- 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 Therapeutic Community Residence, master		
8	plan, design, and decommissioning:	\$400,00	0.00
9	(5) Montpelier, State House, replace	ement of historic fin	ishes:
10		\$50,000).00 [Repealed.]
11	* * *		
12	(11) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase	se out:	
13		\$1,000,000	.00
14	(12) Statewide, Art in State Buildin	gs Program:	<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

(dr req 24-0682 – draft 3.1) Page 3 of 26 3/20/2024 - DJL - 11:02 AM Sec. 3. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 3 is amended to read: 1 2 Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES * * * 3 4 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of 5 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the 6 following projects described in this subsection: 7 (1) Northwest State Correctional Facility, booking expansion, planning, 8 design, and construction: \$2,500,000.00 \$2,000,000.00 9 * * * 10 (3) Statewide, correctional facilities, HVAC systems, planning, design, 11 and construction for upgrades and replacements: 12 \$700,000.00 \$4,600,000.00 13 (4) Statewide, correctional facilities, accessibility upgrades: 14 \$822,000.00 15 * * * \$1,800,000.00 16 Appropriation – FY 2024 17 Appropriation – FY 2025 \$16,200,000.00 \$20,422,000.00 18 Total Appropriation – Section 3 **\$18,000,000.00 \$22,222,000.00** 19 Sec. 4. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 4 is amended to read: Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 20 * * * 21

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(b) The following sums are appropria	ated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
Commerce and Community Development	nt for the following projects described
in this subsection:	
(1) Major maintenance at statewic	le historic sites:
	\$500,000.00 <u>\$700,000.00</u>
* *	*
Appropriation – FY 2024	\$596,000.00
Appropriation – FY 2025	\$596,000.00 <u>\$796,000.00</u>
Total Appropriation – Section 4	\$1,192,000.00 <u>\$1,392,000.00</u>
Sec. 5. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 10 is amended to read:	
Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIAT	IVES
* *	*
(e) The sum of $\frac{6,000,000.00}{550,0}$	000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to
the Agency of Natural Resources for the	Department of Environmental
Conservation Agriculture, Food and Mar	rkets for clean water implementation
projects water quality grants and contrac	<u>ts</u> .
(f) On or before December 1, 2023:	
(1) The Clean Water Board shall a	review and recommend Clean Water
Act implementation programs funded from	om subsection (e) of this section.
(2) The Decendent all submit f are f	
(2) The Board shall submit a repo	rt with the list of programs
	 (1) Major maintenance at statewic ** Appropriation – FY 2024 Appropriation – FY 2025 Total Appropriation – Section 4 Sec. 5. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIATI ** (e) The sum of \$6,000,000.00 \$550.0 the Agency of Natural Resources for the Conservation Agriculture, Food and Mar projects water quality grants and contract (f) On or before December 1, 2023: (l) The Clean Water Board shall for

1	Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on	n Institutions and to
2	the Governor for the FY 2024 capital budget adjustment r	report. The report
3	shall include a recommendation on whether there are any	other funding sources
4	that may be used for municipal pollution control grants in	n FY 2025.
5	(g) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 t	to the Agency of
6	Natural Resources for the following projects:	
7	(1) the Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fu	nd (CWSRF) match
8	for the Water Pollution Control Fund:	<u>\$1,600,000.00</u>
9	(2) municipal pollution control grants:	\$3,300,000.00
10	(h) The sum of \$550,000.00 is appropriated in FY 202	25 to the Agency of
11	Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and	nd Recreation for
12	forestry access roads, recreation access roads, and water c	quality improvements.
13	(i) In FY 2024 and FY 2025, any agency that receives	funding from this
14	section shall consult with the State Treasurer to ensure the	at 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): $\frac{65,463.17}{147,206.37}$
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	\$14,767,376.32 <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	made in Secs. 2–15a of this act. 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;

(11) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
spend \$750,000.00 for the Judiciary for renovations and land acquisition at the
Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;
* * *
(16) the Vermont State Colleges is authorized to spend \$7,500,000.00
\$6,500,000.00 for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any
facility owned or operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges;
infrastructure transformation planning; and the planning, design, and
construction of Green Hall and Vail Hall;
* * *
(d) FY 2025 capital projects. To the extent general funds are available to
appropriate to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in FY 2025, it is the
intent of the General Assembly that the following capital projects receive
funding from the Fund:
* * *
(3) the sum of \$2,000,000.00 <u>\$1,500,000.00</u> to the Department of
Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam
lines at 120 State Street in Montpelier;
(4) the sum of $\frac{1,000,000.00}{8850,000.00}$ to the Department of
Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for renovations and land
acquisition at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

