

1 H.494

2 Representative Wood of Waterbury moves that the bill be amended by
3 inserting a new Sec. E.321.1 after Sec. E.321 to read as follows:

4 Sec. E.321.1. GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING; PLAN TO END
5 HOTEL AND MOTEL PROGRAM ESTABLISHED DURING
6 COVID-19 EMERGENCY

7 (a) In fiscal year 2024, \$20,000,000.00 is appropriated from the General
8 Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to support any
9 transition services necessary to terminate the hotel and motel housing program
10 established in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Using the
11 appropriated funds, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall
12 implement supports, in consultation with the Department for Children and
13 Families and other stakeholders, to locate alternative housing for the following
14 households participating in the hotel and motel program on June 1, 2023:

15 (1) a household that lost its housing due to a natural disaster, such as a
16 flood, fire, or hurricane;

17 (2) a household that has a member who has experienced domestic
18 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;

19 (3) a household that has a member who has experienced a dangerous or
20 life-threatening incident related to violence against the member that either
21 occurred within the member’s home or caused the member to reasonably
22 believe that the member was at risk of further harm if the member remained in
23 the home;

1 (4) a household with a child or children who are either under 18 years of
2 age or who are 18 or 19 years of age and attending secondary school on full-
3 time basis or an equivalent level of vocational or technical training;

4 (5) a household that has a member who is 60 years of age or older;

5 (6) a household that has a member who receives SSI or SSDI;

6 (7) a household that has a member who is pregnant;

7 (8) a household that is pursuing legal resolution of violations of the
8 Rental Housing Health Code through the Department of Health or appropriate
9 local officials; and

10 (9) a household that has been physically barred from entering their
11 residence through an intentional act of the landlord.

12 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the appropriation in
13 subsection (a) of this section shall reduce the General Fund fiscal year 2024
14 funds available for child care and early education policy adjustments from
15 \$91,679,795.00 to \$71,679,795.00.