

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.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.

1	Appropriation – FY 2024		\$23,126,244.00
2	Appropriation – FY 2025	\$25,275,000.00	<u>\$25,417,818.00</u>
3	Total Appropriation – Section 2	\$48,401,244.00	<u>\$48,544,062.00</u>

4 Sec. 3. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

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

10 (1) Northwest State Correctional Facility, booking expansion, planning,
11 design, and construction: ~~\$2,500,000.00~~ \$2,600,000.00

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13 (3) Statewide, correctional facilities, HVAC systems, planning, design,
14 and construction for upgrades and replacements:

15 ~~\$700,000.00~~ \$5,150,000.00

16 (4) Statewide, correctional facilities, accessibility upgrades:

17 \$822,000.00

18 (5) ~~South Burlington~~, justice-involved men, feasibility study for reentry
19 facility: \$200,000.00

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21 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$1,800,000.00

1	Appropriation – FY 2025	\$16,200,000.00 <u>\$21,772,000.00</u>
2	Total Appropriation – Section 3	\$18,000,000.00 <u>\$23,572,000.00</u>

3 Sec. 4. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 4 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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6 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
7 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described
8 in this subsection:

9 (1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:

10 \$500,000.00 \$700,000.00

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12 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$596,000.00

13 Appropriation – FY 2025 ~~\$596,000.00~~ \$796,000.00

14 Total Appropriation – Section 4 ~~\$1,192,000.00~~ \$1,392,000.00

15 Sec. 5. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 9 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 9. NATURAL RESOURCES

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

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21 (2) Dam safety and hydrology projects: ~~\$500,000.00~~ \$400,000.00

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

(1) General infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructure, and improvements to buildings, including conservation camps:

\$1,344,150.00 \$1,900,000.00

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(3) Salisbury fish hatchery, feasibility study: \$100,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2024 \$6,997,081.00 \$6,897,081.00

Appropriation – FY 2025 \$7,497,051.00 \$8,152,901.00

Total Appropriation – Section 9 \$14,494,132.00 \$15,049,982.00

Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 10 is amended to read:

Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

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

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Sec. 8. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 16 is amended to read:

Sec. 16. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS

(a) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and General Services from prior capital appropriations to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:

(1) of the amount appropriated in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 19(a) 2(b)(4) (Veterans' Home, replace nurse call system BGS – Statewide, major maintenance): \$14,668.72 \$21,876.90

(2) of the amount appropriated 2012 in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 40 42, Sec. 19(b) 2(b)(9) (Veterans' Home kitchen upgrade Newport, Northeast State Correctional Facility, direct digital HVAC control system replacement): \$13,522.98 \$23,129.47

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(5) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec. 2(b) (various projects): \$65,463.17 \$147,206.37

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(7) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160, Sec. 1(c)(5) (major maintenance): \$93,549.00 \$116,671.15

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1 (9) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.
2 2(b)(13) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage):
3 ~~\$1,736,256.55~~ \$1,774,782.00

4 (10) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
5 Sec. 2(c) (various projects): ~~\$24,363.06~~ \$476,725.66

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7 (13) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
8 Sec. 2(b)(3) (major maintenance): ~~\$32,780.00~~ \$439,889.66

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10 (17) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
11 Sec. 2(b)(1) (Statewide, BGS engineering and architectural project costs):
12 \$26,951.52

13 (18) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
14 Sec. 11(b)(4) (municipal pollution control grants, pollution control projects
15 and planning advances for feasibility studies, new projects):
16 \$4,498.17

17 (19) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
18 Sec. 11(f)(2) (EcoSystem restoration and protection): \$4,298.22

19 (20) of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,
20 Sec. 8(m) (Downtown Transportation Fund pilot project): \$9,150.00

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1 Total Revenues – Section 17 \$108,000,000.00 **\$113,247,838.90**

2 Sec. 10. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18 is amended to read:

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

4 APPROPRIATIONS ACT; INTENT; AUTHORIZATIONS

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

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9 ~~(7) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to~~
10 ~~spend \$600,000.00 for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern~~
11 ~~State Correctional Facility in Newport; [Repealed.]~~

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13 ~~(9) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to~~
14 ~~spend \$600,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and~~
15 ~~design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;~~
16 ~~[Repealed.]~~

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 ~~maintenance and improvements of the Department's buildings, including~~
2 ~~conservation camps. [Repealed.]~~

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

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8 (3) the sum of ~~\$2,000,000.00~~ \$1,500,000.00 to the Department of
9 Buildings and General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam
10 lines at 120 State Street in Montpelier;

11 (4) the sum of ~~\$1,000,000.00~~ \$850,000.00 to the Department of
12 Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for design, renovations, and
13 land acquisition at the Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre;

14 (5) the sum of ~~\$1,000,000.00~~ \$850,000.00 to the Department of
15 Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the
16 planning and design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

