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

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

4 * * * Purpose, Definitions, Legend * * *

5 Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

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

8 Sec. A.101 PURPOSE; LEGISLATIVE INTENT

9 (a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of
10 State government and for capital appropriations not funded with bond proceeds
11 during fiscal year 2026. It is the express intent of the General Assembly that
12 activities of the various agencies, departments, divisions, boards, offices, and
13 commissions be limited to those that can be supported by funds appropriated in
14 this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2025. Agency and department
15 heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of
16 fiscal year 2026 so as to meet this condition unless otherwise directed by
17 specific language in this act or other acts of the General Assembly.

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

1 Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

2 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serves as the
3 primary source and reference for appropriations for the operations of State
4 government and for capital appropriations not funded with bond proceeds in
5 fiscal year 2026.

6 (b) The sums herein stated are appropriated for the purposes specified in
7 the following sections of this act. When no time is expressly stated during
8 which any of the operating appropriations are to continue, the appropriations
9 are single-year appropriations and only for the purpose indicated and shall be
10 paid from funds shown as the source of funds. Capital appropriations funded
11 from the Capital Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and
12 Essential Investments Special Fund shall be subject to the provisions of 32
13 V.S.A. § 1001b(e). If in this act there is an error in either addition or
14 subtraction, the totals shall be adjusted accordingly. Apparent errors in
15 referring to section numbers of statutory titles within this act may be
16 disregarded by the Commissioner of Finance and Management.

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

19 Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

20 (a) As used in this act:

1 (1) “Encumbrances” means a portion of spending authority reserved for
2 the subsequent payment of existing travel authorizations, purchase orders,
3 grants, or contracts. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall
4 make final decisions on the 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 (5) “Capital appropriation” means an appropriation for tangible capital
17 investments or expenses that are eligible to be funded from general obligation
18 debt financing and are allowed under federal laws governing the use of State
19 bond proceeds as described in 32 V.S.A. § 309.

1 Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

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

4 Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

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

8 Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

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

17 (b) If, during fiscal year 2026, federal funds available to the State of
18 Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2025 session of
19 the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are
20 abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new
21 title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for

1 any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were
2 appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for not
3 more than 45 days prior to General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee
4 approval. Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if
5 the Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint
6 Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's
7 request for approval.

8 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

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

15 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

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

21 B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199

General Government

1	<u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons</u>
2		<u>and Property</u>
3	<u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
4	<u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
5	<u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
6	<u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
7	<u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
8	<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and</u>
9		<u>Community Development</u>
10	<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
11	<u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
12	<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other</u>
13		<u>appropriation actions</u>

14 (b) The C sections contain amendments to the current fiscal year; the D
15 sections contain fund allocations, transfers, reversions, and reservations for the
16 upcoming fiscal year; the F sections also contain amendments to the current
17 fiscal year; and the G section contains effective dates.

18 * * * Fiscal Year 2026 Base Appropriations * * *

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

20	Personal services	2,532,305
21	Operating expenses	255,891

1	Grants	<u>755,000</u>
2	Total	3,543,196
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	1,762,509
5	Special funds	755,000
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,025,687</u>
7	Total	3,543,196
8	Sec. B.100.1 Secretary of administration - office of racial equity	
9	Personal services	1,687,090
10	Operating expenses	<u>118,323</u>
11	Total	1,805,413
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	1,144,831
14	Internal service funds	534,462
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>126,120</u>
16	Total	1,805,413
17	Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance	
18	Personal services	1,523,066
19	Operating expenses	<u>168,424</u>
20	Total	1,691,490
21	Source of funds	

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,691,490</u>
2	Total	1,691,490
3	Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
4	Personal services	871,453
5	Operating expenses	<u>100,387</u>
6	Total	971,840
7	Source of funds	
8	Internal service funds	<u>971,840</u>
9	Total	971,840
10	Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
11	Personal services	406,346
12	Operating expenses	<u>65,072</u>
13	Total	471,418
14	Source of funds	
15	Internal service funds	<u>471,418</u>
16	Total	471,418
17	Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
18	Personal services	278,478
19	Operating expenses	<u>54,925</u>
20	Total	333,403
21	Source of funds	

1	Internal service funds	<u>333,403</u>
2	Total	333,403
3	Sec. B.104.1 Retired state employees pension plus funding	
4	Grants	<u>15,000,000</u>
5	Total	15,000,000
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>15,000,000</u>
8	Total	15,000,000
9	Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information	
10	technology	
11	Personal services	87,034,344
12	Operating expenses	<u>50,695,231</u>
13	Total	137,729,575
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	233,207
16	Special funds	1,014,199
17	Internal service funds	<u>136,482,169</u>
18	Total	137,729,575
19	Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
20	Personal services	1,843,264
21	Operating expenses	<u>342,676</u>

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

1	Internal service funds	10,811,922
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>785,898</u>
3	Total	13,700,821
4	Sec. B.108.1 Human resources - VTHR operations	
5	Personal services	2,259,639
6	Operating expenses	<u>922,339</u>
7	Total	3,181,978
8	Source of funds	
9	Internal service funds	<u>3,181,978</u>
10	Total	3,181,978
11	Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
12	Personal services	1,443,574
13	Operating expenses	<u>727,231</u>
14	Total	2,170,805
15	Source of funds	
16	Internal service funds	<u>2,170,805</u>
17	Total	2,170,805
18	Sec. B.110 Libraries	
19	Personal services	3,071,139
20	Operating expenses	523,300
21	Grants	<u>267,993</u>

1	Total	3,862,432
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	2,371,969
4	Special funds	96,994
5	Federal funds	1,273,020
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>120,449</u>
7	Total	3,862,432
8	Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
9	Personal services	30,188,806
10	Operating expenses	<u>7,007,735</u>
11	Total	37,196,541
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	24,668,155
14	Special funds	12,413,386
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>115,000</u>
16	Total	37,196,541
17	Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
18	Personal services	1,132,286
19	Operating expenses	<u>206,653</u>
20	Total	1,338,939
21	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	4,589,480
13	Operating expenses	<u>286,936</u>
14	Total	4,876,416
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>4,876,416</u>
17	Total	4,876,416
18	Sec. B.126 Legislature	
19	Personal services	8,457,653
20	Operating expenses	<u>5,329,448</u>
21	Total	13,787,101

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>13,787,101</u>
3	Total	13,787,101
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>3,118,092</u>
20	Total	3,339,343
21	Source of funds	

1	Pension trust funds	<u>3,339,343</u>
2	Total	3,339,343
3	Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
4	Personal services	228,961
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,692,059</u>
6	Total	1,921,020
7	Source of funds	
8	Pension trust funds	<u>1,921,020</u>
9	Total	1,921,020
10	Sec. B.134.1 Vermont pension investment commission	
11	Personal services	2,359,198
12	Operating expenses	<u>303,904</u>
13	Total	2,663,102
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	2,663,102
16	Pension trust funds	<u>0</u>
17	Total	2,663,102
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	140,473,564
19	Transportation fund	4,542,959
20	Special funds	34,043,313
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	5,260,363
5	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,382,916</u>
6	Total	405,318,172
7	Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
8	Personal services	15,528,060
9	Operating expenses	1,810,445
10	Grants	<u>20,000</u>
11	Total	17,358,505
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	8,115,240
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	17,358,505
19	Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
20	Personal services	1,250
21	Grants	<u>4,874,343</u>

1	Total	4,875,593
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	4,617,596
4	Special funds	<u>257,997</u>
5	Total	4,875,593
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	7,827,975
16	Operating expenses	<u>64,500</u>
17	Total	7,892,475
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>7,892,475</u>
20	Total	7,892,475

1	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
2	Personal services	64,512,754
3	Operating expenses	13,865,672
4	Grants	<u>121,030</u>
5	Total	78,499,456
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	72,601,728
8	Special funds	1,997,094
9	Federal funds	1,560,412
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,340,222</u>
11	Total	78,499,456
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>62,529,843</u>
17	Total	70,358,906
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,645,622
20	Special funds	710,000
21	Federal funds	67,941,304

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>61,980</u>
2	Total	70,358,906
3	Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
4	Personal services	10,215,365
5	Operating expenses	3,872,954
6	Grants	<u>127,350</u>
7	Total	14,215,669
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	2,245,530
10	Special funds	10,769,486
11	Federal funds	1,155,653
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
13	Total	14,215,669
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>247,000</u>
16	Total	4,146,389
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	822,914
19	Special funds	2,473,045
20	Federal funds	482,577

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>367,853</u>
2	Total	4,146,389
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>11,487,000</u>
17	Total	16,465,253
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,975,832
20	Special funds	10,511,241
21	Federal funds	2,171,588

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,806,592</u>
2	Total	16,465,253
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	279,384,152
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	675,906,146
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>2,207,280,248</u>
9	Total	2,207,280,248
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	712,815,861
12	Special funds	31,339,852
13	Tobacco fund	21,049,373
14	State health care resources fund	31,074,772
15	Federal funds	1,406,003,180
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,997,210</u>
17	Total	2,207,280,248
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>979,554,012</u>
16	Total	979,554,012
17	Source of funds	
18	Global Commitment fund	<u>979,554,012</u>
19	Total	979,554,012
20	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state	
21	only	

1	Grants	<u>67,605,443</u>
2	Total	67,605,443
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	62,133,605
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,471,838</u>
6	Total	67,605,443
7	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver	
8	matched	
9	Grants	<u>44,034,870</u>
10	Total	44,034,870
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	13,467,770
13	Federal funds	<u>30,567,100</u>
14	Total	44,034,870
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>227,780,727</u>
21	Total	235,128,138

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	61,267,870
3	Special funds	115,409,671
4	Federal funds	42,924,133
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>15,526,464</u>
6	Total	235,128,138
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

1	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &	
2	support	
3	Personal services	48,973,454
4	Operating expenses	<u>6,544,338</u>
5	Total	55,517,792
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	25,692,412
8	Special funds	1,390,457
9	Federal funds	27,258,639
10	Global Commitment fund	110,000
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>
12	Total	55,517,792
13	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and	
14	independent living grants	
15	Grants	<u>24,909,492</u>
16	Total	24,909,492
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	8,585,909
19	Federal funds	7,321,114
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>9,002,469</u>
21	Total	24,909,492

1	Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually	
2	impaired	
3	Grants	<u>3,407,604</u>
4	Total	3,407,604
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	489,154
7	Special funds	223,450
8	Federal funds	2,390,000
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>305,000</u>
10	Total	3,407,604
11	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational	
12	rehabilitation	
13	Grants	<u>10,179,845</u>
14	Total	10,179,845
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	371,845
17	Federal funds	8,558,000
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>
19	Total	10,179,845

1	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental	
2	services	
3	Grants	<u>349,987,467</u>
4	Total	349,987,467
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	132,732
7	Special funds	15,463
8	Federal funds	403,573
9	Global Commitment fund	349,385,699
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>
11	Total	349,987,467
12	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and	
13	community based waiver	
14	Grants	<u>7,540,256</u>
15	Total	7,540,256
16	Source of funds	
17	Global Commitment fund	<u>7,540,256</u>
18	Total	7,540,256
19	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - long term care	
20	Grants	<u>346,858,094</u>
21	Total	346,858,094

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	498,579
3	Federal funds	2,450,000
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>343,909,515</u>
5	Total	346,858,094
6	Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
7	Personal services	5,601,461
8	Operating expenses	<u>269,950</u>
9	Total	5,871,411
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>5,871,411</u>
12	Total	5,871,411
13	Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
14	Personal services	551,497
15	Operating expenses	<u>60,112</u>
16	Total	611,609
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>611,609</u>
19	Total	611,609

1	Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
2	Personal services	3,900,732
3	Operating expenses	<u>255,399</u>
4	Total	4,156,131
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	4,006,975
7	Federal funds	372
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
9	Total	4,156,131
10	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
11	Personal services	177,107,933
12	Operating expenses	25,571,966
13	Grants	<u>801,823</u>
14	Total	203,481,722
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	198,084,766
17	Special funds	935,963
18	Federal funds	516,600
19	Global Commitment fund	3,548,078
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
21	Total	203,481,722

1	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - justice reinvestment II	
2	Grants	<u>11,055,849</u>
3	Total	11,055,849
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	8,478,161
6	Federal funds	13,147
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>
8	Total	11,055,849
9	Sec. B.339 Corrections - correctional services - out of state beds	
10	Personal services	<u>4,130,378</u>
11	Total	4,130,378
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>
14	Total	4,130,378
15	Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
16	Personal services	708,510
17	Operating expenses	<u>457,555</u>
18	Total	1,166,065
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	<u>1,166,065</u>
21	Total	1,166,065

1	Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
2	Personal services	243,283
3	Operating expenses	<u>160,570</u>
4	Total	403,853
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>403,853</u>
7	Total	403,853
8	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
9	Personal services	24,048,875
10	Operating expenses	<u>6,913,887</u>
11	Total	30,962,762
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	10,033,214
14	Special funds	12,799,530
15	Federal funds	<u>8,130,018</u>
16	Total	30,962,762
17	Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
18	Personal services	432,073
19	Operating expenses	<u>89,355</u>
20	Total	521,428
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	516,773
2	Special funds	<u>4,655</u>
3	Total	521,428
4	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
5	Grants	<u>164,960</u>
6	Total	164,960
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>164,960</u>
9	Total	164,960
10	Sec. B.345 Green mountain care board	
11	Personal services	9,849,952
12	Operating expenses	<u>416,874</u>
13	Total	10,266,826
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	3,970,074
16	Special funds	<u>6,296,752</u>
17	Total	10,266,826
18	Sec. B.346 Office of the child, youth, and family advocate	
19	Personal services	386,033
20	Operating expenses	<u>71,330</u>
21	Total	457,363

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>457,363</u>
3	Total	457,363
4	Sec. B.347 Total human services	
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	1,428,803,059
7	Special funds	231,430,533
8	Tobacco fund	23,088,208
9	State health care resources fund	31,074,772
10	Federal funds	1,946,078,413
11	Global Commitment fund	2,148,606,890
12	Internal service funds	403,853
13	Interdepartmental transfers	32,694,090
14	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
15	Total	5,842,204,818
16	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
17	Personal services	39,454,824
18	Operating expenses	5,462,457
19	Grants	<u>5,870,493</u>
20	Total	50,787,774
21	Source of funds	

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

1	Federal funds	6,217,482
2	Global Commitment fund	260,000
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>804,585</u>
4	Total	38,675,983
5	Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
6	Personal services	18,418,946
7	Operating expenses	1,185,388
8	Grants	<u>192,117,080</u>
9	Total	211,721,414
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	6,894,415
12	Special funds	3,266,001
13	Tobacco fund	750,388
14	Federal funds	199,239,149
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,571,461</u>
16	Total	211,721,414
17	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
18	Grants	<u>270,736,200</u>
19	Total	270,736,200
20	Source of funds	

1	Education fund	<u>270,736,200</u>
2	Total	270,736,200
3	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
4	Grants	<u>17,200,000</u>
5	Total	17,200,000
6	Source of funds	
7	Education fund	<u>17,200,000</u>
8	Total	17,200,000
9	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
10	Grants	<u>4,899,009</u>
11	Total	4,899,009
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	3,958,344
14	Federal funds	<u>940,665</u>
15	Total	4,899,009
16	Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
17	Grants	<u>11,481,896</u>
18	Total	11,481,896
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	921,500

1	Education fund	<u>10,560,396</u>
2	Total	11,481,896
3	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
4	Grants	<u>1,991,143,238</u>
5	Total	1,991,143,238
6	Source of funds	
7	Education fund	<u>1,991,143,238</u>
8	Total	1,991,143,238
9	Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
10	Grants	<u>26,115,792</u>
11	Total	26,115,792
12	Source of funds	
13	Education fund	<u>26,115,792</u>
14	Total	26,115,792
15	Sec. B.507 Education - merger support grants	
16	Grants	<u>1,800,000</u>
17	Total	1,800,000
18	Source of funds	
19	Education fund	<u>1,800,000</u>
20	Total	1,800,000

1	Sec. B.507.1 Education - EL categorical aid	
2	Grants	<u>2,250,000</u>
3	Total	2,250,000
4	Source of funds	
5	Education fund	<u>2,250,000</u>
6	Total	2,250,000
7	Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition	
8	Grants	<u>18,500,000</u>
9	Total	18,500,000
10	Source of funds	
11	Education fund	<u>18,500,000</u>
12	Total	18,500,000
13	Sec. B.509 Education - afterschool grant program	
14	Personal services	500,000
15	Grants	<u>9,140,000</u>
16	Total	9,640,000
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	<u>9,640,000</u>
19	Total	9,640,000

