

1 Occupations Scholarships for eligible students with a household income of
2 \$75,000 or less enrolled in education programs that lead to a career in an
3 occupation with critical need, including early childhood occupations, clinical
4 mental health counseling, criminal justice occupations, dental hygienists, and
5 all levels of nursing.

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

10 (6) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$350,000 is appropriated from the
11 General Fund to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a subgrant to
12 Advance Vermont to continue work pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No.
13 183, Sec. 39 in support of the State's goal articulated in 10 V.S.A. § 546 that
14 70 percent of working-age Vermonters hold a credential of value by 2025.

15 (f) Healthcare and social services workforce.

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

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

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

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

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

17 (g) Economic development.

18 (1) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from
19 the General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development
20 for the Vermont Training Program to fulfill Vermont's obligation to procure

1 incentives in accordance with the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce
2 Semiconductors for America (CHIPS) Act.

3 (2) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,250,000 is appropriated from
4 the General Fund to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development
5 for a subgrant to provide services and assistance through the Small Business
6 Technical Assistance Exchange created in 10 V.S.A. § 2.

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

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

16 (5) \$8,000,000 General Fund for Brownfields redevelopment consistent
17 with Sec. F.18 of this act.

18 (6) In fiscal year 2024, \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the General
19 Fund to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to fund Agriculture
20 Development Grants for meat, produce, and maple processing. The Secretary
21 of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall determine that there are significant

1 interests in establishing certain parameters in the grant program before making
2 an award. Grants should be awarded to farmers, processors, and businesses,
3 which shall not include hydroponic operations. Furthermore, the Secretary
4 shall not allocate more than 25 percent of grant funds toward the maple
5 industry. Of the funds appropriated under this subdivision, an amount not to
6 exceed \$125,000.00 may be used by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and
7 Markets to support the cost of temporary employees to administer the grants.

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

11 * * * Affordable Housing * * *

12 Sec. B.1102 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT – FISCAL YEAR
13 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

14 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$150,000 General Fund is
15 appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a
16 Land Value Tax Feasibility Study, in partnership with the Vermont
17 Department of Taxes, to explore the potential economic and community
18 development benefits of aligning local property tax policy to spur revitalization
19 and economic development.

1 (b) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$10,000,000 General Fund is
2 appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for
3 the Vermont Housing Improvement Program established in 10 V.S.A. § 699.

4 (c) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 General Fund is
5 appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for
6 Municipal Bylaw Modernization Grants established in 24 V.S.A. § 4307 to
7 assist municipalities in updating their bylaws consistent with statute as
8 amended by legislative action.

9 (d) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$50,000,000 General Fund is
10 appropriated to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.
11 Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 322, the entirety of this appropriation shall be
12 allocated toward affordable housing development.

13 * * * Climate and Environment * * *

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

15 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

16 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$700,000 General Fund is
17 appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources – Central Office for
18 refrigerant management. Funds shall be used for incentives to improve
19 commercial and industrial refrigeration systems, focused on reducing the use
20 of high global warming potential (GWP) refrigerants or replacing outright,
21 older systems prone to leaks, or both.

1 (b) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$900,000 General Fund is
2 appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources – Central Office for Climate
3 Office technical analyses, tools, and training. Funds shall be used for
4 investments in ongoing evaluation, implementation support and tracking of the
5 impact of programs, and policy approaches needed to reduce greenhouse gas
6 emissions and improve landscape-level resilience consistent with the Global
7 Warming Solutions Act.

8 (c) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$3,000,000 General Fund is
9 appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources – Central Office for the
10 Clean Heat Homes program. Funds shall be used to augment federal funding
11 for a single-point program to help Vermonters with low and moderate income
12 with “whole home” climate improvements, including weatherization, clean
13 heat systems, and electrification-ready upgrades, supported by on-bill
14 financing.

15 (d) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$150,000 General Fund is
16 appropriated to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for Wildlife Crop Damage
17 Payments. Funds shall be used for payments to farmers under the provisions
18 of 10 V.S.A. §§ 4829 and 4831.

