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2 An act related to fiscal year 2024 budget adjustments

3 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

4 Sec. 1. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.209 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

6	Personal services	<del>67,754,321</del>	69,564,321
7	Operating expenses	13,861,460	13,861,460
8	Grants	<u>1,591,501</u>	<u>1,591,501</u>
9	Total	<del>83,207,282</del>	85,017,282

10 Source of funds

11	General fund	<del>53,896,213</del>	55,706,213
12	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
13	Special funds	3,166,387	3,166,387
14	Federal funds	4,311,304	4,311,304
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,583,378</u>	<u>1,583,378</u>
16	Total	<del>83,207,282</del>	85,017,282

17 Sec. 2. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.216 is amended to read:

18 Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract

19	Personal services	<del>9,124,240</del>	9,224,240
20	Operating expenses	<u>1,396,315</u>	<u>1,396,315</u>
21	Total	<del>10,520,555</del>	10,620,555

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	<del>665,922</del>	765,922
3	Federal funds	<u>9,854,633</u>	<u>9,854,633</u>
4	Total	<del>10,520,555</del>	10,620,555

5 Sec. 3. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.240 Cannabis Control Board

7	Personal services	<del>4,829,061</del>	4,917,181
8	Operating expenses	<u>341,631</u>	<u>764,181</u>
9	Total	<del>5,170,692</del>	5,681,362

10 Source of funds

11	Special funds	<u>5,170,692</u>	<u>5,681,362</u>
12	Total	<del>5,170,692</del>	5,681,362

13 Sec. 4. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property

15 Source of funds

16	General fund	<del>208,539,656</del>	210,449,656
17	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
18	Special funds	<del>109,230,607</del>	109,741,277
19	Tobacco fund	635,843	635,843
20	Federal funds	133,784,669	133,784,669
21	Interdepartmental transfers	13,729,981	13,729,981

1	Enterprise funds	<u>13,816,313</u>	<u>13,816,313</u>
2	Total	<del>499,987,069</del>	502,407,739
3	Sec. 5. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office		
5	Personal services	<del>14,083,686</del>	15,401,686
6	Operating expenses	5,402,086	5,402,086
7	Grants	<u>2,895,202</u>	<u>2,895,202</u>
8	Total	<del>22,380,974</del>	23,698,974
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	<del>9,767,874</del>	10,226,874
11	Special funds	135,517	135,517
12	Federal funds	<del>11,678,441</del>	12,537,441
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>799,142</u>	<u>799,142</u>
14	Total	<del>22,380,974</del>	23,698,974
15	Sec. 6. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment		
17	Grants	<del>1,990,896,293</del>	<u>2,036,638,399</u>
18	Total	<del>1,990,896,293</del>	2,036,638,399
19	Source of funds		
20	General fund	<del>648,528,785</del>	656,666,876
21	Special funds	32,994,384	32,994,384

1	Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
2	State health care resources fund	<del>25,265,312</del>	25,438,836
3	Federal funds	<del>1,259,024,269</del>	1,296,751,720
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,034,170</u>	<u>3,737,210</u>
5	Total	<del>1,990,896,293</del>	2,036,638,399

6 Sec. 7. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration

8	Personal services	<del>136,568,959</del>	127,889,514
9	Operating expenses	44,391,640	44,391,640
10	Grants	<u>2,912,301</u>	<u>2,912,301</u>
11	Total	<del>183,872,900</del>	175,193,455

12 Source of funds

13	General fund	<del>35,605,917</del>	39,109,628
14	Special funds	4,753,011	4,753,011
15	Federal funds	<del>134,621,243</del>	122,016,027
16	Global Commitment fund	4,220,337	4,220,337
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,672,392</u>	<u>5,094,452</u>
18	Total	<del>183,872,900</del>	175,193,455

19 Sec. 8. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.307 is amended to read:

20 Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -  
21 global commitment

1	Personal services	547,983	547,983
2	Grants	<u>932,542,238</u>	<u>937,411,761</u>
3	Total	<u>933,090,221</u>	937,959,744
4	Source of funds		
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>933,090,221</u>	<u>937,959,744</u>
6	Total	<u>933,090,221</u>	937,959,744
7	Sec. 9. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -		
9	state only		
10	Grants	<u>53,067,318</u>	<u>55,742,931</u>
11	Total	<u>53,067,318</u>	55,742,931
12	Source of funds		
13	General fund	<u>53,062,626</u>	54,861,587
14	Global Commitment fund	<u>4,692</u>	<u>881,344</u>
15	Total	<u>53,067,318</u>	55,742,931
16	Sec. 10. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:		
17	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver		
18	matched		
19	Grants	<u>34,621,472</u>	<u>34,672,534</u>
20	Total	<u>34,621,472</u>	34,672,534
21	Source of funds		

1	General fund	<del>12,634,069</del>	12,493,853
2	Federal funds	<u>21,987,403</u>	<u>22,178,681</u>
3	Total	<del>34,621,472</del>	34,672,534

4 Sec. 11. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.312 Health - public health

6	Personal services	64,592,946	64,592,946
7	Operating expenses	13,047,530	13,047,530
8	Grants	<u>45,946,724</u>	<u>53,624,870</u>
9	Total	<del>123,587,200</del>	131,265,346

10 Source of funds

11	General fund	12,408,429	12,408,429
12	Special funds	<del>25,017,725</del>	31,148,098
13	Tobacco fund	<del>1,088,918</del>	1,588,918
14	Federal funds	66,753,896	66,753,896
15	Global Commitment fund	<del>16,582,951</del>	17,630,724
16	Interdepartmental transfers	1,710,281	1,710,281
17	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
18	Total	<del>123,587,200</del>	131,265,346

19 Sec. 12. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:

20 Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

21	Personal services	47,716,644	50,489,379
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1	Operating expenses	5,272,240	5,272,240
2	Grants	<u>264,539,814</u>	<u>264,343,558</u>
3	Total	<del>317,528,698</del>	320,105,177
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	<del>25,282,556</del>	26,278,924
6	Special funds	1,708,155	1,708,155
7	Federal funds	10,999,654	10,999,654
8	Global Commitment fund	<del>279,524,193</del>	281,104,304
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>	<u>14,140</u>
10	Total	<del>317,528,698</del>	320,105,177
11	Sec. 13. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support		
13	services		
14	Personal services	44,446,942	46,323,033
15	Operating expenses	17,162,151	17,162,151
16	Grants	<u>3,919,106</u>	<u>3,919,106</u>
17	Total	<del>65,528,199</del>	67,404,290
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	<del>37,090,554</del>	38,841,112
20	Special funds	2,781,912	2,781,912
21	Federal funds	23,540,549	23,540,549

1	Global Commitment fund	<del>1,659,321</del>	1,784,854
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>455,863</u>	<u>455,863</u>
3	Total	<del>65,528,199</del>	67,404,290

4 Sec. 14. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services

6	Personal services	43,987,652	43,987,652
7	Operating expenses	5,180,385	5,180,385
8	Grants	<u><del>93,421,639</del></u>	<u>93,703,581</u>
9	Total	<del>142,589,676</del>	142,871,618

10 Source of funds

11	General fund	<del>59,707,017</del>	59,046,300
12	Special funds	729,587	729,587
13	Federal funds	<del>33,937,204</del>	34,378,330
14	Global Commitment fund	<del>48,178,131</del>	48,679,664
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>37,737</u>	<u>37,737</u>
16	Total	<del>142,589,676</del>	142,871,618

17 Sec. 15. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

18 Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development

19	Personal services	5,670,999	5,670,999
20	Operating expenses	810,497	810,497
21	Grants	<u><del>95,860,842</del></u>	<u>99,707,882</u>



1	Total	<del>102,342,338</del>	106,189,378
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	35,016,309	35,016,309
4	Special funds	16,745,000	16,745,000
5	Federal funds	<del>37,419,258</del>	41,266,298
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>13,161,771</u>	<u>13,161,771</u>
7	Total	<del>102,342,338</del>	106,189,378
8	Sec. 16. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:		
9	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and		
10	disabled		
11	Personal services	2,252,206	2,252,206
12	Grants	<del>10,431,118</del>	<u>11,181,118</u>
13	Total	<del>12,683,324</del>	13,433,324
14	Source of funds		
15	General fund	7,533,333	7,533,333
16	Global Commitment fund	<del>5,149,991</del>	<u>5,899,991</u>
17	Total	<del>12,683,324</del>	13,433,324
18	Sec. 17. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:		
19	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up		
20	Operating expenses	30,633	30,633
21	Grants	<del>35,536,413</del>	<u>36,683,099</u>

1	Total	<del>35,567,046</del>	36,713,732
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	<del>23,233,869</del>	24,114,082
4	Special funds	5,970,229	5,970,229
5	Federal funds	<del>3,531,330</del>	2,806,330
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,831,618</u>	<u>3,823,091</u>
7	Total	<del>35,567,046</del>	36,713,732
8	Sec. 18. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:		
9	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and		
10	independent living grants		
11	Grants	<del>22,380,328</del>	<u>22,922,275</u>
12	Total	<del>22,380,328</del>	22,922,275
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	9,220,695	9,220,695
15	Federal funds	7,321,114	7,321,114
16	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,838,519</u>	<u>6,380,466</u>
17	Total	<del>22,380,328</del>	22,922,275
18	Sec. 19. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:		
19	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and		
20	community based waiver		
21	Grants	<del>6,638,028</del>	<u>6,938,028</u>

1	Total	<del>6,638,028</del>	6,938,028
2	Source of funds		
3	Global Commitment fund	<del>6,638,028</del>	<u>6,938,028</u>
4	Total	<del>6,638,028</del>	6,938,028
5	Sec. 20. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:		
6	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care		
7	Grants	<del>268,715,683</del>	<u>286,878,189</u>
8	Total	<del>268,715,683</del>	286,878,189
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	498,579	498,579
11	Federal funds	2,450,000	2,450,000
12	Global Commitment fund	<del>265,767,104</del>	<u>283,929,610</u>
13	Total	<del>268,715,683</del>	286,878,189
14	Sec. 21. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services		
16	Personal services	<del>139,473,576</del>	152,714,793
17	Operating expenses	<del>24,600,099</del>	<u>24,600,099</u>
18	Total	<del>164,073,675</del>	177,314,892
19	Source of funds		
20	General fund	<del>159,502,946</del>	172,744,163
21	Special funds	935,963	935,963

1	Federal funds	492,196	492,196
2	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255	2,746,255
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
4	Total	<del>164,073,675</del>	177,314,892
5	Sec. 22. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.338.1 is amended to read:		
6	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - Justice Reinvestment II		
7	Grants	<u>10,659,519</u>	<u>11,206,413</u>
8	Total	<del>10,659,519</del>	11,206,413
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	8,081,831	8,081,831
11	Federal funds	13,147	13,147
12	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>	<u>3,111,435</u>
13	Total	<del>10,659,519</del>	11,206,413
14	Sec. 23. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services		
16	Personal services	<del>18,187,631</del>	24,284,571
17	Operating expenses	<u>5,978,873</u>	<u>6,813,344</u>
18	Total	<del>24,166,504</del>	31,097,915
19	Source of funds		
20	General fund	<del>4,199,478</del>	9,579,745
21	Special funds	<del>11,655,797</del>	13,627,301

1	Federal funds	<u>8,311,229</u>	<u>7,890,869</u>
2	Total	24,166,504	31,097,915
3	Sec. 24. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.347 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.347 Total human services		
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	<del>1,231,153,062</del>	1,266,500,515
7	Special funds	<del>124,537,345</del>	132,639,222
8	Tobacco fund	<del>23,088,208</del>	23,588,208
9	State health care resources fund	<del>25,265,312</del>	25,438,836
10	Federal funds	<del>1,785,709,992</del>	1,815,025,311
11	Global Commitment fund	<del>1,943,848,077</del>	1,974,142,022
12	Internal service funds	1,746,397	1,746,397
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<del>28,591,925</del>	28,717,025
14	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
15	Total	<del>5,163,965,318</del>	5,267,822,536
16	Sec. 25. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.500 is amended to read:		
17	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration		
18	Personal services	<del>17,683,192</del>	16,733,192
19	Operating expenses	<del>4,387,522</del>	4,407,522
20	Grants	<u>15,270,700</u>	<u>15,270,700</u>
21	Total	37,341,414	36,411,414

