1	TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
2	The Committee on General and Housing to which was referred House Bill
3	No. 829 entitled "An act relating to creating permanent upstream eviction
4	protections and enhancing housing stability" respectfully reports that it has
5	considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out
6	all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
7	* * * Findings * * *
8	Sec. 1. [FINDINGS]
9	[The General Assembly finds that:]
10	* * * Property Transfer Tax * * *
11	Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 9602 is amended to read:
12	§ 9602. TAX ON TRANSFER OF TITLE TO PROPERTY
13	A tax is hereby imposed upon the transfer by deed of title to property
14	located in this State, or a transfer or acquisition of a controlling interest in any
15	person with title to property in this State. The amount of the tax equals one
16	and one-quarter percent of the value of the property transferred, or \$1.00,
17	whichever is greater, except as follows:
18	(1) With respect to the transfer of property to be used for the principal
19	residence of the transferee, the tax shall be imposed at the rate of five-tenths of
20	one percent of the first \$100,000.00 in value of the property transferred and at
21	the rate of one and one-quarter percent of the value of the property transferred

1	in excess of \$100,000.00; except that no tax shall be imposed on the first
2	$\frac{110,000.00}{150,000.00}$ in value of the property transferred if the purchaser
3	obtains a purchase money mortgage funded in part with a homeland grant
4	through the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund or that the
5	Vermont Housing and Finance Agency or U.S. Department of Agriculture and
6	Rural Development has committed to make or purchase; and tax at the rate of
7	one and one-quarter percent shall be imposed on the value of that property in
8	excess of \$110,000.00 <u>\$150,000.00</u> .
9	* * *
10	(4) With respect to the transfer of residential property that will not be
11	used as the principal residence of the transferee, and for which the transferee
12	will not be required to provide a landlord certificate pursuant to section 6069
13	of this title, the tax shall be imposed at the rate of two and one-half percent of
14	the value of the property transferred.
15	Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 312 is amended to read:
16	§ 312. CREATION OF VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION
17	TRUST FUND
18	There is created a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the
19	"Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund." The Fund shall be
20	administered by the Board and expenditures therefrom shall only be made to
21	implement and effectuate the policies and purposes of this chapter. The Fund

1	shall be comprised composed of 60 percent of the revenue collected under
2	<u>32 V.S.A. § 9602(a)(4)</u> , 50 percent of the revenue from the property transfer
3	tax under 32 V.S.A. chapter 231 all other subdivisions of 32 V.S.A.§ 9602(a),
4	and any monies from time to time appropriated to the Fund by the General
5	Assembly or received from any other source, private or public, approved by
6	the Board. Unexpended balances and any earnings shall remain in the Fund
7	for use in accord with the purposes of this chapter.
8	Sec. 4. 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a) is amended to read:
9	(a)(1) The Municipal and Regional Planning Fund for the purpose of
10	assisting municipal and regional planning commissions to carry out the intent
11	of this chapter is hereby created in the State Treasury.
12	(2) The Fund shall be composed of 23.5 percent of the revenue collected
13	under 32 V.S.A. § 9602(a)(4), 17 percent of the revenue from the property
14	transfer tax under 32 V.S.A. chapter 231 all other subdivisions of 32 V.S.A.
15	<u>§ 9602 (a)</u> , and any monies from time to time appropriated to the Fund by the
16	General Assembly or received from any other source, private or public. All
17	balances at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain in the
18	Fund. Interest earned by the Fund shall be deposited in the Fund.
19	(3) Of the revenues in the Fund, each year:
20	(A) 10 percent shall be disbursed to the Vermont Center for
21	Geographic Information;

1	(B) 70 percent shall be disbursed to the Secretary of Commerce and
2	Community Development for performance contracts with regional planning
3	commissions to provide regional planning services pursuant to section 4341a
4	of this title; and
5	(C) 20 percent shall be disbursed to municipalities.
6	Sec. 30. 32 V.S.A. § 435(b) shall be amended to read:
7	(b) The General Fund shall be composed of revenues from the following
8	sources:
9	(1) alcoholic beverage tax levied pursuant to 7 V.S.A. chapter 15;
10	(2) [Repealed.]
11	(3) [Repealed.]
12	(4) corporate income and franchise taxes levied pursuant to chapter 151
13	of this title;
14	(5) individual income taxes levied pursuant to chapter 151 of this title;
15	(6) all corporation taxes levied pursuant to chapter 211 of this title;
16	(7) 69 percent of the meals and rooms taxes levied pursuant to chapter
17	225 of this title;
18	(8) [Repealed.]
19	(9) [Repealed.]
20	(10) <u>16.5 percent of the revenue collected under subdivision 9602(a)(4)</u>
21	of this title, 33 percent of the revenue from the property transfer taxes levied

