

1 Introduced by Committee on Corrections and Institutions

2 Date:

3 Subject: Capital construction; capital appropriations; State bonding

4 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize  
5 bonding, appropriate capital funds, and address miscellaneous related items.

6 An act relating to capital construction and State bonding

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

8 \* \* \* Legislative Intent \* \* \*

9 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

10 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$122,767,367.00  
11 authorized in this act, not more than \$53,945,325.00 shall be appropriated in the  
12 first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the second  
13 year.

14 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the  
15 biennium, any amendments to the appropriations or authorities granted in this  
16 act shall take the form of the Capital Construction and State Bonding  
17 Adjustment Bill. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unless otherwise  
18 indicated, all appropriations in this act are subject to capital budget adjustment.

1       Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

2           (a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Buildings and  
3       General Services, and the Commissioner is authorized to direct funds  
4       appropriated in this section to the projects contained in this section; however, no  
5       project shall be canceled unless the Chairs of the Senate Committee on  
6       Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions are  
7       notified before that action is taken.

8           (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024:

- 9           (1) Statewide, major maintenance:                               \$8,001,244.00
- 10          (2) Statewide, physical security enhancements:                               \$250,000.00
- 11          (3) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency:                               \$500,000.00
- 12          (4) Barre, McFarland State Office Building, roof replacement and brick  
13       façade repairs:   \$1,700,000.00
- 14          (5) Bennington, Battle Monument, construction of safety fencing:  
15   \$500,000.00
- 16          (6) Brattleboro, courthouse, roof replacement:  
17   \$2,750,000.00
- 18          (7) Middlesex, Central Services complex, roof replacement:  
19   \$1,000,000.00
- 20          (8) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence, master  
21       plan, design, and decommissioning:   \$350,000.00

1	<u>(9) Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:</u>	
2		<u>\$50,000.00</u>
3	<u>(10) Montpelier, State House, HVAC renovations:</u>	<u>\$3,725,000.00</u>
4	<u>(11) Montpelier, 133 State Street, Office of Legislative Information</u>	
5	<u>Technology, renovations:</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
6	<u>(12) Montpelier, State House expansion, design documents:</u>	
7		<u>\$250,000.00</u>
8	<u>(13) Newport, courthouse replacement, planning and design:</u>	
9		<u>\$750,000.00</u>
10	<u>(14) St. Albans, Northwest State Correctional Facility, roof replacement:</u>	
11		<u>\$1,300,000.00</u>
12	<u>(15) St. Johnsbury, Northeast State Correctional Facility, Caledonia</u>	
13	<u>Community Work Camp, door control system replacement:</u>	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>
14	<u>(16) White River Junction, courthouse, renovations:</u>	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>
15	<u>(17) Statewide, three-acre parcel, stormwater, planning, design, and</u>	
16	<u>construction:</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
17	<u>(18) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase out:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
18	<u>(19) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program:</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
19	<u>(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025:</u>	
20	<u>(1) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>	<u>\$8,500,000.00</u>
21	<u>(2) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>



1 on the status of the project to the House Committee on Corrections and  
2 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

3 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$26,151,244.00

4 Appropriation – FY 2025 \$25,350,000.00

5 Total Appropriation – Section 2 \$51,501,244.00

6 Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

7 (a) The sum of \$300,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Department of  
8 Buildings and General Services for the Department of Corrections for planning,  
9 design, and construction for HVAC system upgrades and replacements at  
10 statewide correctional facilities.

11 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of  
12 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the  
13 following projects described in this subsection:

14 (1) Northwest State Correctional Facility, booking expansion, planning,  
15 design, and construction: \$2,500,000.00

16 (2) Women’s correctional facility and reentry facility, replacement,  
17 planning and design: \$13,000,000.00

18 (3) Statewide, correctional facilities, HVAC systems, planning, design,  
19 and construction for upgrades and replacements: \$700,000.00

20 (c)(1) For the amount appropriated in subsection (a) and subdivision (b)(3)  
21 of this section, the Department of Buildings and General Services shall evaluate

1 and develop a design for upgrades and replacement of HVAC systems in all  
2 State correctional facilities. To the extent the Department identifies HVAC  
3 systems in common areas, break rooms, day rooms, and cafeterias that can be  
4 replaced to immediately alleviate heat-related stress for staff and residents at the  
5 facility, the Department is authorized to use the funds appropriated in subsection  
6 (a) and subdivision (b)(3) of this section for installation of HVAC systems in  
7 those areas.

