

1 Introduced by Committee on Corrections and Institutions

2 Date:

3 Subject: Capital construction; capital appropriations; State bonding

4 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize  
5 bonding, appropriate capital funds, and address miscellaneous related items.

6 An act relating to capital construction and State bonding

7 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

8 \* \* \* Legislative Intent \* \* \*

9 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

10 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$[X] authorized in  
11 this act, not more than \$[X] shall be appropriated in the first year of the  
12 biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the 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

1 appropriated in this section to the projects contained in this section; however,  
2 no project shall be canceled unless the Chairs of the Senate Committee on  
3 Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions are  
4 notified before that action is taken.

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

6 (1) Statewide, major maintenance: \$X,XXX,XXX

7 (2) Statewide, physical security enhancements: \$X,XXX,XXX

8 (3) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency: \$X,XXX,XXX

9 (4) Barre, McFarland State Office Building, roof replacement and brick  
10 façade repairs: \$X,XXX,XXX

11 (5) Bennington, Battle Monument, construction of safety fencing:

12 \$X,XXX,XXX

13 (6) Brattleboro, courthouse, roof replacement:

14 \$X,XXX,XXX

15 (7) Middlesex, Central Services complex, roof replacement:

16 \$X,XXX,XXX

17 (8) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence, master  
18 plan, design, and decommissioning: \$X,XXX,XXX

19 (9) Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:

20 \$X,XXX,XXX

21 (10) Montpelier, State House, HVAC renovations:

\$X,XXX,XXX

1	<u>(11) Montpelier, 111 State Street, stack area renovation, HVAC</u>	
2	<u>upgrade, elevator replacement:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
3	<u>(12) Montpelier, 133 State Street, Office of Legislative Information</u>	
4	<u>Technology, renovations:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
5	<u>(13) Newport, courthouse replacement, planning, and design:</u>	
6		<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
7	<u>(14) St. Albans, Northwest State Correctional Facility, roof replacement:</u>	
8		<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
9	<u>(15) St. Johnsbury, Northeast State Correctional Facility, Caledonia</u>	
10	<u>Community Work Camp, door control system replacement:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
11	<u>(16) White River Junction, courthouse, renovations:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
12	<u>(17) Statewide, three-acre parcel, stormwater, planning, design, and</u>	
13	<u>construction:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
14	<u>(18) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase out:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
15	<u>(19) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
16	<u>(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025:</u>	
17	<u>(1) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
18	<u>(2) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
19	<u>(3) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
20		<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>



















1 infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance and rehabilitation of  
2 infrastructure.

3 (d) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX 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: \$X,XXX,XXX

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

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

19 (1) Improving public access to wildlife management areas and  
20 maintaining critical infrastructure: \$X,XXX,XXX

21 (2) Hatchery improvements: \$X,XXX,XXX

1	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
2	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
3	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 8</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>

4 Sec. 9. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

5 (a) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of  
6 Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants and contracts.

7 (b) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of  
8 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
9 Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match for the Water  
10 Pollution Control Fund.

11 (c) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of  
12 Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for  
13 forestry access roads, recreation access roads, and water quality improvements.

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

16 (A) Agricultural water quality projects: \$X,XXX,XXX

17 (B) Land conservation and water quality projects: \$X,XXX,XXX

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

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

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

3           (e) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of  
4           Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for  
5           clean water implementation projects.

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

7           (1) the Clean Water Board shall review and recommend Clean Water  
8           Act implementation programs funded from subsection (e) of this section; and

9           (2) the Board shall submit the list of programs recommended for FY  
10           2025 to the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and  
11           the Senate Committee on Institutions and to the Governor for the FY 2024  
12           capital budget adjustment report.

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

16 <u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
17 <u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
18 <u>Total Appropriation – Section 9</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>



1	<u>(2) Vermont building of the Eastern States Exposition, major</u>	
2	<u>maintenance:</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
3	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
4	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
5	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 11</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>

6 **Sec. 12. PUBLIC SAFETY**

7	<u>(a) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2025 to the</u>	
8	<u>Department of Buildings and General Services for the for planning for</u>	
9	<u>renovations to the administration building, West Cottage, at the Criminal</u>	
10	<u>Justice Training Council in Pittsford.</u>	
11	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
12	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 12</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>

13 **Sec. 13. VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION**

14	<u>(a) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2024 to the</u>	
15	<u>Department of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force</u>	
16	<u>for the dry hydrant program.</u>	
17	<u>(b) The sum of \$X,XXX,XXX is appropriated in FY 2025 to the</u>	
18	<u>Department of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force</u>	
19	<u>for the project described in subsection (a) of this section.</u>	
20	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>
21	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$X,XXX,XXX</u>







1 this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor, shall  
2 determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds authorized by this  
3 section consistent with the underlying nature of the appropriation to be funded.

