

DRAFT
FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET ACT
HOUSE AND SENATE
LANGUAGE COMPARISON¹

¹ *This document includes language from working drafts and may not entirely reflect the language in H.883 As Passed by the House or H.883 As Passed by the Senate*

Language from House	Senate Bill Section	Language from Senate
<p>Makes numerous changes to Gov. Rec. one-time appropriations: Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p><u>(a) Department of Public Safety. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$12,500,000 General Fund to be used as matching funds for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Hazard Mitigation grant receipts.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Military Department. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$10,000 General Fund for the USS Vermont Support Group.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Department of Mental Health. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for start-up costs related to the psychiatric youth inpatient facility funded by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1105(b)(4); and</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$482,789 Global Commitment to support mental health urgent care centers.</u></p> <p><u>(A) On or before January 15, 2025, the Department of Mental Health shall report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations with data regarding each independent urgent care center and the Department’s recommendations regarding continued funding needs.</u></p> <p><u>(d) Vermont Department of Health. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$1,060,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for a program administered by Vermont’s 13 recovery centers in collaboration with the Department of Corrections to provide recovery support to those in correctional facilities, post-incarceration, and involved in probation and parole;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$1,000,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for grants to providers to establish community-based stabilization beds for individuals transitioning between substance use disorder residential treatment and the recovery system;</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$800,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for grants to providers for ongoing support for contingency management;</u></p> <p><u>(4) \$795,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for prevention coalitions;</u></p> <p><u>(5) \$714,481 Opioid Abatement Special Fund to expand Student Assistance Professional and school-based services;</u></p> <p><u>(6) \$325,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for recovery housing supports;</u></p>	<p>B.1100</p>	<p><i>Adds appropriations to DPS for the Urban Search and Rescue Team, DEC for S.213 initiatives, AOT for GMT bridge funding, SOS for the public meeting and elections working group, AAFM for Conservation Districts, AHS for Global Payment, DVHA for Global Payment, a health insurance market analysis, and the expansion of Medicare Savings Programs eligibility, DAIL for start-up costs for an Adult Day center, C CVS for grants to Vermont Network, the St. Joseph’s memorial, and the Intercollegiate Sexual Harm Prevention Council, DOC for a data partnership, G M C B for a contract for reference-based pricing analysis, JFO for a consultant for the County and Regional Governance Study Committee, the General Assembly for per diems for the County and Regional Governance Study Committee, and AoA for local economic damage grants.</i></p> <p><i>Removes appropriations to DMH for mental health urgent care centers, VDH for prevention coalitions, AOT for the eBike incentive program, SOS for the Vermont Access Network (moved to base), and AHS for mental health urgent care centers.</i></p> <p><i>Reduces appropriations to DCF for a 2-1-1 service line contract, AOT for electric vehicle supply equipment charging ports, and AAFM for a grant to NOFA.</i></p> <p>Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p><u>(a) Department of Public Safety. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$12,500,000 General Fund to be used as matching funds for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Hazard Mitigation grant receipts; and</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$250,000 General Fund to fund the Urban Search and Rescue Team.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(e) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$16,500,000 General Fund for the General Assistance Emergency Housing program;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$3,000,000 General Fund for the Family Service Division Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System;</u></p>

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<p>(7) \$300,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund for a grant to Johnson Health Center and Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform to establish a managed medical response partnership for individuals with substance use disorder;</p> <p>(8) \$835,073 General Fund for the Bridges to Health program; and</p> <p>(9) \$400,000 General Fund for the Vermont Household Health Insurance Survey.</p> <p>(e) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$16,500,000 General Fund for the General Assistance Emergency Housing program;</p> <p>(2) \$3,000,000 General Fund for the Family Service Division Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System.</p> <p>(3) \$1,034,065 General Fund to extend 10 Economic Services Division limited service positions, including associated operating costs, in support of the General Assistance Emergency Housing program; and</p> <p>(4) \$332,000 General Fund for a 2-1-1 service line contract.</p> <p>(f) Vermont State University. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$10,000,000 General Fund for deficit reduction and systems transformation bridge funding; and</p> <p>(2) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the Community College of Vermont Tuition Advantage Program.</p> <p>(g) Department of Environmental Conservation. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$500,000 General Fund to be used as State match for the federal Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Winooski Study; and</p> <p>(2) \$2,000,000 General Fund to continue the Healthy Homes Initiative.</p> <p>(h) Department of Economic Development. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$150,000 General Fund for continued funding of the International Business Office previously funded by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300(b)(1).</p> <p>(i) Department of Housing and Community Development. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the Manufactured Home Improvement and Repair Program.</p>		<p>(3) \$1,034,065 General Fund to extend 10 Economic Services Division limited service positions, including associated operating costs, in support of the General Assistance Emergency Housing program; and</p> <p>(4) \$176,480 General Fund for a 2-1-1 service line contract to operate 24 hours five days per week.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(g) Department of Environmental Conservation. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$500,000 General Fund to be used as State match for the federal Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Winooski Study;</p> <p>(2) \$2,000,000 General Fund to continue the Healthy Homes Initiative;</p> <p>(3) \$225,000 for contracting to support development of State Flood Hazard Area Standards;</p> <p>(4) \$1,500,000 for contracting to support completion of river corridor mapping and implementation of river corridor permitting;</p> <p>(5) \$150,000 for contracting to support wetlands mapping and rulemaking; and</p> <p>(6) \$50,000 for education and outreach on the use of unencapsulated polystyrene foam for docks in waters of the State.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(j) Agency of Transportation. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$1,000,000 Transportation Fund for a grant to Green Mountain Transit as one-time bridge funding while Green Mountain Transit stabilizes its finances, adjusts its service levels, and transitions to a sustainable funding model; and</p> <p>(2) \$900,000 Transportation Fund to increase Vermonters' access to electric vehicle supply equipment charging ports. These funds shall be derived from the revenue generated by the annual electric vehicle infrastructure fee; provided, however, that if the revenue generated by the fee in fiscal year 2025 is less than \$900,000, the amount to be appropriated pursuant to this subdivision shall be limited to the actual amount of revenue generated by the fee in fiscal year 2025.</p> <p>(k) Secretary of State. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$300,000 General Fund to support the costs of elections in calendar year 2024;</p> <p>(2) \$67,000 General Fund, notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 124(a), to the Office of Professional Regulation to support the administrative work necessary to implement newly joined interstate compacts; and</p>

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<p><u>(j) Agency of Transportation. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$1,700,000 Transportation Fund for the purpose of providing grants to increase access to level 1 and 2 electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) charging ports at workplaces and multiunit dwelling places; and</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$140,000 Transportation Fund for the purpose of providing grants as part of the eBike Incentive Program.</u></p> <p><u>(k) Secretary of State. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$1,000,000 General Fund to support the Vermont Access Network;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$300,000 General Fund to support the costs of elections in calendar year 2024; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$67,000 General Fund to the Office of Professional Regulation to support the administrative work necessary to implement newly-joined interstate compacts.</u></p> <p><u>(l) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the pilot expansion of the Water Quality Assistance Program to provide financial assistance to logging contractors.</u></p> <p><u>(m) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$450,000 General Fund for a grant to the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont for the Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm Share programs.</u></p> <p><u>(n) Agency of Human Services. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$206,199 General Fund and \$276,590 federal funds for Global Commitment match to support mental health urgent care centers.</u></p>		<p><u>(3) \$50,000 General Fund for a consultant to assist the Working Group on Participation and Accessibility of Municipal Public Meetings and Elections.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(m) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$240,000 General Fund for a grant to the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont for the Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm Share programs; and</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$100,000 General Fund for grants to Vermont’s 14 Natural Resources Conservation Districts.</u></p> <p><u>(n) Agency of Human Services Secretary’s Office. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$3,913,200 General Fund and \$5,366,383 federal funds to be used for Global Commitment match for the Medicaid Global Commitment Payment Program. To the extent that at a future date the Global Payment Program ceases to operate as a program or changes methodology to a retrospective payment program, any resulting one-time General Fund spending authority created at that time shall be reserved in the Human Services Caseload Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b up to the amount appropriated in this subdivision.</u></p> <p><u>(o) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$9,279,583 Global Commitment for the Medicaid Global Payment Program;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$150,000 General Fund to conduct a technical analysis of Vermont’s health insurance markets; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$100,000 General Fund to implement the expansion of Medicare Savings Programs eligibility.</u></p> <p><u>(p) Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$82,000 General Fund to fund the start-up costs relating to the Adult Days center in central Vermont.</u></p> <p><u>(q) Center for Crime Victim Services. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$254,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence to maintain its current level of operations;</u></p>

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		<p><u>(2) \$60,000 General Fund for a grant to support the creation of the Memorial and Healing Garden on the former grounds of Saint Joseph’s Orphanage; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$22,000 General Fund for a grant to the Intercollegiate Sexual Harm Prevention Council for the purpose of staffing the Council and providing per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses to members who are not otherwise compensated by their employer.</u></p> <p><u>(r) Department of Corrections. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$300,000 General Fund for the purpose of contracting with a vendor to enhance the Department’s capacity to analyze and interpret data, with the goals of transferring individuals from incarceration to community supervision more quickly and improving reentry and case management processes.</u></p> <p><u>(s) Green Mountain Care Board. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$15,000 General Fund for a contract with a qualified entity for a reference-based pricing analysis.</u></p> <p><u>(t) Joint Fiscal Office. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$50,000 General Fund for a consultant to assist the County and Regional Governance Study Committee.</u></p> <p><u>(u) General Assembly. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$15,000 General Fund for per diem compensation and expense reimbursement for the members of the County and Regional Governance Study Committee.</u></p> <p><u>(v) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$1,030,000 General Fund for local economic damage grants to municipalities that were impacted by the August and December 2023 flooding events in counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declarations DR-4744-VT and DR-4695-VT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these local economic damage grants be distributed to municipalities throughout the state to address the secondary economic impacts of the August and December 2023 flooding events. Monies from these grants shall not be expended on FEMA-related projects.</u></p>
<p><i>Adds language directing the Secretary of Administration to reduce appropriations based on labor savings:</i></p>	<p>B.1101</p>	<p><i>Struck</i></p>

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<p>Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2024 VACANCY SAVINGS</p> <p><u>(a) In fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of Administration shall reduce appropriations for labor savings due to unfilled vacant positions within the Executive Branch. The Secretary of Administration shall provide status reports to the Joint Fiscal Committee on achievement of this base reduction at meetings in July, September and November of 2024. The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to transfer other funds saved as a result of these initiatives to the General Fund in fiscal year 2025:</u></p> <p>General Fund \$5,000,000</p>		
<p>Adds appropriation for the Truth and Reconciliation Committee:</p> <p>Sec. B.1101.1 TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION</p> <p><u>(a) In fiscal year 2025, \$1,100,000 General Fund is appropriated to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</u></p>	B.1101.1	No change
<p>Adds section to appropriate unobligated FY24 General Fund dollars:</p> <p>Sec. B.1102 UNOBLIGATED GENERAL FUND CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p><u>(a) After satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, but prior to satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the remaining unobligated and unexpended balance of the General Fund at the close of fiscal year 2024 shall carry forward and be appropriated in fiscal year 2025 as follows:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$20,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families for the General Assistance Emergency Housing program.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$3,500,000 to the Department of Public Safety Flood Resilient Communities Fund that shall be used for grants to residential or commercial structure elevation projects.</u></p>	B.1102	<p>Adds more contingent appropriations:</p> <p>Sec. B.1102 UNOBLIGATED GENERAL FUND CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p><u>(a) After satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, but prior to satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the remaining unobligated and unexpended balance of the General Fund at the close of fiscal year 2024 shall be appropriated or transferred, to the extent to which funds are available, in fiscal year 2025 in the following order:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$20,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families for the General Assistance Emergency Housing program;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$3,500,000 to the Community Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Fund that shall be used for grants to municipalities with FEMA-approved Individuals and Households Program registrations for Individual Assistance relating to a calendar year 2023 flooding event for subgrants to residential building owners of up to \$300,000 residential structure elevation projects;</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$1,000,000 to the Dam Safety Revolving Loan Fund;</u></p> <p><u>(4) \$1,000,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Healthy Homes Initiative;</u></p> <p><u>(5) \$2,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Vermont Housing Improvement Program;</u></p> <p><u>(6) \$2,500,000 to the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments. It</u></p>

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		<p><u>is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds be used for State match needed for water and wastewater related projects under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These funds shall only be expended if authorized by the General Assembly;</u></p> <p><u>(7) \$1,300,000 to the Department for Children and Families for a grant to the Vermont Foodbank. It is the intent of the General Assembly that \$1,000,000 of these funds be distributed proportionally to Vermont Foodbank’s network partner food shelves;</u></p> <p><u>(8) \$500,000 to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living for grants to skilled nursing facilities to increase the pipeline of employed licensed nursing assistants, including increasing capacity of new and existing facility-based training programs, developing or expanding collaboration with other programs including career and technical education programs. Grants may support training program costs, paid internships, student support, and recruitment and retention bonuses.</u></p> <p><u>(A) Of the funds appropriated in subdivision (8) of this section, \$150,000 shall be for grants of \$30,000 or less.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Of the funds appropriated in subdivision (8) of this section, \$350,000 shall be for up to three grants.</u></p> <p><u>(9) \$500,000 to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living for Medical Director recruitment and retention grants of no more than \$50,000 per grant at skilled nursing facilities;</u></p> <p><u>(10) \$1,500,000 to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the Vermont Serve, Learn, and Earn Program;</u></p> <p><u>(11) \$2,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Vermont Housing Improvement Program;</u></p> <p><u>(12) \$2,500,000 to the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds be used for the State match needed for water- and wastewater-related projects under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These funds shall only be expended if authorized by the General Assembly.</u></p> <p><u>(13) \$1,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety’s Division of Fire Safety to subsidize the cost of providing cancer screening to all Vermont</u></p>

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		<p><u>professional and volunteer firefighters, as well as all enrollees in the Vermont Fire Academy Firefighter I program.</u></p> <p><u>(14) \$5,000,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.</u></p> <p><u>(15) \$3,913,200 to the Human Services Caseload Reserve.</u></p> <p><u>(16) \$12,500,000 to the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds be used for the State match needed for transportation-related projects under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These funds shall only be expended if authorized by the General Assembly.</u></p> <p><u>(17) \$5,000,000 to the Dam Safety Revolving Loan Fund.</u></p> <p><u>(18) \$10,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families' Office of Economic Opportunity to expand shelter bed and permanent supportive housing capacity in the State.</u></p>
<p>Adds Capital Bill appropriations to the budget:</p> <p>Sec. B.1103 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS – FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p><u>(a) In fiscal year 2025, \$9,550,000 is appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure sub account in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments for the following projects:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$2,300,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for parking garage repairs at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington;</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120 State Street in Montpelier;</u></p> <p><u>(4) \$850,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for design, renovations, and land acquisition at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;</u></p> <p><u>(5) \$850,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;</u></p>	<p>B.1103</p>	<p>Reduces first appropriation and adds appropriation for the Fishing Derby:</p> <p>Sec. B.1103 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS – FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p><u>(a) In fiscal year 2025, \$9,550,000 is appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure sub account in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments for the following projects:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$220,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$2,300,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for parking garage repairs at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington;</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120 State Street in Montpelier;</u></p> <p><u>(4) \$850,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for design, renovations, and land acquisition at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;</u></p> <p><u>(5) \$850,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;</u></p>

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<p><u>(6) \$850,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Rutland Field Station;</u></p> <p><u>(7) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Vermont Veterans’ Home for the design and renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units;</u></p> <p><u>(8) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel waterproofing and Aiken Avenue reconstruction;</u></p> <p><u>(9) \$200,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the elevator replacement at 111 State Street; and</u></p> <p><u>(10) \$1,000,000 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for roof replacement and brick façade repairs at the McFarland State Office Building in Barre.</u></p>		<p><u>(6) \$850,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the Rutland Field Station;</u></p> <p><u>(7) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Vermont Veterans’ Home for the design and renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units;</u></p> <p><u>(8) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel waterproofing and Aiken Avenue reconstruction;</u></p> <p><u>(9) \$200,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the elevator replacement at 111 State Street;</u></p> <p><u>(10) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for roof replacement and brick façade repairs at the McFarland State Office Building in Barre; and</u></p> <p><u>(11) \$30,000 is appropriated to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Lake Champlain International Fishing Derby.</u></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>B.1104</p>	<p><i>Adds language stating that “ARPA swaps” are one-time and shall not reduce base appropriations in the future:</i></p> <p>Sec. B.1104 APPROPRIATION OF ARPA FUNDS; FISCAL YEAR 2025</p> <p>(a) To the extent that any base funding appropriation that would have otherwise come from the General Fund or a special fund has been replaced in this act with the appropriation of an equivalent amount of American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund dollars, it is the intent of the General Assembly that this funding replacement for eligible expenses is a one-time funding option for fiscal year 2025 that shall not recur. Any agency or department impacted by this funding replacement in fiscal year 2025 shall include an equivalent amount of General Fund or relevant special fund in its budget proposal in future fiscal years in order to maintain its base appropriation.</p>
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>C.100</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p><i>Strikes Gov. Rec. Sec.C.101 (included in BAA); incorporates all Gov. Rec. Sec. C.102 language in Sec. C.101:</i></p> <p>Sec. C.101 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>***</p>	<p>C.101</p>	<p><i>Incorporates House Sec. C.111 per technical letter</i></p> <p>Sec. C.101 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>(l) Agency of Human Services Central Office. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:</p>