8 (2) Beginning September 15, 2023 and ending January 15, 2024, the  
9 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit monthly updates  
10 on the status of the project to the House Committee on Corrections and  
11 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

12 <u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
13 <u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$16,200,000.00</u>
14 <u>Total Appropriation – Section 3</u>	<u>\$16,500,000.00</u>

15 Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

16 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of  
17 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described in  
18 this subsection:

19 <u>(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
20 <u>(2) Underwater preserves:</u>	<u>\$46,000.00</u>

1	<u>(3) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:</u>	
2		<u>\$25,000.00</u>
3	<u>(4) Unmarked Burial Sites Special Fund:</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
4	<u>(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of</u>	
5	<u>Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described in</u>	
6	<u>this subsection:</u>	
7	<u>(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
8	<u>(2) Underwater preserves:</u>	<u>\$46,000.00</u>
9	<u>(3) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:</u>	
10		<u>\$25,000.00</u>
11	<u>(4) Unmarked Burial Sites Special Fund:</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
12	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$596,000.00</u>
13	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$596,000.00</u>
14	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 4</u>	<u>\$1,192,000.00</u>

15 Sec. 5. GRANT PROGRAMS

16 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 for the Building  
17 Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

18 (1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division  
19 for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant Program:

20 \$300,000.00







1	<u>(7) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Regional</u>	
2	<u>Economic Development Grant Program:</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
3	<u>(8) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural</u>	
4	<u>Fairs and Field Days Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program:</u>	
5		<u>\$300,000.00</u>
6	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$2,100,000.00</u>
7	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$2,100,000.00</u>
8	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 5</u>	<u>\$4,200,000.00</u>

9 Sec. 6. EDUCATION

10 (a) The sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of  
11 Education for funding emergency projects.

12 (b) The sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of  
13 Education for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section.

14	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
15	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
16	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 6</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>

17 Sec. 7. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

18 (a) The sum of \$1,600,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the University  
19 of Vermont for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility  
20 owned or operated in the State by the University of Vermont.



1       (c) The sum of \$1,678,632.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of  
2       Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for general  
3       infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance and rehabilitation of  
4       infrastructure.

5       (d) The sum of \$2,207,901.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of  
6       Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
7       State’s match to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the drinking  
8       water supply.

9       (e) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of  
10       Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the  
11       following projects:

12               (1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small-scale  
13       rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of  
14       restrooms and bathhouses, statewide small-scale road rehabilitation projects, and  
15       three-acre stormwater rule compliance:                               \$3,250,000.00

16               (2) Open access recreational infrastructure and forest park access roads:  
17   \$670,000.00

18       (f) The sum of \$1,344,150.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of  
19       Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for general  
20       infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance and rehabilitation of  
21       infrastructure.

1	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$6,872,081.00</u>
2	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$7,472,051.00</u>
3	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 8</u>	<u>\$14,344,132.00</u>

4 Sec. 9. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

5 (a) The sum of \$2,202,019.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of  
6 Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants and contracts.

7 (b) The sum of \$332,981.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of  
8 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
9 Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match for the Water  
10 Pollution Control Fund.

11 (c) The sum of \$550,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of  
12 Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for  
13 forestry access roads, recreation access roads, and water quality improvements.

14 (d)(1) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Vermont  
15 Housing and Conservation Board for the following projects:

16 (A) Agricultural water quality projects: \$800,000.00

17 (B) Land conservation and water quality projects: \$2,000,000.00

18 (2) A grant issued under subdivision (1)(A) of this subsection:

19 (A) shall not be considered a State grant under 6 V.S.A. chapter 215,  
20 subchapter 3 for purposes of calculating the maximum amount of a State water  
21 quality assistance award under 6 V.S.A. § 4824 or 4826; and





1       Sec. 12. VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

2           (a) The sum of \$150,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Department of  
3       Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the dry  
4       hydrant program.

5           (b) The sum of \$150,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of  
6       Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the project  
7       described in subsection (a) of this section.

8	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$150,000.00</u>
9	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$150,000.00</u>
10	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 12</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>

11       Sec. 13. VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION BOARD

12           (a) The sum of \$1,800,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Vermont  
13       Housing and Conservation Board for housing and conservation projects.