19 (e) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 General Fund is
20 appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for Parks
21 personnel housing. Funds shall be used to renovate, remediate, and expand on-

1 site housing opportunities, including installation of full hook-ups for RVs;
2 splitting existing staff housing into multiple units; and making critical (health
3 and safety) repairs to the existing housing stock for Vermont State Parks staff
4 in critical locations statewide.

5 (f) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 General Fund is
6 appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for Small
7 Communities Outdoor Recreation Grant matching funds. Funds shall be used
8 to support communities with low income in Vermont by providing State match
9 funds for federal recreation grants.

10 (g) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$500,000 General Fund is
11 appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for emerald
12 ash borer mitigation and low-income heating assistance. Funds shall be used
13 to remove high-risk ash trees on Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
14 lands and provide free firewood to households with low income.

15 (h) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$2,500,000 General Fund is
16 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
17 Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act/Brownfields.
18 Funds shall be used for the assessment and cleanup planning for a maximum of
19 25 brownfields sites.

20 (i) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$200,000 General Fund is
21 appropriated to the Emissions Repair Program. Funds shall be used for the

1 emissions repair program established by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec.
2 25 for fiscal year 2024.

3 (j) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 ARPA-SFR is
4 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Healthy
5 Homes Initiative. Funds shall be used to make repairs or improvements to
6 drinking water, wastewater, or stormwater systems for Vermonters who have
7 low to moderate income or who live in manufactured housing communities, or
8 both.

9 (k) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$1,000,000 General Fund is
10 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Conservation for
11 Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) technical assistance. Funds shall be used
12 to support statewide groundwater PFAS remediation efforts.

13 (l) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$5,000,000 Environmental
14 Contingency Fund #21275 is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
15 Conservation for statewide Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) groundwater
16 remediation.

17 (m) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$93,613 Clean Water Fund #21932
18 is appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for one
19 limited service Forester II position in accordance with Sec. E.100 of this act.

20 (n) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$402,525 Federal Revenue Fund
21 #22005 is appropriated to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for

1 the following four IJA funded positions in accordance with Sec. E.100 of this
2 act: one Climate Forester, two Forester IIs, and one Communications and
3 Outreach Coordinator.

4 * * * Pension Funding * * *

5 Sec. B.1104 REQUIRED PENSION PLUS FUNDING – FISCAL YEAR
6 2024

7 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$18,000,000 General Fund is
8 appropriated to the Office of the State Treasurer. This the first year of a three-
9 year funding requirement that will result in each pension system receiving a
10 base funding supplement of \$15,000,000.

11 (1) \$9,000,000 for the additional contribution to the Vermont State
12 Employees' Retirement System per 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 114, Sec. 11
13 and 3 V.S.A. §473(c)(8)(A); and

14 (2) \$9,000,000 for the additional contribution to the Vermont State
15 Teachers' Retirement System contribution per 2022 Acts and Resolves No.
16 114, Sec. 19 and 16 V.S.A. §1944(c)(13)(A).

17 * * * Capital Projects * * *

18 Sec. B.1105 CAPITAL PROJECTS – FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME
19 APPROPRIATIONS

20 (a) In fiscal year 2024, \$7,385,000 is authorized from the Capital
21 Infrastructure Reserve Fund for the following appropriations:

1 (1) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
2 General Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

3 (2) \$135,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
4 General Services for 32 Cherry Street, parking garage repairs;

5 (3) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
6 General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120
7 State Street;

8 (4) \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
9 General Services for planning for the boiler replacement at the Northern State
10 Correctional Facility in Newport;

11 (5) \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
12 General Services for planning for renovations to the administration building,
13 West Cottage, at the Criminal Justice Training Council in Pittsford;

14 (6) \$600,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
15 General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
16 design of the booking expansion at the Northwest State Correctional Facility;

17 (7) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
18 General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
19 design for the replacement of the women's correctional facility and reentry
20 facility;

1 (8) \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
2 General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
3 design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term stabilization
4 facility;

5 (9) \$750,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
6 General Services for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County
7 Superior Courthouse in Barre;

8 (10) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
9 General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
10 design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

11 (11) \$250,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
12 General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
13 design of the Rutland Field Station; and

14 (12) \$300,000 is appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
15 General Services for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the
16 planning and design of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental
17 Laboratory Heat Plant.

