

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Institutions to which was referred House Bill No. 493
3 entitled “An act relating to capital construction and State bonding” respectfully
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate
5 propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out all after the
6 enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 * * * Legislative Intent * * *

8 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

9 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$122,767,376.00
10 authorized in this act, not more than \$56,445,325.00 shall be appropriated in
11 the first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the
12 second year.

13 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the
14 biennium, any amendments to the appropriations or authorities granted in this
15 act shall take the form of the Capital Construction and State Bonding
16 Adjustment Bill. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unless otherwise
17 indicated, all appropriations in this act are subject to capital budget adjustment.

18 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

19 (a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Buildings
20 and General Services, and the Commissioner is authorized to direct funds
21 appropriated in this section to the projects contained in this section; however,

1 no project shall be canceled unless the Chairs of the Senate Committee on
2 Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions are
3 notified before that action is taken.

4 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024:

5 (1) Statewide, major maintenance: \$8,001,244.00

6 (2) Statewide, physical security enhancements: \$250,000.00

7 (3) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency: \$425,000.00

8 (4) Bennington, Battle Monument, construction of safety fencing:

9 \$500,000.00

10 (5) Brattleboro, courthouse, roof replacement:

11 \$2,750,000.00

12 (6) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence, master

13 plan, design, and decommissioning: \$350,000.00

14 (7) Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:

15 \$50,000.00

16 (8) Montpelier, State House, HVAC renovations: \$3,725,000.00

17 (9) Montpelier, 133 State Street, Office of Legislative Information

18 Technology, renovations: \$200,000.00

19 (10) St. Albans, Northwest State Correctional Facility, roof replacement:

20 \$1,300,000.00

1	<u>(11) St. Johnsbury, Northeast State Correctional Facility, Caledonia</u>	
2	<u>Community Work Camp, door control system replacement:</u>	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>
3	<u>(12) White River Junction, courthouse, renovations:</u>	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>
4	<u>(13) Statewide, three-acre parcel, stormwater, planning, design, and</u>	
5	<u>construction:</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
6	<u>(14) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase out:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
7	<u>(15) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program:</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
8	<u>(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025:</u>	
9	<u>(1) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>	<u>\$8,500,000.00</u>
10	<u>(2) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
11	<u>(3) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency:</u>	<u>\$425,000.00</u>
12	<u>(4) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence, master</u>	
13	<u>plan, design, and decommissioning:</u>	<u>\$400,000.00</u>
14	<u>(5) Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:</u>	
15		<u>\$50,000.00</u>
16	<u>(6) Montpelier, State House, HVAC renovations:</u>	<u>\$3,900,000.00</u>
17	<u>(7) Newport, Northern State Correctional Facility, planning and</u>	
18	<u>construction for the boiler replacement:</u>	<u>\$3,500,000.00</u>
19	<u>(8) St. Johnsbury, Northeast State Correctional Facility, Caledonia</u>	
20	<u>Community Work Camp, door control system replacement:</u>	<u>\$1,750,000.00</u>
21	<u>(9) White River Junction, courthouse, renovations:</u>	<u>\$4,000,000.00</u>

1 (10) Statewide, three-acre parcel, stormwater, planning, design, and
2 construction: \$1,500,000.00

3 (11) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase out: \$1,000,000.00

4 (d) For the project described in subdivisions (b)(10) and (c)(6) of this
5 section, the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
6 expend funds for a water-to-water heat pump system to dehumidify the State
7 House in the summer months.

8 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$22,376,244.00

9 Appropriation – FY 2025 \$25,275,000.00

10 Total Appropriation – Section 2 \$47,651,244.00

11 Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

12 (a) The sum of \$300,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Department
13 of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Corrections for
14 planning, design, and construction for HVAC system upgrades and
15 replacements at statewide correctional facilities.

