs with a focus on underserved areas of the  
8 State.

9 (2) Cannabis sales tax revenue shall be used to support a mixed  
10 delivery system for afterschool and summer programming. Eligible recipients  
11 can be public, private, or nonprofit organizations.

12 (A) Grants may be used for technical assistance, program  
13 implementation, program expansion, program sustainability, and related costs.

14 (B) Funds may be used to directly target communities with low  
15 existing capacity to serve youth in afterschool and summer settings.

16 (C) The award of grants and any subsequent contract or written  
17 agreement issued pursuant to the award of a grant shall require the grantee to  
18 comply with 9 V.S.A. § 4502, regardless of whether the grantee meets the  
19 definition of a place of public accommodation under 9 V.S.A. § 4501(1).

1           (D) The Agency may use up to \$500,000.00 for administrative costs  
2 to allow for the support of the grant program and technical assistance to  
3 communities. This could include subcontracts to support the grant program.

4           (b) An Advisory Committee is created to support the Secretary of  
5 Education in administering the funds. The Agency will provide administrative  
6 and technical support to the Committee. The Committee is to be composed of:

7           (1) State's Chief Prevention Officer;

8           (2) DCF Commissioner or designee;

9           (3) VDH Commissioner or designee;

10          (4) DMH Commissioner or designee;

11          (5) ANR Secretary or designee;

12          (6) ACCD Secretary or designee;

13          (7) Vermont Afterschool Executive Director or designee; and

14          (8) a representative from the Governor's Office.

15          (c) On or before each November 15, the Agency of Education shall submit  
16 to the General Assembly a plan to fund grants in furtherance of the purposes of  
17 subsection (a) of this section and report outcomes data on the grants made  
18 during the previous year. The Agency shall also report on the number of  
19 programs, slots, weeks, or hours; geographic distribution; and what is known  
20 about costs to families. The report should be inclusive of 21C programming.  
21 The amount of grant funds awarded shall be in alignment with the actual

1 revenue collected from the sales and use tax imposed by 32 V.S.A. § 233 on  
2 cannabis or cannabis products in this State. Discrepancies between the amount  
3 of grant funds awarded and actual revenue shall be reconciled through the  
4 budget adjustment process. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of  
5 required reports) shall not apply to the plan to be made under this subsection.

6 Sec. 94b. 32 V.S.A. chapter 207 is amended to read:

7 CHAPTER 207. CANNABIS EXCISE TAX AND CANNABIS

8 SALES TAX REVENUE

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10 § 7910. CANNABIS SALES TAX REVENUE; UNIVERSAL

11 AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER SPECIAL FUND

12 Revenue from the sales and use tax imposed by chapter 233 of this title on  
13 retail sales of cannabis or cannabis products in Vermont shall be deposited into  
14 the Universal Afterschool and Summer Special Fund.

15 Sec. 94c. REPEAL; AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER LEARNING

16 PROGRAMS

17 16 V.S.A § 4018 (afterschool and summer learning programs) is repealed.

18 Sec. 94d. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.323.7 is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 Sec. E.323.7 REACH AHEAD PILOT PROGRAM

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1       (c) The incentive payments provided in subdivision (a)(4) of this section  
2       are reimbursements for past or future work expenses incurred by participating  
3       families.

4       Sec. 95. EFFECTIVE DATES

5       (a) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 72 (16 V.S.A. § 4025(b)(2)  
6       amendment) is effective retroactively on July 1, 2023.

7       (b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 20 (B.334.1 amendment) is  
8       effective retroactively on January 1, 2024.

9       (c) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 87 (Vermont Strong license  
10       plates through passage) shall take effect retroactively on August 23, 2023.

11       (d) All other sections shall take effect on passage.

12       And by renumbering all of the sections of the bill to be numerically correct  
13       (including internal references) and adjusting all of the totals to be  
14       arithmetically correct.