18 (b) In fiscal year 2024, \$32,000,000 is authorized from the Capital
19 Infrastructure Reserve Fund for the following appropriations. This funding is
20 provided by the General Fund transfer in Sec. D.101(a)(1)(E) of this act.

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

3 (2) \$9,000,000 is appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges 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) \$9,700,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
9 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 and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

12 (4) \$4,500,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
13 the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Waterbury Dam
14 rehabilitation.

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

19 (6) \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for
20 the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the maintenance facilities
21 at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest State Park.

1 (7) \$800,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the
2 Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and
3 improvements of the Department's buildings, including conservation camps.

4 * * * Fiscal Year 2023 Adjustments, Appropriations, and Amendments * * *

5 Sec. C.100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL FUND UNALLOCATED

6 CARRYFORWARD

7 (a) After satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, and after other
8 reserve requirements have been met, but prior to satisfying the requirements of
9 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the first \$337,300,000 of remaining unreserved and
10 undesignated funds at the close of fiscal year 2023 shall remain in the General
11 Fund and be carried forward to fiscal year 2024.

12 Sec. C.101 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FISCAL YEAR 2022 OUT
13 OF STATE BEDS CARRYFORWARD FUNDS AND JUSTICE
14 REINVESTMENT II FUNDING

15 (a) Notwithstanding 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.335, as
16 amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 62, and by 2022 Acts and
17 Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.111, \$1,000,000 of Department of Corrections Out
18 of State Bed General Fund appropriation carried forward from fiscal year 2022
19 shall revert to the General Fund in fiscal year 2023 for appropriation to Justice
20 Reinvestment II in fiscal year 2023.

- 1 **(b) \$250,000 to Community Justice Centers to be distributed for the**
 - 2 **following:**
 - 3 **(1) \$95,640 for a 3 percent COLA increase for fiscal year 2024; and**
 - 4 **(2) \$154,360 in grants to be distributed equally to the 17 Community**
 - 5 **Justice Centers to be used for program development and implementation,**
 - 6 **technology upgrades, and staff and volunteer recruitment.**
 - 7 **(c) \$250,000 for re-Entry Services to support the re-entry services for**
 - 8 **incarcerated women at Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility as provided**
 - 9 **by the Lund, Mercy Connections, Vermont Works for Women, and the DIVAS**
 - 10 **program.**
 - 11 **(d) \$500,000 to the Department of Corrections for the development and**
 - 12 **implementation of the Offender Management System (OMS) intelligence**
 - 13 **layer.**
- 14 Sec. C.102 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.335, as amended by 2022
- 15 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 62, and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec.
- 16 C.111 is further amended to read:
- 17 Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; UNEXPENDED
- 18 FUNDS TRANSFER; JUSTICE REINVESTMENT;
- 19 REPORT
- 20 * * *

1 (c) Any funds ~~expended~~ authorized to be used on ~~community-based service~~
2 ~~programs~~ justice reinvestment programs pursuant to subsection (b) of this
3 section ~~shall be included in the subsequent year Department of Corrections~~
4 ~~budget for the same purpose at the same amount~~ may be spent over multiple
5 fiscal years until fully expended.

6 Sec. C.103 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.335 is amended to read:

7 Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; UNEXPENDED

8 FUNDS TRANSFER; JUSTICE REINVESTMENT; REPORT

9 * * *

10 (c) ~~Any funds expended on community based service programs pursuant to~~
11 ~~subsection (b) of this section shall be included in the subsequent year~~
12 ~~Department of Corrections budget for the same purpose at the same amount.~~

13 [Repealed.]

