- 1 Introduced by Committee on Corrections and Institutions
- 2 Date:
- 3 Subject: Capital construction; State bonding; budget adjustment
- 4 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to adjust the FY
- 5 2024 capital construction budget.

6	An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment
7	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
8	Sec. 1. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 1 is amended to read:
9	* * * Legislative Intent * * *
10	Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT
11	(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the $\$122,767,376.00$
12	<u>\$XXX,XXX,XXX.XX</u> authorized in this act, not more than \$56,520,325.00
13	\$XX,XXX,XXX.XX shall be appropriated in the first year of the biennium,
14	and the remainder shall be appropriated in the second year.
15	(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the
16	biennium, any amendments to the appropriations or authorities granted in this
17	act shall take the form of the Capital Construction and State Bonding
18	Adjustment Bill. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unless otherwise
19	indicated, all appropriations in this act are subject to capital budget adjustment.

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1	* * * Capital Appro	priations * * *	
2	Sec. 2. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 2.	ec. 2 is amended to	read:
3	Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS		
4	* * *		
5	(c) The following sums are appropriate	ed in FY 2025:	
6	* * *		
7	(4) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeu	tic Community Res	sidence, master
8	plan, design, and decommissioning:	\$400,00	0.00
9	(5) Montpelier, State House, replace	ement of historic fir	iishes:
10		\$50,00	0.00 [Repealed.]
11	* * *		
12	(11) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase	se out:	
13		\$1,000,000	.00 <u>\$750,000.00</u>
14	(12) Statewide, Art in State Building	<u>gs Program:</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
15	(13) St. Albans, Northwest State Co	prrectional Facility,	roof replacement:
16			<u>\$400,000.00</u>
17	* * *		
18	Appropriation – FY 2024		\$23,126,244.00
19	Appropriation – FY 2025	\$25,275,000.00	\$25,100,000.00
20	Total Appropriation – Section 2	\$48,401,244.00	\$48,226,244.00

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1	(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
2	Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described
3	in this subsection:
4	(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:
5	\$500,000.00 <u>\$700,000.00</u>
6	* * *
7	Appropriation – FY 2024 \$596,000.00
8	Appropriation – FY 2025 \$596,000.00 \$796,000.00
9	Total Appropriation – Section 4 $\$1,192,000.00$ $\$1,392,000.00$
10	Sec. 5. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 10 is amended to read:
11	Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES
12	* * *
13	(e) The sum of \$6,000,000.00 <u>\$550,000.00</u> is appropriated in FY 2025 to
14	the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental
15	Conservation Agriculture, Food and Markets for clean water implementation
16	projects water quality grants and contracts.
17	(f) On or before December 1, 2023:
18	(1) The Clean Water Board shall review and recommend Clean Water
19	Act implementation programs funded from subsection (e) of this section.
20	(2) The Board shall submit a report with the list of programs
21	recommended for FY 2025 to the Chairs of the House Committee on

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1	Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee	on Institutions and to
2	the Governor for the FY 2024 capital budget adjustmer	nt report. The report
3	shall include a recommendation on whether there are an	ny other funding sources
4	that may be used for municipal pollution control grants	in FY 2025.
5	(g) The following sums are appropriated in FY 202	5 to the Agency of
6	Natural Resources for the following projects:	
7	(1) the Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan	Fund (CWSRF) match
8	for the Water Pollution Control Fund:	<u>\$1,600,000.00</u>
9	(2) municipal pollution control grants:	<u>\$3,300,000.00</u>
10	(h) The sum of \$550,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2	2025 to the Agency of
11	Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks	s and Recreation for
12	forestry access roads, recreation access roads, and wate	er quality improvements.
13	(i) In FY 2024 and FY 2025, any agency that receiv	ves funding from this
14	section shall consult with the State Treasurer to ensure	that the projects are
15	capital eligible.	
16	Appropriation – FY 2024	\$9,885,000.00
17	Appropriation – FY 2025	\$6,000,000.00
18	Total Appropriation – Section 10	\$15,885,000.00

1	Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 15a is added to read:
2	Sec. 15a. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
3	The sum of \$1,540,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of
4	Buildings and General Services for the Department of Labor for upgrades of
5	mechanical systems and HVAC, life safety needs, and minor interior
6	renovations at 5 Green Mountain Drive in Montpelier.
7	* * * Funding * * *
8	Sec. 7. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 16 is amended to read:
9	Sec. 16. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS
10	(a) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings
11	and General Services from prior capital appropriations to defray expenditures
12	authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:
13	(1) of the amount appropriated in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec.
14	19(a) 2(b) (Veterans' Home, replace nurse call system BGS – various
15	<u>projects</u>): $\$14,668.72$ $\$21,876.90$
16	(2) of the amount appropriated 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec.
17	19(b) (Veterans' Home kitchen upgrade): \$13,522.98 \$23,129.47
18	* * *
19	(5) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec.
20	2(b) (various projects): \$65,463.17 \$147,206.37
21	* * *