1	Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
2	Grants	<u>8,977,737</u>
3	Total	8,977,737
4	Source of funds	
5	Education fund	<u>8,977,737</u>
6	Total	8,977,737
7	Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
8	Grants	<u>18,737,850</u>
9	Total	18,737,850
10	Source of funds	
11	Education fund	<u>18,737,850</u>
12	Total	18,737,850
13	Sec. B.511.1 State board of education	
14	Personal services	54,208
15	Operating expenses	<u>16,500</u>
16	Total	70,708
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>70,708</u>
19	Total	70,708

1	Sec. B.513 Retired teachers 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.514 State teachers' retirement system	
8	Grants	<u>199,377,627</u>
9	Total	199,377,627
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	160,566,569
12	Education fund	<u>38,811,058</u>
13	Total	199,377,627
14	Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	
15	Personal services	345,352
16	Operating expenses	<u>3,519,053</u>
17	Total	3,864,405
18	Source of funds	
19	Pension trust funds	<u>3,864,405</u>
20	Total	3,864,405

1	Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
2	Grants	<u>71,052,589</u>
3	Total	71,052,589
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	49,091,090
6	Education fund	<u>21,961,499</u>
7	Total	71,052,589
8	Sec. B.516 Total general education	
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	244,496,788
11	Special funds	32,699,554
12	Tobacco fund	750,388
13	Education fund	2,430,399,971
14	Federal funds	206,397,296
15	Global Commitment fund	260,000
16	Interdepartmental transfers	2,376,046
17	Pension trust funds	<u>3,864,405</u>
18	Total	2,921,244,448
19	Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
20	Grants	<u>57,378,104</u>
21	Total	57,378,104

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>57,378,104</u>
3	Total	57,378,104
4	Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
5	Grants	<u>52,468,692</u>
6	Total	52,468,692
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>52,468,692</u>
9	Total	52,468,692
10	Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
11	Grants	<u>1,797,087</u>
12	Total	1,797,087
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	297,087
15	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,500,000</u>
16	Total	1,797,087
17	Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
18	Grants	<u>27,084,946</u>
19	Total	27,084,946
20	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>27,084,946</u>
2	Total	27,084,946
3	Sec. B.605.1 VSAC - flexible pathways stipend	
4	Grants	<u>82,450</u>
5	Total	82,450
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	41,225
8	Education fund	<u>41,225</u>
9	Total	82,450
10	Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
11	Grants	<u>86,520</u>
12	Total	86,520
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>86,520</u>
15	Total	86,520
16	Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - morgan horse farm	
17	Grants	<u>1</u>
18	Total	1
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>1</u>
21	Total	1

1	Sec. B.608 Total higher education	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	137,356,575
4	Education fund	41,225
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,500,000</u>
6	Total	138,897,800
7	Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	
8	Personal services	6,436,257
9	Operating expenses	<u>1,265,146</u>
10	Total	7,701,403
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	5,344,094
13	Special funds	722,828
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,634,481</u>
15	Total	7,701,403
16	Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment	
17	Operating expenses	<u>2,705,834</u>
18	Total	2,705,834
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	2,284,334

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
2	Total	2,705,834
3	Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
4	Personal services	23,876,543
5	Operating expenses	6,738,504
6	Grants	<u>833,630</u>
7	Total	31,448,677
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	9,532,865
10	Special funds	364,696
11	Fish and wildlife fund	10,097,060
12	Federal funds	9,927,754
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,526,302</u>
14	Total	31,448,677
15	Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
16	Personal services	1,564,253
17	Operating expenses	<u>1,796,785</u>
18	Total	3,361,038
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	3,130,308
21	Special funds	143,765

1	Federal funds	<u>86,965</u>
2	Total	3,361,038
3	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
4	Personal services	11,026,473
5	Operating expenses	1,122,371
6	Grants	<u>1,408,910</u>
7	Total	13,557,754
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	6,839,753
10	Special funds	1,204,005
11	Federal funds	4,326,877
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,187,119</u>
13	Total	13,557,754
14	Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
15	Personal services	13,707,058
16	Operating expenses	4,936,482
17	Grants	<u>550,000</u>
18	Total	19,193,540
19	Source of fund	
20	General fund	2,061,995

1	Special funds	<u>17,131,545</u>
2	Total	19,193,540
3	Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration and recreation	
4	Personal services	3,818,270
5	Operating expenses	8,667,107
6	Grants	<u>6,015,019</u>
7	Total	18,500,396
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,324,880
10	Special funds	2,794,948
11	Federal funds	13,755,832
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>624,736</u>
13	Total	18,500,396
14	Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest and parks access roads	
15	Personal services	130,000
16	Operating expenses	<u>99,925</u>
17	Total	229,925
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>229,925</u>
20	Total	229,925

1	Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services	
2	Personal services	9,655,674
3	Operating expenses	5,226,877
4	Grants	<u>188,303</u>
5	Total	15,070,854
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	2,462,770
8	Special funds	1,452,358
9	Federal funds	2,563,636
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>8,592,090</u>
11	Total	15,070,854
12	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
13	Personal services	26,481,647
14	Operating expenses	9,958,684
15	Grants	<u>4,343,000</u>
16	Total	40,783,331
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	305,347
19	Special funds	27,825,978
20	Federal funds	12,531,023

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>120,983</u>
2	Total	40,783,331
3	Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs	
4	Personal services	44,324,028
5	Operating expenses	8,531,648
6	Grants	<u>136,489,044</u>
7	Total	189,344,720
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	12,980,443
10	Special funds	33,801,176
11	Federal funds	141,693,623
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>869,478</u>
13	Total	189,344,720
14	Sec. B.713 Land use review board	
15	Personal services	5,001,041
16	Operating expenses	<u>537,905</u>
17	Total	5,538,946
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	4,169,020
20	Special funds	<u>1,369,926</u>
21	Total	5,538,946

1	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	50,665,734
4	Special funds	86,811,225
5	Fish and wildlife fund	10,097,060
6	Federal funds	184,885,710
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,976,689</u>
8	Total	347,436,418
9	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce	
10	and community development - administration	
11	Personal services	2,515,577
12	Operating expenses	872,866
13	Grants	<u>414,320</u>
14	Total	3,802,763
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>3,802,763</u>
17	Total	3,802,763
18	Sec. B.801 Economic development	
19	Personal services	4,396,254
20	Operating expenses	1,199,682
21	Grants	<u>8,956,544</u>

1	Total	14,552,480
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	5,937,190
4	Special funds	3,150,350
5	Federal funds	5,264,940
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>200,000</u>
7	Total	14,552,480
8	Sec. B.802 Housing and community development	
9	Personal services	6,519,883
10	Operating expenses	1,528,070
11	Grants	<u>23,139,431</u>
12	Total	31,187,384
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	7,656,505
15	Special funds	10,144,339
16	Federal funds	10,957,973
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,428,567</u>
18	Total	31,187,384
19	Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
20	Personal services	3,453,707
21	Operating expenses	4,569,290

1	Grants	<u>1,020,000</u>
2	Total	9,042,997
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	4,960,125
5	Federal funds	4,007,872
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
7	Total	9,042,997
8	Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
9	Grants	<u>1,003,063</u>
10	Total	1,003,063
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>1,003,063</u>
13	Total	1,003,063
14	Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
15	Grants	<u>154,170</u>
16	Total	154,170
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>154,170</u>
19	Total	154,170

1	Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
2	Grants	<u>1,202,564</u>
3	Total	1,202,564
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>1,202,564</u>
6	Total	1,202,564
7	Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
8	Grants	<u>109,284,304</u>
9	Total	109,284,304
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	1,631,582
12	Special funds	40,490,082
13	Federal funds	<u>67,162,640</u>
14	Total	109,284,304
15	Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
16	Grants	<u>318,270</u>
17	Total	318,270
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>318,270</u>
20	Total	318,270

1	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	26,666,232
4	Special funds	53,784,771
5	Federal funds	87,393,425
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,703,567</u>
7	Total	170,547,995
8	Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
9	Personal services	19,914,359
10	Operating expenses	6,581,104
11	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
12	Total	26,545,463
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	25,152,473
15	Federal funds	<u>1,392,990</u>
16	Total	26,545,463
17	Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
18	Personal services	4,770,561
19	Operating expenses	8,456,904
20	Grants	<u>190,000</u>

1	Total	13,417,465
2	Source of funds	
3	Transportation fund	7,474,433
4	Federal funds	<u>5,943,032</u>
5	Total	13,417,465
6	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
7	Personal services	1,000,000
8	Operating expenses	<u>1,500,000</u>
9	Total	2,500,000
10	Source of funds	
11	Transportation fund	2,200,000
12	TIB fund	<u>300,000</u>
13	Total	2,500,000
14	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
15	Personal services	83,759,860
16	Operating expenses	281,446,274
17	Grants	<u>46,104,466</u>
18	Total	411,310,600
19	Source of funds	
20	Transportation fund	62,005,434
21	TIB fund	15,103,017

1	Special funds	280,000
2	Federal funds	308,679,500
3	Interdepartmental transfers	15,722,027
4	Local match	<u>9,520,622</u>
5	Total	411,310,600
6	Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
7	Personal services	398,500
8	Operating expenses	<u>791,746</u>
9	Total	1,190,246
10	Source of funds	
11	Transportation fund	119,025
12	Federal funds	<u>1,071,221</u>
13	Total	1,190,246
14	Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
15	Personal services	48,113,208
16	Operating expenses	<u>69,113,835</u>
17	Total	117,227,043
18	Source of funds	
19	Transportation fund	110,349,507
20	Federal funds	932,014

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,945,522</u>
2	Total	117,227,043
3	Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
4	Personal services	3,411,138
5	Operating expenses	1,290,442
6	Grants	<u>10,346,035</u>
7	Total	15,047,615
8	Source of funds	
9	Transportation fund	3,742,314
10	Federal funds	11,223,301
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>82,000</u>
12	Total	15,047,615
13	Sec. B.906.1 Transportation - environmental policy and sustainability	
14	Personal services	8,114,291
15	Operating expenses	67,686
16	Grants	<u>1,332,030</u>
17	Total	9,514,007
18	Source of funds	
19	Transportation fund	389,377
20	Federal funds	8,150,226
21	Interdepartmental transfers	21,860

1	Local match	<u>952,544</u>
2	Total	9,514,007
3	Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
4	Personal services	18,493,101
5	Operating expenses	<u>43,394,247</u>
6	Total	61,887,348
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	15,067,669
9	Federal funds	31,894,435
10	Interdepartmental transfers	8,228,363
11	Local match	<u>6,696,881</u>
12	Total	61,887,348
13	Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
14	Personal services	1,026,301
15	Operating expenses	81,224
16	Grants	<u>51,587,709</u>
17	Total	52,695,234
18	Source of funds	
19	Transportation fund	10,007,534
20	Federal funds	42,547,700

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>140,000</u>
2	Total	52,695,234
3	Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
4	Personal services	5,957,587
5	Operating expenses	<u>19,696,966</u>
6	Total	25,654,553
7	Source of funds	
8	Internal service funds	<u>25,654,553</u>
9	Total	25,654,553
10	Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
11	Personal services	36,447,934
12	Operating expenses	<u>13,070,367</u>
13	Total	49,518,301
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	46,709,524
16	Federal funds	2,687,081
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>121,696</u>
18	Total	49,518,301
19	Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
20	Grants	<u>7,200,000</u>
21	Total	7,200,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	<u>7,200,000</u>
3	Total	7,200,000
4	Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
5	Personal services	449,763
6	Operating expenses	<u>31,689</u>
7	Total	481,452
8	Source of funds	
9	Transportation fund	121,452
10	Federal funds	<u>360,000</u>
11	Total	481,452
12	Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
13	Grants	<u>8,600,000</u>
14	Total	8,600,000
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	<u>8,600,000</u>
17	Total	8,600,000
18	Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
19	Personal services	10,034,000
20	Operating expenses	<u>27,759,406</u>
21	Total	37,793,406

1	Source of funds	
2	TIB fund	3,596,983
3	Federal funds	31,716,311
4	Local match	<u>2,480,112</u>
5	Total	37,793,406
6	Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
7	Grants	<u>30,418,736</u>
8	Total	30,418,736
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	<u>30,418,736</u>
11	Total	30,418,736
12	Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
13	Grants	<u>128,750</u>
14	Total	128,750
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
17	Total	128,750
18	Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
19	Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
20	Total	1,150,000
21	Source of funds	

1	Transportation fund	0
2	Special funds	<u>1,150,000</u>
3	Total	1,150,000
4	Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	
5	Grants	<u>4,000,000</u>
6	Total	4,000,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Federal funds	<u>4,000,000</u>
9	Total	4,000,000
10	Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program	
11	Personal services	100,000
12	Operating expenses	325,500
13	Grants	<u>6,467,500</u>
14	Total	6,893,000
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	715,000
17	Special funds	4,750,000
18	Federal funds	<u>1,428,000</u>
19	Total	6,893,000

1	Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
2	Personal services	181,233
3	Operating expenses	<u>22,938</u>
4	Total	204,171
5	Source of funds	
6	Transportation fund	<u>204,171</u>
7	Total	204,171
8	Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	330,605,399
11	TIB fund	19,000,000
12	Special funds	6,180,000
13	Federal funds	452,025,811
14	Internal service funds	25,654,553
15	Interdepartmental transfers	30,261,468
16	Local match	<u>19,650,159</u>
17	Total	883,377,390
18	Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
19	Operating expenses	<u>675,000</u>
20	Total	675,000
21	Source of funds	

2	Total	675,000
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4 Source of funds

6	Total	675,000
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8 Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONE-TIME

10 (a) Agency of Administration Secretary's Office. In fiscal year 2026,
11 funds are appropriated for the following:

14 (2) \$110,000 General Fund for the Office of Racial Equity to continue
15 the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Vermont program an
16 additional year.

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

19 (1) \$1,575,000 General Fund for the Classification Modernization
20 project.

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

3 (1) \$1,000,000 PILOT Special Fund for the Municipal Grand List
4 Stabilization Program as established per Sec. E.142.2 of this act. These funds
5 shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted.

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

8 (1) \$600,000 General Fund for State match for federal cybersecurity
9 grant funds;

10 (2) \$800,000 General Fund for the purchase of mobile and portable
11 radio equipment; and

12 (3) \$150,000 General Fund for the Vermont Community Radio Grant
13 Program established in Sec. E.208.2 of this act.

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

16 (1) \$4,448,520 General Fund and \$6,351,480 federal funds for the
17 Department of Vermont Health Access' Global Commitment appropriation for
18 the Support and Services at Home program, the Primary Care Medical Home,
19 and Community Health Team services under the Blueprint for Health;

20 (2) \$6,200 General Fund for per diems and expense reimbursement for
21 members of the Office of New Americans Study Committee; and

1 (3) \$514,875 General Fund and \$735,125 federal funds for the
2 Department of Vermont Health Access' Global Commitment appropriation for
3 the first year of implementation of the Maple Mountain Family Medicine
4 Residency Program if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
5 approves the Agency's request for federal matching funds pursuant to Sec.
6 E.306.5(a) of this act.

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

9 (1) \$250,000 General Fund for the Vermont Serve, Learn, and Earn
10 Program; and

11 (2) \$275,000 General Fund for the purchase of a fire apparatus.

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

14 (1) \$240,000 General Fund for Polychlorinated Biphenyl testing;

15 (2) \$40,000 General Fund for a grant to Empty Arms Vermont;

16 (3) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 4812, \$300,000 Substance Misuse
17 Prevention Special Fund for recovery residences certified by the Vermont
18 Alliance for Recovery Residences;

19 (4) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 4812, \$800,000 Substance Misuse
20 Prevention Special Fund for recovery centers;

1 (5) \$200,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund for a grant to
2 Mentor Vermont; and

3 (6) \$250,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Parent Child
4 Center Network for smoking cessation initiatives.

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

7 (1) \$2,000,000 General Fund for shelter capacity expansion;

8 (2) \$30,500,000 General Fund for the General Assistance Emergency
9 Housing Program;

10 (3) \$1,000,000 General Fund for direct aid to the Vermont Foodbank's
11 network partner food shelves and pantries through an equitable statewide
12 distribution of food or subgrants or both; and

13 (4) \$156,000 General Fund for the Child Care Apprenticeship Program.