14 * * * Fiscal Year 2024 Fund Transfers and Reserve Allocations * * *

15 Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

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

19 (1) The sum of \$560,000 is appropriated 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. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, AND RESERVES

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

15 (1) From the General Fund to:

16 (A) the Transportation Fund – Non-Dedicated (20105): \$10,925,980;

17 (B) the Environmental Contingency Fund (21275): \$5,000,000;

18 (C) the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board Fund (21711): \$2,115,000;

19 (i) Of the funds transferred to the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board Fund in
20 subdivision (C) of this section, \$815,000 shall be used to support necessary 9-
21 1-1 system upgrades beginning in fiscal year 2024;

1 (D) the Technology Modernization Special Fund (21951):

2 \$7,500,000;

3 (E) the Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund (21952): \$32,000,000 for

4 use on capital projects as authorized in the capital bill and appropriated in this

5 act; and

6 (F) the Rural Industry Development Special Fund: \$5,000,000.

7 (2) From the Clean Water Fund (21932) established by 10 V.S.A.

8 § 1388 to:

9 (A) the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund (21933) created

10 under 6 V.S.A. §4803: \$6,684,880; and

11 (B) the Lake in Crisis Response Program Special Fund (21938)

12 created under 10 V.S.A. § 1315: \$120,000.

13 (3) From the Transportation Fund to the Downtown Transportation and

14 Related Capital Improvement Fund (21575) established by 24 V.S.A. § 2796 to

15 be used by the Vermont Downtown Development Board for the purposes of

16 the Fund: \$523,966.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year

18 2024:

19 (1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from

20 the funds indicated:

21 22005 AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts \$4,641,960

1	<u>50300</u>	<u>Liquor Control Fund</u>	<u>\$21,200,000</u>
2		<u>Sports Wagering Fund</u>	<u>\$1,204,000</u>
3		<u>Caledonia Fair</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
4		<u>North Country Hospital Loan Repayment</u>	<u>\$29,047</u>
5		<u>Springfield Hospital Promissory Note Repayment</u>	<u>\$121,412</u>

6 (2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of
7 unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred to the General Fund. The
8 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report to the Joint Fiscal
9 Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred from each fund
10 and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency, office, or department
11 reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory requirements.

12	<u>21638</u>	<u>AG-Fees & reimbursement – Court order</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
13	<u>621000</u>	<u>Unclaimed Property Fund</u>	<u>\$1,743,425</u>

14 (3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E. 228,
15 \$60,044,000 of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance Regulatory and
16 Supervision Fund (21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision
17 Fund (21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21080)
18 shall be transferred to the General Fund.

19 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
20 2024, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the
21 accounts indicated:

1 3400004000 Agency of Human Services –

2 Secretary’s Office – Global Commitment \$15,103,683

3 (d) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
4 2024 the following estimated General Fund reserves shall be made:

5 (1) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 308, an estimated amount of \$1,768,423
6 shall be unreserved from the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve.

7 Sec. D.102 27/53 RESERVE

8 (a) \$5,350,000 General Fund shall be transferred to the 27/53 reserve in
9 fiscal year 2023. This action is the fiscal year 2024 contribution to the reserve
10 for the 53rd week of Medicaid as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e and the 27th
11 payroll reserve as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

12 Sec. D.103 UNRESERVED; INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

13 (a) In fiscal year 2024, \$700,000 in general funds reserved per 2022 Act
14 and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.107.2(b) are unreserved and available for
15 appropriation.

16 Sec. D.104 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME SURPLUS; ADDITIONAL
17 FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME FUNDING PRIORITIES

18 (a) To the extent that the close of fiscal year 2023 results in fund balances
19 in the General Fund or other special funds, it is the intent of the General
20 Assembly that the following areas be prioritized for additional one-time
21 funding in fiscal year 2024:

1 (1) In the Agency of Human Services, \$4,625,000 for state match for the
2 second year of a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and
3 Spoke program. Funds shall be used to expand the substances covered by the
4 program, include mental health and pediatric screenings, and make strategic
5 investments with community partners.

6 (2) In the Agency of Administration, \$1,150,000 to be used to continue
7 implementation of a comprehensive statewide language access plan.