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	<del>7,415,742</del>	7,465,742
3	Special funds	<del>16,575,926</del>	16,595,926
4	Education fund	3,486,447	3,486,447
5	Federal funds	<del>9,220,942</del>	8,220,942
6	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>382,357</u>	<u>382,357</u>
8	Total	<del>37,341,414</del>	36,411,414

9 Sec. 26. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.502 is amended to read:

10 Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants

11	Grants	<u><del>226,195,600</del></u>	<u>229,821,806</u>
12	Total	<u><del>226,195,600</del></u>	<u>229,821,806</u>

13 Source of funds

14	Education fund	<u><del>226,195,600</del></u>	<u>229,821,806</u>
15	Total	<u><del>226,195,600</del></u>	<u>229,821,806</u>

16 Sec. 27. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.505 is amended to read:

17 Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment

18	Grants	<u><del>1,703,317,103</del></u>	<u>1,711,148,481</u>
19	Total	<u><del>1,703,317,103</del></u>	<u>1,711,148,481</u>

20 Source of funds

21	Education fund	<u><del>1,703,317,103</del></u>	<u>1,711,148,481</u>
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1	Total	<del>1,703,317,103</del>	1,711,148,481
2	Sec. 28. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.516 Total general education		
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	<del>216,199,064</del>	216,249,064
6	Special funds	<del>19,495,486</del>	19,515,486
7	Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
8	Education fund	<del>2,070,971,937</del>	2,082,429,521
9	Federal funds	<del>493,305,099</del>	492,305,099
10	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
11	Interdepartmental transfers	382,357	382,357
12	Pension trust funds	<u>3,448,255</u>	<u>3,448,255</u>
13	Total	<del>2,804,812,586</del>	2,815,340,170
14	Sec. 29. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.603 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health		
16	Grants	<del>1,157,775</del>	<u>1,774,148</u>
17	Total	<del>1,157,775</del>	1,774,148
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	748,314	274,148
20	Global Commitment fund	<del>409,461</del>	<u>1,500,000</u>
21	Total	<del>1,157,775</del>	1,774,148

1 Sec. 30. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.608 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.608 Total higher education

3 Source of funds

4	General fund	<del>128,339,478</del>	127,865,312
5	Education fund	41,225	41,225
6	Global Commitment fund	409,461	<u>1,500,000</u>
7	Total	<del>128,790,164</del>	129,406,537

8 Sec. 31. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.702 is amended to read:

9 Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services

10	Personal services	<del>21,567,730</del>	22,223,023
11	Operating expenses	7,140,027	7,140,027
12	Grants	<u>936,232</u>	<u>936,232</u>
13	Total	<del>29,643,989</del>	30,299,282

14 Source of funds

15	General fund	<del>7,173,206</del>	7,603,314
16	Special funds	370,644	385,694
17	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090	10,921,090
18	Federal funds	<del>9,793,589</del>	10,003,724
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,385,460</u>	<u>1,385,460</u>
20	Total	<del>29,643,989</del>	30,299,282



1 Sec. 32. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.710 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management

3	Personal services	<del>26,006,961</del>	29,506,961
4	Operating expenses	10,026,393	10,026,393
5	Grants	<u>4,905,988</u>	<u>4,905,988</u>
6	Total	<del>40,939,342</del>	44,439,342

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	193,565	193,565
9	Special funds	<del>26,236,633</del>	29,736,633
10	Federal funds	14,342,090	14,342,090
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>167,054</u>	<u>167,054</u>
12	Total	<del>40,939,342</del>	44,439,342

13 Sec. 33. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

15 Source of funds

16	General fund	<del>37,999,582</del>	38,429,690
17	Special funds	<del>79,971,986</del>	83,487,036
18	Fish and wildlife fund	10,921,090	10,921,090
19	Federal funds	<del>93,077,302</del>	93,287,437
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,215,308</u>	<u>13,215,308</u>
21	Total	<del>235,185,268</del>	239,340,561

1 Sec. 34. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.800 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce  
3 and community development - administration

4	Personal services	<del>2,610,304</del>	2,510,304
5	Operating expenses	982,307	982,307
6	Grants	<u>539,820</u>	<u>539,820</u>
7	Total	<del>4,132,431</del>	4,032,431

8 Source of funds

9	General fund	<del>3,666,442</del>	3,566,442
10	Federal funds	351,000	351,000
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>114,989</u>	<u>114,989</u>
12	Total	<del>4,132,431</del>	4,032,431

13 Sec. 35. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.802 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.802 Housing and community development

15	Personal services	<del>6,428,334</del>	6,528,334
16	Operating expenses	705,584	705,584
17	Grants	<del><u>23,739,005</u></del>	<u>25,967,039</u>
18	Total	<del>30,872,923</del>	33,200,957

19 Source of funds

20	General fund	<del>5,031,943</del>	5,131,943
21	Special funds	<del>6,937,054</del>	9,165,088

1	Federal funds	15,854,615	15,854,615
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,049,311</u>	<u>3,049,311</u>
3	Total	<del>30,872,923</del>	33,200,957

4 Sec. 36. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.813 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development

6	Source of funds		
7	General fund	21,222,221	21,222,221
8	Special funds	<del>32,106,330</del>	34,334,364
9	Federal funds	93,013,297	93,013,297
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,062,973</u>	<u>5,062,973</u>
11	Total	<del>151,404,821</del>	153,632,855

12 Sec. 37. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1000 is amended to read:

13 Sec. B.1000 Debt service

14	Operating expenses	<del>75,705,398</del>	<u>675,000</u>
15	Total	<del>75,705,398</del>	675,000

16 Source of funds

17	General fund	<del>75,377,993</del>	675,000
18	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>	<u>0</u>
19	Total	<del>75,705,398</del>	675,000

20 Sec. 38. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1001 is amended to read:

21 Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	<del>75,377,993</del>	675,000
3	Transportation fund	<u>327,405</u>	<u>0</u>
4	Total	<del>75,705,398</del>	675,000

5 Sec. 39. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME

7 APPROPRIATIONS

8 (a) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated  
9 for the following:

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11 (4) \$30,000,000 General Fund to be used as Federal Emergency  
12 Management Agency (FEMA) matching funds for costs incurred due to the  
13 July 2023 flooding event.

14 (5) \$10,000,000 General Fund for grants to municipalities in counties  
15 that were impacted by the July 2023 flooding event and are eligible for Federal  
16 Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance funds under  
17 federal disaster declaration DR-4720-VT.

18 \* \* \*

19 (c) Department of Human Resources. In fiscal year 2024, funds are  
20 appropriated for the following:

1           (1) ~~\$725,000~~ \$600,000 General Fund to fund ~~seven~~ six new permanent  
2 full-time positions in the Operations division in fiscal year 2024. These  
3 position costs shall be funded through the Department of Human Resources –  
4 Internal Service Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025;

5           (2) ~~\$75,000~~ \$200,000 General Fund to fund ~~one~~ two new permanent  
6 full-time ~~position~~ positions in the VTHR Operations division in fiscal year  
7 2024. This position cost shall be funded through the ~~Department of Human~~  
8 ~~Resources~~ Financial Management – Internal Service Fund beginning in fiscal  
9 year 2025; and

10                                                                         \* \* \*

11           (d) ~~\$200,000 General Fund to the~~ Department of Libraries in. In fiscal year  
12 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

13                 (1) \$200,000 General Fund to support the FiberConnect project relating  
14 to Internet access in public libraries; and

15                 (2) \$11,500 General Fund for contract costs incurred in support of the  
16 Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont pursuant to 2021 Acts  
17 and Resolves No. 66, Sec. 1.

18                                                                         \* \* \*

19           (i) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2024, funds  
20 are appropriated for the following:

1 (1) \$110,000 General Fund for electric vehicle charger inspections.  
2 Funds shall be used for the purchase of two testing units and related equipment  
3 to support the development and implementation of the Commercial Electric  
4 Vehicle Fueling Systems regulatory program;

5 (2) \$1,070,000 General Fund for replacement of the existing Food  
6 Safety Inspection Database; ~~and~~

7 (3) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Salvation Farms to expand  
8 access to locally grown food for all Vermonters; and

9 (4) \$6,000,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State  
10 Fiscal Recovery Fund for water quality grants to partners and farmers, in  
11 accordance with the Clean Water Board’s fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024  
12 budget recommendations and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec.  
13 G.700(a)(6)(A).

14 \* \* \*

15 (j) Department of Mental Health. In fiscal year 2024, funds are  
16 appropriated for the following:

17 (1) \$166,000 General Fund for a grant to the Howard Center to support  
18 the Cultural Liaison Program; and

19 (2) \$105,000 General Fund to the Department of Mental Health in fiscal  
20 year 2024 for expediting competency and sanity evaluations.

1 (k) Green Mountain Care Board. In fiscal year 2024, funds are  
2 appropriated for the following:

3 (1) \$620,000 General Fund for costs associated with the implementation  
4 of the Vermont Health Care Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System  
5 (VHCURES) database; and

6 ~~(2) \$120,500 General Fund for the implementation of a new financial~~  
7 ~~database solution; and~~

8 ~~(3) \$50,000 General Fund for the development of the statutorily required~~  
9 ~~Health Resources Allocation Plan Tool.~~

10 (l) Agency of Human Services Central Office. In fiscal year 2024, funds  
11 are appropriated for the following:

12 \* \* \*

13 (3) \$10,000,000 General Fund to continue to address the emergent and  
14 exigent circumstances impacting health care providers following the COVID-  
15 19 pandemic. All or a portion of these funds may also be used as matching  
16 funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment Program to  
17 provide state match. If funds are used as matching funds to the Agency of  
18 Human Services Global Commitment Program to provide state match, the  
19 commensurate amount of Global Commitment Fund spending authority may  
20 be requested during the Global Commitment Transfer process pursuant to 2023  
21 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.301.1;





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(o) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

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(3) \$40,000 General Fund ~~the purchase of a driving school vehicle for the Youth Development Program to support foster and former foster youth access to driver's education~~ for the Youth Development Program to fund costs associated with supporting youth in foster care, or formerly in foster care, to learn to drive and to obtain their drivers' licenses and independent transportation;

\* \* \*

(6) ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$4,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Food Bank to support increased capacity of services to meet persistent food insecurity;

\* \* \*

(9) \$130,000 General Fund for a grant to the Snelling Center to restart the Early Childhood Education Leadership Program; ~~and~~

(10) \$300,000 General Fund for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont to provide education regarding the prevention of unsafe infant sleep and to expand programming and support services regarding child abuse often related to parental substance misuse;

1           (11) \$13,204,802 General Fund for emergency housing needs through  
2           the end of fiscal year 2024; and

3           (12) \$4,000,000 General Fund for standing up shelters in five  
4           communities.

5                                                                   \* \* \*

6           (r) Agency of Education. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the  
7           following:

8            (1) \$200,000 General Fund ~~in fiscal year 2024 to the Agency of~~  
9            Education for the work of the School Construction Task Force; and

10           (2) \$1,924,495 Education Fund to hold Local Education Agencies  
11           harmless for the Special Education Census Block Grant miscalculation.

12                                                                   \* \* \*

13           (v) Public Service Department. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated  
14           for the following:

15            (1) \$500,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to upgrade and  
16            expand the ePSD case management system;

17            (2) \$400,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to complete  
18            the Telecom Plan Update scheduled for June 2024; ~~and~~

19            (3) \$300,000 Regulation/Energy Efficiency Fund #21698 to craft policy  
20            proposals to reform and streamline electric sector policy; and

1           (4) \$20,000,000 General Fund for the appropriation established in 2022  
2           Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100(a)(28), as amended by 2023 Acts and  
3           Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45, to replenish the \$20,000,000 of General Fund  
4           spending authority transferred by the Emergency Board on July 31, 2023, per  
5           32 V.S.A. §§ 133(b) and 706(2), as directed by order of the Emergency Board  
6           under Item 5(a) – Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

7                                                             \* \* \*

8           (x) Judiciary. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

9                       (1) \$300,000 General Fund for the Essex County Courthouse renovation  
10                      planning; and

11                     (2)(A) \$4,680,000 General Fund to the Judiciary for the Judiciary  
12                      network replacement project.