16 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of
17 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the
18 following projects described in this subsection:

19 (1) Northwest State Correctional Facility, booking expansion, planning,
20 design, and construction: \$2,500,000.00

1	<u>(2) Underwater preserves:</u>	<u>\$46,000.00</u>
2	<u>(3) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:</u>	
3		<u>\$25,000.00</u>
4	<u>(4) Unmarked Burial Sites Special Fund:</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
5	<u>(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of</u>	
6	<u>Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described</u>	
7	<u>in this subsection:</u>	
8	<u>(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
9	<u>(2) Underwater preserves:</u>	<u>\$46,000.00</u>
10	<u>(3) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:</u>	
11		<u>\$25,000.00</u>
12	<u>(4) Unmarked Burial Sites Special Fund:</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
13	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$596,000.00</u>
14	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$596,000.00</u>
15	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 4</u>	<u>\$1,192,000.00</u>
16	Sec. 5. GRANT PROGRAMS	
17	<u>(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 for the Building</u>	
18	<u>Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:</u>	
19	<u>(1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,</u>	
20	<u>Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant</u>	
21	<u>Program:</u>	

1 \$300,000.00

2 (2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,

3 Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant

4 Program:

5 \$325,000.00

6 (3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultural Facilities Grant

7 Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that may be made

8 available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided that all capital

9 funds are made available to the Cultural Facilities Grant Program:

10 \$300,000.00

11 (4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the

12 Recreational Facilities Grant Program: \$300,000.00

13 (5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human

14 Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program (Human

15 Services): \$150,000.00

16 (6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human

17 Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program (Education):

18 \$150,000.00

19 (7) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the

20 Regional Economic Development Grant Program: \$300,000.00

1	<u>(5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human</u>	
2	<u>Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program (Human</u>	
3	<u>Services):</u>	<u>\$150,000.00</u>
4	<u>(6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human</u>	
5	<u>Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program (Education):</u>	
6		<u>\$150,000.00</u>
7	<u>(7) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the</u>	
8	<u>Regional Economic Development Grant Program:</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
9	<u>(8) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural</u>	
10	<u>Fairs and Field Days Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program:</u>	
11		<u>\$350,000.00</u>
12	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$2,175,000.00</u>
13	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$2,175,000.00</u>
14	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 5</u>	<u>\$4,350,000.00</u>
15	Sec. 6. EDUCATION	
16	<u>(a) The sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of</u>	
17	<u>Education for funding emergency projects.</u>	
18	<u>(b) The sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of</u>	
19	<u>Education for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section.</u>	
20	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
21	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>

1 Total Appropriation – Section 6 \$100,000.00

2 Sec. 7. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

3 (a) The sum of \$1,600,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the University
4 of Vermont for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility
5 owned or operated in the State by the University of Vermont.

6 (b) The sum of \$1,500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the University
7 of Vermont for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section.

8 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$1,600,000.00

9 Appropriation – FY 2025 \$1,500,000.00

10 Total Appropriation – Section 7 \$3,100,000.00

11 Sec. 8. VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

12 (a) The sum of \$1,500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Vermont
13 State Colleges for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any
14 facility owned or operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges.

15 (b) The sum of \$1,500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Vermont
16 State Colleges for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section.

17 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$1,500,000.00

18 Appropriation – FY 2025 \$1,500,000.00

19 Total Appropriation – Section 8 \$3,000,000.00

20 Sec. 9. NATURAL RESOURCES

1 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
2 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
3 projects described in this subsection:

4 (1) State match, drinking water supply, Drinking Water State Revolving
5 Fund: \$174,586.00
6 (2) Dam safety and hydrology projects: \$1,000,000.00

7 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
8 Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the
9 following projects:

10 (1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small-scale
11 rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of
12 restrooms and bathhouses, statewide small-scale road rehabilitation projects,
13 and three-acre stormwater rule compliance: \$3,750,000.00
14 (2) Open access recreational infrastructure and State forests and
15 recreational access points: \$768,863.00

16 (c) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
17 Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the projects
18 described in this subsection:

19 (1) General infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance
20 and rehabilitation of infrastructure: \$1,878,632.00

1 (2) Lake Champlain Walleye Association, Inc., to upgrade and repair the
2 Walleye rearing, restoration, and stocking infrastructure: \$25,000.00

3 (d) The sum of \$2,207,901.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
4 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
5 State's match to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the drinking
6 water supply.

