

1 Sec. B.1102 UNOBLIGATED GENERAL FUND CONTINGENT
2 APPROPRIATIONS

3 (a) After satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, but prior to
4 satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the remaining unobligated and
5 unexpended balance of the General Fund at the close of fiscal year 2024 shall
6 be appropriated, to the extent to which funds are available, in fiscal year 2025
7 in the following order:

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9 \$3,500,000 to the Community Resilience and Disaster Mitigation
10 Fund that shall be used for grants to municipalities with FEMA-approved
11 Individuals and Households Program registrations for Individual Assistance
12 relating to a calendar year 2023 flooding event for subgrants to residential
13 building owners of up to \$300,000 residential structure elevation projects.

1 Sec. C.120 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2024
2 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 40, is further amended to read:

3 Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME
4 APPROPRIATIONS

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

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8 (5) ~~\$6,250,000~~ \$6,265,000 General Fund for local economic damage
9 grants to municipalities that were impacted by the July 2023 flooding event in
10 counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
11 Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declaration DR-4720-VT. It is
12 the intent of the General Assembly that these local economic damage grants be
13 distributed to municipalities throughout the state to address the secondary
14 economic impacts of the July 2023 flooding event . Monies from these grants
15 shall not be expended on FEMA-related projects.

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17 (B) ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$3,015,000 of the funds appropriated in this
18 subdivision (a)(5) for local economic damage grants shall be distributed as
19 follows:

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1 Sec. E.106 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

2 APPROPRIATIONS; REVERSION AND REALLOCATION

3 (a) The Agency of Administration shall structure any existing Coronavirus
4 State Fiscal Recovery (SFR) program in accordance with the requirements of
5 31 C.F.R. Part 35 and in a manner designed to achieve the intent of the General
6 Assembly and may reallocate unspent funds across governmental units in an
7 overall net-neutral manner.

8 (b) The Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to revert
9 all unobligated SFR monies prior to December 31, 2024. The total amount of
10 SFR monies reverted in accordance with this subsection shall be allocated
11 pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 to the following purposes in the following order:

12 (1) \$36,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety Division of
13 Emergency Management for FEMA match or municipal support for hazard
14 mitigation. Any unused funds shall be deposited in the Community Resilience
15 and Disaster Mitigation Fund.

16 (2) \$4,000,000 to the Agency of Administration for Administration
17 costs, including for anticipated audit response per 2021 Acts and Resolves No.
18 74, Sec. G.801(a) and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.801(A).

19 (3) \$30,000,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
20 (VHCB) to provide support and enhance capacity for the production and
21 preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing homeownership units,
22 including improvements to manufactured homes and communities, permanent
23 homes and emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness, recovery

1 residences, and housing available to farm workers, refugees, and individuals
2 who are eligible to receive Medicaid-funded home and community based
3 services.

4 (4) \$25,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community
5 Development for a grant to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency for the
6 Middle-Income Homeownership Development Program, the First Generation
7 Homebuyer program, and the Vermont Rental Revolving Loan Fund. Up to
8 \$1,000,000 of these funds shall be for the First Generation Homebuyer
9 program.

10 (5) Any remaining funds shall be reallocated, with the express
11 authorization of the Joint Fiscal Committee, to existing SFR programs
12 established by the General Assembly.

13 (c) If previously obligated SFR monies become unobligated after
14 December 31, 2024, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may, with
15 the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee, revert the unobligated SFR monies
16 and allocate the monies for expenditure pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 to any
17 existing SFR programs in accordance with the requirements of 31 C.F.R. Part
18 35.

1 Sec. E.125.1 2 V.S.A. § 403 is amended to read:

2 § 403. FUNCTIONS; CONFIDENTIALITY

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4 (b)(1)(A) All requests for legal assistance, information, and advice from the
5 Office of Legislative Counsel; all information received in connection with
6 research or drafting; and all confidential materials provided to or generated by
7 the Office shall remain confidential unless the party requesting or providing
8 the information or material designates that it is not confidential.

9 (B) Any draft of a report or other work in progress generated by or
10 submitted to the Office of Legislative Counsel shall remain confidential until it
11 has been finalized.

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13 Sec. E.126.2 2 V.S.A. § 703 is amended to read:

14 § 703. FUNCTIONS; CONFIDENTIALITY

15 (a) The Office of Legislative Information Technology shall:

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17 (b) Any draft of a report or other work in progress generated by or
18 submitted to the Office of Legislative Information Technology shall remain
19 confidential until it has been finalized.

20 Sec. E.127 2 V.S.A. § 523 is amended to read:

21 § 523. FUNCTIONS; CONFIDENTIALITY

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1 (b)(1)(A) All requests for assistance, information, and advice from the Joint
2 Fiscal Office, all information received in connection with fiscal research or
3 related drafting, and all confidential materials provided to or generated by the
4 Joint Fiscal Office shall remain confidential unless the party requesting or
5 providing the information designates that it is not confidential.

6 (B) Any draft of a report or other work in progress generated by or
7 submitted to the Joint Fiscal Office shall remain confidential until it has been
8 finalized.