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1	pursuant to chapter 231 of this title all other subdivisions of 9602(a) of this
2	title, and the revenue from the gains taxes levied each year pursuant to chapter
3	236 of this title; and
4	(11) [Repealed.]
5	(12) all other revenues accruing to the State not otherwise required by
6	law to be deposited in any other designated fund or used for any other
7	designated purpose.
8	Sec. 5. 32 V.S.A. § 9610 is amended to read:
9	§ 9610. REMITTANCE OF RETURN AND TAX; INSPECTION OF
10	RETURNS
11	* * *
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12	(c) Prior to distributions of property transfer tax revenues under 10 V.S.A.
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12 13 14	(c) Prior to distributions of property transfer tax revenues under 10 V.S.A. § 312, 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), and subdivision 435(b)(10) of this title, two percent of the revenues received from the property transfer tax shall be
12 13 14 15	 (c) Prior to distributions of property transfer tax revenues under 10 V.S.A. § 312, 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), and subdivision 435(b)(10) of this title, two percent of the revenues received from the property transfer tax shall be deposited in a special fund in the Department of Taxes for Property Valuation
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1	notes, and other obligations authorized to be issued by the Agency pursuant to
2	10 V.S.A. § 621(22), the proceeds of which the Vermont Housing and
3	Conservation Board shall use to create affordable housing pursuant to 10
4	V.S.A. § 314.
5	(2) As long as the bonds, notes, and other obligations incurred pursuant
6	to subdivision (1) of this subsection remain outstanding, the rate of tax
7	imposed pursuant to section 9602 of this title shall not be reduced below a rate
8	estimated, at the time of any reduction, to generate annual revenues of at least
9	\$12,000,000.00.
10	(e) Prior to any distribution of property transfer tax revenue under 10
11	V.S.A. § 312, 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), subdivision 435(b)(10) of this title, and
12	subsection (c) of this section, \$2,000,000.00 of the revenue received from the
13	property transfer tax shall be transferred to the Act 250 Permit Fund
14	established under 10 V.S.A. § 6029. Prior to a transfer under this subsection,
15	the Commissioner shall adjust the amount transferred according to the percent
16	change in the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for All Urban
17	Consumers (CPI-U) by determining the increase or decrease, to the nearest
18	one-tenth of a percent, for the month ending on June 30 in the calendar year
19	one year prior to the first day of the fiscal year for which the transfer will be
20	made compared to the CPI-U for the month ending on June 30 in the calendar

1	year two years prior to the first day of the fiscal year for which the transfer will
2	be made.
3	* * * Housing Programs * * *
4	Sec. 6. 10 V.S.A. § 699 is amended to read:
5	§ 699. VERMONT RENTAL HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
6	(a) Creation of Program.
7	(1) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall
8	design and implement the Vermont Rental Housing Improvement Program,
9	through which the Department shall award funding to statewide or regional
10	nonprofit housing organizations, or both, to provide competitive grants and
11	forgivable loans to private landlords for the rehabilitation, including
12	weatherization and accessibility improvements, of eligible rental housing units.
13	(2) The Department shall develop statewide standards for the Program,
14	including factors that partner organizations shall use to evaluate applications
15	and award grants and forgivable loans.
16	(3) A landlord shall not offer a unit created through the Program as a
17	short-term rental, as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 4301, for the period a grant or loan
18	agreement is in effect.
19	(4) The Department may utilize a reasonable percentage of
20	appropriations made to the Department for the Program to administer the
21	Program.

