

1 Sec. B.1100 FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

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3 (f) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2025, funds are  
4 appropriated for the following:

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

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9 **EXPLANATION: Appropriates \$3,000,000 from Tobacco Fund transfer to**  
10 **DCF**

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

2 Sec. 14. APPROPRIATION; OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL FUND

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

5 ~~(1) \$1,980,000.00 for the expansion of naloxone distribution efforts,~~  
6 ~~including establishing harm reduction vending machines, home delivery and~~  
7 ~~mail order options, and expanding the harm reduction pack and leave behind~~  
8 ~~kit programs;~~

9 (2)(A) ~~\$2,000,000.00~~ \$1,500,000.00 divided equally between four  
10 opioid treatment programs to cover costs associated with partnering with other  
11 health care providers to expand satellite locations for the dosing of  
12 medications, including costs associated with the satellite locations' physical  
13 facilities, staff time at the satellite locations, and staff time at opioid treatment  
14 programs to prepare medications and coordinate with satellite locations;

15 (B) the satellite locations established pursuant to this subdivision (2)  
16 shall be located in Addison County, eastern or southern Vermont, Chittenden  
17 County, and in a facility operated by the Department of Corrections,

18 ~~(3)(2) \$500,000.00 in Chittenden County~~ to expand the hours and  
19 operations of the Howard Center's Chittenden Clinic Addiction Treatment  
20 Center;

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22 EXPLANATION: Amends Act 22 (2023) to remove appropriation from the  
23 Opioid Settlement Fund for naloxone distribution efforts

1 Sec. C. XX APPROPRIATION; EVIDENCE BASED EDUCATION AND  
2 ADVERTISING FUND

3 (a) \$1,980,000 is appropriated from the Evidence Based Education and  
4 Advertising Fund for the expansion of naloxone distribution efforts, including  
5 establishing harm reduction vending machines, home delivery and mail order  
6 options, and expanding the harm reduction pack and leave behind kit  
7 programs.

8 **EXPLANATION: Appropriates \$1.9 million from the EBEAF for naloxone**  
9 **distribution.**

1           Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

4                2025:

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

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8                                (E) Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund (#2120891802): \$3,000,000

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10                EXPLANATION: Transfers \$3,000,000 from the Tobacco Fund to the General  
11                Fund

1 Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

2 (a) The establishment of 13 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year  
3 2025 for the following:

4 (1) Permanent classified positions:

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6 (D) Office of the Secretary of State:

7 (i) one Administrative Services Coordinator IV; and

8 (ii) one Information Technology Specialist III.

9 (2) Permanent exempt positions:

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11 (B) Judiciary:

12 (i) three Superior Court Judges.

13 (C) Department of Health:

14 (i) one Grants Administrator.

15 EXPLANATION: Adds additional Superior Court Judge position funded with  
16 previously appropriated Tobacco Fund Dollars and one VDH Grants  
17 Administrator position.

1 Sec. E.204 JUDICIARY; SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE POSITION

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

6 **EXPLANATION: Clarifies funding source of one of the new Judge positions**

1 Sec. E.204.1 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106, is amended to read:

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

4 (a) The sum of ~~\$7,000,000~~ \$4,000,000 is appropriated from the Tobacco  
5 Litigation Settlement Fund to the Judiciary in fiscal year 2018 and shall carry  
6 forward for the uses and based on the allocations set forth in subsections (b)  
7 and (c) of this section. The purpose of the funds is to make strategic  
8 investments to transform the adjudication of CHINS cases in Vermont.

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

11 (1) \$1,250,000 for fiscal year 2019, which shall not be distributed until  
12 the group defined in subsection (c) of this section provides proposed  
13 expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2019 budget adjustment request;

14 (2) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2020, for which the group shall provide  
15 proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2020 budget request or budget  
16 adjustment request, or both;

17 (3) ~~\$2,500,000~~ \$250,000 for fiscal year 2021, for which the group shall  
18 provide proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2021 budget request or  
19 budget adjustment request, or both; ~~and~~

20 ~~(4) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2022 or after as needed.~~

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- 1 EXPLANATION: Reduces Act 11 (2018) Children in Need of Care or
- 2 Services (CHINS) appropriation by \$3,000,000



1 Sec. E.234 30 V.S.A. § 248c(d) is amended to read:

2 (d) Electric and natural gas facilities. This subsection sets fees for  
3 applications under section 248 of this title.

