

1 H.493

2 Introduced by Committee on Appropriations

3 Date:

4 Subject: Appropriations; Big Bill; fiscal year 2026 budget

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make
6 appropriations in support of government for fiscal year 2026.

7 An act relating to making appropriations for the support of the government

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

9 * * * Purpose, Definitions, Legend * * *

10 Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

11 (a) This bill may be referred to as the “BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2026
12 Appropriations Act”.

13 Sec. A.101 PURPOSE; LEGISLATIVE INTENT

14 (a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of
15 State government during fiscal year 2026. It is the express intent of the
16 General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments,
17 divisions, boards, offices, and commissions be limited to those that can be
18 supported by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June
19 30, 2025. Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing
20 and service levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2026 so as to meet this

1 condition unless otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other
2 acts of the General Assembly.

3 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that any interim budget and
4 appropriation adjustments made in accordance with 32 V.S.A. §§ 133 and 704
5 prioritize supporting the health, safety, and well-being of Vermonters; a robust
6 education system; and a strong economy.

7 Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

8 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serves as the
9 primary source and reference for appropriations for fiscal year 2026.

10 (b) The sums herein stated are appropriated for the purposes specified in
11 the following sections of this act. When no time is expressly stated during
12 which any of the appropriations are to continue, the appropriations are single-
13 year appropriations and only for the purpose indicated and shall be paid from
14 funds shown as the source of funds. If in this act there is an error in either
15 addition or subtraction, the totals shall be adjusted accordingly. Apparent
16 errors in referring to section numbers of statutory titles within this act may be
17 disregarded by the Commissioner of Finance and Management.

18 (c) Unless codified or otherwise specified, all narrative portions of this act
19 apply only to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2026.

20 Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

21 (a) As used in this act:

1 (1) “Encumbrances” means a portion of an appropriation reserved for
2 the subsequent payment of existing purchase orders or contracts. The
3 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the
4 appropriateness of encumbrances.

5 (2) “Grants” means subsidies, aid, or payments to local governments, to
6 community and quasi-public agencies for providing local services, and to
7 persons who are not wards of the State for services or supplies and means cash
8 or other direct assistance, including pension contributions.

9 (3) “Operating expenses” means property management; repair and
10 maintenance; rental expenses; insurance; postage; travel; energy and utilities;
11 office and other supplies; equipment, including motor vehicles, highway
12 materials, and construction; expenditures for the purchase of land and
13 construction of new buildings and permanent improvements; and similar items.

14 (4) “Personal services” means wages and salaries, fringe benefits, per
15 diems, contracted third-party services, and similar items.

16 Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

17 (a) Except as specifically provided, this act shall not be construed in any
18 way to negate or impair the full force and effect of existing laws.

1 Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

2 (a) In the absence of specific provisions to the contrary in this act, when
3 total appropriations are offset by estimated receipts, the State appropriations
4 shall control, notwithstanding receipts being greater or less than anticipated.

5 Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

6 (a) In fiscal year 2026, the Governor, with the approval of the General
7 Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the General Assembly is not in
8 session, may accept federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including
9 block grants in lieu of, or in addition to, funds herein designated as federal.
10 The Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal
11 Committee if the General Assembly is not in session, may allocate all or any
12 portion of such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for
13 which the basic appropriations in this act have been made.

14 (b) If, during fiscal year 2026, federal funds available to the State of
15 Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2025 session of
16 the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are
17 abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new
18 title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for
19 any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were
20 appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for not
21 more than 45 days prior to General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee

1 approval. Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if
2 the Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint
3 Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor’s
4 request for approval.

5 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

6 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total number of
7 authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary
8 positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(a)(11), shall not be increased during
9 fiscal year 2026 except for new positions authorized by the General Assembly
10 during the 2025 session. Limited service positions approved pursuant to 32
11 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to this restriction.

12 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

13 (a) The act is organized by functions of government. The sections between
14 B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriations of funds for the upcoming budget
15 year. The sections between E.100 and E.9999 contain language that relates to
16 specific appropriations or government functions, or both. The function areas
17 by section numbers are as follows:

18 <u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
19 <u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons</u>
20	<u>and Property</u>
21 <u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>

1	<u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
2	<u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
3	<u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
4	<u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
5	<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and</u>
6		<u>Community Development</u>
7	<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
8	<u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
9	<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other</u>
10		<u>appropriation actions</u>

11 (b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year; the D
12 sections contain fund allocations, transfers, reversions, and reservations for the
13 upcoming fiscal year; and the F section contains effective dates.

14 * * * Fiscal Year 2026 Base Appropriations * * *

15 Sec. B.100 Secretary of administration - secretary's office

16	Personal services	2,532,305
17	Operating expenses	255,891
18	Grants	<u>755,000</u>
19	Total	3,543,196
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,762,509

1	Special funds	755,000
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,025,687</u>
3	Total	3,543,196
4	Sec. B.100.1 Secretary of administration - office of racial equity	
5	Personal services	1,687,090
6	Operating expenses	<u>118,323</u>
7	Total	1,805,413
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,144,831
10	Internal service funds	534,462
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>126,120</u>
12	Total	1,805,413
13	Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance	
14	Personal services	1,523,066
15	Operating expenses	<u>168,424</u>
16	Total	1,691,490
17	Source of funds	
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,691,490</u>
19	Total	1,691,490

1	Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
2	Personal services	871,453
3	Operating expenses	<u>100,387</u>
4	Total	971,840
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>971,840</u>
7	Total	971,840
8	Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
9	Personal services	406,346
10	Operating expenses	<u>65,072</u>
11	Total	471,418
12	Source of funds	
13	Internal service funds	<u>471,418</u>
14	Total	471,418
15	Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
16	Personal services	278,478
17	Operating expenses	<u>54,925</u>
18	Total	333,403
19	Source of funds	
20	Internal service funds	<u>333,403</u>
21	Total	333,403

1	Sec. B.104.1 Retired state employees pension plus funding	
2	Grants	<u>15,000,000</u>
3	Total	15,000,000
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>15,000,000</u>
6	Total	15,000,000
7	Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information	
8	technology	
9	Personal services	87,034,344
10	Operating expenses	<u>50,695,231</u>
11	Total	137,729,575
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	233,207
14	Special funds	1,014,199
15	Internal service funds	<u>136,482,169</u>
16	Total	137,729,575
17	Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
18	Personal services	1,843,264
19	Operating expenses	<u>342,676</u>
20	Total	2,185,940
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	1,254,559
2	Internal service funds	688,359
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>243,022</u>
4	Total	2,185,940
5	Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
6	Personal services	3,416,478
7	Operating expenses	<u>894,620</u>
8	Total	4,311,098
9	Source of funds	
10	Internal service funds	3,767,171
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>543,927</u>
12	Total	4,311,098
13	Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
14	Personal services	12,091,729
15	Operating expenses	<u>1,609,092</u>
16	Total	13,700,821
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	1,931,766
19	Special funds	171,235
20	Internal service funds	10,811,922

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>785,898</u>
2	Total	13,700,821
3	Sec. B.108.1 Human resources - VTHR operations	
4	Personal services	2,259,639
5	Operating expenses	<u>922,339</u>
6	Total	3,181,978
7	Source of funds	
8	Internal service funds	<u>3,181,978</u>
9	Total	3,181,978
10	Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
11	Personal services	1,443,574
12	Operating expenses	<u>727,231</u>
13	Total	2,170,805
14	Source of funds	
15	Internal service funds	<u>2,170,805</u>
16	Total	2,170,805
17	Sec. B.110 Libraries	
18	Personal services	3,071,139
19	Operating expenses	523,300
20	Grants	<u>267,993</u>
21	Total	3,862,432

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	2,371,969
3	Special funds	96,994
4	Federal funds	1,273,020
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>120,449</u>
6	Total	3,862,432
7	Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
8	Personal services	30,188,806
9	Operating expenses	<u>7,007,735</u>
10	Total	37,196,541
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	24,668,155
13	Special funds	12,413,386
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>115,000</u>
15	Total	37,196,541
16	Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
17	Personal services	1,132,286
18	Operating expenses	<u>206,653</u>
19	Total	1,338,939
20	Source of funds	

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,338,939</u>
2	Total	1,338,939
3	Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
4	Personal services	47,165
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,116,280</u>
6	Total	1,163,445
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>1,163,445</u>
9	Total	1,163,445
10	Sec. B.113.1 Buildings and general services engineering - capital projects	
11	Personal services	3,225,944
12	Operating expenses	<u>500,000</u>
13	Total	3,725,944
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	3,225,944
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>500,000</u>
17	Total	3,725,944
18	Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
19	Personal services	3,721,861
20	Operating expenses	<u>1,973,457</u>
21	Total	5,695,318

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	702,146
3	Transportation fund	4,542,959
4	Special funds	<u>450,213</u>
5	Total	5,695,318
6	Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
7	Personal services	2,860,824
8	Operating expenses	<u>272,026</u>
9	Total	3,132,850
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	1,697,210
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,435,640</u>
13	Total	3,132,850
14	Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
15	Personal services	846,111
16	Operating expenses	<u>188,303</u>
17	Total	1,034,414
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	93,669
20	Internal service funds	<u>940,745</u>
21	Total	1,034,414

1	Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
2	Personal services	951,063
3	Operating expenses	<u>223,405</u>
4	Total	1,174,468
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>1,174,468</u>
7	Total	1,174,468
8	Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
9	Personal services	1,020,985
10	Operating expenses	<u>247,895</u>
11	Total	1,268,880
12	Source of funds	
13	Internal service funds	1,201,997
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>66,883</u>
15	Total	1,268,880
16	Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
17	Operating expenses	<u>4,427</u>
18	Total	4,427
19	Source of funds	
20	Enterprise funds	<u>4,427</u>
21	Total	4,427

1	Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	
2	Personal services	365,056
3	Operating expenses	<u>175,786</u>
4	Total	540,842
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>540,842</u>
7	Total	540,842
8	Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
9	Personal services	1,199,933
10	Operating expenses	<u>605,349</u>
11	Total	1,805,282
12	Source of funds	
13	Internal service funds	<u>1,805,282</u>
14	Total	1,805,282
15	Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
16	Personal services	21,826,541
17	Operating expenses	<u>17,638,201</u>
18	Total	39,464,742
19	Source of funds	
20	Internal service funds	39,360,459

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>104,283</u>
2	Total	39,464,742
3	Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
4	Personal services	1,957,078
5	Operating expenses	<u>567,607</u>
6	Total	2,524,685
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	1,997,850
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>526,835</u>
10	Total	2,524,685
11	Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel	
12	Personal services	4,419,480
13	Operating expenses	<u>286,936</u>
14	Total	4,706,416
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>4,706,416</u>
17	Total	4,706,416
18	Sec. B.126 Legislature	
19	Personal services	7,127,653
20	Operating expenses	<u>5,329,448</u>
21	Total	12,457,101

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>12,457,101</u>
3	Total	12,457,101
4	Sec. B.126.1 Legislative information technology	
5	Personal services	1,504,560
6	Operating expenses	<u>912,661</u>
7	Total	2,417,221
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>2,417,221</u>
10	Total	2,417,221
11	Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
12	Personal services	2,959,862
13	Operating expenses	<u>197,907</u>
14	Total	3,157,769
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>3,157,769</u>
17	Total	3,157,769
18	Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
19	Personal services	1,639,780
20	Operating expenses	<u>166,416</u>
21	Total	1,806,196

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>1,806,196</u>
3	Total	1,806,196
4	Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
5	Personal services	296,158
6	Operating expenses	<u>51,993</u>
7	Total	348,151
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>348,151</u>
10	Total	348,151
11	Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
12	Personal services	4,775,026
13	Operating expenses	<u>143,505</u>
14	Total	4,918,531
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	408,398
17	Special funds	53,145
18	Internal service funds	<u>4,456,988</u>
19	Total	4,918,531

1	Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
2	Personal services	7,137,154
3	Operating expenses	<u>312,956</u>
4	Total	7,450,110
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	2,729,084
7	Special funds	4,179,251
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>541,775</u>
9	Total	7,450,110
10	Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
11	Personal services	801,268
12	Operating expenses	<u>581,648</u>
13	Total	1,382,916
14	Source of funds	
15	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,382,916</u>
16	Total	1,382,916
17	Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
18	Personal services	221,251
19	Operating expenses	<u>3,169,342</u>
20	Total	3,390,593
21	Source of funds	

1	Pension trust funds	<u>3,390,593</u>
2	Total	3,390,593
3	Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
4	Personal services	228,961
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,712,059</u>
6	Total	1,941,020
7	Source of funds	
8	Pension trust funds	<u>1,941,020</u>
9	Total	1,941,020
10	Sec. B.134.1 Vermont pension investment commission	
11	Personal services	2,484,198
12	Operating expenses	<u>303,904</u>
13	Total	2,788,102
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	2,788,102
16	Pension trust funds	<u>0</u>
17	Total	2,788,102
18	Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
19	Personal services	295,157
20	Operating expenses	<u>66,136</u>
21	Total	361,293

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	351,717
3	Special funds	6,788
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
5	Total	361,293
6	Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
7	Personal services	109,521
8	Operating expenses	<u>25,734</u>
9	Total	135,255
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	84,251
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>51,004</u>
13	Total	135,255
14	Sec. B.136.1 Ethics commission	
15	Personal services	183,787
16	Operating expenses	<u>39,775</u>
17	Total	223,562
18	Source of funds	
19	Internal service funds	<u>223,562</u>
20	Total	223,562

1	Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
2	Grants	<u>19,000,000</u>
3	Total	19,000,000
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>19,000,000</u>
6	Total	19,000,000
7	Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
8	Grants	<u>9,500,000</u>
9	Total	9,500,000
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>
12	Total	9,500,000
13	Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
14	Grants	<u>3,410,000</u>
15	Total	3,410,000
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	<u>3,410,000</u>
18	Total	3,410,000
19	Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
20	Grants	<u>21,350,000</u>
21	Total	21,350,000

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>21,350,000</u>
3	Total	21,350,000
4	Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
5	Grants	<u>12,200,000</u>
6	Total	12,200,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	<u>12,200,000</u>
9	Total	12,200,000
10	Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
11	Grants	<u>40,000</u>
12	Total	40,000
13	Source of funds	
14	Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
15	Total	40,000
16	Sec. B.145 Total general government	
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	138,973,564
19	Transportation fund	4,542,959
20	Special funds	34,168,313
21	Federal funds	1,273,020

1	Internal service funds	209,117,870
2	Interdepartmental transfers	9,219,740
3	Enterprise funds	4,427
4	Pension trust funds	5,331,613
5	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,382,916</u>
6	Total	404,014,422
7	Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
8	Personal services	15,378,060
9	Operating expenses	1,810,445
10	Grants	<u>20,000</u>
11	Total	17,208,505
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	7,965,240
14	Special funds	2,468,889
15	Tobacco fund	434,660
16	Federal funds	1,809,676
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,530,040</u>
18	Total	17,208,505
19	Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
20	Personal services	1,250
21	Grants	<u>4,724,343</u>

1	Total	4,725,593
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	4,467,596
4	Special funds	<u>257,997</u>
5	Total	4,725,593
6	Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
7	Personal services	18,955,131
8	Operating expenses	<u>1,650,926</u>
9	Total	20,606,057
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	20,016,404
12	Special funds	<u>589,653</u>
13	Total	20,606,057
14	Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
15	Personal services	7,769,975
16	Operating expenses	<u>64,500</u>
17	Total	7,834,475
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>7,834,475</u>
20	Total	7,834,475

1	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
2	Personal services	62,352,754
3	Operating expenses	13,865,672
4	Grants	<u>121,030</u>
5	Total	76,339,456
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	70,441,728
8	Special funds	1,997,094
9	Federal funds	1,560,412
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,340,222</u>
11	Total	76,339,456
12	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
13	Personal services	19,010,284
14	Operating expenses	<u>2,115,052</u>
15	Total	21,125,336
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	20,541,309
18	Federal funds	31,000
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>553,027</u>
20	Total	21,125,336

1	Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
2	Personal services	126,877
3	Operating expenses	27,835
4	Grants	<u>2,136,507</u>
5	Total	2,291,219
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>2,291,219</u>
8	Total	2,291,219
9	Sec. B.206.1 Crime victims advocates	
10	Personal services	3,221,461
11	Operating expenses	<u>117,870</u>
12	Total	3,339,331
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>3,339,331</u>
15	Total	3,339,331
16	Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
17	Personal services	6,092,392
18	Operating expenses	<u>446,237</u>
19	Total	6,538,629
20	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>6,538,629</u>
2	Total	6,538,629
3	Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
4	Personal services	6,289,651
5	Operating expenses	6,380,415
6	Grants	<u>278,285</u>
7	Total	12,948,351
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	7,630,863
10	Special funds	4,105
11	Federal funds	1,089,155
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,224,228</u>
13	Total	12,948,351
14	Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
15	Personal services	83,279,417
16	Operating expenses	16,733,452
17	Grants	<u>1,813,523</u>
18	Total	101,826,392
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	87,421,532
21	Special funds	3,223,793

1	Federal funds	9,734,790
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,446,277</u>
3	Total	101,826,392
4	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
5	Personal services	5,116,729
6	Operating expenses	<u>2,098,944</u>
7	Total	7,215,673
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,929,676
10	Special funds	4,483,740
11	Federal funds	<u>802,257</u>
12	Total	7,215,673
13	Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management	
14	Personal services	6,811,020
15	Operating expenses	1,018,043
16	Grants	<u>63,029,843</u>
17	Total	70,858,906
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	2,145,622
20	Special funds	710,000
21	Federal funds	67,941,304

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>61,980</u>
2	Total	70,858,906
3	Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
4	Personal services	9,963,365
5	Operating expenses	3,674,954
6	Grants	<u>127,350</u>
7	Total	13,765,669
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,795,530
10	Special funds	10,769,486
11	Federal funds	1,155,653
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
13	Total	13,765,669
14	Sec. B.213 Public safety - forensic laboratory	
15	Personal services	4,388,176
16	Operating expenses	<u>1,356,042</u>
17	Total	5,744,218
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	4,162,196
20	Special funds	81,774
21	Federal funds	951,794