13                     (B) Judiciary shall update the Joint Information Technology  
14                      Oversight Committee on the status of this project on or before December 1,  
15                      2023.

16                                                             \* \* \*

17                     (aa) Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living. In fiscal  
18                      year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

19                     (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund to grant to meal providers that provide  
20                      meals to seniors with low income; and

1           (2) \$450,000 General Fund ~~to the Department of Disabilities, Aging,~~  
2 ~~and Independent Living~~ to continue the SASH pilot for another year.

3                                                   \* \* \*

4           Sec. 40. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1101 is amended to read:

5                   Sec. B.1101 WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT –  
6                                                       FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

7                                                   \* \* \*

8                   (b) Youth workforce and high school completion.

9                                                   \* \* \*

10                   (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$1,500,000 is  
11 appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Education for grants to  
12 Adult Basic Education programs to provide bridge funding for Adult Basic  
13 Education programs while the study and report required by Sec. E.504 of this  
14 act is completed.

15                                                   \* \* \*

16                   (d) Healthcare and social services workforce.

17                   (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from  
18 the General Fund to the Department of Health to be ~~transferred~~ granted as  
19 needed to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the Vermont  
20 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Forgivable Loan Incentive  
21 Program created in 18 V.S.A. § 39.

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(4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the ~~Department of Mental Health~~ Agency of Human Services to address workforce needs at the designated and specialized services agencies. These funds shall not be released until a plan to meet training and retention is mutually agreed upon by the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and the designated and specialized services agencies and approved by the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the legislature is not in session. All or a portion of these funds may be used as matching funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment program to provide State match if any part of the plan is eligible to draw federal funds. It is the intent of the General Assembly to maximize the value of this one-time funding through eligible Global Commitment investment.

(5) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$6,899,724 is appropriated from the Global Commitment Fund to the Department of Mental Health for purposes of leveraging the appropriation in subdivision (4) of this subsection for Global Commitment investment.

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(g) Agriculture Economic Development.

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1 grant to the Vermont State Housing Authority for the Rent Arrears Assistance  
2 Fund pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 45.

3 (f) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$4,500,000 General Fund is  
4 appropriated to the Department for Housing and Community Development for  
5 a grant to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency for its Middle-Income  
6 Homeownership Development Program.

7 (g) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of ~~\$50,000,000~~ \$54,500,000 General  
8 Fund is appropriated to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board  
9 (VHCB):

10 (1) \$10,000,000 to provide support and enhance capacity for emergency  
11 shelter and permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness. The funds  
12 shall be used to expand Vermont's shelter capacity, provide homes for those  
13 experiencing homelessness, and decrease reliance on the General Assistance  
14 Emergency Housing hotel and motel program. The Vermont Housing and  
15 Conservation Board shall consult with the Agency of Human Services to  
16 ensure new investments in homes and shelters are paired with appropriate  
17 support services for residents, including services supported through Medicaid.  
18 Funded projects may utilize a range of housing options, including the  
19 expansion of shelter capacity, the conversion of hotels to housing, creation of  
20 permanent supportive housing, and utilization of manufactured homes on infill  
21 sites.

1           (2) ~~\$40,000,000~~ \$44,500,000 to provide support and enhance capacity  
2           for the production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing  
3           and homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes  
4           and communities, permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness,  
5           recovery residences, and housing available to farm workers and refugees. The  
6           Board is authorized to utilize up to 10 percent of these resources for innovative  
7           approaches to helping communities meet their housing needs.

8           Sec. 42. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1103 is amended to read:

9           Sec. B.1103 CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT – FISCAL YEAR 2024

10                               ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

11                                                       \* \* \*

12           (h) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 General Fund is  
13           appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
14           Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act as codified in  
15           10 V.S.A. chapter 159. Funds shall be used for the assessment and cleanup  
16           planning for a maximum of ~~25~~ brownfields sites.

17                                                       \* \* \*

18           (n) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$165,000 General Fund is  
19           appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation to complete the  
20           engineering assessment for the Green River Reservoir Dam.



1 Sec. 43. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1104 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.1104 FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION;

3 RETIRED TEACHERS' COST OF LIVING PAYMENT

4 (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025  
5 to the contrary, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State  
6 Teachers' Retirement System from the Education Fund for Calendar Year  
7 2023 supplemental payments made in Sec. E.514.2(b) of this act and  
8 associated costs and to fund the present value of modifications to the  
9 postretirement adjustments allowance.

10 Sec. 44. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1105(d) is amended to read:

11 (d) In fiscal year 2024, to the extent funds are available from transfers  
12 made in Sec. C.109 of this act, and before the appropriation identified in 2023  
13 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 7(a), the projects in this subsection shall  
14 receive an appropriation from the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments,  
15 and Reserves subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential  
16 Investments in the following order:

17 \* \* \*

18 Sec. 45. 29 V.S.A. § 161 is amended to read:

19 § 161. REQUIREMENTS ON STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

20 \* \* \*

1 (b) Each contract awarded under this section for any State project with a  
2 construction cost exceeding \$100,000.00, a construction project with a  
3 construction cost exceeding \$200,000.00 that is authorized and is at least  
4 50 percent funded by a capital construction act pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 701a,  
5 or a construction project with a construction cost exceeding \$200,000.00 that is  
6 at least 50 percent funded by the Cash Fund for Capital ~~Infrastructure~~ and  
7 ~~Other~~ Essential Investments established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001~~b~~ shall provide  
8 that all construction employees working on the project shall be paid not less  
9 than the mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont  
10 Department of Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey plus an  
11 additional fringe benefit of 42 and one-half percent of wage, as calculated by  
12 the current Vermont prevailing wage survey. As used in this section, “fringe  
13 benefits” means benefits, including paid vacations and holidays, sick leave,  
14 employer contributions and reimbursements to health insurance and retirement  
15 benefits, and similar benefits that are incidents of employment.

16 Sec. 46. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.108 is amended to read:

17 Sec. C.108 RESERVES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND  
18 JOBS ACT (IIJA) MATCH

19 \* \* \*

20 (b) To the extent available in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, the amount of  
21 \$14,500,000 is reserved in the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and

1 Reserves subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments,  
2 from the transfer provided in subdivision D.101(a)(10)(D)(ii) of this act, to  
3 provide the State match in fiscal years 2025 and 2026 needed for federal  
4 funding for water and wastewater related projects under the IIJA. These funds  
5 shall only be expended if authorized by the General Assembly.

6 Sec. 47. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.109 is amended to read:

7 Sec. C.109 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTINGENT TRANSFERS TO CASH  
8 FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS:

9 (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, to the extent any fund  
10 specified in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. D.101(b)(2) as amended by  
11 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 48 has ~~an~~ a remaining unobligated fund  
12 balance in fiscal year 2023 after the transfers to the General Fund are made, the  
13 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer to the subaccount  
14 created under 32 V.S.A. 1001b(b)(2) the respective fiscal year 2023  
15 unobligated special fund balances. The Commissioner shall report the amounts  
16 transferred pursuant to this provision to the Joint Fiscal Committee in July  
17 2023.

18 \* \* \*

19 Sec. 48. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2023

20 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.115, is further amended to read:

1           Sec. B.1100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

2                           APPROPRIATIONS

3                                                           \* \* \*

4                   (b) \$11,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
5           Department of Public Safety for regional dispatch funding. The funds are  
6           subject to the following conditions:

7                   (1) Up to \$1,000,000 shall be available for the retention of technical  
8           experts to assist the Public Safety Communications Task Force with the  
9           analysis and planning required by ~~Sec. C.112 of this act~~ 2023 Acts and  
10           Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.114 and to fund the administrative expenses incurred  
11           by the Public Safety Communications Task Force. If the Task Force  
12           determines ~~in calendar year 2023~~ that additional funding is necessary to  
13           achieve its purposes, it may submit a request to the Joint Fiscal Committee.  
14           The Joint Fiscal Committee is authorized to approve up to an additional  
15           \$1,000,000.

16                   (2) Up to \$4,500,000 shall be available to provide funding for pilot  
17           projects pursuant to ~~Sec. C.112(f), of this act~~ 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78,  
18           Sec. C.114(f).

19                   (3) Any remaining amounts not obligated pursuant to subdivisions  
20           (1) and (2) of this subsection (b) shall ~~be held in reserve~~ remain unobligated

1 and unexpended until approval to expend the funds is authorized by further  
2 enactment of the General Assembly.

3 (4) ~~It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of~~  
4 ~~Public Safety~~ In order to extract the greatest value from the limited State and  
5 federal dollars currently available for public safety communications  
6 modernization, it is the intent of the General Assembly that all such funding is  
7 expended in an efficient and complementary manner. To that end, the  
8 Commissioner of Public Safety shall seek to draw and deploy the \$9,000,000  
9 in Congressionally Directed Spending to support Vermont's transition to a  
10 modernized, regional communications network in a manner that coordinates  
11 with and advances, to the greatest extent possible, the goals of a statewide  
12 public safety communications system developed by the Public Safety  
13 Communications Task Force. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall  
14 ~~consult with~~ promptly inform the Public Safety Communications Task Force as  
15 ~~the~~ federal parameters for expending the funds become available and as the  
16 Commissioner develops a and, if necessary, revises the plan to expend such  
17 funds. The Commissioner shall solicit recommendations from the Task Force  
18 regarding the plan, including any revisions to the plan, the implementation  
19 schedule, and specific expenditures. In addition, the Commissioner shall  
20 update the Joint Fiscal Committee on planned expenditures.

1 Sec. 49. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.114(f), is amended to read:

2 (f)(1) If the Task Force determines that sufficient minimum technical and  
3 operational standards have been developed to warrant the funding of one or  
4 more pilot projects, the Task Force may submit for approval a pilot project  
5 plan to the Joint Fiscal Committee ~~in calendar year 2023~~.

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7 Sec. 50. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.120 is amended to read:

8 Sec. C.120 ~~BALANCE RESERVE UNRESERVED; RESERVED FOR~~  
9 ~~VCBB~~

10 ~~(a) In fiscal year 2024, \$20,000,000 is unreserved from the General Fund~~  
11 ~~Balance Reserve established by 32 V.S.A. § 308c.~~

12 ~~(b) In fiscal year 2024, \$20,000,000 is reserved in the General Fund for the~~  
13 ~~exclusive benefit of the Vermont Community Broadband Board and for the~~  
14 ~~sole purpose of securing federal funding under the National~~  
15 ~~Telecommunications and Information Administration's Enabling Middle Mile~~  
16 ~~Broadband Infrastructure Program. The State's pending application requires a~~  
17 ~~commitment to provide contingency reserve funding equal to 25 percent of the~~  
18 ~~total award amount if the application is approved and the award is accepted by~~  
19 ~~the State.~~

20 ~~(1) In the fiscal year 2024 budget adjustment act, any funds reserved,~~  
21 ~~but not required, for the purpose described in Sec. C.120(b) of this act shall be~~

1 ~~unreserved and reserved within the General Fund Balance Reserve established~~  
2 ~~by 32 V.S.A. § 308e [Repealed].~~

3 Sec. 51. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.123 is amended to read:

4 Sec. C.123 HOUSING TRANSITION; RESOURCES FOR  
5 COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY RESPONSE

6 \* \* \*

7 (d) \$9,400,000 of the funds described in subsection (c) of this section shall  
8 be transferred to the Department for Children and Families as set forth in this  
9 subsection. The Agency of Administration shall structure the program in  
10 accordance with the requirements of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 and in a manner  
11 designed to achieve rapid deployment and administrative efficiency, and may  
12 reallocate funds across governmental units in a net-neutral manner as follows  
13 for a total of \$9,400,000:

14 (1) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to  
15 reallocate General Fund appropriations made to the ~~Vermont Housing and~~  
16 ~~Conservation Board in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45~~ Department of  
17 Corrections in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.338. In exchange, the  
18 Secretary of Administration shall provide an amount equal to the reallocation  
19 amount to the ~~Vermont Housing and Conservation Board from the federal~~  
20 ~~funds appropriated through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which~~

1 ~~was originally approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to Grant~~  
2 ~~Request #3034.~~

3 ~~(2) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to~~  
4 ~~reallocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal~~  
5 ~~Recovery Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in 2021 Acts~~  
6 ~~and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300(a)(31), as amended by 2022 Acts and~~  
7 ~~Resolves No. 83, Sec. 68 Department of Corrections from American Rescue~~  
8 ~~Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds appropriated to~~  
9 ~~the Agency of Human Services in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec.~~  
10 ~~G.300(a)(31), as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 68.~~

11 \* \* \*

12 Sec. 52. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.100 is amended to read:

13 Sec. D.100 ~~APPROPRIATIONS~~ ALLOCATIONS; PROPERTY

14 TRANSFER TAX

15 (a) This act contains the following amounts ~~appropriated from~~ allocated to  
16 special funds that receive revenue from the property transfer tax. ~~Expenditures~~  
17 ~~from these appropriations~~ These allocations shall not exceed available  
18 revenues.