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1	(7) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,
2	Sec. 1(c)(5) (major maintenance): \$93,549.00 \$116,671.15
3	* * *
4	(9) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.
5	2(b)(13) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage):
6	\$1,736,256.55 <u>\$1,774,782.00</u>
7	(10) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
8	Sec. 2(c) (various projects): $\$24,363.06$ $\$476,725.66$
9	* * *
10	(13) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
11	Sec. 2(b)(3) (major maintenance): \$32,780.00 \$439,889.66
12	* * *
13	(17) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
14	Sec. 2(b)(1) (Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs):
15	<u>\$26,951.52</u>
16	(18) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
17	Sec. 11(b)(4) (municipal pollution control grants, pollution control projects
18	and planning advances for feasibility studies, new projects):
19	<u>\$4,498.17</u>
20	(19) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
21	Sec. 11(f)(2) (EcoSystem restoration and protection): \$4,298.22

1	(20) of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,
2	Sec. 8(m) (Downtown Transportation Fund pilot project): \$9,150.00
3	* * *
4	(h) From prior year bond issuance cost estimates allocated to the entities
5	to which funds were appropriated and for which bonding was required as the
6	source of funds, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 954, \$1,148,251.79 is reallocated to
7	defray expenditures authorized by this act.
8	Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 16
9	<u>\$14,767,376.32</u> <u>\$16,980,202.91</u>
10	Sec. 8. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 17 is amended to read:
11	Sec. 17. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS
12	(a) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in
13	the amount of \$108,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations
14	<u>made in Secs. $2-15a$ of this act</u> . The State Treasurer, with the approval of the
15	Governor, shall determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds
16	authorized by this section consistent with the underlying nature of the
17	appropriation to be funded. The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated
18	cost of bond issuance or issuances to the entities to which funds are
19	appropriated pursuant to this section and for which bonding is required as the
20	source of funds, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 954.

1	(b) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue additional general obligation
2	bonds in the amount of \$5,247,838.90 that were previously appropriated but
3	unissued under 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69 for the purposes of funding the
4	appropriations in this act.
5	Total Revenues – Section 17 \$108,000,000.00 \$130,228,942.00
6	Sec. 9. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18 is amended to read:
7	Sec. 18. FY 2024 AND 2025; CAPITAL PROJECTS; FY 2024
8	APPROPRIATIONS ACT; INTENT; AUTHORIZATIONS
9	* * *
10	(c) Authorizations. In FY 2024, spending authority for the following
11	capital projects are authorized as follows:
12	* * *
13	(7) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
14	spend \$600,000.00 for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern
15	State Correctional Facility in Newport; [Repealed.]
16	* * *
17	(10) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
18	spend \$1,000,000.00 \$750,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the
19	planning and design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term
20	stabilization facility;

1	(11) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
2	spend \$750,000.00 for the Judiciary for renovations and land acquisition at the
3	Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;
4	* * *
5	(d) FY 2025 capital projects. To the extent general funds are available to
6	appropriate to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in FY 2025, it is the
7	intent of the General Assembly that the following capital projects receive
8	funding from the Fund:
9	(1) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
10	Services for planning, reuse, and contingency; [Repealed.]
11	* * *
11 12	* * * (4) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 <u>\$850,000.00</u> to the Department of
12	(4) the sum of $\frac{1,000,000.00}{8850,000.00}$ to the Department of
12 13	(4) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 \$850,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for renovations and land
12 13 14	(4) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 \$850,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for renovations <u>and land</u> <u>acquisition</u> at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;
12 13 14 15	 (4) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 \$850,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for renovations and land acquisition at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre; (5) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 \$850,000.00 to the Department of
12 13 14 15 16	 (4) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 \$850,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for renovations and land acquisition at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre; (5) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 \$850,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the
12 13 14 15 16 17	 (4) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 \$850,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for renovations and land acquisition at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre; (5) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 \$850,000.00 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;