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>548,454</u>
2	Total	5,744,218
3	Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
4	Personal services	1,142,600
5	Operating expenses	810,661
6	Grants	<u>1,219,834</u>
7	Total	3,173,095
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>3,173,095</u>
10	Total	3,173,095
11	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
12	Personal services	11,831,181
13	Operating expenses	<u>1,427,093</u>
14	Total	13,258,274
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	818,486
17	Federal funds	<u>12,439,788</u>
18	Total	13,258,274
19	Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
20	Personal services	51,243,591
21	Operating expenses	<u>8,227,725</u>

1	Total	59,471,316
2	Source of funds	
3	Federal funds	<u>59,471,316</u>
4	Total	59,471,316
5	Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
6	Personal services	906,250
7	Operating expenses	<u>908,538</u>
8	Total	1,814,788
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,752,288
11	Special funds	<u>62,500</u>
12	Total	1,814,788
13	Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
14	Personal services	1,382,555
15	Operating expenses	193,170
16	Grants	<u>27,500</u>
17	Total	1,603,225
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,259,653
20	Special funds	222,717

1	Federal funds	<u>120,855</u>
2	Total	1,603,225
3	Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
4	Personal services	2,371,733
5	Operating expenses	321,928
6	Grants	<u>8,573,370</u>
7	Total	11,267,031
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,650,091
10	Special funds	4,465,489
11	Federal funds	<u>5,151,451</u>
12	Total	11,267,031
13	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council	
14	Personal services	2,508,514
15	Operating expenses	<u>2,142,603</u>
16	Total	4,651,117
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	4,260,265
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>390,852</u>
20	Total	4,651,117

1	Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
2	Personal services	3,384,273
3	Operating expenses	<u>353,580</u>
4	Total	3,737,853
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	1,519,601
7	Special funds	1,695,613
8	Federal funds	<u>522,639</u>
9	Total	3,737,853
10	Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer	
11	protection	
12	Personal services	5,680,286
13	Operating expenses	1,109,650
14	Grants	<u>2,810,000</u>
15	Total	9,599,936
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	3,663,441
18	Special funds	4,048,844
19	Federal funds	1,875,651
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>12,000</u>
21	Total	9,599,936

1	Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
2	Personal services	6,358,750
3	Operating expenses	746,926
4	Grants	<u>15,633,200</u>
5	Total	22,738,876
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	3,157,499
8	Special funds	646,995
9	Federal funds	<u>18,934,382</u>
10	Total	22,738,876
11	Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management	
12	and environmental stewardship	
13	Personal services	3,053,693
14	Operating expenses	845,696
15	Grants	<u>359,000</u>
16	Total	4,258,389
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	934,914
19	Special funds	2,473,045
20	Federal funds	482,577

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>367,853</u>
2	Total	4,258,389
3	Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont agriculture and	
4	environmental lab	
5	Personal services	2,058,524
6	Operating expenses	<u>1,359,556</u>
7	Total	3,418,080
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,698,826
10	Special funds	1,647,441
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>71,813</u>
12	Total	3,418,080
13	Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, food and markets - clean water	
14	Personal services	4,120,365
15	Operating expenses	857,888
16	Grants	<u>11,375,000</u>
17	Total	16,353,253
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,863,832
20	Special funds	10,511,241
21	Federal funds	2,171,588

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,806,592</u>
2	Total	16,353,253
3	Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
4	Personal services	3,011,702
5	Operating expenses	103,565
6	Grants	<u>100,000</u>
7	Total	3,215,267
8	Source of funds	
9	Special funds	<u>3,215,267</u>
10	Total	3,215,267
11	Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
12	Personal services	2,483,666
13	Operating expenses	<u>482,337</u>
14	Total	2,966,003
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	<u>2,966,003</u>
17	Total	2,966,003
18	Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
19	Personal services	5,825,682
20	Operating expenses	<u>578,524</u>
21	Total	6,404,206

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	<u>6,404,206</u>
3	Total	6,404,206
4	Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
5	Personal services	5,998,278
6	Operating expenses	<u>591,092</u>
7	Total	6,589,370
8	Source of funds	
9	Special funds	<u>6,589,370</u>
10	Total	6,589,370
11	Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
12	Personal services	1,375,414
13	Operating expenses	<u>242,541</u>
14	Total	1,617,955
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	<u>1,617,955</u>
17	Total	1,617,955
18	Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
19	Personal services	21,619,186
20	Operating expenses	4,242,952
21	Grants	<u>1,350,000</u>

1	Total	27,212,138
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	1,350,000
4	Special funds	19,155,734
5	Federal funds	<u>6,706,404</u>
6	Total	27,212,138
7	Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
8	Personal services	12,790,401
9	Operating expenses	2,615,047
10	Grants	<u>25,000</u>
11	Total	15,430,448
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	12,152,225
14	Federal funds	2,439,257
15	ARRA funds	6,627
16	Interdepartmental transfers	821,491
17	Enterprise funds	<u>10,848</u>
18	Total	15,430,448
19	Sec. B.233.1 VT Community broadband board	
20	Personal services	1,978,960
21	Operating expenses	571,368

1	Grants	<u>43,000,000</u>
2	Total	45,550,328
3	Source of funds	
4	Special funds	1,589,990
5	Federal funds	<u>43,960,338</u>
6	Total	45,550,328
7	Sec. B.234 Public utility commission	
8	Personal services	4,565,693
9	Operating expenses	<u>578,746</u>
10	Total	5,144,439
11	Source of funds	
12	Special funds	<u>5,144,439</u>
13	Total	5,144,439
14	Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 board	
15	Personal services	4,700,016
16	Operating expenses	<u>697,379</u>
17	Total	5,397,395
18	Source of funds	
19	Special funds	<u>5,397,395</u>
20	Total	5,397,395

1	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
2	Personal services	1,243,420
3	Operating expenses	<u>142,164</u>
4	Total	1,385,584
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	1,292,811
7	Federal funds	<u>92,773</u>
8	Total	1,385,584
9	Sec. B.236.1 Liquor and lottery commission	
10	Personal services	10,866,788
11	Operating expenses	<u>7,415,512</u>
12	Total	18,282,300
13	Source of funds	
14	Special funds	125,000
15	Tobacco fund	250,579
16	Interdepartmental transfers	70,000
17	Enterprise funds	<u>17,836,721</u>
18	Total	18,282,300
19	Sec. B.240 Cannabis control board	
20	Personal services	4,466,288
21	Operating expenses	2,053,382

1	Grants	<u>10,000</u>
2	Total	6,529,670
3	Source of funds	
4	Special funds	<u>6,529,670</u>
5	Total	6,529,670
6	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property	
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	276,916,152
9	Special funds	121,247,670
10	Tobacco fund	685,239
11	Federal funds	239,445,060
12	ARRA funds	6,627
13	Interdepartmental transfers	17,289,829
14	Enterprise funds	<u>17,847,569</u>
15	Total	673,438,146
16	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
17	Personal services	17,333,398
18	Operating expenses	11,231,120
19	Grants	<u>3,795,202</u>
20	Total	32,359,720
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	15,569,598
2	Special funds	135,517
3	Federal funds	14,023,964
4	Global Commitment fund	2,510,857
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>119,784</u>
6	Total	32,359,720
7	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
8	Grants	<u>2,206,365,417</u>
9	Total	2,206,365,417
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	712,439,042
12	Special funds	31,339,852
13	Tobacco fund	21,049,373
14	State health care resources fund	31,074,772
15	Federal funds	1,405,465,168
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,997,210</u>
17	Total	2,206,365,417
18	Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
19	Personal services	513,359
20	Operating expenses	96,185
21	Grants	<u>191,595</u>

1	Total	801,139
2	Source of funds	
3	Special funds	12,000
4	Federal funds	<u>789,139</u>
5	Total	801,139
6	Sec. B.304 Human services board	
7	Personal services	823,371
8	Operating expenses	<u>90,892</u>
9	Total	914,263
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	538,324
12	Federal funds	<u>375,939</u>
13	Total	914,263
14	Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
15	Personal services	330,000
16	Operating expenses	<u>13,170,000</u>
17	Total	13,500,000
18	Source of funds	
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,500,000</u>
20	Total	13,500,000

1	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
2	Personal services	142,860,018
3	Operating expenses	36,310,876
4	Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>
5	Total	182,283,195
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	43,820,359
8	Special funds	4,760,237
9	Federal funds	126,141,154
10	Global Commitment fund	4,382,601
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,178,844</u>
12	Total	182,283,195
13	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global	
14	commitment	
15	Grants	<u>978,639,181</u>
16	Total	978,639,181
17	Source of funds	
18	Global Commitment fund	<u>978,639,181</u>
19	Total	978,639,181
20	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state	
21	only	

1	Grants	<u>67,827,030</u>
2	Total	67,827,030
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	62,355,192
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,471,838</u>
6	Total	67,827,030
7	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver	
8	matched	
9	Grants	<u>43,168,596</u>
10	Total	43,168,596
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	13,467,770
13	Federal funds	<u>29,700,826</u>
14	Total	43,168,596
15	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
16	Personal services	9,163,996
17	Operating expenses	8,043,463
18	Grants	<u>7,985,727</u>
19	Total	25,193,186
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	4,298,710

1	Special funds	2,423,587
2	Federal funds	10,954,085
3	Global Commitment fund	7,361,523
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>155,281</u>
5	Total	25,193,186
6	Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
7	Personal services	71,272,453
8	Operating expenses	10,371,654
9	Grants	<u>48,496,832</u>
10	Total	130,140,939
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	15,160,817
13	Special funds	25,398,124
14	Tobacco fund	1,088,918
15	Federal funds	64,355,699
16	Global Commitment fund	18,457,507
17	Interdepartmental transfers	5,654,874
18	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
19	Total	130,140,939

1	Sec. B.313 Health - substance use programs	
2	Personal services	7,036,556
3	Operating expenses	381,500
4	Grants	<u>61,624,360</u>
5	Total	69,042,416
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	4,795,744
8	Special funds	7,972,399
9	Tobacco fund	949,917
10	Federal funds	15,928,439
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>39,395,917</u>
12	Total	69,042,416
13	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
14	Personal services	12,456,526
15	Operating expenses	2,420,029
16	Grants	<u>279,691,678</u>
17	Total	294,568,233
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	13,127,716
20	Special funds	6,836
21	Federal funds	13,158,032

1	Global Commitment fund	266,967,840
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,307,809</u>
3	Total	294,568,233
4	Sec. B.315 Department of mental health - mental health facilities	
5	Personal services	40,937,117
6	Operating expenses	<u>3,393,946</u>
7	Total	44,331,063
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	18,868,124
10	Special funds	1,711,256
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>23,751,683</u>
12	Total	44,331,063
13	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support	
14	services	
15	Personal services	50,609,972
16	Operating expenses	17,876,453
17	Grants	<u>5,914,175</u>
18	Total	74,400,600
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	43,680,871
21	Special funds	2,954,500

1	Federal funds	24,518,288
2	Global Commitment fund	2,780,636
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>466,305</u>
4	Total	74,400,600
5	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
6	Personal services	49,175,153
7	Operating expenses	5,497,038
8	Grants	<u>100,541,760</u>
9	Total	155,213,951
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	63,680,993
12	Special funds	729,150
13	Federal funds	37,407,542
14	Global Commitment fund	53,381,266
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>
16	Total	155,213,951
17	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
18	Personal services	6,563,807
19	Operating expenses	783,604
20	Grants	<u>227,140,033</u>
21	Total	234,487,444

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	60,627,176
3	Special funds	115,409,671
4	Federal funds	42,924,133
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>15,526,464</u>
6	Total	234,487,444
7	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
8	Personal services	14,186,272
9	Operating expenses	<u>3,738,844</u>
10	Total	17,925,116
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	5,598,669
13	Special funds	454,219
14	Federal funds	11,484,628
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
16	Total	17,925,116
17	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and	
18	disabled	
19	Personal services	2,558,460
20	Grants	<u>10,418,567</u>
21	Total	12,977,027

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	7,470,372
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,506,655</u>
4	Total	12,977,027
5	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
6	Personal services	15,000
7	Grants	<u>10,415,779</u>
8	Total	10,430,779
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	10,189,157
11	Federal funds	11,098
12	Global Commitment fund	<u>230,524</u>
13	Total	10,430,779
14	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
15	Grants	<u>51,077,812</u>
16	Total	51,077,812
17	Source of funds	
18	Federal funds	<u>51,077,812</u>
19	Total	51,077,812

1	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
2	Operating expenses	23,821
3	Grants	<u>36,532,863</u>
4	Total	36,556,684
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	24,035,417
7	Special funds	5,970,229
8	Federal funds	2,806,330
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,744,708</u>
10	Total	36,556,684
11	Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel	
12	assistance/LIHEAP	
13	Grants	<u>16,019,953</u>
14	Total	16,019,953
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	1,480,395
17	Federal funds	<u>14,539,558</u>
18	Total	16,019,953
19	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic	
20	opportunity	

1	Personal services	1,376,425
2	Operating expenses	159,458
3	Grants	<u>39,165,356</u>
4	Total	40,701,239
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	32,312,474
7	Special funds	83,135
8	Federal funds	5,118,329
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,187,301</u>
10	Total	40,701,239
11	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization	
12	assistance	
13	Personal services	498,837
14	Operating expenses	275,322
15	Grants	<u>15,147,885</u>
16	Total	15,922,044
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	7,757,091
19	Federal funds	<u>8,164,953</u>
20	Total	15,922,044

1	Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - secure residential treatment	
2	Personal services	258,100
3	Operating expenses	38,775
4	Grants	<u>3,476,862</u>
5	Total	3,773,737
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	3,743,737
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>
9	Total	3,773,737
10	Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination	
11	services	
12	Personal services	8,322,170
13	Operating expenses	<u>495,934</u>
14	Total	8,818,104
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	130,556
17	Federal funds	<u>8,687,548</u>
18	Total	8,818,104
19	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &	
20	support	

1	Personal services	48,973,454
2	Operating expenses	<u>6,544,338</u>
3	Total	55,517,792
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	25,692,412
6	Special funds	1,390,457
7	Federal funds	27,258,639
8	Global Commitment fund	110,000
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>
10	Total	55,517,792
11	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and	
12	independent living grants	
13	Grants	<u>24,909,492</u>
14	Total	24,909,492
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	8,585,909
17	Federal funds	7,321,114
18	Global Commitment fund	<u>9,002,469</u>
19	Total	24,909,492
20	Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually	
21	impaired	

1	Grants	<u>3,407,604</u>
2	Total	3,407,604
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	489,154
5	Special funds	223,450
6	Federal funds	2,390,000
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>305,000</u>
8	Total	3,407,604
9	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational	
10	rehabilitation	
11	Grants	<u>10,179,845</u>
12	Total	10,179,845
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	371,845
15	Federal funds	8,558,000
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>
17	Total	10,179,845
18	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental	
19	services	
20	Grants	<u>349,987,467</u>
21	Total	349,987,467

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	132,732
3	Special funds	15,463
4	Federal funds	403,573
5	Global Commitment fund	349,385,699
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>
7	Total	349,987,467
8	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and	
9	community based waiver	
10	Grants	<u>7,540,256</u>
11	Total	7,540,256
12	Source of funds	
13	Global Commitment fund	<u>7,540,256</u>
14	Total	7,540,256
15	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - long term care	
16	Grants	<u>346,858,094</u>
17	Total	346,858,094
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	498,579
20	Federal funds	2,450,000

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>343,909,515</u>
2	Total	346,858,094
3	Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
4	Personal services	5,601,461
5	Operating expenses	<u>269,950</u>
6	Total	5,871,411
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>5,871,411</u>
9	Total	5,871,411
10	Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
11	Personal services	551,497
12	Operating expenses	<u>60,112</u>
13	Total	611,609
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	<u>611,609</u>
16	Total	611,609
17	Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
18	Personal services	3,900,732
19	Operating expenses	<u>255,399</u>
20	Total	4,156,131
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	4,006,975
2	Federal funds	372
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
4	Total	4,156,131
5	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
6	Personal services	177,107,933
7	Operating expenses	25,571,966
8	Grants	<u>801,823</u>
9	Total	203,481,722
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	198,084,766
12	Special funds	935,963
13	Federal funds	516,600
14	Global Commitment fund	3,548,078
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
16	Total	203,481,722
17	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - justice reinvestment II	
18	Grants	<u>11,055,849</u>
19	Total	11,055,849
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	8,478,161

1	Federal funds	13,147
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>
3	Total	11,055,849
4	Sec. B.339 Corrections - correctional services - out of state beds	
5	Personal services	<u>4,130,378</u>
6	Total	4,130,378
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>
9	Total	4,130,378
10	Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
11	Personal services	708,510
12	Operating expenses	<u>457,555</u>
13	Total	1,166,065
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	<u>1,166,065</u>
16	Total	1,166,065
17	Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
18	Personal services	243,283
19	Operating expenses	<u>160,570</u>
20	Total	403,853
21	Source of funds	

1	Internal service funds	<u>403,853</u>
2	Total	403,853
3	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
4	Personal services	24,048,875
5	Operating expenses	<u>6,913,887</u>
6	Total	30,962,762
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	10,033,214
9	Special funds	12,799,530
10	Federal funds	<u>8,130,018</u>
11	Total	30,962,762
12	Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
13	Personal services	432,073
14	Operating expenses	<u>89,355</u>
15	Total	521,428
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	516,773
18	Special funds	<u>4,655</u>
19	Total	521,428

1	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
2	Grants	<u>164,960</u>
3	Total	164,960
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>164,960</u>
6	Total	164,960
7	Sec. B.345 Green mountain care board	
8	Personal services	9,849,952
9	Operating expenses	<u>416,874</u>
10	Total	10,266,826
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	3,970,074
13	Special funds	<u>6,296,752</u>
14	Total	10,266,826
15	Sec. B.346 Office of the child, youth, and family advocate	
16	Personal services	386,033
17	Operating expenses	<u>71,330</u>
18	Total	457,363
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>457,363</u>
21	Total	457,363

1	Sec. B.347 Total human services	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	1,428,007,133
4	Special funds	231,430,533
5	Tobacco fund	23,088,208
6	State health care resources fund	31,074,772
7	Federal funds	1,944,674,127
8	Global Commitment fund	2,147,692,059
9	Internal service funds	403,853
10	Interdepartmental transfers	32,694,090
11	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
12	Total	5,839,089,775
13	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
14	Personal services	39,454,824
15	Operating expenses	5,462,457
16	Grants	<u>5,870,493</u>
17	Total	50,787,774
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	11,313,657
20	Special funds	9,710,673
21	Federal funds	29,640,603