7 (e) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
8 Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the
9 following projects:

10 (1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small-scale
11 rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of
12 restrooms and bathhouses, statewide small-scale road rehabilitation projects,
13 and three-acre stormwater rule compliance: \$3,250,000.00

14 (2) Open access recreational infrastructure and forest park access roads:
15 \$670,000.00

16 (f) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
17 Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the projects
18 described in this subsection:

19 (1) General infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance
20 and rehabilitation of infrastructure: \$1,344,150.00

1	<u>(2) Lake Champlain Walleye Association, Inc., to upgrade and repair the</u>	
2	<u>Walleye rearing, restoration, and stocking infrastructure:</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
3	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$7,597,081.00</u>
4	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$7,497,051.00</u>
5	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 9</u>	<u>\$15,094,132.00</u>

6 Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

7 (a) The sum of \$2,202,019.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
8 Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants and contracts.

9 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
10 Natural Resources for the following projects:

11 (1) the Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match
12 for the Water Pollution Control Fund: \$332,981.00

13 (2) municipal pollution control grants: \$4,000,000.00

14 (c) The sum of \$550,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
15 Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for
16 forestry access roads, recreation access roads, and water quality improvements.

17 (d)(1) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Vermont
18 Housing and Conservation Board for the following projects:

19 (A) Agricultural water quality projects: \$800,000.00

20 (B) Land conservation and water quality projects: \$2,000,000.00

21 (2) A grant issued under subdivision (1)(A) of this subsection:

1 (A) shall not be considered a State grant under 6 V.S.A. chapter 215,
2 subchapter 3 for purposes of calculating the maximum amount of a State water
3 quality assistance award under 6 V.S.A. § 4824 or 4826; and

4 (B) may be used to satisfy a grant recipient’s cost-share
5 requirements.

6 (e) The sum of \$6,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
7 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for
8 clean water implementation projects.

9 (f) On or before December 1, 2023:

10 (1) The Clean Water Board shall review and recommend Clean Water
11 Act implementation programs funded from subsection (e) of this section.

12 (2) The Board shall submit a report with the list of programs
13 recommended for FY 2025 to the Chairs of the House Committee on
14 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and to
15 the Governor for the FY 2024 capital budget adjustment report. The report
16 shall include a recommendation on whether funds appropriated to the Clean
17 Water Fund, established in 10 V.S.A. § 1388, may be used for municipal
18 pollution control grants in FY 2025.

19 (g) In FY 2024 and FY 2025, any agency that receives funding from this
20 section shall consult with the State Treasurer to ensure that the projects are
21 capital eligible.

1	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$9,885,000.00</u>
2	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$6,000,000.00</u>
3	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 10</u>	<u>\$15,885,000.00</u>

4 Sec. 11. MILITARY

5 (a) The sum of \$1,251,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the
6 Department of Military for maintenance, renovations, and ADA compliance at
7 State armories.

8 (b) The sum of \$1,064,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the
9 Department of Military for the projects described in subsection (a) of this
10 section.

11	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$1,251,000.00</u>
12	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$1,064,000.00</u>
13	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 11</u>	<u>\$2,315,000.00</u>

14 Sec. 12. AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS

15 (a) The sum of \$1,200,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the
16 Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Agriculture,
17 Food and Markets for major maintenance at the Vermont building of the
18 Eastern States Exposition.

19 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of
20 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and
21 Markets for the following projects:

1	<u>(1) Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory Heat Plant,</u>	
2	<u>construction:</u>	<u>\$1,040,000.00</u>
3	<u>(2) Vermont building of the Eastern States Exposition, major</u>	
4	<u>maintenance:</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
5	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$1,200,000.00</u>
6	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$2,540,000.00</u>
7	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 12</u>	<u>\$3,740,000.00</u>

8 Sec. 13. VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

9 (a) The sum of \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Department
10 of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the dry
11 hydrant program.