8 (3) In the Agency of Digital Services, \$7,500,000 for the Technology
9 Modernization Fund.

10 (4) In the Agency of Administration, \$10,000,000 to be used to offset
11 the cost of denied claims for Federal Emergency Management Agency
12 (FEMA) reimbursement.

13 (5) In the Criminal Justice Council, \$800,000 for financial support for
14 second and third years of a three-phase accreditation process to include job
15 task analysis, curriculum development and piloting.

16 (6) In the Department of Environmental Conservation, \$800,000 for
17 Emissions Repair Program established by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec.
18 25 for fiscal years 2025 through 2028.

19 (7) In the Department of Housing and Community Development
20 \$5,000,000 for the Vermont Housing Improvement Program.

1 (8) In the Department of Economic Development, \$2,000,000 for
2 Brownfields redevelopment.

3 (9) In the Department of Environmental Conservation \$5,000,000 for
4 the Healthy Homes Initiative. Funds shall be used to make repairs or
5 improvements to drinking water, wastewater or stormwater systems for
6 Vermonters who have low to moderate income or who live in manufactured
7 housing communities, or both.

8 * * * General Government * * *

9 Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

10 (a) The establishment of 54 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year
11 2024 for the following:

12 (1) Permanent classified positions:

13 (A) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets:

14 (i) one Consumer Protection Specialist I; and

15 (ii) two Food Safety Specialist Is;

16 (B) Criminal Justice Council: two FIP Instructors;

17 (C) Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living:

18 (i) nine Quality and Program Participant Specialists;

19 (ii) one Dementia Coordinator; and

20 (iii) three Public Guardians;

21 (D) Department of Financial Regulation: two Insurance Examiners;

1 (E) Department of Human Resources:

2 (i) one Compensation Analyst;

3 (ii) one Configuration Analyst II;

4 (iii) one Employee Support Specialist;

5 (iv) one FMLI Manager;

6 (v) one HR Administrator III;

7 (vi) one HR Administrator IV;

8 (vii) one HR Manager; and

9 (viii) one Talent Coordinator;

10 (F) Department of Liquor and Lottery:

11 (i) one Financial Analyst; and

12 (ii) one Sports Betting Director;

13 (G) Department of Mental Health:

14 (i) one Crisis Program Director;

15 (ii) one Mental Health Analyst I;

16 (iii) one Operations Manager; and

17 (iv) one Training and Curriculum Development Supervisor;

18 (H) Department of Taxes – State Appraisal and Litigation Assistance

19 Program:

20 (i) one Property Valuation and Review Program Manager;

21 (I) Office of the State Treasurer:

- 1 (i) one Program Technician;
- 2 (ii) one Administrative Services Coordinator;
- 3 (iii) one Financial Specialist III;
- 4 (iv) one Financial Manager I;
- 5 (v) one Financial Manager II; and
- 6 (vi) one Program Technician II;
- 7 (J) E911 Board:
- 8 (i) one Program Technician I;
- 9 (K) Department of Motor Vehicles:
- 10 (i) three Motor Vehicle Inspectors;
- 11 (L) Office of the Defender General:
- 12 (i) one Financial Director;
- 13 (M) Agency of Natural Resources:
- 14 (i) one Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Specialist;
- 15 (N) Vermont Pension Investment Commission:
- 16 (i) one Administrative Assistant; and
- 17 (O) Agency of Transportation – Highway Division:
- 18 (i) one Transportation Operations Technician III; and
- 19 (ii) one Transportation Technician IV.

1 (2) Permanent exempt positions:

2 (A) Department of Taxes – State Appraisal and Litigation Assistance
3 Program: one Staff Attorney;

4 (B) Agency of Commerce and Community Development – Division
5 for Historic Preservation – Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs:
6 one Executive Director;

7 (C) Human Rights Commission – one Staff Attorney II; and

8 (D) Office of the Attorney General – one private secretary.