4 The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated cost of bond issuance or  
5 issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated pursuant to this  
6 section and for which bonding is required as the source of funds, pursuant to  
7 32 V.S.A. § 954.

8 Total Revenues – Section 17 \$X,XXX,XXX

9 **Sec. 18.** FY 2024 AND 2025; CAPITAL EXPENDITURE CASH FUND;

10 INTENT; AUTHORIZATIONS

11 (a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that in addition to the issuance  
12 of general obligation bonds, eligible capital projects may be funded from the  
13 Capital Expenditure Cash Fund established pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1001b.

14 (b) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize certain  
15 projects that are eligible for funding through the Capital Expenditure Cash  
16 Fund in this act but appropriate the funds for these projects in the FY 2024  
17 Appropriations Act. It is also the intent of the General Assembly that the FY  
18 2024 Appropriations Act appropriate funds to the Capital Expenditure Cash  
19 Fund for projects in FY 2025, which shall be allocated pursuant to the process  
20 set forth in subsection (d) of this section.

1 (c) Authorizations. In FY 2024, spending authority for the following  
2 capital projects funded by the Capital Expenditure Cash Fund are authorized as  
3 follows:

4 (1) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
5 spend up to \$X,XXX,XXX for planning, reuse, and contingency;

6 (2) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
7 spend up to \$X,XXX,XXX for 32 Cherry Street, parking garage repairs;

8 (3) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
9 spend up to \$X,XXX,XXX for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam  
10 lines at 120 State Street;

11 (4) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
12 spend up to \$X,XXX,XXX for planning for the boiler replacement at the  
13 Northern State Correctional Facility in Newport;

14 (5) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
15 spend up to \$X,XXX,XXX for planning for renovations to the administration  
16 building, West Cottage, at the Criminal Justice Training Council in Pittsford;

17 (6) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
18 spend up to \$X,XXX,XXX for the Agency of Human Services for the planning  
19 and design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional  
20 Facility;

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

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

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

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

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

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



1           (1) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
2 spend up to \$X,XXX,XXX for electric vehicle charging stations at State  
3 buildings;

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

9           (3) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend up to  
10 \$X,XXX,XXX for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
11 State match to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Drinking  
12 Water State Revolving Fund;

13           (4) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend up to  
14 \$X,XXX,XXX for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
15 Waterbury Dam rehabilitation;

16           (5) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend up to  
17 \$X,XXX,XXX for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
18 Municipal Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning  
19 advances for feasibility studies;

20           (6) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend up to  
21 \$X,XXX,XXX 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 (7) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend up to  
4 \$X,XXX,XXX for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure  
5 maintenance and improvements of the Department’s buildings, including  
6 conservation camps.

7 \* \* \* Policy \* \* \*

8 \* \* \* Buildings and General Services \* \* \*

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

10 § 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY

11 \* \* \*

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

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





1           (b) Stanley Hall and Wasson Hall.

2           (1) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the Commissioner of Buildings  
3           and General Services is authorized to subdivide, sell, or otherwise dispose of  
4           the portion of land in the Waterbury State Office Complex (Parcel ID # 916-  
5           0103.V as designated on the Town of Waterbury’s Tax Parcel Maps) that  
6           housed the former Stanley Hall and the adjacent parking lot, located at 32 Park  
7           Row, and Wasson Hall, located at 64 Horseshoe Drive, to the Town of  
8           Waterbury.

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

13           (A) the Town of Waterbury’s Select Board takes a formal action  
14           indicating the Town’s interest in purchasing or acquiring the properties;

15           (B) the Department of Buildings and General Services conducts a site  
16           survey of the properties described in subdivision (1) of this subsection (b);

17           (C) the Department of Buildings and General Services determines  
18           that no other State department or agency has a use for the properties; and

19           (D) the deed includes a restriction limiting the use of the properties  
20           described in subdivision (1) of this subsection (b) to housing.

1           (3) If the Town rejects or fails to accept the offer in a timely manner, the  
2           Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall require approval from  
3           the General Assembly to sell to another party.

4           (c) 108 Cherry Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the  
5           Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the  
6           property located at 108 Cherry Street in the City of Burlington. The  
7           Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to purchase the  
8           property. If the City rejects or fails to enter into negotiations with the State  
9           within one year from the date of the written offer, the City’s preferential right  
10           under this subsection shall terminate.