1	(7) the sum of \$1,500,000.00 to the Vermont Veterans' Home for design
2	for the renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units;
3	(8) the sum of \$500,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
4	Services for the Newport courthouse replacement, planning, and design;
5	[Repealed.]
6	(9) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
7	Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel waterproofing and
8	Aiken Avenue reconstruction; and
9	(10) the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
10	General Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the
11	elevator replacement at 111 State Street:
12	(11) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
13	General Services for roof replacement and brick façade repairs at the
14	McFarland State Office Building in Barre; and
15	(12) the sum of \$550,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
16	General Services for the Agency of Human Services for statewide, correctional
17	facilities, HVAC systems, planning, design, and construction for upgrades and
18	replacements.
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1	* * * Policy * * *	
2	* * * Agency of Natural Resources * * *	
3	Sec. 10. 10 V.S.A. § 2603 is amended to read:	
4	§ 2603. POWERS AND DUTIES: COMMISSIONER	
5	* * *	
6	(g) The Commissioner shall consult with and receive approv	val from the
7	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services concerning pr	oposed
8	construction or renovation of individual projects involving capit	al
9	improvements which are expected, either in phases or in total, to) cost more
10	than \$200,000.00. The Department of Environmental Conserva	tion shall
11	manage all contracts for engineering services for capital improv	ements made
12	by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. The Depart	tment of
13	Environmental Conservation Facilities Engineering Section:	
14	(1) may execute and consult on design for the Department	tt of Forests,
15	Parks and Recreation;	
16	(2) shall provide professional engineering services for co	mpliance with
17	environmental operating permits; and	
18	(3) shall be the custodian of all plans of record for work e	executed by the
19	Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, regardless of the s	source and
20	designer of record.	
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1	Sec. 11. FISH HATCHERY FEASIBILITY STUDY
2	On or before December 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife
3	shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the
4	Senate Committee on Institutions regarding the feasibility of continuing
5	operations at the Salisbury Fish Hatchery after December 31, 2027 and of
6	transferring the stocking capacity of the Salisbury Fish Hatchery to the Ed
7	Weed Fish Hatchery in Grand Isle. The report shall identify the repairs,
8	improvements, and other work necessary to enable the Salisbury Fish Hatchery
9	to obtain any permits necessary to continue operating after December 31, 2027
10	and shall provide a detailed analysis of the costs of performing the work and a
11	plan for accomplishing the work. The report shall also identify any repairs,
12	improvements, and other work necessary to enable the stocking capacity of the
13	Salisbury Fish Hatchery to be transferred to the Ed Weed Fish Hatchery and
14	shall provide a detailed analysis of the costs of performing the work and a plan
15	for accomplishing the work.
16	* * * Buildings and General Services * * *
17	Sec. 12. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 22 is amended to read:
18	Sec. 22. SALE OF PROPERTIES
19	* * *
20	(c) 108 Cherry Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the
21	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the

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1	property located at 108 Cherry Street in the City of Burlington. The
2	Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to purchase the
3	property.
4	* * *
5	(3) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(d) and 29 V.S.A. § 160, of the
6	proceeds received by the State for the sale of the property located at 108
7	Cherry Street in the City of Burlington, \$6,242,500.00 shall be deposited into
8	the Property Management Fund (58700) to recover the deficit incurred in the
9	fund as a result of the original purchase of the property and, notwithstanding
10	29 V.S.A. § 168(c), \$293,753.63 shall be deposited into the State Energy
11	Revolving Fund (59700) to repay debt outstanding for loans for energy
12	improvement projects on the property.
13	Sec. 13. SALE OF WILLISTON STATE POLICE BARRACKS; OPTIONS
14	FOR PURCHASE BY TOWN OF WILLISTON; REPORT
15	On or before December 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Buildings and
16	General Services shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and
17	Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions regarding potential
18	means of providing the Town of Williston with a preferential option to
19	purchase the Williston State Police Barracks while providing the maximum
20	financial return for the State relative to the value of the Williston State Police
21	Barracks if sold on the open market.

1	Sec. 14. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:
2	§ 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY
3	* * *
4	(b)(1) Upon authorization by the General Assembly, which may be granted
5	by resolution, and with the advice and consent of the Governor, the
6	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may sell real estate owned
7	by the State. Such The property shall be sold to the highest bidder therefor at
8	public auction or upon sealed bids in the discretion of the Commissioner of
9	Buildings and General Services, who may reject any or all bids, or the
10	Commissioner is authorized to list the sale of property with a real estate agent
11	licensed by the State. In no event shall the property be sold for less than fair
12	market value as determined by an independent appraiser retained by the
13	Commissioner, unless otherwise authorized by the General Assembly.
14	* * *
15	Sec. 15. FORMER SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;
16	DOCUMENTATION; DEMOLITION
17	The Department of Buildings and General Services shall utilize the amounts
18	appropriated pursuant to 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 2(c)(20) to
19	engage in historic documentation of the structures at the former Southeast State
20	Correctional Facility that are least likely to be repurposed for future use
21	followed by the environmental remediation, demolition, salvage, and