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<p>(o) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(13) \$500,000 General Fund and \$500,000 federal funds for information technology implementation to support the Summer EBT nutritional benefit program.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(3) \$10,000,000 <u>\$9,440,000</u> General Fund to continue to address the emergent and exigent circumstances impacting health care providers following the COVID-19 pandemic; and</p> <p>(4) \$10,534,603 General Fund and \$13,168 Federal Revenue Fund #2205 for use as Global Commitment matching funds for one-time caseload pressures due to the suspension of Medicaid eligibility redeterminations; <u>and</u></p> <p><u>(5) \$560,000 General Fund and \$751,168 Federal Revenue Fund #2205 for use as Global Commitment matching funds for supplemental nonemergency medical transportation funding.</u></p> <p>(m) <u>Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$366,066 General Fund and \$372,048 Federal Revenue Fund #22005 to the Department of Vermont Health Access for a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program and ;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$15,583,352 Global Commitment Fund #20405 to the Department of Health Access Medicaid program for a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$1,311,168 in Global Commitment Fund #20405 as supplemental funding for nonemergency medical transportation services to address the urgent financial needs of the Department’s contracted nonemergency medical transportation service providers.</u></p> <p><u>(A) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall report on its new payment methodology for nonemergency medical transportation and the estimated costs of providing nonemergency medical transportation to Medicaid beneficiaries in fiscal year 2026 under that methodology as part of the Department’s fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment presentation.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(o) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(13) \$500,000 General Fund and \$500,000 federal funds for information technology implementation to support the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program.</u></p>

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<i>No change from Gov. Rec. ;incorporates all recommendations from Gov. Rec. Sec. C.10</i>	C.102	<i>No change</i>
<p>Adds language to direct AHS to request a GC investment: Sec. C.103 HOME-DELIVERED MEALS (a) <u>The Secretary of Human Services shall request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for home-delivered meals that are part of a participant’s service plan of care and meet Vermont’s area agencies on aging’s nutrition requirements in accordance with the Older Americans Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 3001–3058ff to be a Global Commitment Investment.</u></p>	C.103	<i>No change</i>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	C.104	<i>No change</i>
<p>Adds language for the “pension plus” payment: Sec. C.105 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.104.1 is amended to read: Sec. E.104.1 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT; PENSION PLUS APPROPRIATION DIRECTIVE (a) <u>In fiscal year 2024, and in each applicable year thereafter, funds appropriated to the Department of Finance and Management and the Agency of Administration in Sec. B.104.1 of this act to fund additional payments to the Vermont State Retirement System made pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 473(c)(8) shall be directly deposited in the Vermont State Retirement System.</u> * * *</p>	C.105	<p>Includes language to strike out (b), per technical letter and House intent: Sec. C.105 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.104.1 is amended to read: Sec. E.104.1 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT; PENSION PLUS APPROPRIATION DIRECTIVE (a) <u>In fiscal year 2024, and in each applicable year thereafter, funds appropriated to the Department of Finance and Management and the Agency of Administration in Sec. B.104.1 of this act to fund additional payments to the Vermont State Retirement System made pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 473(c)(8) shall be directly deposited in the Vermont State Retirement System.</u> (b) Beginning in fiscal year 2025, and in each applicable year thereafter, additional contributions pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 473(c)(8) shall be made through the percentage of payroll rate process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 473(d). * * *</p>
<p>Adds “pension plus” language: Sec. C.106 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.107(d) is amended to read: (d) Contributions of State. As provided by law, the Retirement Board shall certify to the Governor or Governor-Elect a statement of the percentage of the payroll of all members sufficient to pay for all operating expenses of the Vermont State Retirement System and all contributions of the State that will become due and payable during the next biennium. The contributions of the State to pay the annual actuarially determined employer contribution and any additional amounts pursuant to section (c)(8) of this section shall be charged to the departmental appropriation from which members’ salaries are paid and shall be included in each departmental budgetary request. Annually, on or before</p>	C.106	<i>No change</i>

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<p>January 15, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall provide to the General Assembly a breakdown of the components of the payroll charge applied to each department’s budget in the current fiscal year and anticipated to apply in the upcoming fiscal year. This report shall itemize the percentages of payroll assessments to fund:</p> <p>(1) the actuarially determined employer contribution to the Vermont State Retirement System; <u>and</u></p> <p>(2) <u>the employer contribution to the State Employees’ Postemployment Benefits Trust Fund made pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 479a (c)(3).</u> any additional payments made pursuant to subdivision (c)(8) of this section to the Vermont State Retirement System; and</p> <p>(3) the employer contribution to the State Employees’ Postemployment Benefits Trust Fund made pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 479a (c)(3).</p>		
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec. Sec. C.108</i></p>	<p>C.107</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec. Sec. C.109</i></p>	<p>C.108</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec. C.110</i></p>	<p>C.109</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec. Sec. C.112</i></p>	<p>C.110</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p>Adds NEMT language and bridge funding:</p> <p>Sec. C.111 SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION FUNDING; REVERSION</p> <p><u>(a) Of the funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100(l)(3), the sum of \$560,000 is reverted to the General Fund and shall be appropriated in fiscal year 2024 as follows:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$1,311,168 in Global Commitment Fund dollars is appropriated to the Department of Vermont Health Access in fiscal year 2024 as supplemental funding for non-emergency medical transportation services to address the urgent financial needs of the Department’s contracted non-emergency medical transportation service providers.</u></p> <p><u>(A) The sum of \$560,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Human Services, Global Commitment appropriation in fiscal year 2024 for the State match for the supplemental non-emergency medical transportation funding.</u></p>	<p>C.111</p>	<p>Struck House Sec. C.111 (incorporated into Sec. C.101); Makes technical edits to House Sec. C.112:</p> <p>Sec. C.111 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 4(b) is amended to read:</p> <p>(b) Appropriation. The sum of \$500,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Secretary of State in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of offsetting election costs incurred by school districts pursuant to this section or the provisions of 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 1. <u>To the extent to which these funds remain unobligated and unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2024, they shall revert to the General Fund and a new one-time General Fund appropriation shall be established in fiscal year 2025, in the amount reverted, to be used for election costs in fiscal year 2025.</u></p>

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<p><u>(B) The sum of \$751,168 in federal funds is appropriated to the Agency of Human Services, Global Commitment appropriation in fiscal year 2024 for the supplemental non-emergency medical transportation funding.</u></p> <p><u>(2) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall report on its new payment methodology for non-emergency medical transportation and the estimated costs of providing non-emergency medical transportation to Medicaid beneficiaries in fiscal year 2026 under that methodology as part of the Department’s fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment presentation.</u></p>		
<p><i>Directs remainder of Act 84 appropriation to FY24 elections:</i></p> <p>Sec. C.112 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 4(b) is amended to read:</p> <p>(b) Appropriation. The sum of \$500,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Secretary of State in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of offsetting election costs incurred by school districts pursuant to this section or the provisions of 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 1. <u>To the extent to which these funds remain unobligated and unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2024, they shall carry forward and be used for election costs in fiscal year 2025.</u></p>	C.112	<i>No change from House Sec. C.113</i>
<p><i>Moves funds from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund allocation in Act 22:</i></p> <p>Sec. C.113 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 22, Sec. 14 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. 14. APPROPRIATION; OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL FUND</p> <p>In fiscal year 2023, the following monies shall be appropriated from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4774:</p> <p>(1) -\$1,980,000.00 for the expansion of naloxone distribution efforts, including establishing harm reduction vending machines, home delivery and mail order options, and expanding the harm reduction pack and leave behind kit programs;</p> <p>(2)(A) \$2,000,000.00 <u>\$1,500,000</u> divided equally between four opioid treatment programs to cover costs associated with partnering with other health care providers to expand satellite locations for the dosing of medications, including costs associated with the satellite locations’ physical facilities, staff time at the satellite locations, and staff time at opioid treatment programs to prepare medications and coordinate with satellite locations;</p> <p>(B) the satellite locations established pursuant to this subdivision (2) shall be located in Addison County, eastern or southern Vermont, Chittenden County, and in a facility operated by the Department of Corrections,</p>	C.113	<p><i>Technical edit to House Sec. C.114:</i></p> <p>Sec. C.113 APPROPRIATION; EVIDENCE BASED EDUCATION AND ADVERTISING FUND</p> <p><u>(a) \$1,980,000 is appropriated from the Evidence-Based Education and Advertising Fund to the Department of Health for the expansion of opioid antagonist distribution efforts, including establishing harm reduction vending machines, home delivery and mail order options, and expanding the harm reduction pack and leave behind kit programs.</u></p>

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<p>(3)(2) \$500,000 in Chittenden County to expand the hours and operations of the Howard Center’s Chittenden Clinic Addiction Treatment Center; * * *</p>		
<p><i>Appropriates funds from the Evidence Based Education and Advertising Fund for the expansion of naloxone distribution efforts:</i> Sec. C.114 APPROPRIATION; EVIDENCE BASED EDUCATION AND ADVERTISING FUND <u>(a) \$1,980,000 is appropriated from the Evidence Based Education and Advertising Fund for the expansion of naloxone distribution efforts, including establishing harm reduction vending machines, home delivery and mail order options, and expanding the harm reduction pack and leave behind kit programs.</u></p>	C.114	<i>No change from House Sec. C.115</i>
<p><i>Adds amendments to Capital Bill appropriations:</i> Sec. C.115 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1105 is amended to read: Sec. B.1105 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS – FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS (a) In fiscal year 2024, \$17,685,000 <u>\$15,435,000</u> is appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure sub account in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments for the following projects: * * * (7) \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern State Correctional Facility in Newport; * * * (9) \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility; (10) \$1,000,000 <u>\$750,000</u> is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and design of the Department for Children and Families’ short-term stabilization facility; (11) \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for <u>design, renovations, and land acquisition</u> at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre; * * *</p>	C.115	<p><i>Adds section to address cash flow disruption of Change Healthcare cybersecurity incident:</i> Sec. C.115 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.301.1 is amended to read: Sec. E.301.1 GLOBAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER; REPORT (a) To facilitate the end-of-year closeout for fiscal year 2024, the Secretary of Human Services, with approval from the Secretary of Administration, may make transfers among the appropriations authorized for Medicaid and Medicaid-waiver program expenses, including Global Commitment appropriations outside the Agency of Human Services. At least three business days prior to any transfer, the Agency of Human Services shall submit to the Joint Fiscal Office a proposal of transfers to be made pursuant to this section. A final report on all transfers made under this section shall be made to the Joint Fiscal Committee for review at the Committee’s September 2024 meeting. The purpose of this section is to provide the Agency with limited authority to modify the appropriations to comply with the terms and conditions of the Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 demonstration approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act. (b) <u>To address the disruption to cash flow caused by the Change Healthcare cybersecurity incident, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Sec. 308b(a), funds shall be unreserved from the Human Services Caseload Reserve for appropriation to Sec. B.301 Secretary’s Office Global Commitment for net-neutral transfers made under the authority granted to the Secretary of Administration in subsection (a) of this section. Once the cash flows are restored, the Commissioner of Finance and</u></p>

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<p>(16) \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Municipal Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning advances for feasibility studies; <u>and</u></p> <p>(17) \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the maintenance facilities at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton State Forest; <u>and</u></p> <p>(18) \$800,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and improvements of the Department's buildings, including conservation camps.</p> <p>(b) In fiscal year 2024, \$31,025,000 <u>\$30,025,000</u> is appropriated from the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments for the following projects. This funding is provided by the General Fund transfer in Sec. D.101 of this act.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(3) \$7,500,000 <u>\$6,500,000</u> is appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green Hall and Vail Hall; and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>		<p><u>Management shall reserve in the Human Services Caseload Reserve the amount previously unreserved, as part of the fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment.</u></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>C.116</p>	<p>Adds section to give VSAC carryforward authority for Act 78 forgivable loan program:</p> <p>Sec. C.116 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1101 is amended to read:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sec. B.1101 WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(a) Education workforce.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the Vermont Teacher Forgivable Loan Incentive Program to provide forgivable loans to students enrolled in an eligible school who meet the eligibility requirements in subdivision (A) of this subsection. The goal of the program is to encourage students to enter into teaching professions, with an emphasis on encouraging</p>

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		<p>Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color, New Americans, and other historically underrepresented communities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(E) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry forward and shall be available to the Corporation in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this section.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>C.117</p>	<p><i>Amends Act 78 PCB appropriation to include environmental assessment, planning, and management as allowable uses of funds:</i></p> <p>Sec. C.117 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.112 is amended to read:</p> <p>(a) Education Fund; PCB appropriations. Notwithstanding 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 178, Sec. 2(b):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(b) Agency of Education; PCB remediation and removal reimbursement. Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(d), \$29,500,000 and the unexpended funds identified under subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall be appropriated from the Education Fund to the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2024 for the following purposes:</p> <p>(1) Grants to schools in the State that are required to conduct investigation, remediation, or removal of PCB contamination in the school after Agency of Natural Resources testing but have not received a grant from the Agency of Education for the costs of investigation, <u>environmental assessment, planning, management</u>, remediation, or removal. The grants shall be in an amount sufficient to pay for 100 percent of the school’s investigation, remediation, <u>environmental assessment, planning, management</u>, or removal costs required by the Agency of Natural Resources Investigation and Remediation of Contaminated Properties Rule, including the costs incurred, when necessary, under State or federal law to relocate students to a facility during remediation or removal activities.</p> <p>(2) Grants to schools in the State that conducted investigation, <u>environmental assessment, planning, management</u>, remediation, or removal of PCBs in the school after Agency of Natural Resources testing and received a grant for 80 percent of the costs of <u>investigation, remediation, environmental assessment, planning, management</u>, or removal from the Agency of Education.</p>

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		<p>The grants under this subdivision (2) shall be in an amount that will reimburse the school for any remediation or removal costs not paid by the Agency of Natural Resources.</p> <p>(3) A grant to the Burlington School District to reimburse the school district for the actual cost of associated with the management, demolition, and removal of PCB contamination at Burlington High School, <u>including ancillary costs related to environmental assessments and planning</u> not to exceed \$16,000,000.</p>												
<p>N/A</p>	<p>C.118</p>	<p>Adds section to further revert Universal Meals funds per updated AOE information:</p> <p>Sec. C.118 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.101, as amended by 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 55 is further amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, AND RESERVES</p> <p>(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the following amounts shall be transferred from the funds indicated:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(c)(1)(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2024, the following amount shall revert to the General Fund from the general funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act for the Global Commitment Program:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the accounts indicated:</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">5100010000</td> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Administration</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,280,710.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5100110000</td> <td>Small School Grant</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$391,067.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5100200000</td> <td>Education – Technical Education</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,204,216.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5100892310</td> <td>Education – Universal Meals</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$6,823,849.84 <u>\$9,423,849.84</u></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>	5100010000	Administration	\$1,280,710.79	5100110000	Small School Grant	\$391,067.00	5100200000	Education – Technical Education	\$1,204,216.38	5100892310	Education – Universal Meals	\$6,823,849.84 <u>\$9,423,849.84</u>
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<p>N/A.</p>	<p>C.119</p>	<p>Adds section to ensure Town of Hardwick receives funds it is eligible for:</p> <p>Sec. C.119 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 40, is further amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>(a) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:</p>												

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		<p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(5) \$6,250,000 <u>\$6,265,000</u> General Fund for local economic damage grants to municipalities that were impacted by the July 2023 flooding event in counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declaration DR-4720-VT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these local economic damage grants be distributed to municipalities throughout the state to address the secondary economic impacts of the July 2023 flooding event. Monies from these grants shall not be expended on FEMA-related projects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(B) \$3,000,000 <u>\$3,015,000</u> of the funds appropriated in this subdivision (a)(5) for local economic damage grants shall be distributed as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
N/A	C.120	<p><i>Adds section to reappropriate funds for post-permanency adoption, recovery residences, youth service bureaus, and homeless youth programs (amends construct from House Sec. E.317.1):</i></p> <p>Sec. C.120 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; FAMILY SERVICES; UNUSED FUNDS</p> <p><u>(a) Any unused General Fund dollars designated for the purposes described in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317, shall revert to the General Fund and be reappropriated to the Department for Children and Families as follows:</u></p> <p><u>(1) an amount not to exceed \$270,234 for grants to post-permanency adoption services;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$141,000 for grants to recovery residences in the State;</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$125,000 for grants to youth service bureaus in Vermont; and</u></p> <p><u>(4) \$180,250 for grants to programs supporting homeless youth in Vermont.</u></p>
No change from Gov. Rec.	D.100	<i>No change</i>
<p><i>Adds Cash Fund transfer; Central Garage Transfer; and Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund transfer:</i></p> <p>Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS</p> <p><u>(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are transferred from the funds indicated:</u></p> <p><u>(1) From the General Fund to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100): \$73,212,880</u></p>	D.101	<p><i>Adds transfer to ERAF, strikes Central Garage transfer, adds language relating to ERAF transfer:</i></p> <p>Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS</p> <p><u>(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are transferred from the funds indicated:</u></p> <p><u>(1) From the General Fund to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100): \$73,212,880</u></p>