4 (1) There shall be a ~~registration~~ fee of \$100.00 for each electric  
5 generation facility less than or equal to 50 kW in plant capacity, or for a  
6 rooftop project, or for a hydroelectric project filing a net metering registration,  
7 or for an application filed under subsection 248(n) of this title, or for an energy  
8 storage facility less than or equal to 1 MW in nameplate capacity that is  
9 required to obtain a certificate of public good under section 248 of this title and  
10 is proposed to be located inside an existing building and that would not require  
11 any ground disturbance work or upgrades to the distribution system.

12 (2) There shall be a fee of \$25.00 for modifications for each electric  
13 generation facility less than or equal to 50 kW in plant capacity, or for a  
14 rooftop project, or for a hydroelectric project filing a net metering registration,  
15 or for an application filed under subsection 248(n) of this title, or for an energy  
16 storage facility less than or equal to 1 MW in nameplate capacity that is  
17 required to obtain a certificate of public good under section 248 of this title and  
18 is proposed to be located inside an existing building and that would not require  
19 any ground disturbance work or upgrades to the distribution system.

20 (3) There shall be a fee for electric generation facilities and energy  
21 storage facilities that are required to obtain a certificate of public good under  
22 Section 248 of this Title and that do not qualify for the lower fees in  
23 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, calculated as follows:

1 (A) \$5.00 per kW; and

2 (B) \$100.00 for modifications.

3 (4) For applications that include both a proposed electric generation  
4 facility and a proposed energy storage facility, the fee shall be the larger of  
5 either the fee for the electric generation facility or the energy storage facility as  
6 set out in subdivisions (1) and (3) of this subsection.

7 (5) For applications that propose to add an energy storage facility to a  
8 location that already has a certificate of public good for an electric generation  
9 facility, the fee shall be that for a proposed new energy storage facility as set  
10 out in subdivisions (1) and (3) of this subsection.

11 (6) For applications that propose to add an electric generation facility to  
12 a location that already has a certificate of public good for an energy storage  
13 facility, the fee shall be that for a proposed new electric generation facility as  
14 set out in subdivisions (1) and (3) of this subsection.

15 **EXPLANATION:** Reduces the application fees for energy storage facilities  
16 that are eligible for the simplified application process that is being developed  
17 by the Public Utility Commission and clarifies the fees that would apply to  
18 applications that propose both electric generation and energy storage facilities,  
19 as well as to applications that propose to add one type of facility to a location  
20 that already has a certificate of public good for the other type of facility. These  
21 fee reductions and clarifications are necessary to better match the application  
22 fees to the anticipated workload of the Public Utility Commission in reviewing  
23 these applications. HAC addition in red.

1 Sec. E.300 AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; FISCAL YEAR 2024  
2 CLOSEOUT; COMPREHENSIVE CHILD WELFARE  
3 INFORMATION SYSTEM

4 (a) To the extent to which General Fund dollars appropriated to the Agency  
5 of Human Services in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.300, remain  
6 unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2024, \$3,000,000 shall be carried forward  
7 and appropriated to the Department for Children and Families Family Service  
8 Division for the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System in fiscal  
9 year 2025.

1 Sec. E.311 18 V.S.A. chapter 1, subchapter 2 is amended to read:

2 Subchapter 2. Health Care Professions; Educational Assistance

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4 § 33. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT COLLEGE OF MEDICINE; MEDICAL  
5 STUDENT INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP

6 \* \* \*

7 (f) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis as long as funds are  
8 available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall roll over  
9 and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the  
10 following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this  
11 section.

12 § 34. VERMONT NURSING FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE  
13 PROGRAM

14 (a) As used in this section:

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

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

23 \* \* \*

1 (5) have completed the Program's application form, ~~the Free~~  
2 ~~Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the Vermont grant~~  
3 ~~application each academic year of enrollment~~ and such financial aid forms as  
4 the Corporation deems necessary, in accordance with a schedule determined by  
5 the Corporation; and

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7 § 35. VERMONT HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT  
8 PROGRAM

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10 (b) The Vermont Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program is  
11 created and shall be administered by the Department of Health in collaboration  
12 with AHEC. The Program provides loan repayment on behalf of individuals  
13 who live and work in this State as a nurse, physician assistant, medical  
14 ~~technician~~ technologist or clinical laboratory scientist, child psychiatrist, or  
15 primary care provider and who meet the eligibility requirements in subsection  
16 (d) of this section.

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

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

22 (1) have graduated from an eligible school where the individual was  
23 awarded a degree in nursing, physician assistant studies, medicine, osteopathic

1 medicine, or naturopathic medicine, or a two- or four-year degree that qualifies  
2 the individual to be a medical ~~technician~~ technologist or clinical laboratory  
3 scientist;

4 (2) work in this State as a nurse, physician assistant, medical ~~technician~~  
5 technologist or clinical laboratory scientist, child psychiatrist, or primary care  
6 provider; and

7 (3) be a resident of Vermont.