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

16 (1) \$200,000 General Fund to retain a consultant and develop an
17 implementation plan to transition the Northeast Correctional Complex or the
18 Caledonia County Work Camp, or parts of either or of both, to a treatment-
19 focused facility for incarcerated Vermonters.

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

1 (1) \$150,000 General Fund for administrative costs relating to home-
2 based child care meals.

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

5 (1) \$5,000,000 General Fund for the final transformation bridge
6 financing payment.

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

9 (1) \$185,000 Fish and Wildlife Nondedicated Special Fund to sustain
10 current operations as the Department undergoes a financial restructuring.
11 These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or
12 reverted;

13 (2) \$80,000 General Fund for the purchase of mobile and portable radio
14 equipment; and

15 (3) \$30,000 General Fund for the Lake Champlain International Fishing
16 Derby.

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

19 (1) \$50,000 General Fund for a Municipal Wastewater Connections
20 database;

1 (2) \$850,000 General Fund for the Concentrated Animal Feeding

2 Operation database project and contractor support;

3 (3) \$9,520,000 Environmental Contingency Fund For Polychlorinated

4 Biphenyl testing and remediation in schools. These funds shall carry forward

5 each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted; and

6 (4) \$14,500,000 Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and

7 Reserves Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments

8 for the State match to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Drinking

9 Water State Revolving Fund and Clean Water State Revolving Fund, in

10 accordance with the provisions of 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec.

11 C.108(b).

12 (n) Department of Housing and Community Development. In fiscal year

13 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:

14 (1) \$7,500,000 General Fund for the Vermont Bond Bank Vermont

15 Infrastructure Sustainability Fund;

16 (2) \$16,100,000 General Fund for the Vermont Housing Finance

17 Agency Rental Revolving Loan Fund, the Middle-Income Homeownership

18 Development Program, and the First Generation Homebuyer Program. No less

19 than \$250,000 of these funds shall be for the First Generation Homebuyer

20 Program;

1 (3) \$4,000,000 General Fund for the Vermont Housing Improvement

2 Program 2.0;

3 (4) \$15,000 General Fund for the Residential Universal Design Study

4 Committee; and

5 (5) \$450,000 General Fund to fund three limited service positions at the
6 Department.

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

9 (1) \$200,000 General Fund for the Vermont Professionals of Color
10 Network;

11 (2) \$150,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Small Business
12 Development Center to assist Vermonters starting, acquiring, and growing
13 businesses;

14 (3) \$150,000 General Fund for the International Business Office;

15 (4) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the brownfields remediation and
16 redevelopment;

17 (5) \$100,000 General Fund for a grant to the Central Vermont Regional
18 Planning Commission to support a site study focused on economic
19 development, parking, housing, and flood mitigation for the 1.6-acre parcel at
20 87 State Street and parcels at 89 State Street and 42 Court Street; and

1 (6) \$250,000 General Fund for a competitive grant to establish a new
2 women's recovery residence, per the criteria of the Vermont Recovery
3 Housing Program Action Plan, that shall be awarded on or before September
4 30, 2025.

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

7 (1) \$5,000,000 General Fund to provide support and enhance capacity
8 for the production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing
9 and homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes
10 and communities; permanent homes and emergency shelter for those
11 experiencing homelessness; recovery residences; and housing available to farm
12 workers, refugees, and individuals who are eligible to receive Medicaid-funded
13 home and community-based services.

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

16 (1) \$148,000 General Fund for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
17 Program; and

18 (2) \$350,000 General Fund for financial modeling and the limited
19 service classified position established in Sec. E.100(b)(1)(A) of this act.

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

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

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

4 (3) \$10,800,000 Global Commitment for the Support and Services at
5 Home program, the Primary Care Medical Home, and Community Health
6 Team services under the Blueprint for Health; and

7 (4) \$1,250,000 Global Commitment for the first year of implementation
8 of the Maple Mountain Family Medicine Residency Program if the Centers for
9 Medicare and Medicaid Services approves the Agency of Human Services'
10 request for federal matching funds pursuant to Sec. E.306.5(a) of this act.

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

13 (1) \$750,000 General Fund for the Vermont Gallium Nitride Tech Hub.

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

16 (1) \$450,000 General Fund for a grant to the Northeast Organic Farming
17 Association of Vermont for the Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm Share
18 programs;

19 (2) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Vermont Foodbank for the
20 Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program;

1 (3) \$500,000 General Fund to offer Vermont Local Food for Schools
2 and Child Care grants within the Rozo McLaughlin Farm to School Grants
3 Program to fund grants for the purchase and distribution of local food to
4 schools and registered or licensed child care programs; and

5 (4) \$250,000 General Fund to support Vermont's 14 Natural Resources
6 Conservation Districts.

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; and

10 (2) \$500,000 General Fund for grants to skilled nursing facilities to
11 increase the pipeline of employed licensed nursing assistants, including
12 increasing the capacity of new and existing facility-based training programs,
13 and developing or expanding collaborations with other programs, including
14 career and technical education programs. Grants may support training program
15 costs, paid internships, student support, and recruitment and retention bonuses.

16 (A) Of the funds appropriated in subdivision (u)(2) of this section,
17 \$150,000 shall be for grants of \$30,000 or less.

18 (B) Of the funds appropriated in subdivision (u)(2) of this section,
19 \$350,000 shall be for up to three grants.

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

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

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

4 (1) \$10,000 General Fund for the USS Vermont Support Group.

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

7 (1) \$68,737 General Fund for State match for federal funds.

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

10 (1) \$1,400,000 Transportation Fund for transfer to the Agency of
11 Commerce and Community Development for programs to increase access to
12 level 1 and 2 Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment charging ports at workplaces
13 or multiunit dwellings, or both; and

14 (2) \$600,000 Transportation Fund for the purpose of providing grants to
15 the public transit agencies to hire volunteer coordinators who shall be
16 responsible for the identification, recruitment, and retention of volunteers to
17 provide transportation services to individuals enrolled in the State's demand
18 response transportation programs.

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

21 (1) \$150,000 General Fund for a grant to Advance Vermont.

1 (aa) Office of the Secretary of State. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
2 appropriated for the following:

3 (1) \$50,000 General Fund for awards to support local civic journalism;
4 and

5 (2) \$25,000 General Fund for staff and IT costs at the Office of
6 Professional Regulation relating to the implementation of certifications of
7 perinatal doulas and birthing centers.

8 (bb) Office of the Defender General. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
9 appropriated for the following:

10 (1) \$30,000 General Fund to enhance IT server capacity;
11 (2) \$50,000 General Fund for the Orleans County staff office;
12 (3) \$20,000 General Fund for the Addison County staff office; and
13 (4) \$60,000 General Fund for public defender training pursuant to 13
14 V.S.A. § 5253.

15 (cc) Land Use Review Board. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated
16 for the following:

17 (1) \$100,000 General Fund for development of digital infrastructure
18 relating to Land Use Review Board application and mapping projects.

19 (dd) Department of Mental Health. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
20 appropriated for the following:

1 (1) \$500,000 General Fund for the Champlain Valley Office of
2 Economic Opportunity Community Resource Center.

3 (ee) Office of the Attorney General. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
4 appropriated for the following:

5 (1) \$80,000 General Fund is added to the appropriation established per
6 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 17(b) to extend the limited service
7 position established in subsection (a) of that section until June 30, 2026.

8 Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2025 CLOSEOUT; FISCAL YEAR 2026

9 CONTINGENT TRANSACTIONS

10 (a) As part of the fiscal year 2025 closeout, the Department of Finance and
11 Management shall execute the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308. If any
12 balance remains after meeting these requirements, then, notwithstanding 32
13 V.S.A. § 308c, the Department of Finance and Management shall designate the
14 first \$138,970,000 as unallocated carryforward for use in meeting the
15 requirements of the fiscal year 2026 appropriations act as passed by the
16 General Assembly. The Department of Finance and Management shall then,
17 notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c, calculate the maximum number of
18 contingent transactions that can be funded, in the order provided in subsection
19 (b) of this section, and designate that money to remain unallocated for such
20 purpose in fiscal year 2026. Any residual balance remaining after such
21 designations shall be reserved in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308c.

1 (b) In fiscal year 2026, the following contingent transactions shall be
2 executed in the following order from the designated unallocated balance as
3 determined in subsection (a) of this section:

4 (1) \$8,000,000 is transferred to the Communications and Information
5 Technology Special Fund to cover the costs of transitioning billable services
6 from a service level agreement model to a core enterprise services model.

7 (2) \$50,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration to be
8 transferred by the Emergency Board pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §133 while the
9 General Assembly is not in session in the event of a reduction in federal funds
10 to the State as set forth in Sec. E.127.2 of this act.

11 (3) \$30,000,000 is reserved in the General Fund for future appropriation
12 or transfer by the General Assembly for addressing federal funding shortfalls.

13 (4) \$30,000,000 is reserved in the General Fund for future appropriation
14 or transfer by the General Assembly for addressing federal funding shortfalls,
15 Vermont Medicaid and other human services needs, property tax relief,
16 permanent housing initiatives, or any other uses determined to be in the best
17 interests of the public.

18 Sec. B.1103 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL

19 INVESTMENTS; FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONE-TIME CAPITAL

20 APPROPRIATIONS

1 (a) In fiscal year 2026, \$13,436,099 is appropriated from the Capital
2 Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential
3 Investments for the following:

4 (1) Department of Buildings and General Services:
5 (A) \$1,506,599 for statewide major maintenance;
6 (B) \$250,000 for statewide planning, reuse, and contingency;
7 (C) \$250,000 for statewide physical security enhancements;
8 (D) \$219,500 for State House repointing;
9 (E) \$250,000 for an uninterruptable power supply system for the
10 Middlesex print and postal facility; and
11 (F) \$6,900,000 for the Judiciary for renovations at the Windsor
12 County Courthouse in White River Junction.

13 (2) Vermont Veterans' Home:
14 (A) \$1,500,000 for the design and construction of the American Unit.
15 Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 152(a)(20), the Commissioner of Buildings and
16 General Services is authorized to transfer any unexpended project balances
17 between the amount appropriated in this subdivision (A) and the amounts
18 appropriated in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 15(b)(1).

19 (3) Agency of Commerce and Community Development:
20 (A) \$2,500,000 for infrastructure improvements that are either
21 municipally leased for a term of at least 30 years or municipally owned and

1 that support the development of new or rehabilitated housing, provided that a
2 grant agreement shall be in place between the State and the municipality prior
3 to the release of funds.

4 (4) Department of Fish and Wildlife:

5 (A) \$25,000 for the Lake Champlain Walleye Association, Inc. to
6 upgrade and repair the walleye rearing, restoration, and stocking infrastructure.

7 (5) Department of Public Safety:

8 (A) \$35,000 for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the
9 dry hydrant program.

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

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

12 Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

13	Personal services	74,755,468 <u>76,655,468</u>
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14	Operating expenses	15,992,094
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15	Grants	1,137,841
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16	Total	91,885,403 <u>93,785,403</u>
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17 Source of funds

18	General fund	57,891,409 <u>59,791,409</u>
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19	Transportation fund	20,250,000
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20	Special funds	3,170,328
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21	Federal funds	8,967,252
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1	Interdepartmental transfers	1,606,414
2	Total	91,885,403 <u>93,785,403</u>

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

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

5	Personal services	22,597,844 <u>22,887,844</u>
6	Operating expenses	6,843,095
7	Grants	853,066
8	Total	30,294,005 <u>30,584,005</u>

9 Source of funds

10	General fund	8,267,967 <u>8,557,967</u>
11	Special funds	365,427
12	Fish and wildlife fund	10,418,331
13	Federal funds	9,751,683
14	Interdepartmental transfers	1,490,597
15	Total	30,294,005 <u>30,584,005</u>

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

17 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

20 (1) From the General Fund to the:

1 (A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100):

2 ~~\$73,212,880~~ \$78,235,088.34.

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4 (J) Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (#21555): ~~\$830,000~~

5 \$6,500,000.

6 (K) Education Fund (#20205): \$25,000,000.

7 (L) Medical Insurance Fund (#55100): \$18,500,000.

8 (M) Correctional Industries Fund (#59100): \$3,135,443.

9 (N) Act 250 Permit Fund (#21260): \$900,000.

10 (O) State Liability Self-Insurance Fund (#56200): \$3,000,000.

11 (P) Emergency Personnel Survivor's Benefit Fund (#21884):

12 \$220,000.

13 (2) From the Transportation Fund to the:

14 (A) ~~Vermont Recreational Trails Fund (#21455): \$370,000.~~

15 ~~(B)~~ Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvements

16 Fund (#21575): \$523,966.

17 ~~(C)~~(B) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100):

18 \$316,745.

19 (C) Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund (#20191): \$900,000.

20 (D) Notwithstanding 19 V.S.A. § 13(c), the Transportation Fund

21 transfer to the Central Garage fund in fiscal year 2025 shall be \$0.

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(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
2025:

(1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from
the funds indicated:

(A) Cannabis Regulation Fund (#21998): ~~\$12,000,000~~
\$15,417,084.32.

(B) AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts (#22005):
~~\$4,641,960.~~

(C) Sports Wagering Enterprise Fund (#50250): ~~\$7,000,000~~
\$6,139,162.

(D) Liquor Control Fund (#50300): ~~\$21,100,000~~ \$9,543,353.

(E) ~~Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund (#21370): \$3,000,000.~~

~~(F)~~ Financial Institutions Supervision Fund (#21065): \$1,100,000.

(F) Workforce Education and Training Fund (#21913):
\$2,598,921.75.

(G) Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Fund (#21994): the balance of
the fund at the close of fiscal year 2025.

(2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of
unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred from the following funds to
the General Fund. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report

1 to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred
2 from each fund and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency,
3 office, or department reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory
4 requirements.

5 (A) AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order Fund (#21638):
6 \$2,000,000.

7 (B) Unclaimed Property Fund (#62100): ~~\$6,500,000~~ \$12,262,352.

8 (3) ~~\$66,935,000~~ \$65,060,450.50 of the net unencumbered fund balances
9 in the Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21075), the Captive
10 Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21085), and the Securities
11 Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21080) shall be transferred to the General
12 Fund.

13 (c)(1) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.3 of the Rules for State Matching Funds
14 under the Federal Public Assistance Program, in fiscal year 2025, the Secretary
15 of Administration may provide funding from the Emergency Relief and
16 Assistance Fund that was transferred pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(J) of this
17 section to subgrantees prior to the completion of a project. In fiscal ~~year~~ years
18 2025 and 2026, up to 70 percent of the State funding match on the nonfederal
19 share of an approved project for municipalities that were impacted by ~~the~~
20 ~~August and December 2023~~ and 2024 flooding events in counties that are
21 eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funds

1 under federal disaster declarations DR-4744-VT ~~and~~, DR-4762-VT, DR-4810-
2 VT, DR-4816-VT, and DR-4826-VT may be advanced at the request of a
3 municipality.

4 (2) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.1 of the Rules for State Matching Funds
5 Under the Federal Public Assistance Program, the Secretary of Administration
6 shall increase the standard State funding match on the nonfederal share of an
7 approved project to the highest percentage possible given available funding for
8 municipalities in counties that were impacted by ~~the August and December~~
9 2023 and 2024 flooding events and are eligible for Federal Emergency
10 Management Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster
11 declarations DR-4744-VT ~~and~~, DR-4762-VT, DR-4810-VT, DR-4816-VT, and
12 DR-4826-VT.

13 * * *

14 Sec. C.103 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

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

16 APPROPRIATIONS

17 * * *

18 (d) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for
19 the following:

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21 (8) \$835,073 General Fund for the Bridges to Health Program; ~~and~~

(9) ~~\$400,000~~ \$550,000 General Fund for the Vermont Household Health Insurance Survey; and

(10) \$500,000 General Fund for community grants related to health equity.

(e) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$16,500,000 General Fund for the General Assistance Emergency Housing program;

(2) \$1,034,065 General Fund to extend 10 Economic Services Division limited service positions, including associated operating costs, in support of the General Assistance Emergency Housing program; and

(3) \$332,000 General Fund for a 2-1-1 service line contract to operate 24 hours seven days per week;

(4) \$340,000 General Fund and \$660,000 federal funds for the Office of Child Support mainframe transition planning. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 703, unless otherwise reverted by a future act of the General Assembly, these appropriations shall carry forward until fully expended; and

(5) \$1,800,000 General Fund shall be added to the appropriation made in Sec. B.1102(b)(4) of this act for the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System.

