

\* \* \* Fiscal Year 2024 One-time Appropriations \* \* \*

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

APPROPRIATIONS

(b) Vermont State Colleges. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$3,820,000 General Fund and \$5,180,000 ARPA-SFR for bridge funding to support ongoing system transformation; and

(2) \$4,000,000 General Fund for the Community College of Vermont to reduce the tuition fee for certificates, degrees, and courses that have a direct nexus to Vermont business and industry needs.

(q) Department of Labor. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$200,000 General Fund to be granted to the State Workforce Development Board for the New American Labor Force Program; and

(2) \$1,000,000 General Fund to provide services under the Work-Based Learning and Training Program established pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 547.

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Sec. B.1101 WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – FISCAL

YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

(a) Education workforce.

(1) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(d), in fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Education for the

purpose of funding the Emerging Pathways Grant Program established by Sec. F.4 of this act.

(2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the Vermont Teacher Forgivable Loan Incentive Program created in 16 V.S.A. § 2871.

(3) In fiscal year 2024, the sum of \$30,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Education for the purpose of funding the Historically Underrepresented Educator Affinity Groups Grant Program created in Sec. F.6 of this act.

(b) Corrections workforce.

(1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Corrections for the purpose of contracting or expanding an existing contract with a vendor to provide supervisory and management professional development services to the Department's employees in accordance with the Department's efforts to address an employee workforce crisis and strengthen workplace satisfaction, pursuant to Sec. F.7 of this act.

(c) Youth workforce.

(1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,400,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to continue funding through the pilot project the Vermont Serve, Learn, and Earn Program, which supports workforce development goals through creating meaningful paid service and learning opportunities for young adults, through the Serve, Learn, and Earn Partnership made up of the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, Vermont Audubon, Vermont Works for Women, and

Resource VT. The Department shall enter into a grant agreement with the Partnership that specifies the required services and outcomes for the Program.

(d) Climate workforce.

(1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$100,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a subgrant to Advance Vermont to implement Sec. F.9 of this act.

(2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$180,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for a subgrant to the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund to expand its Business Coaching program to work with a group of existing energy services businesses interested in adopting a climate centered mission and working with trades persons looking to start their own climate-centered business.

(e) Higher education.

(1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the University of Vermont Office of Engagement, in consultation with the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, for additional forgivable loans of \$5,000 per graduate for recent college graduates across all Vermont higher education institutions who commit to work in Vermont for two years after graduation.

(2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$700,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to establish a Bachelor of Science program in restorative justice at Vermont State University.

(3) In fiscal year 2024 the amount of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to establish the Certificate in 3-D Technology program established in Sec. F.12 of this act.

(4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,800,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Vermont State Colleges to provide Critical Occupations Scholarships for eligible students with a household income of \$75,000 or less enrolled in education programs that lead to a career in an occupation with critical need, including early childhood occupations, clinical mental health counseling, criminal justice occupations, dental hygienists, and all levels of nursing.

(5) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the University of Vermont to provide additional free classes through the Upskill Vermont Scholarship Program for Vermont residents seeking to transition to a new career or to enhance job skills.

(6) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$350,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a subgrant to Advance Vermont to continue work pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 39 in support of the State's goal articulated in 10 V.S.A. § 546 that 70 percent of working-age Vermonters hold a credential of value by 2025.

(f) Healthcare and social services workforce.

(1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the Vermont Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Forgivable Loan Incentive Program created in 18 V.S.A. § 39.

(2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health to provide training for emergency medical services personnel.

(3) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$170,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Human Services to provide one additional year of funding for the classified, three-year limited-service Health Care Workforce Coordinator position created in the Agency of Human Services, Office of Health Care Reform, pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 34(a).

(4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Human Services to be distributed to the designated and specialized service agencies equitably consistent with the requirements in Sec. F.15 of this act.

(5) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$255,026 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Human Services for a subgrant to the United Way of Lamoille County to expand resource coordination for employee stability through its Working Bridges program.

(g) Economic development.

(1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for the Vermont Training Program to fulfill Vermont's obligation to procure incentives in accordance with the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors for America (CHIPS) Act.

(2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,250,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for a subgrant to

provide services and assistance through the Small Business Technical Assistance Exchange created in 10 V.S.A. § 2.

(3) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$72,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Vermont Council on the Arts to provide a State match for National Endowment for the Arts funding to enable the Council to continue its work boosting the creative economy in Vermont.

(4) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 from the Rural Industry Development Special Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to make grants to assist nonprofit entities in rural regions of the State, with addressing building and property needs for growing or new businesses consistent with 10 V.S.A. § 6 as created in this act.

**(5) \$8,000,000 General Fund for Brownfields redevelopment consistent with Sec. F.18 of this act.**

(6) In fiscal year 2024, \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to fund Agriculture Development Grants for meat, produce, and maple processing. The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall determine that there are significant interests in establishing certain parameters in the grant program before making an award. Grants should be awarded to farmers, processors, and businesses, which shall not include hydroponic operations. Furthermore, the Secretary shall not allocate more than 25 percent of grant funds toward the maple industry. Of the funds appropriated under this subdivision, an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 may be used by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to support the cost of temporary employees to administer the grants.

(7) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Working Lands Enterprise grant program.