1	dismantling of those structures. The Commissioner of Buildings and General
2	Services may consider the adequacy of the amounts appropriated pursuant to
3	2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 2(c)(20) in determining which structures
4	to prioritize for documentation, environmental remediation, demolition,
5	salvage, and dismantling.
6	Sec. 16. 29 V.S.A. § 9 is added to read:
7	§ 9. STATE BUILDING AND FACILITY NAMES COMMITTEE
8	(a) Creation. The State Building and Facility Names Committee is created
9	within the Department of Buildings and General Services.
10	(b) Members. The Committee shall consist of the following members:
11	(1) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee;
12	(2) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or
13	designee;
14	(3) the State Historic Preservation Officer or designee;
15	(4) the Executive Director of the Vermont Historical Society or
16	designee;
17	(5) the State Librarian or designee
18	(6) the Executive Director of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns
19	or designee; and
20	(7) the Executive Director of the Office of Racial Equity or designee.

1	(c)(1) On or before January 15, 2025, the State Building and Facility
2	Names Committee shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and
3	Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions regarding the
4	Committee's proposed procedures for naming State buildings and facilities that
5	are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings and General Services.
6	(2) The report required pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection
7	shall include the following:
8	(A) methods by which to petition the Committee to name a State
9	building or facility after a specific person;
10	(B) any requirements for a historical nexus between the building or
11	facility proposed to be named and the person for whom it is proposed to be
12	named; and
13	(C) the process the Committee proposes to employ in considering a
14	petition to name a State building or facility, including requirements related to
15	public notice, conduct of hearings, and standards for rendering a decision on a
16	petition.
17	(3) In preparing the report, the Committee shall consult with the Board
18	of Libraries and the Transportation Board regarding the procedures and
19	standards employed by those bodies in naming geographic locations and
20	transportation facilities.
21	(4) The report may include recommendations for legislative action.

1	Sec. 17. FORENSIC FACILITY; NEEDS; REVIEW; REPORT
2	(a) The Department of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with
3	the Departments of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent
4	Living, shall review of the programming needs and facility requirements of
5	Vermont's forensics population. The review shall include an analysis of the
6	potential costs of any identified options for meeting the programming needs
7	and facility requirements.
8	(b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Buildings and
9	General Services shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and
10	Institutions and Senate Committee on Institutions regarding the findings of the
11	review conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The report may
12	include recommendations for legislative action.
13	Sec. 18. DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES YOUTH
14	SHORT-TERM STABILIZATION AND TREATMENT CENTER;
15	LONG-TERM LEASE; AUTHORIZATION
16	Notwithstanding any provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 165(h) or 29 V.S.A.
17	§ 166(a) to the contrary, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services
18	is authorized to enter into a long-term ground lease agreement at a below-
19	market rate for an initial term of not more than 20 years with not more than
20	four five-year renewal options for the Department for Children and Families
21	Youth Short Term Stabilization and Treatment Center.

1	Sec. 19. CAPITOL COMPLEX FLOOD RECOVERY; SPECIAL
2	COMMITTEE
3	(a) The Special Committee on Capitol Complex Flood Recovery is
4	established. The Special Committee shall comprise the Joint Fiscal Committee
5	and the chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the
6	Senate Committee on Institutions.
7	(b) The Special Committee shall meet to review, approve, or recommend
8	alterations to the proposals and plans for Capitol Complex flood recovery at
9	the call of the chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions
10	and the Senate Committee on Institutions and the Joint Fiscal Committee.
11	(c) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall provide
12	monthly updates to the Special Committee on the planning process for Capitol
13	Complex flood recovery.
14	(d) The Special Committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as
15	provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.
16	Sec. 20. STATE HOUSE; EXPANSION; DESIGN; SPECIAL COMMITTEE
17	(a)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly to approve the programming
18	option for a schematic design plan for the State House expansion as soon as
19	practicable to allow the Department of Buildings and General Services to begin
20	the design development phase of the expansion.