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1 (n) Agency of Human Services Secretary's Office. In fiscal year 2025,
2 funds are appropriated for the following:

3 (1) ~~\$3,913,200~~ \$5,586,324 General Fund and ~~\$5,366,383~~ \$7,713,259
4 federal funds to be used for Global Commitment match for the Medicaid
5 Global Payment Program. To the extent that at a future date the Global
6 Payment Program ceases to operate as a program or changes methodology to a
7 retrospective payment program, any resulting one-time General Fund spending
8 authority remaining at that time shall be reverted. If the Human Services
9 Caseload Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b has not been replenished in
10 accordance with subdivision (b)(21) of Sec. B.1102 of this act, the remaining
11 unallocated General Fund balance shall be reserved in the Human Services
12 Caseload Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b up to the amount
13 appropriated in this subdivision.

14 (o) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2025, funds are
15 appropriated for the following:

16 (1) ~~\$9,279,583~~ \$13,299,583 Global Commitment for the Medicaid
17 Global Payment Program;

18 (2) \$150,000 General Fund to conduct a technical analysis of Vermont's
19 health insurance markets; ~~and~~

20 (3) \$100,000 General Fund to implement the expansion of Medicare
21 Savings Programs eligibility;

* * *

(1) ~~\$200,000 General Fund for local economic damage grants to municipalities that were impacted by the August and December 2023 flooding events in counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declarations DR 4744-VT and DR 4762-VT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these local economic damage grants be distributed to municipalities throughout the State to address the secondary economic impacts of the August and December 2023 flooding events. Monies from these grants shall not be expended on Federal Emergency Management Agency related projects~~ \$1,800,000 General Fund for

1 local economic damage grants to municipalities in counties that are eligible for
2 Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funds under
3 federal disaster declarations DR-4810-VT and DR-4744-VT. It is the intent of
4 the General Assembly that these local economic damage grants be distributed
5 to municipalities throughout the State to address the secondary economic
6 impacts of 2023 and 2024 flooding events. Monies from these grants shall not
7 be expended on Federal Emergency Management Agency-related projects.

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

10 (i) \$75,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has at least
11 \$5,000,000 in estimated reported damages to public infrastructure relating to
12 2023 and 2024 flooding events.

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

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

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

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

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

8 (C) To the extent that the funds appropriated in this subdivision
9 (v)(1) are insufficient to distribute grants to all eligible municipalities in their
10 full amount, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall, pursuant to
11 32 V.S.A. § 511, utilize excess receipt authority to establish spending authority
12 from the PILOT Special Fund for this purpose; and

13 (2) \$3,800,000 General Fund to ensure the appropriations made in Secs.
14 B.514 of this act and the fiscal year 2026 appropriations act are sufficient to
15 meet 100 percent of the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System
16 Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution. Appropriations made in Secs.
17 B.513 of this act and the fiscal year 2026 appropriations act pursuant to 16
18 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(13) shall not be considered for the purposes of determining
19 whether the appropriations made in Secs. B.514 of this act and the fiscal year
20 2026 appropriations act are sufficient to ensure that the Actuarially Determined
21 Employer Contribution requirement is funded at 100 percent in fiscal years

1 2025 and 2026, respectively. Unexpended appropriations shall carry forward
2 into subsequent fiscal years and remain available for this purpose.

3 (w) Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. In fiscal year 2025, funds
4 are appropriated for the following:

5 (1) \$2,800,000 General Fund to complete pilot projects identified
6 pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 186.

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

8 (1) \$800,000 General Fund to upgrade the network wiring and security
9 systems in county court houses; and

10 (2) \$50,000 General Fund to upgrade or construct bathrooms in the
11 Essex Meeting House that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities
12 Act.

13 (y) Agency of Education. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for
14 the following:

15 (1) \$68,407 Education Fund for a grant to the Essex North Supervisory
16 Union to eliminate a fiscal year 2025 Transportation Grant shortfall due to a
17 data submission error; and

18 (2) \$149,666 Education Fund for a grant to the Windham Southwest
19 Supervisory Union to eliminate a fiscal year 2025 Transportation Grant
20 shortfall due to a data submission error.

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

3 Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME
4 APPROPRIATIONS

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

7 (1) \$2,300,000 General Fund to create, implement, and oversee a
8 comprehensive statewide language access plan;

9 (2) \$15,000,000 General Fund to be used to offset the cost of denied
10 claims for ~~Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)~~ federal
11 reimbursement related to presidentially declared disasters in fiscal year 2024 or
12 2025, or to fund unanticipated statewide costs related to recovery efforts from
13 declared disasters or administering programs created by funds from the
14 American Rescue Plan Act – State Fiscal Recovery Fund, including the costs
15 of related limited-service positions, and contracting for programs and services.

16 (3) \$500,000 General Fund for community grants related to health
17 equity. These funds shall not be released until the recommendation and report
18 required by Sec. E.100.1 of this act, regarding the permanent administrative
19 location for the Office of Health Equity, is provided to the committees of
20 jurisdiction listed in Sec. E.100.1 of this act and the positions in the Office of
21 Health Equity created by this act are filled.

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(1) \$366,066 General Fund and \$372,048 Federal Revenue Fund #22005 for a ~~two-year~~ pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program; unexpended appropriations shall carry forward into subsequent fiscal years and remain available for this purpose;

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1 (ee) Joint Fiscal Office. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the
2 following:

3 (1) \$250,000 for ~~per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses~~
4 ~~for members of the Task Force on Economic Development Incentives and for~~
5 ~~consulting services approved by the Task Force~~ consulting services related to
6 legislative needs identified in the 2025–2026 biennium, including analysis of
7 legislative staff compensation and organizational structure and implementation
8 of adjustments in accordance with policies adopted by the Joint Legislative
9 Management Committee.

10 * * *

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

12 Sec. C.110 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

13 REVERSION AND REALLOCATION

14 (a) The Secretary of Administration ~~shall revert~~ may reimburse up to
15 ~~\$5,000,000~~ \$14,300,000 of prior fiscal year federal funds ~~appropriated~~
16 expended through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, as approved by
17 the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to Grant Request #3034. ~~An amount of~~
18 ~~spending authority equal to these reversions shall be provided, pursuant to 32~~
19 ~~V.S.A. § 511, to existing State programs that meet the eligibility criteria~~
20 established by the U.S. Treasury with new General Fund appropriations
21 transferred from existing State programs that meet the eligibility criteria

1 established by the U.S. Treasury. These programs shall receive an amount of
2 spending authority from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program equal to
3 the amount of General Fund appropriation transferred.

4 Sec. C.106 BUSINESS EMERGENCY GAP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

5 VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

6 GRANT

7 (a) Of the \$7,000,000 General Fund provided to the Department of
8 Housing and Community Development by unanimous vote of the Emergency
9 Board on August 8, 2024 for the Business Emergency Gap Assistance
10 Program, \$2,000,000 shall be used for a grant to the Vermont Economic
11 Development Authority to establish a disaster relief fund for use by businesses
12 following a natural disaster.

13 Sec. C.107 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.103 is amended to read:

14 Sec. D.103 RESERVES

15 * * *

16 (b) In fiscal year 2025, \$5,000,000 shall be reserved within the Child Care
17 Contribution Special Fund. If in fiscal year 2026 the Child Care Contribution
18 Special Fund is found to have an undesignated fund deficit, these funds shall
19 be unreserved and used to the extent necessary to offset the deficit as
20 determined by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. If these funds are
21 used in fiscal year 2026, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall

1 report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, or the Joint
2 Fiscal Committee when the General Assembly is not in session, on the amount
3 used.

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); and

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 Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital

8 and Essential Investments (#21952): \$9,647,469.

9 (C) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909):

10 \$4,300,000.

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

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

13 (F) Communications and Information Technology Fund (#58100):

14 \$7,000,000.

15 (G) Environmental Contingency Fund (#21275): \$9,520,000.

16 (i) The transfer in subdivision (a)(1)(G) of this section shall be
17 increased by the amount reverted in Sec. D.102(b) of this act. For the purpose
18 of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget this amount is estimated to be no less
19 than \$2,000,000.

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

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

1 (A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100):

2 \$305,825.

3 (B) Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvements

4 Fund (#21575): \$523,966.

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

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

7 \$1,500,000.

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

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

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

11 \$120,000.

12 (5) From the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments and Reserves

13 Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments (#21953)

14 to the:

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

16 (B) Capital Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital

17 and Essential Investments Fund (#21952): \$1,000,000.

18 (6) From the Agency of Human Services Central Office Earned Federal

19 Receipts (#22005) to the:

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

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

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

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

5 (A) General Fund (#10000): 70 percent of the unencumbered and
6 unexpended balance of the fund in excess of \$4,035,000 following the close of
7 fiscal year 2025. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report
8 the amount of this transfer to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July 2025
9 meeting. For purposes of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget, this amount
10 is estimated to be \$8,900,000.

11 (B) Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund (#21995): 30 percent
12 of the unencumbered and unexpended balance of the fund in excess of
13 \$4,035,000 following the close of fiscal year 2025. The Commissioner of
14 Finance and Management shall report the amount of this transfer to the Joint
15 Fiscal Committee at its July 2025 meeting. For purposes of developing the
16 fiscal year 2026 budget, this amount is estimated to be \$3,800,000.

17 (b) The following transfers shall be in accordance with the citations
18 provided. Transfer estimates are for purposes of developing the fiscal year
19 2026 budget and do not supersede the actual year-end transfer amounts.

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

1	<u>1210892201 LEG – Pension Benefit Consul</u>	<u>\$8,821.25</u>
2	<u>1220891803 VT Tax Structure Comm</u>	<u>\$59,673.09</u>
3	<u>1220891901 Contract Services for Research</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
4	<u>1220892201 JFO – AAHC Task Force Consult</u>	<u>\$7,155.00</u>
5	<u>1220892301 JFO – Studies and Reports</u>	<u>\$21,125.50</u>
6	<u>1230891301 Security</u>	<u>\$39.10</u>
7	<u>1230892301 SAA – Capitol Police</u>	<u>\$0.99</u>
8	<u>1260892201 TRE – Bond Redemption</u>	<u>\$6,000,000.00</u>

9 (b) Any unencumbered balance remaining in the appropriation established
10 pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1103(h), as amended by
11 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 43, at the close of fiscal year 2025 shall
12 revert in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 703 and shall be exempt from the
13 carryforward authority provided to the Secretary of Administration in Sec.
14 F.182(a) of this act.

15 Sec. D.103 RESERVES

16 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
17 2026, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds
18 provided:

19 (1) General Fund.

1 (A) The General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve shall be adjusted
2 in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308. For purposes of developing this budget,
3 \$1,685,385 is expected to be unreserved in fiscal year 2026.

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

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

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

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

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

20 (3) Transportation Fund.

1 (A) For the purpose of calculating the fiscal year 2026 Transportation
2 Fund Stabilization Reserve's requirement of five percent of prior year
3 appropriations, fiscal year 2025 Transportation Fund reversions are deducted
4 from the fiscal year 2025 total appropriations amount.

5 * * * General Government * * *

6 Sec. E.100 POSITIONS

7 (a) The establishment of three permanent positions is authorized in fiscal
8 year 2026 for the following:

9 (1) Permanent classified positions:

10 (A) Department of Fish and Wildlife:

11 (i) one Fish and Wildlife Specialist.

12 (2) Permanent exempt positions:

13 (A) Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs:

14 (i) one Financial and IT Specialist; and

15 (ii) one Transport Deputy.

16 (b) The establishment of three limited service classified position is
17 authorized in fiscal year 2026:

18 (1) Office of the State Treasurer:

19 (A) one Climate Superfund Specialist.

20 (2) Office of the Attorney General:

21 (A) one Pre-Charge Administrator.

1 (3) Office of the Secretary of State:

2 (A) one Administrative Coordinator IV.

3 (c) The establishment of one limited service exempt position is authorized
4 in fiscal year 2026:

5 (1) Office of the Attorney General:

6 (A) one Solicitor General.

7 (d) The conversion of two limited service exempt positions to permanent
8 classified status is authorized in fiscal year 2026 as follows:

9 (1) Land Use Review Board:

10 (A) two District Coordinators.

11 (e) The conversion of nine limited service exempt positions to permanent
12 exempt status is authorized in fiscal year 2026 as follows:

13 (1) Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs:

14 (A) six Deputy State's Attorneys;

15 (B) two Legal Assistants; and

16 (C) one Victim Advocate.

17 Sec. E.100.1 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.100, as amended by 2024

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

19 Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

20 (a) The establishment of 75 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year
21 2024 for the following:

* * *

(2) Permanent exempt positions:

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(F) Office of the State Treasurer:

(i) one Director – ~~VT-Saves~~ Economic Empowerment Division;

and

(ii) one Communications and Outreach Manager – ~~VT-Saves~~

Economic Empowerment Division;

* * *

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

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(2) ~~Agency of Administration~~ Department of Health – Health Equity
Advisory Commission:

(A) one Private Secretary.

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

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal
Committee at its July, September, and November 2025 meetings, and at other

1 meetings as requested, on any reductions to federal revenues to the State and
2 the status of any appropriations impacted by such reductions.

3 Sec. E.100.3 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; CORONAVIRUS STATE
4 FISCAL RECOVERY FUND APPROPRIATIONS;
5 REPORTING

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

10 (1) Reports shall include information on:

11 (A) the original amounts appropriated;

12 (B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and

13 (C) any remaining spending authority.

14 (b) In fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the
15 Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the request of the
16 Committee, on the status of any spending authority established pursuant to
17 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106.

18 (1) Reports shall include information on:

19 (A) the original amounts appropriated;

20 (B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and

21 (C) any remaining spending authority.

1 (c) Any spending authority established pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves
2 No. 113, Sec. E.106(a) and (c) that remains unexpended and unencumbered on
3 December 31, 2027 shall revert to the General Fund. Any unallocated balance
4 resulting from this reversion shall be reserved in the General Fund Balance
5 Reserve.

6 (d) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the House and Senate
7 Committees on Appropriations on or before January 15, 2028 on the amount
8 reverted to the General Fund and reserved in the General Fund Balance
9 Reserve pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

10 Sec. E.105 AGENCY OF DIGITAL SERVICES; COMMUNICATIONS
11 AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND TRANSFER

12 (a) In fiscal year 2026, the Agency of Digital Services shall utilize from the
13 Internal Service Fund appropriation in Sec. B.105 of this act an amount of
14 funds equal to that transferred from the General Fund to the Communications
15 and Information Technology Fund in this act to cover the costs of transitioning
16 billable services from a service level agreement model to a core enterprise
17 services model. To the extent to which these funds are insufficient to complete
18 this transition, the Agency shall, as part of its fiscal year 2026 budget
19 adjustment presentation, request an additional appropriation or transfer of
20 funds and shall not bill other agencies or departments to cover the costs of the
21 transition.

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

2 § 5824. ADOPTION OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS

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

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

9 § 7402. DEFINITIONS

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

11 * * *

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

19 * * *

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.111.3 TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS; TAX YEAR 2025

8 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for purposes of
9 determining the tax-exempt status of an organization, Vermont tax laws for tax
10 year 2025 shall follow 26 U.S.C. §§ 501–506 and all other federal statutory
11 provisions, federal regulations, and federal case law relating to the
12 determination of an organization’s tax-exempt status for purposes of federal
13 income taxation, as in effect on April 1, 2025, regardless of any amendments
14 or other changes affecting implementation or interpretation of those sections
15 between April 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025, whether due to an act of
16 Congress, federal regulation, federal bulletin, federal guidance, presidential
17 executive order, federal administrative or judicial decision, or other federal
18 source.

19 Sec. E.126 FISCAL YEAR 2026 INCREASED LEGISLATURE BASE

20 FUNDING; LEGISLATIVE INTENT

1 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the General Fund
2 appropriation in Sec. B.126 of this act, \$1,500,000 be for expenses including
3 meetings of the General Assembly not budgeted for in prior, current, or future
4 appropriations acts. It is further the intent of the General Assembly that the
5 proposed fiscal year 2027 General Assembly budget exclude this \$1,500,000
6 from any calculation of its base appropriation amount.

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.

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8 Sec. E.127.1 32 V.S.A. § 308c is amended to read:

9 § 308c. GENERAL FUND AND TRANSPORTATION FUND BALANCE

10 RESERVES

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

19 (1), (2) [Repealed.]