9 (b) The conversion of 46 limited service positions to classified permanent
10 status is authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

11 (1) Criminal Justice Council:

12 (A) one Victims Services Specialist;

13 (2) Department of Vermont Health Access, Blueprint for Health Unit:

14 (A) one HCR Integration Manager;

15 (3) Department of Vermont Health Access, Health Care Reform Unit:

16 (A) one Administrative Services Manager I;

17 (B) five DVHA Program Consultants;

18 (C) one DVHA Quality Control Manager;

19 (D) one Health Reform Enterprise Director I;

20 (E) two Medicaid Operations Administrators;

21 (F) one Project & Operations Director;

1 (G) one Project & Operations Specialist; and

2 (H) one Project Director;

3 (4) Department of Vermont Health Access, Medicaid Policy Fiscal &
4 Support Unit:

5 (A) two Audit Liaison/Internal Control positions;

6 (B) three DVHA Healthcare QC Auditors;

7 (C) one DVHA Healthcare QC CAP Auditor;

8 (D) two DVHA Program & Operations Auditors;

9 (E) one DVHA Program Consultant;

10 (F) one Health Reform Enterprise Director I; and

11 (G) one Nurse Auditor;

12 (5) Department of Vermont Health Access, Payment
13 Reform/Reimbursement Unit:

14 (A) one Admin HC Payment Reform Analytics position;

15 (B) three Change Management Practitioners;

16 (C) one Deputy Director of Payment Reform;

17 (D) one Director of Operations for ACO Programs;

18 (E) one Grant Programs Manager;

19 (F) one Health Care Project Director;

20 (G) one Payment Reform Special Project Lead; and

21 (H) one Senior Policy Advisor; and

1 sales tax using a destination basis for taxation. Except with respect to taxes
2 collected on the sale of aviation jet fuel, a per-return fee of \$5.96 shall be
3 assessed ~~to compensate the Department for the costs of administration and~~
4 ~~collection~~, 70 percent of which shall be borne by the municipality, and
5 30 percent of which shall be borne by the State to be paid from the PILOT
6 Special Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law or municipal charter to
7 the contrary, revenue from the fee shall be used to compensate the Department
8 for the costs of administering and collecting the local option tax and of
9 administering the State appraisal and litigation program established in
10 32 V.S.A. § 5413. The fee shall be subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A.
11 § 605.

12 Sec. E.124 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 9, Sec. 8 is amended to
13 read:

14 Sec. 8. REPEAL

15 ~~On June 30, 2024:~~

16 ~~(1) Sec. 3 of this act (creating the Executive Director of Racial Equity~~
17 ~~and Racial Equity Advisory Panel in 3 V.S.A. chapter 68) is repealed and the~~
18 ~~Executive Director position and Panel shall cease to exist; and~~

19 ~~(2) Sec. 4 of this act (authorization for the Executive Director of Racial~~
20 ~~Equity position) is repealed. [Repealed.]~~

1 Sec. E.128 OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS; NEW POSITIONS

2 (a) The establishment of two new permanent exempt Capitol Police Officer
3 positions in the Office of the Sergeant at Arms are authorized in fiscal year
4 2024.

5 Sec. E.128.1 FARMERS' NIGHT CONCERT SERIES; APPROPRIATION

6 (a) The Office of the Sergeant at Arms is authorized to use not more than
7 \$10,000 from resources available within the General Assembly's budget to
8 provide honoraria to speakers and performing groups who are invited to
9 participate in the 2024 Farmers' Night Concert Series and who are not
10 otherwise sponsored or compensated for their participation.

11 Sec. E.131 STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE – VCBB ESCROW

12 ACCOUNT

13 (a) In fiscal year 2024, pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 10, the Treasurer is
14 authorized to use up to \$20,000,000 of the State's average cash balance to
15 establish an escrow account for the exclusive benefit of the Vermont
16 Community Broadband Board and for the sole purpose of securing federal
17 funding under the National Telecommunications and Information
18 Administration's Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program.

19 (b) On or before January 15, 2024, the Vermont Community Broadband
20 Board shall submit a recommendation to the House and Senate Committees on
21 Appropriations with a recommendation for legislative action to create a long-

1 term funding plan for the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure
2 Program.