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>122,841</u>
2	Total	50,787,774
3	Sec. B.401 Total labor	
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	11,313,657
6	Special funds	9,710,673
7	Federal funds	29,640,603
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>122,841</u>
9	Total	50,787,774
10	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
11	Personal services	16,203,356
12	Operating expenses	4,699,787
13	Grants	<u>17,772,840</u>
14	Total	38,675,983
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	7,994,162
17	Special funds	19,793,553
18	Education fund	3,606,201
19	Federal funds	6,217,482
20	Global Commitment fund	260,000

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>804,585</u>
2	Total	38,675,983
3	Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
4	Personal services	18,418,946
5	Operating expenses	1,185,388
6	Grants	<u>192,117,080</u>
7	Total	211,721,414
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	6,894,415
10	Special funds	3,266,001
11	Tobacco fund	750,388
12	Federal funds	199,239,149
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,571,461</u>
14	Total	211,721,414
15	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
16	Grants	<u>270,736,200</u>
17	Total	270,736,200
18	Source of funds	
19	Education fund	<u>270,736,200</u>
20	Total	270,736,200

1	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
2	Grants	<u>17,200,000</u>
3	Total	17,200,000
4	Source of funds	
5	Education fund	<u>17,200,000</u>
6	Total	17,200,000
7	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
8	Grants	<u>4,899,009</u>
9	Total	4,899,009
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	3,958,344
12	Federal funds	<u>940,665</u>
13	Total	4,899,009
14	Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
15	Grants	<u>11,481,896</u>
16	Total	11,481,896
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	921,500
19	Education fund	<u>10,560,396</u>
20	Total	11,481,896

1	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
2	Grants	<u>1,990,192,238</u>
3	Total	1,990,192,238
4	Source of funds	
5	Education fund	<u>1,990,192,238</u>
6	Total	1,990,192,238
7	Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
8	Grants	<u>26,115,792</u>
9	Total	26,115,792
10	Source of funds	
11	Education fund	<u>26,115,792</u>
12	Total	26,115,792
13	Sec. B.507 Education - merger support grants	
14	Grants	<u>1,800,000</u>
15	Total	1,800,000
16	Source of funds	
17	Education fund	<u>1,800,000</u>
18	Total	1,800,000
19	Sec. B.507.1 Education - EL categorical aid	
20	Grants	<u>2,250,000</u>
21	Total	2,250,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Education fund	<u>2,250,000</u>
3	Total	2,250,000
4	Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition	
5	Grants	<u>18,500,000</u>
6	Total	18,500,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Education fund	<u>18,500,000</u>
9	Total	18,500,000
10	Sec. B.509 Education - afterschool grant program	
11	Personal services	500,000
12	Grants	<u>9,140,000</u>
13	Total	9,640,000
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	<u>9,640,000</u>
16	Total	9,640,000
17	Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
18	Grants	<u>8,977,737</u>
19	Total	8,977,737
20	Source of funds	

1	Education fund	<u>8,977,737</u>
2	Total	8,977,737
3	Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
4	Grants	<u>18,737,850</u>
5	Total	18,737,850
6	Source of funds	
7	Education fund	<u>18,737,850</u>
8	Total	18,737,850
9	Sec. B.511.1 State board of education	
10	Personal services	54,208
11	Operating expenses	<u>16,500</u>
12	Total	70,708
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>70,708</u>
15	Total	70,708
16	Sec. B.513 Retired teachers pension plus funding	
17	Grants	<u>15,000,000</u>
18	Total	15,000,000
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>15,000,000</u>
21	Total	15,000,000

1	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
2	Grants	<u>199,377,627</u>
3	Total	199,377,627
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	160,566,569
6	Education fund	<u>38,811,058</u>
7	Total	199,377,627
8	Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	
9	Personal services	345,352
10	Operating expenses	<u>3,572,803</u>
11	Total	3,918,155
12	Source of funds	
13	Pension trust funds	<u>3,918,155</u>
14	Total	3,918,155
15	Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
16	Grants	<u>71,052,589</u>
17	Total	71,052,589
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	49,091,090
20	Education fund	<u>21,961,499</u>
21	Total	71,052,589

1	Sec. B.516 Total general education	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	244,496,788
4	Special funds	32,699,554
5	Tobacco fund	750,388
6	Education fund	2,429,448,971
7	Federal funds	206,397,296
8	Global Commitment fund	260,000
9	Interdepartmental transfers	2,376,046
10	Pension trust funds	<u>3,918,155</u>
11	Total	2,920,347,198
12	Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
13	Grants	<u>57,378,104</u>
14	Total	57,378,104
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>57,378,104</u>
17	Total	57,378,104
18	Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
19	Grants	<u>52,468,692</u>
20	Total	52,468,692
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>52,468,692</u>
2	Total	52,468,692
3	Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
4	Grants	<u>1,797,087</u>
5	Total	1,797,087
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	297,087
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,500,000</u>
9	Total	1,797,087
10	Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
11	Grants	<u>27,084,946</u>
12	Total	27,084,946
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>27,084,946</u>
15	Total	27,084,946
16	Sec. B.605.1 VSAC - flexible pathways stipend	
17	Grants	<u>82,450</u>
18	Total	82,450
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	41,225

1	Education fund	<u>41,225</u>
2	Total	82,450
3	Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
4	Grants	<u>86,520</u>
5	Total	86,520
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>86,520</u>
8	Total	86,520
9	Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - morgan horse farm	
10	Grants	<u>1</u>
11	Total	1
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>1</u>
14	Total	1
15	Sec. B.608 Total higher education	
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	137,356,575
18	Education fund	41,225
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,500,000</u>
20	Total	138,897,800

1	Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	
2	Personal services	6,436,257
3	Operating expenses	<u>1,265,146</u>
4	Total	7,701,403
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	5,344,094
7	Special funds	722,828
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,634,481</u>
9	Total	7,701,403
10	Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment	
11	Operating expenses	<u>2,705,834</u>
12	Total	2,705,834
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	2,284,334
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
16	Total	2,705,834
17	Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
18	Personal services	23,726,543
19	Operating expenses	6,738,504
20	Grants	<u>833,630</u>
21	Total	31,298,677

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	9,382,865
3	Special funds	364,696
4	Fish and wildlife fund	10,097,060
5	Federal funds	9,927,754
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,526,302</u>
7	Total	31,298,677
8	Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
9	Personal services	1,564,253
10	Operating expenses	<u>1,796,785</u>
11	Total	3,361,038
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	3,130,308
14	Special funds	143,765
15	Federal funds	<u>86,965</u>
16	Total	3,361,038
17	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
18	Personal services	11,026,473
19	Operating expenses	1,122,371
20	Grants	<u>1,408,910</u>
21	Total	13,557,754

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	6,839,753
3	Special funds	1,204,005
4	Federal funds	4,326,877
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,187,119</u>
6	Total	13,557,754
7	Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
8	Personal services	13,707,058
9	Operating expenses	4,936,482
10	Grants	<u>550,000</u>
11	Total	19,193,540
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	2,061,995
14	Special funds	<u>17,131,545</u>
15	Total	19,193,540
16	Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration and recreation	
17	Personal services	3,818,270
18	Operating expenses	8,667,107
19	Grants	<u>6,015,019</u>
20	Total	18,500,396
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	1,324,880
2	Special funds	2,794,948
3	Federal funds	13,755,832
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>624,736</u>
5	Total	18,500,396
6	Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest and parks access roads	
7	Personal services	130,000
8	Operating expenses	<u>99,925</u>
9	Total	229,925
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>229,925</u>
12	Total	229,925
13	Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services	
14	Personal services	9,655,674
15	Operating expenses	5,226,877
16	Grants	<u>188,303</u>
17	Total	15,070,854
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	2,462,770
20	Special funds	1,452,358
21	Federal funds	2,563,636

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>8,592,090</u>
2	Total	15,070,854
3	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
4	Personal services	26,481,647
5	Operating expenses	9,958,684
6	Grants	<u>4,343,000</u>
7	Total	40,783,331
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	305,347
10	Special funds	27,825,978
11	Federal funds	12,531,023
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>120,983</u>
13	Total	40,783,331
14	Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs	
15	Personal services	44,324,028
16	Operating expenses	8,531,648
17	Grants	<u>136,489,044</u>
18	Total	189,344,720
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	12,980,443
21	Special funds	33,801,176

1	Federal funds	141,693,623
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>869,478</u>
3	Total	189,344,720
4	Sec. B.713 Natural resources board	
5	Personal services	4,851,041
6	Operating expenses	<u>537,905</u>
7	Total	5,388,946
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	4,019,020
10	Special funds	<u>1,369,926</u>
11	Total	5,388,946
12	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	50,365,734
15	Special funds	86,811,225
16	Fish and wildlife fund	10,097,060
17	Federal funds	184,885,710
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,976,689</u>
19	Total	347,136,418
20	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce	
21	and community development - administration	

1	Personal services	2,515,577
2	Operating expenses	872,866
3	Grants	<u>414,320</u>
4	Total	3,802,763
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>3,802,763</u>
7	Total	3,802,763
8	Sec. B.801 Economic development	
9	Personal services	4,266,254
10	Operating expenses	1,179,682
11	Grants	<u>9,106,544</u>
12	Total	14,552,480
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	5,937,190
15	Special funds	3,150,350
16	Federal funds	5,264,940
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>200,000</u>
18	Total	14,552,480
19	Sec. B.802 Housing and community development	
20	Personal services	2,519,883
21	Operating expenses	1,528,070

1	Grants	<u>27,139,431</u>
2	Total	31,187,384
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	7,656,505
5	Special funds	10,144,339
6	Federal funds	10,957,973
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,428,567</u>
8	Total	31,187,384
9	Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
10	Personal services	3,453,707
11	Operating expenses	4,569,290
12	Grants	<u>700,000</u>
13	Total	8,722,997
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	4,640,125
16	Federal funds	4,007,872
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
18	Total	8,722,997
19	Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
20	Grants	<u>1,003,063</u>
21	Total	1,003,063

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>1,003,063</u>
3	Total	1,003,063
4	Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
5	Grants	<u>154,170</u>
6	Total	154,170
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>154,170</u>
9	Total	154,170
10	Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
11	Grants	<u>1,202,564</u>
12	Total	1,202,564
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>1,202,564</u>
15	Total	1,202,564
16	Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
17	Grants	<u>109,284,304</u>
18	Total	109,284,304
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	1,631,582
21	Special funds	40,490,082

1	Federal funds	<u>67,162,640</u>
2	Total	109,284,304
3	Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
4	Grants	<u>318,270</u>
5	Total	318,270
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>318,270</u>
8	Total	318,270
9	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	26,346,232
12	Special funds	53,784,771
13	Federal funds	87,393,425
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,703,567</u>
15	Total	170,227,995
16	Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
17	Personal services	19,914,359
18	Operating expenses	6,581,104
19	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
20	Total	26,545,463
21	Source of funds	

1	Transportation fund	25,152,473
2	Federal funds	<u>1,392,990</u>
3	Total	26,545,463
4	Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
5	Personal services	4,770,561
6	Operating expenses	8,456,904
7	Grants	<u>190,000</u>
8	Total	13,417,465
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	7,474,433
11	Federal funds	<u>5,943,032</u>
12	Total	13,417,465
13	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
14	Personal services	1,000,000
15	Operating expenses	<u>1,500,000</u>
16	Total	2,500,000
17	Source of funds	
18	Transportation fund	2,200,000
19	TIB fund	<u>300,000</u>
20	Total	2,500,000

1	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
2	Personal services	83,759,860
3	Operating expenses	281,446,274
4	Grants	<u>46,104,466</u>
5	Total	411,310,600
6	Source of funds	
7	Transportation fund	62,005,434
8	TIB fund	15,103,017
9	Special funds	280,000
10	Federal funds	308,679,500
11	Interdepartmental transfers	15,722,027
12	Local match	<u>9,520,622</u>
13	Total	411,310,600
14	Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
15	Personal services	398,500
16	Operating expenses	<u>791,746</u>
17	Total	1,190,246
18	Source of funds	
19	Transportation fund	119,025
20	Federal funds	<u>1,071,221</u>
21	Total	1,190,246

1	Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
2	Personal services	48,113,208
3	Operating expenses	<u>69,113,835</u>
4	Total	117,227,043
5	Source of funds	
6	Transportation fund	110,349,507
7	Federal funds	932,014
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,945,522</u>
9	Total	117,227,043
10	Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
11	Personal services	3,411,138
12	Operating expenses	1,290,442
13	Grants	<u>10,346,035</u>
14	Total	15,047,615
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	3,742,314
17	Federal funds	11,223,301
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>82,000</u>
19	Total	15,047,615

1	Sec. B.906.1 Transportation - environmental policy and sustainability	
2	Personal services	8,114,291
3	Operating expenses	67,686
4	Grants	<u>1,332,030</u>
5	Total	9,514,007
6	Source of funds	
7	Transportation fund	389,377
8	Federal funds	8,150,226
9	Interdepartmental transfers	21,860
10	Local match	<u>952,544</u>
11	Total	9,514,007
12	Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
13	Personal services	18,493,101
14	Operating expenses	<u>43,394,247</u>
15	Total	61,887,348
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	15,067,669
18	Federal funds	31,894,435
19	Interdepartmental transfers	8,228,363
20	Local match	<u>6,696,881</u>
21	Total	61,887,348

1	Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
2	Personal services	1,026,301
3	Operating expenses	81,224
4	Grants	<u>51,587,709</u>
5	Total	52,695,234
6	Source of funds	
7	Transportation fund	10,007,534
8	Federal funds	42,547,700
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>140,000</u>
10	Total	52,695,234
11	Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
12	Personal services	5,957,587
13	Operating expenses	<u>19,696,966</u>
14	Total	25,654,553
15	Source of funds	
16	Internal service funds	<u>25,654,553</u>
17	Total	25,654,553
18	Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
19	Personal services	36,447,934
20	Operating expenses	<u>13,070,367</u>
21	Total	49,518,301

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	46,709,524
3	Federal funds	2,687,081
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>121,696</u>
5	Total	49,518,301
6	Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
7	Grants	<u>7,200,000</u>
8	Total	7,200,000
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	<u>7,200,000</u>
11	Total	7,200,000
12	Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
13	Personal services	449,763
14	Operating expenses	<u>31,689</u>
15	Total	481,452
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	121,452
18	Federal funds	<u>360,000</u>
19	Total	481,452

1	Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
2	Grants	<u>8,600,000</u>
3	Total	8,600,000
4	Source of funds	
5	Transportation fund	<u>8,600,000</u>
6	Total	8,600,000
7	Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
8	Personal services	10,034,000
9	Operating expenses	<u>27,759,406</u>
10	Total	37,793,406
11	Source of funds	
12	TIB fund	3,596,983
13	Federal funds	31,716,311
14	Local match	<u>2,480,112</u>
15	Total	37,793,406
16	Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
17	Grants	<u>30,418,736</u>
18	Total	30,418,736
19	Source of funds	
20	Transportation fund	<u>30,418,736</u>
21	Total	30,418,736

1	Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
2	Grants	<u>128,750</u>
3	Total	128,750
4	Source of funds	
5	Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
6	Total	128,750
7	Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
8	Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
9	Total	1,150,000
10	Source of funds	
11	Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
12	Total	1,150,000
13	Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	
14	Grants	<u>4,000,000</u>
15	Total	4,000,000
16	Source of funds	
17	Federal funds	<u>4,000,000</u>
18	Total	4,000,000
19	Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program	
20	Personal services	100,000
21	Operating expenses	325,500

1	Grants	<u>6,467,500</u>
2	Total	6,893,000
3	Source of funds	
4	Transportation fund	715,000
5	Special funds	4,750,000
6	Federal funds	<u>1,428,000</u>
7	Total	6,893,000
8	Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
9	Personal services	181,233
10	Operating expenses	<u>22,938</u>
11	Total	204,171
12	Source of funds	
13	Transportation fund	<u>204,171</u>
14	Total	204,171
15	Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	331,755,399
18	TIB fund	19,000,000
19	Special funds	5,030,000
20	Federal funds	452,025,811
21	Internal service funds	25,654,553

1	Interdepartmental transfers	30,261,468
2	Local match	<u>19,650,159</u>
3	Total	883,377,390
4	Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
5	Operating expenses	<u>675,000</u>
6	Total	675,000
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>675,000</u>
9	Total	675,000
10	Sec. B.1001 Total debt service	
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>675,000</u>
13	Total	675,000
14	* * * Fiscal Year 2026 One-Time Appropriations * * *	
15	Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONE-TIME	
16	APPROPRIATIONS	
17	<u>(a) Agency of Administration Secretary's Office. In fiscal year 2026,</u>	
18	<u>funds are appropriated for the following:</u>	
19	<u>(1) \$1,100,000 General Fund for the Truth and Reconciliation</u>	
20	<u>Commission.</u>	

1 (b) Department of Human Resources. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
2 appropriated for the following:

3 (1) \$1,575,000 General Fund for the Classification Modernization
4 project.

5 (c) Department of Taxes. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for
6 the following:

7 (1) \$1,000,000 PILOT Special Fund for the Municipal Grand List
8 Stabilization Program as established per Sec. E.142.2 of this act. These funds
9 shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted.

10 (d) Department of Public Safety. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
11 appropriated for the following:

12 (1) \$600,000 General Fund for State match for federal cybersecurity
13 grant funds;

14 (2) \$800,000 General Fund for the purchase of mobile and portable
15 radio equipment; and

16 (3) \$475,000 General Fund for the Urban Search and Rescue Team.

17 (e) Agency of Human Services Secretary's Office. In fiscal year 2026,
18 funds are appropriated for the following:

19 (1) \$4,448,520 General Fund and \$6,351,480 federal funds for the
20 Department of Vermont Health Access's Global Commitment appropriation

1 for the Support and Services at Home program and the Primary Care Medical
2 Home, and Community Health Team services under the Blueprint for Health.

3 (f) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. In fiscal year 2026, funds
4 are appropriated for the following:

5 (1) \$275,000 General Fund for the purchase of a fire apparatus.

6 (g) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for
7 the following:

8 (1) \$240,000 General Fund for Polychlorinated Biphenyl testing;

9 (2) \$40,000 General Fund for a grant to Empty Arms Vermont; and

10 (3) \$300,000 General Fund for recovery residencies certified by the
11 Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences.