8 (e)(1) An eligible individual shall be entitled to an amount of loan  
9 cancellation and repayment under this section equal to one year of loans for  
10 each year of service as a nurse, physician assistant, medical ~~technician~~  
11 technologist or clinical laboratory scientist, child psychiatrist, or primary care  
12 provider in this State. Employment as a traveling nurse shall not be construed  
13 to satisfy the service commitment required for loan repayment under this  
14 section.

15 (2) AHEC shall award loan repayments in amounts that are sufficient to  
16 attract high-quality candidates while also making a meaningful increase in  
17 Vermont's health care professional workforce.

#### 18 § 36. NURSE FACULTY FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

23 \* \* \*

1 (5) have completed the Program’s application form and ~~the Free~~  
2 ~~Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)~~ such financial aid forms as the  
3 Corporation deems necessary, in accordance with a schedule determined by the  
4 Corporation; and

5 \* \* \*

6 (g) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis as long as funds are  
7 available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall roll over  
8 and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the  
9 following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this  
10 section.

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12 § 38. VERMONT MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL FORGIVABLE  
13 LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

18 \* \* \*

19 (5) have completed the Program’s application form and ~~the Free~~  
20 ~~Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)~~ such financial aid forms as the  
21 Corporation deems necessary, in accordance with a schedule determined by the  
22 Corporation; and

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

4 § 40. VERMONT DENTAL HYGIENIST FORGIVABLE LOAN  
 5 INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

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

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

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21 **EXPLANATION: Makes numerous changes to Health Care workforce**  
 22 **incentive statute**

1 Sec. E.312. HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH

2 (a) AIDS/HIV funding:

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

8 (A) Vermont CARES - \$140,000;

9 (B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont - \$100,000; and

10 (C) HIV/HCV Resource Center - \$55,000.

11 \* \* \*

12 (4) In fiscal year 2025, the Department of Health shall provide grants in  
13 the amount of ~~\$100,000-\$400,000.00~~ in general funds and \$1,100,000 from the  
14 Opioid Settlement Fund to ~~Vermont AIDS service organizations and other~~  
15 ~~Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers~~ syringe service programs for HIV  
16 and Harm Reduction Services no later than September 1, 2024. ~~community-~~  
17 ~~based HIV prevention programs and services. These funds shall be used for~~  
18 ~~HIV/AIDS prevention purposes, including syringe exchange programs;~~  
19 ~~improving the availability of confidential and anonymous HIV testing;~~  
20 ~~prevention work with at risk groups such as women, intravenous drug users,~~  
21 ~~and people of color; and anti stigma campaigns. Not more than 15 percent of~~  
22 ~~the funds may be used for the administration of such services by the recipients~~  
23 ~~of these funds. The method by which these prevention funds are distributed~~

1 shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of Health and the  
2 Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS  
3 prevention providers.

4 (5) ~~In fiscal year 2025, the Department of Health shall provide grants in  
5 the amount of \$300,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service  
6 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for syringe  
7 exchange programs. The method by which these prevention funds are  
8 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of  
9 Health, the Vermont AIDS service organizations, and other Vermont  
10 HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The performance period for these grants will  
11 be State fiscal year 2025. Grant reporting shall include outcomes and results.~~

12 [Repealed.]

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

18 **EXPLANATION: House Human Services Language with HAC change of fund**  
19 **source. NOTE: This language is not drafted as it will appear in the bill.**

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

2 § 4772. OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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4 (e) Presentation. Annually, the Advisory Committee shall vote on its  
5 recommendations. If the recommendations are supported by a majority  
6 affirmative vote, the Advisory Committee shall present its recommendations  
7 for expenditures from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund established pursuant  
8 to this subchapter to the Department of Health and concurrently submit its  
9 recommendations in writing to the House Committees on Appropriations and  
10 on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on  
11 Health and Welfare.

12 EXPLANATION: House Human Services directing Opioid Settlement  
13 Advisory Committee to vote on recommendations and present them if vote is  
14 affirmative.

1 Sec. E.313 APPROPRIATION; SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION

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(a) In fiscal year 2025, an additional \$795,000 shall be appropriated from the Opioid Settlement Special Fund to the Department of Health's Division of Substance Use Programs for substance misuse prevention. The total \$2,205,000 appropriation shall be granted to Vermont Prevention Lead Organizations to implement evidence-based and trauma-informed substance misuse prevention strategies statewide. The Division shall require that, as part of the grant agreement with the Vermont Prevention Lead Organizations, that information on the use of the funds, including the specific activities supported by the funds; a description of the number of people served; and information on the outcomes achieved by this investment be provided to the Division in an agreed upon time frame. The Division shall report annually, on or before January 10, to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Human Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.