1	(5) The Department may cooperate with and subgrant funds to State
2	agencies and political subdivisions and public and private organizations in
3	order to carry out the purposes of this subsection.
4	(b) Eligible rental housing units. The following units are eligible for a
5	grant or forgivable loan through the Program:
6	(1) Non-code compliant.
7	(A) The unit is an existing unit, whether or not occupied, that does
8	not comply with the requirements of applicable building, housing, or health
9	laws.
10	(B) If the unit is occupied, the grant or forgivable loan agreement
11	shall include terms:
12	* * *
13	(d) Program requirements applicable to grants and forgivable loans.
14	(1)(A) A grant or loan shall not exceed:
15	(i) \$70,000.00 per unit, for any unit converted from commercial to
16	residential purposes; or
17	(ii) \$50,000.00 per unit, for any other eligible rental housing unit.
18	(B) In determining the amount of a grant or loan, a housing
19	organization shall consider the number of bedrooms in the unit and whether the
20	unit is being rehabilitated or newly created.
21	* * *

1	(e) Program requirements applicable to grants and five-year forgivable
2	loans. For a grant or five-year forgivable loan awarded through the Program,
3	the following requirements apply for a minimum period of five years:
4	* * *
5	(4)(A) A landlord may convert a grant to a forgivable loan upon
6	approval of the Department and the housing organization that approved the
7	grant.
8	(B) A landlord who converts a grant to a forgivable loan shall receive
9	a 10-percent prorated credit for loan forgiveness for each year in which the
10	landlord participates in the grant program.
11	(f) Requirements applicable to 10 -year forgivable loans. For a 10 -year
12	forgivable loan awarded through the Program, the following requirements
13	apply for a minimum period of 10 years:
14	* * *
15	Sec. 7. VERMONT RENTAL HOUSING IMPROVEMENT
16	APPROPRIATION
17	The sum of \$5,000,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
18	Department of Housing and Community Development in fiscal year 2025 for
19	the Vermont Housing Improvement Program established in 10 V.S.A. § 699.
20	Sec. 8. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 36 is amended to read:
21	Sec. 36. MIDDLE-INCOME HOMEOWNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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1 PROGRAM

2	* * *
3	(d) The total amount of subsidies for a project shall not exceed 35 percent
4	of eligible development costs, as determined by the Agency, which the at the
5	time of approval of the project, unless the Agency later determines that the
6	project will not result in affordable owner-occupied housing for income-
7	eligible homebuyers without additional subsidy, in which case the Agency
8	may, at its discretion, reasonably exceed this limitation and only to the extent
9	required to achieve affordable owner-occupied housing. The Agency may
10	shall allocate subsidies consistent with the following:
11	(1) Developer subsidy. The Agency may provide a direct subsidy to the
12	developer, which shall not exceed the difference between the cost of
13	development and the market value of the home as completed.
14	(2) Affordability subsidy. Of any remaining amounts available for the
15	project after the developer subsidy, the Agency may provide a subsidy for the
16	benefit of the homebuyer to reduce the cost of purchasing the home, provided
17	that:
18	(A) the Agency includes conditions in the subsidy, agreement or uses
19	another legal mechanism, to ensure that, to the extent the home value has risen,
20	the amount of the subsidy upon sale of the home, to the extent proceeds are
21	available, the amount of the affordability subsidy either:

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1	(i) remains with the home to offset the cost to future homebuyers;
2	or
3	(ii) is recaptured by the Agency upon sale of the home for use in a
4	similar program to support affordable homeownership development; or
5	(B) the subsidy is subject to a housing subsidy covenant, as defined
6	in 27 V.S.A. § 610, that preserves the affordability of the home for a period of
7	99 years or longer.
8	(3) The Agency shall allocate not less than 33 percent of the funds
9	available through the Program to projects that include a housing subsidy
10	covenant consistent with subdivision (2)(B) of this subsection.
11	* * *
12	(f)(1) When implementing the Program, the Agency shall consult
13	stakeholders and experts in the field.
14	(2) The Program shall include:
15	(A) a streamlined and appropriately scaled application process;
16	(B) an outreach and education plan, including specific tactics to reach
17	and support eligible applicants, especially those from underserved regions or
18	sectors;
19	(C) an equitable system for distributing investments statewide on the
20	basis of need according to a system of priorities that includes consideration of:
21	(i) geographic distribution;