19 (1) The sum of \$560,000 is ~~appropriated~~ allocated from the Current Use  
20 Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of  
21 the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),



1 amounts in excess of \$560,000 from the property transfer tax deposited into the  
2 Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General  
3 Fund.

4 (2) ~~The sum of \$21,462,855 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing~~  
5 ~~and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board~~  
6 ~~(VHCB).~~ Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of \$21,462,855  
7 from the property transfer tax and surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a  
8 that are deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund  
9 shall be transferred into the General Fund.

10 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property  
11 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the  
12 affordable housing bond (10 V.S.A. § 314) shall be offset by the reduction of  
13 \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation  
14 Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a.  
15 The fiscal year 2024 appropriation of \$21,462,855 to the Vermont Housing and  
16 Conservation Board reflects the \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing  
17 bond and related property transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed  
18 after the life of the bond on July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, it is the  
19 intent of the General Assembly that the \$1,500,000 reduction in the  
20 appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board should be  
21 restored.

1 (3) ~~The sum of \$7,545,993 is appropriated from the Municipal and~~  
2 ~~Regional Planning Fund.~~ Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts in  
3 excess of \$7,545,993 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the  
4 Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General  
5 Fund. The \$7,545,993 shall be allocated for the following:

6 (A) \$6,211,650 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in  
7 a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

8 (B) \$898,283 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner  
9 consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

10 (C) \$436,060 to the Agency of Digital Services for the Vermont  
11 Center for Geographic Information.

12 Sec. 53. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.100.1 is amended to read:

13 Sec. D.100.1 LEGISLATIVE INTENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

14 PLANNING FUNDS

15 (a) ~~It is the intent of the General Assembly that an amount not to exceed~~  
16 \$500,000 of the planning funds provided in Sec. D.100 of this act shall be used  
17 for municipal bylaw modernization.

18 Sec. 54. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

19 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, AND RESERVES

20 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
21 following amounts shall be transferred from the funds indicated:

1 (1) From the General Fund to:

2 \* \* \*

3 (E) the Fire Prevention/Building Inspection Special Fund (21901):  
4 \$1,500,000.00; and

5 (F) the Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (21909):  
6 \$3,600,000.00;

7 (G) the State Liability Insurance Fund (56200): \$9,500,000.00;

8 (H) the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (21555):  
9 \$6,000,000.00;

10 (I) the Act 250 Permit Fund (21260): \$120,300.00;

11 (J) the General Government Projects Fund (31100): \$139.24;

12 (K) the Protection Projects Fund (31200): \$1,180,584.31;

13 (L) the Natural Resources Projects Fund (31500): \$2,127,949.51;

14 (M) the Commerce and Community Development Projects Fund  
15 (31600): \$545,295.85; and

16 (N) the General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (35100):  
17 \$71,202,993.

18 \* \* \*

19 (4) From the Transportation Fund to:

1 (A) the Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvement  
2 Fund (21575) established by 24 V.S.A. § 2796 to be used by the Vermont  
3 Downtown Development Board for the purposes of the Fund: \$523,966; and

4 (B) the General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (35100):  
5 \$327,405.

6 (5) From the Waste Management Assistance Fund (21285) to:

7 (A) the Environmental Contingency Fund (21275): \$3,500,000.

8 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
9 2024:

10 (1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from  
11 the funds indicated:

12	22005 AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts	\$4,641,960
13	50300 Liquor Control Fund	\$21,200,000
14	<u>50250 Sports Wagering Fund</u>	<del>\$1,204,000</del> <u>\$3,200,000</u>
15	<del>Caledonia Fair</del>	<del>\$5,000</del>
16	<del>North Country Hospital Loan Repayment</del>	<del>\$24,047</del>
17	<del>Springfield Hospital Promissory Note Repayment</del>	<del>\$121,416</del>
18	<u>21970 Registration Fees Fund</u>	<u>\$605,273.01</u>
19	<u>21064 Financial Institutions Supervision Fund</u>	<u>\$4,024,748</u>

20 (2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of  
21 unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred to the General Fund. The

1 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report to the Joint Fiscal  
2 Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred from each fund  
3 and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency, office, or department  
4 reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory requirements.

5 21638 AG-Fees and reimbursement

6 – Court order \$1,000,000 \$4,000,000

7 621000 Unclaimed Property Fund ~~\$3,270,225~~ \$4,806,692

8 \* \* \*

9 (3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.228,  
10 ~~\$60,044,000~~ \$57,667,840 of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance  
11 Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory  
12 and Supervision Fund (21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision  
13 Fund (21080) shall be transferred to the General Fund.

14 (c)(1)(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal  
15 year 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the  
16 ~~accounts indicated~~ the general funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act for  
17 the Global Commitment Program:

18 3400004000 Agency of Human Services –

19 ~~Secretary's Office~~ – Global Commitment \$15,103,683

1           (B) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal  
2           year 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the  
3           accounts indicated:

4	<u>1130892201</u>	<u>Lib – Working Group Per Diem</u>	<u>\$11,550.00</u>
5	<u>1140070000</u>	<u>Use Tax Reimbursement Program</u>	<u>\$120,096.98</u>
6	<u>1140330000</u>	<u>Renter Rebates</u>	<u>\$943,487.35</u>
7	<u>1150891901</u>	<u>Electric Vehicle Charge</u>	<u>\$4,412.78</u>
8	<u>1250010000</u>	<u>Auditor of Accounts</u>	<u>\$21,067.71</u>
9	<u>1260010000</u>	<u>Office of the Treasurer</u>	<u>\$110,821.00</u>
10	<u>2110010000</u>	<u>Assigned Counsel</u>	<u>\$3.37</u>
11	<u>2120892203</u>	<u>JUD – County Courthouse HVAC</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
12	<u>2130200000</u>	<u>Sheriffs</u>	<u>\$29,880.53</u>
13	<u>2130400000</u>	<u>SIUS Parent Account</u>	<u>\$167,678.27</u>
14	<u>2130500000</u>	<u>Crime Victims Advocates</u>	<u>\$18,465.95</u>
15	<u>2150010000</u>	<u>Military – Administration</u>	<u>\$100,782.00</u>
16	<u>2160892102</u>	<u>CCVS-BCJC for St Jo’s Orphan</u>	<u>\$88.00</u>
17	<u>2200010000</u>	<u>Administration Division</u>	<u>\$389,654.70</u>
18	<u>2230892202</u>	<u>SOS – One-Time FY22 Election Cost</u>	<u>\$171,400.78</u>
19	<u>2320020000</u>	<u>Liquor Enforcement &amp; Licensing</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
20	<u>3150070000</u>	<u>Mental Health</u>	<u>\$2,772,735.17</u>
21	<u>3310000000</u>	<u>Commission on Women</u>	<u>\$11,173.77</u>

1	<u>3330010000</u>	<u>Green Mountain Care Board</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
2	<u>3400001000</u>	<u>Secretary's Office Admin Costs</u>	<u>\$475,775.00</u>
3	<u>3400004000</u>	<u>Global Commitment</u>	<u>\$11,676,230.24</u>
4	<u>3400010000</u>	<u>Human Services Board</u>	<u>\$110,000.00</u>
5	<u>3400892109</u>	<u>St Match – Act 155 4(a),5(a)</u>	<u>\$34,350.00</u>
6	<u>3400892203</u>	<u>AHSCO – COVID-19 Emergent/Exigen</u>	<u>\$4,868,985.74</u>
7	<u>3400892205</u>	<u>AHSCO – Workforce Recruitment</u>	<u>\$4,367,147.39</u>
8	<u>3400892312</u>	<u>AHSCO – VT Nursing Forgivable Loan</u>	<u>\$13,403.00</u>
9	<u>3410018000</u>	<u>DVHA – Medicaid-Non-Waiver Program</u>	<u>\$525,610.73</u>
10	<u>3420060000</u>	<u>Substance Use Programs</u>	<u>\$119,130.89</u>
11	<u>3440010000</u>	<u>DCFS – Admin &amp; Support Services</u>	<u>\$2,595,167.55</u>
12	<u>3440020000</u>	<u>DCFS – Family Services</u>	<u>\$2,864,970.25</u>
13	<u>3440030000</u>	<u>DCFS – Child Development</u>	<u>\$3,131,063.24</u>
14	<u>3440050000</u>	<u>DCFS – AABD</u>	<u>\$451,263.27</u>
15	<u>3440060000</u>	<u>DCFS – General Assistance</u>	<u>\$1,414,739.60</u>
16	<u>3440080000</u>	<u>DCFS – Reach Up</u>	<u>\$979,674.76</u>
17	<u>3440100000</u>	<u>DCFS – OEO Office of Economic Opp.</u>	<u>\$273,038.00</u>
18	<u>3440120000</u>	<u>DCFS – Secure Res. Treatment</u>	<u>\$2,752,270.00</u>
19	<u>3440130000</u>	<u>DCFS – DDS</u>	<u>\$80,299.43</u>
20	<u>3440891908</u>	<u>Weatherization Assist Bridge</u>	<u>\$1,892.85</u>
21	<u>3440892214</u>	<u>DCF – Childcare Provider Workforce</u>	<u>\$2,879,549.25</u>

1	<u>3440892309</u>	<u>DCF – Worker Retention Grant</u>	<u>\$564,500.00</u>
2	<u>3480007000</u>	<u>Corrections – Justice Reinvest</u>	<u>\$831,964.28</u>
3	<u>4100500000</u>	<u>VT Department of Labor</u>	<u>\$2,400,000.00</u>
4	<u>5100010000</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$0.03</u>
5	<u>5100060000</u>	<u>Adult Basic Education</u>	<u>\$136.13</u>
6	<u>5100892214</u>	<u>AOA – School Food Program Admin</u>	<u>\$50,670.70</u>
7	<u>5100892301</u>	<u>AOE – Child Nutrition</u>	<u>\$244,648.60</u>
8	<u>5100892309</u>	<u>AOE – Staffing</u>	<u>\$146,649.08</u>
9	<u>6100040000</u>	<u>Property Tax Assessment Approp.</u>	<u>\$9,542.14</u>
10	<u>6130030000</u>	<u>Parks</u>	<u>\$3.85</u>
11	<u>6130891903</u>	<u>Logger Safety, Value Added</u>	<u>\$108.51</u>
12	<u>6140040000</u>	<u>Water Programs Appropriation</u>	<u>\$0.20</u>
13	<u>7110010000</u>	<u>Housing &amp; Community Development</u>	<u>\$1.86</u>
14	<u>7120010000</u>	<u>Economic Development</u>	<u>\$0.71</u>
15	<u>7130000000</u>	<u>Dept. of Tourism &amp; Marketing</u>	<u>\$230.47</u>
16	<u>(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year</u>		
17	<u>2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Transportation Fund from the</u>		
18	<u>accounts indicated:</u>		
19	<u>1150400000</u>	<u>BGS – Information Centers</u>	<u>\$183,952.35</u>



1           (3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
2           2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Transportation Infrastructure  
3           Bond Fund from the accounts indicated:

4                   8100001100 Program Development                   \$3,239,445.00

5           (4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
6           2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the  
7           accounts indicated:

8                   5100010000 Administration                   \$1,280,710.79

9                   5100110000 Small School Grant                   \$391,067.00

10                  5100200000 Education – Technical Education                   \$1,204,216.38

11           (5) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
12           2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Clean Water Fund from the  
13           accounts indicated:

14                  1100010000 Secretary of Administration                   \$100,000.00

15           (6) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
16           2024, the following amounts shall revert to the American Rescue Plan Act  
17           (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund from the accounts  
18           indicated:

19                   6140892207 Department of Environmental Conservation  
20                           – Clean Water Board                   \$6,000,000.00

1           (7) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
2           2024, the following amounts shall revert to the Tobacco Fund from the  
3           accounts indicated:

4           3400891802 Invest Substance Use Treat                     \$1,500,000

5           3400891803 Finance Substance Use Treat                   \$724,241.80

6                                             \* \* \*

7           Sec. 55. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.100 is amended to read:

8           Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

9           (a) The establishment of ~~68~~ 75 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal  
10          year 2024 for the following:

11          (1) Permanent classified positions:

12                                             \* \* \*

13                 (R) Department for Children and Families:

14                         (i) five Family Service Workers;

15                 (S) Cannabis Control Board:

16                         (i) one Compliance Agent; and

17                         (ii) one Deputy Director of Compliance and Enforcement.