14           (b) The sum of \$1,800,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Vermont  
15       Housing and Conservation Board for the project described in subsection (a) of  
16       this section.

17	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$1,800,000.00</u>
18	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$1,800,000.00</u>
19	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 13</u>	<u>\$3,600,000.00</u>





1        (a) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and  
2        General Services from prior capital appropriations to defray expenditures  
3        authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:

4                (1) of the amount appropriated in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec.  
5        19(a) (Veterans’ Home, replace nurse call system):                \$14,668.72

6                (2) of the amount appropriated 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 19(b)  
7        (Veterans’ Home kitchen upgrade):                \$13,522.98

8                (3) of the amount appropriated in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec.  
9        2(b) (various projects):                \$365.00

10                (4) of the amount appropriated in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 17  
11        (Veterans’ Home kitchen renovation and mold remediation):                \$21,493.59

12                (5) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec.  
13        2(b) (various projects):                \$65,463.17

14                (6) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec.  
15        2(b)(9) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage):                \$134,937.34

16                (7) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,  
17        Sec. 1(c)(5) (major maintenance):                \$93,549.00

18                (8) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,  
19        Sec. 9(g) (Roxbury Fish Hatchery):                \$6,175.00

20                (9) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.  
21        2(b)(13) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage):                \$1,736,256.55









1           (3) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
2           spend \$1,000,000.00 for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120  
3           State Street;

4           (4) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
5           spend \$600,000.00 for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern State  
6           Correctional Facility in Newport;

7           (5) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
8           spend \$750,000.00 for planning for renovations to the administration building,  
9           West Cottage, at the Criminal Justice Training Council in Pittsford;

10           (6) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
11           spend \$600,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and  
12           design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;

13           (7) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
14           spend \$1,500,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and  
15           design for the replacement of the women’s correctional facility and reentry  
16           facility;

17           (8) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
18           spend \$1,000,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and  
19           design of the Department for Children and Families’ short-term stabilization  
20           facility;

1           (9) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
2           spend \$750,000.00 for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County  
3           Superior Courthouse in Barre;

4           (10) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
5           spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and  
6           design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

7           (11) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
8           spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and  
9           design of the Rutland Field Station;

10           (12) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
11           spend \$300,000.00 for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the  
12           planning and design of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory  
13           Heat Plant; and

14           (d) FY 2025 Capital Projects. To the extent general funds are available to  
15           appropriate to the Capital Expenditure Cash Fund in FY 2025, it is the intent of  
16           the General Assembly that the following capital projects receiving funding from  
17           the Fund:

18           (1) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General  
19           Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

20           (2) the sum of \$2,300,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General  
21           Services for parking garage repairs at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington;



1           (3) the sum of \$2,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General  
2           Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120 State Street  
3           in Montpelier;

4           (4) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General  
5           Services for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County Superior  
6           Courthouse in Barre;

7           (5) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General  
8           Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the  
9           Special Teams Facility and Storage;

10           (6) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General  
11           Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the  
12           Rutland Field Station;

13           (7) the sum of \$1,500,000.00 to the Vermont Veterans’ Home for design  
14           for the renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units;

15           (8) the sum of \$500,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General  
16           Services for the Newport courthouse replacement, planning, and design.

17           (9) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General  
18           Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel waterproofing and  
19           Aiken Avenue reconstruction; and

1           (10) the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General  
2           Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the elevator  
3           replacement at 111 State Street.

4           (e) Recommendation. On or before December 15, 2023:

5           (1) the Secretary of Administration shall review and recommend capital  
6           projects to be funded from the Capital Expenditure Cash Fund; and

7           (2) the Secretary of Administration shall submit the list of capital projects  
8           recommended for FY 2025 to the Chairs of the House Committee on  
9           Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and to the  
10           Governor for the FY 2025 capital budget adjustment report.

11           Sec. 18. FY 2024; ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS;

12                           CAPITAL PROJECTS; AUTHORIZATIONS

13           (a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that in addition to the issuance of  
14           general obligation bonds, eligible capital projects may be funded from one-time  
15           General Fund appropriations in the FY 2024 Annual Appropriations Act.

16           (b) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize certain  
17           projects that are eligible for funding through in this act but appropriate one-time  
18           general funds for these projects in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act.