12 (b) The sum of \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department
13 of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the
14 project described in subsection (a) of this section.

15	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$125,000.00</u>
16	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$125,000.00</u>
17	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 13</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>

18 Sec. 14. VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION BOARD

19 (a) The sum of \$1,800,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Vermont
20 Housing and Conservation Board for housing and conservation projects.

1 Resolves No. 139, Sec. 2(c)(5) (relocation of greenhouse), the sum of
2 \$26,131.60 is reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in this act.

3 (c) Of the amount appropriated to the Agency of Education in 2019 Acts
4 and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 7(a) (emergency projects), the sum of \$34,760.56
5 is reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in this act.

6 (d) Of the amount appropriated to the Department of Environmental
7 Conservation in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 10(a)(3) (municipal
8 pollution control grants), the sum of \$64,628.10 is reallocated to defray
9 expenditures authorized in this act.

10 (e) The following sums appropriated to the Department of Forest, Parks
11 and Recreation are reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in this act:

12 (1) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
13 Sec. 10(b) (infrastructure rehabilitation): \$219.08

14 (2) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
15 Sec. 10(f) (infrastructure rehabilitation): \$1,865.52

16 (3) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
17 Sec. 10(b) (infrastructure rehabilitation): \$33,638.68

18 (4) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
19 Sec. 10(g) (infrastructure rehabilitation): \$16,043.11

20 (5) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
21 Sec. 11(c)(1) (forestry skidder bridges): \$3,600.00

1 (f) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec.
2 17(a)(2) (committee room chairs), the sum of \$2,006.46 is reallocated to
3 defray expenditures authorized in this act.

4 (g) The following sums appropriated to the Vermont Veterans’ Home
5 are reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in this act:

6 (1) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
7 Sec. 16(a) (resident care furnishings): \$88,835.00

8 (2) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
9 Sec. 16(c)(resident care furnishings): \$49,914.00

10 (3) of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,
11 Sec. 11 (security access system): \$92,794.00

12 Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 16 \$14,767,376.32

13 Sec. 17. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS

14 The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in the
15 amount of \$108,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations of
16 this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor, shall
17 determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds authorized by this
18 section consistent with the underlying nature of the appropriation to be funded.
19 The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated cost of bond issuance or
20 issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated pursuant to this

1 section and for which bonding is required as the source of funds, pursuant to
2 32 V.S.A. § 954.

3 Total Revenues – Section 17 \$108,000,000.00

4 Sec. 18. FY 2024 AND 2025; CAPITAL PROJECTS; FY 2024

5 APPROPRIATIONS ACT; INTENT; AUTHORIZATIONS

6 (a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that in addition to the issuance
7 of general obligation bonds, eligible capital projects may be funded from the
8 Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b.

9 (b) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize certain
10 capital projects eligible for funding by 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in this act but
11 appropriate the funds for these projects in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. It
12 is also the intent of the General Assembly that the FY 2024 Appropriations Act
13 appropriate funds to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b for projects in
14 FY 2025, which shall be allocated pursuant to the process set forth in
15 subsection (e) of this section.

16 (c) Authorizations. In FY 2024, spending authority for the following
17 capital projects are authorized as follows:

18 (1) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
19 spend \$400,000.00 for planning, reuse, and contingency;

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1 (10) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
2 spend \$1,500,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
3 design for the replacement of the women’s correctional facility and reentry
4 facility;

5 (11) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
6 spend \$1,000,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
7 design of the Department for Children and Families’ short-term stabilization
8 facility;

9 (12) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
10 spend \$750,000.00 for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County
11 Superior Courthouse in Barre;

12 (13) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
13 spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
14 design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

15 (14) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
16 spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
17 design of the Rutland Field Station;

18 (15) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
19 spend \$300,000.00 for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the
20 planning and design of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental
21 Laboratory Heat Plant;

1 (16) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
2 spend \$1,000,000.00 for electric vehicle charging stations at State buildings;

3 (17) the Vermont State Colleges is authorized to spend \$6,000,000.00
4 for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or
5 operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure
6 transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green
7 Hall and Vail Hall;

8 (18) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
9 \$9,800,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State
10 match to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Drinking Water
11 State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund;

12 (19) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
13 \$4,500,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
14 Waterbury Dam rehabilitation;

15 (20) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
16 \$4,000,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
17 Municipal Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning
18 advances for feasibility studies;

19 (21) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
20 \$3,000,000.00 for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the

1 maintenance facilities at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest
2 State Park; and

3 (22) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
4 \$800,000.00 for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure
5 maintenance and improvements of the Department’s buildings, including
6 conservation camps.

