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	\$XXX,XXX,XXX.XX authorized in this act, not more than \$56,520,325.00
13	\$XX,XXX,XXX 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.

1	* * * Capital Ap	ppropriations * * *
2	Sec. 2. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69	9, Sec. 2 is amended to read:
3	Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS	
4	*	* *
5	(c) The following sums are appropri	riated in FY 2025:
6	*	* *
7	(4) Middlesex, Middlesex Thera	peutic Community Residence, master
8	plan, design, and decommissioning:	\$400,000.00 <u>\$50,000.00</u>
9	*	* *
10	(11) Statewide, R22 refrigerant	phase out:
11		\$1,000,000.00 <u>\$750,000.00</u>
12	(12) Statewide, Art in State Buil	dings Program: \$75,000.00
13	(13) St. Albans, Northwest State	e Correctional Facility, roof replacement:
14		<u>\$400,000.00</u>
15	(14) Windsor, former Southeast	State Correctional Facility, report on
16	potential land transfer:	\$100,000.00
17	*	* *
18	Appropriation – FY 2024	\$23,126,244.00
19	Appropriation – FY 2025	\$25,275,000.00 <u>\$25,100,000.00</u>
20	Total Appropriation – Section 2	\$48,401,244.00 <u>\$48,226,244.00</u>

1	Sec. 3. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Se	ec. 3 is amended to read:
2	Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES	
3	* * *	
4	(b) The following sums are appropriate	ed in FY 2025 to the Department of
5	Buildings and General Services for the Ag	ency of Human Services for the
6	following projects described in this subsec	tion:
7	(1) Northwest State Correctional Fac	cility, booking expansion, planning,
8	design, and construction:	\$2,500,000.00 \$2,600,000.00
9	* * *	
10	(3) Statewide, correctional facilities	, HVAC systems, planning, design,
11	and construction for upgrades and replacer	ments:
12		\$700,000.00 \$5,150,000.00
13	(4) Statewide, correctional facilities.	, accessibility upgrades:
14		\$822,000.00
15	(5) Statewide, justice-involved men.	, feasibility study for reentry facility:
16		\$200,000.00
17	* * *	
18	Appropriation – FY 2024	\$1,800,000.00
19	Appropriation – FY 2025	\$16,200,000.00 \$20,422,000.00
20	Total Appropriation – Section 3	\$18,000,000.00 \$22,222,000.00
21	Sec. 4. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Se	ec. 4 is amended to read:

1	Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Γ
2	* * *	
3	(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Ag	ency of
4	Commerce and Community Development for the following project	ets described
5	in this subsection:	
6	(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:	
7	\$500,000.00	\$700,000.00
8	* * *	
9	Appropriation – FY 2024	\$596,000.00
10	Appropriation – FY 2025 \$596,000.00	\$796,000.00
11	Total Appropriation – Section 4 \$1,192,000.00 \$1	,392,000.00
12	Sec. 5. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 9 is amended to read	<mark>l:</mark>
13	Sec. 9. NATURAL RESOURCES	
14	(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Ag	ency of
15	Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conserva	ation for the
16	projects described in this subsection:	
17	* * *	
18	(2) Dam safety and hydrology projects: \$500,000.00	\$400,000.00
19	* * *	

1	(f) The following amounts are appropriated i	n FY 2025 to the Agency of
2	Natural Resources for the Department of Fish ar	nd Wildlife for the projects
3	described in this subsection:	
4	(1) General infrastructure projects, includ	ing small-scale maintenance
5	and rehabilitation of infrastructure:	
6		\$1,344,150.00 \$1,900,000.00
7	* * *	
8	(3) Salisbury fish hatchery, feasibility stud	dy: \$100,000.00
9	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$6,997,081.00</u>
10	Appropriation – FY 2025	<u>\$7,497,051.00</u>
11	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 9</u>	\$14,494,132.00
12	Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 10	is amended to read:
13	Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES	
14	* * *	
15	(e) The sum of \$6,000,000.00 is appropriated	d in FY 2025 to the Agency of
16	Natural Resources for the Department of Enviro	nmental Conservation for
17	elean water implementation projects. [Repealed.	1
18	(f) On or before December 1, 2023:	
19	(1) The Clean Water Board shall review a	and recommend Clean Water
20	Act implementation programs funded from subs	ection (e) of this section.