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<p><u>(B) Capital Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments Fund (#21952): \$6,688,747.63</u></p> <p><u>(C) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909): \$1,800,000</u></p> <p><u>(D) Fire Prevention/Building Inspection Special Fund (#21901): \$1,400,000</u></p> <p><u>(E) Enhanced 9-1-1 Board Fund (#21711): \$1,300,000</u></p> <p><u>(F) Unsafe Dam Revolving Loan Fund (#21960): \$1,000,000</u></p> <p><u>(G) Military – Sale of Burlington Armory & Other (#21661): \$890,000</u></p> <p><u>(H) Act 250 Permit Fund (#21260): \$600,000</u></p> <p><u>(I) Criminal History Records Check Fund (#21130): \$107,277</u></p> <p><u>(2) From the Transportation Fund to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Vermont Recreational Trails Fund (#21455): \$370,000</u></p> <p><u>(B) Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvements Fund (#21575): \$523,966</u></p> <p><u>(C) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100): \$316,745</u></p> <p><u>(D) Notwithstanding 19 V.S.A. § 13(c) the Transportation Fund transfer to the Central Garage fund in fiscal year 2025 shall be \$0.</u></p> <p><u>(3) From the Education Fund to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909): \$1,400,000</u></p> <p><u>(4) From the Clean Water Fund to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund (#21933): \$9,010,000</u></p> <p><u>(B) Lake in Crisis Response Program Special Fund (#21938): \$120,000</u></p> <p><u>(5) From the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash for Capital and Essential Investments Fund to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Transportation Fund (#20105): \$25,000,000</u></p> <p><u>(B) General Fund: \$5,000,000</u></p> <p><u>(6) From the Tax-Local Option Process Fees Fund (#21591), notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 138(c)(1), to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909): \$2,000,000.</u></p> <p><u>(7) From the Central Garage Fund established by 19 V.S.A. § 13 to:</u></p> <p><u>(A) the Transportation Fund: \$1,700,000.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2025:</u></p> <p><u>(1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from the funds indicated:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Cannabis Regulation Fund (#21998): \$12,000,000</u></p> <p><u>(B) AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts (#22005): \$4,641,960</u></p> <p><u>(B) AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts (#22005): \$4,641,960</u></p>		<p><u>(B) Capital Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments Fund (#21952): \$6,688,747.63</u></p> <p><u>(C) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909): \$1,800,000</u></p> <p><u>(D) Fire Prevention/Building Inspection Special Fund (#21901): \$1,400,000</u></p> <p><u>(E) Enhanced 9-1-1 Board Fund (#21711): \$1,300,000</u></p> <p><u>(F) Unsafe Dam Revolving Loan Fund (#21960): \$1,000,000</u></p> <p><u>(G) Military – Sale of Burlington Armory & Other (#21661): \$890,000</u></p> <p><u>(H) Act 250 Permit Fund (#21260): \$600,000</u></p> <p><u>(I) Criminal History Records Check Fund (#21130): \$107,277</u></p> <p><u>(J) Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (#21555): \$830,000</u></p> <p><u>(2) From the Transportation Fund to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Vermont Recreational Trails Fund (#21455): \$370,000</u></p> <p><u>(B) Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvements Fund (#21575): \$523,966</u></p> <p><u>(C) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100): \$316,745</u></p> <p><u>(D) Notwithstanding 19 V.S.A. § 13(c), the Transportation Fund transfer to the Central Garage fund in fiscal year 2025 shall be \$0.</u></p> <p><u>(3) From the Education Fund to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909): \$1,400,000</u></p> <p><u>(4) From the Clean Water Fund to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund (#21933): \$9,010,000</u></p> <p><u>(B) Lake in Crisis Response Program Special Fund (#21938): \$120,000</u></p> <p><u>(5) From the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash for Capital and Essential Investments Fund to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Transportation Fund (#20105): \$25,000,000</u></p> <p><u>(B) General Fund: \$5,000,000</u></p> <p><u>(6) From the Tax-Local Option Process Fees Fund (#21591), notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 138(c)(1), to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909): \$2,000,000</u></p> <p><u>(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2025:</u></p> <p><u>(1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from the funds indicated:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Cannabis Regulation Fund (#21998): \$12,000,000</u></p> <p><u>(B) AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts (#22005): \$4,641,960</u></p> <p><u>(C) Sports Wagering Enterprise Fund (#50250): \$7,000,000</u></p>

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		<p>(C) one Environmental Scientist IV.</p> <p>(2) Department of Labor:</p> <p>(A) one Re-Employment Services and Eligibility Assessment Program Program Coordinator; and</p> <p>(B) nine Re-Employment Services and Eligibility Assessment Program Facilitators.</p> <p>(3) Agency of Education:</p> <p>(A) one Education Project Manager.</p> <p>(c) The establishment of 35 exempt limited service is authorized in fiscal year 2025 as follows:</p> <p>(1) Judiciary:</p> <p>(A) ten Judicial Assistants;</p> <p>(B) two IT Help Desk Analysts;</p> <p>(C) two Centralized Service Analysts;</p> <p>(D) one Database Administrator; and</p> <p>(E) 11 Judicial Officer IP's.</p> <p>(1) Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs:</p> <p>(A) three Deputy State's Attorneys;</p> <p>(B) three Victim Advocates; and</p> <p>(C) three Administrative Secretaries.</p>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.100.1	No change
N/A	E.106	Adds language to include certain populations in VHCB appropriation: Sec. E.106 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

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		<p style="text-align: center;">APPROPRIATIONS; REVERSION AND REALLOCATION</p> <p><u>(a) The Agency of Administration shall structure any existing American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund program in accordance with the requirements of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 and in a manner designed to achieve the intent of the General Assembly and may reallocate unspent funds across governmental units in an overall net-neutral manner.</u></p> <p><u>(b) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to revert all unobligated American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund monies prior to December 31, 2024. The total amount of American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund monies reverted in accordance with this subsection shall be allocated pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 to the following purposes in the following order:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$36,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management for FEMA match or municipal support for hazard mitigation. Any unused funds shall be deposited in the Community Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Fund.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$4,000,000 to the Agency of Administration for Administration costs, including for anticipated audit response per 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.801(a) and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.801(A).</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$30,000,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to provide support and enhance capacity for the production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes and communities, permanent homes and emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness, recovery residences, and housing available to farm workers, refugees, and individuals who are eligible to receive Medicaid-funded home and community based services.</u></p> <p><u>(4) \$25,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a grant to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency for the Middle-Income Homeownership Development Program, the First Generation Homebuyer program, and the Vermont Rental Revolving Loan Fund. Up to \$1,000,000 of these funds may be for the First Generation Homebuyer program.</u></p> <p><u>(5) Any remaining funds shall be reallocated, with the express authorization of the Joint Fiscal Committee, to existing American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund programs established by the General Assembly.</u></p>

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		<p><u>(c) If previously obligated American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund monies become unobligated after December 31, 2024, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may, with the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee, revert the unobligated American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund monies and allocate the monies for expenditure pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 to any existing American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery programs in accordance with the requirements of 31 C.F.R. Part 35.</u></p>
<p>Adds position for Office of Legislative Counsel: Sec. E.125 OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL; NEW POSITION <u>(a) The abolishment of two session-only Law Clerk positions and the establishment of one new permanent exempt Law Clerk position in the Office of Legislative Counsel is authorized in fiscal year 2025.</u></p>	<p>E.125</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.125.1</p>	<p>Adds confidentiality language for the Office of Legislative Counsel: Sec. E.125.1 2 V.S.A. § 403 is amended to read: § 403. FUNCTIONS; CONFIDENTIALITY * * * (b)(1)(A) All requests for legal assistance, information, and advice from the Office of Legislative Counsel; all information received in connection with research or drafting; and all confidential materials provided to or generated by the Office shall remain confidential unless the party requesting or providing the information or material designates that it is not confidential. (B) Any draft of a report or other work in progress generated by or submitted to the Office of Legislative Counsel shall remain confidential until it has been finalized. * * *</p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.126</p>	<p>Sec. E.126 32 V.S.A. § 1052 is amended to read: § 1052. MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT * * * (b) During any session of the General Assembly, each member is entitled to receive reimbursement of expenses as follows: set forth in this subsection. (1) Mileage reimbursement. Reimbursement <u>Each member shall be entitled to receive reimbursement in an amount equal to the actual mileage traveled for each day of session in which the member travels between Montpelier and the member’s home or from Montpelier or from the member’s home to</u></p>

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		<p>another site on officially sanctioned legislative business. Reimbursement of actual mileage traveled under this subdivision shall be at the rate per mile determined by the federal Office of Government-wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session.</p> <p><u>(2) Meals and lodging allowance. An Each member shall receive either a meals allowance or reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member shall be presumed to have elected to receive the meals allowance unless the member informs the Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by the Office of Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member's election to receive reimbursement of actual meals expenses shall remain in effect through the remainder of that session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that the member needs to change to the meals allowance due to a change in circumstances or for another compelling reason.</u></p> <p><u>(A) Meals allowance. A member who elects to receive a meals allowance in shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for meals and lodging determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of Government-wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session; for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Meals reimbursement. A member who elects to receive reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual amounts expended by the member for meals for each day that the House in which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of the weekly reimbursement available pursuant to this subdivision (B) shall not exceed the amount the member would have received for the same week if the member had elected the meals allowance pursuant to subdivision (A) of this subdivision (2). The member shall provide meal receipts or otherwise substantiate the amounts expended to the Office of Legislative Operations in the form and manner prescribed by the Director of Legislative Operations.</u></p> <p><u>(3) Lodging. Each member shall receive either a lodging allowance or reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member shall be presumed to have elected to receive the lodging allowance unless the member informs the Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by the Office of Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member's election to receive reimbursement of actual lodging</u></p>

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		<p><u>expenses shall remain in effect through the remainder of that session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that the member needs to change to the lodging allowance due to a change in circumstances or for another compelling reason.</u></p> <p><u>(A) Lodging allowance. A member who elects to receive a lodging allowance shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for lodging determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of Government-wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Lodging reimbursement. A member who elects to receive reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual amounts expended by the member for lodging for each day that the House in which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of the weekly reimbursement available pursuant to this subdivision (B) for each week shall not exceed the amount the member would have received for the same week if the member had elected the lodging allowance pursuant to subdivision (A) of this subdivision (3). The member shall provide lodging receipts or otherwise substantiate the amounts expended to the Office of Legislative Operations in the form and manner prescribed by the Director of Legislative Operations.</u></p> <p><u>(4) Absences. If a member is absent for reasons other than sickness or legislative business for one or more entire days while the house House in which the member sits is in session, the member shall notify the Office of Legislative Operations of that absence, and expenses received shall not include the amount that the legislator specifies was not the member shall not be entitled to receive or be reimbursed for mileage, meals, or lodging expenses incurred during the period of that absence, except that lodging expenses associated with a lease or rental agreement may be received or reimbursed upon approval of either the Speaker of the House or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
<p><i>Adds position for the Office of Legislative Information Technology:</i> Sec. E.126.1 OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY; NEW POSITIONS <u>(a) The establishment of one new permanent exempt Audio Visual Specialist position in the Office of Legislative Information Technology is authorized in fiscal year 2025.</u></p>	<p>E.126.1</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>

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N/A	E.126.2	<p>Adds confidentiality language for the Office of Legislative Information Technology: Sec. E.126.2 2 V.S.A. § 703 is amended to read: § 703. FUNCTIONS; CONFIDENTIALITY (a) The Office of Legislative Information Technology shall: * * *</p> <p>(b) <u>Any draft of a report or other work in progress generated by or submitted to the Office of Legislative Information Technology shall remain confidential until it has been finalized.</u></p>
N/A	E.126.3	<p>Adds language granting authority for State House renovation approval: Sec. E.126.3 LEGISLATURE; STATEHOUSE RENOVATION APPROVAL (a) <u>The Speaker of the House, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Chair the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations shall have the authority to approve the use of legislative budget carryforward funds to cover the cost of room renovations to increase public space within the building.</u></p>
N/A	E.127	<p>Establishes new position at the Joint Fiscal Office: Sec. E.127 JOINT FISCAL OFFICE; NEW POSITION (a) <u>The establishment of one new permanent exempt analyst position in the Joint Fiscal Office is authorized in fiscal year 2025.</u></p>
N/A	E.127.1	<p>Adds confidentiality language for the Joint Fiscal Office: Sec. E.127.1 2 V.S.A. § 523 is amended to read: § 523. FUNCTIONS; CONFIDENTIALITY * * *</p> <p>(b)(1)(A) All requests for assistance, information, and advice from the Joint Fiscal Office, all information received in connection with fiscal research or related drafting, and all confidential materials provided to or generated by the Joint Fiscal Office shall remain confidential unless the party requesting or providing the information designates that it is not confidential.</p> <p>(B) <u>Any draft of a report or other work in progress generated by or submitted to the Joint Fiscal Office shall remain confidential until it has been finalized.</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">* * *</p>

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<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.127.2</p>	<p>Adds fee report language for State entities related to the protection of persons and property:</p> <p>Sec. E.127.2 FISCAL YEAR 2025 FEE REPORT; PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY</p> <p>(a) Fiscal year 2025 fee information. The Judiciary, agencies, departments, boards, and offices that receive appropriations in Secs. B.200 through B.299 of this act shall, in collaboration with the Joint Fiscal Office, prepare a comprehensive fee report for each fee that is in effect in fiscal year 2025. The fee report shall contain the following information for each fee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the statutory authorization and termination date, if any; (2) the current rate or amount of the fee and the date the fee was last set or adjusted by the General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee; (3) the Fund into which the fee revenues are deposited; (4) the amount of revenue derived from the fee in each of the five fiscal years preceding fiscal year 2025; (5) the number of times that the fee was paid in each of the two fiscal years preceding fiscal year 2025; (6) a projection of the fee revenues in fiscal years 2025 and 2026; (7) a description of the service or product provided or the regulatory function performed by the Judiciary, agency, department, board or office supported by the fee; (8) the amount of the fee if adjusted for inflation from the last time the fee amount was modified; (9) if any portion of the fee revenue is deposited into a special fund, the percentage of the special fund's revenues that the fee represents; (10) any available information regarding comparable fees in other jurisdictions; (11) any polices or trends that might affect the viability of the fee amount; <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (12) any other relevant considerations for setting the fee amount. <p>(b) Reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) On or before October 15, 2024, the Judiciary, agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this section shall submit a prepared draft report of the information required in subdivisions (a)(1)–(12) of this section to the Joint Fiscal Office for review. The Judiciary, agencies,

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		<p><u>departments, boards, and offices shall work with the Joint Fiscal Office to finalize the report before submitting the final report described in subdivision (2) of this subsection.</u></p> <p><u>(2) On or before December 15, 2024, the Judiciary, agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) shall submit a final report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Finance.</u></p> <p><u>(3) If any of the information requested in this section cannot be provided for any reason, the Judiciary, agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) shall include in both the draft and final reports a written explanation for why the information cannot be provided.</u></p> <p><u>(c) As used in this section, “fee” means any source of State revenue classified by the Department of Finance and Management Accounting System as “fees,” “business licenses,” “nonbusiness licenses,” and “fines and penalties.”</u></p> <p><u>(d) Fee report moratorium. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 605, in fiscal year 2025, the Governor shall not be required to submit the consolidated Executive Branch fee annual report and request to the General Assembly.</u></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.132</p>	<p>Adds language relating to ABLE savings accounts:</p> <p>Sec. E.132 33 V.S.A. § 8003 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 8003. PROGRAM LIMITATIONS</p> <p>(a) Cash contributions. The Treasurer or designee shall not accept a contribution:</p> <p>(1) unless it is in cash; or</p> <p>(2) except in the case of a contribution under 26 U.S.C. § 529A(c)(1)(C) (relating to a change in a designated beneficiary or program), if such contribution to an ABLE account would result in aggregate contributions from all contributors to the ABLE account for the taxable year exceeding the amount in effect under 26 U.S.C. § 2503(b) for the calendar year in which the taxable year begins.</p> <p>(b) Separate accounting. The Treasurer or designee shall provide separate accounting for each designated beneficiary.</p> <p>(c) Limited investment direction. A designated beneficiary may, directly or indirectly, direct the investment of any contributions to the Vermont ABLE Savings Program, or any earnings thereon, no not more than two times in any calendar year.</p> <p>(d) No pledging of interest as security. A person shall not use an interest in the Vermont ABLE Savings Program, or any portion thereof, as security for a loan.</p>

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		<p>(e) Prohibition on excess contributions. The Treasurer or designee shall adopt adequate safeguards under the Vermont ABLE Savings Program to prevent aggregate contributions on behalf of a designated beneficiary in excess of the limit established by the State pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 529(b)(6).</p> <p><u>(f) Neither the State nor any agency or instrumentality of the State shall seek adjustment or recovery against an ABLE account for the costs of benefits provided to a designated beneficiary.</u></p> <p><u>(g) Abandoned accounts. Any abandoned ABLE accounts shall be subject to the unclaimed property provisions in 27 V.S.A. chapter 18.</u></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.132.1</p>	<p>Adds language relating to ABLE savings accounts: Sec. E.132.1 27 V.S.A. § 1452 is amended to read: § 1452. DEFINITIONS As used in this chapter:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(24) “Property” means tangible property described in section 1465 of this title or a fixed and certain interest in intangible property held, issued, or owed in the course of a holder’s business or by a government, governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality. The term:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(C) does not include:</p> <p>(i) property held in a plan described in 26 U.S.C. § 529A, as may be amended; [Repealed.]</p> <p>(ii) game-related digital content;</p> <p>(iii) a loyalty card; or</p> <p>(iv) a gift card.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
<p>Adds VSERS VPIC language: Sec. E.133 VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET, SOURCE OF FUNDS <u>(a) Of the \$3,063,180 appropriated in Sec. B.133 of this act, \$2,047,989 constitutes the Vermont State Employees’ Retirement System operating budget, and \$1,015,191 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission’s budget attributable to the Vermont State Employees’ Retirement System.</u></p>	<p>E.133</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>Adds VMERS VPIC language:</p>	<p>E.134</p>	<p>No change</p>

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<p>Sec. E.134 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET, SOURCE OF FUNDS</p> <p><u>(a) Of the \$1,737,125 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,359,845 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating budget, and \$377,280 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System.</u></p>		
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.134.1</p>	<p>Adds language setting VMERS employee contribution rates in future fiscal years:</p> <p>Sec. E.134.1 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; FISCAL YEARS 2027-2030; RATES</p> <p><u>(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 5064(b), for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, contributions shall be made by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(1) Group A members at the rate of 4.5 percent of earnable compensation;</u> <u>(2) Group B members at the rate of 6.875 percent of earnable compensation;</u> <u>(3) Group C members at the rate of 12.0 percent of earnable compensation; and</u> <u>(4) Group D members at the rate of 13.35 percent of earnable compensation.</u> <p><u>(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 5064(b), for the period July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028, contributions shall be made by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(1) Group A members at the rate of 4.75 percent of earnable compensation;</u> <u>(2) Group B members at the rate of 7.125 percent of earnable compensation;</u> <u>(3) Group C members at the rate of 12.25 percent of earnable compensation; and</u> <u>(4) Group D members at the rate of 13.6 percent of earnable compensation.</u> <p><u>(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 5064(b), for the period July 1, 2028 through June 30, 2029, contributions shall be made by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(1) Group A members at the rate of 5.0 percent of earnable compensation;</u> <u>(2) Group B members at the rate of 7.375 percent of earnable compensation;</u>