7 (d) FY 2025 capital projects. To the extent general funds are available to
8 appropriate to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in FY 2025, it is the
9 intent of the General Assembly that the following capital projects receive
10 funding from the Fund:

11 (1) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
12 Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

13 (2) the sum of \$2,300,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
14 General Services for parking garage repairs at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington;

15 (3) the sum of \$2,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
16 General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120
17 State Street in Montpelier;

18 (4) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
19 General Services for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County
20 Superior Courthouse in Barre;

1 (5) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
2 General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
3 design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

4 (6) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
5 General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
6 design of the Rutland Field Station;

7 (7) the sum of \$1,500,000.00 to the Vermont Veterans’ Home for design
8 for the renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units;

9 (8) the sum of \$500,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
10 Services for the Newport courthouse replacement, planning, and design;

11 (9) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
12 Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel waterproofing and
13 Aiken Avenue reconstruction; and

14 (10) the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
15 General Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the
16 elevator replacement at 111 State Street.

17 (e) Recommendation. On or before December 15, 2023:

18 (1) the Secretary of Administration shall review and recommend capital
19 projects to be funded from the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b; and

20 (2) the Secretary of Administration shall submit the list of capital
21 projects recommended for FY 2025 to the Chairs of the House Committee on

1 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and to
2 the Governor for the FY 2025 capital budget adjustment report.

3 * * * Policy * * *

4 * * * Agriculture, Food and Markets * * *

5 Sec. 19. 26 V.S.A. § 4811 is amended to read:

6 § 4811. SAFETY STANDARDS

7 Minimum safety standards for the conduct of any race covered by this
8 chapter are established as follows:

9 (1) Each race track shall have a substantial fence of steel wire or plank
10 construction or other barrier not less than three feet high between the track and
11 area designated for spectators. No grandstand shall be constructed or
12 spectators allowed on a curved side of a track unless the barrier, including all
13 walls, fencing, and overhangs, meets the same standards for the straightaway
14 of the track with spectators. For motorcycle, ATV, or snowmobile racing,
15 each track shall have a snow fence or other suitable barrier not less than four
16 feet high between the track and the area designated for spectators. The outside
17 portion of all tracks shall be a reasonable distance from the spectators.

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19 * * * Buildings and General Services * * *

20 Sec. 20. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:

21 § 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY

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(b)(1) Upon authorization by the General Assembly, which may be granted by resolution, and with the advice and consent of the Governor, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may sell real estate owned by the State. Such property shall be sold to the highest bidder therefor at public auction or upon sealed bids in the discretion of the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, who may reject any or all bids. ~~Notice, or the~~ Commissioner is authorized to list the sale of property with a real estate agent licensed by the State.

(2) If the Commissioner elects to sell the property at auction or by sealed bid, notice of the sale or a request for sealed bids shall be posted:

(A) by electronic means; or

(B) in at least three public places in the town where the property is located and also published three times in a newspaper having a known circulation in the town, the last publication to be not less than 10 days before the date of sale or opening of the bids. ~~Failing to consummate a sale under the method prescribed in this section, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to list the sale of this property with a real estate agent licensed by the State of Vermont.~~

(3) This subsection shall not apply to the sale, conveyance, exchange, or lease of lands or interests in lands; to the amendment of deeds, leases, and

1 easements; or to sales of timber made in accordance with the provisions of
2 10 V.S.A. chapter 155 or the provisions of 10 V.S.A. chapter 83.