1	(ii) community size;
2	(iii) community economic need; and
3	(iv) whether an application has already received an investment or
4	is from an applicant in a community that has already received Program
5	funding.
6	(3) The Agency shall use its best efforts to ensure:
7	(A) that investments awarded are targeted to the geographic
8	communities or regions with the most pressing economic and employment
9	needs; and
10	(B) that the allocation of investments provides equitable access to the
11	benefits to all eligible geographical areas.
12	* * *
13	Sec. 9. REPEAL
14	2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 37 (middle-income homeownership;
15	implementation) is repealed.
16	Sec. 10. APPROPRIATION; MIDDLE-INCOME HOMEOWNERSHIP
17	DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
18	The sum of \$25,000,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
19	Department of Housing and Community Development to grant to the Vermont
20	Housing Finance Agency in fiscal year 2025 for the Middle-Income

1	Homeownership Development Program established by 2022 Acts and Resolves
2	No. 182, Sec. 11, and amended from time to time.
3	Sec. 11. APPROPRIATION; VERMONT HOUSING CONSERVATION
4	BOARD; PERPETUALLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING
5	The sum of \$110,000,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
6	Vermont Housing Conservation Board in fiscal year 2025 for the following
7	purposes:
8	(1) to provide support and enhance capacity for the production and
9	preservation of affordable rental housing and homeownership units, including
10	support for manufactured home communities, permanent homes for those
11	experiencing homelessness, recovery residences, and housing available to farm
12	workers and refugees;
13	(2) to fund the construction and preservation of emergency shelter for
14	households experiencing homelessness; and
15	(3) to fund permanent supportive housing.
16	* * * Eviction Prevention Initiatives * * *
17	Sec. 12. APPROPRIATION; RENTAL HOUSING STABILIZATION
18	SERVICES
19	The sum of \$400,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
20	Office of Economic Opportunity within the Department for Children and
21	Families in fiscal year 2025 for a grant to the Champlain Valley Office of

1	Economic Opportunity for the Rental Housing Stabilization Services Program
2	established by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 43.
3	Sec. 13. APPROPRIATION; TENANT REPRESENTATION PILOT
4	PROGRAM
5	The sum of \$1,025,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
6	Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2025 for a grant to Vermont Legal
7	Aid for the Tenant Representation Pilot Program established by 2023 Acts and
8	Resolves No. 47, Sec. 44.
9	Sec. 14. APPROPRIATION; RENT ARREARS ASSISTANCE FUND
10	The sum of \$2,500,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
11	Vermont State Housing Authority in fiscal year 2025 for the Rent Arrears
12	Assistance Fund established by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 45.
13	Sec. 15. [APPROPRIATION; RESIDENT SERVICES FUND]
14	[OPTION 1: Fund AHS to subgrant to VHCB which would pass along to its
15	grantees]
16	[OPTION 2: Send set amount to VHCB to subgrant and rest goes to DAIL
17	for SASH]
18	Sec. 16. RENT PAYMENT REPORTING REPORT
19	(a) To facilitate the development of a pilot program for housing providers
20	to report tenant rent payments for inclusion in consumer credit reports, the
21	Office of the State Treasurer shall study:

1	(1) any entities currently facilitating landlord credit reporting;
2	(2) the number of landlords in Vermont utilizing rent payment software,
3	related software expenses, and the need for or benefit of utilizing software for
4	positive pay reporting;
5	(3) the impacts on tenants from rent payment reporting programs,
6	including, if feasible, data gathered from the Champlain Housing Trust's
7	program;
8	(4) any logistical steps the State must take to facilitate the program and
9	any associated administrative costs; and
10	(5) any other issues the Treasurer deems appropriate for facilitating the
11	development of the pilot program.
12	(b) On or before December 15, 2024, the Treasurer shall submit a report to
13	the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General
14	Affairs with its findings and recommendations, which may be in the form of
15	proposed legislation.
16	* * * Manufactured Homes * * *
17	Sec. 17. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 3, as amended by 2023 Acts
18	and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 75 and 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.119,
19	is further amended to read:
20	Sec. 3. MANUFACTURED HOME IMPROVEMENT AND
21	REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

1	(a) Of the amounts available from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
2	recovery funds, \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Housing and
3	Community Development for the purposes specified:
4	* * *
5	(b) The Department administers the Manufactured Home Improvement and
6	Repair Program and may utilize a reasonable percentage of appropriations
7	made to the Department for the Program to administer the Program. The
8	Department may cooperate with and subgrant funds to State agencies and
9	political subdivisions and public and private organizations in order to carry out
10	the purposes of subsection (a) of this section.
11	Sec. 18. MANUFACTURED HOME IMPROVEMENT AND REPAIR
12	PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS; INFRASTRUCTURE; MOBILE
13	HOME REPAIR
14	The sum of \$2,000,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
15	Department of Housing and Community Development in fiscal year 2025 for
16	the following purposes:
17	(1) to improve mobile home park infrastructure under the Manufactured
18	Home Improvement and Repair Program established by 2022 Acts and
19	Resolves No. 182, Sec. 3, and amended from time to time; and