17 (6) the sum of ~~\$1,000,000.00~~ \$850,000.00 to the Department of
18 Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the
19 planning and design of the Rutland Field Station;

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1 ~~improvements which are expected, either in phases or in total, to cost more~~
2 ~~than \$200,000.00. The Department of Environmental Conservation shall~~
3 ~~manage all contracts for engineering services for capital improvements made~~
4 ~~by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. The Department of~~
5 Environmental Conservation Facilities Engineering Section:

6 (1) may execute and consult on design for the Department of Forests,
7 Parks and Recreation;

8 (2) shall provide professional engineering services for compliance with
9 environmental operating permits; and

10 (3) shall be the custodian of all plans of record for work executed by the
11 Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, regardless of the source and
12 designer of record.

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14 Sec. 12. FISH HATCHERY FEASIBILITY STUDY

15 (a) On or before December 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Fish and
16 Wildlife shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions
17 and the Senate Committee on Institutions regarding the feasibility of
18 continuing operations at the Salisbury Fish Hatchery after December 31, 2027,
19 of transferring the stocking capacity of the Salisbury Fish Hatchery to the Ed
20 Weed Fish Hatchery in Grand Isle, and of alternative options for replacing the
21 stocking capacity of the Salisbury Fish Hatchery.

1 (b) The report shall:

2 (1) identify the repairs, improvements, and other work necessary to
3 enable the Salisbury Fish Hatchery to obtain any permits necessary to continue
4 operating after December 31, 2027 and provide a detailed analysis of the
5 associated costs and a plan for accomplishing the work;

6 (2) identify any repairs, improvements, and other work necessary to
7 enable the stocking capacity of the Salisbury Fish Hatchery to be transferred to
8 the Ed Weed Fish Hatchery and provide a detailed analysis of the associated
9 costs and a plan for accomplishing the work; and

10 (3) examine alternative approaches to maintaining the State’s fish
11 stocking capacity, including an analysis of associated costs and work necessary
12 to successfully implement each identified alternative approach.

13 * * * Buildings and General Services * * *

14 Sec. 13. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 22 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 22. SALE OF PROPERTIES

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

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(3) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(d) and 29 V.S.A. § 160, of the proceeds received by the State for the sale of the property located at 108 Cherry Street in the City of Burlington, \$6,242,500.00 shall be deposited into the Property Management Revolving Fund (58700) to recover the deficit incurred in the fund as a result of the original purchase of the property and, notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 168(c), \$293,753.63 shall be deposited into the State Energy Revolving Fund (59700) to repay debt outstanding for loans for energy improvement projects on the property.

Sec. 14. SALE OF WILLISTON STATE POLICE BARRACKS; INTENT;
REPORT

Prior to authorizing the sale of the Williston State Police Barracks, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Town of Williston shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions in January 2025 regarding:

(1) whether the town desires to purchase the property; and

(2) if so:

(A) the feasibility of the Town purchasing the property, including any requested conditions on the sale of the property; and

(B) the potential future uses of the property envisioned by the Town.

Sec. 15. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:

§ 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY

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(b)(1) Upon authorization by the General Assembly, which may be granted by resolution, and with the advice and consent of the Governor, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may sell real estate owned by the State. ~~Such~~ The property shall be sold to the highest bidder ~~therefor~~ at public auction or upon sealed bids ~~in~~ at the discretion of the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, who may reject any or all bids, or the Commissioner is authorized to list the sale of property with a real estate agent licensed by the State. In no event shall the property be sold for less than fair market value as determined by the Commissioner in consultation with an independent real estate broker or appraiser, or both, retained by the Commissioner, unless otherwise authorized by the General Assembly.

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Sec. 16. FORMER SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;
BUILDING DEMOLITION

(a) The Department of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission, shall determine the buildings at the former Southeast State Correctional Facility property that shall be prioritized for environmental remediation, demolition, salvage, and dismantling. The Commissioner shall consider the impact of building

1 demolition on future site development when determining which buildings to
2 prioritize.

3 (b) The Commissioner shall notify the Chairs of the House Committee on
4 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions of the
5 buildings proposed for environmental remediation, demolition, salvage, and
6 dismantling.

7 (c) Environmental testing and remediation, demolition, salvage, and
8 dismantling shall commence during calendar year 2024.

9 Sec. 17. SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; **POTENTIAL**

10 **LAND TRANSFER;** REPORT

11 (a) **The** Department of **Fish and Wildlife**, in consultation with the
12 **Department of Buildings and General Services**, shall **evaluate the potential**
13 **transfer** of a portion of the former Southeast State Correctional Facility
14 property to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for inclusion in the adjacent
15 wildlife management area. The **evaluation** shall:

16 (1) delineate the portions of the former Southeast State Correctional
17 Facility property that could be used for future redevelopment of the site, taking
18 into account any necessary setbacks from wetlands, streams, or wildlife
19 habitat;

20 (2) **identify any portions of the property that could be transferred into**
21 **the adjacent wildlife management area and potential impacts on the**

1 redevelopment or sale of the property from the transfer of the identified
2 portions; and

3 (3) identify any rights of way or easements that will be necessary for the
4 potential future redevelopment of any retained portion of the property.