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

1	Sec. 7. 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. 8. 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 \(\frac{\$147,206.37}{}\)	
21	* * *	

1	(7) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and R	Resolves No. 160,
2	Sec. 1(c)(5) (major maintenance): \$93	3,549.00 <u>\$116,671.15</u>
3	* * *	
4	(9) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and R	Resolves No. 84, Sec.
5	2(b)(13) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage):	
6	\$1,736 <u>,</u> 2	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	1,363.06 <u>\$476,725.66</u>
9	* * *	
10	(13) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and	Resolves No. 42,
11	Sec. 2(b)(3) (major maintenance): \$32	2,780.00 <u>\$439,889.66</u>
12	* * *	
13	(17) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and	Resolves No. 42,
14	Sec. 2(b)(1) (Statewide, BGS engineering and architecture	ral project costs):
15		\$26,951.52
16	(18) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and	Resolves No. 84,
17	Sec. 11(b)(4) (municipal pollution control grants, pollution	on control projects
18	and planning advances for feasibility studies, new project	<u>ts):</u>
19		\$4,498.17
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. 9. 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. 10. 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	(9) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
18	spend \$600,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
19	design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;
20	[Repealed.]

1	(10) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
2	spend \$1,000,000.00 \$750,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the
3	planning and design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term
4	stabilization facility;
5	(11) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
6	spend \$750,000.00 for the Judiciary for design, renovations, and land
7	acquisition at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;
8	* * *
9	(16) the Vermont State Colleges is authorized to spend \$7,500,000.00
10	\$6,500,000.00 for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any
11	facility owned or operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges;
12	infrastructure transformation planning; and the planning, design, and
13	construction of Green Hall and Vail Hall;
14	* * *
15	(19) 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; and
19	(20) 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	(21) 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. [Repealed.]
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	* * *
12	(3) the sum of $\frac{$2,000,000.00}{$1,500,000.00}$ to the Department of
13	Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam
14	lines at 120 State Street in Montpelier;
15	(4) the sum of $\$1,000,000.00$ $\$850,000.00$ to the Department of
16	Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for design, renovations, and
17	land acquisition at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;
18	(5) the sum of $\$1,000,000.00$ $\$850,000.00$ to the Department of
19	Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the

1	(6) the sum of $\$1,000,000.00$ $\$850,000.00$ to the Department of
2	Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the
3	planning and design of the Rutland Field Station;
4	(7) the sum of \$1,500,000.00 to the Vermont Veterans' Home for design
5	for the renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units;
6	(8) the sum of \$500,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
7	Services for the Newport courthouse replacement, planning, and design;
8	[Repealed.]
9	(9) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
10	Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel waterproofing and
11	Aiken Avenue reconstruction; and
12	(10) the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
13	General Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the
14	elevator replacement at 111 State Street; and
15	(11) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
16	General Services for roof replacement and brick façade repairs at the
17	McFarland State Office Building in Barre.
18	* * *
19	* * * Policy * * *
20	* * * Agency of Natural Resources * * *
21	Sec. 11. 10 V.S.A. § 2603 is amended to read:

1	§ 2603. POWERS AND DUTIES: COMMISSIONER
2	* * *
3	(g) The Commissioner shall consult with and receive approval from the
4	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services concerning proposed
5	construction or renovation of individual projects involving capital
6	improvements which are expected, either in phases or in total, to cost more
7	than \$200,000.00. The Department of Environmental Conservation shall
8	manage all contracts for engineering services for capital improvements made
9	by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. The Department of
10	Environmental Conservation Facilities Engineering Section:
11	(1) may execute and consult on design for the Department of Forests,
12	Parks and Recreation;
13	(2) shall provide professional engineering services for compliance with
14	environmental operating permits; and
15	(3) shall be the custodian of all plans of record for work executed by the
16	Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, regardless of the source and
17	designer of record.
18	* * *
19	Sec. 12. FISH HATCHERY FEASIBILITY STUDY
20	(a) On or before December 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Fish and
21	Wildlife shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions

1	and the Senate Committee on Institutions regarding the feasibility of
2	continuing operations at the Salisbury Fish Hatchery after December 31, 2027
3	and of transferring the stocking capacity of the Salisbury Fish Hatchery to the
4	Ed Weed Fish Hatchery in Grand Isle.
5	(b) The report shall:
6	(1) identify the repairs, improvements, and other work necessary to
7	enable the Salisbury Fish Hatchery to obtain any permits necessary to continue
8	operating after December 31, 2027 and provide a detailed analysis of the
9	associated costs and a plan for accomplishing the work;
10	(2) identify any repairs, improvements, and other work necessary to
11	enable the stocking capacity of the Salisbury Fish Hatchery to be transferred to
12	the Ed Weed Fish Hatchery and provide a detailed analysis of the associated
13	costs and a plan for accomplishing the work; and
14	(3) examine alternative approaches to maintaining the State's fish
15	stocking capacity, including an analysis of associated costs and work necessary
16	to successfully implement the alternative approach.
17	* * * Buildings and General Services * * *
18	Sec. 13. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 22 is amended to read:
19	Sec. 22. SALE OF PROPERTIES
20	* * *

1	(c) 108 Cherry Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the
2	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the
3	property located at 108 Cherry Street in the City of Burlington. The
4	Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to purchase the
5	property.
6	* * *
7	(3) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(d) and 29 V.S.A. § 160, of the
8	proceeds received by the State for the sale of the property located at 108
9	Cherry Street in the City of Burlington, \$6,242,500.00 shall be deposited into
10	the Property Management Revolving Fund (58700) to recover the deficit
11	incurred in the fund as a result of the original purchase of the property and,
12	notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 168(c), \$293,753.63 shall be deposited into the
13	State Energy Revolving Fund (59700) to repay debt outstanding for loans for
14	energy improvement projects on the property.
15	Sec. 14. SALE OF WILLISTON STATE POLICE BARRACKS; INTENT;
16	REPORT
17	Prior to authorizing the sale of the Williston State Police Barracks, it is the
18	intent of the General Assembly that the Town of Williston shall report to the
19	House Committee on Corrections and Institution in January 2025 regarding:
20	(1) whether the town desires to purchase the property; and
21	(2) if so:

1	(A) the feasibility of the Town purchasing the property, including
2	any requested conditions on the sale of the property that the Town; and
3	(B) the potential future uses of the property envisioned by the Town.
4	Sec. 15. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:
5	§ 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY
6	* * *
7	(b)(1) Upon authorization by the General Assembly, which may be granted
8	by resolution, and with the advice and consent of the Governor, the
9	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may sell real estate owned
10	by the State. Such The property shall be sold to the highest bidder therefor at
11	public auction or upon sealed bids in at the discretion of the Commissioner of
12	Buildings and General Services, who may reject any or all bids, or the
13	Commissioner is authorized to list the sale of property with a real estate agent
14	licensed by the State. <u>In no event shall the property be sold for less than fair</u>
15	market value as determined by the Commissioner in consultation with an
16	independent real estate broker or appraiser, or both, retained by the
17	Commissioner, unless otherwise authorized by the General Assembly.
18	* * *

1	Sec. 16. FORMER SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;
2	BUILDING DEMOLITION
3	(a) The Department of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with
4	the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission, shall determine the buildings at
5	the former Southeast State Correctional Facility property that shall be
6	prioritized for environmental remediation, demolition, salvage, and
7	dismantling. The Commissioner shall consider the impact of building
8	demolition on future site development when determining which buildings to
9	prioritize.
10	(b) The Commissioner shall notify the Chairs of the House Committee on
11	Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions of the
12	buildings proposed for environmental remediation, demolition, salvage, and
13	dismantling.
14	(c) Environmental testing and remediation, demolition, salvage, and
15	dismantling shall commence during calendar year 2024.
16	Sec. 17. SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; INTENT;
17	REPORT
18	(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of
19	Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the Department of Fish
20	and Wildlife, shall develop a plan to transfer a portion of the former Southeast