19           (c) Authorization. In FY 2024, the spending authority for the following  
20           capital projects funded with general funds appropriated in the FY 2024 Annual  
21           Appropriations Act are authorized as follows:

1           (1) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
2           spend \$1,000,000.00 for electric vehicle charging stations at State buildings;

3           (2) the Vermont State Colleges is authorized to spend \$9,000,000.00 for  
4           construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or  
5           operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure  
6           transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green  
7           Hall and Vail Hall;

8           (3) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$9,700,000.00  
9           for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State match to the  
10           Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Drinking Water State Revolving  
11           Fund;

12           (4) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$4,500,000.00  
13           for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Waterbury Dam  
14           rehabilitation;

15           (5) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend  
16           \$4,000,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
17           Municipal Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning  
18           advances for feasibility studies;

19           (6) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend  
20           \$3,000,000.00 for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the

1 maintenance facilities at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest State  
2 Park; and

3 (7) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$800,000.00  
4 for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and  
5 improvements of the Department’s buildings, including conservation camps.

6 \* \* \* Policy \* \* \*

7 \* \* \* Buildings and General Services \* \* \*

8 Sec. 19. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:

9 § 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY

10 \* \* \*

11 (b)(1) Upon authorization by the General Assembly, which may be granted  
12 by resolution, and with the advice and consent of the Governor, the  
13 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may sell real estate owned by  
14 the State. Such property shall be sold to the highest bidder therefor at public  
15 auction or upon sealed bids in the discretion of the Commissioner of Buildings  
16 and General Services, who may reject any or all bids. ~~Notice, or the~~  
17 Commissioner is authorized to list the sale of property with a real estate agent  
18 licensed by the State.

19 (2) If the Commissioner elects to sell the property at auction or by sealed  
20 bid, notice of the sale or a request for sealed bids shall be posted:

21 (A) by electronic means; or

1           (B) in at least three public places in the town where the property is  
2 located and also published three times in a newspaper having a known  
3 circulation in the town, the last publication to be not less than 10 days before the  
4 date of sale or opening of the bids. ~~Failing to consummate a sale under the  
5 method prescribed in this section, the Commissioner of Buildings and General  
6 Services is authorized to list the sale of this property with a real estate agent  
7 licensed by the State of Vermont.~~

8           (3) This subsection shall not apply to the sale, conveyance, exchange, or  
9 lease of lands or interests in lands; to the amendment of deeds, leases, and  
10 easements; or to sales of timber made in accordance with the provisions of 10  
11 V.S.A. chapter 155 or the provisions of 10 V.S.A. chapter 83.

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13       Sec. 20. SALE OF PROPERTIES

14           (a) 110 State Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the Commissioner  
15 of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the property located at  
16 110 State Street in the City of Montpelier. The Commissioner shall first offer in  
17 writing to the City the right to purchase the property. If the City rejects or fails  
18 to enter into negotiations with the State within one year from the date of the  
19 written offer, the City's preferential right under this subsection shall terminate.

20           (b) Stanley Hall and Wasson Hall.

1           (1) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the Commissioner of Buildings  
2           and General Services is authorized to subdivide, sell, or otherwise dispose of the  
3           portion of land in the Waterbury State Office Complex (Parcel ID # 916-0103.V  
4           as designated on the Town of Waterbury’s Tax Parcel Maps) that housed the  
5           former Stanley Hall and the adjacent parking lot, located at 32 Park Row, and  
6           Wasson Hall, located at 64 Horseshoe Drive, to the Town of Waterbury.

7           (2) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall notify, in  
8           writing, the Town of Waterbury of the right to purchase or acquire the properties  
9           described in subdivision (1) of this subsection provided that the following  
10          conditions are met:

11           (A) the Town of Waterbury’s Select Board takes a formal action  
12          indicating the Town’s interest in purchasing or acquiring the properties;

13           (B) the Department of Buildings and General Services conducts a site  
14          survey of the properties described in subdivision (1) of this subsection (b);

15           (C) the Department of Buildings and General Services determines that  
16          no other State department or agency has a use for the properties; and

17           (D) the deed includes a restriction limiting the use of the properties  
18          described in subdivision (1) of this subsection (b) to housing.

19           (3) If the Town rejects or fails to accept the offer in a timely manner, the  
20          Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall require approval from  
21          the General Assembly to sell to another party.