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

4 (A) 25 percent to the Vermont State Retirement Fund established by
5 3 V.S.A. § 473; and

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

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

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

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

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

12 Sec. E.127.2 FEDERAL FUNDING; CALCULATION OF

13 APPROPRIATION REDUCTION; SECRETARY OF

14 ADMINISTRATION; JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE

15 (a) As used in this section:

16 (1) "Unduplicated function total" means the individual function totals
17 set forth in this act excluding Global Commitment funds, Interdepartmental
18 Transfer funds, and Internal Service funds. For purposes of this section, the
19 determination of an unduplicated function total shall not include Education
20 Funds.

1 (2) “Governmental function unit” refers to the governmental function
2 areas set forth in Sec. A.108 of this act.

3 (b) In each instance that a reduction in federal revenues to the State results
4 in a decrease of the unduplicated function total for any governmental function
5 unit by:

6 (1) Less than 0.5 percent of the unduplicated function total or
7 \$2,000,000, whichever threshold amount is greater, the Secretary of
8 Administration shall notify the Joint Fiscal Committee and may prepare and
9 implement a spending authority reduction plan without the approval of the
10 Joint Fiscal Committee, provided that any total reductions in appropriations
11 and transfers of funds are not greater than the reduction in the federal
12 revenues. If the Secretary’s plan consists of reductions greater than five
13 percent to the total amount appropriated in any section or subsection of any
14 appropriations act, such plan shall only be implemented in the manner
15 provided for in 32 V.S.A. § 704(b)(2).

16 (2) Greater than \$2,000,000 and 0.5 percent of the unduplicated function
17 total for any governmental function unit, but less than 25 percent or
18 \$50,000,000, whichever threshold amount is lower:

19 (A) the Secretary of Administration shall prepare a spending
20 authority reduction and transfer plan for consideration and approval by the
21 Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to the same process established in 32 V.S.A.

1 § 704(e), notwithstanding the reference to subdivision (b)(1) of this section,
2 provided that the total reductions to federal spending authority are not greater
3 than the reductions in federal revenues; and

4 (B) to maintain a balanced State budget, to minimize the impact to
5 Vermonters and to abide by the legislative intent set forth by the General
6 Assembly in this act, the Joint Fiscal Committee may make a recommendation
7 to the Emergency Board to:

8 (i) utilize the appropriation in Sec. B.1101(b)(2) of this act to
9 support impacted programs at not more than the current fiscal year funding
10 level until the General Assembly is in session;

11 (ii) revert any unexpended and unobligated funds; and

12 (iii) make such reductions or transfers in appropriations necessary
13 to support the priorities of the General Assembly.

14 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for the
15 purpose of calculating any appropriation reduction that triggers the actions set
16 forth in this section, the baseline federal funding amounts shall be the federal
17 funding set forth in this act. The Secretary of Administration shall monitor any
18 changes in federal funding as the difference between the baseline federal
19 funding amount for use in fiscal year 2026 and any updated State federal funds
20 revenue forecast adopted by the Emergency Board and shall calculate the

1 percent reduction of the unduplicated function totals for each governmental
2 function unit.

3 Sec. E.127.3 FISCAL YEAR 2026 FEE REPORT; GENERAL
4 GOVERNMENT

5 (a) Fiscal year 2026 fee information. Agencies, departments, boards, and
6 offices that receive appropriations in Secs. B.100-199, B.400-599, and B. 800-
7 999 of this act shall, in collaboration with the Joint Fiscal Office, prepare a
8 comprehensive fee report for each fee that is in effect in fiscal year 2026. The
9 fee report shall contain the following information for each fee:

- 10 (1) the statutory authorization and termination date, if any;
11 (2) the current rate or amount of the fee and the date the fee was last set
12 or adjusted by the General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee;
13 (3) the Fund into which the fee revenues are deposited;
14 (4) the amount of the revenues derived from the fee in each of the five
15 fiscal years preceding fiscal year 2026;
16 (5) the number of times that the fee was paid in each of the two fiscal
17 years preceding fiscal year 2026;
18 (6) a projection of the fee revenues in fiscal years 2026 and 2027;
19 (7) a description of the service or product provided or the regulatory
20 function performed by the agency, department, board or office supported by
21 the fee;

1 (8) the amount of the fee if adjusted for inflation from the last time the
2 fee amount was modified using an appropriate index chosen in consultation
3 with the Joint Fiscal Office. The inflation adjustment shall be calculated as the
4 percentage change between the value of the index in the July of the year the fee
5 was last adjusted by the General Assembly and July 2025;

6 (9) if any portion of the fee revenue is deposited into a special fund, the
7 percentage of the special fund's revenues that the fee represents;

8 (10) any available information regarding comparable fees in other
9 jurisdictions;

10 (11) any policies or trends that might affect the viability of the fee
11 amount; and

12 (12) any other relevant considerations for setting the fee amount.

13 (b) Reports.

14 (1) The Joint Fiscal Office shall provide guidance as necessary to the
15 agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this
16 section on the methodology to be used for compiling the information requested
17 in the fee reports. On or before October 15, 2025, the agencies, departments,
18 boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this section shall submit a
19 draft report of the information required in subdivisions (a)(1)–(12) of this
20 section to the Joint Fiscal Office for review. Agencies, departments, boards,

1 and offices shall work with the Joint Fiscal Office to finalize the report before
2 submitting the final report described in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

3 (2) On or before December 15, 2025, the agencies, departments, boards,
4 and offices described in subsection (a) shall submit a jointly prepared final
5 report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means
6 and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Finance.

7 (3) If any of the information requested in this section cannot be provided
8 for any reason, the agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in
9 subsection (a) shall include in both the draft and final reports a written
10 explanation for why the information cannot be provided.

11 (c) As used in this section, as it pertains to Executive Branch agencies,
12 departments, boards, and offices, “fee” means any source of State revenue
13 classified by the Department of Finance and Management Accounting System
14 as “fees,” “business licenses,” “nonbusiness licenses,” and “fines and
15 penalties.”

16 (d) Executive Branch fee report moratorium. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.
17 § 605, in fiscal year 2026, the Governor shall not be required to submit the
18 consolidated Executive Branch fee annual report and request to the General
19 Assembly.

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

21 CHAPTER 18. ~~VT~~ VERMONT SAVES

§ 531. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

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

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

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

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

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

5 (1) affirmatively elect to contribute to a traditional IRA instead of a
6 Roth IRA; or

7 (2) open both a Roth IRA and a traditional IRA.

8 (c) Contributions.

9 (1) Unless otherwise specified by the covered employee, a covered
10 employee shall automatically initially contribute five percent of the covered
11 employee's salary or wages to the Program. A covered employee may elect to
12 opt out of the Program at any time or contribute at any higher or lower rate,
13 expressed as a percentage of salary or wages, or, as permitted by the State
14 Treasurer, expressed as a flat dollar amount, subject in all cases to the IRA
15 contribution and eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code
16 at no additional charge.

17 (2) The State Treasurer shall provide for, on a uniform basis, an annual
18 increase of each active participant's contribution rate, by not less than one
19 percent, but not more than eight percent, of salary or wages each year. Any
20 such increases shall apply to active participants, including participants by
21 default with an option to opt out or participants who are initiated by affirmative

1 participant election, provided that any increase is subject to the IRA
2 contribution and eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code.

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

5 CHAPTER 61. MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE LOAN FUND

6 § 1601. MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE LOAN FUND

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

12 (b) The Municipal Equipment and Vehicle Loan Fund shall be
13 administered by a committee composed of the State Treasurer and the State
14 Traffic Committee established by 19 V.S.A. § 1(24), pursuant to policies and
15 procedures approved by ~~the Traffic~~ this Committee ~~established by 19 V.S.A.~~
16 ~~§ 1(24)~~ with administrative support from the Office of the State Treasurer.

17 The Committee shall establish criteria for distribution of available loan funds
18 among municipalities considering at least financial need, equitable geographic
19 distribution, and ability to repay. The Fund shall be a revolving fund and all
20 principal and interest earned on loans and the fund balance remaining in the
21 Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall ~~not revert but be carried over in the~~

1 ~~Fund~~ available for use in the succeeding fiscal year. The Committee shall
2 meet upon request of the State Treasurer to consider applications.

3 § 1602. APPLICATION; LOANS; CONDITIONS

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

13 (b) The State Treasurer is authorized to establish terms and conditions,
14 including repayment schedules of up to five years for loans from the Fund to
15 ensure repayment of loans to the Fund. The amount of any loan shall be not
16 more than 75 percent of the purchase price or \$150,000.00, whichever is lower.
17 Before a municipality may receive a loan from the Fund, it shall give to the
18 State Treasurer security for the repayment of the funds. The security shall be
19 in such form and amount as the State Treasurer may determine and may
20 include a lien on the equipment or emergency vehicle financed by the loan.

1 (c) The rates of interest shall be as established by this section to assist
2 municipalities in purchasing equipment upon terms more favorable than in the
3 commercial market. Such rates shall be not more than two percent per annum
4 for a loan to a single municipality, and loans shall bear no interest charge if
5 made to two or more municipalities purchasing equipment jointly.

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

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

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

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

19 (f) The State Treasurer shall put forth recommendations to the General
20 Assembly on the maximum individual loan amount from the Fund every five

1 years, commencing on January 15, 2028, based on requests received and loans
2 granted pursuant to this chapter in the five preceding years.

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

5 § 1001. CAPITAL DEBT AFFORDABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6 * * *

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

19 * * *

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

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

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

7 (C) existing and projected pension and other postemployment benefit
8 liability metrics; and

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

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

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

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

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

1 (a) Of the \$3,339,343 appropriated in Sec. B.133 of this act, \$2,247,471
2 constitutes the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System operating
3 budget, and \$1,091,872 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension
4 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State
5 Employees' Retirement System.

6 Sec. E.134 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
7 SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT
8 COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS

9 (a) Of the \$1,921,020 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,494,924
10 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating
11 budget, and \$426,096 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension
12 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont Municipal
13 Employees' Retirement System.

14 Sec. E.134.1 3 V.S.A. § 525 is added to read:

15 § 525. VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; MARKET

16 FACTOR ANALYSIS FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

17 The Department of Human Resources shall conduct and implement a
18 market factor analysis for all classified positions within the Vermont Pension
19 Investment Commission not later than January 15, 2026, and every three years
20 thereafter. The market factor analysis may:

1 (1) follow all policies and procedures established by the Department
2 of Human Resources for conducting market factor analyses;

3 (2) compare total compensation for comparable positions in relevant
4 public labor markets, with particular attention to other public pension
5 investment organizations of similar asset size and investment complexity;

6 (3) consider the specialized skills, education, certifications, and
7 experience required for investment-related positions;

8 (4) evaluate recruitment and retention challenges specific to these
9 positions;

10 (5) recommend appropriate market factor adjustments when
11 warranted by the analysis; and

12 (6) include an assessment of the fiscal impact of any recommended
13 market factor adjustments.

14 Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

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

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

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

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

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 through a voluntary buyout program
6 operated by the Division of Emergency Management.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 FACILITIES

Sec. E.200 ATTORNEY GENERAL

Sec. E.200.1 9 V.S.A. § 2473 is amended to read:

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(2) Each notice of solicitation filed in accordance with this section shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$200.00~~ \$270.00. In the case of a campaign

1 lasting more than 12 months, an additional ~~\$200.00~~ \$270.00 fee shall be paid
2 annually on or before the date of the anniversary of the commencement of the
3 campaign.

4 (3) Fees paid under this subsection shall be deposited in a special fund
5 managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available
6 to the Attorney General for the costs of administering sections 2471–2479 of
7 this title.

8 Sec. E.200.2 18 V.S.A. § 4632 is amended to read:

9 § 4632. DISCLOSURE OF ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES AND GIFTS

10 BY MANUFACTURERS OF PRESCRIBED PRODUCTS

11 * * *

12 (b)(1) Annually on or before April 1, the Office of the Attorney General
13 shall collect a ~~\$500.00~~ \$765.00 fee from each manufacturer of prescribed
14 products filing annual disclosures of expenditures greater than zero described
15 in subsection (a) of this section.

16 (2) Fees collected under this section shall fund collection and analysis of
17 information on activities related to the marketing of prescribed products under
18 section 4631a of this title and under this section. The fees shall be collected in
19 a special fund assigned to the Office.

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1 Sec. E.208 PUBLIC SAFETY; ADMINISTRATION

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

6 Sec. E.208.1 PUBLIC SAFETY; CAPITAL PLAN

7 (a) As part of its fiscal year 2027 budget presentation, the Department of
8 Public Safety shall submit a capital plan for the replacement of firearms and
9 mobile and portable radio equipment to the House and Senate Committees on
10 Appropriations.

11 Sec. E.208.2 VERMONT COMMUNITY RADIO GRANT PROGRAM

12 (a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

13 (1) Vermont's seven active community radio stations currently serve
14 over 200,000 Vermonters, many in rural and underserved areas.

15 (2) Community radio stations have consistently provided critical
16 information during emergencies, including Tropical Storm Irene, recent severe
17 flooding, and other natural disasters.

18 (3) These stations operate with small budgets, primarily relying on
19 volunteer staff and listener donations, and are ineligible for federal funding
20 through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting due to their size.

1 (4) Upcoming FCC-approved stations in Bristol, Richmond-Underhill-
2 Jericho, and Ludlow will expand coverage to nearly all Vermont counties,
3 increasing statewide accessibility to vital community radio services.

4 (5) Investment in these stations strengthens Vermont's public safety
5 network and promotes civic engagement by providing local, hyper-focused
6 content that commercial and statewide media cannot replicate.

7 (b) Intent. The intent of this section is to ensure Vermont's community
8 radio stations remain resilient and prepared to serve as lifelines during
9 emergencies while fostering local engagement and preserving Vermont's
10 unique community fabric.

11 (c) Grant program.

12 (1) The Vermont Community Radio Grant Program is established to
13 provide one-time funding to community radio stations for the purpose of:

14 (A) upgrading equipment and infrastructure necessary for reliable
15 emergency broadcasting;

16 (B) procuring and installing backup generators; and

17 (C) enhancing operational sustainability through software
18 improvements and technical training.

19 (2) The Program shall be administered by the Commissioner of Public
20 Safety or designee in collaboration with the Vermont Association of
21 Broadcasters.

1 (3) Grants shall be allocated as follows:

2 (A) up to \$25,000 per station for seven active community radio
3 stations; and

4 (B) up to \$10,000 per station for three upcoming stations currently
5 under construction.

6 (4) To be eligible for a grant under the Program, an applicant shall:

7 (A) be a nonprofit, noncommercial community radio station licensed
8 in Vermont;

9 (B) demonstrate a history of providing emergency broadcasting
10 services or show the capacity to provide those services upon funding; and

11 (C) submit a detailed implementation plan for the proposed use of
12 grant funding.

13 (d) Report. On or before June 30, 2026, a community radio station that
14 receives a grant under the Program shall provide to the Commissioner of
15 Public Safety a report detailing the:

16 (1) use of grant funds, including itemized expenses;

17 (2) improvements achieved in emergency readiness and operational
18 capacity; and

19 (3) impact on community service and engagement.

1 Sec. E.209 PUBLIC SAFETY; STATE POLICE

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

7 (b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$405,000 is
8 allocated for grants in support of the Drug Task Force. Of this amount,
9 \$190,000 shall be used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town
10 task force officers. These town task force officers shall be dedicated to
11 enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18
12 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any
13 unobligated funds may be allocated by the Commissioner to fund the work of
14 the Drug Task Force or be carried forward.

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

18 Sec. E.212 PUBLIC SAFETY; FIRE SAFETY

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

1 Sec. E.215 MILITARY; ADMINISTRATION

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

5 Sec. E.219 MILITARY; VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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

11 Sec. E.221 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL; POOL POSITION

12 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.221 of this act, \$115,000 is
13 to fund one permanent classified position taken from the position pool. The
14 position shall be used to establish a Canine Head Trainer at the Criminal
15 Justice Council.

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

17 BUDGET

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

1 Sec. E.232.1 SECRETARY OF STATE; LOCAL CIVIC JOURNALISM

2 AWARDS

3 (a) As part of its civic engagement and education activities, the Office of
4 the Secretary of State shall, in collaboration with the University of Vermont
5 Center for Community News, make cash awards to local civic journalism
6 organizations or businesses with funds appropriated to it in Sec. B.1100(aa)(1)
7 of this act. The Office of the Secretary of State shall, in collaboration with the
8 University of Vermont Center for Community News, establish award criteria
9 and assemble a panel of three to five journalists, academics, and industry
10 veterans who neither work for eligible organizations nor are eligible to receive
11 awards themselves to determine award recipients. Awards shall be made in
12 amounts between \$1,000 and \$10,000.