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4 Sec. 21. SALE OF PROPERTIES

5 (a) 110 State Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the
6 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the
7 property located at 110 State Street in the City of Montpelier. The
8 Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to purchase the
9 property.

10 (1) The City’s preferential right to purchase the property authorized in
11 this subsection shall terminate unless the City submits a written notification to
12 the Commissioner of its intent to purchase the property within 90 days from
13 the date of the written offer.

14 (2) If the City submits a notification of its intent to purchase the
15 property pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the City shall submit a
16 written offer to the Commissioner not later than June 1, 2024. In the event the
17 City fails to submit a written offer by June 1, 2024, then the City’s preferential
18 right to purchase the property shall terminate and the Commissioner is
19 authorized to sell the property to another party.

20 (b) Stanley Hall and Wasson Hall. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b),
21 the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to

1 subdivide, sell, or otherwise dispose of the portion of land in the Waterbury
2 State Office Complex (Parcel ID # 916-0103.V as designated on the Town of
3 Waterbury’s Tax Parcel Maps) that housed the former Stanley Hall and the
4 adjacent parking lot, located at 32 Park Row, and Wasson Hall, located at 64
5 Horseshoe Drive, to the Town of Waterbury.

6 (1) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall notify, in
7 writing, the Town of Waterbury of the right to purchase or acquire the
8 properties described in subdivision (1) of this subsection provided that the
9 following conditions are met:

10 (A) the Town of Waterbury’s Select Board takes a formal action
11 within 90 days from the date of the written offer indicating the Town’s interest
12 in purchasing or acquiring the properties; and

13 (B) if the Town elects to purchase or acquire the properties, the Town
14 submits a written offer not later than June 1, 2024;

15 (2) If the conditions in subdivision (1) of this subsection are not met,
16 then the Commissioner’s authority to subdivide, sell, or otherwise dispose of
17 the property described in this subsection shall be rescinded.

18 (c) 108 Cherry Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the
19 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the
20 property located at 108 Cherry Street in the City of Burlington. The

1 Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to purchase the
2 property.

3 (1) The City’s preferential right to purchase the property authorized in
4 this subsection shall terminate unless the City submits a written notification to
5 the Commissioner of its intent to purchase the property within 90 days from
6 the date of the written offer.

7 (2) If the City submits a notification of its intent to purchase the
8 property pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the City shall submit a
9 written offer to the Commissioner not later than June 1, 2024. In the event the
10 City fails to submit a written offer by June 1, 2024, then the City’s preferential
11 right to purchase the property shall terminate and the Commissioner is
12 authorized to sell the property to another party.

13 Sec. 22. RELOCATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES; DEPARTMENT OF
14 BUILDINGS AND GENERAL SERVICES; CITY OF
15 BURLINGTON

16 Prior to the sale of the building located at 108 Cherry Street in Burlington,
17 the Department of Buildings and General Services shall work with the City of
18 Burlington to find another appropriate location in downtown Burlington to
19 relocate State employees who provide client services.

20 Sec. 23. 32 V.S.A. § 701a is amended to read:

21 § 701a. CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION BILL

1 (a) When the capital budget has been submitted by the Governor to the
2 General Assembly, it shall immediately be referred to the House Committee on
3 Corrections and Institutions, which shall proceed to consider the budget
4 request in the context of the 10-year capital program plan also submitted by the
5 Governor pursuant to sections 309 and 310 of this title. The Committee shall
6 also propose to the General Assembly:

7 (1) a prudent amount of total general obligation bonding for the
8 following fiscal year, for support of the capital budget, in consideration of the
9 recommendation of the Capital Debt Affordability Advisory Committee
10 pursuant to chapter 13, subchapter 8 of this title; and

11 (2) recommendations for capital projects that may be paid for from the
12 Cash Fund for Capital Infrastructure and Other Essential Investments,
13 established in section 1001b of this title.

14 (b) As soon as possible, the Committee shall prepare a bill to be known as
15 the “capital construction bill,” which shall be introduced for action by the
16 General Assembly.