1	(2) to expand the Home Repair Awards program under the
2	Manufactured Home Improvement and Repair Program established by 2022
3	Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 3, and amended from time to time.
4	Sec. 19. MOBILE HOME TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION
5	(a) The sum of \$700,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
6	Department of Housing and Community Development for a subgrant to the
7	Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity in fiscal year 2025 to fund
8	the Mobile Home Park Technical Assistance Services Team, including
9	administration and direct project administration costs, such as advertising,
10	background check fees, office supplies, postage, staff mileage liability
11	insurance, training, service contracts, rent, utilities, telephone, space
12	maintenance, and staffing.
13	(b) The sum of \$300,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
14	Department of Housing and Community Development for a subgrant to the
15	Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity in fiscal year 2025 to fund
16	individual resident emergency grants accessible to all income-eligible mobile
17	homeowners statewide to prevent loss of housing, remediate unsafe housing,
18	enhance housing safety, health, and habitability issues, and provide relief from
19	the impacts of natural disaster.
20	* * * Shelters * * *
21	Sec. 20. [SHELTER OPERATIONS FUNDING]

1	[Augment existing budget recommend: Gov has \$7.2M but add \$3M in
2	anticipation of additional shelter beds coming in second half of year]
3	* * * Specialized Needs Shelters and Medical Respite * * *
4	Sec. 21. [APPROPRIATION; CREATION OF FACILITIES]
5	[Direct either DHCD or VHCB to create program in consultation with Dept
6	of Health, service providers. Appropriation is \$17.5M in model.]
7	Sec. 22. [OPERATIONS AND SERVICES]
8	[Money should flow through Dept of Health for either DAIL or DMH;
9	model has \$1.3M base funding]
10	* * * Permanent Supportive Housing * * *
11	Sec. 23. [MEDICAID PSH PILOT]
12	[Start w/ language in FY25 budget: Direct DMH / DAIL to create program
13	in consultation with VHCB, who will allocate capital dollars]
14	Sec. 24. [PSH SUBSIDY]
15	[Create subset of project based state vouchers to the base of VRSP at a rate
16	of \$900K/per year but only allocate one quarter of FY25, to increase in future]
17	* * * Reporting * * *
18	Sec. 25. [EMERGENCY HOUSING TRANSITION; AGENCY OF HUMAN
19	SERVICES; JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT;
20	REPORTS]

1	[Text from Act 81 (2023), bottom of p. 59, Sec. 6(b) through p. 64. May
2	want to add components: VHIP? And clarify the AHS/GA/VHCB reporting
3	needed.]
4	(a) As used in this act, "alternative housing placements" may include
5	shelter beds and pods; placements with family or friends; permanent housing
6	solutions, including tiny homes, manufactured homes, and apartments;
7	residential treatment beds for physical health, long-term care, substance use, or
8	mental health; nursing home beds; and recovery homes.
9	(b) On or before the last day of each month from July 2024 through March
10	2025, the Agency of Human Services, or other relevant agency or department,
11	shall report to the House Committee on Human Services, the Senate
12	Committee on Health and Welfare, and the Joint Fiscal Committee on its
13	progress in assisting households housed in hotels and motels with transitioning
14	from the pandemic-era General Assistance Emergency Housing Program to
15	alternative housing placements and on the creation of new, alternative housing
16	solutions. Each update shall include:
17	(1) the number of households remaining in hotels and motels that have
18	not yet been transitioned to an alternative housing placement by household
19	size, by eligibility category, and by each Agency of Human Services district;