1	State Correctional Facility property to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for
2	inclusion in the adjacent wildlife management area. The plan shall:
3	(1) delineate the portions of the former Southeast State Correctional
4	Facility property that could be used for future redevelopment of the site, taking
5	into account any necessary setbacks from wetlands, streams, or wildlife
6	habitat; and
7	(2) identify any rights of way or easements that will be necessary for the
8	potential future redevelopment of the retained portion of the property.
9	(b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Buildings and
10	General Services and the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife shall report to the
11	House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee
12	on Institutions regarding the details of the plan and any legislative action that
13	may be necessary to facilitate the transfer.
14	Sec. 18. STATE BUILDING NAMING; STUDY COMMITTEE; REPORT
15	(a) Creation. There is created the State Building Naming Study Committee
16	to develop a proposed process for naming State buildings that are under the
17	jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings and General Services.
18	(b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following
19	members:
20	(1) the State Historic Preservation Officer or designee;

1	(2) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or
2	designee;
3	(3) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee;
4	(4) the Executive Director of the Vermont Historical Society or
5	designee;
6	(5) the State Librarian or designee
7	(6) the Executive Director of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns
8	or designee; and
9	(7) the Executive Director of the Office of Racial Equity or designee.
10	(c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall develop a proposed process
11	for naming State buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of
12	Buildings and General Services. The proposed process developed by the
13	Committee shall address the following:
14	(1) the entity within State government that should have authority for
15	naming State buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of
16	Buildings and General Services;
17	(2) entities and individuals who should be involved in determining
18	whether to name specific State buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the
19	Department of Buildings and General Services;

1	(3) methods by which a municipality or the general public may petition
2	to name a State building under the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings
3	and General Services after a specific person;
4	(4) any requirements for a historical nexus between the building
5	proposed to be named and the person for whom it is proposed to be named; and
6	(5) the process for considering a petition to name a State building,
7	including requirements related to public notice, conduct of hearings, and
8	standards for rendering a decision on a petition.
9	(d) Report. On or before January 15, 2025, the Committee shall report to
10	the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
11	Committee on Institutions regarding its proposal and any recommendations for
12	legislative action.
13	(f) Meetings.
14	(1) The State Historic Preservation Officer shall call the first meeting of
15	the Committee to occur on or before September 1, 2024.
16	(2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the
17	first meeting.
18	(3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.
19	(4) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 30, 2025.

1	Sec. 19. FORENSIC FACILITY; NEEDS; REVIEW; REPORT
2	(a)(1) The Department of Buildings and General Services, in consultation
3	with the Departments of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and
4	Independent Living, shall review the programming needs and facility
5	requirements of individuals who:
6	(A) present significant risk of danger to self or others if not treated in
7	a secure setting; and
8	(B) are held without bail pursuant to 13 V.S.A. §§ 7553 and 7553a
9	and either found not competent to stand trial due to mental illness or
10	intellectual disability or adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity.
11	(2) The review shall include an analysis of the potential costs of any
12	identified options for meeting the programming needs and facility
13	requirements.
14	(3) The facility requirements shall provide that individuals who are
15	found not competent to stand trial due to an intellectual disability are housed
16	separately from individuals who are found not competent to stand trial due to
17	mental illness or adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity.
18	(b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Buildings and
19	General Services shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on
20	Corrections and Institutions, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the
21	Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on

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

1	(b)(1) The Special Committee shall meet at the call of the chair of the Joint
2	Fiscal Committee, in consultation with the chairs of the House Committee on
3	Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.
4	(2)(A) The Special Committee shall meet to review and recommend
5	alterations to proposals and plans for Capitol Complex flood recovery.
6	(B) The Special Committee may, as necessary, grant approval to
7	proposal and plans for Capitol Complex flood recovery.
8	(c) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall provide
9	quarterly updates to the Special Committee on the planning process for Capitol
10	Complex flood recovery.
11	(d) The Special Committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as
12	provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.
13	Sec. 22. STATE HOUSE; EXPANSION; DESIGN; SPECIAL COMMITTEE
14	(a)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly to approve the programming
15	option for a schematic design plan for the State House expansion as soon as
16	practicable to allow the Department of Buildings and General Services to begin
17	the design development phase of the expansion.
18	(2) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall provide
19	the Special Committee established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section
20	with a schematic design plan for the State House expansion on or before
21	August 15, 2024.