12 (h) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
13 appropriated for the following:

14 (1) \$2,000,000 General Fund for shelter capacity expansion; and

15 (2) \$30,500,000 General Fund for the General Assistance Emergency
16 Housing Program.

17 (i) Department of Corrections. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated
18 for the following:

19 (1) \$200,000 General Fund to retain a consultant and develop an
20 implementation plan to transition the Northeast Correctional Complex or the

1 Caledonia County Work Camp or parts of either or of both to a treatment-
2 focused facility for incarcerated Vermonters.

3 (j) Agency of Education. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the
4 following:

5 (1) \$4,000,000 General Fund to provide additional resources during the
6 State's education transformation upon approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee
7 subsequent to submission by the Agency of a detailed, unambiguous plan of
8 expenditures related to the transformation of the public education system. The
9 Joint Fiscal Committee shall consult with the chairs of the House and Senate
10 Committees on Education when reviewing the Agency's plan.

11 (k) Vermont State Colleges. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for
12 the following:

13 (1) \$500,000 General Fund for the Community College of Vermont
14 Tuition Advantage Program; and

15 (2) \$5,000,000 General Fund for the final transformation bridge
16 financing payment.

17 (l) Department of Fish and Wildlife. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
18 appropriated for the following:

19 (1) \$185,000 Fish and Wildlife Nondedicated Special Fund to sustain
20 current operations as the Department undergoes a financial restructuring.

1 These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or
2 reverted; and

3 (2) \$80,000 General Fund for the purchase of mobile and portable radio
4 equipment.

5 (m) Department of Environmental Conservation. In fiscal year 2026, funds
6 are appropriated for the following:

7 (1) \$50,000 General Fund for Municipal Wastewater Connections
8 database;

9 (2) \$850,000 General Fund for the Confined Animals Feeding Operation
10 database project and contractor support;

11 (3) \$5,520,000 Environmental Contingency Fund For Polychlorinated
12 Biphenyl testing and remediation in schools. These funds shall carry forward
13 each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted; and

14 (4) \$14,500,000 Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and
15 Reserves Fund for the State match to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs
16 Act Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and Clean Water State Revolving
17 Fund, in accordance with the provisions of 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78,
18 Sec. C.108(b).

19 (n) Department of Housing and Community Development. In fiscal year
20 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:

1 (1) \$150,000 General Fund for one limited service position to continue
2 for an additional year;

3 (2) \$7,500,000 General Fund for the Vermont Bond Bank Vermont
4 Infrastructure Sustainability Fund;

5 (3) \$7,500,000 General Fund for the Vermont Housing Finance Agency
6 Rental Revolving Loan Fund;

7 (4) \$10,000,000 General Fund for the Vermont Housing Finance
8 Agency Middle Income Homeownership Development Program;

9 (5) \$4,150,000 General Fund for the Vermont Housing Improvement
10 Program and for one position to support the Program;

11 (6) \$2,000,000 General Fund for the development of housing and related
12 infrastructure; and

13 (7) \$15,000 General Fund for a Universal Design study.

14 (o) Department of Economic Development. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
15 appropriated for the following:

16 (1) \$200,000 General Fund for the Vermont Professionals of Color
17 Network.

18 (p) Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. In fiscal year 2026, funds
19 are appropriated for the following:

20 (1) \$5,000,000 General Fund to provide support and enhance capacity
21 for the production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing

1 and homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes
2 and communities; permanent homes and emergency shelter for those
3 experiencing homelessness; recovery residences; and housing available to farm
4 workers, refugees, and individuals who are eligible to receive Medicaid-funded
5 home and community-based services.

6 (q) Office of the State Treasurer. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
7 appropriated for the following:

8 (1) \$148,000 General Fund for the Vermont Income Tax Assistance
9 Program.

10 (r) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
11 appropriated for the following:

12 (1) \$835,420 General Fund for the Payment Reform Unit;

13 (2) \$3,119,310 General Fund for the OneCare primary care model
14 transition; and

15 (3) \$10,800,000 Global Commitment for the Support and Services at
16 Home program and the Primary Care Medical Home, and Community Health
17 Team services under the Blueprint for Health.

18 (s) University of Vermont. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for
19 the following:

20 (1) \$750,000 General Fund for the Vermont Gallium Nitride Tech Hub.

1 (t) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2026, funds
2 are appropriated for the following:

3 (1) \$300,000 General Fund for a grant to the Northeast Organic Farming
4 Association of Vermont for the Crop Cash Program; and

5 (2) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Vermont Foodbank for the
6 Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program.

7 (u) Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living. In fiscal
8 year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:

9 (1) \$235,000 General Fund for a grant to HomeShare Vermont.

10 (v) Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
11 appropriated for the following:

12 (1) \$1,500,000 General Fund for Freedom and Unity grants.

13 (w) Military Department. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for
14 the following:

15 (1) \$10,000 General Fund for the USS Vermont Support Group.

16 (x) Vermont Council on the Arts. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
17 appropriated for the following:

18 (1) \$68,737 General Fund for State match for federal funds.

19 (y) Agency of Transportation. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated
20 for the following:

1 (1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the Mileage-Based User Fee Program;

2 and

3 (2) \$1,400,000 Transportation Fund for distribution to the Agency of
4 Commerce and Community Development for programs to increase access to
5 level 1 and 2 Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment charging ports at workplaces
6 or multiunit dwellings, or both.

7 (z) Department of Labor. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for
8 the following:

9 (1) \$200,000 General Fund for a grant to Advance Vermont.

10 Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2025 CLOSEOUT

11 (a) As part of the fiscal year 2025 closeout, the Department of Finance and
12 Management shall execute the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308 and any
13 reserve requirements pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.103.
14 If any balance remains after meeting these requirements, then, notwithstanding
15 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the Department of Finance and Management shall reserve
16 the remaining funds for future appropriations to address potential federal
17 funding shortfalls.

18 (b) In fiscal year 2026, while the General Assembly is not in session, the
19 Joint Fiscal Committee may make recommendations to the Emergency Board
20 on the transfer of funds reserved following the execution of the requirements
21 of 32 V.S.A. § 308 and 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.103 pursuant

1 to subsection (a) of this section. The Emergency Board is authorized to
2 unreserve and transfer funds to achieve the purposes of Joint Fiscal Committee
3 recommendations made pursuant to this subsection.

4 Sec. B.1103 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL
5 INVESTMENTS; FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONE-TIME
6 APPROPRIATIONS

7 (a) In fiscal year 2026, \$11,331,099 is appropriated from the Capital
8 Infrastructure subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential
9 Investments for the following:

10 (1) Department of Buildings and General Services:

11 (A) \$861,599 for statewide major maintenance;

12 (B) \$250,000 for statewide planning, reuse, and contingency;

13 (C) \$250,000 for statewide physical security enhancements;

14 (D) \$219,500 for State House repointing;

15 (E) \$250,000 for an uninterruptable power supply system for the
16 Middlesex print and postal facility; and

17 (F) \$8,000,000 for the Judiciary for renovations at the Windsor
18 County Courthouse in White River Junction.

19 (2) Vermont Veterans' Home:

20 (A) \$1,500,000 for the design and construction of the American Unit.

1 * * * Fiscal Year 2025 Adjustments, Appropriations, and Amendments * * *

2 Sec. C.100 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.209 is amended to read:

3 Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

4 Personal services ~~74,755,468~~ 76,655,468

5 Operating expenses 15,992,094

6 Grants 1,137,841

7 Total ~~91,885,403~~ 93,785,403

8 Source of funds

9 General fund ~~57,891,409~~ 59,791,409

10 Transportation fund 20,250,000

11 Special funds 3,170,328

12 Federal funds 8,967,252

13 Interdepartmental transfers 1,606,414

14 Total ~~91,885,403~~ 93,785,403

15 Sec. C.101 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.702 is amended to read:

16 Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services

17 Personal services ~~22,597,844~~ 22,887,844

18 Operating expenses 6,843,095

19 Grants 853,066

20 Total ~~30,294,005~~ 30,584,005

21 Source of funds

1	General fund	8,267,967 <u>8,557,967</u>
2	Special funds	365,427
3	Fish and wildlife fund	10,418,331
4	Federal funds	9,751,683
5	Interdepartmental transfers	1,490,597
6	Total	30,294,005 <u>30,584,005</u>

7 Sec. C.102 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

8 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

9 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are
10 transferred from the funds indicated:

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12 (2) From the Transportation Fund to the:

13 * * *

14 (E) Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund (#20191): \$900,000

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16 Sec. C.103 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1100, as amended by the
17 fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment act, is further amended to read:

18 Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONE-TIME

19 APPROPRIATIONS

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1 (v) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated
2 for the following:

3 (1) ~~\$200,000 General Fund for local economic damage grants to~~
4 ~~municipalities that were impacted by the August and December 2023 flooding~~
5 ~~events in counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management~~
6 ~~Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declarations DR-4744-~~
7 ~~VT and DR-4762-VT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these local~~
8 ~~economic damage grants be distributed to municipalities throughout the State~~
9 ~~to address the secondary economic impacts of the August and December 2023~~
10 ~~flooding events. Monies from these grants shall not be expended on Federal~~
11 ~~Emergency Management Agency-related projects~~

12 \$1,800,000 General Fund for local economic damage grants to
13 municipalities in counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management
14 Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declarations DR-4810-
15 VT and DR-4744-VT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these local
16 economic damage grants be distributed to municipalities throughout the State
17 to address the secondary economic impacts of 2023 and 2024 flooding events.
18 Monies from these grants shall not be expended on Federal Emergency
19 Management Agency-related projects.

20 (A) The funds appropriated in this subdivision (v)(1) for local
21 economic damage grants shall be distributed as follows:

1 (i) \$75,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has at least
2 \$5,000,000 in estimated reported damages to public infrastructure relating to
3 2023 and 2024 flooding events.

4 (ii) \$50,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less
5 than \$5,000,000 and at least \$2,000,000 in estimated reported damages to
6 public infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.

7 (iii) \$30,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less
8 than \$2,000,000 and at least \$1,000,000 in estimated reported damages to
9 public infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.

10 (iv) \$20,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less
11 than \$1,000,000 and at least \$250,000 in estimated reported damages to public
12 infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.

13 (v) \$10,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less
14 than \$250,000 and at least \$100,000 in estimated reported damages to public
15 infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.

16 (B) To the extent that the funds appropriated in this subdivision
17 (v)(1) have not been granted on or before June 30, 2025, they shall revert to the
18 General Fund and be transferred to the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund.

19 (C) To the extent that the funds appropriated in this subdivision
20 (v)(1) are insufficient to distribute grants to all eligible municipalities in their
21 full amount, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall, pursuant to

1 32 V.S.A. § 511, utilize excess receipt authority to expend funds from the
2 PILOT Special Fund for this purpose.

3 (w) Office of the State Treasurer. In fiscal year 2025, funds are
4 appropriated for the following:

5 (1) ~~\$14,000,000~~ \$4,000,000 General Fund for redeeming State of
6 Vermont general obligation bonds prior to maturity.

7 (x) Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. In fiscal year 2025, funds
8 are appropriated for the following:

9 (1) \$2,800,000 General Fund to complete pilot projects identified
10 pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 186.

11 (y) Judiciary. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:

12 (1) \$850,000 General Fund, of which \$800,000 shall be to upgrade the
13 network wiring and security systems in county court houses and \$50,000 shall
14 be to upgrade or construct bathrooms in the Essex Meeting House that are
15 compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

16 Sec. C.104 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2024
17 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 40, is further amended to read:

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

19 APPROPRIATIONS

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

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(4) \$30,000,000 General Fund to be used as ~~Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) matching funds~~ nonfederal share related to disaster spending for costs incurred due to ~~the July 2023 flooding event~~ federally declared disasters in fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

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Sec. C.105 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. C.110 is amended to read:

Sec. C.110 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

REVERSION AND REALLOCATION

(a) The Secretary of Administration ~~shall revert~~ may reimburse up to ~~\$5,000,000~~ \$14,300,000 of prior fiscal year federal funds ~~appropriated~~ expended through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, as approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to Grant Request #3034. ~~An amount of spending authority equal to these reversions shall be provided, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511, to existing State programs that meet the eligibility criteria established by the U.S. Treasury with new General Fund appropriations transferred from existing State programs that meet the eligibility criteria established by the U.S. Treasury. These programs shall receive an amount of funds from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program equal to the amount of General Fund appropriation transferred.~~

1 Sec. C.106 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.103, as amended by the
2 fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment act, is further amended to read:

3 Sec. D.103 RESERVES

4 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
5 2025, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds
6 provided:

7 (1) General Fund.

8 * * *

9 (D) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a), up to ~~\$133,500,000~~
10 \$136,000,000 otherwise subject to the requirements of this provision shall,
11 instead, be reserved for permanent housing, property tax relief, and any other
12 uses determined to be in the best interests of the public in the subsequent fiscal
13 year. The requirements of this subdivision (D) shall extend past July 1 of the
14 subsequent fiscal year and expire upon completion of the current fiscal year's
15 accounting closure period.

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17 Sec. C.107 BUSINESS EMERGENCY GAP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;
18 VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
19 GRANT

20 (a) Of the \$7,000,000 General Fund authorized by unanimous vote of
21 the Emergency Board on August 12, 2024 for the Business Emergency Gap

1 Assistance Program, \$2,000,000 shall be used for a grant to the Vermont
2 Economic Development Authority to establish a disaster relief fund for use by
3 businesses following a natural disaster.

4 * * * Fiscal Year 2026 Fund Transfers and Reserve Allocations * * *

5 Sec. D.100 PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX ALLOCATIONS

6 (a) This act contains the following amounts allocated to special funds that
7 receive revenue from the property transfer tax. These allocations shall not
8 exceed available revenues.

9 (1) The sum of \$591,137 is allocated from the Current Use
10 Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of
11 the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),
12 amounts in excess of \$591,137 from the property transfer tax deposited into the
13 Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred to the General
14 Fund.

15 (2) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of \$36,964,250
16 from the property transfer tax and the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A.
17 § 9602a deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund
18 shall be transferred to the General Fund.

19 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property
20 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the
21 affordable housing bond pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 314 shall be offset by the

1 reduction of \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and
2 Conservation Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32
3 V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2026 appropriation of \$36,964,250 to the
4 Vermont Housing and Conservation Board reflects the \$1,500,000 reduction.
5 The affordable housing bond and related property transfer tax and surcharge
6 provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on July 1, 2039. Once the
7 bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the appropriation to the Vermont
8 Housing and Conservation Board shall be restored.

9 (3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(2), amounts in excess of
10 \$10,000,705 from the property transfer tax deposited into the Municipal and
11 Regional Planning and Resilience Fund shall be transferred into the General
12 Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(3), the \$10,000,705 shall be
13 allocated as follows:

14 (A) \$7,740,546 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in
15 a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

16 (B) \$1,260,089 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner
17 consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

18 (C) \$1,000,070 to the Agency of Digital Services for the Vermont
19 Center for Geographic Information.

1 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

2 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts
3 shall be transferred from the funds indicated:

4 (1) From the General Fund (#10000) to the:

5 (A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100):
6 \$81,155,462.

7 (B) Capital Infrastructure Fund (#21952): \$7,542,469.

8 (C) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909):
9 \$4,300,000.

10 (D) Fish and Wildlife Fund – Nondedicated (#20305): \$185,000.

11 (E) Education Fund (#20205): \$77,200,000.

12 (F) Communications and Information Technology Fund (#58100):
13 \$10,000,000.

14 (G) Environmental Contingency Fund (#21275): \$5,520,000.

15 (H) Domestic and Sexual Violence Fund (#21926): \$450,000.

16 (2) From the Transportation Fund (#20105) to the:

17 (A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100):
18 \$305,825.

19 (B) Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvements
20 Fund (#21575): \$523,966.

21 (3) From the Education Fund (#20205) to the:

1 (A) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909):

2 \$1,500,000.

3 (4) From the Clean Water Fund (#21932) to the:

4 (A) Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund (#21933): \$11,000,000.

5 (B) Lake in Crisis Response Program Special Fund (#21938):

6 \$120,000.

7 (5) From the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments and Reserves
8 Fund (#21953) to the:

9 (A) Transportation Fund (#20105): \$12,500,000.

10 (B) Capital Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital
11 and Essential Investments Fund (#21952): \$1,000,000.

12 (6) From the Agency of Human Services Central Office Earned Federal
13 Receipts (#22005) to the:

14 (A) General Fund (#10000): \$4,641,960.

15 (7) From the Attorney General Fees and Reimbursement Court Order
16 Fund (#21638) to the:

17 (A) General Fund (#10000): \$2,000,000.

18 (8) From the Cannabis Regulation Fund (#21998) to the:

19 (A) General Fund (#10000): 70 percent of the unencumbered and
20 unexpended balance of the fund in excess of \$4,035,000 following the close of
21 fiscal year 2025. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report

1 the amount of this transfer to the Joint Fiscal Committee. For purposes of
2 developing the fiscal year 2026 budget, this amount is estimated to be
3 \$5,900,000.

4 (B) Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund (#21995): 30 percent
5 of the unencumbered and unexpended balance of the fund in excess of
6 \$4,035,000 following the close of fiscal year 2025. The Commissioner of
7 Finance and Management shall report the amount of this transfer to the Joint
8 Fiscal Committee. For purposes of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget,
9 this amount is estimated to be \$2,500,000.

10 (b) The following transfers shall be in accordance with the citations
11 provided. Transfer estimates are for purposes of developing the fiscal year
12 2026 budget and do not supersede the actual year-end transfer amounts.

13 (1) To the General Fund (#10000) from the:

14 (A) 8 V.S.A. § 80(d). Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund
15 (#21075): \$46,204,523.

16 (B) 9 V.S.A. § 5613(c). Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund
17 (#21085): \$21,745,635.

18 (C) 27 V.S.A. § 1543. Unclaimed Property Fund (#62100):
19 \$6,541,757.