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		<p>(3) <u>Group C members at the rate of 12.5 percent of earnable compensation; and</u></p> <p>(4) <u>Group D members at the rate of 13.85 percent of earnable compensation.</u></p> <p>(d) <u>Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 5064(b), for the period July 1, 2029 through June 30, 2030, contributions shall be made by:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>Group A members at the rate of 5.25 percent of earnable compensation;</u></p> <p>(2) <u>Group B members at the rate of 7.625 percent of earnable compensation;</u></p> <p>(3) <u>Group C members at the rate of 12.75 percent of earnable compensation; and</u></p> <p>(4) <u>Group D members at the rate of 14.1 percent of earnable compensation.</u></p>
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.139</p>	<p><i>Makes technical corrections per House intent and technical letter:</i></p> <p>Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE</p> <p>(a) <u>Of the appropriation in Sec. B.139 of this act, \$9,000 shall be transferred to the Attorney General and \$70,000 shall be transferred to the Department of Taxes, Division of Property Valuation and Review and reserved and used with any remaining funds from the amount previously transferred for final payment of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of grand list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and other expenses incurred to undertake utility property appraisals in Vermont..</u></p>
<p><i>Adds notwithstanding language to limit total payments to PILOT towns to 100 percent of assessed value of State buildings within them:</i></p> <p>Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES</p> <p><u>(a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section the payments under this section shall be adjusted so that the total payments made under Secs. E.142, E.143, and E.144 of this act do not exceed 100 percent of the assessed value of State buildings as defined by 32 V.S.A. § 3701(2).</u></p>	<p>E.142</p>	<p><i>Strikes language that would prevent Montpelier from receiving payment above regular PILOT payment (\$184,000):</i></p> <p>Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES</p> <p>(a) <u>This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.</u></p>

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<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.143	<i>No change</i>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.144	<i>No change.</i>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.200	<i>No change</i>
<p>Adds language to clarify funding source for CHINS judge: Sec. E.204 JUDICIARY; SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE POSITION (a) <u>Of the three Superior Court Judge positions established in Sec. E.100(a)(2)(B)(i) of this act, one shall be funded with the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund dollars appropriated to the Judiciary in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106(a).</u></p>	E.204	<i>No change</i>
<p>Reduces Tobacco Fund Litigation Settlement appropriation in Act 11: Sec. E.204.1 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106, is amended to read: Sec. C.106 CHINS CASES SYSTEM-WIDE REFORM (a) The sum of \$7,000,000 <u>\$4,000,000</u> is appropriated from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund to the Judiciary in fiscal year 2018 and shall carry forward for the uses and based on the allocations set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of this section. The purpose of the funds is to make strategic investments to transform the adjudication of CHINS cases in Vermont. (b) The sum appropriated from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund in subsection (a) of this section shall be allocated as follows: (1) \$1,250,000 for fiscal year 2019, which shall not be distributed until the group defined in subsection (c) of this section provides proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2019 budget adjustment request; (2) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2020, for which the group shall provide proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2020 budget request or budget adjustment request, or both; (3) \$2,500,000 <u>\$250,000</u> for fiscal year 2021, for which the group shall provide proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2021 budget request or budget adjustment request, or both; and (4) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2022 or after as needed. * * *</p>	E.204.1	<p>Technical correction to make Sec. E.104 administratively workable: Sec. E.204.1 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106, is amended to read: Sec. C.106 CHINS CASES SYSTEM-WIDE REFORM (a) The sum of \$7,000,000 <u>\$4,000,000</u> is appropriated from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund to the Judiciary in fiscal year 2018 and shall carry forward for the uses and based on the allocations set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of this section. The purpose of the funds is to make strategic investments to transform the adjudication of CHINS cases in Vermont. (b) The sum appropriated from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund in subsection (a) of this section shall be allocated as follows: (1) \$1,250,000 for fiscal year 2019, which shall not be distributed until the group defined in subsection (c) of this section provides proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2019 budget adjustment request; (2) \$2,500,000 <u>\$1,750,000</u> for fiscal year 2020, for which the group shall provide proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2020 budget request or budget adjustment request, or both; (3) \$2,500,000 <u>\$250,000</u> for fiscal year 2021, for which the group shall provide proposed expenditures as part of its fiscal year 2021 budget request or budget adjustment request, or both; and (4) <u>\$750,000 in fiscal year 2022 or after as needed.</u> * * *</p>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.208	<i>No change</i>
<p>Adds language to mandate report from DPS on embedded mental health care worker program:</p>	E.208.1	<p>Removes intent language and adds additional Committee of Jurisdiction: Sec. E.208.1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; EMBEDDED MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS; REPORT</p>

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<p>Sec. E.208.1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; EMBEDDED MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS; REPORT</p> <p><u>(a) The General Assembly supports the development and maintenance of a comprehensive, coordinated, and equitable system of care that promotes community safety and public health by delivering high-quality, evidence-based, data-driven, and person-centered responses to emergencies. To the extent that funds are appropriated for embedded mental health workers in the Department of Public Safety, they should be used to improve integration, continuity, and consistency of care between every part of the system, including regional dispatch, homes, schools, clinics, and the streets in order to meet people where they are with responses that most appropriately and effectively address their needs when they ask for help.</u></p> <p><u>(b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Department of Public Safety shall report to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare with measurable outcomes on the results of the Department’s embedded mental health worker program to date, by barrack, and on the Department’s collaboration with the Department of Mental Health to achieve a coordinated and integrated system of care, including how this program works with 988, with the statewide Mobile Crisis Response program, and with the designated and specialized service agencies.</u></p>		<p><u>(a) In 2025, the Department of Public Safety shall present the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate committees on Health and Welfare and on Judiciary with measurable outcomes on the results of the Department’s embedded mental health worker program to date, by barrack, and on the Department’s collaboration with the Department of Mental Health to achieve a coordinated and integrated system of care, including how this program works with 988, with the statewide Mobile Crisis Response program, and with the designated and specialized service agencies.</u></p>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.209	<i>No change</i>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.212	<i>No change</i>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.215	<i>No change (</i>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.219	<i>No change</i>
N/A	E.232	<p><i>Adds language directing the Secretary of State’s office to request a proposed operating budget from the Vermont Access Network (moves \$1 million appropriation to base):</i></p> <p>Sec. E.232 SECRETARY OF STATE; VERMONT ACCESS NETWORK BUDGET</p> <p><u>(a) The Office of the Secretary of State shall request that Vermont Access Network submit a proposed operating budget required to maintain its current level of operation and programming. The Office of the Secretary of State shall include the proposed operating budget as part of its fiscal year 2026 budget presentation.</u></p>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.300	<p><i>Increases appropriation for the Office of the Health Care Advocate:</i></p> <p>Sec. E.300 FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE</p>

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		<p>ADVOCATE, VERMONT LEGAL AID</p> <p>(a) <u>Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.300 of this act:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>\$2,000,406 shall be used for the contract with the Office of the Health Care Advocate;</u></p> <p>(2) <u>\$1,717,994 for Vermont Legal Aid services, including the Poverty Law Project and mental health services; and</u></p> <p>(3) <u>\$650,000 is for the purposes of maintaining current Vermont Legal Aid program capacity and addressing increased requests for services, including eviction prevention and protection from foreclosure and consumer debt.</u></p>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.300.1	<i>No change</i>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.300.2	<i>No change</i>
<p>Adds youth bed reporting language:</p> <p>Sec. E.300.3 FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS; RESIDENTIAL BEDS FOR YOUTH</p> <p><u>(a) As part of their fiscal year 2026 budget presentations to the General Assembly, the Agency of Human Services and departments within the AHS shall provide coordinated information regarding:</u></p> <p><u>(1) The basis for the projected number of beds per facility to create 41 new beds for youth in high-end facilities under the Departments for Children and Families, of Mental Health, and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living for inpatient, psychiatric residential, stabilization, and treatment services, including projected reductions in out-of-state placements;</u></p> <p><u>(2) The status of capacity at lower level residential and crisis facilities and their capabilities in preventing higher level needs if investments would enable full capacity-use; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) A projected five-year operating budget across the Agency and departments for full utilization of the new high-end system components as currently planned, including:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Costs to the Department of Vermont Health Access’ budget; and</u></p> <p><u>(B) How these costs will impact the overall budgets for lower-level, community-based, prevention and other services needed to prevent escalation to higher levels of care.</u></p>	E.300.3	<p>Technical corrections to House Sec. E.300.5:</p> <p>Sec. E.300.3 AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; FISCAL YEAR 2024 CLOSEOUT CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION; COMPREHENSIVE CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION SYSTEM</p> <p><u>(a) Notwithstanding 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 103(a), to the extent to which General Fund dollars appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Secs. B.300 through B.341 remain unobligated and unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2024, up to \$3,000,000 shall revert to the General Fund. A one-time General Fund appropriation in an amount equivalent to the reversion shall be made to the Department for Children and Families’ Family Services Division for the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System in fiscal year 2025.</u></p>
<p>Adds input language for the temporary stabilization facility for youth:</p> <p>Sec. E.300.4 PLANNING FOR HIGH END SYSTEM OF CARE YOUTH. STAKEHOLDER INPUT</p>	E.300.4	<p>Adds language requiring case managers to ensure client access to housing (struck in amendment due to duplicative nature of language):</p> <p>Sec. E.300.4 CLIENT HOUSING; CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES</p>

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<p><u>(a) The stakeholder working group for the development of a long-term plan for the high-end system of care and for the temporary stabilization facility for youth established pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.316 shall be consulted by the Agency of Human Services and departments within the Agency prior to each substantive decision regarding facility locations, facility capacity, facility design, treatment planning, policy planning, staffing, and implementation.</u></p>		<p><u>(a) The Agency of Human Services shall require that all case managers employed by or under contract with the Agency or reimbursed through an Agency-funded grant are responsible for ensuring that each client of the case manager is appropriately housed. If a client does not have safe and appropriate housing, the case manager shall have the responsibility of ensuring that temporary emergency shelter is procured while more permanent housing is sought.</u></p>
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.301</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.301.1</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.306</p>	<p>Senate struck House Sec. E.306 regarding AHS rulemaking authority per AHS recommendation; Senate Sec. E.306 ensures that Dr. Dynasaur enrollees meeting certain criteria are not held liable for unpaid balances incurred before or during the COVID-related suspension of invoices: <u>Sec. E.306 DR. DYNASAUR; PREMIUM INVOICING SUSPENSION AND AMNESTY</u> <u>(a) The Agency of Human Services is authorized under 33 V.S.A. § 1901(c) and Vermont’s Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration to charge a monthly premium for certain Dr. Dynasaur enrollees whose family income exceeds 195 percent of the federal poverty level. The Agency suspended premium invoicing for this population as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, and that premium suspension has continued following the end of the public health emergency.</u> <u>(b)(1) The Agency shall not attempt to collect or take adverse action against a Dr. Dynasaur enrollee or the enrollee’s family as a result of any unpaid premium balance that was incurred prior to the public health emergency or during the period of the invoicing suspension.</u> <u>(2) At such time as the Agency reinstates premium invoicing, no Dr. Dynasaur applicant or enrollee shall carry any outstanding premium balance</u></p>
<p>Adds language mandating home health rate comparison report: <u>Sec. E.306.1 HOME HEALTH AGENCY RATE COMPARISON METHODOLOGIES; REPORT</u> <u>(a) On or before August 31, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide the following to the Health Reform Oversight Committee and the Joint Fiscal Committee:</u></p>	<p>E.306.1</p>	<p>Senate struck House Sec. E.106.1 regarding a methodology review for Medicaid rates for home health agencies and pediatric palliative care rates. Senate Sec. E.306.1 requires that AHS conduct a technical analysis of Vermont’s health insurance markets” <u>Sec. E.306.1 HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETS; TECHNICAL ANALYSIS</u></p>

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<p><u>(1) A methodology for comparing Medicaid rates for home health agency services to rates under the Medicare home health prospective payment system model; and</u></p> <p><u>(2) A methodology for comparing Medicaid pediatric palliative care rates to rates under the Medicare home health prospective payment system model or to Medicare hospice rates, or both.</u></p>		<p><u>(a) The Agency of Human Services shall conduct a technical analysis relating to Vermont’s health insurance markets that shall include:</u></p> <p><u>(1) determining the potential advantages and disadvantages to individuals, small businesses, and large businesses of modifying Vermont’s current health insurance market structure, including the impacts on health insurance premiums and on Vermonters’ access to health care services;</u></p> <p><u>(2) exploring other affordability mechanisms to address the calendar year 2026 expiration of federal enhanced premium tax credits for plans issued through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) examining the feasibility of creating a public option or other mechanism through which otherwise ineligible individuals or employees of small businesses, or both, could buy into Vermont Medicaid coverage.</u></p> <p><u>(b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Agency of Human Services and the Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide the results of the analysis to the House Committees on Health Care and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and on Finance.</u></p>
<p>Adds language mandating Medicare Resource-Based Relative Value Scale professional fee schedule development and report:</p> <p>Sec. E.306.2 PROPOSED METHODOLOGY FOR 2025 MEDICAID RESOURCE-BASED RELATIVE VALUE SCALE PROFESSIONAL FEE SCHEDULE</p> <p><u>(a) On or before July 1 and October 1, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall meet with interested stakeholders to develop a proposed methodology for the Medicaid Resource-Based Relative Value Scale professional fee schedule for calendar year 2025. In developing the proposed methodology, the Department shall consider:</u></p> <p><u>(1) maintaining alignment with relative value units used by Medicare but implementing a mandatory minimum on the conversion factors used in Vermont Medicaid, so that Vermont Medicaid’s conversion factors do not decrease in the event that Medicare decreases its conversion factor;</u></p> <p><u>(2) whether to benchmark one or more conversion factors in Vermont Medicaid to the Medicare conversion factor from a specific year; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) whether Vermont Medicaid should continue to use two separate conversion factors, one for primary care services and one standard conversion factor, or transition to a single conversion factor in combination with other</u></p>	<p>E.306.2</p>	<p>House Sec. E.306.2 required that DVHA develop a proposed methodology for the Medicare Resource-Based Relative Value Scale professional fee schedule. Senate Sec. E.306.2 requests the review among other analyses:</p> <p>Sec. E.306.2 DVHA; RATE ANALYSES REQUEST</p> <p><u>(a) To the extent that resources allow, on or before January 15, 2025, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide the following analyses to the House Committees on Health Care and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations:</u></p> <p><u>(1) methodologies for comparing Medicaid rates for home health agency services to rates under the Medicare home health prospective payment system model and for comparing Medicaid pediatric palliative care rates to rates under the Medicare home health prospective payment system model or to Medicare hospice rates, or both; and</u></p> <p><u>(2) methodologies for modifying the Medicaid Resource-Based Relative Value Scale professional fee schedule by considering:</u></p> <p><u>(A) maintaining alignment with relative value units used by Medicare but including a minimum on conversion factors;</u></p> <p><u>(B) benchmarking one or more conversion factors in Vermont Medicaid to the Medicare conversion factor from a specific year; and</u></p>

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<p><u>methods of providing enhanced support for primary care services, such as implementing payment of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System add-on code G2211 for primary care services, and the potential implications that any proposed approach may have on Vermont's participation in the States Advancing All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD) Model, as applicable.</u></p> <p><u>(b) On or before November 1, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide its proposed methodology to the House Committees on Health Care and on Appropriations, the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations, and the Health Reform Oversight Committee.</u></p> <p><u>(c) On or before December 15, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Appropriations, the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations, and the Health Reform Oversight Committee on the fiscal impact of implementing its proposed methodology for calendar year 2025 and, if the new methodology would not result in an increase to provider rates that are greater than or equal to the Medicare Economic Index, the costs of increasing provider rates in an amount equal to the Medicare Economic Index increase as part of the Department's fiscal year 2026 budget.</u></p>		<p><u>(C) determining whether Vermont Medicaid should continue to use two separate conversion factors, or transition to a single conversion factor in combination with other methods of providing enhanced support for primary care services.</u></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.306.3</p>	<p>Adds language to ensure that the psychiatric care facility has the ability to educate children in its care:</p> <p>Sec. E.306.3 PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY; LICENSURE</p> <p><u>(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no funds appropriated to the Department of Vermont Health Access in this act shall be expended for operation of a psychiatric residential treatment facility until the facility has been licensed by the State; provided, however, that the Department may expend funds on goods and services, such as purchasing supplies and hiring and training staff, that are necessary to prepare the facility to be operational upon licensure. <u>Notwithstanding 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.511.1, a psychiatric residential treatment facility may be approved as a therapeutic school.</u></u></p>
<p>Adds section requiring licensure prior to expenditure of funds for the youth inpatient psychiatric residential treatment facility:</p> <p>Sec. E.306.4 PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY; LICENSURE</p>	<p>E.306.4</p>	<p>Adds language to direct AHS to make changes to the Medicare Savings Programs:</p> <p>Sec. E.306.4 MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS; INCOME ELIGIBILITY</p> <p><u>(a) The Agency of Human Services shall make the following changes to the Medicare Savings Programs:</u></p>