1        (c) 108 Cherry Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the  
2        Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the  
3        property located at 108 Cherry Street in the City of Burlington. The  
4        Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to purchase the  
5        property. If the City rejects or fails to enter into negotiations with the State  
6        within one year from the date of the written offer, the City’s preferential right  
7        under this subsection shall terminate.

8        Sec. 21. RELOCATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES; DEPARTMENT OF  
9                                BUILDINGS AND GENERAL SERVICES; CITY OF  
10                              BURLINGTON

11        Prior to the sale of the building located at 108 Cherry Street in Burlington,  
12        the Department of Buildings and General Services shall work with the City of  
13        Burlington to find another appropriate location in downtown Burlington to  
14        relocate State employees who provide client services.

15        Sec. 22. 32 V.S.A. § 701a is amended to read:

16        § 701a. CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION BILL

17        (a) When the capital budget has been submitted by the Governor to the  
18        General Assembly, it shall immediately be referred to the House Committee on  
19        Corrections and Institutions, which shall proceed to consider the budget request  
20        in the context of the 10-year capital program plan also submitted by the

1 Governor pursuant to sections 309 and 310 of this title. The Committee shall  
2 also propose to the General Assembly:

3 (1) a prudent amount of total general obligation bonding for the following  
4 fiscal year, for support of the capital budget, in consideration of the  
5 recommendation of the Capital Debt Affordability Advisory Committee  
6 pursuant to chapter 13, subchapter 8 of this title; and

7 (2) recommendations for capital projects that may be paid for from the  
8 Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund, established in section 1001b of this title.

9 (b) As soon as possible, the Committee shall prepare a bill to be known as  
10 the “capital construction bill,” which shall be introduced for action by the  
11 General Assembly.

12 (c) The spending authority authorized by a capital construction act shall  
13 carry forward until expended, unless otherwise provided.

14 (1) All unexpended funds remaining for projects authorized by capital  
15 construction acts enacted in a legislative session that was two or more years  
16 prior to the current legislative session shall be reported to the General Assembly  
17 and may be reallocated in future capital construction acts.

18 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, any amounts  
19 appropriated in a previous capital construction act that are unexpended for at  
20 least five years shall be reallocated to future capital construction acts.





1       The Department of Buildings and General Services shall coordinate with the  
2       Department of Corrections on the design and planning for any maintenance,  
3       renovation, or construction to a State correctional facility to ensure that  
4       evidence-based design principles for wellness environments are incorporated  
5       into the design and planning phase of a project.

6       Sec. 24. NORTHWEST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; FUNDING  
7               REQUEST FOR FEDERAL DETAINEES; INTENT FOR  
8               BOOKING EXPANSION DESIGN

9       (a) On or before August 15, 2023, the Secretary of Human Services shall  
10       request federal funds to support capital construction at the Northwest State  
11       Correctional Facility, which houses federal detainees, including U.S.  
12       Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees. The Commissioner of  
13       Finance and Management shall only release the funds appropriated in Sec. 3(1)  
14       of this act upon notification from the Secretary that the request was submitted.

15       (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commissioner of  
16       Buildings and General Services shall incorporate into booking expansion design  
17       at the Northwest State Correctional Facility:

18               (1) renovations to the HVAC system;

19               (2) enhanced employee amenities, including amenities to address  
20       employee health and wellness needs;

21               (3) the use of renewable energy; and

1           (4) the use of evidence-based principles for wellness environments for  
2           supporting trauma-informed practices.

3           Sec. 25. REPLACEMENT WOMEN’S FACILITIES;

4                         SITE LOCATION PROPOSAL; DESIGN INTENT

5           (a)(1) Site location proposal. On or before January 15, 2024, the  
6           Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a site location  
7           proposal for replacement women’s facilities for justice-involved women to the  
8           House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on  
9           Institutions. It is the intent of the General Assembly that when evaluating site  
10          locations, preference shall be given to State-owned property. The proposal shall  
11          consider both co-locating facilities in a campus-style approach for operational  
12          efficiencies and the need for separate facilities at different locations.

13          (2) Beginning September 15, 2023 and ending December 15, 2023, the  
14          Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit monthly status  
15          reports on the site location proposal described in subdivision (1) of this  
16          subsection (a).

17          (b) Design intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the  
18          Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the  
19          Commissioner of Corrections, shall incorporate into the design of any women’s  
20          replacement facility the use of evidence-based principles for wellness  
21          environments for supporting trauma-informed practices.