1	(5) the sum of $\frac{1,000,000.00}{850,000.00}$ to the Department of
2	Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the
3	planning and design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;
4	(6) the sum of $\frac{1,000,000.00}{850,000.00}$ to the Department of
5	Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the
6	planning and 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	[Repealed.]
12	(9) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
13	Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel waterproofing and
14	Aiken Avenue reconstruction; and
15	(10) the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
16	General Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the
17	elevator replacement at 111 State Street:
18	(11) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
19	General Services for roof replacement and brick façade repairs at the
20	McFarland State Office Building in Barre; and

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1	(12) the sum of \$550,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
2	General Services for the Agency of Human Services for statewide, correctional
3	facilities, HVAC systems, planning, design, and construction for upgrades and
4	replacements.
5	* * *
6	* * * Policy * * *
7	* * * Agency of Natural Resources * * *
8	Sec. 10. 10 V.S.A. § 2603 is amended to read:
9	§ 2603. POWERS AND DUTIES: COMMISSIONER
10	* * *
11	(g) The Commissioner shall consult with and receive approval from the
12	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services concerning proposed
13	construction or renovation of individual projects involving capital
14	improvements which are expected, either in phases or in total, to cost more
15	than \$200,000.00. The Department of Environmental Conservation shall
16	manage all contracts for engineering services for capital improvements made
17	by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. The Department of
18	Environmental Conservation Facilities Engineering Section:
19	(1) may execute and consult on design for the Department of Forests,
20	Parks and Recreation;

1	(2) shall provide professional engineering services for compliance with
2	environmental operating permits; and
3	(3) shall be the custodian of all plans of record for work executed by the
4	Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, regardless of the source and
5	designer of record.
6	* * *
7	Sec. 11. FISH HATCHERY FEASIBILITY STUDY
8	On or before December 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife
9	shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the
10	Senate Committee on Institutions regarding the feasibility of continuing
11	operations at the Salisbury Fish Hatchery after December 31, 2027 and of
12	transferring the stocking capacity of the Salisbury Fish Hatchery to the Ed
13	Weed Fish Hatchery in Grand Isle. The report shall identify the repairs,
14	improvements, and other work necessary to enable the Salisbury Fish Hatchery
15	to obtain any permits necessary to continue operating after December 31, 2027
16	and shall provide a detailed analysis of the costs of performing the work and a
17	plan for accomplishing the work. The report shall also identify any repairs,
18	improvements, and other work necessary to enable the stocking capacity of the
19	Salisbury Fish Hatchery to be transferred to the Ed Weed Fish Hatchery and
20	shall provide a detailed analysis of the costs of performing the work and a plan
21	for accomplishing the work.

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1	* * * Buildings and General Services * * *	
2	Sec. 12. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 22 is amended to	read:
3	Sec. 22. SALE OF PROPERTIES	
4	* * *	
5	(c) 108 Cherry Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b),	the
6	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to	o sell the
7	property located at 108 Cherry Street in the City of Burlington.	The
8	Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to p	ourchase the
9	property.	
10	* * *	
11	(3) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(d) and 29 V.S.A. § 1	160, of the
12	proceeds received by the State for the sale of the property located	1 at 108
13		<u>a ut 100</u>
	Cherry Street in the City of Burlington, \$6,242,500.00 shall be d	
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15 16	the Property Management Fund (58700) to recover the deficit ind fund as a result of the original purchase of the property and, notw 29 V.S.A. § 168(c), \$293,753.63 shall be deposited into the State	eposited into curred in the vithstanding e Energy
15 16 17	the Property Management Fund (58700) to recover the deficit ind fund as a result of the original purchase of the property and, notw 29 V.S.A. § 168(c), \$293,753.63 shall be deposited into the State Revolving Fund (59700) to repay debt outstanding for loans for o	eposited into curred in the vithstanding e Energy energy

1	Prior to authorizing the sale of the Williston State Police Barracks, it is the
2	intent of the General Assembly to consider a report from the Town of Williston
3	in January 2025 regarding the potential for the Town to purchase the property
4	and, if the Town desires to purchase the property, the potential future uses of
5	the property envisioned by the Town.
6	Sec. 14. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:
7	§ 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY
8	* * *
9	(b)(1) Upon authorization by the General Assembly, which may be granted
10	by resolution, and with the advice and consent of the Governor, the
11	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may sell real estate owned
12	by the State. Such The property shall be sold to the highest bidder therefor at
13	public auction or upon sealed bids in the discretion of the Commissioner of
14	Buildings and General Services, who may reject any or all bids, or the
15	Commissioner is authorized to list the sale of property with a real estate agent
16	licensed by the State. In no event shall the property be sold for less than fair
17	market value as determined by the Commissioner in consultation with an
18	independent real estate broker or appraiser, or both, retained by the
19	Commissioner, unless otherwise authorized by the General Assembly.
20	* * *
21	Sec. 15. FORMER SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;