18          Sec. 56. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E. 105.2 is amended to read:

19          Sec. E.105.2 FISCAL YEAR 2023; TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION

20                                 SPECIAL FUND; AUTHORIZATIONS

1 (a) In fiscal year 2023, the following expenditures are authorized from the  
2 Technology Modernization Special Fund to the projects described in this  
3 section:

4 (1) the sum of \$11,800,000 for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)  
5 system upgrade of core statewide financial accounting system and integration  
6 with the Vermont Department of Labor and the Agency of Transportation  
7 financial systems. Up to \$3,000,000 of these funds may be transferred to other  
8 agencies and departments for other Enterprise Resource Planning  
9 modernization-related projects, including business process transformation;

10 \* \* \*

11 Sec. 57. 3 V.S.A. § 3306 is amended to read:

12 § 3306. TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND

13 (a) Creation. There is created the Technology Modernization Special Fund,  
14 to be administered by the Agency of Digital Services. Monies in the Fund  
15 shall be used to fund business process transformation and to purchase,  
16 implement, and upgrade technology platforms, systems, and cybersecurity  
17 services used by State agencies and departments to carry out their statutory  
18 functions.

19 \* \* \*

1       Sec. 58. AGENCY OF ADMINISTRATION; ENTERPRISE RESOURCE  
2                               PLANNING

3               (a) In fiscal year 2024, the Agency of Administration shall report to the  
4               Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee within three business days  
5               after any change in status of any contract relating to the Enterprise Resource  
6               Planning (ERP) – Modernization Business Transformation project changes.

7       Sec. 59. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.111.2 is amended to read:

8               Sec. E.111.2 TAX COMPUTER SYSTEM MODERNIZATION FUND  
9                               TRANSFER

10              (a) Any remaining funds on June 30, 2023 in the Tax Computer System  
11              Modernization Fund established by 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 65, Sec. 282,  
12              and amended from time to time, shall ~~be deposited into~~ remain in the fund  
13              ~~established as codified~~ by 32 V.S.A. § 3209.

14       Sec. 60. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.131.2 is added to read:

15              Sec. E.131.2 TREASURER; STATE RESERVES STUDY

16              (a) Report. On or before December 15, 2024, the Treasurer shall, in  
17              consultation with the Department of Finance and Management and the Joint  
18              Fiscal Office, submit a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on the  
19              State’s fiscal reserve practices and the fiscal reserve practices of other states.  
20              The report shall include a review of:

1           (1) the current fiscal reserve practices of the State, including a review of  
2           which funds have statutory reserves and which funds do not;

3           (2) the fiscal reserve practices of other states and best practices;

4           (3) how Vermont's fiscal reserve practices compare to those of other  
5           states and to best practices; and

6           (4) the cash reserve policies of the State as it compares to reserve  
7           requirements.

8           (b) The report shall include the Treasurer's findings and any  
9           recommendations for changes in the fiscal reserve practices of the State.

10          Sec. 61. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.131.3 is added to read:

11           Sec. E.131.3 TREASURER; STRESS-TESTING REPORT

12           (a) Report. On or before December 15, 2024, the Treasurer, in consultation  
13           with the Department of Finance and Management and the Joint Fiscal Office,  
14           shall submit a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on fiscal stress-  
15           testing practices and methodologies in other states. The report shall address  
16           the extent to which such practices may be useful or beneficial and include any  
17           recommendations for the implementation of stress-testing practices in State  
18           government.

19          Sec. 62. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.300.2 is amended to read:

20           Sec. E.300.2 BLUEPRINT FOR HEALTH HUB AND SPOKE

21                                   PROGRAM PILOT; FUND SOURCES

1 (a) The Agency of Human Services, in collaboration with the Departments  
2 of Vermont Health Access and of Health, shall identify alternative fund  
3 sources, including sales tax revenue from tobacco, cannabis, and liquor, for  
4 ongoing funding of the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke pilot program  
5 funded in Sec. B.1100 of this act and shall update the Joint Fiscal Committee  
6 on its findings on or before November 15, 2023.

7 Sec. 63. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.301 is amended to read:

8 Sec. E.301 SECRETARY’S OFFICE – GLOBAL COMMITMENT

9 \* \* \*

10 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a  
11 total estimated sum of ~~\$25,231,644~~ \$25,050,921 is anticipated to be certified as  
12 State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

13 \* \* \*

14 (c) Up to ~~\$4,034,170~~ \$3,737,210 is transferred from the AHS Federal  
15 Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund consistent  
16 with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301, Secretary’s Office – Global  
17 Commitment, of this act.

18 Sec. 64. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.312 is amended to read:

19 Sec. E.312 HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH

20 (a) HIV/AIDS funding:

21 \* \* \*

1           (5) In fiscal year 2024, the Department of Health shall provide grants in  
2 the amount of \$300,000 in General Funds Fund dollars and \$500,000 in  
3 Tobacco Settlement Fund dollars to the current syringe exchange programs in  
4 Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS  
5 prevention providers for syringe exchange programs. The method by which  
6 these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual  
7 agreement of the Department of Health, the Vermont AIDS service  
8 organizations, and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The  
9 performance period for these grants shall be State fiscal year 2024. Grant  
10 reporting shall include outcomes and results.

\* \* \*

12       Sec. 65. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.1000.1 is added to read:

13               Sec. E.1000.1 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS DEBT SERVICE

14                               FUND ONE-TIME TRANSFERS

15               (a) The transfers from the General Fund and Transportation Fund to the  
16 General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund made in Sec. D.101(a)(1)(N) and  
17 Sec. D.101(a)(4)(B) of this act are one-time transfers that shall not reoccur in  
18 future fiscal years.

19       Sec. 66. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.802, as amended by 2023

20       Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 41, is further amended to read:

21               Sec. B.802 Housing and community development

1	Personal services	<del>5,321,306</del>	<u>5,212,164</u>
2	Operating expenses	<del>673,807</del>	<u>671,358</u>
3	Grants	<del>77,056,152</del>	<u>27,259,532</u>
4	Total	<del>83,051,265</del>	<u>33,143,054</u>
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	4,065,708	4,065,708
7	Special funds	<del>7,204,966</del>	7,747,606
8	Federal funds	<del>68,364,457</del>	<u>18,456,246</u>
9	Interdepartmental transfers	2,873,494	2,873,494
10	Total	<del>83,051,265</del>	<u>33,143,054</u>

11 Sec. 67. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2023

12 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45 is further amended to read:

13 Sec. B.1100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

14 APPROPRIATIONS

15 (a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriated from the General Fund for

16 new and ongoing initiatives as follows:

17 \* \* \*

18 (38) \$30,000 to the Department of Health ~~for a grant to~~ enter into an

19 agreement with the American Heart Association for CPR and First Aid

20 Training kits to facilitate training in schools.

21 \* \* \*



1       Sec. 68. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 53(a), as amended by 2023  
2       Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 81 is further amended to read:

3           (a) Reversion. In fiscal year 2023, of the amounts appropriated in 2021  
4       Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300(a)(13) and 2021 Acts and Resolves  
5       No. 9, Sec. 3(b)(1), from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) –  
6       Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Agency of Commerce and  
7       Community Development for the Economic Recovery Grant Program,  
8       ~~\$25,042,000.00~~ \$24,980,874.93 shall revert to the American Rescue Plan Act  
9       (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

10      Sec. 69. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 22, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

11           Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION; COMMUNITY NEEDLE AND SYRINGE  
12                           DISPOSAL PROGRAMS

13           ~~In~~ Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2024,  
14       \$150,000.00 is ~~authorized~~ appropriated from the Evidence-Based Education  
15       and Advertising Fund ~~in~~ established by 33 V.S.A. § 2004a to the Department  
16       of Health’s Division of Substance Use Programs to provide grants and  
17       consultations for municipalities, hospitals, community health centers, and other  
18       publicly available community needle and syringe disposal programs that  
19       participated in a stakeholder meeting pursuant to Sec. 2 of this act.

1 Sec. 70. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 22, Sec. 14 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 14. APPROPRIATION; OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL FUND

3 In fiscal year 2023, the following monies shall be appropriated from the  
4 Opioid Abatement Special Fund pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4774:

5 \* \* \*

6 (9) All appropriations made in this section shall carry forward into fiscal  
7 year 2024 unless reverted as part of the fiscal year 2024 budget adjustment act.

8 Sec. 71. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.600(b), as amended by 2023  
9 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 85, and 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 62, Sec.  
10 26, is further amended to read:

11 (b) In fiscal year 2023, \$32,200,000 is appropriated from the General Fund  
12 and \$550,000 is appropriated from the Transportation Fund for electric vehicle  
13 charging infrastructure, electrification incentives and public transportation  
14 investments as follows:

15 \* \* \*

16 (4) ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$3,500,000 to the Agency of Transportation to grant to  
17 the Community Action Agencies to support the MileageSmart Program,  
18 established in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34, as amended.

19 (5) ~~\$2,350,000.00~~ \$1,850,000 to the Agency of Transportation for the  
20 Replace Your Ride Program, established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55,  
21 Sec. 27, as amended.

1           (6) \$500,000 to the Agency of Transportation Electrify Your Fleet  
2           Program.

3           (7) ~~\$2,200,000~~ \$2,350,000 general funds and \$550,000 Transportation  
4 funds to the Agency of Transportation for the following:

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6           (C) \$50,000 Transportation funds and ~~\$100,000~~ \$150,000 general  
7 funds to the Agency of Transportation for electric bicycle incentives.

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9           Sec. 72. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 8 is amended to read:

10           Sec. 8. EMERGENCY HOUSING TRANSITION; FUNDING; FISCAL  
11                                   YEAR 2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

12           (a) The Agency of Human Services shall ~~hold in reserve~~ revert as much  
13 ~~funding~~ spending authority as possible ~~from~~ during the Agency’s fiscal year  
14 2023 closeout process ~~as carryforward for potential investment in assisting~~  
15 ~~households with transitioning out of the pandemic-era General Assistance~~  
16 ~~Emergency Housing Program.~~ ~~The reserved funds shall not be used unless~~  
17 pursuant to the Secretary of Administration’s discretion under 2023 Acts and  
18 Resolves No. 3, Sec. 109. If the amounts appropriated pursuant to Sec. 7 of  
19 this act are not sufficient to fully implement the phase-out of the pandemic-era  
20 General Assistance Emergency Housing Program as set forth in this act, then  
21 the General Assembly may provide additional spending authority as needed.

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Sec. 73. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 9, Sec. 17 is amended to read:

Sec. 17. PRACTICAL NURSE; WORKFORCE FUNDING

(a) Due to the increasing challenge of the pandemic on the health professions, the sum of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to ~~open 40 to 45 seats in the Practical Nurse Program in partnership with skilled nursing facilities across the State to upskill existing staff to achieve certification as a practical nurse~~ purchase nursing simulation equipment to expand nursing student enrollment capacity and address the critical nursing shortage facing Vermont. These funds shall be used as follows:

- (1) Up to \$500,000.00 for administrative and start-up costs for Vermont Technical College.
- (2) Up to \$260,000.00 in incentive payments in the amount of \$6,000.00 per student to offset lost income during enrollment in the Program.
- (3) All remaining funds shall be allocated for tuition and fees payments for required prerequisite courses at Community College of Vermont and for the Practical Nurse Program at Vermont Technical College after available federal and State financial aid is applied to ensure no cost to the student.