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<p><u>Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no funds appropriated to the Department of Vermont Health Access in this act shall be expended for operation of a psychiatric residential treatment facility until the facility has been licensed by the State; provided, however, that the Department may expend funds on goods and services, such as purchasing supplies and hiring and training staff, that are necessary to prepare the facility to be operational upon licensure.</u></p>		<p>(1) <u>increase the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program income threshold to 145 percent of the federal poverty level;</u> (2) <u>eliminate the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Program;</u> <u>and</u> (3) <u>increase the Qualifying Individual Program income threshold to 190 percent of the federal poverty level.</u></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.306.5</p>	<p>Adds language to direct AHS to request that Medicare Savings Programs changes are approved by CMS; directs AHS to assess how changes will affect VPharm: Sec. E.306.5 MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS; MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENT; VPHARM TRANSITION; REPORT (a) <u>The Agency of Human Services shall request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend Vermont’s Medicaid state plan to expand eligibility for the Medicare Savings Programs as set forth in Sec. E.306.4 of this act.</u> (b) <u>On or before January 15, 2025, the Agency of Human Services shall provide recommendations to the House Committees on Health Care, on Human Services, and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations regarding the VPharm program to ensure alignment with the Medicare Savings Program eligibility expansion set forth in Sec. E.306.4 of this act, including:</u> (1) <u>whether the VPharm program should be modified or repealed as a result of the Medicare Savings Program eligibility expansion;</u> (2) <u>whether the benefits provided by the VPharm program should be delivered through an alternative program design;</u> (3) <u>the estimated fiscal impacts of implementing any recommended changes; and</u> (4) <u>when any recommended changes should take effect.</u> (c) <u>The Agency of Human Services and the Department of Vermont Health Access shall seek input from the Office of the Health Care Advocate and other interested stakeholders in developing the recommendations required by this section.</u></p>
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec. Sec. E.307.1</i></p>	<p>E.307</p>	<p>No change; corrects numeration in House bill</p>
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec. Sec. E.307.2</i></p>	<p>E.307.1</p>	<p>No change; corrects numeration in House bill</p>

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<p><i>Makes updates to Gov. Rec. amendments to forgivable loan program statute:</i> Sec. E.311.1 18 V.S.A. chapter 1, subchapter 2 is amended to read: Subchapter 2. Health Care Professions; Educational Assistance * * *</p> <p>§ 33. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT COLLEGE OF MEDICINE; MEDICAL STUDENT INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP * * *</p> <p><u>(f) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis as long as funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall roll over and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this section.</u></p> <p>§ 34. VERMONT NURSING FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM (a) As used in this section: * * *</p> <p>(4) “Forgivable loan” means a loan awarded under this section covering tuition, which may also include <u>cover</u> room, board, and the cost of required books and supplies for up to full-time attendance at an eligible school. * * *</p> <p>(d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual, whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following requirements: * * *</p> <p>(5) have completed the Program’s application form, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the Vermont grant application each academic year of enrollment and such financial aid forms as the Corporation deems necessary, in accordance with a schedule determined by the Corporation; and * * *</p> <p>§ 35. VERMONT HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM * * *</p> <p>(b) The Vermont Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program is created and shall be administered by the Department of Health in collaboration with AHEC. The Program provides loan repayment on behalf of individuals who live and work in this State as a nurse, physician assistant, medical technician <u>technologist or clinical laboratory</u></p>	<p>E.311.1</p>	<p><i>Makes numerous technical changes to House Sec. E.311.1, including the requested addition of carryforward authority for AHEC programs; incorporates House Sec. E.312.1:</i> Sec. E.311.1 18 V.S.A. chapter 1, subchapter 2 is amended to read: Subchapter 2. Health Care Professions; Educational Assistance * * *</p> <p>§ 32. <u>EDUCATIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS PROFESSIONALS AND HEALTH CARE EDUCATIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT FUND</u> (a) There is hereby established a special fund to be known as the Vermont Health Care Educational Loan Repayment Fund, that shall be used for the purpose of ensuring a stable and adequate supply of health care providers <u>professionals</u> and health care educators to meet the health care needs of Vermonters, with a focus on recruiting and retaining providers <u>professionals</u> and health care educators in underserved geographic and specialty areas. (b) The fund shall be established and held separate and apart from any other funds or monies of the State and shall be used and administered exclusively for the purpose of this section. The money in the Fund shall be invested in the same manner as permitted for investment of funds belonging to the State of held in the Treasury. The Fund shall consist of the following: (1) such sums as may be appropriated or transferred from time to time by the General Assembly, the state Emergency Board, or the Joint Fiscal Committee during such times as the General Assembly is not in session; (2) interest earned from the investment of fund balances; (3) any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the Fund. (c) The Fund shall be administered by the Department of Health, which shall make funds available to the University of Vermont College of Medicine area health education centers (AHEC) program for loan repayment awards. The Commissioner may require certification of compliance with this section prior to the making of an award. * * *</p> <p>(e) AHEC shall make loan repayment awards in exchange for service commitment by health care providers <u>professionals</u> and health care educators and shall define the service obligation in a contract with the health care provider</p>

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<p>scientist, child psychiatrist, or primary care provider and who meet the eligibility requirements in subsection (d) of this section.</p> <p>(c) The loan repayment benefits provided under the Program shall be paid on behalf of the eligible individual by AHEC, subject to the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly for this purpose.</p> <p>(d) To be eligible for loan repayment under the Program, an individual shall satisfy all of the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) have graduated from an eligible school where the individual was awarded a degree in nursing, physician assistant studies, medicine, osteopathic medicine, or naturopathic medicine, or a two- or four-year degree that qualifies the individual to be a medical technician <u>technologist or clinical laboratory scientist</u>;</p> <p>(2) work in this State as a nurse, physician assistant, medical technician <u>technologist or clinical laboratory scientist</u>, child psychiatrist, or primary care provider; and</p> <p>(3) be a resident of Vermont.</p> <p>(e)(1) An eligible individual shall be entitled to an amount of loan cancellation and repayment under this section equal to one year of loans for each year of service as a nurse, physician assistant, medical technician <u>technologist or clinical laboratory scientist</u>, child psychiatrist, or primary care provider in this State. Employment as a traveling nurse shall not be construed to satisfy the service commitment required for loan repayment under this section.</p> <p>(2) AHEC shall award loan repayments in amounts that are sufficient to attract high-quality candidates while also making a meaningful increase in Vermont’s health care professional workforce.</p> <p>§ 36. NURSE FACULTY FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual, whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following requirements:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(5) have completed the Program’s application form and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <u>such financial aid forms as the Corporation deems necessary</u>, in accordance with a schedule determined by the Corporation; and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(g) <u>Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis as long as funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall roll over and shall be available to</u></p>		<p><u>professional</u> or health care educator. Payment awards shall be made directly to the educational loan creditor <u>or lender</u> of the health care provider <u>professional</u> or health care educator.</p> <p>(f) Loan repayment awards shall only be available for a health care provider <u>professional</u> or health care educator who:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(i) As used in this section:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(2) “Health care provider <u>professional</u>” shall mean an individual licensed, certified, <u>or otherwise</u> or authorized by law to provide professional health care service <u>services</u> in this State to an individual during that individual’s medical, <u>mental health</u>, or dental care; treatment or confinement; or in a public health role.</p> <p><u>(j) Loan repayment shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and AHEC in the following fiscal year to award additional loan repayment as set forth in this section.</u></p> <p>* * * § 33. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT COLLEGE OF MEDICINE; MEDICAL STUDENT INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(f) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this section.</u></p> <p>§ 34. VERMONT NURSING FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM</p> <p>(a) As used in this section:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(4) “Forgivable loan” means a loan awarded under this section covering tuition, which may also include <u>cover</u> room, board, and the cost of required books and supplies for up to full-time attendance at an eligible school.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual, whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following requirements:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>

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<p><u>the Department of Health and the Corporation in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this section.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>§ 38. VERMONT MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual, whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following requirements:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(5) have completed the Program’s application form and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) such financial aid forms as the Corporation deems necessary, in accordance with a schedule determined by the Corporation; and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(h) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis as long as funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall roll over and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this section.</u></p> <p>§ 39. VERMONT PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual, whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following requirements:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce the individual’s forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to subsection (f)(e) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of service required in subdivision (3) of this subsection;</p> <p>(5) have completed the Program’s application form and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) such financial aid forms as the Corporation deems necessary, in accordance with a schedule determined by the Corporation; and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(g) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis as long as funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall roll over and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this section.</u></p>		<p>(5) have completed the Program’s application form, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the Vermont grant application each academic year of enrollment and such financial aid forms as the Corporation deems necessary, in accordance with a schedule determined by the Corporation; and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(j) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this section.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>§ 35. VERMONT HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM</p> <p>(a) As used in this section:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(4) “Loan repayment” means the cancellation and repayment of loans under this section.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(b) The Vermont Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program is created and shall be administered by the Department of Health in collaboration with AHEC. The Program provides loan repayment on behalf of individuals who live and work in this State as a nurse, physician assistant, medical <u>lab</u> technician, <u>medical lab technologist</u>, <u>clinical laboratory scientist</u>, child psychiatrist, or primary care provider and who meet the eligibility requirements in subsection (d) of this section.</p> <p>(c) The loan repayment benefits provided under the Program shall be paid on behalf of the eligible individual by AHEC, subject to the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly for this purpose.</p> <p>(d) To be eligible for loan repayment under the Program, an individual shall satisfy all of the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) have graduated from an eligible school where the individual was awarded a degree in nursing, physician assistant studies, medicine, osteopathic medicine, or naturopathic medicine, or a two- or four-year degree that qualifies the individual to be a <u>medical lab technician</u>, <u>medical lab technologist</u> or <u>clinical laboratory scientist</u>;</p> <p>(2) work in this State as a nurse, physician assistant, <u>medical lab technician</u>, <u>medical lab technologist</u> or <u>clinical laboratory scientist</u>, child psychiatrist, or primary care provider; and</p>

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<p>§ 40. VERMONT DENTAL HYGIENIST FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual, whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following requirements:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce the individual's forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to subsection (g)(e) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of service required in this subsection;</p> <p>(5) have completed the Program's application form, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the Vermont grant application each academic year of enrollment and such financial aid forms as the Corporation deems necessary, in accordance with a schedule determined by the Corporation; and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>		<p>(3) be a resident of Vermont.</p> <p>(e)(1) An eligible individual shall be entitled to an amount of loan cancellation and repayment under this section equal to one year of loans for each year of service as a nurse, physician assistant, medical technician, child psychiatrist, or primary care provider in this State for a defined service obligation in Vermont of no less than one year. Employment as a traveling nurse shall not be construed to satisfy the service commitment required for loan repayment under this section.</p> <p>(2) AHEC shall award loan repayments in amounts that are sufficient to attract high-quality candidates while also making a meaningful increase in Vermont's health care professional workforce.</p> <p><u>(f) Loan repayment shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and AHEC in the following fiscal year to award additional loan repayment as set forth in this section.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>§ 36. NURSE FACULTY FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual, whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following requirements:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(5) have completed the Program's application form and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <u>such financial aid forms as the Corporation deems necessary</u>, in accordance with a schedule determined by the Corporation; and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(g) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this section.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>§ 37. NURSE FACULTY LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM</p> <p>(a) As used in this section:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(4) "Loan repayment" means the cancellation and repayment of loans under this section.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>

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		<p>(e) An eligible individual shall be entitled to an amount of loan cancellation and repayment under this section equal to one year of loans for each year of service as a member of the nurse faculty at a nursing school in this state <u>for a defined service obligation of no less than one year at a Vermont nursing school.</u></p> <p>(f) Loan repayment shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and AHEC in the following fiscal year to award additional loan repayment as set forth in this section.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>§ 38. VERMONT MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual, whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following requirements:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(5) have completed the Program's application form and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) such financial aid forms as the Corporation deems necessary, in accordance with a schedule determined by the Corporation; and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(h) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this section.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>§ 39. VERMONT PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual, whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following requirements:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce the individual's forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to subsection (f)(e) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of service required in subdivision (3) of this subsection;</p>

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		<p>(5) have completed the Program’s application form and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <u>such financial aid forms as the Corporation deems necessary</u>, in accordance with a schedule determined by the Corporation; and * * *</p> <p><u>(g) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this section.</u> * * *</p> <p>§ 40. VERMONT DENTAL HYGIENIST FORGIVABLE LOAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM * * *</p> <p>(d) To be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Program, an individual, whether a resident or nonresident, shall satisfy all of the following requirements: * * *</p> <p>(4) have executed a credit agreement or promissory note that will reduce the individual’s forgivable loan benefit, in whole or in part, pursuant to subsection (g)(e) of this section, if the individual fails to complete the period of service required in this subsection;</p> <p>(5) have completed the Program’s application form, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the Vermont grant application each academic year of enrollment <u>and such financial aid forms as the Corporation deems necessary</u>, in accordance with a schedule determined by the Corporation; and * * *</p> <p><u>(h) Forgivable loans shall be awarded on a rolling basis, provided funds are available, and any funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry forward and shall be available to the Department of Health and the Corporation in the following fiscal year to award additional forgivable loans as set forth in this section.</u> * * *</p>
<p><i>Reflects base appropriation of syringe services and adds Opioid Settlement Fund dollars to said services:</i> Sec. E.312 HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH <u>(a) AIDS/HIV funding:</u> <u>(1) In fiscal year 2025 and as provided in this section, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication</u></p>	<p>E.312</p>	<p><i>Adds funding for new syringe programs:</i> Sec. E.312 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH <u>(a) AIDS/HIV funding:</u> <u>(1) In fiscal year 2025 and as provided in this section, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support</u></p>

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<p><u>Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory Group (CAG) with current information and data relating to service initiatives. The funds shall be allocated according to an RFP process.</u></p> <p><u>(2) In fiscal year 2025 and as provided in this section, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$295,000 for HIV and Harm Reduction Services to the following organizations:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Vermont CARES – \$140,000;</u></p> <p><u>(B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont – \$100,000; and</u></p> <p><u>(C) HIV/HCV Resource Center – \$55,000.</u></p> <p><u>(3) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont Medication Assistance Program (VMAP) shall be distributed in accordance with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or services funded solely by State general funds.</u></p> <p><u>(A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in VMAP to assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to VMAP medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.</u></p> <p><u>(B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services shall work in collaboration with the VMAP Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of not less than 50 percent of members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the program’s eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall make recommendations regarding the program’s formulary of approved medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility for the program.</u></p> <p><u>(4) In fiscal year 2025, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$400,000 General Fund and \$1,100,000 Opioid Settlement Fund to syringe service programs for HIV and Harm Reduction Services no later than September 1, 2024. The method by which these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers.</u></p>		<p><u>organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory Group (CAG) with current information and data relating to service initiatives. The funds shall be allocated according to an RFP process.</u></p> <p><u>(2) In fiscal year 2025 and as provided in this section, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$295,000 for HIV and Harm Reduction Services to the following organizations:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Vermont CARES – \$140,000;</u></p> <p><u>(B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont – \$100,000; and</u></p> <p><u>(C) HIV/HCV Resource Center – \$55,000.</u></p> <p><u>(3) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont Medication Assistance Program shall be distributed in accordance with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or services funded solely by the State General Fund.</u></p> <p><u>(A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in the Vermont Medication Assistance Program to assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to Vermont Medication Assistance Program medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.</u></p> <p><u>(B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services shall work in collaboration with the Vermont Medication Assistance Program Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of not less than 50 percent of members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the program’s eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall make recommendations regarding the program’s formulary of approved medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility for the program.</u></p> <p><u>(4) In fiscal year 2025, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$400,000 General Fund and \$700,000 Opioid Settlement Fund to existing syringe service programs for HIV and Harm Reduction Services no later than September 1, 2024. The method by which these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers.</u></p>

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<p><u>(5) In fiscal year 2025, the Department of Health shall not reduce any grants to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations or syringe service programs from funds appropriated for AIDS/HIV services to levels below those in fiscal year 2024 without receiving prior approval from the Joint Fiscal Committee.</u></p>		<p><u>(5) In fiscal year 2025, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount \$350,000 Opioid Settlement Fund to fund new syringe service programs to increase the geographic distribution of Harm Reduction Services in Vermont no later than September 1, 2024.</u></p> <p><u>(6) In fiscal year 2025, the Department of Health shall not reduce any grants to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations or syringe service programs from funds appropriated for AIDS/HIV services to levels below those in fiscal year 2024 without receiving prior approval from the Joint Fiscal Committee.</u></p>
<p><i>No changes from Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.312.1</p>	<p><i>No changes to House Sec. E.312.2:</i> Sec. E.312.1 18 V.S.A. § 4772 is amended to read: § 4772. OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE * * *</p> <p>(e) Presentation. Annually, the Advisory Committee shall <u>vote on its recommendations. If the recommendations are supported by a majority affirmative vote, the Advisory Committee shall</u> present its recommendations for expenditures from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund established pursuant to this subchapter to the Department of Health and concurrently submit its recommendations in writing to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare.</p>
<p><i>Adds language to appropriate Opioid Settlement Fund dollars to SUD for misuse prevention grants:</i> Sec. E.313 APPROPRIATION; SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION <u>(a) In fiscal year 2025, the \$795,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund and \$1,410,000 General Fund appropriated to the Department of Health in Secs. B.1100(d)(4) and B.313 of this act shall be 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 Department shall require, 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 Department in an agreed-upon time frame. The Department shall report this information annually, on or before January 10, to the House and Senate Committees on</u></p>	<p>E.313</p>	<p><i>Strikes House Sec. E.313; adds language directing VDH to hold stakeholder meetings to review improvements to public inebriate and sober bed programs:</i> Sec. E.313 PLAN; PUBLIC INEBRIATE AND SOBER BED PROGRAMS <u>(a)(1) On or before July 15, 2024, the Department of Health shall initiate the first of as many as five stakeholder meetings for the purpose of identifying and discussing improvements to public inebriate and sober bed programs. Data from the report produced in accordance with 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.313 shall inform the work of this stakeholder group.</u> <u>(2) Participating stakeholders shall include:</u> (A) <u>the Commissioner of Public Safety, or designee;</u> (B) <u>the Commissioner of Corrections, or designee;</u> (C) <u>a representative, appointed by Vermont Care Partners;</u> (D) <u>a representative, appointed by the Turning Point Center; and</u> (E) <u>substance misuse service providers, appointed by the Commissioner of Health.</u></p>

