

No. 79. An act relating to identifying underutilized State buildings and land.

(H.50)

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

Sec. 1. 29 V.S.A. § 165 is amended to read:

§ 165. SPACE ALLOCATION, INVENTORY, AND USE; LEASING
PROPERTY; COMMISSIONER'S PREAPPROVAL REQUIRED

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(e) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall maintain an inventory of all State-owned or State-leased buildings and land and shall ~~biannually~~ annually compile and update the information received under subsection (g) of this section, which shall be considered once available in making spacing allocations and designating uses under subsection (c) of this section.

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(g) The head of each agency shall prepare and forward to the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services ~~when requested by the Commissioner~~ annually in a format prescribed by the Commissioner an inventory of: square footage available for use; square footage in actual use; square footage not in use; square footage used for storage; square footage that is unfinished; cost per square foot for rent; cost per square foot for operation and maintenance; and the source of funds for rent, operation, and maintenance, including the act and section numbers of a legislative directive if applicable.

The head of each agency shall additionally indicate in its inventory in a format prescribed by the Commissioner whether any building is vacant and whether any land is unnecessary for State purposes.

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(j) On or before January 15 of each new legislative biennium, the Commissioner shall submit to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions the inventory maintained under subsection (e) of this section.

Sec. 2. INVENTORY OF PARCELS FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT;
2026–2030; REPORT

(a) As part of the inventory that a head of an agency conducts pursuant to 29 V.S.A. § 165(g) through calendar year 2030, the head of the agency shall identify and report to the Department of Housing and Community Development each parcel under its ownership that meets all of the screening criteria developed by the Department for Executive Order No. 06-25 (3 App. V.S.A. ch. 10, § 51).

(b) On or before January 15 of each legislative session through calendar year 2031, the Commissioner of Housing and Community Development shall provide to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions the inventory of properties identified pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, a list of those inventoried properties the

Commissioner determines may be suitable for housing development, and an explanation of the Commissioner's determination.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: April 6, 2026