13 Sec. E.236 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION; POOL POSITION

14 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.236 of this act, \$250,000 is
15 to fund two permanent exempt positions taken from the position pool. The
16 positions shall be used to establish an Intake Specialist and a Staff Attorney
17 Investigator at the Human Rights Commission.

18 Sec. E.236.1 LIQUOR AND LOTTERY; APPROPRIATION; BUSINESS-
19 TO-BUSINESS WEBSITE

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

4 Sec. E.300 FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE

5 ADVOCATE, VERMONT LEGAL AID

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

7 (1) \$2,000,406 shall be used for the contract with the Office of the
8 Health Care Advocate;

9 (2) \$1,717,994 for Vermont Legal Aid services, including the Poverty
10 Law Project and mental health services; and

11 (3) \$650,000 is for the purposes of maintaining current Vermont Legal
12 Aid program capacity and addressing increased requests for services, including
13 eviction prevention and protection from foreclosure and consumer debt.

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

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

18 (1) the basis for the projected number of beds per facility to create 41
19 new beds for youth in high-end facilities under the Departments for Children
20 and Families, of Mental Health, and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent

1 Living for inpatient, psychiatric residential, stabilization, and treatment
2 services, including projected reductions in out-of-state placements;

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

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

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

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

13 Sec. E.300.2 SETTLEMENT FUNDS; PRIMARY CARE; LEGISLATIVE
14 INTENT; REPORT

15 (a) The Green Mountain Care Board shall report to the House Committee
16 on Health Care; the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare; and the House
17 and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 30 days of the determination
18 on the distribution of the \$11,000,000 from the University of Vermont Medical
19 Center to non-hospital primary care providers pursuant to the Settlement
20 Agreement entered into by the University of Vermont Medical Center, Inc.,

1 University of Vermont Health Network, Inc., and the Green Mountain Care
2 Board in April 2025.

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

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

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

13 (1) \$24,714,000 certified State match available from local education
14 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under
15 Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$35,286,000 of federal
16 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated
17 expenditure of \$60,000,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal
18 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services
19 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment
20 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund established by 16 V.S.A.
21 § 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 may seek a State Directed Payment
6 model with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This payment
7 model will be for a Hospital Directed Payment program. Upon approval from
8 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Agency of Human
9 Services' Department of Vermont Health Access, the University of Vermont,
10 and the University of Vermont Medical Center may enter into a mutual
11 agreement on the implementation of the Hospital Directed Payment program.

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

1 (c) In fiscal year 2026, the Agency of Human Services may, to the extent
2 permitted under federal law, reasonably manage the timing of federal fiscal
3 year 2026 Disproportionate Share Hospital payments to hospitals due to the
4 impact the Vermont Hospital Directed Payment program payments received in
5 fiscal year 2026 may have on hospitals' eligibility for Disproportionate Share
6 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) On or before December 15, 2025, the Department of Vermont Health
15 Access' Division of Rate Setting shall submit a report to the House Committee
16 on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
17 containing proactive measures and targeted interventions that may be used to
18 reduce the use and amount of future extraordinary financial relief for nursing
19 homes.

20 (b) On or before January 15, 2026, the Departments of Vermont Health
21 Access and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall present to the

1 House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the
2 Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare on the
3 following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 registered carriers shall allow a period of one calendar month beyond the
2 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' deadline of December 15, 2025
3 for 2026 plan selection in order to encourage enrollment and to allow enrollees
4 to make plan selection changes.

5 Sec. E.306.3 33 V.S.A. § 1811 is amended to read:

6 § 1811. HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND SMALL
7 EMPLOYERS

8 * * *

9 (1)(1) A registered carrier shall allow for the enrollment of a pregnant
10 individual, and of any individual who is eligible for coverage under the terms
11 of the health benefit plan because of a relationship to the pregnant individual,
12 at any time after the commencement of the pregnancy. Coverage shall be
13 effective as of the first of the month following the individual's selection of a
14 health benefit plan.

15 (2) A registered carrier shall allow an individual who is eligible for
16 advance payments of federal premium tax credits under 26 U.S.C. § 36B and
17 whose household income for the year is expected to be not greater than 200
18 percent of the federal poverty level, and any individual who is eligible for
19 coverage because of a relationship to that individual, to enroll in a health
20 benefit plan through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange at any time during
21 the plan year.

1 Sec. E.306.4 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES GRANTS; REPORT

2 (a) As part of its fiscal year 2027 budget presentation, the Department of
3 Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living shall report to the House and
4 Senate Committees on Appropriations on the grants to skilled nursing facilities
5 funded through the appropriation made in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113,
6 Sec. B.1102(b)(11). The Department shall include in its report information on
7 the following:

- 8 (1) facilities to which grants were distributed;
9 (2) amounts of each grant distributed; and
10 (3) any available information on direct impacts of grants, including
11 reduction of reliance on travel nurses and workforce retention and expansion.

12 (b) As part of its fiscal year 2027 budget presentation, the Department of
13 Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall, to the extent the information
14 in subdivisions (1)–(3) of this subsection is available, report to the House and
15 Senate Committees on Appropriations on the grants to skilled nursing facilities
16 funded through the appropriation made in Sec. B.1100(u)(2) of this act. The
17 Department shall include in its report information on the following:

- 18 (1) facilities to which grants were distributed;
19 (2) amounts of each grant distributed; and
20 (3) any available information on direct impacts of grants, including
21 reduction of reliance on travel nurses and workforce retention and expansion.

1 Sec. E.306.5 TEACHING HEALTH CENTER GRADUATE MEDICAL
2 EDUCATION PROGRAM; IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING;
3 LEGISLATIVE INTENT; REPORT

4 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall seek approval from the Centers
5 for Medicare and Medicaid Services to obtain federal matching funds for the
6 first year of implementation of the Maple Mountain Family Medicine
7 Residency Program, a new Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical
8 Education Program that will increase the number of family medicine residents
9 practicing in rural regions of Vermont. It is the intent of the General Assembly
10 to appropriate funds in future fiscal years, with additional federal matching
11 funds if available, to allow for full implementation of the Program.

12 (b) If the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services does not approve the
13 Agency's request for federal matching funds pursuant to subsection (a) of this
14 section, the Agency shall evaluate potential opportunities to obtain federal
15 matching funds in future fiscal years to provide greater support to the Maple
16 Mountain Family Medicine Residency Program during its implementation
17 stage, including matching State dollars as a Global Commitment investment, as
18 a graduate medical education expenditure, or through another mechanism.

19 (c) The Agency shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July 2025
20 meeting on whether the Agency was successful in receiving approval for
21 federal matching funds pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and, if not, its

1 findings and recommendations regarding future federal matching fund
2 opportunities pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

3 Sec. E.307 33 V.S.A. § 1902 is amended to read:

4 § 1902. QUALIFICATION FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

5 * * *

6 (b) Workers with disabilities whose income is less than 250 percent of the
7 federal poverty level shall be eligible for Medicaid. The income also must not
8 exceed the Medicaid protected income level for one or the Supplemental
9 Security Income (SSI) payment level for two, whichever is higher, after
10 disregarding the earnings of the working individual with disabilities; Social
11 Security disability insurance benefits, including Social Security retirement
12 benefits converted automatically from Social Security Disability Insurance
13 (SSDI), if applicable; any veteran's disability benefits; and, if the working
14 individual with disabilities is married, all income of the spouse. ~~Earnings of~~
15 ~~the working individual with disabilities shall be documented by evidence of~~
16 ~~Federal Insurance Contributions Act tax payments, Self Employment~~
17 ~~Contributions Act tax payments, or a written business plan approved and~~
18 ~~supported by a third party investor or funding source.~~ The Agency of Human
19 Services shall adopt rules governing documentation of earnings of working
20 individuals with disabilities. The resource limit for this program shall be
21 \$10,000.00 for an individual and \$15,000.00 for a couple at the time of

1 enrollment in the program. Assets attributable to earnings made after
2 enrollment in the program shall be disregarded.

3 Sec. E.307.1 MEDICAID AND EXCHANGE; EMERGENCY

4 RULEMAKING

5 (a) The Agency of Human Services may adopt or amend rules regarding
6 Vermont's Medicaid program and the operation of the Vermont Health Benefit
7 Exchange in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 as needed to respond to
8 changes in State and federal law. The Agency may use the emergency rules
9 process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844, but only in the event that the new State or
10 federal law requires Vermont to amend or adopt its rules in a time frame that
11 cannot be accomplished under the traditional rulemaking process. An
12 emergency rule adopted under these exigent circumstances shall be deemed
13 to meet the standard for the adoption of emergency rules required pursuant to
14 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

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

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

17 ~~3 V.S.A. § 3097 (State Youth Council) is repealed on February 1, 2026.~~

18 [Repealed.]

19 Sec. E.312 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH

20 (a) HIV/AIDS funding:

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the
19 Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in Vermont
20 Medication Assistance Program to assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary
21 shall work in collaboration with persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a

1 plan to continue access to Vermont Medication Assistance Program
2 medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.

3 (B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services
4 shall work in collaboration with the Vermont Medication Assistance Program
5 Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of not less than 50 percent of
6 members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the program's
7 eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall
8 make recommendations regarding the program's formulary of approved
9 medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility
10 for the program.

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

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

1 Sec. E.312.1 3 V.S.A. § 5003 is amended to read:

2 § 5003. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RACIAL EQUITY

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

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

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

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

17 ~~(4) temporarily overseeing the establishment of the Health Equity~~
18 ~~Advisory Commission established pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 252 until the Office~~
19 ~~of Health Equity is established.~~

20 * * *

1 Sec. E.312.2 18 V.S.A. § 252 is amended to read:

2 § 252. HEALTH EQUITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

3 * * *

4 (c) Powers and duties. The Advisory Commission shall:

5 (1) provide ~~guidance~~ advice to the Department of Health and the
6 General Assembly on the continued development of the Office of Health
7 Equity, ~~which shall be established based on the Advisory Commission's~~
8 ~~recommendations not later than January 1, 2023,~~ including on:

9 (A) the structure, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the Office;

10 (B) ~~whether the Office shall be independent and, if not, in which~~
11 ~~State agency or department it shall be situated;~~

12 ~~(C)~~ how the Office shall be staffed;

13 ~~(D)~~(C) the populations served and specific issues addressed by the
14 Office; and

15 ~~(E)~~(D) the duties of the Office, including how grant funds shall be
16 managed and distributed; ~~and~~

17 ~~(F) the time frame and necessary steps to establish the Office;~~

18 (2) provide advice and make recommendations to the Office of Health
19 Equity, Department of Health, and General Assembly once established,
20 including input on:

1 (A) any rules or policies proposed by the Office of Health Equity or
2 Department of Health;

3 (B) the awarding of grants and the development of programs and
4 services;

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

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

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

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

19 (5) advise the Department of Health and the General Assembly on any
20 funding decisions relating to eliminating health disparities and promoting

1 health equity, including the distribution of federal monies related to COVID-
2 19;

3 (6) to the extent funds are available for the purpose, distribute grants
4 that stimulate the development of community-based and neighborhood-based
5 projects that will improve the health outcomes of individuals who are Black,
6 Indigenous, and Persons of Color; individuals who are LGBTQ; and
7 individuals with disabilities; and

8 (7) advise the General Assembly on efforts to improve cultural
9 competency, cultural humility, and antiracism in the health care system
10 through training and continuing education requirements for health care
11 providers and other clinical professionals.

12 (d) Assistance. The Advisory Commission shall have the administrative,
13 legal, and technical assistance of the ~~Agency of Administration at the request~~
14 ~~of the Executive Director of Racial Equity~~ Department of Health.

15 * * *

16 (f) Meetings.

17 (1) ~~The Executive Director of Racial Equity or designee shall call the~~
18 ~~first meeting of the Advisory Commission to occur on or before September 1,~~
19 ~~2021.~~

20 (2) The Advisory Commission shall select a chair and vice chair at its
21 first meeting and annually thereafter.

~~(4)~~(3) All meetings of the Advisory Commission and any subcommittees of the Advisory Commission shall be open to the public with opportunities for public comment provided on a regular basis.

(h) Compensation and reimbursement. Appointed members of the Advisory Commission shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for meetings ~~as deemed appropriate by the Advisory Commission within the appropriation provided.~~ These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the ~~Agency of Administration~~ Department of Health.

§ 254. OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY

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

7 Sec. E.312.4 SMOKING CESSATION GRANT REQUIREMENTS;

8 REPORT

9 (a) Prior to providing the grant to the Vermont Parent Child Center
10 Network from the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.1100(g)(6) of this act,
11 the Department of Health shall require that information on the use of the funds
12 be provided by grantees in an agreed-upon time frame, including the specific
13 activities supported by the funds, a description of the number of individuals
14 served, and information on the anticipated outcomes of this investment. On or
15 before January 15, 2026, the Department shall provide the House and Senate
16 Committees on Appropriations, the House Committees on Health Care and on
17 Human Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare with this
18 information and information on the outcomes achieved by previous
19 investments, including the number of pregnant smokers who quit smoking as a
20 result of cessation initiatives and the number of families who reported reducing
21 tobacco usage and secondhand smoke around infants and children. Previous

1 investments made for cessation initiatives include those made in 2022 Acts and
2 Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.110(a)(1) and 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec.
3 B.1100(n)(4).

4 Sec. E.313 18 V.S.A. § 4812 is added to read:

5 § 4812. SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION SPECIAL FUND

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

9 (b) Thirty percent of the revenues raised by the cannabis excise tax
10 imposed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 7902, not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 per fiscal
11 year, shall be deposited into this fund for substance misuse prevention costs.

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

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

17 Sec. E.313.1 SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION FUNDING; REPEAL

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

19 Sec. E.313.2 PREVENTION EXPENDITURES; REPORT

20 (a) On or before January 15, 2026, the Department of Health shall, in
21 consultation with other departments of the Agency of Human Services, provide

1 a report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and
2 to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare with information on total or
3 estimated expenditures made by the State on substance use prevention efforts
4 in fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026.

5 (1) The report shall include information on the following:

6 (A) all State and federal funds, including special funds, and monies
7 that have been appropriated or otherwise designated for substance use
8 prevention efforts;

9 (B) the total amounts appropriated from the funds specified in
10 subdivision (1)(A) of this section or otherwise designated for substance use
11 prevention efforts;

12 (C) the recipients of appropriations made from the funds specified in
13 subdivision (1)(A) of this section or otherwise designated for substance use
14 prevention efforts or the beneficiaries of grants or subgrants and how these
15 monies have been used by expenditure category;

16 (D) the amount of monies appropriated from the funds specified in
17 subdivision (1)(A) of this section or otherwise designated for substance use
18 prevention efforts that have been obligated;

19 (E) the amount of monies appropriated from the funds specified in
20 subdivision (1)(A) of this section or otherwise designated for substance use
21 prevention efforts that remain unencumbered or unexpended; and

1 (F) the extent to which monies appropriated from the funds specified
2 in subdivision (1)(A) of this section or otherwise designated for substance use
3 prevention efforts are subject to reversion or any federal obligation deadlines.

4 Sec. E.313.3 REPEAL

5 (a) 2022 Acts and Resolves No.185, Sec. E.240.6 is repealed.

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

7 Sec. E.316 STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP; FACILITY

8 PLANNING FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH

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

14 * * *

15 (f) The stakeholder working group shall cease to exist on June 30, ~~2025~~
16 2027.

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

18 § 125. BUDGETARY INFLATION; DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS

19 Annually, as part of its budget presentation, the Department shall inform the
20 House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate
21 Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare the cost of adding a

1 one percent increase over the previous fiscal year's funding for community-
2 contracted direct service providers.

3 Sec. E.316.2 SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAMS; REPORT

4 (a) On or before January 15, 2026, the Commissioner for Children and
5 Families and the Chief Superior Judge shall jointly submit a report to the
6 House Committees on Human Services and on Judiciary and the Senate
7 Committees on Health and Welfare and on Judiciary containing a proposal for
8 funding supervised visitation programs. The proposal shall address and
9 recommend sustainable funding for statewide coordination, equitable funding
10 among supervised visitation locations, and access for residents of counties that
11 do not currently provide supervised visitation services. The Commissioner and
12 Chief Superior Judge shall consult the Center for Crime Victim Services, the
13 Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, and supervised
14 visitation providers in the preparation of the report.