1 (b) To be eligible to participate in the program, a skilled nursing facility  
2 shall provide an incentive match in the amount of \$4,000.00 per student during  
3 enrollment in the Program.

4 Sec. 74. 10 V.S.A. § 6083a is amended to read:

5 § 6083a. ACT 250 FEES

6 (a) All applicants for a land use permit under section 6086 of this title shall  
7 be directly responsible for the costs involved in the publication of notice in a  
8 newspaper of general circulation in the area of the proposed development or  
9 subdivision and the costs incurred in recording any permit or permit  
10 amendment in the land records. In addition, applicants shall be subject to each  
11 of the following fees for each individual permit or permit application for the  
12 purpose of compensating the State of Vermont for the direct and indirect costs  
13 incurred with respect to the administration of the Act 250 program:

14 \* \* \*

15 Sec. 75. 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b)(2) is amended to read:

16 (2) To cover the cost of fund auditing, accounting, revenue collection,  
17 and of short-term borrowing to meet fund cash flow requirements.

18 Sec. 76. 18 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

19 § 1001. REPORTS TO COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

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1 (b) Public health records developed or acquired by State or local public  
2 health agencies that relate to HIV or AIDS and that contain either personally  
3 identifying information or information that may indirectly identify a person  
4 shall be confidential and only disclosed following notice to and written  
5 authorization from the individual subject of the public health record or the  
6 individual's legal representative. Notice otherwise required pursuant to this  
7 section shall not be required for disclosures to the federal government; other  
8 departments, agencies, or programs of the State; or other states' infectious  
9 disease surveillance programs if the disclosure is for the purpose of comparing  
10 the details of potentially duplicative case reports, public health surveillance, or  
11 epidemiological follow-up, provided the information shall be shared using the  
12 least identifying information first so that the individual's name shall be used  
13 only as a last resort.

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15 Sec. 77. 33 V.S.A. § 3511 is amended to read:

16 § 3511. DEFINITIONS

17 As used in this chapter:

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19 (7) "Family child care home" means a child care facility that provides  
20 care on a regular basis in the caregiver's own residence ~~for not more than 10~~  
21 ~~children at any one time. Of this number, up to six children may be provided~~

1 ~~care on a full-time basis and the remainder on a part-time basis. As used in this~~  
2 ~~subdivision, care of a child on a part-time basis shall mean care of a school-age~~  
3 ~~child for not more than four hours a day. These limits shall not include children~~  
4 ~~who reside in the residence of the caregiver, except:~~

5 ~~(A) These part-time, school-age children may be cared for on a full-~~  
6 ~~day basis during school closing days, snow days, and vacation days that occur~~  
7 ~~during the school year.~~

8 ~~(B) During the school summer vacation, up to 12 children may be~~  
9 ~~cared for provided that at least six of these children are of school age and a~~  
10 ~~second staff person is present and on duty when the number of children in~~  
11 ~~attendance exceeds six. These limits shall not include children who are~~  
12 ~~required by law to attend school (seven years of age and older) and who reside~~  
13 ~~in the residence of the caregiver.~~

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15 Sec. 78. 29 V.S.A. chapter 61 is amended to read:

16 CHAPTER 61. MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT LOAN FUND

17 \* \* \*

18 § 1602. APPLICATION; LOANS; CONDITIONS

19 (a) Upon application of a municipality or two or more municipalities  
20 applying jointly, the State Treasurer may loan money from the Fund to that  
21 municipality or municipalities for the purchase of equipment. Purchases of

1 equipment eligible for loans from the Fund shall have a useful life of at least  
2 five years and a purchase price of at least \$20,000.00 but shall not be eligible  
3 for loans in excess of ~~\$110,000.00~~ \$150,000.00 from this Fund.

4 (b) The Treasurer is authorized to establish terms and conditions, including  
5 repayment schedules of up to five years for loans from the Fund to ensure  
6 repayment of loans to the Fund. Before a municipality may receive a loan from  
7 the Fund, it shall give to the Treasurer security for the repayment of the funds.  
8 The security shall be in such form and amount as the Treasurer may determine  
9 and may include a lien on the equipment financed by the loan.

10 (c) The rates of interest shall be as established by this section to assist  
11 municipalities in purchasing equipment upon terms more favorable than in the  
12 commercial market. Such rates shall be ~~no~~ not more than two percent per  
13 annum for a loan to a single municipality, and loans shall bear no interest  
14 charge if made to two or more municipalities purchasing equipment jointly.

15 (d) In any fiscal year, new loans from the Municipal Equipment Fund shall  
16 not exceed an aggregate of \$1,500,000.00. The Treasurer shall put forth  
17 recommendations to the General Assembly on a maximum loan amount every  
18 five years, commencing on January 15, 2028, based on requests received and  
19 loans granted pursuant to this chapter.

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1 Sec. 79. 3 V.S.A. chapter 18 is amended to read:

2 CHAPTER 18. VT SAVES

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4 § 532. VT SAVES PROGRAM; ESTABLISHMENT

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6 (c) Contributions.

7 (1) Unless otherwise specified by the covered employee, a covered  
8 employee shall automatically initially contribute five percent of the covered  
9 employee's ~~salary or~~ wages to the Program. A covered employee may elect to  
10 opt out of the Program at any time or contribute at any higher or lower rate,  
11 expressed as a percentage of ~~salary or~~ wages, or, as permitted by the Treasurer,  
12 expressed as a flat dollar amount, subject in all cases to the IRA contribution  
13 and eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code at no  
14 additional charge.

15 (2) The Treasurer shall provide for, on a uniform basis, an annual  
16 increase of each active participant's contribution rate, by not less than one  
17 percent, but not more than eight percent, of ~~salary or~~ wages each year. Any  
18 such increases shall apply to active participants, including participants by  
19 default with an option to opt out or participants who are initiated by affirmative  
20 participant election, provided that any increase is subject to the IRA  
21 contribution and eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code.

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§ 535. PENALTIES

(a) Failure to ~~enroll~~ comply. If a covered employer fails to ~~enroll a covered employee~~ be in compliance with this chapter without reasonable cause, the covered employer is subject to a penalty for each covered employee for each calendar year or portion of a calendar year during which the covered employee was not enrolled in the Program or had not opted out of participation in the Program. The amount of any penalty imposed on a covered employer for the failure to enroll a covered employee without reasonable cause is determined as follows:

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(b) Waivers. The Treasurer is authorized to establish a rule waiving the penalty for a covered employer ~~for any failure to enroll a covered employee that fails to be in compliance with this chapter~~ for which it is established that the covered employer did not know that the failure existed and exercised reasonable diligence to meet the requirements of this chapter, provided that:

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Sec. 80. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 43, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

Sec. 2. VT SAVES; IMPLEMENTATION

(a) Subject to an appropriation from the General Assembly, the State Treasurer shall implement the VT Saves Program (Program), established in 3

1 V.S.A. chapter 18, ~~as follows:~~ in stages as determined by the Treasurer, which  
2 may include phasing in the Program based on the size of employers or other  
3 factors. The Program shall be implemented so that all covered employees will  
4 begin participation and make contributions on or before July 1, 2026

5 (1) ~~Beginning on July 1, 2025, all covered employers with 25 or more~~  
6 ~~covered employees shall offer the Program to all covered employees.~~

7 (2) ~~Beginning on January 1, 2026, all covered employers with 15 to 24~~  
8 ~~covered employees shall offer the Program to all covered employees.~~

9 (3) ~~Beginning on July 1, 2026, all covered employers with five to 14~~  
10 ~~covered employees shall offer the Program to all covered employees.~~

11 (b) As used in this section, “covered employer” and “covered employee”  
12 have the same meanings as in 3 V.S.A. § 531.

13 Sec. 81. 17 V.S.A. § 2732(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) The electors shall meet at the State House on the first ~~Monday~~ Tuesday  
15 after the second Wednesday in December next following their election to vote  
16 for the President and Vice President of the United States, agreeably to the laws  
17 of the United States.

18 Sec. 82. 33 V.S.A. § 7601 is amended to read:

19 § 7601. DEFINITIONS

20 As used in this chapter:

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1           (3) “Savings” means the difference remaining at the conclusion of each  
2           fiscal year between the amount of funds appropriated for Choices for Care and  
3           the sum of expended ~~and obligated~~ funds, less an amount equal to one percent  
4           of that fiscal year’s total Choices for Care expenditure. The one percent shall  
5           function as a reserve to avoid implementing a High Needs wait list due to  
6           unplanned Choices for Care budget pressures throughout the fiscal year.

7           Sec. 83. 18 V.S.A. § 9435 is amended to read:

8           § 9435. EXCLUSIONS

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10           (g) With the approval of the Commissioner of Health, excluded from this  
11           subchapter is a facility in which the prescription, distribution, or administration  
12           of medication for opioid use disorder is a principal activity.

13           Sec. 84. 18 V.S.A. § 4772 is amended to read:

14           § 4772. OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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16           (f) Meetings.

17           (1) The Commissioner of Health shall call the first meeting of the  
18           Advisory Committee to occur on or before June 30, 2022.

19           (2) The Advisory Committee shall meet at least quarterly but not more  
20           than ~~six~~ 12 times per calendar year.

1           (3) The Advisory Committee shall adopt procedures to govern its  
2           proceedings and organization, including voting procedures and how the  
3           staggered terms shall be apportioned among members.

4           (4) All meetings of the Advisory Committee shall be consistent with  
5           Vermont's Open Meeting Law pursuant to 1 V.S.A. chapter 5, subchapter 2.

6           (g) Compensation and reimbursement.

7           (1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General  
8           Assembly, a legislative member of the Advisory Committee serving in the  
9           member's capacity as a legislator shall be entitled to per diem compensation  
10          and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 23 for not more than ~~six~~  
11          12 meetings per year. These payments shall be appropriated from the Opioid  
12          Abatement Special Fund.

13          (2) Other members of the Advisory Committee shall be entitled to per  
14          diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32  
15          V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than ~~six~~ 12 meetings per year. These payments  
16          shall be appropriated from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund.

17          Sec. 85. [Deleted.]

18          Sec. 86. [Deleted.]

19          Sec. 87. 27 V.S.A. § 1513 is amended to read:

20          § 1513. PAYMENT OR DELIVERY OF PROPERTY TO

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(f) If property reported to the Administrator under section 1491 of this title is virtual currency, the holder shall liquidate the virtual currency and remit the proceeds to the Administrator. The liquidation shall occur anytime within 30 days prior to the remittance. The owner of the property shall not have recourse against the holder or the Administrator to recover any gain in value that occurs after the liquidation of the virtual currency for property properly reported as set forth in this chapter.

(g) The Administrator shall establish procedures for the registration, issuance, method of delivery, transfer, and maintenance of securities delivered to the Administrator by a holder.

~~(g)~~(h) An issuer, holder, and transfer agent or other person acting under this section under instructions of and on behalf of the issuer or holder is not liable to the apparent owner for, and must be indemnified by the State against, a claim arising with respect to property after the property has been delivered to the Administrator.

~~(h)~~(i) A holder is not required to deliver to the Administrator a security identified by the holder as a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable security. If the Administrator or holder determines that a security is no longer a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable security, the holder shall deliver the security on the next regular date prescribed for delivery of securities under this chapter. The holder

1 shall make a determination annually whether a security identified in a report  
2 filed under section 1491 of this title as a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable  
3 security is no longer a ~~non-freely~~ nonfreely transferable security.

4 Sec. 88. 20 V.S.A. § 3173 is amended to read:

5 § 3173. MONETARY BENEFIT

6 (a) The survivors of emergency personnel who dies while in the line of  
7 duty or from an occupation-related illness may apply for a payment of  
8 ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$80,000.00 from the State.