20 (2) To the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21085)
21 from the:

1 (A) General Fund (#10000): \$1,053,073

2 (c) Transfers from the following enterprise funds to the General Fund
3 (#10000) shall not exceed the actual fiscal year end profits earned by the
4 enterprise net of any amount necessary to absolve the fund of a deficit. The
5 following estimated transfers are for purposes of developing the fiscal year
6 2026 budget only.

7 (1) From the Sports Wagering Enterprise Fund (#50250): \$7,600,000.

8 (2) From the Liquor Control Fund (#50300): \$14,849,754.

9 Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

10 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
11 2025, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the
12 accounts indicated:

13 <u>1100892208 AOA-VHFA</u>	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>
14 <u>1210892201 LEG-Pension Benefit Consul</u>	<u>\$8,821.25</u>
15 <u>1220891803 VT Tax Structure Comm</u>	<u>\$59,673.09</u>
16 <u>1220891901 Contract Services for Research</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
17 <u>1220892201 JFO-AAHC Task Force Consult</u>	<u>\$7,155.00</u>
18 <u>1220892301 JFO-Studies and Reports</u>	<u>\$21,125.50</u>
19 <u>1230891301 Security</u>	<u>\$39.10</u>
20 <u>1230892301 SAA-Capitol Police</u>	<u>\$0.99</u>

1 Sec. D.103 RESERVES

2 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
3 2026, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds
4 provided:

5 (1) General Fund.

6 (A) The General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve shall be adjusted
7 in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308. For purposes of developing this budget,
8 \$1,675,385 is expected to be unreserved in fiscal year 2026.

9 (B) The General Fund Human Services Caseload Reserve shall be
10 adjusted in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308b. For purposes of developing
11 this budget, \$2,721,375 is expected to be unreserved in fiscal year 2026.

12 (C) The General Fund 27/53 Reserve shall be adjusted in accordance
13 with 32 V.S.A. § 308e. For purposes of developing this budget, \$5,700,000 is
14 expected to be reserved in fiscal year 2026.

15 (D) The amount reserved per 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.
16 D.103(a)(1)(D) shall be unreserved in fiscal year 2026. For purposes of
17 developing this budget, \$136,000,000 is expected to be unreserved in fiscal
18 year 2026.

19 (2) Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments and Reserves Subaccount
20 in the Cash for Capital and Essential Investments Fund.

1 (A) \$12,500,000 is unreserved for transfer to the Transportation Fund
2 for use by the Agency of Transportation in accordance with the provisions for
3 which the funds were originally reserved in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113,
4 Sec. B.1102(b)(17).

5 (B) \$14,500,000 is unreserved for use by the Department of
6 Environmental Conservation in accordance with the provisions for which the
7 funds were originally reserved in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec.
8 C.108(b).

9 (3) Transportation Fund.

10 (A) For the purpose of calculating the fiscal year 2026 Transportation
11 Fund Stabilization Reserve's requirement of five percent of prior year
12 appropriations, fiscal year 2025 Transportation Fund reversions are deducted
13 from the fiscal year 2025 total appropriations amount.

14 * * * General Government * * *

15 Sec. E.100 POSITIONS

16 (a) The establishment of permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year
17 2026 for the following:

18 (1) Permanent classified positions:

19 (A) Office of the Attorney General:

20 (i) one Pre-charge Administrator.

1 (b) The establishment of permanent positions to be established through
2 existing vacant positions is authorized in fiscal year 2026 for the following:

3 (1) Permanent classified positions:

4 (A) Criminal Justice Council:

5 (i) one Canine Head Trainer.

6 (2) Permanent exempt positions:

7 (A) Human Rights Commission:

8 (i) one Intake Specialist; and

9 (ii) one Staff Attorney Investigator.

10 Sec. E.100.1 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS; REPORT

11 (a) The Secretary of Administration shall conduct a comprehensive
12 analysis of the current funding structure for Vermont community-based
13 organizations.

14 (1) Community-based organizations as defined in this section may
15 include area agencies on aging, community action agencies, designated
16 agencies, and parent child centers.

17 (b) The Secretary of Administration shall submit a report to the General
18 Assembly on or before January 15, 2026 on the current funding structure of
19 community-based organizations. The report shall include:

20 (1) an evaluation of the current funding structure; and

1 (2) an evaluation of the extent to which business or support service
2 consolidation would impact expenditures.

3 Sec. E 100.2 SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION; REPORT ON
4 STATUS OF FEDERAL FUNDS

5 (a) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal
6 Committee at its July, September, and November 2025 meetings, and at other
7 meetings as requested, on any reductions to federal revenues to the State and
8 the status of any appropriations impacted by such reductions.

9 Sec. E.100.3 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; CORONAVIRUS STATE
10 FISCAL RECOVERY FUND APPROPRIATIONS;
11 REPORTING

12 (a) In fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the
13 Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the request of the
14 Committee, on the status of appropriations made from the American Rescue
15 Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

16 (1) Reports shall include information on:

17 (A) the original amounts appropriated;

18 (B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and

19 (C) any remaining spending authority.

20 (b) In fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the
21 Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the request of the

1 Committee, on the status of any new spending authority established pursuant to
2 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106.

3 (1) Reports shall include information on:

4 (A) the original amounts appropriated;

5 (B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and

6 (C) any remaining spending authority.

7 (c) Any spending authority established pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves
8 No. 113, Sec. E.106(a) and (c) that remains unexpended and unencumbered on
9 July 1, 2027 shall revert to the General Fund Balance Reserve.

10 (d) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal
11 Committee at its July 2027 meeting on the amount reverted to the General
12 Fund pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

13 Sec. E.105 AGENCY OF DIGITAL SERVICES; COMMUNICATIONS

14 AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND TRANSFER

15 (a) In fiscal year 2026, the Agency of Digital Services shall utilize the
16 funds transferred from the General Fund to the Communications and
17 Information Technology Fund in Sec. D.101(a)(1)(F) of this act to cover the
18 costs of transitioning billable services from a service level agreement model to
19 a core enterprise services model. To the extent to which these funds are
20 insufficient to complete this transition the Agency shall, as part of its fiscal
21 year 2026 budget adjustment presentation, request an additional appropriation

1 or transfer of funds and shall not bill other agencies or departments to cover
2 the costs of the transition.

3 Sec. E.111 32 V.S.A. § 5824 is amended to read:

4 § 5824. ADOPTION OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS

5 The statutes of the United States relating to the federal income tax, as in
6 effect on December 31, ~~2023~~ 2024, but without regard to federal income tax
7 rates under 26 U.S.C. § 1, are hereby adopted for the purpose of computing the
8 tax liability under this chapter and shall continue in effect as adopted until
9 amended, repealed, or replaced by act of the General Assembly.

10 Sec. E.111.1 32 V.S.A. § 7402 is amended to read:

11 § 7402. DEFINITIONS

12 As used in this chapter unless the context requires otherwise:

13 * * *

14 (8) “Laws of the United States” means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code
15 of 1986, as amended through December 31, ~~2023~~ 2024. As used in this
16 chapter, “Internal Revenue Code” has the same meaning as “laws of the United
17 States” as defined in this subdivision. The date through which amendments to
18 the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 are adopted under this subdivision
19 shall continue in effect until amended, repealed, or replaced by act of the
20 General Assembly.

21 * * *

1 Sec. E.111.2 32 V.S.A. § 5861(c) is amended to read:

2 (c) Spouses or a surviving spouse ~~may~~ shall file a joint Vermont personal
3 income tax return for any taxable year for which the spouses file or the
4 surviving spouse ~~are permitted to file~~ files a joint federal income tax return
5 under the laws of the United States, unless the Commissioner allows a different
6 filing status.

7 Sec. E.127 32 V.S.A. § 704 is amended to read:

8 § 704. INTERIM BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS

9 (a) The General Assembly recognizes that acts of appropriations and their
10 sources of funding reflect the priorities for expenditures of public funds
11 enacted by the General Assembly and that major reductions or transfers, when
12 required by reduced State revenues or other reasons, ought to be made
13 whenever possible by an act of the General Assembly reflecting its revisions of
14 those priorities. Nevertheless, the General Assembly also recognizes that
15 when it is not in session, it may be necessary to reduce authorized
16 appropriations and their sources of funding, and funds may need to be
17 transferred, to maintain a balanced State budget. Under these limited
18 circumstances, it is the intent of the General Assembly that appropriations may
19 be reduced and funds transferred when the General Assembly is not in session
20 pursuant to the provisions of this section.

1 (b)(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of this section, in
2 each instance that the official State revenue estimate for the General Fund, the
3 Transportation Fund, or federal funds has been reduced by one percent or more
4 from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the current fiscal
5 year's appropriations, the Secretary of Administration shall prepare an
6 expenditure reduction plan for consideration and approval by the Joint Fiscal
7 Committee pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, provided that any total
8 reductions in appropriations and transfers of funds are not greater than the
9 reductions in the official State revenue estimate.

10 (2) In each instance that the official State revenue estimate for the
11 General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds has been reduced by
12 less than one percent from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes
13 of the current fiscal year's appropriations, the Secretary of Administration may
14 prepare and implement an expenditure reduction plan without the approval of
15 the Joint Fiscal Committee, provided that any total reductions in appropriations
16 and transfers of funds are not greater than the reductions in the official State
17 revenue estimate. The Secretary may implement an expenditure reduction plan
18 under this subdivision if plan reductions to the total amount appropriated in
19 any section or subsection do not exceed five percent, the plan is designed to
20 minimize any negative effects on the delivery of services to the public, and the
21 plan does not have any unduly disproportionate effect on any single function,

1 program, service, benefit, or county. Plans not requiring the approval of the
2 Joint Fiscal Committee shall be filed with the Joint Fiscal Office prior to
3 implementation. If the Secretary's plan consists of reductions greater than five
4 percent to the total amount appropriated in any section or subsection, such plan
5 shall only be implemented in the manner provided for in subdivision (1) of this
6 subsection.

7 (3) In each instance that a reduction of federal funds results in a one
8 percent or more reduction in the total federal funds anticipated in the most
9 recent fiscal year appropriations act:

10 (A) the Secretary of Administration shall prepare an expenditure
11 reduction and transfer plan for consideration and approval by the Joint Fiscal
12 Committee pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, provided that any total
13 reductions in appropriations and transfers of funds are not greater than the
14 reductions in federal funds; and

15 (B) to maintain a balanced State budget, minimize the impact to
16 Vermonters and to abide by the legislative intent set forth by the General
17 Assembly in the most recent appropriations act, the Joint Fiscal Committee
18 may make a recommendation to the Emergency Board to:

19 (i) pursuant to subdivision 308c(b)(3) of this title, utilize the
20 General Fund Balance Reserve to support impacted programs at not more than
21 the current fiscal year funding level until the General Assembly is in session;

1 (ii) revert any unexpended and unobligated funds or abolish any
2 spending authority, or both; and

3 (iii) make such reductions or transfers in appropriations necessary
4 to support the priorities of the General Assembly, and the recommended
5 reduction is limited to not more than 10 percent of any fund or 10 percent of
6 any appropriation.

7 (4) In each instance that a reduction of federal funds results in a five
8 percent or more reduction in the total funds available to support an
9 appropriation, the Secretary of Administration shall notify the Joint Fiscal
10 Committee.

11 * * *

12 Sec. E.127.1 32 V.S.A. § 133 is amended to read:

13 § 133. DUTIES

14 (a) The Board shall have authority to make expenditures necessitated by
15 unforeseen emergencies and may draw on the State's General Fund and
16 General Fund Balance Reserve for that purpose.

17 (b) Pursuant to section 706 of this title, the Board shall also have authority
18 to transfer appropriations made to other agencies and to use the transferred
19 amounts to make expenditures necessitated by unforeseen emergencies.

1 (c) In a fiscal year, the sum of the Board's expenditures under subsections
2 (a) and (b) of this section shall not exceed two percent of the total General
3 Fund appropriation for the year of the expenditures.

4 Sec. E.127.2 32 V.S.A. § 308c is amended to read:

5 § 308c. GENERAL FUND AND TRANSPORTATION FUND BALANCE
6 RESERVES

7 (a) There is hereby created within the General Fund a General Fund
8 Balance Reserve, also known as the "Rainy Day Reserve." After satisfying the
9 requirements of section 308 of this title, and after other reserve requirements
10 have been met, any remaining unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year
11 General Fund surplus shall be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve.
12 The General Fund Balance Reserve shall not exceed ~~five~~ 10 percent of the
13 appropriations from the General Fund for the prior fiscal year without
14 legislative authorization.

15 (1), (2) [Repealed.]

16 (3) Of the funds that would otherwise be reserved in the General Fund
17 Balance Reserve under this subsection, the following amounts shall be
18 reserved as necessary and transferred from the General Fund as follows:

19 (A) 25 percent to the Vermont State Retirement Fund established by
20 3 V.S.A. § 473; and

1 (B) 25 percent to the Postretirement Adjustment Allowance Account
2 established in 16 V.S.A. § 1949a.

3 (b)(1) The General Assembly may ~~specifically unreserve and~~ appropriate
4 ~~the use of up to 50 percent of the amounts added in the prior fiscal year from or~~
5 transfer an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the General Fund Balance
6 Reserve to fund unforeseen or emergency needs. It is the intent of the General
7 Assembly that any General Fund Balance Reserve funds utilized in accordance
8 with this section be replenished.

9 (2) If the official State revenue estimates of the Emergency Board for
10 the General Fund, determined under section 305a of this title, have been
11 reduced by two percent or more from the estimates determined and assumed
12 for purposes of the ~~general~~ appropriations act or budget adjustment act, funds
13 in the General Fund Balance Reserve may be unreserved and appropriated or
14 transferred to compensate for a reduction of revenues.

15 (3) The Emergency Board, in response to a declared emergency
16 pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 9 occurring while the General Assembly is not in
17 session, or a reduction in State revenue estimates or federal funding pursuant to
18 subsection 704(b) of this title occurring while the General Assembly is not in
19 session, may unreserve and make available an amount not to exceed 10 percent
20 of the General Fund Balance Reserve to replenish the spending authority
21 impacted by the declared emergency or reduction in funding in order to

1 maintain a balanced State budget, minimize the impact to Vermonters, and to
2 abide by the legislative intent set forth by the General Assembly in the most
3 recent fiscal year appropriations act. In no event shall the amount provided to
4 any agency or department under this subsection exceed the original amount
5 appropriated by the General Assembly.

6 (c) There is hereby created within the Transportation Fund a Transportation
7 Fund Balance Reserve. After satisfying the requirements of section 308a of
8 this title, and after other reserve requirements have been met, any remaining
9 unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year Transportation Fund surplus
10 shall be reserved in the Transportation Fund Balance Reserve. Monies from
11 this Reserve shall be available for appropriation by the General Assembly.

12 (d) Determination of the amounts of the General Fund and Transportation
13 Fund Balance Reserves shall be made by the Commissioner of Finance and
14 Management and reported, along with the amounts appropriated pursuant to
15 subsection (a) of this section, to the legislative Joint Fiscal Committee at its
16 first meeting following September 1 of each year.

17 Sec. E.131 3 V.S.A. chapter 18 is amended to read:

18 CHAPTER 18. ~~VT~~ VERMONT SAVES

19 § 531. DEFINITIONS

20 As used in this chapter:

21 * * *

1 (3) “Covered employer” means a person, entity, or subsidiary engaged
2 in a business, industry, profession, trade, or other enterprise in the State,
3 whether for profit or not for profit, that ~~has~~ does not ~~offer~~ currently offer to
4 an employee, or is within a control group that maintains or contributes to,
5 ~~effective in form or operation at any time within the current calendar year or~~
6 ~~two preceding calendar years~~, a specified tax-favored retirement plan. If an
7 employer does not maintain a specified tax-favored retirement plan for a
8 portion of a calendar year ending on or after the effective date of this chapter
9 but does adopt such a plan for the remainder of that calendar year, the
10 employer is not a covered employer for the remainder of the year. A covered
11 employer does not include:

12 (A) the federal government, the State or any other state, any county
13 or municipal corporation, or any of the State’s or any other state’s units or
14 instrumentalities;

15 (B) any employer that has ~~not~~ only been in business during ~~both~~ the
16 current calendar year ~~and the preceding calendar year~~.

17 (4) “ERISA” means the federal Employee Retirement Income Security
18 Act of 1974, as amended, 29 U.S.C § 1001 et seq.

19 (5) “Internal Revenue Code” means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of
20 1986, as amended.

21 (6) “IRA” means a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA.

1 (7) "Participant" means an individual who has an IRA under the
2 Program.

3 (8) "Payroll deduction IRA or payroll deduction IRA arrangement"
4 means an arrangement by which an employer allows employees to contribute
5 to an IRA by means of payroll deduction.

6 (9) "Program" means the ~~VT~~ Vermont Saves Program established in
7 accordance with this chapter.

8 * * *

9 § 532. ~~VT~~ VERMONT SAVES PROGRAM; ESTABLISHMENT

10 (a) Establishment; purpose. There is established the ~~VT~~ Vermont Saves
11 Program (Program), administered by the Office of the State Treasurer, for the
12 purpose of increasing financial security for Vermonters by providing access to
13 an IRA for Vermont employees of companies that do not currently offer a
14 retirement savings program. The Program shall be designed to facilitate
15 portability of benefits through withdrawals, rollovers, and direct transfers from
16 an IRA and achieve economies of scale and other efficiencies to minimize
17 costs. The Program shall:

18 * * *

19 (b) Type of IRA. The type of IRA to which contributions are made
20 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be a Roth IRA; provided,
21 however, the Treasurer is authorized to add an option for all participants to:

1 Sec. E.131.1 29 V.S.A. chapter 61 is amended to read:

2 CHAPTER 61. MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE LOAN FUND

3 § 1601. MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE LOAN FUND

4 (a) There is hereby created the Municipal Equipment and Vehicle Loan
5 Fund for the purpose of providing loans on favorable terms to municipalities
6 for the purchase of ~~construction, fire, emergency, or heavy equipment or~~
7 motorized highway building and maintenance equipment, heavy equipment,
8 and authorized emergency vehicles as set forth in 23 V.S.A. § 4.