15 Sec. E.317 33 V.S.A. § 4922 is amended to read:

16 § 4922. RULEMAKING

17 (a) On or before ~~September 1, 2025~~ April 1, 2026, the Commissioner shall
18 file proposed rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 implementing the
19 provisions of this subchapter to become effective on ~~April~~ September 1, 2026.

20 These shall include:

1 (1) rules setting forth criteria for determining whether to conduct an
2 assessment or an investigation;

3 (2) rules setting out procedures for assessment and service delivery;

4 (3) rules outlining procedures for investigations;

5 (4) rules for conducting the administrative review conference;

6 (5) rules regarding access to and maintenance of Department records of
7 investigations, assessments, reviews, and responses;

8 (6) rules regarding the tiered Registry as required by section 4916 of this
9 title;

10 (7) rules requiring notice and appeal procedures for alternatives to
11 substantiation; and

12 (8) rules implementing subsections 4916(c) and (e) of this title.

13 (b) The rules shall strike an appropriate balance between protecting
14 children and respecting the rights of a parent or guardian, including a parent or
15 guardian with disabilities, and shall recognize that persons with a disability can
16 be successful parents. The rules shall include the possible use of adaptive
17 equipment and supports.

18 ~~(c) These rules shall be adopted no later than July 1, 2009.~~

19 Sec. E.318 33 V.S.A. § 3505 is amended to read:

20 § 3505. SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CARE GRANTS

1 (a)(1)(A) The Commissioner for Children and Families may ~~reserve~~ utilize
2 up to one-half of one percent of ~~the child care family assistance program~~ funds
3 appropriated for the Child Care Financial Assistance Program in a fiscal year
4 for extraordinary financial relief to assist child care programs that are at risk of
5 closing or not opening due to experiencing financial hardship. The
6 Commissioner may provide extraordinary financial relief under this
7 subdivision (A) to both licensed and registered child care programs and to
8 child care programs that are in the process of becoming licensed or registered.
9 The Commissioner shall develop guidelines for providing assistance and shall
10 prioritize extraordinary financial relief to child care programs in areas of the
11 State with high poverty and low access to high quality child care.

12 (B) ~~If the Commissioner determines a child care program is at risk of~~
13 ~~closure because its operations are not fiscally sustainable, he or she may~~
14 ~~provide assistance to~~ In order to transition children who are currently served by
15 ~~the a child care operator program that is closing to a new child care program in~~
16 an orderly fashion ~~and to help secure other child care opportunities for children~~
17 ~~served by the program in an effort to minimize the disruption of services, the~~
18 Commissioner may provide assistance to the existing or new program to
19 minimize the disruption of services to the affected children.

20 (C) The As needed to implement this subdivision (1), the
21 Commissioner has the authority to request tax returns and other financial

documents to verify ~~the~~ a child care program's financial hardship and its
ability to sustain or increase operations.

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Sec. E.318.1 CHILD CARE FUNDING; LEGISLATIVE INTENT

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the fiscal year 2026
reduction of the General Fund appropriation to the Department for Children
and Families for the Child Care Financial Assistance Program in Sec. B.318 of
this act shall not occur in future fiscal years and that, in future fiscal years, the
appropriation from the General Fund to the Department for Children and
Families for the Child Care Financial Assistance Program shall be not less than
the appropriation from the General Fund to the Department for Children and
Families for the Child Care Financial Assistance Program in 2024 Acts and
Resolves No. 113 as passed by the General Assembly.

Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY HOUSING

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

(1) is 65 years of age or older;

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

- 1 (A) receipt of Supplemental Security Income or Social Security
2 Disability Insurance; or
3 (B) a form developed by the Department as a means of documenting
4 a qualifying disability or health condition that requires:
5 (i) the applicant's name, date of birth, and the last four digits of
6 the applicant's Social Security number or other identifying number;
7 (ii) a description of the applicant's disability or health condition;
8 (iii) a description of the risk posed to the applicant's health, safety,
9 or welfare if temporary emergency housing is not authorized pursuant to this
10 section; and
11 (iv) a certification of a health care provider, as defined in 18
12 V.S.A. § 9481, that includes the provider's credentials, credential number,
13 address, and phone number;
14 (3) is a child 19 years of age or under;
15 (4) is pregnant;
16 (5) has experienced the death of a spouse, domestic partner, or minor
17 child that caused the household to lose its housing;
18 (6) has experienced a natural disaster, such as a flood, fire, or hurricane;
19 (7) is under a court-ordered eviction or constructive eviction due to
20 circumstances over which the household has no control; or

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

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

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

17 (3) The Department shall provide emergency winter housing to
18 households meeting the eligibility criteria in subsection (a) of this section
19 between December 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026. Emergency housing in a
20 hotel or motel provided pursuant to this subdivision shall not count toward the

1 maximum days of eligibility per 12-month period provided in subdivision (2)
2 of this subsection.

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

14 (B) For purposes of this subdivision (4), "alternative housing
15 placements" may include shelter beds and pods; placements with family or
16 friends; permanent housing solutions, including tiny homes, manufactured
17 homes, and apartments; residential treatment beds for physical health, long-
18 term care, substance use, or mental health; nursing home beds; and recovery
19 homes.

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

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

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

13 (f) The Commissioner for Children and Families shall apply the General
14 Assistance Emergency Housing rules approved by the Legislative Committee
15 on Administrative Rules on March 13, 2025 for the administration of this
16 section.

17 (g) On or before the last day of each month from July 2025 through June
18 2026, the Department for Children and Families, or other relevant agency or
19 department, shall continue submitting a similar report to that due pursuant to
20 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b) to the Joint Fiscal Committee,
21 House Committee on Human Services, and Senate Committee on Health and

1 Welfare. Additionally, this report shall include the Department's monthly
2 expenditure on General Assistance Emergency Housing.

3 (h) For emergency housing provided in a hotel or motel beginning on July
4 1, 2024 and thereafter, the Department for Children and Families shall not pay
5 a hotel or motel establishment more than the hotel's lowest advertised room
6 rate and not more than \$80 a day per room to shelter a household experiencing
7 homelessness. The Department for Children and Families may shelter a
8 household in more than one hotel or motel room depending on the household's
9 size and composition.

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

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

14 (2) Department of Health, Licensed Lodging Establishment Rule (CVR
15 13-140-023); and

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

18 (j)(1) The Department for Children and Families may work with either a
19 shelter provider or a community housing agency to enter into a full or partial
20 facility lease or sales agreement with a hotel or motel provider. Any facility

1 conversion under this section shall comply with the Office of Economic
2 Opportunity's shelter standards.

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

13 (k) Of the amount appropriated to implement this section, not more than
14 \$500,000 shall be used for security costs.

15 (l) As used in this section:

16 (1) "Community-based shelter" means a shelter that meets the Vermont
17 Housing Opportunity Grant Program's Standards of Provision of Assistance.

18 (2) "Household" means an individual and any dependents for whom the
19 individual is legally responsible and who live in Vermont. "Household"
20 includes individuals who reside together as one economic unit, including those
21 who are married, parties to a civil union, or unmarried.

1 Sec. E.321.1 CONTRACTING FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER

2 OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

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

8 Sec. E.324 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

9 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee may authorize
10 crisis fuel assistance to those income-eligible households that have applied for
11 an expedited seasonal fuel benefit but have not yet received it if the benefit
12 cannot be executed in time to prevent them from running out of fuel. The
13 crisis fuel grants authorized pursuant to this section count toward the crisis fuel
14 grants allowed per household for the winter heating season pursuant to
15 33 V.S.A. § 2609(b).

16 Sec. E.325 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; OFFICE
17 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

18 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act,
19 \$29,343,655 shall be used by the Department for Children and Families' Office
20 of Economic Opportunity to issue grants to community agencies to assist
21 individuals experiencing homelessness by preserving existing services,

1 increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide. These funds
2 may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions
3 Grants funds. Grant decisions and the administration of funds shall be done in
4 consultation with the two U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
5 Development-recognized continuum of care programs.

6 Sec. E.326 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; OFFICE
7 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; WEATHERIZATION
8 ASSISTANCE

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

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

12 § 506. BUDGETARY INFLATION; DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS

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

18 Sec. E.333 DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, AGING, AND
19 INDEPENDENT LIVING; DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
20 PAYMENT REFORM

1 (a)(1) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall
2 submit a written progress report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in advance of
3 the Committee's July 2025 meeting regarding the Department's design of a
4 developmental services payment reform model for potential implementation on
5 October 1, 2025, with a final written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in
6 advance of the Committee's September 2025 meeting. The final report shall
7 explain the methodology and identify how the model:

8 (A) meets all federal conflict-free case management requirements and
9 aligns funding mechanisms with assessed needs; and

10 (B) ensures standardized rates for providers that are reasonable and
11 adequate and reflect the cost of service delivery to achieve the required
12 outcomes for the populations served.

13 (2) The final report required pursuant to this subsection shall include a
14 summary of stakeholder input, including perspectives from providers and
15 individuals served, the identification of any unresolved issues, including the
16 impact on designated agency and specialized service agency staff and the
17 financial status of the providers, and a plan for addressing those unresolved
18 issues in the final payment model.

19 (b) On or before February 15, 2026, the Department shall provide a
20 presentation update to the House Committees on Appropriations and on
21 Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on

1 Health and Welfare regarding its progress implementing the developmental
2 services payment reform model.

3 Sec. E.338 CORRECTIONS; CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

4 (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the special fund appropriation of
5 \$152,000 for the supplemental facility payments to Newport and Springfield
6 shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

7 Sec. E.338.1 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT II; ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

8 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.338.1 of this act, \$390,000 shall be for a
9 grant to Lund for the Kids-A-Part Program and \$100,000 shall be for a grant to
10 Pathways Vermont for the Forensic Assertive Community Treatment Team.

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

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

17 (b) On or before December 1, 2025, the Department of Corrections shall
18 submit a written report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee
19 concerning the consultant's findings and recommendations related to
20 transitioning either the Northeast Correctional Complex or the Work Camp, or

1 parts of either or of both, to a treatment-focused facility. The report shall
2 contain the following:

3 (1) a detailed transition plan;

4 (2) expected outcomes and measures of success;

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

9 (4) input from the Department's current medical providers, including an
10 analysis of how the program developed would impact any contract with the
11 Department's third-party medical provider.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sec. E.500 EDUCATION; FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

(a) The Global Commitment appropriation in Sec. B.500 of this act shall be used for physician claims for determining medical necessity of Individualized Education Programs. These services are intended to increase access to quality health care for uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

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

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

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

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

2 (a) The Independence Place Program of ANEW Place shall be considered a
3 24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of education
4 costs.

5 Sec. E.504 ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

6 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$3,958,344 General Fund
7 shall be granted to adult education and literacy providers, pursuant to the Adult
8 Education and Secondary Credential Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 945.

9 Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION; FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

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

12 (1) \$921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs notwithstanding
13 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);

14 (2) \$2,400,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual High School;

15 (3) \$400,000 is available for secondary school reform grants;

16 (4) \$4,200,000 is available for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A.
17 § 947(b); and

18 (5) \$2,638,896 is available for the Adult Education and Secondary
19 Credential Program.

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

1 Sec. E.504.2 16 V.S.A. § 4011(f) is amended to read:

2 (f) Annually, the Secretary shall pay to a local adult education and literacy
3 provider, as defined in section 942 of this title, that provides an adult education
4 and secondary credential program an amount equal to 26 percent of the base
5 education amount for each student who completes the diagnostic portions of
6 the adult education and secondary credential program, based on an average of
7 the previous two completed fiscal years; ~~40.~~ Forty percent of the payment
8 required under this subsection shall be from State funds appropriated from the
9 Education Fund and 60 percent of the payment required under this subsection
10 shall be from State funds appropriated from the General Fund.

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

12 (a) On or before December 1, 2025, the Agency of Administration, the
13 Agency of Education, and local adult education and literacy providers shall
14 jointly submit a written report to the House Committee on Commerce and
15 Economic Development; the Senate Committee on Economic Development,
16 Housing and General Affairs; and the House and Senate Committees on
17 Education and on Appropriations with recommendations to modernize adult
18 education funding to ensure funds are equitably distributed across all regions
19 of the State, including recommendations for updates to the statutes and rules
20 that govern the adult education funding formula. The Agency of
21 Administration shall call and facilitate not fewer than five meetings with the

1 Agency of Education and local adult education and literacy providers to
2 develop the recommendations in the report.

3 (b) On or before January 15, 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall
4 submit a written report to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic
5 Development; the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and
6 General Affairs; and the House and Senate Committees on Education and on
7 Appropriations with recommendations for any administrative changes to adult
8 education, including which agency or department outside the Agency of
9 Education is best suited to manage adult education grants. The report shall
10 also include any additional recommendations from the Secretary of
11 Administration regarding updates to the adult education funding formula
12 should the Secretary have recommendations that differ from the
13 recommendations contained in the report submitted pursuant to subsection (a)
14 of this section.

15 (c) For fiscal year 2026, notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4011(f), the Agency
16 of Education shall award the funds appropriated for the Adult Education and
17 Secondary Credential Program in Secs. B.504 and B.504.1 of this act as
18 follows:

19 (1) \$3,984,607 to Vermont Adult Learning;

20 (2) \$1,320,874 to Central Vermont Adult Education;

21 (3) \$400,919 to The Tutorial Center; and

1 (4) \$890,840 to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services.

2 Sec. E.507.1 ENGLISH LEARNER; CATEGORICAL AID

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

6 Sec. E.511 EDUCATION; TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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

11 Sec. E.514 STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

12 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to
13 the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System shall be \$212,752,627, of
14 which \$199,377,627 shall be the State's contribution and \$13,375,000 shall be
15 contributed from local school systems or educational entities pursuant to
16 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

17 (b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution,
18 \$41,414,649 is the "normal contribution" and \$171,337,978 is the "accrued
19 liability contribution."

1 Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
2 AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;
3 OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 (a) Of the \$3,864,405 appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act, \$2,719,271
5 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System operating budget,
6 and \$1,145,134 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment
7 Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement
8 System.

9 Sec. E.515 RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL
10 BENEFITS

11 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2) and 16 V.S.A.
12 § 1944b(h)(1), the annual contribution to the Retired Teachers' Health and
13 Medical Benefits plan shall be \$79,952,589, of which \$71,052,589 shall be the
14 State's contribution and \$8,900,000 shall be from the annual charge for teacher
15 health care contributed by employers pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §1944d. Of the
16 annual contribution, \$24,712,382 is the "normal contribution" and \$55,240,207
17 is the "accrued liability contribution."

18 Sec. E.600 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

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

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

5 Sec. E.602 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

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

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

13 Sec. E.602.1 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.602.2, as amended by
14 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 67, 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185,
15 Sec. C.101, and 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113 Sec. E.602.1, is further
16 amended to read:

17 Sec. E.602.2 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

18 (a) The Vermont State College (VSC) system shall transform itself into a
19 fully integrated system that achieves financial stability in a responsible and
20 sustainable way in order to meet each of these strategic priorities:

21 * * *

1 (b) VSC shall meet the following requirements during the transformation of
2 its system required under subsection (a) of this section and shall accommodate
3 the oversight of the General Assembly in so doing.

4 (1) VSC shall reduce its structural deficit by \$5,000,000.00 per year for
5 three years and by \$3,500,000.00 ~~per year for the following two years~~ year
6 through a combination of annual operating expense reductions and increased
7 enrollment revenues, for a total ~~\$22,000,000.00~~ \$18,500,000.00 by the end of
8 fiscal year 2026. These reductions shall be structural in nature and shall not be
9 met by use of one-time funds. The VSC Board of Trustees, through the
10 Chancellor or designee, shall report the results of these structural reductions to
11 the House and Senate Committees on Education and on Appropriations
12 annually during the Chancellor's budget presentation.

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

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

18 (b) The Vermont State Colleges shall use the Global Commitment
19 appropriation in Sec. B.603 of this act to support the dental hygiene,
20 respiratory therapy, and nursing programs that graduate approximately 315
21 health care providers annually. These graduates deliver direct, high-quality

1 health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries or uninsured or underinsured
2 persons.