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

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

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

19       § 701A. CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION BILL

20           (a) When the capital budget has been submitted by the Governor to the  
21           General Assembly, it shall immediately be referred to the House Committee on

1 Corrections and Institutions, which shall proceed to consider the budget  
2 request in the context of the 10-year capital program plan also submitted by the  
3 Governor pursuant to sections 309 and 310 of this title. The Committee shall  
4 also propose to the General Assembly:

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

9 (2) recommendations for capital projects that may be paid for from the  
10 Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund, established in Sec. 1001b of this title.

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

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

16 (1) All unexpended funds remaining for projects authorized by capital  
17 construction acts enacted in a legislative session that was two or more years  
18 prior to the current legislative session shall be reported to the General  
19 Assembly and may be reallocated in future capital construction acts.



1 § 170a. DESIGN OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES; USE OF EVIDENCE-  
2 BASED DESIGN PRINCIPLES FOR WELLNESS ENVIRONMENTS

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

8 **Sec. 25. NORTHWEST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; FUNDING**

9 **REQUEST FOR FEDERAL DETAINEES; INTENT FOR**

10 **BOOKING EXPANSION DESIGN**

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

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

20 (1) renovations to the HVAC system;

- 1           (2) enhanced employee amenities, including amenities to address  
2           employee health and wellness needs;  
3           (3) the use of renewable energy; and  
4           (4) the use of evidence-based principles for wellness environments for  
5           supporting trauma-informed practices.

6           **Sec. 26. WOMEN’S CORRECTIONAL AND REENTRY FACILITIES;**

7           **REPLACEMENT**

8           (a) On or before November 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Buildings and  
9           General Services shall submit a site location proposal for the women’s  
10           correctional facility and reentry facility to the House Committee on  
11           Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions. It is the  
12           intent of the General Assembly that when evaluating site locations, preference  
13           shall be given to State-owned property. The proposal shall consider co-  
14           locating the facilities in a campus-style approach for operational efficiencies  
15           and separating the facilities at different locations.

16           (b) Pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 23, with approval of the Speaker of the House  
17           and the President Pro Tempore, as appropriate, the House Committee on  
18           Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions may  
19           meet up to one time when the General Assembly is not in session to evaluate  
20           the proposal described in subsection (a) of this section and make a  
21           recommendation on the site location to the Joint Fiscal Committee. The

1 Committees shall notify the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services  
2 prior to holding a meeting pursuant to this subsection.

3 (c) The Joint Fiscal Committee shall review the recommendation of the  
4 Committees described in subsection (b) of this section at its November 2023  
5 meeting. If the Joint Fiscal Committee so determines, it shall approve the  
6 proposal as recommended by the Committees. Upon approval of the Joint  
7 Fiscal Committee, the amount appropriated in Sec. 3(2) of this act may be used  
8 for site acquisition, if necessary.

9 \* \* \* Judiciary \* \* \*

10 **Sec. 27.** BARRE; WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE;  
11 RENOVATIONS

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

16 \* \* \* Legislature \* \* \*

17 **Sec. 28.** 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. E.126.3, as amended by 2021  
18 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 31 and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 180, Sec.  
19 20, is further amended to read:

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



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

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**Sec. 29. STATE HOUSE; EXPANSION; DESIGN; SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

(a) The Department of Buildings and General Services has contracted with Freeman, French, Freeman to develop programming and a schematic design for the expansion of the State House, which will be finalized when the General Assembly is not in session, in June 2023 and November 2023, respectively. It is the intent of the General Assembly to approve the programming for a schematic design plan for the State House expansion as soon as practicable to allow the Department of Buildings and General Services to enter into contractual agreements to begin the design development phase of the expansion.

(b) A special committing consisting of the Joint Legislative Management Committee and the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions (“special committee”) is hereby established. The special committee is authorized to meet to review,

1 approve, or recommend alterations to the schematic design described in  
2 subsection (a) at a regularly scheduled Joint Legislative Management  
3 Committee meeting. In making its decision, the special committee shall  
4 consider:

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

7 (2) allows for public access to citizens;

8 (3) the financial consequences to the State of approval or disapproval of  
9 the proposal; and

10 (4) whether any potential alternatives are available.

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

13 Sec. 30. 29 V.S.A. § 152 is amended to read:

14 § 152. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER

15 (a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in addition to the  
16 duties expressly set forth elsewhere by law, shall have the authority to:

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18 (36) Consult, at least two times per month, with the Sergeant at Arms or  
19 designee on any maintenance, renovation, or construction projects for the State  
20 House or other legislative space.

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- 1     **Sec. 33.** EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2     This act shall take effect on passage.