9 (b) The Municipal Equipment and Vehicle Loan Fund shall be
10 administered by a committee composed of the State Treasurer and the State
11 Traffic Committee established by 19 V.S.A. § 1(24), pursuant to policies and
12 procedures approved by ~~the Traffic~~ this Committee ~~established by 19 V.S.A. §~~
13 ~~1(24)~~ with administrative support from the Office of the State Treasurer. The
14 Committee shall establish criteria for distribution of available loan funds
15 among municipalities considering at least financial need, equitable geographic
16 distribution, and ability to repay. The Fund shall be a revolving fund and all
17 principal and interest earned on loans and the fund balance remaining in the
18 Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert but be carried over in the
19 Fund for use in the succeeding fiscal year. The Committee shall meet upon
20 request of the Treasurer to consider applications.

1 § 1602. APPLICATION; LOANS; CONDITIONS

2 (a) Application forms shall be furnished by the Committee on request.

3 Upon Committee approval of an application of a municipality or two or more
4 municipalities applying jointly for purchases as set forth in subsection 1601(a)
5 of this title, the State Treasurer may loan money from the Fund to ~~that~~
6 ~~municipality or municipalities for the purchase of equipment. Purchases of~~
7 ~~equipment eligible for loans~~ the applicant(s). Loans from the Fund shall be
8 used on equipment and vehicles with ~~have~~ a useful life of at least five years
9 and a purchase price of at least \$20,000.00 ~~but shall not be eligible for loans in~~
10 ~~excess of \$150,000.00 from this Fund.~~

11 (b) The State Treasurer is authorized to establish terms and conditions,
12 including repayment schedules of up to five years for loans from the Fund to
13 ensure repayment of loans to the Fund. The amount of any loan shall be not
14 more than 75 percent of the purchase price or \$150,000, whichever is lower.
15 Before a municipality may receive a loan from the Fund, it shall give to the
16 State Treasurer security for the repayment of the funds. The security shall be
17 in such form and amount as the Treasurer may determine and may include a
18 lien on the equipment or emergency vehicle financed by the loan.

19 (c) The rates of interest shall be as established by this section to assist
20 municipalities in purchasing equipment upon terms more favorable than in the
21 commercial market. Such rates shall be not more than two percent per annum

1 for a loan to a single municipality, and loans shall bear no interest charge if
2 made to two or more municipalities purchasing equipment jointly.

3 (d) In any fiscal year, new loans from the ~~Municipal Equipment Loan Fund~~
4 shall not exceed an aggregate of \$1,500,000.00. ~~The Treasurer shall put forth~~
5 ~~recommendations to the General Assembly on maximum loan amount every~~
6 ~~five years, commencing January 15, 2028, based on requests received and~~
7 ~~loans granted pursuant to this chapter.~~

8 (e) When a municipality suffers the destruction of more than one piece of
9 equipment or a vehicle at or near the same time or suffers some unanticipated
10 hardship relating to the equipment or vehicle and the Committee finds that
11 replacement would place an undue financial hardship on the municipality, the
12 Committee may waive one or both of the loan limiting factors in subsection (b)
13 of this section:

14 (1) the \$ 150,000.00 annual limitation on each municipality; or

15 (2) the 75 percent of the purchase price limitation.

16 (f) The State Treasurer shall put forth recommendations to the General
17 Assembly on the maximum individual loan amount from the Fund every five
18 years, commencing January 15, 2028, based on requests received and loans
19 granted pursuant to this chapter in the five preceding years.

20 * * *

1 Sec. E.131.2 32 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

2 § 1001. CAPITAL DEBT AFFORDABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3 (a) Committee established. A Capital Debt Affordability Advisory
4 Committee is hereby created with the duties and composition provided by this
5 section.

6 (b) Committee duties.

7 (1) The Committee shall review ~~annually~~ biennially the size and
8 affordability of the net State tax-supported indebtedness and submit to the
9 Governor and to the General Assembly an estimate of the maximum amount of
10 new long-term net State tax-supported debt that prudently may be authorized
11 for the next two fiscal ~~year~~ years. The estimate of the Committee shall be
12 advisory and in no way bind the Governor or the General Assembly.

13 (A) The Governor or Emergency Board may request an off-cycle
14 report from the Committee.

15 (B) For years in which the Committee does not provide its biennial
16 report, an interim report shall be provided.

17 (2) The Committee shall conduct ongoing reviews of the amount and
18 condition of bonds, notes, and other obligations of instrumentalities of the
19 State for which the State has a contingent or limited liability or for which the
20 General Assembly is permitted to replenish reserve funds, and, when deemed

1 appropriate, recommend limits on the occurrence of such additional obligations
2 to the Governor and to the General Assembly.

3 (3) The Committee shall conduct ongoing reviews of the amount and
4 condition of the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established in 19
5 V.S.A. § 11f and of bonds and notes issued against the Fund for which the
6 State has a contingent or limited liability.

7 (c) Committee estimate of a prudent amount of net State tax-supported
8 debt; affordability considerations. On or before September 30 ~~of each year~~ in
9 alternating years, the Committee shall submit to the Governor and the General
10 Assembly the Committee's estimate of net State tax-supported debt that
11 prudently may be authorized for the next two fiscal ~~year~~ years, together with a
12 report explaining the basis for the estimate. The Committee's estimate shall
13 not take into consideration the balance remaining at the end of each fiscal year
14 in the subaccounts of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments,
15 established pursuant to section 1001b of this title. The provisions of 2 V.S.A.
16 § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made
17 under this subsection. In developing its ~~annual~~ biennial estimate, and in
18 preparing its ~~annual~~ biennial report, the Committee shall consider:

19 (1) The amount of net State tax-supported indebtedness that during the
20 next fiscal year and annually for the following nine fiscal years:

21 (A) will be outstanding; and

1 (B) has been authorized but not yet issued.

2 (2) A projected schedule of affordable net State tax-supported bond
3 authorizations for the next fiscal year and annually for the following nine fiscal
4 years. The assessment of the affordability of the projected authorizations shall
5 be based on all of the remaining considerations specified in this section.

6 (3) Projected debt service requirements during the next fiscal year, and
7 annually for the following nine fiscal years, based upon:

8 (A) existing outstanding debt;

9 (B) previously authorized but unissued debt; and

10 (C) projected bond authorizations.

11 (4) The criteria that recognized bond rating agencies use to judge the
12 quality of issues of State bonds, including:

13 (A) existing and projected total debt service on net tax-supported
14 debt as a percentage of combined General and Transportation Fund revenues,
15 excluding surpluses in these revenues that may occur in an individual fiscal
16 year; ~~and~~

17 (B) existing and projected total net tax-supported debt outstanding as
18 a percentage of total State personal income;

19 (C) existing and projected pension and other postemployment benefit
20 liability metrics; and

1 (D) other metrics at the Committee’s discretion, including long-term
2 liabilities not covered not covered in subdivisions (A)–(C) of this subdivision
3 (4).

4 (5) The principal amounts currently outstanding, and balances for the
5 next fiscal year, and annually for the following nine fiscal years, of existing:

6 (A) obligations of instrumentalities of the State for which the State
7 has a contingent or limited liability;

8 (B) any other long-term debt of instrumentalities of the State not
9 secured by the full faith and credit of the State, or for which the General
10 Assembly is permitted to replenish reserve funds; and

11 (C) to the maximum extent obtainable, all long-term debt of
12 municipal governments in Vermont that is secured by general tax or user fee
13 revenues.

14 (6) The impact of capital spending upon the economic conditions and
15 outlook for the State.

16 (7) The cost-benefit of various levels of debt financing, types of debt,
17 and maturity schedules.

18 (8) Any projections of capital needs authorized or prepared by the
19 Agency of Transportation, the Joint Fiscal Office, or other agencies or
20 departments.

1 (a) The Vermont Pension Investment Commission shall hire an
2 independent compensation consultant to complete a compensation report,
3 which shall include the following:

4 (1) in coordination with the Commission, a compensation philosophy
5 for Commission staff; and

6 (2) a compensation structure for Commission staff that sets initial
7 compensation levels and is benchmarked against other public pension funds.

8 (b) On or before November 15, 2025, the Commission shall submit a copy
9 of the report described in subsection (a) of this section and a proposed budget
10 to the Joint Public Pension Oversight Committee and the House and Senate
11 Committees on Appropriations.

12 Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

13 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.139 of this act, \$9,000 shall be
14 transferred to the Attorney General and \$70,000 shall be transferred to the
15 Department of Taxes' Division of Property Valuation and Review and used
16 with any remaining funds from the amount previously transferred for final
17 payment of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of grand
18 list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and other
19 expenses incurred to undertake utility property appraisals in Vermont.

1 Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

2 (a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under
3 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in
4 addition to and without regard to the appropriations for correctional facilities
5 elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid
6 from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

7 Sec. E.142.1 32 V.S.A. § 3709 is amended to read:

8 § 3709. PILOT SPECIAL FUND

9 (a) There is hereby established a PILOT Special Fund consisting of local
10 option tax revenues paid to the Treasurer pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138. This
11 Fund shall be managed by the Commissioner of Taxes pursuant to chapter 7,
12 subchapter 5 of this title. Notwithstanding subdivision 588(3) of this title, all
13 interest earned on the Fund shall be retained in the Fund for use in meeting
14 future obligations. The Fund shall be exclusively for payments required under
15 chapter 123, ~~subchapter~~ subchapters 4 and 4C of this title, and for any
16 additional State payments in lieu of taxes for correctional facilities ~~and to the~~
17 ~~City of Montpelier~~. The Commissioner of Finance and Management may draw
18 warrants for disbursements from this Fund in anticipation of receipts.

19 * * *

20 Sec. E.142.2 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4C is added to read:

21 Subchapter 4C. Municipal Grand List Stabilization Program

1 § 3710. MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST STABILIZATION PROGRAM

2 (a) There is established the Municipal Grand List Stabilization Program
3 within the Department of Taxes to reimburse municipalities for municipal
4 property taxes assessed under chapter 133 of this title for flood-prone
5 properties acquired by a municipality pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 51 or a prior
6 voluntary buyout program operated by the Division of Emergency
7 Management.

8 (b) On or before September 1 of each year, the Commissioner of Public
9 Safety shall certify to the Commissioner of Taxes the properties eligible for the
10 Municipal Grand List Stabilization Program and shall submit any other
11 information required by the Commissioner of Taxes. To be eligible for the
12 Program under this subchapter, a municipality must have acquired an eligible
13 property on or after July 1, 2023 and preserved the property as open space with
14 a deed restriction or covenant prohibiting development of the property. The
15 Commissioner of Public Safety shall first certify properties to the
16 Commissioner of Taxes pursuant to this subsection on or before September 1,
17 2025.

18 (c) Upon notification by the Commissioner of Public Safety, the
19 Commissioner of Taxes shall certify the payment amounts and make an annual
20 payment to each municipality for each eligible property to compensate for the
21 loss of municipal property tax. The payment shall be calculated using the

1 grand list value of the acquired property for the year during which the property
2 was either damaged by flooding or identified as flood-prone by the
3 Commissioner of Public Safety, multiplied by the municipal tax rate, including
4 any submunicipal tax rates, in effect each year. This payment shall be made on
5 or before January 1 of each year for five years.

6 (d) A property shall not be eligible for reimbursement payments for more
7 than 10 years. The Commissioner shall make an annual payment for the full
8 amount calculated under subsection (c) of this section for five years. After a
9 municipality has received payments for an eligible property for five
10 consecutive years, the Commissioner shall make an annual payment to the
11 municipality for any subsequent year of eligibility in an amount equal to one-
12 half of the amount calculated under subsection (c) of this section.

13 (e) Payment under this section shall be calculated and issued from the
14 PILOT Special Fund under section 3709 of this title only after all other grants
15 under subchapter 4 of this chapter are calculated and issued. If the PILOT
16 Special Fund balance is insufficient to pay the full amount of all payments
17 authorized under this subchapter, then payments calculated under this section
18 and due to each municipality for each property shall be reduced
19 proportionately.

20 Sec. E.142.3 20 V.S.A. § 51 is added to read:

21 § 51. FLOOD-PRONE PROPERTIES; ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

1 The Division of Emergency Management and the Agency of Commerce and
2 Community Development shall establish and maintain the Voluntary Buyout
3 Program for flood-prone properties. The Program shall allow a municipality,
4 at the request of the owner of a flood-prone property, to apply for funding to
5 cover the purchase price of the property. The purchase price shall be the full
6 fair market value of the flood-prone property. The municipality shall maintain
7 the acquired property as open space with a deed restriction or covenant
8 prohibiting development of the property.

9 Sec. E.144 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; CORRECTIONAL

10 FACILITIES

11 (a) Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the
12 PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

13 Sec. E.200 ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

1 (b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A.
2 § 2458(b)(4), \$1,802,200 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

3 Sec. E.208 PUBLIC SAFETY; ADMINISTRATION

4 (a) The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a
5 performance-based contract with the Essex County Sheriff's Department to
6 provide law enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the
7 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Sheriff.

8 Sec. E.209 PUBLIC SAFETY; STATE POLICE

9 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209, \$35,000 shall be
10 available to the Southern Vermont Wilderness Search and Rescue Team, which
11 is composed of the State Police, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, county
12 sheriffs, and local law enforcement personnel in Bennington, Windham, and
13 Windsor Counties, for snowmobile enforcement.

14 (b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$405,000 is
15 allocated for grants in support of the Drug Task Force. Of this amount,
16 \$190,000 shall be used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town
17 task force officers. These town task force officers shall be dedicated to
18 enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18
19 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any
20 unobligated funds may be allocated by the Commissioner to fund the work of
21 the Drug Task Force or be carried forward.

1 (c) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$2,100,000
2 is allocated exclusively for the purchase, outfitting, assignment, and disposal of
3 State Police vehicles.

4 Sec. E.212 PUBLIC SAFETY; FIRE SAFETY

5 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.212 of this act, \$55,000
6 shall be granted to the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the
7 purpose of designing dry hydrants.

8 Sec. E.215 MILITARY; ADMINISTRATION

9 (a) The amount of \$1,219,834 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student
10 Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Tuition Benefit Program
11 established in 16 V.S.A. § 2857.

12 Sec. E.219 MILITARY; VETERANS' AFFAIRS

13 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.219 of this act, \$1,000 shall be used
14 for continuation of the Vermont Medal Program; \$2,000 shall be used for the
15 expenses of the Governor's Veterans Advisory Council; \$7,500 shall be used
16 for the Veterans' Day parade; and \$10,000 shall be granted to the American
17 Legion for the Boys' State and Girls' State programs.

18 Sec. E.232 SECRETARY OF STATE; VERMONT ACCESS NETWORK

19 BUDGET

1 (a) The Secretary of State shall grant the \$1,350,000 General Fund
2 appropriation, provided in Section B.232 of this act, to the Vermont Access
3 Network to maintain current operations and programming.

4 Sec. E.236.1 LIQUOR AND LOTTERY; APPROPRIATION; BUSINESS
5 -TO-BUSINESS WEBSITE

6 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.236.1 of this act, \$1,820,000
7 Enterprise Fund shall be used for the business-to-business website design and
8 implementation to improve the ordering and payment of on-premise licensees.

9 Sec. E.300 FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE
10 ADVOCATE, VERMONT LEGAL AID

11 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.300 of this act:

12 (1) \$2,000,406 shall be used for the contract with the Office of the
13 Health Care Advocate;

14 (2) \$1,717,994 for Vermont Legal Aid services, including the Poverty
15 Law Project and mental health services; and

16 (3) \$650,000 is for the purposes of maintaining current Vermont Legal
17 Aid program capacity and addressing increased requests for services, including
18 eviction prevention and protection from foreclosure and consumer debt.

1 Sec. E.300.1 REPORT; RESIDENTIAL BEDS FOR YOUTH

2 (a) As part of their fiscal year 2027 budget presentations to the General
3 Assembly, the Agency of Human Services and departments within the Agency
4 of Human Services shall provide coordinated information regarding:

5 (1) the basis for the projected number of beds per facility to create 41
6 new beds for youth in high-end facilities under the Departments for Children
7 and Families, of Mental Health, and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent
8 Living for inpatient, psychiatric residential, stabilization, and treatment
9 services, including projected reductions in out-of-state placements;

10 (2) the status of capacity at lower level residential and crisis facilities
11 and their capabilities in preventing higher level needs if investments would
12 enable full capacity use; and

13 (3) a projected five-year operating budget across the Agency and
14 departments for full utilization of the new high-end system components as
15 currently planned, including:

16 (A) costs to the Department of Vermont Health Access' budget; and

17 (B) how these costs will impact the overall budgets for lower-level,
18 community-based, prevention, and other services needed to prevent escalation
19 to higher levels of care.

1 Sec. E.301 SECRETARY'S OFFICE; GLOBAL COMMITMENT

2 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in Sec.
3 B.301 of this act for payment required under the intergovernmental agreement
4 between the Agency of Human Services and the managed care entity, the
5 Department of Vermont Health Access, as provided for in the Global
6 Commitment for Health Waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and
7 Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

8 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a
9 total estimated sum of \$27,887,533 is anticipated to be certified as State
10 matching funds as follows:

11 (1) \$24,714,000 certified State match available from local education
12 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under
13 Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$35,286,000 of federal
14 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated
15 expenditure of \$60,000,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal
16 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services
17 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment
18 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund established by 16 V.S.A.
19 § 2959a.

1 (2) \$3,173,533 certified State match available from local designated
2 mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health
3 services provided under Global Commitment.

4 (c) Up to \$4,997,210 is transferred from the Agency of Human Services
5 Federal Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund
6 consistent with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act.