9 (b) The State Treasurer shall disburse from the Special Fund established in  
10 section 3175 of this title the monetary benefit described in subsection (a) of  
11 this section and shall adopt necessary procedures for the disbursement of such  
12 funds.

13 Sec. 89. 16 V.S.A. § 1949 is amended to read:

14 § 1949. POSTRETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIREMENT  
15 ALLOWANCES

16 (a) Postretirement adjustments to retirement allowance. On January 1 of  
17 each year, the retirement allowance of each beneficiary of the System who is in  
18 receipt of a retirement allowance for at least a one-year period as of December  
19 31 in the previous year, and who meets the eligibility criteria set forth in this  
20 section, shall be adjusted by the amount described in subsection (d) of this

1 section. In no event shall a beneficiary receive a negative adjustment to the  
2 beneficiary's retirement allowance.

3 (b) Calculation of net percentage increase. Each year, a determination shall  
4 be made of any increase or decrease, to the nearest one-tenth of a percent, in  
5 the Consumer Price Index for the month ending on June 30 of that year to the  
6 average of the Consumer Price Index for the month ending on June 30 of the  
7 previous year.

8 ~~(1) Consumer Price Index; maximum and minimum amounts. Any~~  
9 ~~increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index shall be subject to~~  
10 ~~adjustment so as to remain within the following maximum and minimum~~  
11 ~~amounts:~~

12 ~~(A) For Group A members and Group C members who are eligible~~  
13 ~~for normal retirement or unreduced early retirement, or who are vested~~  
14 ~~deferred, on or before June 30, 2022, the maximum amount of any increase or~~  
15 ~~decrease utilized to determine the net percentage increase shall be five percent.~~

16 ~~(B) For Group C members who are eligible for retirement and leave~~  
17 ~~active service on or after July 1, 2022, the maximum amount of any increase or~~  
18 ~~decrease utilized to determine the net percentage increase shall be four percent.~~

19 ~~(2) Consumer Price Index; decreases. In the event of a decrease of the~~  
20 ~~Consumer Price Index as of June 30 for the preceding year, there shall be no~~



1 adjustment to the retirement allowance of a beneficiary for the subsequent year  
2 beginning on January 1; provided, however, that:

3 (A) such decrease shall be applied as an offset against the first  
4 subsequent year's increase of the Consumer Price Index up to the full amount  
5 of such increase; and

6 (B) to the extent that such decrease is greater than such subsequent  
7 year's increase, such decrease shall be offset in the same manner against two  
8 or more years of such increases, for up to but not exceeding five subsequent  
9 years of such increases, until fully offset.

10 ~~(3)(2)~~ Consumer Price Index; increases. ~~Subject to the maximum and~~  
11 ~~minimum amounts set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, in~~ In the  
12 event of an increase in the Consumer Price Index, and provided there remains  
13 an increase following the application of any offset as in subdivision ~~(2)(1)~~ of  
14 this subsection, that amount shall be identified as the net percentage increase  
15 and used to determine the members' postretirement adjustment as set forth in  
16 subsection (d) of this section.

17 (c) Eligibility for postretirement adjustment. In order for a beneficiary to  
18 receive a postretirement adjustment allowance, the beneficiary must meet the  
19 following eligibility requirements:

20 (1) ~~for~~ For any Group A or Group C member eligible for normal  
21 retirement, or who is vested deferred, on or before June 30, 2022, the member

1 must be in receipt of a retirement allowance for at least 12 months prior to the  
2 January 1 effective date of any postretirement adjustment;~~and~~.

3 (2) ~~for~~ For any Group C member who is first eligible for normal  
4 retirement and leaves active service on or after July 1, 2022, the member must  
5 be in receipt of a retirement allowance for at least 24 months prior to the  
6 January 1 effective date of any postretirement adjustment.

7 (3) Special rule for Group C early retirement. A Group C member in  
8 receipt of an early retirement allowance shall not receive a postretirement  
9 adjustment to the member's retirement allowance until such time as the  
10 member has reached normal retirement age, provided the member meets all  
11 eligibility criteria set forth in this subsection.

12 (d) Amount of postretirement adjustment. The postretirement adjustment  
13 for each member who meets the eligibility criteria set forth in subsection (c) of  
14 this section shall be as follows:

15 (1) the full amount of the net percentage increase calculated pursuant to  
16 subsection (b) of this section for all Group A members;~~and~~ provided that:

17 (A) the net percentage increase following the application of any  
18 offset as provided in this section equals or exceeds one percent; and

19 (B) the maximum amount of any adjustment under this section shall  
20 be five percent; and

1 (2) one-half of the net percentage increase calculated pursuant to  
2 subsection (b) of this section for all Group C members-, provided that:

3 (A) For Group C members eligible for normal retirement or who are  
4 vested deferred on or before June 30, 2022, the maximum amount of any  
5 adjustment under this section shall be five percent. An adjustment of less than  
6 one percent shall be assigned a value of one percent.

7 (B) For Group C members first eligible for normal retirement and  
8 who leave active service on or after July 1, 2022, the maximum amount of any  
9 adjustment under this section shall be four percent and the minimum amount  
10 shall be zero percent.

11 (e) As used in this section, “Consumer Price Index” ~~shall mean~~ means the  
12 Northeast Region Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, designated as  
13 “CPI-U,” in the northeast region, as published by the U.S. Department of  
14 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

15 Sec. 90. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 36 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 36 MIDDLE-INCOME HOMEOWNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
17 PROGRAM

18 (a) The Vermont Housing Finance Agency shall establish a Middle-Income  
19 Homeownership Development Program pursuant to this section.

20 (b) As used in this section:

1           (1) “Affordable owner-occupied housing” means owner-occupied  
2           housing identified in 26 U.S.C. § 143(c)(1) or that qualifies under Vermont  
3           Housing Finance Agency criteria governing owner-occupied housing.

4           (2) “Income-eligible homebuyer” means a Vermont household with  
5           annual income that does not exceed 150 percent of area median income.

6           (c) The Agency shall use the funds appropriated in this section to provide  
7           subsidies for new construction or acquisition and substantial rehabilitation of  
8           affordable owner-occupied housing for purchase by income-eligible  
9           homebuyers.

10          (d) The total amount of subsidies for a project shall not exceed 35 percent  
11          of eligible development costs, as determined by the Agency, which the Agency  
12          may allocate consistent with the following:

13               (1) Developer subsidy. The Agency may provide a direct subsidy to the  
14               developer, which shall not exceed the difference between the cost of  
15               development and the market value of the home as completed.

16               (2) Affordability subsidy. Of any remaining amounts available for the  
17               project after the developer subsidy, the Agency may provide a subsidy for the  
18               benefit of the homebuyer to reduce the cost of purchasing the home, provided  
19               that:

20                       (A) the Agency includes conditions in the subsidy, agreement or uses  
21                       another legal mechanism, to ensure that, ~~to the extent the home value has risen,~~

1 ~~the amount of the subsidy~~ upon sale of the home, to the extent proceeds are  
2 available, the amount of the affordability subsidy either:

3 (i) remains with the home to offset the cost to future homebuyers;

4 or

5 (ii) is recaptured by the Agency upon sale of the home for use in a  
6 similar program to support affordable homeownership development; or

7 (B) the subsidy is subject to a housing subsidy covenant, as defined  
8 in 27 V.S.A. § 610, that preserves the affordability of the home for a period of  
9 99 years or longer.

10 (3) The Agency shall allocate not less than 33 percent of the funds  
11 available through the Program to projects that include a housing subsidy  
12 covenant consistent with subdivision (2)(B) of this subsection.

13 (e) The Agency shall adopt a Program plan that establishes application and  
14 selection criteria, including:

15 (1) project location;

16 (2) geographic distribution;

17 (3) leveraging of other programs;

18 (4) housing market needs;

19 (5) project characteristics, including whether the project includes the use  
20 of existing housing as part of a community revitalization plan;

21 (6) construction standards, including considerations for size;

1           (7) priority for plans with deeper affordability and longer duration of  
2 affordability requirements;

3           (8) sponsor characteristics;

4           (9) energy efficiency of the development; and

5           (10) the historic nature of the project.

6           (f)(1) When implementing the Program, the Agency shall consult  
7 stakeholders and experts in the field.

8           (2) The Program shall include:

9                 (A) a streamlined and appropriately scaled application process;

10                (B) an outreach and education plan, including specific tactics to reach  
11 and support eligible applicants, especially those from underserved regions or  
12 sectors;

13                (C) an equitable system for distributing investments statewide on the  
14 basis of need according to a system of priorities that includes consideration of:

15                   (i) geographic distribution;

16                   (ii) community size;

17                   (iii) community economic need; and

18                   (iv) whether an application has already received an investment or  
19 is from an applicant in a community that has already received Program  
20 funding.

21           ~~(3) The Agency shall use its best efforts to ensure:~~

1           ~~(A) that investments awarded are targeted to the geographic~~  
2           ~~communities or regions with the most pressing economic and employment~~  
3           ~~needs; and~~

4           ~~(B) that the allocation of investments provides equitable access to the~~  
5           ~~benefits to all eligible geographical areas.~~

6           (g) The Agency may assign its rights under any investment or subsidy  
7           made under this section to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board or  
8           any State agency or nonprofit organization qualifying under 26 U.S.C §  
9           501(c)(3), provided such assignee acknowledges and agrees to comply with the  
10          provisions of this section.

11          (h) The Department shall report to the House Committee on General and  
12          Housing and the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and  
13          General Affairs on the status of the Program annually, on or before January 15.  
14          Sec. 91. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 37 is amended to read:

15          Sec. 37. ~~MIDDLE-INCOME HOMEOWNERSHIP; IMPLEMENTATION~~  
16          ~~The duty to implement Sec. 36 of this act is contingent upon an appropriation~~  
17          ~~of funds in fiscal year 2024 from the General Fund to the Department of~~  
18          ~~Housing and Community Development for a subgrant to the Vermont Housing~~  
19          ~~Finance Agency for the Middle Income Homeownership Development~~  
20          ~~Program.~~ [Repealed.]

1       Sec. 92. UNRESERVED EDUCATION FUNDS; VERMONT STATE

2                   TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM APPROPRIATION

3           (a) In fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4025  
4           to the contrary, the amount of \$9,100,000 in Education Fund dollars reserved  
5           in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.104(a) is unreserved, and the sum of  
6           \$9,340,000 in Education Fund dollars is appropriated to the Vermont  
7           Teachers' Retirement Fund, established in 16 V.S.A. § 1944, to fund the  
8           present value of modifications made to the postretirement adjustments  
9           allowance set forth in Sec. 89 of this act.

10       Sec. 93. TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING

11           (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families shall ensure that  
12           temporary emergency housing is provided through June 30, 2024 to  
13           households eligible for the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program,  
14           including households eligible under the Adverse Weather Conditions Policy,  
15           and beneficiaries of the emergency housing transition benefit that is set to  
16           conclude on April 1, 2024, pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6.

17           (b) Temporary emergency housing required pursuant to subsection (a) of  
18           this section may be provided through the use of approved shelters, new unit  
19           generation, open units, or other appropriate shelter space.

20           (c) On or before the last day of each month from April 2024 through June  
21           2024, the Agency of Human Services, or other relevant agency or department,



1 shall continue submitting a substantially similar report to that due pursuant to  
2 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b).

3 (d) Beginning on March 1, 2024, the Agency of Human Services shall not  
4 reimburse any licensed hotel or motel establishment more than \$75 a day to  
5 shelter a household experiencing homelessness and shall strictly enforce the  
6 following rules:

7 (1) Section 2650.1 of the Department for Children and Families,  
8 General Assistance (CVR 13-170-260);

9 (2) Department of Health, Licensed Lodging Establishment Rule (CVR  
10 13-140-023); and

11 (3) Department of Public Safety, Vermont Fire and Building Safety  
12 Code (CVR 28-070-001).

13 (e)(1) Prior to June 1, 2024, the Agency of Human Services and either a  
14 shelter provider or a community housing agency may enter into a full facility  
15 lease or sales agreement with a hotel or motel provider. Any facility  
16 conversion under this section shall comply with the Office of Economic  
17 Opportunity's shelter standards.