**EXPLANATION: House Human Services language appropriating Opioid Settlement Fund dollars to Division of Substance Use Disorder Programs for misuse prevention grants to Vermont Prevention Lead Organizations. Requires annual report to relevant committees.**

1 Sec. E.317.1 ADOPTION; POST PERMANENCY SERVICES

2 (a) Any unused funds designated for the purposes described in 2023 Acts  
3 and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317, not to exceed \$270,234, shall be used in  
4 fiscal year 2025 for post-permanency adoption services provided by Lund,  
5 Easterseals of Vermont, and the Northeastern Family Institute of Vermont.

6 (b) Any unused funds designated for the purposes described in 2023 Acts  
7 and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317, not to exceed \$446,253, shall be used in  
8 fiscal year 2025 for services provided by Spectrum Youth and Family  
9 Services.

10 **EXPLANATION: Human Services Language directing unused funds from Act**  
11 **78 B.317 to post-permanency adoption services**

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13 Sec. E.317.2 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 101 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 101. [Repealed.]

15 **EXPLANATION: Correction to BAA per AHS**

1 Sec. E.504 ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

2 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$3,778,133 General Fund  
3 shall be allocated to the Agency of Education for distribution to adult  
4 education and literacy providers, pursuant to the program established in 16  
5 V.S.A. § 945.

6 **EXPLANATION: Directs funds to Adult Education and literacy providers**  
7 **per the Adult Education and Secondary Credential Program (replacing the**  
8 **Adult Diploma Program in statute.**

1 Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION – FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

2 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. Sec. 4025(b) to the  
3 contrary, of the appropriation in Sec. B.504.1 of this act, \$2,518,755 Education  
4 Fund dollars shall be allocated to the Agency of Education for distribution to  
5 adult education and literacy providers the program established in 16 V.S.A.  
6 § 945.

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

9 (1) \$921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs notwithstanding  
10 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);

11 (2) \$2,000,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual High School;

12 (3) \$400,000 is available for secondary school reform grants; and

13 (4) \$3,600,000 is available for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §  
14 4011(e).

15 (c) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$921,500 from the  
16 General Fund is available for dual enrollment programs.

17 **EXPLANATION:** Annual language ensures that education funds are paid  
18 directly to school districts to fund the high school completion program, to help  
19 fund the dual enrollment program created in 16 V.S.A Sec 944, and to support  
20 distance learning in Vermont schools.  
21 HAC Recommend language clarifies funds are for ABE and changes dollar  
22 amount of one appropriation



1 Sec. E.704 DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS AND RECREATION;  
2 WATER QUALITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EXPANSION;  
3 PILOT

4 (a) The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation shall as a pilot expand  
5 the Water Quality Assistance Program established by 10 V.S.A. § 2622a, to  
6 enable the Program to provide financial assistance to logging contractors to  
7 ensure implementation of proactive and preventative water quality protection  
8 and climate adaptation practices on harvest sites. The Program shall provide  
9 financial assistance to logging contractors for the following:

10 (1) implementation of accepted management practices (AMPs) and  
11 other best practices defined by the Department on harvest sites to enhance  
12 water quality protection and climate adaptation measures before forest  
13 operations take place;

14 (2) purchase by logging contractors of materials or practices that can be  
15 used for forest access road construction, landing preparation, bridge  
16 construction or installation, culvert protection or installation, and sediment  
17 control in advance of harvest implementation in order to comply with the  
18 AMPs and other potentially applicable water quality requirements; and

19 (3) financial assistance or cost share for a logging contractor to be  
20 Master Logger Certified by third-party entities, such as the Northeast Master  
21 Logger Certification Program of the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands.

1        (b) The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation may establish criteria  
2        for eligibility under the Water Quality Assistance Program, including priority  
3        of assistance and application requirements.

4        (c) The Water Quality Assistance Program shall operate as a pilot program  
5        in fiscal year 2025.

6        (d) On or before July 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and  
7        Recreation shall report to the House Committee on Agriculture, Food  
8        Resiliency, and Forestry and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and  
9        Energy the results of the pilot Water Quality Assistance Program.

10       (e) In addition to other funds appropriated to the Department of Forests,  
11       Parks and Recreation in fiscal year 2025, \$1,000,000 from the General Fund is  
12       appropriated to the Department to provide the financial assistance required by  
13       this section.