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1 Sec. E.126.3 LEGISLATURE; STATEHOUSE RENOVATION APPROVAL

2 (a) The Speaker of the House, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Chair
3 the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Chair of the Senate
4 Committee on Appropriations shall have the authority to approve the use of
5 legislative budget carryforward funds to cover the cost of room renovations to
6 increase public space within the building.

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1 Sec. E.230 8 V.S.A. § 4800(2)(A)(iii) is amended to read:8

2 (iii) Except as provided in subdivisions (I) and (II) of this
3 subdivision, initial and annual producer appointment fees for each qualification
4 set forth in section 4813g of subchapter 1A of this chapter for resident and
5 nonresident producers acting as agents of foreign insurers, ~~\$60.00~~ \$80.00:

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7 Sec. E.230.1 9 V.S.A. § 5302(e) is amended to read:

8 (e) At the time of the filing of the information prescribed in subsection (a),
9 (b), (c), or (d) of this section, except investment companies subject to 15
10 U.S.C. § 80a-1 et seq., the issuer shall pay to the Commissioner a fee of
11 ~~\$600.00~~ \$820.00. The fee is nonrefundable.

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13 Sec. E.230.2 9 V.S.A. § 5302(f) is amended to read:

14 (f) Investment companies subject to 15 U.S.C. § 80a-1 et seq. shall pay to
15 the Commissioner an initial notice filing fee of ~~\$2,000.00~~ \$2,275.00 and an
16 annual renewal fee of ~~\$1,650.00~~ \$2,025.00 for each portfolio or class of
17 investment company securities for which a notice filing is submitted.

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19 Sec. E.230.3 9 V.S.A. § 5410(b) is amended to read:3

20 (b) The fee for an individual is ~~\$120.00~~ \$145.00 when filing an application
21 for registration as an agent, ~~\$120.00~~ \$145.00 when filing a renewal of
22 registration as an agent, and ~~\$120.00~~ \$145.00 when filing for a change of
23 registration as an agent. The fee is nonrefundable.

1 **NUMBER CHANGE IN SEC. D.101:**

2 (3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E. 228,
3 \$68,440,000 of the net unencumbered fund balances in the Insurance
4 Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory
5 and Supervision Fund (21085), the Financial Institutions Supervision Fund
6 (21065), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21080) shall be
7 transferred to the General Fund.

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1 Sec. E.232 SECRETARY OF STATE; VERMONT ACCESS NETWORK
2 BUDGET

3 (a) The Office of the Secretary of State shall request that Vermont Access
4 Network submit a proposed operating budget required to maintain its current
5 level of operation and programming. The Office of the Secretary of State shall
6 include the proposed operating budget as part of its fiscal year 2026 budget
7 presentation.

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1 Sec. E.312 HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH

2 (a) AIDS/HIV funding:

3 (1) In fiscal year 2025 and as provided in this section, the Department of
4 Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication
5 Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support
6 organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health
7 AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory
8 Group (CAG) with current information and data relating to service initiatives.
9 The funds shall be allocated according to an RFP process.

10 (2) In fiscal year 2025 and as provided in this section, the Department of
11 Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$295,000 for HIV and Harm
12 Reduction Services to the following organizations:

13 (A) Vermont CARES – \$140,000;

14 (B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont – \$100,000; and

15 (C) HIV/HCV Resource Center – \$55,000.

16 (3) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont
17 Medication Assistance Program (VMAP) shall be distributed in accordance
18 with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or
19 services funded solely by State general funds.

20 (A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the
21 Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in VMAP to
22 assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with

1 persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to VMAP
2 medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.

3 (B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services
4 shall work in collaboration with the VMAP Advisory Committee, which shall
5 be composed of not less than 50 percent of members who are living with
6 HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the program's eligibility requirements or
7 benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall make recommendations
8 regarding the program's formulary of approved medication, related laboratory
9 testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility for the program.

10 (4) In fiscal year 2025, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
11 the amount of \$400,000 General Fund and \$700,000 Opioid Settlement Fund
12 to syringe service programs for HIV and Harm Reduction Services no later
13 than September 1, 2024. The method by which these prevention funds are
14 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of
15 Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont
16 HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

17 (5) In fiscal year 2025, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
18 the amount \$350,000 Opioid Settlement Fund to fund new syringe service
19 programs to increase the geographic distribution of Harm Reduction Services
20 in Vermont no later than September 1, 2024.

21 (6) In fiscal year 2025, the Department of Health shall not reduce any
22 grants to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations or syringe
23 service programs from funds appropriated for AIDS/HIV services to levels

- 1 below those in fiscal year 2024 without receiving prior approval from the Joint
- 2 Fiscal Committee.

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1 Sec. E.306.3 PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY;
2 LICENSURE

3 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no funds
4 appropriated to the Department of Vermont Health Access in this act shall be
5 expended for operation of a psychiatric residential treatment facility until the
6 facility has been licensed by the State; provided, however, that the Department
7 may expend funds on goods and services, such as purchasing supplies and
8 hiring and training staff, that are necessary to prepare the facility to be
9 operational upon licensure. Notwithstanding 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78,
10 Sec. E.511.1, a psychiatric residential treatment facility may be approved as a
11 therapeutic school.

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