3 Sec. E.133 VERMONT RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND VERMONT
4 PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; SOURCE OF
5 FUNDS

6 (a) The funds appropriated from the pension systems for administrative
7 costs in Secs. B.133, B.134, and B.514.1 of this act are intended to provide
8 spending authority needed to cover the operating costs of the State's pensions
9 systems, including transferring funds from the State's pension systems to the
10 Treasurers Retirement Admin Costs Fund (21520) and to the Vermont Pension
11 Investment Commission Special Fund (21521) to cover the portion of the
12 Treasurer's budget attributable to the State's pension systems and the Vermont
13 Pension Investment Commission's budget.

14 (1) Of the \$2,857,679 appropriated in Sec. B.133 of this act, \$1,937,839
15 constitutes the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System operating
16 budget, and \$919,840 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension
17 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State
18 Employees' Retirement System.

19 (2) Of the \$1,650,789 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,309,958
20 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating
21 budget, and \$340,831 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension

1 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont Municipal
2 Employees' Retirement System.

3 (3) Of the \$3,299,987 appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act,
4 \$2,309,460 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System
5 operating budget, and \$990,527 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension
6 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers'
7 Retirement System.

8 Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

9 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec B.139 of this act, \$9,000 shall be transferred
10 to the Attorney General and \$70,000 shall be transferred to the Department of
11 Taxes, Division of Property Valuation and Review and reserved and used with
12 any remaining funds from the amount previously transferred for final payment
13 of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of grand list
14 appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and other
15 property owned by TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. and its successor Great
16 River Hydro, LLC in the State of Vermont.

17 Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

18 (a) The appropriation in Sec. B.142 of this act is for State payments in lieu
19 of property taxes under 32 V.S.A. § 3701. The payments shall be calculated in
20 addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier
21 and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes

1 under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A.
2 § 3709.

3 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the payments under this
4 section shall be adjusted so that the total payments made under Secs. E.142,
5 E.143, and E.144 of this act do not exceed 100 percent of the assessed value of
6 State buildings as defined by 32 V.S.A § 3701(2).

7 Sec. E.143 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES – MONTPELIER

8 (a) Payments in lieu of taxes under Sec. B.143 of this act shall be paid from
9 the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

10 Sec. E.144 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES – CORRECTIONAL

11 FACILITIES

12 (a) Payments in lieu of taxes under Sec. B.144 of this act shall be paid from
13 the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

14 * * * Protection * * *

15 Sec. E.200 ATTORNEY GENERAL

16 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Office of the
17 Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit, is authorized to
18 retain, subject to appropriation, one-half of the State share of any recoveries
19 from Medicaid fraud settlements, excluding interest, that exceed the State
20 share of restitution to the Medicaid Program. All such designated additional

1 recoveries retained shall be used to finance Medicaid Fraud and Residential
2 Abuse Unit activities.

3 (b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A.
4 § 2458(b)(4), \$1,545,393 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

5 Sec. E.204 JUDICIARY; NEW POSITIONS

6 (a) The establishment of two new permanent exempt positions at the
7 Judiciary are authorized in fiscal year 2024: one Judge, and one court clerk.

8 Sec. E.204.1. 13 V.S.A. § 7282 is amended to read:

9 § 7282. SURCHARGE

10 (a) In addition to any penalty or fine imposed by the court ~~or Judicial~~
11 ~~Bureau~~ for a criminal offense or any civil penalty imposed by the Judicial
12 Bureau for a traffic violation, including any violation of a fish and wildlife
13 statute or regulation, violation of a motor vehicle statute, or violation of any
14 local ordinance relating to the operation of a motor vehicle, except violations
15 relating to seat belts and child restraints and ordinances relating to parking
16 violations, the clerk of the court or Judicial Bureau shall levy an additional
17 surcharge of:

18 * * *

19 (8)(A) For any offense or violation committed after June 30, 2006, but
20 before July 1, 2008, \$26.00, of which \$18.75 shall be deposited in the Victims
21 Compensation Special Fund.