1	DOCUMENTATION; DEMOLITION
2	The Department of Buildings and General Services shall utilize the amounts
3	appropriated pursuant to 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 2(c)(20), as
4	added by 2022 Acts and Resolves, No. 180, Sec. 2, to engage in historic
5	documentation of the structures at the former Southeast State Correctional
6	Facility that are least likely to be repurposed for future use followed by the
7	environmental remediation, demolition, salvage, and dismantling of those
8	structures. The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may
9	consider the adequacy of the amounts appropriated pursuant to 2021 Acts and
10	Resolves No. 50, Sec. 2(c)(20), as added by 2022 Acts and Resolves, No. 180,
11	Sec. 2, in determining which structures to prioritize for documentation,
12	environmental remediation, demolition, salvage, and dismantling.
13	Sec. 16. 29 V.S.A. § 9 is added to read:
14	<u>§ 9. STATE BUILDING AND FACILITY NAMES COMMITTEE</u>
15	(a) Creation. The State Building and Facility Names Committee is created
16	within the Department of Buildings and General Services.
17	(b) Members. The Committee shall consist of the following members:
18	(1) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee;
19	(2) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or
20	designee;
21	(3) the State Historic Preservation Officer or designee;

1	(4) the Executive Director of the Vermont Historical Society or
2	designee;
3	(5) the State Librarian or designee
4	(6) the Executive Director of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns
5	or designee; and
6	(7) the Executive Director of the Office of Racial Equity or designee.
7	(c) Report.
8	(1) On or before January 15, 2025, the State Building and Facility
9	Names Committee shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and
10	Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions regarding the
11	Committee's proposed procedures for naming State buildings and facilities that
12	are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings and General Services.
13	(2) The report required pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection
14	shall include the following:
15	(A) methods by which to petition the Committee to name a State
16	building or facility after a specific person;
17	(B) any requirements for a historical nexus between the building or
18	facility proposed to be named and the person for whom it is proposed to be
19	named; and
20	(C) the process the Committee proposes to employ in considering a
21	petition to name a State building or facility, including requirements related to

1	public notice, conduct of hearings, and standards for rendering a decision on a
2	petition.
3	(3) In preparing the report, the Committee shall consult with the Board
4	of Libraries and the Transportation Board regarding the procedures and
5	standards employed by those bodies in naming geographic locations and
6	transportation facilities.
7	(4) The report may include recommendations for legislative action.
8	Sec. 17. FORENSIC FACILITY; NEEDS; REVIEW; REPORT
9	(a)(1) The Department of Buildings and General Services, in consultation
10	with the Departments of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and
11	Independent Living, shall review the programming needs and facility
12	requirements of individuals who:
13	(A) present significant risk of danger to self or others if not treated in
14	a secure setting; and
15	(B) are charged with a crime pursuant to 13 V.S.A. §§ 7553 and
16	7553a and either found not competent to stand trial due to mental illness or
17	intellectual disability or adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity.
18	(2) The review shall include an analysis of the potential costs of any
19	identified options for meeting the programming needs and facility
20	requirements.

1	(b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Buildings and
2	General Services shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on
3	Corrections and Institutions, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the
4	Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on
5	Institutions regarding the findings of the review conducted pursuant to
6	subsection (a) of this section. The report may include recommendations for
7	legislative action.
8	Sec. 18. DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES YOUTH
9	SHORT-TERM STABILIZATION AND TREATMENT CENTER;
10	LONG-TERM LEASE; AUTHORIZATION
11	Notwithstanding any provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 165(h) or 29 V.S.A.
12	§ 166(a) to the contrary, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services
13	is authorized to enter into a long-term ground lease agreement at a below-
14	market rate for an initial term of not more than 20 years with not more than
15	four five-year renewal options for the Department for Children and Families
16	Youth Short Term Stabilization and Treatment Center. At the end of the term
17	and any renewals, the ground lease shall terminate.
18	Sec. 19. CAPITOL COMPLEX FLOOD RECOVERY; SPECIAL
19	COMMITTEE
20	(a) The Special Committee on Capitol Complex Flood Recovery is
21	established. The Special Committee shall comprise the Joint Fiscal Committee

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

1	(b) A Special Committee to be called the Special Committee on State
2	House Expansion consisting of the Joint Legislative Management Committee
3	and the chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the
4	Senate Committee on Institutions is established. The Special Committee is
5	authorized to meet to review, approve, or recommend alterations to the
6	schematic design described in subsection (a) of this section at a regularly
7	scheduled Joint Legislative Management Committee meeting. In making its
8	decision, the Special Committee shall consider:
9	(1) how the design impacts the ability of the General Assembly to
10	conduct legislative business;
11	(2) whether the design allows for public access to citizens;
12	(3) the financial consequences to the State of approval or disapproval of
13	the proposal; and
14	(4) whether any potential alternatives are available.
15	(c) The Special Committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as
16	provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.
17	Sec. 21. 29 V.S.A. § 152 is amended to read:
18	§ 152. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER
19	(a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in addition to the
20	duties expressly set forth elsewhere by law, shall have the authority to:
21	* * *