18 (2) If the Agency determines that a contractual arrangement with a  
19 licensed hotel or motel operator to secure temporary emergency housing  
20 capacity is beneficial to improve the quality, cleanliness, and access to services  
21 for those households temporarily housed in the facility, the Agency shall be

1 authorized to enter into such an agreement; provided, however, that in no event  
2 shall such an agreement or the negotiations for such an agreement cause a  
3 household to become unhoused.

4 (3) In no event shall an agreement under this subsection exceed a rate of  
5 \$75 per day per household.

6 Sec. 94. HOME-DELIVERED MEALS

7 (a) The Secretary of Human Services shall request approval from the  
8 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to Vermont's  
9 Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 demonstration that allows home-  
10 delivered meals to be a Medicaid covered service when the meals:

11 (1) are part of a participant's service plan of care; and

12 (2) meet Vermont's area agencies on aging's nutrition requirements in  
13 accordance with the Older Americans Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 3001–3058ff.

14 Sec. 95. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; UNOBLIGATED FUNDS

15 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that all American Rescue Plan  
16 Act funds be obligated on or before December 31, 2024. To the extent to  
17 which American Rescue Plan Act funds remain unobligated by November 15,  
18 2024, the funds shall revert to the American Rescue Plan Act Fund and be  
19 reappropriated in the following order:

20 (1) \$5,000,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community  
21 Development for the Vermont Community Development Program. It is the

1 intent of the General Assembly that grants from these funds be made to  
2 municipalities in counties that were impacted by the July 2023 flooding event  
3 and are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public  
4 Assistance funds under federal disaster declaration DR-4720-VT.

5 (2) \$30,000,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board  
6 (VHCB) to provide support and enhance capacity for the production and  
7 preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing and homeownership  
8 units, including improvements to manufactured homes and communities,  
9 permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness, recovery residences,  
10 and housing available to farm workers and refugees.

11 (3) \$25,000,000 to the Department for Housing and Community  
12 Development for a grant to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency for the  
13 Middle-Income Homeownership Development Program and the Vermont  
14 Rental Revolving Loan Fund.

15 (b) As part of the fiscal year 2025 budget process, the Secretary of  
16 Administration shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on  
17 Appropriations on the first Tuesday of March, April, and May of calendar year  
18 2024 on the extent to which American Rescue Plan Act funds remain  
19 unobligated.

20 (c) At each meeting of the Joint Fiscal Committee in calendar year 2024,  
21 the Secretary of Administration shall report on the extent to which there are

1 unobligated American Rescue Plan Act funds. On or before November 15,  
2 2024, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall submit any  
3 recommendations on how these funds should be transferred so that they may  
4 be obligated on or before December 31, 2024. The Joint Fiscal Committee  
5 shall review the Commissioner’s recommendations and may approve the  
6 transfer of any unobligated American Rescue Plan Act funds.

7 Sec. 96. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 1, as amended by 2012 Acts and  
8 Resolves No. 143, Sec. 13, 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 189, Sec. 26, and 2017  
9 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 24, is further amended to read:

10 Sec. 1. VERMONT STRONG MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES

11 (a) ~~Intent. It is the intent of this act to recognize all of those who have~~  
12 ~~suffered losses because of the destruction brought by Tropical Storm Irene and~~  
13 ~~the flooding of 2011, and to commemorate the contributions of the many who~~  
14 ~~are helping to rebuild Vermont and to make it stronger. [Repealed.]~~

15 (b) Authority; accounting and reporting; bundles.

16 (1) ~~The department of motor vehicles (“department”)~~ Department of  
17 Motor Vehicles is authorized to design, manufacture or procure, and distribute  
18 one or more commemorative plates that include the text “Vermont Strong” in  
19 accordance with this section. ~~The department and Vermont Life magazine are~~  
20 Department is authorized to sell commemorative plates individually or in  
21 conjunction with a bundled promotional item. ~~The department~~ Department

1 may also authorize other persons to sell commemorative plates, provided that  
2 such persons are required to pay the ~~department \$25.00~~ Department \$35.00 per  
3 plate within 30 days of after receiving the plates from the ~~department~~  
4 Department.

5 (2) A The Vermont Strong commemorative plate fund (the “fund”)  
6 Commemorative Plate Fund is established. The ~~fund~~ Fund shall be under the  
7 control of the ~~commissioner of motor vehicles~~ Commissioner of Motor  
8 Vehicles or designee, and shall consist of all receipts from the sales of  
9 Vermont Strong commemorative plates and bundled promotional items. The  
10 ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall account for all proceeds of sales of  
11 commemorative plates and bundled promotional items and all receipts into and  
12 disbursements from the ~~fund~~ Fund; shall track the number of plates and  
13 bundled promotional items distributed and sold; and shall track and collect  
14 payments owed for plates distributed. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall  
15 transfer funds from the ~~fund~~ Fund in accordance with subsection (d) of this  
16 section ~~no~~ not less often than once per month. The ~~department~~ Department  
17 shall report its accounting of ~~fund~~ Fund receipts and disbursements, plate  
18 inventory, and uncollected payments for plates distributed to the ~~joint fiscal~~  
19 ~~committee at its November 2012 meeting~~ House and Senate Committees on  
20 Transportation and the Joint Fiscal Committee not later than May 1, 2024.

1 (c) Use. An approved Vermont Strong commemorative plate may be  
2 displayed on a motor vehicle registered in Vermont as a pleasure car or on a  
3 motor truck registered in Vermont for less than 26,001 pounds ~~(<sub>2</sub>~~ but excluding  
4 vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan)<sub>2</sub> by covering the  
5 front registration plate with the commemorative plate any time from the  
6 effective date of this act. The regular front registration plate shall not be  
7 removed. The regular rear registration plate shall be in place and clearly  
8 visible at all times.

9 (d) Price and allocation of revenue.

10 (1) The retail price of the plate shall be ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00, except that on or  
11 after July 1, ~~2016~~ 2026, plates may be sold by the Commissioner for \$5.00.

12 (2) Funds received from the sale of plates for \$5.00 shall be allocated to  
13 the Department; funds received from the sale of the plates for ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00  
14 shall be allocated as follows:

15 ~~(1)(A)~~ (A) \$5.00 to the Department;

16 ~~(2)(B)~~ (B) ~~\$18.00 to the Vermont Disaster Relief Fund~~ \$15.00 to the  
17 Vermont Community Foundation; and

18 ~~(3)(C)~~ (C) ~~\$2.00 to the Vermont Foodbank~~ \$15.00 to the Agency of  
19 Commerce and Community Development's Business Emergency Gap  
20 Assistance Program.

1           (3) Funds received from the sale of bundled promotional items, less any  
2           costs to the Department for the purchase of the bundled promotional items,  
3           shall be allocated as follows:

4                   (A) 50 percent to the Vermont Community Foundation; and

5                   (B) 50 percent to the Agency of Commerce and Community  
6           Development's Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

7           (e) Funding. The ~~department of motor vehicles~~ Department of Motor  
8           Vehicles is authorized to obtain an advance from the Vermont Strong  
9           ~~commemorative plate fund~~ Commemorative Plate Fund in an amount to be  
10           determined by the ~~commissioner of motor vehicles~~ Commissioner of Motor  
11           Vehicles in anticipation of receipts from the administration of this section.

12           (f) Tax exemption. Sales of commemorative plates pursuant to this section  
13           shall be exempt from the sales and use tax established by 32 V.S.A.  
14           chapter 233.

15           Sec. 97. 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 1, as amended by 2012 Acts and  
16           Resolves No. 143, Sec. 13, 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 189, Sec. 26, 2017  
17           Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 24, and Sec. 96 of this act is further amended  
18           to read:

19           Sec. 1. VERMONT STRONG MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES

20           (a) [Repealed.]

21           (b) Authority; accounting and reporting; ~~bundles.~~

1           (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to design,  
2           manufacture or procure, and distribute one or more commemorative plates that  
3           include the text “Vermont Strong” in accordance with this section. The  
4           Department is authorized to sell commemorative plates ~~individually or in~~  
5           ~~conjunction with a bundled promotional item~~. The Department may also  
6           authorize other persons to sell commemorative plates, provided that such  
7           persons are required to pay the Department \$35.00 per plate within 30 days  
8           after receiving the plates from the Department.

9           (2) The Vermont Strong Commemorative Plate Fund is established. The  
10          Fund shall be under the control of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or  
11          designee, and shall consist of all receipts from the sales of Vermont Strong  
12          commemorative plates and bundled promotional items. The Commissioner  
13          shall account for all proceeds of sales of commemorative plates and bundled  
14          promotional items and all receipts into and disbursements from the Fund; shall  
15          track the number of plates and bundled promotional items distributed and sold;  
16          and shall track and collect payments owed for plates distributed. The  
17          Commissioner shall transfer funds from the Fund in accordance with  
18          subsection (d) of this section not less often than once per month. The  
19          Department shall report its accounting of Fund receipts and disbursements,  
20          plate inventory, and uncollected payments for plates distributed to the House



1 and Senate Committees on Transportation and the Joint Fiscal Committee not  
2 later than May 1, 2024.

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4 (d) Price and allocation of revenue.

5 (1) The retail price of the plate shall be \$35.00, except that on or after  
6 July 1, 2026, plates may be sold by the Commissioner for \$5.00.

7 (2) Funds received from the sale of plates for \$5.00 shall be allocated to  
8 the Department; funds received from the sale of the plates for \$35.00 shall be  
9 allocated as follows:

10 (A) \$5.00 to the Department; and

11 (B) ~~\$15.00~~ \$30.00 to the ~~Vermont Community Foundation~~; and

12 ~~(C) \$15.00 to the Agency of Commerce and Community~~

13 ~~Development's Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program~~ General Fund  
14 for natural disaster relief.

15 (3) Funds received from the sale of bundled promotional items prior to  
16 the effective date of this section, less any costs to the Department for the  
17 purchase of the bundled promotional items, shall be allocated as follows:

18 (A) 50 percent to the Vermont Community Foundation; and

19 (B) 50 percent to the Agency of Commerce and Community

20 Development's Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.

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1        (g) Bundled promotional items. The State shall not be involved with the  
2        sale of any bundled promotional items.

3        Sec. 98. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

4                    REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT

5        (a) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal  
6        Committee at each of its scheduled meetings in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 on  
7        funding received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
8        Public Assistance Program and associated emergency relief and assistance  
9        funds match for the damages due to the July 2023 flooding event. The report  
10       shall include:

11                (1) a projection of the total funding needs for the Federal Emergency  
12        Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program and to the extent  
13        possible, details about the projected funding by State agency or municipality;

14                (2) spending authority (appropriated and excess receipts) granted to date  
15        for the FEMA Public Assistance Program and the associated emergency relief  
16        and assistance funds match;

17                (3) information on any audit findings that may result in financial  
18        impacts to the State; and

19                (4) actual expenditures to date made from the spending authority  
20        granted and to the extent possible, details about the expended funds by State  
21        agency or municipality.

1       (b) Reports shall be posted on the legislative and administration websites  
2       after submission.

3       Sec. 99. CARRYFORWARD AUTHORITY

4       (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval  
5       of the Secretary of Administration, General, Transportation, Transportation  
6       Infrastructure Bond, Education Fund, Clean Water Fund (21932), and  
7       Agricultural Water Quality Fund (21933) appropriations remaining  
8       unexpended on June 30, 2024 in the Executive Branch shall be carried forward  
9       and shall be designated for expenditure.

10       (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, General Fund  
11       appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2024 in the Legislative and  
12       Judicial Branches shall be carried forward and shall be designated for  
13       expenditure.

14       (c) As part the fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment presentation, the  
15       Commissioner of Finance and Management shall provide the House and  
16       Senate Committees on Appropriations with a report on reversions and  
17       approved carryforward by appropriation.

18       Sec. 100. EFFECTIVE DATES

19       (a) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 75 (16 V.S.A. § 4025(b)  
20       amendment) is effective retroactively on July 1, 2023.

1        (b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 20 (B.334.1 amendment) is  
2        effective retroactively on January 1, 2024.

3        (c) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 96 (Vermont Strong license  
4        plates through passage) shall take effect retroactively on August 23, 2023.

5        (d) All other sections shall take effect on passage.