7 Sec. E.301.1 GLOBAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER;
8 REPORT

9 (a) To facilitate fiscal year 2026 closeout, the Secretary of Human Services,
10 with the approval of the Secretary of Administration, may make transfers
11 among the appropriations authorized for Medicaid and Medicaid waiver
12 program expenses, including Global Commitment appropriations outside the
13 Agency of Human Services. At least three business days prior to any transfer,
14 the Agency of Human Services shall submit to the Joint Fiscal Office a
15 proposal of transfers to be made pursuant to this section. A final report on all
16 transfers made under this section shall be made to the Joint Fiscal Committee
17 for review at the Committee's September 2026 meeting. The purpose of this
18 section is to provide the Agency with limited authority to modify the
19 appropriations to comply with the terms and conditions of the Global
20 Commitment section 1115 demonstration approved by the Centers for

1 Medicare and Medicaid Services under section 1115 of the Social Security
2 Act.

3 Sec. E.301.2 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 72a, as amended by 2022
4 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.105, 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec.
5 E.301.2, and 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.300.2, is further
6 amended to read:

7 Sec. 72a. MEDICAID HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES
8 (HCBS) PLAN

9 * * *

10 (f) The Global Commitment Fund appropriated in subsection (e) of this
11 section obligated in fiscal years 2023, 2024, ~~and 2025~~, and 2026 for the
12 purposes of bringing HCBS plan spending authority forward into fiscal ~~year~~
13 years 2024, and fiscal year 2025, and 2026, respectively. The funds
14 appropriated in subsections (b), (c), and (e) of this section may be transferred
15 on a net-neutral basis in fiscal years 2023, 2024, ~~and 2025~~, and 2026 in the
16 same manner as the Global Commitment appropriations in 2022 Acts and
17 Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.301. The Agency shall report to the Joint Fiscal
18 Committee in September 2023, September 2024, ~~and September 2025~~, and
19 September 2026, respectively, on transfers of appropriations made and final
20 amounts expended by each department in fiscal years 2023, 2024, ~~and 2025~~,
21 and 2026, respectively, and any obligated funds carried forward to be

1 expended in fiscal ~~year~~ years 2024, ~~and fiscal year~~ 2025, and 2026,
2 respectively.

3 Sec. E.301.3 GLOBAL COMMITMENT FUND; HOSPITAL DIRECTED
4 PAYMENT PROGRAM

5 (a) The Agency of Human Services is authorized to seek a State Directed
6 Payment model with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This
7 payment model will be for a Hospital Directed Payment program. Upon
8 approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Agency of
9 Human Services' Department of Vermont Health Access, the University of
10 Vermont, and the University of Vermont Medical Center may enter into a
11 mutual agreement on the implementation of the Hospital Directed Payment
12 program.

13 (b) If the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approves a Vermont
14 Hospital Directed Payment program within the State's Global Commitment to
15 Health Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver in fiscal year 2026 while the
16 General Assembly is not in session, then, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 and
17 notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of
18 Finance and Management is authorized to approve the Agency of Human
19 Services' allocation and expenditure of excess receipts for Global Commitment
20 Fund spending up to the amount approved by the Centers for Medicare and
21 Medicaid Services for the Vermont Hospital Directed Payment program.

1 (c) In fiscal year 2026, the Agency of Human Services is authorized, to the
2 extent permitted under federal law, to reasonably manage the timing of federal
3 fiscal year 2026 Disproportionate Share Hospital payments to hospitals due to
4 the impact the Vermont Hospital Directed Payment program payments
5 received in fiscal year 2026 may have on hospitals' eligibility for
6 Disproportionate Share Hospital payments.

7 (d) The Agency of Human Services shall report on the status of the
8 Vermont Hospital Directed Payment program, the expenditure of excess
9 receipts, and the status of the program's potential impacts on Disproportionate
10 Share Hospital payments at the September and November 2025 meetings of the
11 Joint Fiscal Committee.

12 Sec. E.306 NURSING HOMES; SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES;

13 EXTRAORDINARY FINANCIAL RELIEF

14 (a) Extraordinary financial relief shall be used in rare occasions or as a last
15 resort to prevent nursing homes that are in good standing and in compliance
16 with State rules and federal regulations from closing. On or before December
17 15, 2025, the Department of Vermont Health Access' Division of Rate Setting
18 shall submit a report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the
19 Senate Committee on Health and Welfare containing proactive measures and
20 targeted interventions that may be used to reduce the use and amount of future
21 extraordinary financial relief for nursing homes.

1 (b) On or before January 15, 2026, the Departments of Vermont Health
2 Access and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall present to the
3 House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the
4 Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare on the
5 following:

6 (1) the number and name of all nursing homes in the State, including:

7 (A) whether a nursing home is a for-profit or nonprofit organization
8 and the owner's contact information;

9 (B) the payer mix of each nursing home;

10 (C) the ratio of employees versus contracted traveler positions at each
11 nursing home and the specific job titles of the contracted traveler positions;

12 and

13 (D) the average length of patient stay at each nursing home;

14 (2) the number of skilled nursing facilities seeking extraordinary
15 financial relief in fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025; and

16 (3) the number of skilled nursing facilities receiving extraordinary
17 financial relief in fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025, including:

18 (A) the name of each skilled nursing facility;

19 (B) whether a skilled nursing facility receiving extraordinary
20 financial relief is a for-profit or nonprofit organization;

1 (C) the amount of extraordinary financial relief received by each
2 skilled nursing facility;

3 (D) the reason extraordinary financial relief was sought by each
4 skilled nursing facility; and

5 (E) the reason extraordinary financial relief was awarded to each
6 skilled nursing facility.

7 Sec. E.311 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 109, Sec. 4 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 4. ~~SUNSET OF STATE YOUTH COUNCIL~~

9 ~~3 V.S.A. § 3097 (State Youth Council) is repealed on February 1, 2026.~~

10 [Repealed.]

11 Sec. E.312 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH

12 (a) HIV/AIDS funding:

13 (1) In fiscal year 2026 and as provided in this section, the Department of
14 Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication
15 Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support
16 organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health
17 AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory
18 Group with current information and data relating to service initiatives. The
19 funds shall be allocated according to a Request for Proposal process.

1 (2) In fiscal year 2026, and as provided by this section, the Department
2 of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$295,000 from the General
3 Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction Services to the following organizations:

4 (A) Vermont CARES: \$140,000;

5 (B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont: \$100,000; and

6 (C) HIV/HCV Resource Center: \$55,000.

7 (3) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont
8 Medication Assistance Program shall be distributed in accordance with federal
9 guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or services
10 funded solely by State General Fund.

11 (A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the
12 Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in Vermont
13 Medication Assistance Program to assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary
14 shall work in collaboration with persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a
15 plan to continue access to Vermont Medication Assistance Program
16 medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.

17 (B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services
18 shall work in collaboration with the Vermont Medication Assistance Program
19 Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of not less than 50 percent of
20 members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the program's
21 eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall

1 make recommendations regarding the program's formulary of approved
2 medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility
3 for the program.

4 (4) In fiscal year 2026, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
5 the amount of \$400,000 General Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction Services
6 not later than September 1, 2025. The method by which these prevention
7 funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the
8 Department of Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other
9 Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

10 (5) In fiscal year 2026, the Department of Health shall not reduce any
11 grants to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations or syringe
12 service programs from funds appropriated for HIV/AIDS services to levels
13 below those in fiscal year 2025 without receiving prior approval from the Joint
14 Fiscal Committee.

15 Sec. E.312.1 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.100, as amended by 2024

16 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 56, is further amended to read:

17 Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

18 * * *

19 (d) The establishment of 23 new exempt limited-service positions is
20 authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

21 * * *

1 (2) ~~Agency of Administration~~ Department of Health – Health Equity

2 Advisory Commission:

3 (A) one Private Secretary.

4 Sec. E.312.2 3 V.S.A. § 5003 is amended to read:

5 § 5003. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RACIAL EQUITY

6 (a) The Executive Director of Racial Equity (Director) shall work with the
7 agencies and departments to implement a program of continuing coordination
8 and improvement of activities in State government in order to combat systemic
9 racial disparities and measure progress toward fair and impartial governance,
10 including:

11 (1) overseeing a comprehensive organizational review to identify
12 systemic racism in each of the three branches of State government and
13 inventory systems in place that engender racial disparities;

14 (2) managing and overseeing the statewide collection of race-based data
15 to determine the nature and scope of racial discrimination within all systems of
16 State government; and

17 (3) developing a model fairness and diversity policy and reviewing and
18 making recommendations regarding the fairness and diversity policies held by
19 all State government systems; ~~and~~

1 (2) provide advice and make recommendations to the Office of Health
2 Equity, Commissioner, and General Assembly once established, including
3 input on:

4 (A) any rules or policies proposed by the Office or Department of
5 Health;

6 (B) the awarding of grants and the development of programs and
7 services;

8 (C) the needs, priorities, programs, and policies relating to the health
9 of individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color; individuals
10 who are LGBTQ; and individuals with disabilities; and

11 (D) any other issue on which the Office of Health Equity,
12 Department of Health, or General Assembly requests assistance from the
13 Advisory Commission;

14 (3) review, monitor, and advise all State agencies regarding the impact
15 of current and emerging State policies, procedures, practices, laws, and rules
16 on the health of individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color;
17 individuals who are LGBTQ; and individuals with disabilities;

18 (4) identify and examine the limitations and problems associated with
19 existing laws, rules, programs, and services related to the health status of
20 individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color; individuals who
21 are LGBTQ; and individuals with disabilities;

1 approach that addresses those social, economic, and environmental factors that
2 influence health outcomes.

3 (b) The Office of Health Equity shall be directed by an Executive Director,
4 an individual who shall be qualified by reason of education, expertise, and
5 experience and who may have a professional degree in public health, social or
6 environmental justice, or a related field. The Executive Director shall serve on
7 a full-time basis and shall be exempt from classified service.

8 Sec. E.312.5 18 V.S.A. § 4812 is added to read:

9 § 4812. SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION SPECIAL FUND

10 (a) The Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund is established and
11 managed by the Vermont Department of Health in accordance with 32 V.S.A.
12 chapter 7, subchapter 5.

13 (b) Thirty percent of the revenues raised by the cannabis excise tax
14 imposed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 7902, not to exceed \$10,000,000 per fiscal
15 year, shall be deposited into this fund for substance misuse prevention costs.

16 (c) Any unencumbered and unexpended spending authority reverted in
17 accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 703 may be immediately re-established the
18 following fiscal year in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 511.

19 (d) Notwithstanding any provisions of 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 to
20 the contrary, all interest earned by this fund shall be retained by this fund.

1 Sec. E.312.6 SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION FUNDING; REPEAL

2 (a) 32 V.S.A. § 7909 (substance misuse prevention funding) is repealed.

3 Sec. E.316 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.316 is amended to read:

4 Sec. E.316 STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP; FACILITY

5 PLANNING FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH

6 (a) The Department for Children and Families, in consultation with the
7 Department of Buildings and General Services, shall assemble a stakeholder
8 working group to provide regular input on the planning, design, development,
9 and implementation of the temporary stabilization facility for youth and on the
10 development of a long-term plan for the high-end system of care.

11 * * *

12 (f) The stakeholder working group shall cease to exist on June 30, ~~2025~~
13 2027.

14 Sec. E.316.1 33 V.S.A. § 125 is added to read:

15 § 125. BUDGETARY INFLATION; DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS

16 Annually, as part of its budget presentation, the Department shall inform the
17 House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate
18 Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare the cost of adding a
19 one percent increase over the previous fiscal year's funding for community-
20 contracted direct service providers.

1 Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY HOUSING

2 (a) To the extent emergency housing is available and within the funds
3 appropriated, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall ensure that
4 General Assistance Emergency Housing is provided in fiscal year 2026 to
5 households that attest to lack of a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime
6 residence and have a member who:

7 (1) is 65 years of age or older;

8 (2) has a disability that can be documented by:

9 (A) receipt of Supplemental Security Income or Social Security
10 Disability Insurance; or

11 (B) a form developed by the Department as a means of documenting
12 a qualifying disability or health condition that requires:

13 (i) the applicant's name, date of birth, and the last four digits of
14 the applicant's Social Security number or other identifying number;

15 (ii) a description of the applicant's disability or health condition;

16 (iii) a description of the risk posed to the applicant's health, safety,
17 or welfare if temporary emergency housing is not authorized pursuant to this
18 section; and

19 (iv) a certification of a health care provider, as defined in 18
20 V.S.A. § 9481, that includes the provider's credentials, credential number,
21 address, and phone number;

1 (3) is a child 19 years of age or under;

2 (4) is pregnant;

3 (5) has experienced the death of a spouse, domestic partner, or minor
4 child that caused the household to lose its housing;

5 (6) has experienced a natural disaster, such as a flood, fire, or hurricane;

6 (7) is under a court-ordered eviction or constructive eviction due to
7 circumstances over which the household has no control; or

8 (8) is experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,
9 stalking, human trafficking, hate violence, or other dangerous or life-
10 threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a
11 household member that caused the household to lose its housing.

12 (b)(1) General Assistance Emergency Housing shall be provided in a
13 community-based shelter whenever possible. If there is inadequate
14 community-based shelter space available within the Agency of Human
15 Services district in which the household presents itself, the household shall be
16 provided emergency housing in a hotel or motel within the district, if available,
17 until adequate community-based shelter space becomes available in the
18 district. The utilization of hotel and motel rooms pursuant to this subdivision
19 shall be capped at 1,100 rooms per night between September 15, 2025 through
20 November 30, 2025 and between April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

1 (2) The maximum number of days that an eligible household receives
2 emergency housing in a hotel or motel under this section, per 12-month period,
3 shall not exceed 80 days.

4 (3) The Department shall provide emergency winter housing to
5 households meeting the eligibility criteria in subsection (a) of this section
6 between December 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026. Emergency housing in a
7 hotel or motel provided pursuant to this subdivision shall not count toward the
8 maximum days of eligibility per 12-month period provided in subdivision (2)
9 of this subsection.

10 (4)(A) Notwithstanding any rule or law to the contrary, the Department
11 shall require all households applying for or receiving General Assistance
12 Emergency Housing to engage in their own search for and accept any available
13 alternative housing placements. All applicants and eligible households shall
14 regularly provide information to the Department, not less frequently than
15 monthly, about their efforts to secure an alternative housing placement. If the
16 Department determines that a household, at the time of application or during
17 the term of the household's authorization, has not made efforts to secure an
18 alternative housing placement, or has access to an alternative housing
19 placement, the Department shall deny the application or terminate the
20 authorization at the end of the current authorization period.

1 (B) For purposes of this subdivision (4), “alternative housing
2 placements” may include shelter beds and pods; placements with family or
3 friends; permanent housing solutions, including tiny homes, manufactured
4 homes, and apartments; residential treatment beds for physical health, long-
5 term care, substance use, or mental health; nursing home beds; and recovery
6 homes.

7 (c) Emergency housing provided pursuant to this section shall replace the
8 catastrophic and noncatastrophic categories previously adopted by the
9 Department in rule.

10 (d) Emergency housing required pursuant to this section may be provided
11 through approved community-based shelters, new unit generation, open units,
12 licensed hotels or motels, or other appropriate shelter space. The Department
13 shall, when available, prioritize emergency housing at housing or shelter
14 placements other than hotels or motels.

15 (e) Case management services provided by case managers employed by or
16 under contract with the Agency of Human Services or reimbursed through an
17 Agency-funded grant shall include assisting clients with finding appropriate
18 housing.

19 (f) The Commissioner for Children and Families shall apply the General
20 Assistance Emergency Housing rules approved by the Legislative Committee

1 on Administrative Rules on March 13, 2025 for the administration of this
2 section.

3 (g) On or before the last day of each month from July 2025 through June
4 2026, the Department for Children and Families, or other relevant agency or
5 department, shall continue submitting a similar report to that due pursuant to
6 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b) to the Joint Fiscal Committee,
7 House Committee on Human Services, and Senate Committee on Health and
8 Welfare. Additionally, this report shall include the Department's monthly
9 expenditure on General Assistance Emergency Housing.

10 (h) For emergency housing provided in a hotel or motel beginning on July
11 1, 2024 and thereafter, the Department for Children and Families shall not pay
12 a hotel or motel establishment more than the hotel's lowest advertised room
13 rate and not more than \$80 a day per room to shelter a household experiencing
14 homelessness. The Department for Children and Families may shelter a
15 household in more than one hotel or motel room depending on the household's
16 size and composition.

17 (i) The Department for Children and Families shall apply the following
18 rules to participating hotels and motels:

19 (1) Section 2650.1 of the Department for Children and Families'
20 General Assistance (CVR 13-170-260);

1 (2) Department of Health, Licensed Lodging Establishment Rule (CVR
2 13-140-023); and

3 (3) Department of Public Safety, Vermont Fire and Building Safety
4 Code (CVR 28-070-001).

5 (j)(1) The Department for Children and Families may work with either a
6 shelter provider or a community housing agency to enter into a full or partial
7 facility lease or sales agreement with a hotel or motel provider. Any facility
8 conversion under this section shall comply with the Office of Economic
9 Opportunity's shelter standards.

10 (2) If the Department for Children and Families determines that a
11 contractual agreement with a licensed hotel or motel operator to secure
12 temporary emergency housing capacity is beneficial to improve the quality,
13 cleanliness, or access to services for those households temporarily housed in
14 the facility, the Department shall be authorized to enter into such an agreement
15 in accordance with the per-room rate identified in subsection (h) of this
16 section; provided, however, that in no event shall such an agreement cause a
17 household to become unhoused. The Department for Children and Families
18 may include provisions to address access to services or related needs within the
19 contractual agreement.

20 (k) Of the amount appropriated to implement this section, not more than
21 \$500,000 shall be used for security costs.

1 (l) As used in this section:

2 (1) “Community-based shelter” means a shelter that meets the Vermont
3 Housing Opportunity Grant Program’s Standards of Provision of Assistance.

4 (2) “Household” means an individual and any dependents for whom the
5 individual is legally responsible and who live in Vermont. “Household”
6 includes individuals who reside together as one economic unit, including those
7 who are married, parties to a civil union, or unmarried.

8 Sec. E.321.1 CONTRACTING FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER

9 OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

10 (a) In contracting with emergency shelter organizations for operations and
11 services, the Department for Children and Families shall prioritize contracts
12 with organizations that are in close proximity to the community served to
13 ensure that an organization familiar with the specific needs of a community
14 serve its population of unhoused residents.

15 Sec. E.324 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

16 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee may authorize
17 crisis fuel assistance to those income-eligible households that have applied for
18 an expedited seasonal fuel benefit but have not yet received it if the benefit
19 cannot be executed in time to prevent them from running out of fuel. The
20 crisis fuel grants authorized pursuant to this section count toward the one crisis

1 fuel grant allowed per household for the winter heating season pursuant to
2 33 V.S.A. § 2609(b).