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<p><u>Appropriations, the House Committee on Human Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.</u></p>		<p><u>(b) As part of its fiscal year 2026 budget presentation, the Department of Health, in consultation with the stakeholder group described in subsection (a) of this section, shall submit a plan to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare and to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services with recommendations to reorganize public inebriate and sober bed programs in a manner that accounts for increased client acuity and decreased bed availability throughout the State. The proposed reorganization shall include a spending plan that prioritizes staff support and public safety.</u></p>
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.316</p>	<p><i>No change to House Sec. E.316.1; struck House E.316 relating to access of Summer EBT benefits for noncitizen students per Administration recommendation due to the fact that such students qualified for such benefits</i></p>
<p>Statutory clean-up for Building Bright Futures: Sec. E.316.1 33 V.S.A. § 3531 is amended to read: § 3531. CHILD CARE – BUILDING BRIGHT SPACES FOR BRIGHT FUTURES FUNDS (a) A child care facilities <u>An early childhood services</u> financing program is established to facilitate the development and expansion of child care facilities <u>early childhood service programs</u> in the State. The Program <u>This financing program</u> shall be administered by the Department for Children and Families. (b) The Program shall be supported from a special fund, to be known as the “Building Bright Spaces for Bright Futures Fund,” referred to in this section as “the Bright Futures <u>Bright Futures</u> Fund,” is hereby created for this purpose to be administered by the Commissioner for Children and Families. Subject to approvals required by 32 V.S.A § 5, the Fund may accept gifts and donations from any source, and the Commissioner may take appropriate actions to encourage contributions and designations to the account <u>Fund</u>, including publicizing explanations of the purposes of the Fund and the uses to which the Bright Futures <u>Bright Futures</u> Fund has been or will be applied. (c) Funds appropriated for this Program shall be used by the <u>The</u> Commissioner to award grants to eligible applicants for the development and expansion of child care options and community programs targeted for youths 14 pre-natal <u>through 18</u> years of age. These options may include recreational programs and related equipment or facilities, development or expansion of child care facilities, and community-based programs that address specific child care and youth program needs of the applicant region. The Commissioner shall</p>	<p>E.316.1</p>	<p><i>No change to House Sec. E.316.2</i></p>

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<p>establish by rule, criteria, conditions, and procedures for awarding such grants and administering this Program. shall disburse the proceeds of this fund in accordance with the plan developed by the Building Bright Futures Council per 33 V.S.A. § 4603(3).</p>		
<p>Adds language to direct DCF to solicit input from stakeholders for the CCWIS: Sec. E.317 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT; COMPREHENSIVE CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION SYSTEM <u>(a) In developing and implementing a comprehensive child welfare information system, the Department for Children and Families' Division of Family Services shall solicit input and leverage expertise from youth, foster parents, kinship care providers, Division staff, and the employees of the Office of Racial Equity's Division of Racial Justice Statistics.</u></p>	<p>E.317</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p>Reappropriates Act 78 funds for post-permanency adoption services rate increases to direct funds to two post-permanency adoption service-related agencies and the youth homeless shelter in Saint Albans: Sec. E.317.1 ADOPTION; POST PERMANENCY SERVICES <u>(a) Any unused funds designated for the purposes described in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317, not to exceed \$270,234, shall be used in fiscal year 2025 for post-permanency adoption services provided by Lund, Easterseals of Vermont, and the Northeastern Family Institute of Vermont.</u> <u>(b) Any unused funds designated for the purposes described in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317, not to exceed \$446,253, shall be used in fiscal year 2025 for services provided to the youth homeless shelter in Saint Albans by Spectrum Youth and Family Services.</u></p>	<p>E.317.1</p>	<p><i>No change to House Sec. E.317.2 House Sec. E.317.1 construct moved to Sec. C.120.</i></p>
<p>Adds language directing DCF and JFO to develop a consensus estimate for CCFAP: Sec. E.318 CONSENSUS ESTIMATE; CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM <u>(a) On or before December 1, 2024, 2025, and 2026 the Department for Children and Families and the Joint Fiscal Office shall jointly determine and submit a consensus estimate for costs related to the Child Care Financial Assistance Program for the coming fiscal year to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare. This consensus estimate shall serve</u></p>	<p>E.318</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>

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<p><u>as a baseline for the Department for Children and Families' Child Care Financial Assistance Program budget.</u></p>		
<p>Adds language removing child care provider tuition increase cap from statute: Sec. E.318.1 33 V.S.A. § 3517 is amended to read: § 3517. CHILD CARE TUITION RATES A child care provider shall ensure that its tuition rates are available to the public. A regulated child care provider shall not impose an increase on annual child care tuition that exceeds 1.5 times the most recent annual increase in the NAICS code 611, Educational Services. This amount shall be posted on the Department's website annually.</p>	E.318.1	<i>No change</i>
<p>Adds language adding child care provider tuition increase cap to statute (beginning in FY26): Sec. E.318.2 33 V.S.A. § 3517 is amended to read: § 3517. CHILD CARE TUITION RATES A child care provider shall ensure that its tuition rates are available to the public. <u>A regulated child care provider shall not impose an increase on annual child care tuition that exceeds 1.5 times the most recent annual increase in the NAICS code 611, Educational Services. This amount shall be posted on the Department's website annually.</u></p>	E.318.2	<i>No change</i>
N/A	E.318.3	<p>Adds language to eliminate limitation of CCFAP entitlement: Sec. E.318.3 33 V.S.A. § 3512 is amended to read: § 3512. Child Care Financial Assistance Program; eligibility (a)(1) The Child Care Financial Assistance Program is established to subsidize, to the extent that funds permit, the costs of child care for families that need child care services in order to obtain employment, to retain employment, or to obtain training leading to employment. Families seeking employment shall be entitled to participate in the Program for up to three months and the Commissioner may further extend that period.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
<p>Replaces Gov. Rec. language: Sec. E.321 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING <u>(a) To the extent emergency housing is available and within the funds appropriated, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall ensure that temporary emergency housing is provided in fiscal year 2025 to households that</u></p>	E.321	<p>Replaces House Sec. E.321 with revised language: Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY HOUSING <u>(a) To the extent emergency housing is available and within the funds appropriated, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall ensure that General Assistance Emergency Housing is provided in fiscal year 2025 to</u></p>

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<p><u>attest to lack of a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and have a member who:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(1) is 60 years of age or older;</u> <u>(2) has a disability that can be documented by:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(A) written verification of the disability from a professional licensed by the State to diagnose and treat the disability and certification that the disability is expected to be long-continuing or of indefinite duration and substantially impedes the individual’s ability to live independently;</u> <u>(B) written verification from the Social Security Administration;</u> <u>(C) receipt of a disability check;</u> <u>(D) intake staff-recorded observation of a disability that, not later than 45 days after the application for assistance, is confirmed and accompanied by evidence of this; or</u> <u>(E) other documentation approved by either the Department or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;</u> <u>(3) is experiencing a serious short-term medical condition or has been discharged from a health care facility where the individual was being treated for a serious short-term medical condition within the last 30 days;</u> <u>(4) is a child under 19 years of age;</u> <u>(5) is in the third trimester of pregnancy or is experiencing an at-risk pregnancy;</u> <u>(6) has experienced the death of a spouse or domestic partner within the last 30 days;</u> <u>(7) has experienced a natural disaster, such as a flood, fire, or hurricane within the last 30 days;</u> <u>(8) is under a court-ordered eviction or constructive eviction due to circumstances over which the household has no control; or</u> <u>(9) is experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, hate violence, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a household member.</u> <p><u>(b) The maximum number of days that a household receives shelter in a hotel or motel under this section, per 12-month period, shall be determined by the statewide vacancy rate. If the statewide vacancy rate is:</u></p>		<p><u>households that attest to lack of a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and have a member who:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(1) is 65 years of age or older;</u> <u>(2) has a disability that can be documented by:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(A) receipt of Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance;</u> <u>(B) a form developed by the Department as a means of documenting a qualifying disability or health condition that requires:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(i) the applicant’s name, date of birth, and the last four digits of the applicant’s Social Security number;</u> <u>(ii) a description of the applicant’s disability or health condition;</u> <u>(iii) a description of the risk posed to the applicant’s health, safety, or welfare if temporary emergency housing is not authorized pursuant to this section; and</u> <u>(iv) a certification of a health care provider, as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9481, that includes the provider’s credentials, credential number, address, and phone number;</u> <u>(3) is a child 19 years of age or under;</u> <u>(4) is pregnant;</u> <u>(5) has experienced the death of a spouse, domestic partner, or minor child that caused the household to lose its housing;</u> <u>(6) has experienced a natural disaster, such as a flood, fire, or hurricane;</u> <u>(7) is under a court-ordered eviction or constructive eviction due to circumstances over which the household has no control; or</u> <u>(8) is experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, hate violence, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a household member that caused the household to lose its housing.</u> <p><u>(b)(1) The maximum number of days that a household receives emergency housing in a hotel or motel under this section, per 12-month period, shall not exceed 80 days.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Emergency housing provided pursuant to this section shall replace the catastrophic and noncatastrophic categories adopted by the Department in rule.</u></p> <p><u>(3)(A) Notwithstanding any rule or law to the contrary, the Department shall require all households applying for or receiving General Assistance</u></p>

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<p><u>(1) less than five percent at the household’s time of application, the household shall receive a maximum of 90 sheltered days under this section per 12-month period; or</u></p> <p><u>(2) is equal to or greater than five percent at the household’s time of application, the household shall receive a maximum of 45 sheltered days under this section per 12-month period.</u></p> <p><u>(c) To the extent funding and capacity exists, and notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the Department shall provide shelter to households lacking a fixed, regular, adequate, nighttime residence between November 15, 2024 and April 15, 2025. If there is inadequate community-based shelter space available within the Agency of Human Services district in which the household presents itself, the household shall be provided shelter in a hotel or motel within the district, if available, until adequate community-based shelter space becomes available in the district. Shelter in a hotel or motel provided pursuant to this section shall not count toward the maximum days of eligibility per 12-month period provided in subsection (b) of this section.</u></p> <p><u>(d) Temporary emergency housing required pursuant to this section may be provided through approved community-based shelters, new unit generation, open units, licensed hotels or motels, or other appropriate shelter space. The Department shall, when available, prioritize temporary emergency housing at housing or shelter placements other than hotels or motels.</u></p> <p><u>(e) On July 1, 2024, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall:</u></p> <p><u>(1) adopt emergency rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 for the administration for the temporary emergency housing policy established in this section, which shall be deemed to have met the emergency rulemaking standard in 3 V.S.A. § 844(a); and</u></p> <p><u>(2) begin to transition eligible households to the policy established in this section on a rolling basis through September 30, 2024.</u></p> <p><u>(f) On or before the last day of each month from July 2024 through June 2025, the Department for Children and Families, or other relevant agency or department, shall continue submitting a substantially similar report to that due pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b) to the Joint Fiscal Committee, House Committee on Human Services, and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.</u></p>		<p><u>Emergency Housing to engage in their own search for and accept any available alternative housing placements. All applicants and eligible households shall regularly provide information to the Department, not less frequently than monthly, about their efforts to secure an alternative housing placement. If the Department determines that a household, at the time of application or during the term of the household’s authorization, has not made efforts to secure an alternative housing placement, or has access to an alternative housing placement, the Department shall deny the application or terminate the authorization at the end of the current authorization period.</u></p> <p><u>(B) As used in this subdivision (3), “alternative housing placements” may include shelter beds and pods; placements with family or friends; permanent housing solutions, including tiny homes, manufactured homes, and apartments; residential treatment beds for physical health, long-term care, substance use, or mental health; nursing home beds; and recovery homes.</u></p> <p><u>(c) To the extent funding and capacity exists, and notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the Department shall provide emergency winter housing to households lacking a fixed, regular, adequate, nighttime residence between December 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025. Emergency housing provided between November 15, 2024 through November 30, 2024 and between April 1, 2025 through April 15, 2025 shall be contingent on adverse weather conditions. If there is inadequate community-based shelter space available within the Agency of Human Services district in which the household presents itself, the household shall be provided emergency housing in a hotel or motel within the district, if available, until adequate community-based shelter space becomes available in the district. Emergency housing in a hotel or motel provided pursuant to this subsection shall not count toward the maximum days of eligibility per 12-month period provided in subdivision (b)(1) of this section.</u></p> <p><u>(d)(1) Emergency housing required pursuant to this section may be provided through approved community-based shelters, new unit generation, open units, licensed hotels or motels, or other appropriate shelter space. The Department shall, when available, prioritize emergency housing at housing or shelter placements other than hotels or motels.</u></p> <p><u>(2) The utilization of hotel and motel rooms pursuant to this section shall be capped at 1,300 rooms per night during the emergency winter housing period and adverse weather condition nights. Otherwise, beginning on September 15,</u></p>

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<p><u>(g) For temporary emergency housing provided in a hotel or motel beginning on July 1, 2024 and thereafter, the Department for Children and Families shall not pay a hotel or motel establishment more than the lowest advertised room rate and not more than \$80 a day per room to shelter a household experiencing homelessness. The Department for Children and Families may shelter a household in more than one hotel or motel room depending on the household's size and composition.</u></p> <p><u>(h) The Department for Children and Families shall apply the following rules to participating hotels and motels:</u></p> <p><u>(1) Section 2650.1 of the Department for Children and Families, General Assistance (CVR 13-170-260);</u></p> <p><u>(2) Department of Health, Licensed Lodging Establishment Rule (CVR 13-140-023); and</u></p> <p><u>(3) Department of Public Safety, Vermont Fire and Building Safety Code (CVR 28-070-001).</u></p> <p><u>(i)(1) The Department for Children and Families may work with either a shelter provider or a community housing agency to enter into a full or partial facility lease or sales agreement with a hotel or motel provider. Any facility conversion under this section shall comply with the Office of Economic Opportunity's shelter standards.</u></p> <p><u>(2) If the Department for Children and Families determines that a contractual agreement with a licensed hotel or motel operator to secure temporary emergency housing capacity is beneficial to improve the quality, cleanliness, or access to services for those households temporarily housed in the facility, the Department shall be authorized to enter into such an agreement in accordance with the per-room rate identified in subsection (g) of this section; provided, however, that in no event shall such an agreement cause a household to become unhoused. The Department for Children and Families may include provisions to address access to services or related needs within the contractual agreement.</u></p> <p><u>(j) Of the amount appropriated to implement this section, not more than \$839,000 shall be used for security costs.</u></p> <p><u>(k) As used in this chapter:</u></p> <p><u>(1) "Community-based shelter" means a shelter that meets the Vermont Housing Opportunity Grant Program's Standards of Provision of Assistance.</u></p>		<p><u>2024, the utilization of hotel and motel rooms shall be capped at 1,000 rooms per night.</u></p> <p><u>(e) Case management services provided by case managers employed by or under contract with the Agency of Human Services or reimbursed through an Agency-funded grant shall include assisting clients with finding appropriate housing.</u></p> <p><u>(f) The Commissioner for Children and Families shall adopt emergency rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 for the administration of this section, which shall be deemed to have met the emergency rulemaking standard in 3 V.S.A. § 844(a), while permanent rules are pending.</u></p> <p><u>(g) On or before the last day of each month from July 2024 through June 2025, the Department for Children and Families, or other relevant agency or department, shall continue submitting a similar report to that due pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b) to the Joint Fiscal Committee, House Committee on Human Services, and Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.</u></p> <p><u>(h) For temporary emergency housing provided in a hotel or motel beginning on July 1, 2024, and thereafter, the Department for Children and Families shall not pay a hotel or motel establishment more than the hotel's lowest advertised room rate and not more than \$80 a day per room to shelter a household experiencing homelessness. The Department for Children and Families may shelter a household in more than one hotel or motel room depending on the household's size and composition.</u></p> <p><u>(i) The Department for Children and Families shall apply the following rules to participating hotels and motels:</u></p> <p><u>(1) Section 2650.1 of the Department for Children and Families, General Assistance (CVR 13-170-260);</u></p> <p><u>(2) Department of Health, Licensed Lodging Establishment Rule (CVR 13-140-023); and</u></p> <p><u>(3) Department of Public Safety, Vermont Fire and Building Safety Code (CVR 28-070-001).</u></p> <p><u>(j)(1) The Department for Children and Families may work with either a shelter provider or a community housing agency to enter into a full or partial facility lease or sales agreement with a hotel or motel provider. Any facility conversion under this section shall comply with the Office of Economic Opportunity's shelter standards.</u></p>

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<p><u>(2) “Household” means an individual and any dependents for whom the individual is legally responsible and who live in Vermont. “Household” includes individuals who reside together as one economic unit, including those who are married, parties to a civil union, or unmarried.</u></p> <p><u>(3) “Statewide vacancy rate” means the Vermont-specific rental vacancy rate as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau.</u></p>		<p><u>(2) If the Department for Children and Families determines that a contractual agreement with a licensed hotel or motel operator to secure temporary emergency housing capacity is beneficial to improve the quality, cleanliness, or access to services for those households temporarily housed in the facility, the Department shall be authorized to enter into such an agreement in accordance with the per-room rate identified in subsection (h) of this section; provided, however, that in no event shall such an agreement cause a household to become unhoused. The Department for Children and Families may include provisions to address access to services or related needs within the contractual agreement.</u></p> <p><u>(k) Of the amount appropriated to implement this section, not more than \$500,000 shall be used for security costs.</u></p> <p><u>(l) As used in this section:</u></p> <p><u>(1) “Community-based shelter” means a shelter that meets the Vermont Housing Opportunity Grant Program’s Standards of Provision of Assistance.</u></p> <p><u>(2) “Household” means an individual and any dependents for whom the individual is legally responsible and who live in Vermont. “Household” includes individuals who reside together as one economic unit, including those who are married, parties to a civil union, or unmarried.</u></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.321.1</p>	<p><i>Adds language to establish an Emergency Housing Task Force:</i></p> <p><u>Sec. E.321.1 GENERAL ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY HOUSING TASK FORCE</u></p> <p><u>(a) Creation. There is created the General Assistance Emergency Housing Task Force to provide recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the statewide and local operation and administration of the General Assistance Emergency Housing benefit.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Membership. The Task Force shall be composed of the following members:</u></p> <p><u>(1) two representatives with lived experience of homelessness, one representative appointed by the Speaker and one representative appointed by the President Pro Tempore;</u></p> <p><u>(2) a representative, appointed by the Housing and Homelessness Alliance of Vermont;</u></p> <p><u>(3) a representative, appointed by the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board;</u></p> <p><u>(4) a representative, appointed by Vermont Care Partners;</u></p>