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. 23. 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:
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2	construction and repair on all State-owned buildings:
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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.

(3) Prepare or cause to be prepared plans and specifications for

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- (19) Transfer any unexpended project balances between projects that are authorized within the same section of an annual a biennial capital construction act.
- (20) Transfer any unexpended project balances between projects that are authorized within different capital construction acts, with the approval of the

1	Secretary of Administration, when the unexpended project balance does not
2	exceed \$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.
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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 \$50,000.00 \$100,000.00 shall be done with the
8	approval of the Secretary of Administration.
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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.
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17	* * * Corrections * * *
18	Sec. 24. 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:

1	(1) near support services, programming, and work opportunities needed
2	to facilitate successful reentry into the community; and
3	(2) minimizes disruption to the existing Department of Corrections
4	workforce serving justice-involved women.
5	(b) Contingent authority to purchase land. In the event that the
6	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the
7	Commissioner of Corrections, is unable to identify appropriate State-owned
8	site locations for the replacement facilities for justice-involved women, the
9	Commissioner is authorized to purchase land, provided that land purchased for
10	the reentry facility shall:
11	(1) be located near support services, programming, and work
12	opportunities needed to facilitate successful reentry into the community; and
13	(2) minimizes disruption to the existing Department of Corrections
14	workforce serving justice-involved women.
15	(c) Reports. Beginning in July 2024 and ending in January 2025, the
16	Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the
17	Commissioner of Corrections, shall report at least once per calendar quarter to
18	the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
19	Committee on Institutions regarding the progress in identifying State-owned
20	property and, if necessary, purchasing property on which to locate the
21	replacement women's facilities for justice-involved women.

1	Sec. 25. POTENTIAL REUSE OF CHITTENDEN REGIONAL
2	CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; FEASIBILITY; REPORT
3	On or before February 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Buildings and
4	General Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Corrections, shall
5	report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
6	Committees on Institutions and on Judiciary regarding the feasibility of
7	repurposing the site of the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility for a
8	reentry facility for eligible justice-involved men following the construction of
9	replacement facilities for justice-involved women. The report shall include an
10	analysis of work necessary for reuse of the site as a reentry facility, potential
11	designs for a reentry facility, and the projected cost of site work,
12	improvements, and other work necessary to construct a reentry facility on the
13	site.
14	* * * Judiciary * * *
15	Sec. 26. BARRE; WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE;
16	LAND ACQUISITION; AUTHORIZATION; COMMUNICATION
17	WITH CITY
18	(a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation
19	with the Judiciary, is authorized to use the amounts appropriated in 2023 Acts
20	and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(c)(11) and (d)(4) to purchase land as needed to
21	renovate or replace the Washington County Superior Courthouse.

1	(b) The Commissioner shall:
2	(1) consult with the City of Barre on potential options for renovating or
3	replacing the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre; and
4	(2) provide updates to the City on progress made with respect to
5	renovating or replacing the Courthouse.
6	Sec. 27. WHITE RIVER JUNCTION; WINDSOR COUNTY SUPERIOR
7	COURTHOUSE; TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF EMPLOYEES
8	It is the intent of the General Assembly that following completion of the
9	renovations to the Windsor County Superior Courthouse in White River
10	Junction, the offices of the Windsor County State's Attorney shall be relocated
11	to the leased office space at 55 Railroad Row that is being used as temporary
12	office space for Courthouse employees during the renovation.
13	* * * Effective Date * * *
14	Sec. 28. EFFECTIVE DATE
15	This act shall take effect on passage.