5 (b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife
6 and the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall report to the
7 House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee
8 on Institutions regarding the evaluation and any legislative action that may be
9 necessary to facilitate a proposed transfer or redevelopment of the property.

10 Sec. 18. STATE BUILDING NAMING; STUDY COMMITTEE; REPORT

11 (a) Creation. There is created the State Building Naming Study Committee
12 to develop a proposed process for naming State buildings that are under the
13 jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings and General Services.

14 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following
15 members:

16 (1) the State Historic Preservation Officer or designee;

17 (2) the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or
18 designee;

19 (3) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee;

20 (4) the Executive Director of the Vermont Historical Society or
21 designee;

1 (5) the State Librarian or designee

2 (6) the Executive Director of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns
3 or designee; and

4 (7) the Executive Director of the Office of Racial Equity or designee.

5 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall develop a proposed process
6 for naming State buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of
7 Buildings and General Services. The proposed process developed by the
8 Committee shall address the following:

9 (1) an entity within State government, other than the General Assembly,
10 that should have authority for naming State buildings that are under the
11 jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings and General Services;

12 (2) entities and individuals who should be involved in determining
13 whether to name specific State buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the
14 Department of Buildings and General Services;

15 (3) methods by which a municipality or the general public may petition
16 to name a State building under the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings
17 and General Services after a specific person;

18 (4) any requirements for a historical nexus between the building
19 proposed to be named and the person for whom it is proposed to be named; and

1 (5) the process for considering a petition to name a State building,
2 including requirements related to public notice, conduct of hearings, and
3 standards for rendering a decision on a petition.

4 (d) Report. On or before January 15, 2025, the Committee shall report to
5 the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
6 Committee on Institutions regarding its proposal and any recommendations for
7 legislative action.

8 (e) Meetings.

9 (1) The State Historic Preservation Officer shall call the first meeting of
10 the Committee to occur on or before September 1, 2024.

11 (2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the
12 first meeting.

13 (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

14 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 30, 2025.

15 Sec. 19. FORENSIC FACILITY; NEEDS; REVIEW; REPORT

16 (a)(1) The Department of Buildings and General Services, in consultation
17 with the Departments of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and
18 Independent Living, shall review the programming needs and facility
19 requirements of individuals who:

20 (A) present significant risk of danger to self or others if not treated in
21 a secure setting; and

1 (B) are held without bail pursuant to 13 V.S.A. §§ 7553 and 7553a
2 and either found not competent to stand trial due to mental illness or
3 intellectual disability or adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity.

4 (2) The review shall include an analysis of the potential costs of any
5 identified options for meeting the programming needs and facility
6 requirements.

7 (3) The facility requirements shall provide that individuals who are
8 found not competent to stand trial due to an intellectual disability are housed
9 separately from individuals who are found not competent to stand trial due to
10 mental illness or adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity.

11 (b) On or before January 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Buildings and
12 General Services shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on
13 Corrections and Institutions, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the
14 Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on
15 Institutions regarding the findings of the review conducted pursuant to
16 subsection (a) of this section. The report may include recommendations for
17 legislative action.

18 Sec. 20. DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES YOUTH

19 SHORT-TERM STABILIZATION AND TREATMENT CENTER;

20 LONG-TERM LEASE; AUTHORIZATION

1 (c) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall provide
2 quarterly updates to the Special Committee on the planning process for Capitol
3 Complex flood recovery.

4 (d) The Special Committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as
5 provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.

6 Sec. 22. STATE HOUSE; EXPANSION; DESIGN; SPECIAL COMMITTEE

7 (a)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly to approve the programming
8 option for a schematic design plan for the State House expansion as soon as
9 practicable to allow the Department of Buildings and General Services to begin
10 the design development phase of the expansion.

11 (2) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall provide
12 the Special Committee established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section
13 with a schematic design plan for the State House expansion on or before
14 August 15, 2024.

15 (b) A Special Committee to be called the Special Committee on State
16 House Expansion consisting of the Joint Legislative Management Committee
17 and the chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the
18 Senate Committee on Institutions is established. The Special Committee is
19 authorized to meet to review, approve, or recommend alterations to the
20 schematic design described in subsection (a) of this section at a regularly

1 scheduled Joint Legislative Management Committee meeting. In making its
2 decision, the Special Committee shall consider:

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

5 (2) whether the design allows for public access to citizens;

6 (3) the financial consequences to the State of approval or disapproval of
7 the proposal; and

8 (4) whether any potential alternatives are available.