3 Sec. E.325 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; OFFICE
4 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

5 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act,
6 \$26,343,655 shall be used by the Department for Children and Families' Office
7 of Economic Opportunity to issue grants to community agencies to assist
8 individuals experiencing homelessness by preserving existing services,
9 increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide. These funds
10 may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions
11 Grants funds. Grant decisions and the administration of funds shall be done in
12 consultation with the two U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
13 Development-recognized continuum of care programs.

14 Sec. E. 326 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; OFFICE
15 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; WEATHERIZATION
16 ASSISTANCE

17 (a) Of the special fund appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act, \$750,000 is
18 for the replacement and repair of home heating equipment.

19 Sec. E.329 33 V.S.A. § 506 is added to read:

20 § 506. BUDGETARY INFLATION; DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS

1 Annually, as part of its budget presentation, the Department shall inform the
2 House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate
3 Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare the cost of adding a
4 one percent increase over the previous fiscal year's funding for community-
5 contracted direct service providers.

6 Sec. E.333 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES; PAYMENT
7 REFORM

8 (a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living's
9 payment reform process for developmental disability services shall not be
10 implemented prior to July 1, 2026.

11 (b) Between July 1, 2025 and implementation of the payment reform
12 process for developmental disability services, the Department shall align
13 conflict-free case management with the existing payment model.

14 Sec. E.338 CORRECTIONS; CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

15 (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the special fund appropriation of
16 \$152,000 for the supplemental facility payments to Newport and Springfield
17 shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

18 Sec. E.338.1 CORRECTIONS; FEDERAL FUNDS STATUS

19 (a) At or before the Joint Fiscal Committee's November 2025 meeting, the
20 Department of Corrections shall report to the Committee on the status of

1 federal funds that may affect the provision of recovery coaching for
2 incarcerated individuals at the State's correctional facilities.

3 Sec. E.338.2 CORRECTIONS; TREATMENT-FOCUSED FACILITY

4 (a) The \$200,000 General Fund appropriated to the Department of
5 Corrections in Sec. B.1100(i)(1) of this act shall be used to retain a consultant
6 and develop an implementation plan to transition the Northeast Correctional
7 Complex or the Caledonia County Work Camp, or parts of either or of both, to
8 a treatment-focused facility for incarcerated Vermonters.

9 (b) On or before December 1, 2025, the Department of Corrections shall
10 submit a written report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee
11 concerning the consultant's findings and recommendations related to
12 transitioning either the Northeast Correctional Complex or the Work Camp, or
13 parts of either or of both, to a treatment-focused facility. The report shall
14 contain the following:

15 (1) a detailed transition plan;

16 (2) expected outcomes and measures of success;

17 (3) an assessment of how transitioning either the Northeast Correctional
18 Complex or Caledonia County Work Camp, or parts of either or of both, to a
19 treatment-focused facility aligns with best practices for residential treatment
20 programs; and

1 (4) input from the Department’s current medical providers, including an
2 analysis of how the program developed would impact any contract with the
3 Department’s third-party medical provider.

4 Sec. E.345 18 V.S.A. § 9374(h) is amended to read:

5 (h)(1)(A) Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (1)(C) and (2) of
6 this subsection (h), the expenses of the Board shall be borne as follows:

7 (i) 40.0 percent by the State from State monies;

8 (ii) ~~28.8~~ 36.0 percent by the hospitals;

9 (iii) ~~23.2~~ 24.0 percent by nonprofit hospital and medical service
10 corporations licensed under 8 V.S.A. chapter 123 or 125, health insurance
11 companies licensed under 8 V.S.A. chapter 101, and health maintenance
12 organizations licensed under 8 V.S.A. chapter 139; ~~and~~

13 ~~(iv) 8.0 percent by accountable care organizations.~~

14 (B) Expenses under subdivision (A)(iii) of this subdivision (1) shall
15 be allocated to persons licensed under Title 8 based on premiums paid for
16 health care coverage, which for the purposes of this subdivision (1) shall
17 include major medical, comprehensive medical, hospital or surgical coverage,
18 and comprehensive health care services plans, but shall not include long-term
19 care, limited benefits, disability, credit or stop loss, or excess loss insurance
20 coverage.

1 (C) ~~Expenses~~ Amounts assessed pursuant to the provisions of ~~section~~
2 sections 9441 and 9382 of this title shall not be assessed in accordance with the
3 formula set forth in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (1).

4 (2) The Board may determine the scope of the incurred expenses to be
5 allocated pursuant to the formula set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection
6 if, in the Board's discretion, the expenses to be allocated are in the best
7 interests of the regulated entities and of the State.

8 (3) If the amount of the proportional assessment to any entity calculated
9 in accordance with the formula set forth in subdivision (1)(A) of this
10 subsection would be less than \$150.00, the Board shall assess the entity a
11 minimum fee of \$150.00. The Board shall apply the amounts collected based
12 on the difference between each applicable entity's proportional assessment
13 amount and \$150.00 to reduce the total amount assessed to the regulated
14 entities pursuant to subdivisions (1)(A)(ii) ~~(iv)~~ (iii) of this subsection.

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16 Sec. E.500 EDUCATION; FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

17 (a) The Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section will be used
18 for physician claims for determining medical necessity of Individualized
19 Education Programs. These services are intended to increase access to quality
20 health care for uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid
21 beneficiaries.

1 Sec. E.502 EDUCATION; SPECIAL EDUCATION: FORMULA GRANTS

2 (a) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and
3 notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed
4 \$5,236,200 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2026 as
5 funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)-(6). In distributing such funds, the
6 Secretary shall not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A.
7 § 2969(c) and (d).

8 (b) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and
9 notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed
10 \$2,000,000 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2026 as
11 funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2975. In distributing such funds, the Secretary shall
12 not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c) and (d).

13 Sec. E.503 EDUCATION; STATE-PLACED STUDENTS

14 (a) The Independence Place Program of ANEW Place shall be considered a
15 24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of education
16 costs.

17 Sec. E.504 ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

18 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$3,958,345 General Fund
19 shall be granted to adult education and literacy providers, pursuant to the Adult
20 Education and Secondary Credential Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 945.

1 Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION; FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

2 (a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, of the Education Fund appropriation
3 in Sec. B.504.1 of this act, the amount of:

4 (1) \$921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs notwithstanding
5 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);

6 (2) \$2,400,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual High School;

7 (3) \$400,000 is available for secondary school reform grants;

8 (4) \$4,200,000 is available for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A.
9 § 947(b); and

10 (5) \$2,638,896 is available for the Adult Education and Secondary
11 Credential Program.

12 (b) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$921,500 from the
13 General Fund is available for dual enrollment programs.

14 Sec. E.504.2 16 V.S.A. § 4011 is amended to read:

15 § 4011. EDUCATION PAYMENTS

16 (a) Annually, the General Assembly shall appropriate funds to pay for
17 statewide education spending and a portion of a base education amount for
18 each adult education and secondary credential program student.

19 (b) For each fiscal year, the base education amount shall be \$6,800.00,
20 increased by the most recent New England Economic Project Cumulative Price
21 Index, as of November 15, for state and local government purchases of goods

1 and services from fiscal year 2005 through the fiscal year for which the amount
2 is being determined, plus an additional one-tenth of one percent.

3 * * *

4 (f) Annually, ~~the Secretary shall pay to a local adult education and literacy~~
5 ~~provider, as defined in section 942 of this title, that provides an adult education~~
6 ~~and secondary credential program~~ from funds appropriated for this subsection
7 to the Agency in an amount equal to 26 percent of the base education amount
8 for each student who completes the diagnostic portions of ~~the~~ an adult
9 education and secondary credential program, based on an average of the
10 previous two years; ~~40, the Secretary shall pay to a local adult education and~~
11 literacy provider, as defined in section 942 of this title, that provides an adult
12 education and secondary credential program an amount that shall be calculated
13 pursuant to the funding formula contained in the State Board of Education
14 adult education rules. Forty percent of the payment required under this
15 subsection shall be from State funds appropriated from the Education Fund and
16 60 percent of the payment required under this subsection shall be from State
17 funds appropriated from the General Fund.

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19 Sec. E.504.3 ADULT EDUCATION; FUNDING; REPORT

20 (a) On or before December 1, 2025, the Agency of Education, in
21 consultation with local adult education and literacy providers, shall submit a

1 written report to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic
2 Development, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and
3 General Affairs, and the House and Senate Committees on Education with
4 recommendations to modernize adult education funding to ensure funds are
5 distributed equitably across all regions of the State.

6 (b) For fiscal year 2026, the Agency of Education shall negotiate in good
7 faith to extend the existing contracts with local adult education and literacy
8 providers for a term of one year. The Agency shall endeavor to maintain the
9 terms of the existing contracts to the greatest extent possible.

10 Sec. E.507.1 ENGLISH LEARNER; CATEGORICAL AID

11 (a) The funds appropriated in Sec. B.507.1 of this act shall be used to
12 provide categorical aid to school districts for English Learner services,
13 pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4013.

14 Sec. E.511 EDUCATION; TECHNICAL EDUCATION

15 (a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. 1561(c) and (d) or any other provision of
16 law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2026 career technical center supplemental
17 assistance grants shall be calculated using the fiscal year 2025 base education
18 amount.

19 Sec. E.514 STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

20 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to
21 the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) shall be \$212,752,627, of

1 which \$199,377,627 shall be the State's contribution and \$13,375,000 shall be
2 contributed from local school systems or educational entities pursuant to
3 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

4 (b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution,
5 \$41,414,649 is the "normal contribution" and \$171,337,978 is the "accrued
6 liability contribution."

7 Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
8 AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;
9 OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS

10 (a) Of the \$3,918,155 appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act, \$2,719,271
11 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System operating budget,
12 and \$1,198,884 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment
13 Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement
14 System.

15 Sec. E.515 RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL
16 BENEFITS

17 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2) and 16 V.S.A.
18 § 1944b(h)(1), the annual contribution to the Retired Teachers' Health and
19 Medical Benefits plan shall be \$79,952,589, of which \$71,052,589 shall be the
20 State's contribution and \$8,900,000 shall be from the annual charge for teacher
21 health care contributed by employers pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §1944d. Of the

1 annual contribution, \$24,712,382 is the “normal contribution” and \$55,240,207
2 is the “accrued liability contribution.”

3 Sec. E.600 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

4 (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to
5 pay 1/12 of the appropriation in Sec. B.600 of this act to the University of
6 Vermont on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

7 (b) Of this appropriation, \$380,362 shall be transferred to the Experimental
8 Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) to comply with State
9 matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or
10 private funds, or both.

11 Sec. E.602 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

12 (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to
13 pay 1/12 of the appropriation in Sec. B.602 of this act to the Vermont State
14 Colleges on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

15 (b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont
16 Manufacturing Extension Center to comply with State matching fund
17 requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds, or
18 both.

1 Sec. E.603 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES; ALLIED HEALTH

2 (a) If Global Commitment fund monies are unavailable, the total grant
3 funding for the Vermont State Colleges shall be maintained through the
4 General Fund or other State funding sources.

5 (b) The Vermont State Colleges shall use the Global Commitment funds
6 appropriated in Sec. B.603 of this act to support the dental hygiene, respiratory
7 therapy, and nursing programs that graduate approximately 315 health care
8 providers annually. These graduates deliver direct, high-quality health care
9 services to Medicaid beneficiaries or uninsured or underinsured persons.

10 Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

11 (a) Of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance
12 Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act:

13 (1) \$25,000 shall be deposited into the Trust Fund established in 16
14 V.S.A. § 2845;

15 (2) not more than \$300,000 may be used by the Vermont Student
16 Assistance Corporation for a student aspirational initiative to serve one or more
17 high schools; and

18 (3) not less than \$1,000,000 shall be used to continue the Vermont
19 Trades Scholarship Program established in 2022 Act and Resolves No. 183,
20 Sec. 14.

1 (b) Of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance
2 Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act that remain after accounting for the
3 expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this section, not less than 93 percent
4 shall be used for direct student aid.

5 (c) After accounting for the expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this
6 section, up to seven percent of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student
7 Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act or otherwise currently or
8 previously appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation or
9 provided to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation by an agency or
10 department of the State for the administration of a program or initiative may be
11 used by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for its costs of
12 administration. The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation may recoup its
13 reasonable costs of collecting the forgivable loans in repayment. Funds shall
14 not be used for indirect costs. To the extent that any of these funds are federal
15 funds, allocation for expenses associated with administering the funds shall be
16 consistent with federal grant requirements.

17 Sec. E.605.1 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND
18 EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

19 (a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, the sum of \$41,225 Education Fund
20 and \$41,225 General Fund is appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance
21 Corporation for dual enrollment and need-based stipend purposes to fund a

1 flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for financially disadvantaged
2 students enrolled in a dual enrollment course pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in
3 early college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 946 to be used for the purchase of books,
4 cost of transportation, and payment of fees. The Vermont Student Assistance
5 Corporation shall establish the criteria for program eligibility. Funds shall be
6 granted to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are
7 depleted.

8 (b) On or before January 15, 2026, the Vermont Student Assistance
9 Corporation shall report on the program to the House Committees on
10 Appropriations and on Commerce and Economic Development and to the
11 Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Economic Development,
12 Housing and General Affairs.

13 Sec. E.715 REPEALS; SUNSET OF PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

14 CLEAN WATER SURCHARGE

15 (a) 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. I.10 (sunset of clean water
16 surcharge), as amended by 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, is repealed.

17 (b) 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. I.11(a)(5) (effective date of sunset
18 of clean water surcharge) is repealed.

19 Sec. E.715.1 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. I.1(b) is amended to read:

20 (b) Purpose and intent.

1 (1) The purpose of Secs. I.1–I.12 of this act is to promote the
2 development and improvement of housing for Vermonters.

3 (2) It is the intent of the General Assembly:

4 (A) to extend the clean water surcharge to provide ~~an interim a~~
5 source of revenue for addressing water quality issues throughout the State; and

6 (B) to continue its work on identifying a long-term funding source or
7 sources that are sufficient in scope and targeted in design to address these
8 water quality issues; ~~and~~

9 ~~(C) once one or more long-term funding sources are identified and~~
10 ~~enacted, but not later than July 1, 2027, to reduce the amount of the clean~~
11 ~~water surcharge to 0.04 percent.~~

12 Sec. E.715.2 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. I.12 is amended to read:

13 Sec. I.12. EFFECTIVE DATES

14 (a) Secs. I.1–I.12 shall take effect on July 1, 2017, ~~except that Sec. I.10~~
15 ~~(allocating clean water surcharge revenue to Vermont Housing and~~
16 ~~Conservation Trust Fund) shall take effect on July 1, 2027.~~

17 Sec. E.715.3 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. I.7(d) is amended to read:

18 (d) To compensate for this reduction of available property transfer tax
19 revenue, it is the intent of the General Assembly through this act to provide for
20 the transfer of \$2,500,000.00 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust
21 Fund, as follows:

1 (1) Sec. D.100 of this act appropriates \$11,304,840.00 in fiscal year
2 2018 from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont
3 Housing and Conservation Board. Upon the effective date of this act,
4 \$1,500,000.00 shall revert to the Fund, resulting in a fiscal year 2018 total
5 appropriation to the Board of \$9,804,840.00. In fiscal year 2018 only, the
6 amount of \$1,500,000.00 from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust
7 Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.

8 (2) As provided in Sec. I.9 of this act, ~~from July 1, 2017 until~~
9 ~~July 1, 2027~~, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9602a, the first \$1,000,000.00 in revenue
10 generated by the clean water surcharge of ~~0.2~~ 0.22 percent shall be transferred
11 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund. In fiscal year 2018
12 only, the Commissioner shall transfer the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the
13 Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the General Fund.

14 (3) ~~After July 1, 2027, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9602a as amended in~~
15 ~~Sec. I.10 of this act, \$1,000,000.00 in total revenue generated by the clean~~
16 ~~water surcharge of 0.04 percent shall be transferred to the Vermont Housing~~
17 ~~and Conservation Trust Fund. [Repealed.]~~

18 (4) ~~As provided in Sec. I.11 of this act, the clean water surcharge will be~~
19 ~~repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2039. [Repealed.]~~

1 Sec. E.900 19 V.S.A. § 11a is amended to read:

2 § 11a. ~~TRANSPORTATION FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE~~
3 ~~DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FUND APPROPRIATIONS~~

4 (a) No transportation funds shall be appropriated for the support of
5 government other than for the Agency, the Board, Transportation Pay Act
6 Funds, construction of transportation capital facilities, transportation debt
7 service, and the operation of information centers by the Department of
8 Buildings and General Services, ~~and the Department of Public Safety. The~~
9 ~~amount of transportation funds appropriated to the Department of Public~~
10 ~~Safety shall not exceed:~~

11 (1) ~~\$25,250,000.00 in fiscal year 2014;~~

12 (2) ~~\$22,750,000.00 in fiscal years 2015 and 2016;~~

13 (3) ~~\$21,150,000.00 in fiscal year 2017; and~~

14 (4) ~~\$20,250,000.00 in fiscal year 2018 and in succeeding fiscal years.~~

15 (b) ~~In fiscal year 2018 and in succeeding fiscal years, of the funds~~
16 ~~appropriated to the Department of Public Safety pursuant to subsection (a) of~~
17 ~~this section, the amount of \$2,100,000.00 is allocated exclusively for the~~
18 ~~purchase, outfitting, assignment, and disposal of State Police vehicles. Any~~
19 ~~unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining in this allocation at the close~~
20 ~~of a fiscal year shall revert to the Transportation Fund. The Department of~~
21 ~~Public Safety may periodically recommend to the General Assembly that this~~

1 ~~allocation be adjusted to reflect market conditions for the vehicles and~~
2 ~~equipment.~~

3 * * * Effective Dates * * *

4 Sec. F.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

5 (a) This section and Secs. C.100, C.101, C.102, C.103, C.104, C.105,
6 C.106, C.107, E.142.1, and E.142.2 shall take effect on passage.

7 (b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Secs. E.111 and E.111.1 shall take
8 effect retroactively on January 1, 2025 and shall apply to taxable years
9 beginning on and after January 1, 2024.

10 (c) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, E.111.2 shall take effect retroactively
11 on January 1, 2025 and shall apply to taxable years beginning on and after
12 January 1, 2025.

13 (d) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2025.