1	(2) the number of actual alternative housing placements made during the
2	previous reporting period compared with the targeted number of placements
3	for that period;
4	(3) of the households successfully transitioned to an alternative housing
5	placement during the previous month, the number of households whose
6	screening indicated a potential need for services from each department within
7	the Agency;
8	(4) the number of beds available for emergency housing in each Agency
9	of Human Services district in the State, with separate reporting on the number
10	of beds available in nursing homes and residential care homes for individuals
11	whose screening indicates they could meet the clinical criteria for those
12	settings and the number of emergency beds available for individuals whose
13	screening indicates they do not meet the clinical criteria, including low-barrier
14	shelters, beds for youth, and beds for individuals who have experienced
15	domestic violence;
16	(5) of the households that were housed in a hotel or motel for four
17	months or longer and transitioned out during the previous month, the number
18	that have had all or a portion of their security deposits returned to them since
19	leaving the hotel or motel or are awaiting the return of these funds;
20	(6) of the households that were housed in a hotel or motel for less than
21	four months and transitioned out during the previous month, the amount of

1	security deposit funds refunded to the State by the hotels and motels during
2	that month;
3	(7) the number of households that have been successfully transitioned to
4	an alternative housing placement since the previous report, the types of
5	housing settings in which they have been placed, and the supportive services
6	they are receiving in conjunction with their housing;
7	(8) the outlook for transitioning additional households to alternative
8	housing placements in the coming months, including an estimate of the number
9	of households likely to be placed per month;
10	(9) a projected timeline for transitioning the remaining households to
11	alternative housing placements;
12	(10) the average negotiated rate for rooms that the Agency paid to the
13	hotels and motels providing the temporary, continued hotel or motel housing
14	during the previous month;
15	(11) the status of responding to and implementing the letters of interest
16	from community partners and municipalities for housing and supportive
17	services:
18	(12) the status of contracts for housing and supportive services resulting
19	from the Agency's requests for proposals (RFPs)[, including the Agency's
20	May 24, 2023 RFP for emergency shelter staffing and services];

1	(13) the status of grants awarded through the Housing Opportunity
2	Program and how those grants relate to the Agency's efforts to assist
3	households with transitioning out of the pandemic-era General Assistance
4	Emergency Housing Program;
5	(14) [once the Adverse Weather Conditions Policy takes effect again in
6	the fall of 2023, how the Agency plans to distinguish the households that
7	become eligible for the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program
8	under that Policy from the households that the Agency is assisting with
9	transitioning out of the pandemic-era General Assistance Emergency Housing
10	<u>Program;</u>
11	(15) the total amount of funds expended to date on housing placements
12	and supportive services for households transitioning out of the pandemic-era
13	General Assistance Emergency Housing Program; and
14	(16) [beginning with the September 2023 reporting period], any State
15	rules and local regulations and ordinances that are impeding the timely
16	development of safe, decent, affordable housing in Vermont communities in
17	order to:
18	(A) identify areas in which flexibility or discretion are available; and
19	(B) advise whether the temporary suspension of relevant State rules
20	and local regulations and ordinances, or the adoption or amendment of State

1	rules, would facilitate faster and less costly revitalization of existing housing
2	and construction of new housing units.
3	(c) On or before the last day of each month from July 2024 through March
4	2025, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall report to the House
5	Committees on Human Services and on General and Housing; the Senate
6	Committees on Health and Welfare and on Economic Development, Housing
7	and General Affairs; and the Joint Fiscal Committee on:
8	(1) the status of the Board's initiatives to make additional housing units
9	available and how those initiatives support the Agency of Human Services'
10	efforts to assist households with transitioning out of the pandemic-era General
11	Assistance Emergency Housing Program; and
12	(2) the status of the Board's efforts to expand emergency shelter
13	capacity, including the number of new beds available since the previous report,
14	the number of additional beds planned, and when the additional planned beds
15	are likely to become available.
16	(d) The Agency may hire temporary employees or contract with
17	community-based organizations, or both, as needed to support the Agency in
18	assisting households housed in hotels and motels with transitioning from the
19	pandemic-era General Assistance Emergency Housing Program to alternative
20	housing placements; to support the creation of new, alternative housing

1	solutions; and to collect and report on the information required by subsection
2	(b) of this section.
3	(e) On April 1, 2025, the Agency shall report to the House Committees on
4	Appropriations, on Human Services, and on Housing and General Affairs; the
5	Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, and on
6	Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs; and the Joint Fiscal
7	Committee the number households, if any, that were not successfully
8	transitioned out of the pandemic-era General Assistance Emergency Housing
9	Program into alternative housing placements and the reason why each such
10	household was not successfully placed.
11	Sec. X. EFFECTIVE DATE
12	This act shall take effect on
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19	(Committee vote:)

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