9 (c) The Special Committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as
10 provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.

11 Sec. 23. 29 V.S.A. § 152 is amended to read:

12 § 152. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER

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

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16 (3) Prepare or cause to be prepared plans and specifications for
17 construction and repair on all State-owned buildings:

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19 (B) For which no specific appropriations have been made by the
20 General Assembly or the Emergency Board. The Commissioner may, with the
21 approval of the Secretary of Administration, acquire an option, ~~for a price not~~

1 ~~to exceed \$75,000.00~~, on an individual property without prior legislative
2 approval, for a price not to exceed five percent of the listed sale price of the
3 property, provided the option contains a provision stating that purchase of the
4 property shall occur only upon the approval of the General Assembly and the
5 appropriation of funds for this purpose. The State Treasurer is authorized to
6 advance a sum not to exceed ~~\$75,000.00~~ five percent of the listed sale price of
7 the property, upon warrants drawn by the Commissioner of Finance and
8 Management for the purpose of purchasing an option on a property pursuant to
9 this subdivision.

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11 (19) Transfer any unexpended project balances between projects that are
12 authorized within the same section of ~~an annual~~ a biennial capital construction
13 act.

14 (20) Transfer any unexpended project balances between projects that are
15 authorized within different capital construction acts, with the approval of the
16 Secretary of Administration, when the unexpended project balance does not
17 exceed ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$200,000.00, or with the additional approval of the
18 Emergency Board when such balance exceeds ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$200,000.00.

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20 (22) Use the contingency fund appropriation to cover shortfalls for any
21 project approved in any capital construction act; however, transfers from the

1 contingency in excess of ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$100,000.00 shall be done with the
2 approval of the Secretary of Administration.

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4 * * * Corrections * * *

5 **Sec. 24. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 28 is amended to read:**

6 **Sec. 28. REPLACEMENT WOMEN’S FACILITIES; SITE LOCATION**

7 **PROPOSAL; DESIGN INTENT**

8 **(a) Site location proposal.**

9 **(1)(A) Site location proposal. On or before January 15, ~~2024~~ 2025, the**
10 **Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a site location**
11 **proposal for replacement women’s facilities for justice-involved women to the**
12 **House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee**
13 **on Institutions.**

14 **(B) It is the intent of the General Assembly that:**

15 **(i) when evaluating site locations, preference shall be given to**
16 **State-owned property; and**

17 **(ii) the site location, regardless of whether it is on State-owned**
18 **land or land proposed to be purchased by the State, shall be:**

19 **(I) near support services, programming, and work opportunities**
20 **needed to facilitate successful reentry into the community; and**

1 (II) in a reasonable proximity to the existing workforce to
2 facilitate retention and continuity of experienced staff.

3 (C) The proposal shall consider both collocating facilities in a
4 campus-style approach for operational efficiencies and the need for separate
5 facilities at different locations.

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7 Sec. 25 REPLACEMENT WOMEN’S FACILITIES; AUTHORITY TO
8 PURCHASE LAND; INTENT; REPORT

9 (a) Contingent authority to purchase land. In the event that the
10 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the
11 Commissioner of Corrections, is unable to identify appropriate State-owned
12 site locations for the replacement facilities for justice-involved women, the
13 Commissioner is authorized to purchase land, provided that any land purchased
14 for the replacement facilities shall be in a location that is:

15 (1) near support services, programming, and work opportunities needed
16 to facilitate successful reentry into the community; and

17 (2) in a reasonable proximity to the existing workforce to facilitate
18 retention and continuity of experienced staff.

19 (b) Reports. Beginning in July 2024 and ending in January 2025, the
20 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the
21 Commissioner of Corrections, shall report at least once per calendar quarter to

1 the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
2 Committee on Institutions regarding the progress in identifying State-owned
3 property and, if necessary, purchasing property on which to locate the
4 replacement facilities for justice-involved women.

5 **Sec. 26.** POTENTIAL REUSE OF CHITTENDEN REGIONAL
6 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY **SITE**; FEASIBILITY; REPORT

7 (a) On or before February 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Buildings and
8 General Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Corrections, shall
9 report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
10 Committees on Institutions and on Judiciary regarding the feasibility of
11 utilizing the site of the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility for a reentry
12 facility for eligible justice-involved men following the construction of
13 replacement facilities for justice-involved women.

14 (b) The report shall evaluate:

15 (1)(A) the condition and structure of the existing facility to determine if
16 it can be repurposed as a reentry facility in a manner that supports the
17 programmatic goals of the Department of Corrections; and

18 (B) if it can be repurposed as a reentry facility, the improvements and
19 other work necessary to support the programmatic goals of the Department of
20 Corrections and the estimated cost of performing the work;