17 (c) The spending authority authorized by a capital construction act shall
18 carry forward until expended, unless otherwise provided.

19 (1) All unexpended funds remaining for projects authorized by capital
20 construction acts enacted in a legislative session that was two or more years

1 prior to the current legislative session shall be reported to the General
2 Assembly and may be reallocated in future capital construction acts.

3 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, any amounts
4 appropriated in a previous capital construction act that are unexpended for at
5 least five years shall be reallocated to future capital construction acts.

6 (d)(1) On or before ~~January 15~~, November 15 each year, the Commissioner
7 of Finance and Management shall require each entity to which spending
8 authority has been authorized by a capital construction act enacted in a
9 legislative session that was two or more years prior to the current legislative
10 session ~~shall submit to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions~~
11 ~~and the Senate Committee on Institutions~~ to submit a report on the current fund
12 balances of each authorized project with unexpended funds. The report shall
13 include plans for the unexpended funds, any projects or contracts the funds are
14 assigned to, and an anticipated timeline for expending the funds.

15 (2) On or before December 15 each year, the Commissioner of Finance
16 and Management shall submit in a consolidated format the reports required by
17 subdivision (1) of this subsection to the House Committee on Corrections and
18 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

19 (e) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall
20 not apply to the reports to be made under subsections (c) and (d) of this
21 section.

* * * Corrections * * *

Sec. 24. 29 V.S.A. § 170a is added to read:

§ 170a. DESIGN OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES; USE OF EVIDENCE-
BASED DESIGN PRINCIPLES FOR WELLNESS
ENVIRONMENTS

The Department of Buildings and General Services shall coordinate with
the Department of Corrections on the design and planning for any
maintenance, renovation, or construction to a State correctional facility to
ensure that evidence-based design principles for wellness environments are
incorporated into the design and planning phase of a project.

Sec. 25. NORTHWEST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; FUNDING
REQUEST FOR FEDERAL DETAINEES; INTENT FOR
BOOKING EXPANSION DESIGN

(a) On or before August 15, 2023, the Secretary of Human Services shall
request federal funds to support capital construction at the Northwest State
Correctional Facility, which houses federal detainees, including U.S.
Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees. The Commissioner of
Finance and Management shall only release the funds appropriated in Sec. 3(1)
of this act upon notification from the Secretary that the request was submitted.

1 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commissioner of
2 Buildings and General Services shall incorporate into booking expansion
3 design at the Northwest State Correctional Facility:

4 (1) renovations to the HVAC system;

5 (2) enhanced employee amenities, including amenities to address
6 employee health and wellness needs;

7 (3) the use of renewable energy; and

8 (4) the use of evidence-based principles for wellness environments for
9 supporting trauma-informed practices.

10 Sec. 26. REPLACEMENT WOMEN’S FACILITIES; SITE LOCATION

11 PROPOSAL; DESIGN INTENT

12 (a)(1) Site location proposal. On or before January 15, 2024, the
13 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a site location
14 proposal for replacement women’s facilities for justice-involved women to the
15 House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee
16 on Institutions. It is the intent of the General Assembly that when evaluating
17 site locations, preference shall be given to State-owned property. The proposal
18 shall consider both co-locating facilities in a campus-style approach for
19 operational efficiencies and the need for separate facilities at different
20 locations.

1 (2) Beginning September 15, 2023 and ending December 15, 2023, the
2 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit monthly status
3 reports on the site location proposal described in subdivision (1) of this
4 subsection (a).

5 (b) Design intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the
6 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the
7 Commissioner of Corrections, shall incorporate into the design of any
8 women’s replacement facility the use of evidence-based principles for wellness
9 environments for supporting trauma-informed practices.

10 Sec. 27. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REPLACEMENT

11 WOMEN’S FACILITIES; REPORT

12 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State’s long-term goal
13 and vision for justice-involved individuals includes their reentry into the
14 community through a system of supports grounded in restorative justice
15 principles.