1	(3) Prepare or cause to be prepared plans and specifications for
2	construction and repair on all State-owned buildings:
3	* * *
4	(B) For which no specific appropriations have been made by the
5	General Assembly or the Emergency Board. The Commissioner may, with the
6	approval of the Secretary of Administration, acquire an option, for a price not
7	to exceed \$75,000.00, on an individual property without prior legislative
8	approval, for a price not to exceed five percent of the listed sale price of the
9	property, provided the option contains a provision stating that purchase of the
10	property shall occur only upon the approval of the General Assembly and the
11	appropriation of funds for this purpose. The State Treasurer is authorized to
12	advance a sum not to exceed \$75,000.00 five percent of the listed sale price of
13	the property, upon warrants drawn by the Commissioner of Finance and
14	Management for the purpose of purchasing an option on a property pursuant to
15	this subdivision.
16	* * *
17	(19) Transfer any unexpended project balances between projects that are
18	authorized within the same section of an annual <u>a biennial</u> capital construction
19	act.
20	(20) Transfer any unexpended project balances between projects that are
21	authorized within different capital construction acts, with the approval of the

1	Secretary of Administration, when the unexpended project balance does not
2	exceed $\frac{100,000.00}{200,000.00}$, or with the additional approval of the
3	Emergency Board when such balance exceeds \$100,000.00 \$200,000.00.
4	* * *
5	(22) Use the contingency fund appropriation to cover shortfalls for any
6	project approved in any capital construction act; however, transfers from the
7	contingency in excess of $\frac{50,000.00}{100,000.00}$ shall be done with the
8	approval of the Secretary of Administration.
9	* * *
10	(25) Transfer any unexpended project balances from previous capital
11	construction acts for the purpose of emergency projects not authorized in a
12	capital construction act in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, provided the
13	Commissioner shall send timely written notice of such expenditures to the
14	Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
15	Committee on Institutions.
16	* * *
17	* * * Corrections * * *
18	Sec. 22. REPLACEMENT WOMEN'S FACILITIES; SITE LOCATION;
19	AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE LAND; INTENT; REPORT
20	(a) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly that a reentry facility for
21	justice-involved women shall be located at a site that is near support services,

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1	programming, and work opportunities needed to facilitate successful reentry
2	into the community.
3	(b) Contingent authority to purchase land. In the event that the
4	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the
5	Commissioner of Corrections, is unable to identify appropriate site locations
6	for the replacement women's facilities for justice-involved women, the
7	Commissioner is authorized to purchase land, provided that land purchased for
8	the reentry facility shall be located near support services, programming, and
9	work opportunities needed to facilitate successful reentry into the community.
10	(c) Reports. Monthly, beginning on July 15, 2024 and ending on January
11	15, 2025, the Commissioner of Corrections shall report to the House
12	Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on
13	Institutions regarding the progress in identifying State-owned property and, if
14	necessary, purchasing property on which to locate the replacement women's
15	facilities for justice-involved women.
16	Sec. 23. POTENTIAL REUSE OF CHITTENDEN REGIONAL
17	CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; FEASIBILITY; REPORT
18	On or before January 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Corrections, in
19	consultation with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, shall
20	report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
21	Committee on Institutions regarding the feasibility of repurposing the

1	Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility as a reentry facility for justice-
2	involved men following the construction of replacement women's facilities for
3	justice-involved women. The report shall include an analysis of modifications
4	and improvements required to reuse the Facility as a reentry facility and the
5	projected cost of making the required modifications and improvements.
6	* * * Judiciary * * *
7	Sec. 24. BARRE; WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE;
8	LAND ACQUISITION; AUTHORIZATION
9	The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with
10	the Judiciary, is authorized to use the amounts appropriated in 2023 Acts and
11	Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(c)(11) and (d)(4) to purchase land needed to renovate
12	or replace the Washington County Superior Courthouse.
13	Sec. 25. WHITE RIVER JUNCTION; WINDSOR COUNTY SUPERIOR
14	COURTHOUSE; TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF EMPLOYEES
15	It is the intent of the General Assembly that following completion of the
16	renovations to the Windsor County Superior Courthouse in White River
17	Junction, the offices of the Windsor County State's Attorney shall be relocated
18	to the leased office space at 55 Railroad Row that is being used as temporary
19	office space for Courthouse employees during the renovation.
20	* * * Effective Date * * *
21	Sec. 26. EFFECTIVE DATE

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1 <u>This act shall take effect on passage.</u>