1       Sec. 26. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REPLACEMENT WOMEN’S  
2                   FACILITIES; REPORT

3           (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State’s long-term goal  
4           and vision for justice-involved individuals includes their reentry into the  
5           community through a system of supports grounded in restorative justice  
6           principles.

7           (b) On or before November 15, 2023, the Department of Corrections shall  
8           submit a written report to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions  
9           and on Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Institutions and on Judiciary  
10          regarding the proposed size and scale of replacement women’s facilities. The  
11          report shall address the following:

12                   (1) proposed allocation of beds in correctional and re-entry facilities;

13                   (2) bed types for specialized populations in each facility; and

14                   (3) data and rationale used to inform size of each facility.

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16       Sec. 27. BARRE; WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE;  
17                   RENOVATIONS

18           On or before September 15, 2023, the Commissioner of Buildings and  
19           General Services shall engage the City of Barre on options for renovating the  
20           existing Washington County Superior Courthouse or finding a new site location  
21           for the building.

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Sec. 28. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. E.126.3, as amended by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 31 and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 180, Sec. 20, is further amended to read:

Sec. E.126.3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY; STATE BUILDINGS; USE OF  
SPACE; AUTHORITY OF SERGEANT AT ARMS

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(c) Beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024, notwithstanding the provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 165 and any other provision of law to the contrary, in order to perform its constitutional duties, the Legislative Branch shall have exclusive use of rooms 264, 267, 268, and 270 on the second floor of 109 State Street.

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Sec. 29. STATE HOUSE; EXPANSION; DESIGN; SPECIAL COMMITTEE

(a) The Department of Buildings and General Services has contracted with Freeman, French, Freeman to develop programming options that will be the basis for a schematic design for the expansion of the State House. The programming options will be finalized in June 2023 and the schematic design in November 2023 when the General Assembly is not in session. It is the intent of the General Assembly to approve the programming option for a schematic design plan for the State House expansion as soon as practicable to allow the

1 Department of Buildings and General Services to begin the design development  
2 phase of the expansion.

3 (b) A special committee consisting of the Joint Legislative Management  
4 Committee and the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and  
5 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions (special committee) is  
6 hereby established. The special committee is authorized to meet to review,  
7 approve, or recommend alterations to the schematic design described in  
8 subsection (a) of this section at a regularly scheduled Joint Legislative  
9 Management Committee meeting. In making its decision, the special committee  
10 shall consider:

11 (1) how the design impacts the ability of the General Assembly to  
12 conduct legislative business;

13 (2) allows for public access to citizens;

14 (3) the financial consequences to the State of approval or disapproval of  
15 the proposal; and

16 (4) whether any potential alternatives are available.

17 (c) The special committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as  
18 provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.

19 Sec. 30. 29 V.S.A. § 152 is amended to read:

20 § 152. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER

1 (a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in addition to the  
2 duties expressly set forth elsewhere by law, shall have the authority to:

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4 (36) Consult, at least two times per month, with the Sergeant at Arms or  
5 designee on any maintenance, renovation, or construction projects for the State  
6 House or other legislative space.

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8 \* \* \* Natural Resources \* \* \*

9 Sec. 31. REPEAL

10 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. 12 (suspension of private loans for  
11 clean water projects) is repealed.

12 \* \* \* Public Safety \* \* \*

13 Sec. 32. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 12, as amended by 2022 Acts and  
14 Resolves No. 180, Sec. 10, is further amended to read:

15 Sec. 12. PUBLIC SAFETY

16 \* \* \*

17 (b) ~~The following amounts are~~ sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated in FY  
18 2023 to the Department of Public Safety for the ~~projects described in this~~  
19 ~~subsection:~~

20 ~~(1) Pittsford, Vermont Policy Academy, feasibility study:—\$50,000.00,~~

21 ~~(2) Williston Public Safety Field Station, construction:—\$3,500,000.00~~

1           (c) The sum of \$3,500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2023 to the Department  
2           of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the  
3           construction of the Williston Public Field Station.

4	Appropriation – FY 2022	\$6,120,000.00
5	Appropriation – FY 2023	\$3,550,000.00
6	Total Appropriation – Section 12	\$9,670,000.00

7   \* \* \* Effective Date \* \* \*

8           Sec. 33. EFFECTIVE DATE

9           This act shall take effect on passage.