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		<p><u>(5) a representative, appointed by the Long-Term Care Crisis Coalition;</u> <u>(6) a representative, appointed by Vermont 2-1-1;</u> <u>(7) a representative, appointed by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns;</u> <u>(8) a representative, appointed by the Vermont Center for Independent Living;</u> <u>(9) the Commissioner of the Department for Children and Families or designee;</u> <u>(10) the Deputy Commissioner of the Department for Children and Families’ Division of Economic Services; and</u> <u>(11) the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development or designee.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Powers and duties. The Task Force shall examine and provide recommendations on the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) household eligibility; maximum days of eligibility; application, notice, and appeals processes; participant requirements; and annual reporting requirements;</u> <u>(2) the process to establish a single, statewide, unified coordinated entry system with participation from the Department;</u> <u>(3) the current organization of roles and responsibilities within the Department for Children and Families’ Office of Economic Opportunity and the Division of Economic Services;</u> <u>(4) the number and types of emergency shelter spaces needed and currently available for each geographic region in the State, with a preference for noncongregate shelter spaces;</u> <u>(5) the identification of a consistent lead agency for each geographic region;</u> <u>(6) the identification of role and responsibility assigned to the lead agency;</u> <u>(7) potential adjustments to emergency housing policy during cold weather months;</u> <u>(8) a process to enable participating households to place a percentage of the household’s gross income into savings, which shall be returned to the household for permanent housing expenses when the household exits the General Assistance Emergency Housing;</u></p>

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		<p><u>(9) a mechanism for addressing potential conduct challenges posed by a member of a participating household served in a motel, hotel, or shelter;</u></p> <p><u>(10) the identification of any State rules and local regulations and ordinances that are impeding the timely development of safe, decent, affordable housing in Vermont communities in order to:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>(A) identify areas in which flexibility or discretion are available; and</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>(B) advise whether the temporary suspension of relevant State rules and local regulations and ordinances, or the adoption or amendment of State rules, would facilitate faster and less costly revitalization of existing housing and construction of new housing units;</u></p> <p><u>(11) a mechanism to ensure that eligible households are sheltered until transitional or permanent housing is available; and</u></p> <p><u>(12) strategies to reduce reliance on hotels and motels for emergency housing.</u></p> <p><u>(d) Assistance. The Task Force shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Department for Children and Families.</u></p> <p><u>(e) Report. On or before January 15, 2025, the Task Force shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare with its findings and any recommendations for legislative action.</u></p> <p><u>(f) Meetings.</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>(1) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee shall call the first meeting of the Task Force to occur on or before August 1, 2024.</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>(2) The Task Force shall select a chair or co-chairs from among its members at the first meeting.</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>(3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>(4) The Task Force shall cease once the report required pursuant to subsection (e) of this section has been submitted to the General Assembly.</u></p> <p><u>(g) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Task Force shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than eight meetings. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the Department for Children and Families.</u></p>
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.324</p>	<p><i>Removes language relating to limiting crisis fuel assistance grants to one grant:</i> Sec. E.324 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE</p>

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		<p><u>(a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee may authorize crisis fuel assistance to those income-eligible households that have applied for an expedited seasonal fuel benefit but have not yet received it if the benefit cannot be executed in time to prevent them from running out of fuel. The crisis fuel grants authorized pursuant to this section count toward the crisis fuel grants pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 2609(b).</u></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.324.1</p>	<p>Amends statute to allow for multiple crisis fuel assistance grants: Sec. E.324.1 33 V.S.A. § 2609 is amended to read: § 2609. CRISIS RESERVES; ELIGIBILITY AND ASSISTANCE * * * (b) Crisis fuel grants shall <u>may</u> be limited per winter heating season to one grant for households that are income-eligible and have received a seasonal fuel assistance grant and meet all eligibility requirements for crisis fuel assistance or to two grants for households that are not income-eligible for seasonal fuel assistance and meet all eligibility requirements for crisis fuel assistance.</p>
<p>Adds language amending Gov. Rec. language directing use of GA funding: Sec. E.325 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY <u>(a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$25,747,402 shall be used by the Department for Children and Families’ Office of Economic Opportunity to issue grants to community agencies assisting individuals experiencing homelessness by preserving existing services, increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide. These funds may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions Grants funds. Grant decisions and the administration of funds shall be done in consultation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recognized Continuum of Care Program.</u></p>	<p>E.325</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>No change from Gov. Rec.</p>	<p>E.326</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>No change from Gov. Rec.</p>	<p>E.326.1</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.329</p>	<p>Adds language to add additional member to the Vermont Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind Council: Sec. E.329 33 V.S.A. § 1602 is amended to read: § 1602. VERMONT DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAFBLIND ADVISORY COUNCIL * * *</p>

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		<p>(b) Membership. The Advisory Council shall consist of the following members: *** (9) a superintendent, selected by the Vermont Superintendents Association; and (10) a special education administrator, selected by the Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators; and (11) a representative of the Vermont chapter of Hands and Voices. ***</p>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.338	<i>No change</i>
N/A	E.338.1	<p><i>Adds language to clarify that \$850,000 of the base appropriation made in B.338.1 is for a grant for Domestic Violence Accountability Programs:</i> Sec. E.338.1 CORRECTIONS; DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAMS (a) <u>\$850,000 of the General Fund appropriation made in Sec. B.338.1 of this act shall be for an annual grant to the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence for Domestic Violence Accountability Programs.</u></p>
N/A	E.339	<p><i>Adds language directing any out of state beds savings to the pretrial savings program:</i> Sec. E.339 OUT OF STATE BED SAVINGS; PRETRIAL SUPERVISION PROGRAM (a) <u>To the extent that the need for the General Fund dollars appropriated to the Department of Corrections for out of state beds in Sec. B.339 of this act is reduced, it is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds be reappropriated to the Department of Corrections for the Pretrial Supervision Program.</u></p>
<p><i>Adds language to replace Gov. Rec. Sec. E.345 to increase GMCB expense percentages:</i> Sec. E.345 18 V.S.A. § 9374(h) is amended to read: (h)(1) The Board may assess and collect from each regulated entity the actual costs incurred by the Board, including staff time and contracts for professional services, in carrying out its regulatory duties for health insurance rate review under 8 V.S.A. § 4062; hospital budget review under chapter 221, subchapter 7 of this title; and accountable care organization certification and budget review under section 9382 of this title. The Board may also assess and collect from general hospitals licensed under chapter 43 of this title expenses incurred by the</p>	E.345	<i>No change</i>

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<p>Commissioner of Health in administering hospital community reports under section 9405b of this title.</p> <p>(2)(A) In addition to the assessment and collection of actual costs pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and except <u>Except</u> as otherwise provided in subdivisions (2)(C) and (3) <u>(1)(C) and (2)</u> of this subsection, all other <u>the</u> expenses of the Board shall be borne as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 40.0 <u>40.0</u> percent by the State from State monies; (ii) 30 <u>28.8</u> percent by the hospitals; (iii) 24 <u>23.2</u> percent by nonprofit hospital and medical service corporations licensed under 8 V.S.A. chapter 123 or 125, health insurance companies licensed under 8 V.S.A. chapter 101, and health maintenance organizations licensed under 8 V.S.A. chapter 139; and (iv) six <u>8.0</u> percent by accountable care organizations certified under section 9382 of this title. <p>(B) Expenses under subdivision (A)(iii) of this subdivision (2)(1) shall be allocated to persons licensed under Title 8 based on premiums paid for health care coverage, which for the purposes of this subdivision (2)(1) shall include major medical, comprehensive medical, hospital or surgical coverage, and comprehensive health care services plans, but shall not include long-term care, limited benefits, disability, credit or stop loss, or excess loss insurance coverage.</p> <p>(C) Expenses incurred by the Board for regulatory duties associated with certificates of need shall be assessed pursuant to the provisions of section 9441 of this title and not shall not be assessed in accordance with the formula set forth in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (2)(1).</p> <p>(3)(2) The Board may determine the scope of the incurred expenses to be allocated pursuant to the formula set forth in subdivision (2)(1) of this subsection if, in the Board's discretion, the expenses to be allocated are in the best interests of the regulated entities and of the State.</p> <p>(4)(3) If the amount of the proportional assessment to any entity calculated in accordance with the formula set forth in subdivision (2)(A)(1)(A) of this subsection would be less than \$150.00, the Board shall assess the entity a minimum fee of \$150.00. The Board shall apply the amounts collected based on the difference between each applicable entity's proportional assessment amount and \$150.00 to reduce the total amount assessed to the regulated entities pursuant to subdivisions (2)(A)(ii)-(iv) <u>(1)(A)(ii)-(iv)</u> of this subsection.</p>		

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<p>(5)(4)(A) Annually on or before September 15, the Board shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations the total amount of all expenses eligible for allocation pursuant to this subsection (h) during the preceding State fiscal year and the total amount actually billed back to the regulated entities during the same period. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this subdivision.</p> <p>(B) The Board and the Department shall also present the information required by this subsection (h) to the Joint Fiscal Committee annually at its September meeting.</p>		
N/A	E.345.1	<p>Adds language to allow GMCB expense reimbursement; technical correction due to erroneously struck language:</p> <p>Sec. E.345.1 18 V.S.A. § 9405b is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 9405b</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>(e) The Green Mountain Care Board may assess and collect from general hospitals licensed under chapter 43 of this title expenses incurred by the Commissioner of Health in administering Hospital Community Reports and Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reports under this section.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
N/A	E.345.2	<p>Adds language for GMCB reference-based analysis:</p> <p>Sec. E.345.2 GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD; REFERENCE-BASED PRICING; DATA ANALYSIS; REPORT</p> <p><u>(a) The funds appropriated to the Green Mountain Care Board in Sec. B.1100(s)(1) of this act shall be for a contract with a qualified entity for a reference-based pricing analysis that will analyze commercial medical claims for all inpatient and outpatient hospital services and supplies incurred by active and retired members and their dependents enrolled in the State Employees' Health Benefit Plan and in the health benefit plans offered by the Vermont Education Health Initiative during calendar years 2018 to the most recent year for which data are available, to determine what savings, if any, could have been realized for that period if a reference-based pricing methodology benchmarked to Medicare rates had been applied.</u></p> <p><u>(b) On or before December 15, 2024, the Green Mountain Care Board shall report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Government</u></p>

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		<u>Operations with the results of the analysis and any recommendations for legislative action.</u>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.500	<i>No change</i>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.502	<i>No change</i>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.503	<i>No change</i>
<p><i>Adds language to direct portion of B.504 appropriation to adult education and literacy providers:</i></p> <p>Sec. E.504 ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY</p> <p>(a) <u>Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$3,778,133 General Fund shall be allocated to the Agency of Education for distribution to adult education and literacy providers, pursuant to the program established in 16 V.S.A. § 945.</u></p>	E.504	<i>No change</i>
<p><i>Adds adult education language to Gov. Rec.; reduces Early College appropriation to fund Community Schools:</i></p> <p>Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION – FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS</p> <p><u>(a) Notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025 to the contrary, of the appropriation in Sec. B.504.1 of this act, \$2,518,755 Education Fund dollars shall be allocated to the Agency of Education for distribution to adult education and literacy providers the program established in 16 V.S.A. § 945.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, of this Education Fund appropriation, the amount of:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$2,000,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual High School;</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$400,000 is available for secondary school reform grants; and</u></p> <p><u>(4) \$3,600,000 is available for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4011(e).</u></p> <p><u>(c) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$921,500 from the General Fund is available for dual enrollment programs.</u></p>	E.504.1	<p><i>Restores \$1,000,000 to Early College entitlement program:</i></p> <p>Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION; FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS</p> <p>(a) <u>Notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025 to the contrary, of the appropriation in Sec. B.504.1 of this act, \$2,518,755 Education Fund dollars shall be allocated to the Agency of Education for distribution to adult education and literacy providers pursuant to the program established in 16 V.S.A. § 945.</u></p> <p>(b) <u>Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, of this Education Fund appropriation, the amount of:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$921,500 is designated for dual enrollment programs notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$2,000,000 is designated to support the Vermont Virtual High School;</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$400,000 is designated for secondary school reform grants; and</u></p> <p><u>(4) \$4,600,000 is designated for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 946.</u></p> <p>(c) <u>Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504.1 of this act, \$921,500 from the General Fund is designated for dual enrollment programs.</u></p>
N/A	E.507.1	<p><i>Adds language clarifying that EL categorical aid is carried as a separate line item in the B section of the bill:</i></p> <p>Sec. E.507.1 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS; CATEGORICAL AID</p> <p><u>(a) The funds appropriated in Sec. B.507.1 shall be used to provide categorical aid to school districts for English Learner services, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4013.</u></p>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.514	<i>No change</i>
<i>Changes Gov. Rec. language to reference VSTRS VPIC contribution, per updates:</i>	E.514.1	<i>No change</i>

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<p>Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET, SOURCE OF FUNDS</p> <p><u>(a) Of the \$3,572,780 appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act, \$2,516,037 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System operating budget, and \$1,056,743 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System.</u></p>		
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.515</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.600</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.602</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.602.1</p>	<p>Adds language to reduce VSC deficit reduction in FY25 and FY26:</p> <p>Sec. E.602.1 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.602.2, as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 67 and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.101, is further amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. E.602.2 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES</p> <p>(a) The Vermont State College (VSC) system shall transform itself into a fully integrated system that achieves financial stability in a responsible and sustainable way in order to meet each of these strategic priorities:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(b) VSC shall meet the following requirements during the transformation of its system required under subsection (a) of this section and shall accommodate the oversight of the General Assembly in so doing.</p> <p>(1) VSC shall reduce its structural deficit by \$5,000,000.00 per year <u>for three years and by \$3,500,000 per year for the following two years</u> through a combination of annual operating expense reductions and increased enrollment revenues, for a total of \$25,000,000.00 <u>\$22,000,000.00</u> by the end of fiscal year 2026. These reductions shall be structural in nature and shall not be met by use of one-time funds. The VSC Board of Trustees, through the Chancellor or designee, shall report the results of these structural reductions to the House and Senate Committees on Education and on Appropriations annually during the Chancellor's budget presentation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.603</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p>Language changes to increase clarity of section:</p> <p>Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION</p>	<p>E.605</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>

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<p><u>(a) Of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act:</u> <u>(1) \$25,000 shall be deposited into the Trust Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2845;</u> <u>(2) not more than \$300,000 may be used by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a student aspirational initiative to serve one or more high schools; and</u> <u>(3) not less than \$1,000,000 shall be used to continue the Vermont Trades Scholarship Program established in 2022 Act and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 14.</u> <u>(b) Of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act that are remaining after accounting for the expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this section, not less than 93 percent shall be used for direct student aid.</u> <u>(c) After accounting for the expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this section, up to seven percent of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act or otherwise currently or previously appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation or provided to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation by an agency or department of the State for the administration of a program or initiative, may be used by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for its costs of administration. The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation may recoup its reasonable costs of collecting the forgivable loans in repayment. Funds shall not be used for indirect costs. To the extent that any of these funds are federal funds, allocation for expenses associated with administering the funds shall be consistent with federal grant requirements.</u></p>		
<p><i>No changes to Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.605.1</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p><i>Adds language relating to the pilot expansion of the Water Quality Assistance Program to assist loggers:</i> Sec. E.704 DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS AND RECREATION; WATER QUALITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EXPANSION; PILOT <u>(a) Using the funds appropriated in Sec. B.1100(l)(1) of this act, the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation shall as a pilot expand the Water Quality Assistance Program established by 10 V.S.A. § 2622a, to enable the Program to provide financial assistance to logging contractors to ensure implementation of proactive and preventative</u></p>	<p>E.704</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>

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<p><u>water quality protection and climate adaptation practices on harvest sites. The Program shall provide financial assistance to logging contractors for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) implementation of accepted management practices (AMPs) and other best practices defined by the Department on harvest sites to enhance water quality protection and climate adaptation measures before forest operations take place;</u></p> <p><u>(2) purchase by logging contractors of materials or practices that can be used for forest access road construction, landing preparation, bridge construction or installation, culvert protection or installation, and sediment control in advance of harvest implementation in order to comply with the AMPs and other potentially applicable water quality requirements; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) financial assistance or cost share for a logging contractor to be Master Logger Certified by third-party entities, such as the Northeast Master Logger Certification Program of the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands.</u></p> <p><u>(b) The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation may establish criteria for eligibility under the Water Quality Assistance Program, including priority of assistance and application requirements.</u></p> <p><u>(c) The Water Quality Assistance Program shall operate as a pilot program in fiscal year 2025.</u></p> <p><u>(d) On or before July 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation shall report to the House Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy the results of the pilot Water Quality Assistance Program.</u></p>		
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.802</p>	<p><i>Adds language to include certain households to qualification list:</i></p> <p>Sec. E.802 10 V.S.A. § 699 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 699. VERMONT RENTAL HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(e) Program requirements applicable to grants. For a grant awarded through the Program, the following requirements apply for a minimum period of five years:</p> <p>(1) A landlord shall coordinate with nonprofit housing partners and local coordinated entry organizations to identify potential tenants.</p> <p>(2)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(B) of this subsection (e), a landlord shall lease the unit to a household that is exiting homelessness or actively working with an immigrant or refugee resettlement program <u>or composed of at</u></p>