16 (b) On or before November 15, 2023, the Department of Corrections shall
17 submit a written report to the House Committees on Corrections and
18 Institutions and on Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Institutions and on
19 Judiciary regarding the proposed size and scale of replacement women’s
20 facilities. The report shall address the following:

21 (1) proposed allocation of beds in correctional and re-entry facilities;

1 (2) bed types for specialized populations in each facility; and

2 (3) data and rationale used to inform size of each facility.

3 * * * Judiciary * * *

4 Sec. 28. BARRE; WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE;
5 RENOVATIONS

6 On or before September 15, 2023, the Commissioner of Buildings and
7 General Services shall engage the City of Barre on options for renovating the
8 existing Washington County Superior Courthouse or finding a new site
9 location for the building.

10 * * * Legislature * * *

11 Sec. 29. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. E.126.3, as amended by 2021
12 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 31 and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 180, Sec.
13 20, is further amended to read:

14 Sec. E.126.3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY; STATE BUILDINGS; USE OF
15 SPACE; AUTHORITY OF SERGEANT AT ARMS

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17 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024,
18 notwithstanding the provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 165 and any other provision of
19 law to the contrary, in order to perform its constitutional duties, the Legislative
20 Branch shall have exclusive use of rooms 264, 267, 268, and 270 on the second
21 floor of 109 State Street.

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2 Sec. 30. STATE HOUSE; EXPANSION; DESIGN; SPECIAL COMMITTEE

3 (a) The Department of Buildings and General Services has contracted with
4 Freeman, French, Freeman to develop programming options that will be the
5 basis for a schematic design for the expansion of the State House. The
6 programming options will be finalized in June 2023 and the schematic design
7 in November 2023 when the General Assembly is not in session. It is the
8 intent of the General Assembly to approve the programming option for a
9 schematic design plan for the State House expansion as soon as practicable to
10 allow the Department of Buildings and General Services to begin the design
11 development phase of the expansion.

12 (b) A special committee consisting of the Joint Legislative Management
13 Committee and the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and
14 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions (special committee) is
15 hereby established. The special committee is authorized to meet to review,
16 approve, or recommend alterations to the schematic design described in
17 subsection (a) of this section at a regularly scheduled Joint Legislative
18 Management Committee meeting. In making its decision, the special
19 committee shall consider:

20 (1) how the design impacts the ability of the General Assembly to
21 conduct legislative business;

- 1 (2) allows for public access to citizens;
- 2 (3) the financial consequences to the State of approval or disapproval of
- 3 the proposal; and
- 4 (4) whether any potential alternatives are available.

5 (c) The special committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as
6 provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.

7 Sec. 31. 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 3a, as amended by 2019 Acts
8 and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 24 and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 23, is
9 further amended to read:

10 Sec. 3a. REPEAL

11 2 V.S.A. chapter 30 (Capitol Complex Security Advisory Committee) is
12 repealed on ~~June 30, 2023~~ June 30, 2024.

13 * * * Natural Resources * * *

14 Sec. 32. REPEAL

15 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. 12 (suspension of private loans for
16 clean water projects) is repealed.

17 * * * Public Safety * * *

18 Sec. 33. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 12, as amended by 2022 Acts
19 and Resolves No. 180, Sec. 10, is further amended to read:

20 Sec. 12. PUBLIC SAFETY

21 * * *

1 (b) ~~The following amounts are~~ sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY
2 2023 to the Department of Public Safety for the ~~projects described in this~~
3 ~~subsection:~~

- 4 (1) ~~Pittsford, Vermont Policy Academy, feasibility study:—\$50,000.00.~~
- 5 (2) ~~Williston Public Safety Field Station, construction:—\$3,500,000.00~~

6 (c) The sum of \$3,500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2023 to the
7 Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public
8 Safety for the construction of the Williston Public Field Station.

9	Appropriation – FY 2022	\$6,120,000.00
10	Appropriation – FY 2023	\$3,550,000.00
11	Total Appropriation – Section 12	\$9,670,000.00

12 * * * Effective Date * * *

13 Sec. 34. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.

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17 (Committee vote: _____)

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19 Senator _____

20 FOR THE COMMITTEE