1	(2) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall provide
2	the Special Committee established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section
3	with a schematic design plan for the State House expansion on or before
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5	(b) A Special Committee consisting of the Joint Legislative Management
6	Committee and the chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and
7	Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions is established. The
8	Special Committee is authorized to meet to review, approve, or recommend
9	alterations to the schematic design described in subsection (a) of this section at
10	a regularly scheduled Joint Legislative Management Committee meeting. In
11	making its decision, the Special Committee shall consider:
12	(1) how the design impacts the ability of the General Assembly to
13	conduct legislative business;
14	(2) allows for public access to citizens;
15	(3) the financial consequences to the State of approval or disapproval of
16	the proposal; and
17	(4) whether any potential alternatives are available.
18	(c) The Special Committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as
19	provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.

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1	Sec. 21. 29 V.S.A. § 152 is amended to read:
2	§ 152. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER
3	(a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in addition to the
4	duties expressly set forth elsewhere by law, shall have the authority to:
5	* * *
6	(3) Prepare or cause to be prepared plans and specifications for
7	construction and repair on all State-owned buildings:
8	* * *
9	(B) For which no specific appropriations have been made by the
10	General Assembly or the Emergency Board. The Commissioner may, with the
11	approval of the Secretary of Administration, acquire an option, for a price not
12	to exceed \$75,000.00, on an individual property without prior legislative
13	approval, for a price not to exceed five percent of the advertised price of the
14	property, provided the option contains a provision stating that purchase of the
15	property shall occur only upon the approval of the General Assembly and the
16	appropriation of funds for this purpose. The State Treasurer is authorized to
17	advance a sum not to exceed \$75,000.00 five percent of the advertised price of
18	the property, upon warrants drawn by the Commissioner of Finance and
19	Management for the purpose of purchasing an option on a property pursuant to
20	this subdivision.

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1	(19) Transfer any unexpended project balances between projects that are
2	authorized within the same section of an annual capital construction act.
3	(20) Transfer any unexpended project balances between projects that are
4	authorized within different capital construction acts, with the approval of the
5	Secretary of Administration, when the unexpended project balance does not
6	exceed $\frac{100,000.00}{200,000.00}$, or with the additional approval of the
7	Emergency Board when such balance exceeds \$100,000.00 \$200,000.00.
8	* * *
9	(22) Use the contingency fund appropriation to cover shortfalls for any
10	project approved in any capital construction act; however, transfers from the
11	contingency in excess of $\frac{50,000.00}{100,000.00}$ shall be done with the
12	approval of the Secretary of Administration.
13	* * *
14	(25) Transfer any unexpended project balances from previous capital
15	construction acts for the purpose of emergency projects not authorized in a
16	capital construction act in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, provided the
17	Commissioner shall send timely written notice of such expenditures to the
18	Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
19	Committee on Institutions.
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1	* * * Corrections * * *
2	Sec. 22. REPLACEMENT WOMEN'S FACILITIES; SITE LOCATION;
3	AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE LAND; INTENT; REPORT
4	(a) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly that a reentry facility for
5	justice-involved women shall be located at a site that is near support services,
6	programming, and work opportunities needed to facilitate successful reentry
7	into the community.
8	(b) Contingent authority to purchase land. In the event that the
9	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the
10	Commissioner of Corrections, is unable to identify appropriate site locations
11	for the replacement women's facilities for justice-involved women, the
12	Commissioner is authorized to purchase land, provided that land purchased for
13	the reentry facility shall be located near support services, programming, and
14	work opportunities needed to facilitate successful reentry into the community.
15	(c) Monthly, beginning on July 15, 2024 and ending on January 15, 2025,
16	the Commissioner of Corrections shall report to the House Committee on
17	Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions
18	regarding the progress in identifying State-owned property and, if necessary,
19	purchasing property on which to locate the replacement women's facilities for
20	justice-involved women.

1	* * * Judiciary * * *
2	Sec. 23. BARRE; WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE;
3	LAND ACQUISITION; AUTHORIZATION
4	The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with
5	the Judiciary, is authorized to use the amounts appropriated in 2023 Acts and
6	Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(c)(11) and (d)(4) to purchase land needed to renovate
7	or replace the Washington County Superior Courthouse.
8	Sec. 24. WHITE RIVER JUNCTION; WINDSOR COUNTY SUPERIOR
9	COURTHOUSE; TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF EMPLOYEES
10	It is the intent of the General Assembly that following completion of the
11	renovations to the Windsor County Superior Courthouse in White River
12	Junction, the offices of the Windsor County State's Attorney shall be relocated
13	to the leased office space at 55 Railroad Row that is being used as temporary
14	office space for Courthouse employees during the renovation.
15	* * * Effective Date * * *
16	Sec. 25. EFFECTIVE DATE
17	This act shall take effect on passage.