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		<p><u>least one individual with a disability who is eligible to receive Medicaid-funded home and community based services.</u></p> <p>(B) If, upon petition of the landlord, the Department or the housing organization that issued the grant determines that a household exiting homelessness <u>under subdivision (2)(A) of this subsection (e)</u> is not available to lease the unit, then the landlord shall lease the unit:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
<p>Adds language for Building Bright Futures statutory cleanup:</p> <p>^a</p> <p>§ 304c. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES: BUILDING BRIGHT SPACES FOR BRIGHT FUTURES FUND</p> <p>(a) The Commissioner shall, upon application, issue “Building Bright Spaces for Bright Futures Fund,” referred to as “the Bright Futures Fund,” registration plates for use only on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate, on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, on vehicles registered to State agencies under section 376 of this title, and excluding vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan. Plates so acquired shall be mounted on the front and rear of the vehicle. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall utilize the graphic design recommended by the Commissioner for Children and Families for the special plates to enhance the public awareness of the State’s interest in supporting <u>early childhood children’s</u> services. Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and shall pay an initial fee of \$29.00 in addition to the annual fee for registration. In following years, in addition to the annual registration fee, the holder of a Bright Futures Fund plate shall pay a renewal fee of \$29.00. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to implement the provisions of this subsection.</p> <p>(b) Fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be allocated <u>deposited</u> as follows:</p> <p>(1) 29 percent to <u>in</u> the Transportation Fund.</p> <p>(2) 71 percent in to the Department for Children and Families for deposit in <u>the Building Bright Futures Fund</u> created in 33 V.S.A. § 3531.</p> <p>(c) Renewal fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be allocated <u>deposited</u> as follows:</p>	<p>E.910</p>	<p>No change</p>

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<p>(1) 79 percent in to the Department for Children and Families for deposit in the Building Bright Futures Fund <u>created</u> in 33 V.S.A. § 3531.</p> <p>(2) 21 percent to <u>in</u> the Transportation Fund.</p> <p>(d) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall be charged by the Department of Corrections for the production of the <u>Building Bright Futures Fund</u> license plates.</p>		
<p>Adds language to withstand statute for the Town Highway Aid Program: Sec. E.915 TRANSPORTATION – TOWN HIGHWAY AID PROGRAM (a) <u>The total appropriation in Sec. B.915 of this act is authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of 19 V.S.A. § 306(a).</u></p>	E.915	No change
N/A	F.1	<p>Adds security fee language: Sec. F.1 8 V.S.A. § 4800(2)(A)(iii) is amended to read:8 (iii) Except as provided in subdivisions (I) and (II) of this subdivision, initial and annual producer appointment fees for each qualification set forth in section 4813g of subchapter 1A of this chapter for resident and nonresident producers acting as agents of foreign insurers, \$60.00 <u>\$80.00</u>: * * *</p>
N/A	F.2	<p>Adds security fee language: Sec. F.2 9 V.S.A. § 5302(e) is amended to read: (e) At the time of the filing of the information prescribed in subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this section, except investment companies subject to 15 U.S.C. § 80a-1 et seq., the issuer shall pay to the Commissioner a fee of \$600.00 <u>\$820.00</u>. The fee is nonrefundable. * * *</p>
N/A	F.3	<p>Adds security fee language: Sec. F.3 9 V.S.A. § 5302(f) is amended to read: (f) Investment companies subject to 15 U.S.C. § 80a-1 et seq. shall pay to the Commissioner an initial notice filing fee of \$2,000.00 <u>\$2,275.00</u> and an annual renewal fee of \$1,650.00 <u>\$2,025.00</u> for each portfolio or class of investment company securities for which a notice filing is submitted. * * *</p>
N/A	F.4	<p>Adds security fee language: Sec. F.4 9 V.S.A. § 5410(b) is amended to read:3 (b) The fee for an individual is \$120.00 <u>\$145.00</u> when filing an application for registration as an agent, \$120.00 <u>\$145.00</u> when filing a renewal of registration as</p>

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		an agent, and \$120.00 <u>\$145.00</u> when filing for a change of registration as an agent. The fee is nonrefundable. * * *
<p><i>Updates to Gov. Rec. effective dates to reflect bill (House F.100):</i> Sec. F.100 EFFECTIVE DATES <u>(a) This section and Secs. C.100, C.101, C.103, C.104, C.105, C.106, C.107, C.111, C.112, C.113, C.114, C.115, and B.1102 shall take effect on passage.</u> <u>(b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214:</u> <u>(1) Sec. C.102 shall take effect retroactively on March 1, 2024;</u> <u>(2) Secs. C.108, C.109, and C.110 shall take effect retroactively on July 1, 2023; and</u> <u>(3) Sec. E.910 shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2024.</u> <u>(c) Sec. E.318.2 shall take effect on July 1, 2025.</u> <u>(d) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2024.</u></p>	G.100	<p><i>Amends House Sec. F.100 to include effective date of Senate Sec. F.1:</i> Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES <u>(a) This section and Secs. B.1102 C.100, C.101, C.103, C.104, C.105, C.106, C.107, C.111, C.112, C.113, C.114, C.115, C.116, C.117, C.118, C.119, C.120, E.125.1, E.126.2, and E.127.1 shall take effect on passage.</u> <u>(b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214:</u> <u>(1) Sec. C.102 shall take effect retroactively on March 1, 2024;</u> <u>(2) Secs. C.108, C.109, and C.110 shall take effect retroactively on July 1, 2023; and</u> <u>(3) Sec. E.910 shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2024.</u> <u>(c) Sec. E.318.2 shall take effect on July 1, 2025.</u> <u>(d) Sec. F.1 shall take effect on January 1, 2025.</u> <u>(e) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2024.</u></p>

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<p>Sec. B.1101. <i>Directs Secretary of Administration to reduce appropriations for labor savings by \$5,000,000</i></p>	<p>Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2024 VACANCY SAVINGS <u>(a) In fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of Administration shall reduce appropriations for labor savings due to unfilled vacant positions within the Executive Branch. The Secretary of Administration shall provide status reports to the Joint Fiscal Committee on achievement of this base reduction at meetings in July, September, and November of 2024. The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to transfer other funds saved as a result of these initiatives to the General Fund in fiscal year 2025:</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"><u>General Fund</u></td> <td style="text-align: right; width: 20%;"><u>\$5,000,000</u></td> </tr> </table>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>		
<p>Sec. C.111 <i>Appropriates funds for nonemergency medical transportation services</i></p>	<p>Sec. C.111 SUPPLEMENTAL NONEMERGENCY MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION FUNDING; REVERSION <u>(a) Of the funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100(f)(3), the sum of \$560,000 is reverted to the General Fund and shall be appropriated in fiscal year 2024 as follows:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><u>(1) \$1,311,168 in Global Commitment Fund dollars is appropriated to the Department of Vermont Health Access in fiscal year 2024 as supplemental funding for nonemergency medical transportation services to address the urgent financial needs of the Department’s contracted nonemergency medical transportation service providers.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>(A) The sum of \$560,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Human Services, Global Commitment appropriation in fiscal year 2024 for the State match for the supplemental nonemergency medical transportation funding.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>(B) The sum of \$751,168 in federal funds is appropriated to the Agency of Human Services, Global Commitment appropriation in fiscal year 2024 for the supplemental nonemergency medical transportation funding.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><u>(2) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall report on its new payment methodology for nonemergency medical transportation and the estimated costs of providing nonemergency medical transportation to Medicaid beneficiaries in fiscal year 2026 under that methodology as part of the Department’s fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment presentation.</u></p>		
<p>Sec. E.100.2 <i>Amends Act 3 (2023) to add municipal projects that are capital in nature to the community needs assessment review list.</i></p>	<p>Sec. E.100.2 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 95 is amended to read: Sec. 95. MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ACCESS STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><u>(a) Expanding municipal access to State and federal funding. The Agency of Administration, consistent with the provisions of this section, shall design and implement a process to provide expanded technical and administrative assistance to municipalities with high need that may be eligible for State or federal funding for the following activities:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>(1) Community needs assessment. Conducting a review of community assets and needs, strategic planning, and identifying potential eligible projects, including in the following categories:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 60px;"><u>(A) water supply and wastewater infrastructure;</u></p>		

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	<p>(B) housing;</p> <p>(C) community recovery, workforce development, and business support;</p> <p>(D) climate change mitigation and resilience;</p> <p><u>(E) a municipal project that is capital in nature, or an activity that is a precursor or requirement to taking on a capital project; and</u></p> <p>(F) other community economic development projects identified by a municipality and approved by the Agency of Administration.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">* * *</p>
<p>Sec. E.100.3 <i>Adds language to abolish unfilled ARPA-funded positions at start of FY25</i></p>	<p>Sec. E.100.3 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND LIMITED SERVICE POSITIONS; REVERSION</p> <p><u>(a) To the extent to which limited service positions funded with American Rescue Plan Act dollars remain vacant after June 30, 2024, the positions shall be abolished, and monies shall be reverted to the American Rescue Plan Act Fund.</u></p>
<p>Sec. E.300.3 <i>Adds language directing AHS and departments to provide information on the projected number of beds per facility to create 41 new beds for youth</i></p>	<p>Sec. E.300.3 FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS; RESIDENTIAL BEDS FOR YOUTH</p> <p><u>(a) As part of their fiscal year 2026 budget presentations to the General Assembly, the Agency of Human Services and departments within the Agency of Human Services shall provide coordinated information regarding:</u></p> <p><u>(1) the basis for the projected number of beds per facility to create 41 new beds for youth in high-end facilities under the Departments for Children and Families, of Mental Health, and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living for inpatient, psychiatric residential, stabilization, and treatment services, including projected reductions in out-of-state placements;</u></p> <p><u>(2) the status of capacity at lower level residential and crisis facilities and their capabilities in preventing higher level needs if investments would enable full capacity use; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) a projected five-year operating budget across the Agency and departments for full utilization of the new high-end system components as currently planned, including:</u></p> <p><u>(A) costs to the Department of Vermont Health Access' budget; and</u></p> <p><u>(B) how these costs will impact the overall budgets for lower-level, community-based, prevention, and other services needed to prevent escalation to higher levels of care.</u></p>
<p>Sec. E.300.4 <i>Adds language directing AHS to consult with the stakeholder working group prior to making substantive decisions regarding the high end system of care and the temporary stabilization facility for youth</i></p>	<p>Sec. E.300.4 PLANNING FOR HIGH END SYSTEM OF CARE YOUTH; STAKEHOLDER INPUT</p> <p><u>(a) The stakeholder working group for the development of a long-term plan for the high-end system of care and for the temporary stabilization facility for youth established pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.316 shall be consulted by the Agency of Human Services and departments within the Agency prior to each substantive decision regarding facility locations, facility capacity, facility design, treatment planning, policy planning, staffing, and implementation.</u></p>

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<p>Sec. E.306 <i>Adds language to allow AHS to adopt rules to conform Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to State and federal law</i></p>	<p>Sec. E.306 VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE RULES <u>(a) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to conform Vermont's rules regarding health care eligibility and enrollment and the operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to State and federal law and guidance. The Agency may use the emergency rules process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 prior to June 30, 2025, but only if new State or federal law or guidance requires Vermont to amend or adopt its rules in a time frame that cannot be accomplished under the traditional rulemaking process. An emergency rule adopted under these exigent circumstances shall be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of emergency rules required pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).</u></p>
<p>E.306.1 <i>Adds language directing DVHA to provide a methodology for certain Medicaid rates (request incorporated into Senate Sec. E.306.1)</i></p>	<p>Sec. E.306.1 HOME HEALTH AGENCY RATE COMPARISON METHODODOLOGIES; REPORT <u>(a) On or before August 31, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide the following to the Health Reform Oversight Committee and the Joint Fiscal Committee:</u> <u>(1) a methodology for comparing Medicaid rates for home health agency services to rates under the Medicare home health prospective payment system model; and</u> <u>(2) a methodology for comparing Medicaid pediatric palliative care rates to rates under the Medicare home health prospective payment system model or to Medicare hospice rates, or both.</u></p>
<p>Sec. E.306.2 <i>Adds language directing DVHA to develop a proposed methodology for the Medicaid Resource-Based Relative Value Scale professional fee schedule (request incorporated into Senate Sec. E.306.1)</i></p>	<p>Sec. E.306.2 PROPOSED METHODOLOGY FOR 2025 MEDICAID RESOURCE-BASED RELATIVE VALUE SCALE PROFESSIONAL FEE SCHEDULE <u>(a) On or before July 1 and October 1, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall meet with interested stakeholders to develop a proposed methodology for the Medicaid Resource-Based Relative Value Scale professional fee schedule for calendar year 2025. In developing the proposed methodology, the Department shall consider:</u> <u>(1) maintaining alignment with relative value units used by Medicare but implementing a mandatory minimum on the conversion factors used in Vermont Medicaid, so that Vermont Medicaid's conversion factors do not decrease in the event that Medicare decreases its conversion factor;</u> <u>(2) whether to benchmark one or more conversion factors in Vermont Medicaid to the Medicare conversion factor from a specific year; and</u> <u>(3) whether Vermont Medicaid should continue to use two separate conversion factors, one for primary care services and one standard conversion factor, or transition to a single conversion factor in combination with other methods of providing enhanced support for primary care services, such as implementing payment of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System add-on code G2211 for primary care services, and the potential implications that any proposed approach may have on Vermont's participation in the States Advancing All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD) Model, as applicable.</u></p>

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	<p><u>(b) On or before November 1, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide its proposed methodology to the House Committees on Health Care and on Appropriations, the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations, and the Health Reform Oversight Committee.</u></p> <p><u>(c) On or before December 15, 2024, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Appropriations, the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations, and the Health Reform Oversight Committee on the fiscal impact of implementing its proposed methodology for calendar year 2025 and, if the new methodology would not result in an increase to provider rates that are greater than or equal to the Medicare Economic Index, the costs of increasing provider rates in an amount equal to the Medicare Economic Index increase as part of the Department’s fiscal year 2026 budget.</u></p>
<p>Sec. E.312.1 <i>Gov. Rec. language amending AHEC loan repayment statute (AHEC requested amendments to this section of statute incorporated into Senate Sec. E.311.1)</i></p>	<p>Sec. E.312.1 18 V.S.A. § 32 is amended to read: § 32. LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND HEALTH CARE EDUCATIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT FUND</p> <p>(a) There is hereby established a special fund to be known as the Vermont Health Care Educational Loan Repayment Fund, that shall be used for the purpose of ensuring a stable and adequate supply of health care providers and health care educators to meet the health care needs of Vermonters, with a focus on recruiting and retaining providers and health care educators in underserved geographic and specialty areas. [Repealed.]</p> <p>(b) The fund shall be established and held separate and apart from any other funds or monies of the State and shall be used and administered exclusively for the purpose of this section. The money in the Fund shall be invested in the same manner as permitted for investment of funds belonging to the State of held in the Treasury. The Fund shall consist of the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) such sums as may be appropriated or transferred from time to time by the General Assembly, the state Emergency Board, or the Joint Fiscal Committee during such times as the General Assembly is not in session;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(2) interest earned from the investment of fund balances;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(3) any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the Fund. [Repealed.]</p> <p>(c) The Fund shall be administered by the Department of Health, which shall make funds available to the University of Vermont College of Medicine area health education centers (AHEC) program for loan repayment awards. The Commissioner may require certification of compliance with this section prior to the making of an award.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>

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<p>Sec. E.313 <i>Adds language directing funds for substance misuse prevention</i></p>	<p>Sec. E.313 APPROPRIATION; SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION <u>(a) In fiscal year 2025, the \$795,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund and \$1,410,000 General Fund appropriated to the Department of Health in Secs. B.1100(d)(4) and B.313 of this act shall be 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 Department shall require, 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 Department in an agreed-upon time frame. The Department shall report this information 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.</u></p>
<p>Sec. E.316 <i>Gov. Rec. Summer EBT eligibility language</i></p>	<p>Sec. E.316 SUMMER EBT BENEFIT <u>(a) An amount not to exceed \$40,000 of the General Fund appropriated in Sec. B.316 of this act shall be used to provide benefits for noncitizen students who would otherwise be eligible for nutritional benefit programs funded by federal grants.</u></p>
<p>Sec. E.317.1 <i>Adds language directing funds appropriated for post-permanency adoption increase to post-permanency adoption services and Saint Albans youth shelter (addressed in Senate Sec. C.120)</i></p>	<p>Sec. E.317.1 ADOPTION; POST PERMANENCY SERVICES <u>(a) Any unused funds designated for the purposes described in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317, not to exceed \$270,234, shall be used in fiscal year 2025 for post-permanency adoption services provided by Lund, Easterseals Vermont, and the Northeastern Family Institute of Vermont.</u> <u>(b) Any unused funds designated for the purposes described in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317, not to exceed \$446,253, shall be used in fiscal year 2025 for services provided to the youth homeless shelter in Saint Albans by Spectrum Youth and Family Services.</u></p>
<p>Sec. E.322 <i>Adds language directing DCF to submit a transition plan on the needs for calculating the 3SquaresVT benefit at 30 percent of USDA moderate-cost food plan</i></p>	<p>Sec. E.322 REPORT; 3SQUARESVT; MINIMUM BENEFIT CALCULATION <u>(a) On or before January 1, 2025, the Department for Children and Families shall submit a transition plan to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare detailing the process and resources necessary to calculate the minimum benefit for 3SquaresVT participants at 30 percent of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's moderate-cost food plan, including:</u> <u>(1) the nature, cost, and timeline of any information technology changes needed to implement the new benefit calculation;</u></p>

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	<p><u>(2) the annual cost of implementing the increased 3SquaresVT benefit;</u></p> <p><u>(3) the number and type of additional staff positions necessary to implement the new benefit calculation; and</u></p> <p><u>(4) any statutory changes or federal approvals necessary to implement the new benefit calculation.</u></p>
<p>Sec. E.323 <i>Adds language requiring DCF to submit an amended report on Reach Up recalculation</i></p>	<p>Sec. E.323 RECALCULATION; REACH UP; RATABLE REDUCTION REPORT</p> <p>(a) On or before October 1, 2024, the Department for Children and Families shall submit an amended report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health Welfare recalculating the amount needed to remove the ratable reduction in the Reach Up program using current housing costs.</p>
<p>Sec. E.400 <i>Adds language clarifying that DOL positions in new office are existing positions</i></p>	<p>Sec. E.400 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; OFFICE OF WORKFORCE EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>(a) The two staff positions within the Office of Workforce Expansion and Development shall be existing positions within the Department of Labor and funded through the appropriation made in Sec. B.400 of this act.</p>