

Sec. 60. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 9, Sec. 17 is amended to read:

Sec. 17. PRACTICAL NURSE; WORKFORCE FUNDING

(a) Due to the increasing challenge of the pandemic on the health professions, the sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to purchase nursing simulation equipment to expand nursing student enrollment capacity and address the critical nursing shortage facing Vermont. ~~open 40 to 45 seats in the Practical Nurse Program in partnership with skilled nursing facilities across the State to upskill existing staff to achieve certification as a practical nurse.~~

These funds shall be used as follows:

- (1) Up to \$500,000.00 for administrative and start-up costs for Vermont Technical College.
 - (2) Up to \$260,000.00 in incentive payments in the amount of \$6,000.00 per student to offset lost income during enrollment in the Program.
 - (3) All remaining funds shall be allocated for tuition and fees payments for required prerequisite courses at Community College of Vermont and for the Practical Nurse Program at Vermont Technical College after available federal and State financial aid is applied to ensure no cost to the student.
- (b) To be eligible to participate in the program, a skilled nursing facility shall provide an incentive match in the amount of \$4,000.00 per student during enrollment in the Program.

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

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

APPROPRIATIONS

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

(1) Up to \$1,000,000 shall be available for the retention of technical experts to assist the Public Safety Communications Task Force with the analysis and planning required by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.114 ~~Sec. C.112 of this act~~ and to fund the administrative expenses incurred by the Public Safety Communications Task Force. If the Task Force determines ~~in calendar year 2023~~ that additional funding is necessary to achieve its purposes, it may submit a request to the Joint Fiscal Committee. The Joint Fiscal Committee is authorized to approve up to an additional \$1,000,000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

PILOT; FUND SOURCES

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

Sec. XX. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.503 is amended to read:

Sec. E.503 EDUCATION – STATE-PLACED STUDENTS

(a) The Independence Place Program of ~~the Lund Family Center~~ ANEW Place shall be considered a 24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of education costs.

Sec. XX. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORTING
AND OVERSIGHT

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

(1) a projection of the total funding needs for the FEMA Public Assistance Program and to the extent possible, details about the projected funding by state agency or municipality;

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

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

(4) actual expenditures to date made from the spending authority granted and to the extent possible, details about the expended funds by State agency or municipality.

(b) Reports shall be posted on the legislative and administration websites after submission.