3 Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

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

6 (1) \$25,000 shall be deposited into the Trust Fund established in 16
7 V.S.A. § 2845;

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

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

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

18 (c) After accounting for the expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this
19 section, up to seven percent of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student
20 Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act or otherwise currently or
21 previously appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation or

1 provided to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation by an agency or
2 department of the State for the administration of a program or initiative may be
3 used by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for its costs of
4 administration. The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation may recoup its
5 reasonable costs of collecting the forgivable loans in repayment. Funds shall
6 not be used for indirect costs. To the extent that any of these funds are federal
7 funds, allocation for expenses associated with administering the funds shall be
8 consistent with federal grant requirements.

9 Sec. E.605.1 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND
10 EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

11 (a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, the \$41,225 Education Fund and
12 \$41,225 General Fund appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance
13 Corporation in Sec. B.605.1 of this act is for dual enrollment and need-based
14 stipend purposes to fund a flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for
15 financially disadvantaged students enrolled in a dual enrollment course
16 pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in early college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 946 to
17 be used for the purchase of books, cost of transportation, and payment of fees.
18 The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation shall establish the criteria for
19 program eligibility. Funds shall be granted to eligible students on a first-come,
20 first-served basis until funds are depleted.

1 **(b) On or before January 15, 2026, the Vermont Student Assistance**
2 **Corporation shall report on the program to the House Committees on**
3 **Appropriations and on Commerce and Economic Development and to the**
4 **Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Economic Development,**
5 **Housing and General Affairs.**

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

7 CLEAN WATER SURCHARGE

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

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

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

13 (b) Purpose and intent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 Sec. I.12. EFFECTIVE DATES

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

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

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

14 (1) Sec. D.100 of this act appropriates \$11,304,840.00 in fiscal year
15 2018 from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont
16 Housing and Conservation Board. Upon the effective date of this act,
17 \$1,500,000.00 shall revert to the Fund, resulting in a fiscal year 2018 total
18 appropriation to the Board of \$9,804,840.00. In fiscal year 2018 only, the
19 amount of \$1,500,000.00 from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust
20 Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.

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

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

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

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

14 § 11a. ~~TRANSPORTATION FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE~~
15 ~~DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FUND APPROPRIATIONS~~

16 ~~(a)~~ No transportation funds shall be appropriated for the support of
17 government other than for the Agency, the Board, Transportation Pay Act
18 Funds, construction of transportation capital facilities, transportation debt
19 service, and the operation of information centers by the Department of
20 Buildings and General Services, ~~and the Department of Public Safety. The~~

1 ~~amount of transportation funds appropriated to the Department of Public~~

2 ~~Safety shall not exceed:~~

3 ~~(1) \$25,250,000.00 in fiscal year 2014;~~

4 ~~(2) \$22,750,000.00 in fiscal years 2015 and 2016;~~

5 ~~(3) \$21,150,000.00 in fiscal year 2017; and~~

6 ~~(4) \$20,250,000.00 in fiscal year 2018 and in succeeding fiscal years.~~

7 ~~(b) In fiscal year 2018 and in succeeding fiscal years, of the funds~~
8 ~~appropriated to the Department of Public Safety pursuant to subsection (a) of~~
9 ~~this section, the amount of \$2,100,000.00 is allocated exclusively for the~~
10 ~~purchase, outfitting, assignment, and disposal of State Police vehicles. Any~~
11 ~~unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining in this allocation at the close~~
12 ~~of a fiscal year shall revert to the Transportation Fund. The Department of~~
13 ~~Public Safety may periodically recommend to the General Assembly that this~~
14 ~~allocation be adjusted to reflect market conditions for the vehicles and~~
15 ~~equipment.~~

16 Sec. E.917 TOWN HIGHWAY NON-FEDERAL DISASTERS; PILOT
17 FUND

18 (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the amount of \$1,150,000 is
19 appropriated in fiscal year 2026 from the PILOT Special Fund established
20 pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3709 to the Agency of Transportation for the Town
21 Highway Non-Federal Disasters Program.

(b) The amounts appropriated pursuant to this section shall only be spent for the purpose of providing grants in relation to non-federal disasters pursuant to the provisions of 19 V.S.A. § 306(d). Any amounts appropriated pursuant to this section that remain unused at the close of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the PILOT Special Fund established pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

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

Sec. F.100 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.105 is amended to read:

Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information
technology

Personal services	82,994,362	82,994,362
Operating expenses	<u>62,547,212</u>	<u>61,761,212</u>
Total	<u>145,541,574</u>	144,755,574

Source of funds

General fund	209,808	209,808
Special funds	511,723	511,723
Internal service funds	<u>144,820,043</u>	<u>144,034,043</u>
Total	<u>145,541,574</u>	144,755,574

Sec. F.101 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.145 is amended to read:

Sec. B.145 Total general government

Source of funds

General fund	117,405,610	117,405,610
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1	Transportation fund	4,292,149	4,292,149
2	Special funds	31,882,209	31,882,209
3	Federal funds	1,467,374	1,467,374
4	Internal service funds	214,635,950	213,849,950
5	Interdepartmental transfers	7,053,789	7,053,789
6	Enterprise funds	4,298	4,298
7	Pension trust funds	4,800,305	4,800,305
8	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,329,205</u>	<u>1,329,205</u>
9	Total	382,870,889	382,084,889
10	Sec. F.102 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.204 is amended to read:		
11	Sec. B.204 Judiciary		
12	Personal services	58,439,095	58,827,799
13	Operating expenses	12,479,384	14,640,960
14	Grants	<u>121,030</u>	<u>121,030</u>
15	Total	71,039,509	73,589,789
16	Source of funds		
17	General fund	63,414,698	65,964,978
18	Special funds	4,503,401	4,503,401
19	Federal funds	953,928	953,928
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,167,482</u>	<u>2,167,482</u>
21	Total	71,039,509	73,589,789

1 Sec. F.103 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.205 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.205 State's attorneys

3	Personal services	17,309,679	17,548,979
4	Operating expenses	<u>2,034,016</u>	<u>2,202,516</u>
5	Total	19,343,695	19,751,495

6 Source of funds

7	General fund	18,734,634	19,142,434
8	Federal funds	31,000	31,000
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>578,061</u>	<u>578,061</u>
10	Total	19,343,695	19,751,495

11 Sec. F.104 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.206.1 is amended to read:

12 Sec. B.206.1 Crime Victims Advocates

13	Personal services	3,016,156	3,016,156
14	Operating expenses	<u>104,396</u>	<u>142,396</u>
15	Total	3,120,552	3,158,552

16 Source of funds

17	General fund	<u>3,120,552</u>	<u>3,158,552</u>
18	Total	3,120,552	3,158,552

19 Sec. F.105 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.208 is amended to read:

20 Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration

21	Personal services	4,620,756	5,397,783
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1	Operating expenses	<u>6,022,923</u>	<u>6,022,923</u>
2	Total	10,643,679	11,420,706
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	6,179,193	8,092,770
5	Special funds	4,105	4,105
6	Federal funds	396,362	396,362
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,064,019</u>	<u>2,927,469</u>
8	Total	10,643,679	11,420,706
9	Sec. F.106 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.210 is amended to read:		
10	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services		
11	Personal services	5,387,100	4,705,897
12	Operating expenses	<u>2,152,467</u>	<u>2,152,467</u>
13	Total	7,539,567	6,858,364
14	Source of funds		
15	General fund	1,829,099	2,172,295
16	Special funds	4,975,847	3,951,448
17	Federal funds	<u>734,621</u>	<u>734,621</u>
18	Total	7,539,567	6,858,364
19	Sec. F.107 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.236 is amended to read:		
20	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission		
21	Personal services	927,697	952,559

1	Operating expenses	<u>115,103</u>	<u>125,378</u>
2	Total	1,042,800	1,077,937
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	953,800	988,937
5	Federal funds	<u>89,000</u>	<u>89,000</u>
6	Total	1,042,800	1,077,937
7	Sec. F.108 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property		
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	228,238,448	233,526,438
11	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
12	Special funds	119,824,272	118,799,873
13	Tobacco fund	672,579	672,579
14	Federal funds	162,959,452	162,959,452
15	Interdepartmental transfers	16,031,869	14,895,319
16	Enterprise funds	<u>15,070,107</u>	<u>15,070,107</u>
17	Total	563,046,727	566,173,768
18	Sec. F.109 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:		
19	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office		
20	Personal services	16,219,746	18,219,746
21	Operating expenses	7,220,486	6,062,286

1	Grants	<u>3,795,202</u>	<u>3,795,202</u>
2	Total	27,235,434	28,077,234
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	12,913,202	11,923,905
5	Special funds	135,517	135,517
6	Federal funds	13,565,080	11,606,177
7	Global Commitment fund	0	4,300,000
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>621,635</u>	<u>111,635</u>
9	Total	27,235,434	28,077,234
10	Sec. F.110 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:		
11	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment		
12	Grants	<u>2,039,512,911</u>	<u>2,164,607,988</u>
13	Total	2,039,512,911	2,164,607,988
14	Source of funds		
15	General fund	668,380,623	716,109,638
16	Special funds	32,047,905	32,047,905
17	Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
18	State health care resources fund	28,053,557	28,053,557
19	Federal funds	1,285,494,243	1,363,223,270
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,487,210</u>	<u>4,124,245</u>
21	Total	2,039,512,911	2,164,607,988

1 Sec. F.111 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.305 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund

3	Personal services	330,000	330,000
4	Operating expenses	<u>13,170,000</u>	<u>16,870,000</u>
5	Total	13,500,000	17,200,000

6 Source of funds

7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,500,000</u>	<u>17,200,000</u>
8	Total	13,500,000	17,200,000

9 Sec. F.112 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

10 Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration

11	Personal services	134,929,148	136,693,560
12	Operating expenses	44,171,193	39,250,661
13	Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>	<u>3,112,301</u>
14	Total	182,212,642	179,056,522

15 Source of funds

16	General fund	39,872,315	42,023,781
17	Special funds	4,733,015	4,733,015
18	Federal funds	128,790,580	124,836,223
19	Global Commitment fund	4,308,574	4,308,574
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,508,158</u>	<u>3,154,929</u>
21	Total	182,212,642	179,056,522

1 Sec. F.113 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.307 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program –

3 global commitment

4 Personal services	547,983	547,983
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5 Grants	<u>899,550,794</u>	<u>964,407,046</u>
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6 Total	<u>900,098,777</u>	964,955,029
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7 Source of funds

8 Global Commitment fund	<u>900,098,777</u>	<u>964,955,029</u>
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9 Total	<u>900,098,777</u>	964,955,029
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10 Sec. F.114 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:

11 Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program –

12 state only

13 Grants	<u>63,033,948</u>	<u>67,780,595</u>
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14 Total	<u>63,033,948</u>	67,780,595
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15 Source of funds

16 General fund	<u>62,151,546</u>	62,308,757
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17 Global Commitment fund	<u>882,402</u>	<u>5,471,838</u>
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18 Total	<u>63,033,948</u>	67,780,595
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19 Sec. F.115 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:

20 Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver

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1	Grants	<u>34,994,888</u>	<u>38,232,431</u>
2	Total	<u>34,994,888</u>	38,232,431
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	<u>12,511,405</u>	13,459,034
5	Federal funds	<u>22,483,483</u>	<u>24,773,397</u>
6	Total	<u>34,994,888</u>	38,232,431
7	Sec. F.116 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.311 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support		
9	Personal services	8,373,168	8,373,168
10	Operating expenses	<u>7,519,722</u>	8,166,662
11	Grants	<u>7,985,727</u>	<u>7,985,727</u>
12	Total	<u>23,878,617</u>	24,525,557
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	<u>3,189,843</u>	3,513,313
15	Special funds	2,308,186	2,308,186
16	Federal funds	<u>11,040,433</u>	11,363,903
17	Global Commitment fund	7,173,924	7,173,924
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>166,231</u>	<u>166,231</u>
19	Total	<u>23,878,617</u>	24,525,557
20	Sec. F.117 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:		
21	Sec. B.312 Health - public health		

1	Personal services	67,812,371	67,812,371
2	Operating expenses	11,025,497	11,025,497
3	Grants	<u>46,766,832</u>	<u>46,866,832</u>
4	Total	125,604,700	125,704,700
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	12,908,892	13,008,892
7	Special funds	24,906,804	24,906,804
8	Tobacco fund	1,088,918	1,088,918
9	Federal funds	64,038,301	64,038,301
10	Global Commitment fund	17,036,150	17,036,150
11	Interdepartmental transfers	5,600,635	5,600,635
12	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
13	Total	125,604,700	125,704,700
14	Sec. F.118 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.313 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.313 Health - substance use programs		
16	Personal services	6,570,967	6,570,967
17	Operating expenses	511,500	511,500
18	Grants	<u>58,215,510</u>	<u>59,240,635</u>
19	Total	65,297,977	66,323,102
20	Source of funds		
21	General fund	6,672,061	7,697,186

1	Special funds	2,413,678	2,413,678
2	Tobacco fund	949,917	949,917
3	Federal funds	15,456,754	15,456,754
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>39,805,567</u>	<u>39,805,567</u>
5	Total	65,297,977	66,323,102

6 Sec. F.119 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

8	Personal services	50,191,086	50,191,086
9	Operating expenses	5,517,999	5,709,973
10	Grants	270,625,138	<u>272,536,080</u>
11	Total	326,334,223	328,437,139

12 Source of funds

13	General fund	25,555,311	26,279,270
14	Special funds	1,718,092	1,718,092
15	Federal funds	11,436,913	12,661,803
16	Global Commitment fund	287,609,767	287,763,834
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>	<u>14,140</u>
18	Total	326,334,223	328,437,139

19 Sec. F.120 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:

20 Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration &
21 support services

1	Personal services	46,644,080	44,844,080
2	Operating expenses	17,560,755	19,402,705
3	Grants	<u>5,627,175</u>	<u>5,627,175</u>
4	Total	69,832,010	69,873,960
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	39,722,724	40,113,958
7	Special funds	2,781,912	2,781,912
8	Federal funds	24,448,223	24,098,939
9	Global Commitment fund	2,417,024	2,417,024
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>462,127</u>	<u>462,127</u>
11	Total	69,832,010	69,873,960
12	Sec. F.121 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:		
13	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services		
14	Personal services	45,197,694	45,286,553
15	Operating expenses	5,315,309	5,315,309
16	Grants	<u>98,251,027</u>	<u>97,732,465</u>
17	Total	148,764,030	148,334,327
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	58,838,741	59,984,059
20	Special funds	729,587	729,587
21	Federal funds	34,666,196	36,180,206

1	Global Commitment fund	54,514,506	51,425,475
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
3	Total	148,764,030	148,334,327

4 Sec. F.122 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development

6	Personal services	5,908,038	5,908,038
7	Operating expenses	813,321	813,321
8	Grants	223,329,336	<u>211,815,836</u>
9	Total	230,050,695	218,537,195

10 Source of funds

11	General fund	76,723,518	51,443,165
12	Special funds	96,312,000	109,512,000
13	Federal funds	43,511,414	42,902,383
14	Global Commitment fund	13,503,763	<u>14,679,647</u>
15	Total	230,050,695	218,537,195

16 Sec. F.123 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.319 is amended to read:

17 Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support

18	Personal services	13,157,660	13,061,794
19	Operating expenses	<u>3,759,992</u>	<u>3,759,992</u>
20	Total	16,917,652	16,821,786

21 Source of funds

1	General fund	5,200,064	5,163,429
2	Special funds	455,719	455,719
3	Federal funds	10,874,269	10,815,038
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>	<u>387,600</u>
5	Total	16,917,652	16,821,786
6	Sec. F.124 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and		
8	disabled		
9	Personal services	2,252,206	2,481,741
10	Grants	<u>10,717,444</u>	<u>10,369,155</u>
11	Total	12,969,650	12,850,896
12	Source of funds		
13	General fund	7,376,133	7,368,843
14	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,593,517</u>	<u>5,482,053</u>
15	Total	12,969,650	12,850,896
16	Sec. F.125 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.321 is amended to read:		
17	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance		
18	Personal services	15,000	15,000
19	Grants	<u>11,054,252</u>	<u>10,702,625</u>
20	Total	11,069,252	10,717,625
21	Source of funds		

1	General fund	10,811,345	10,486,987
2	Federal funds	11,320	11,070
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>246,587</u>	<u>219,568</u>
4	Total	11,069,252	10,717,625

5 Sec. F.126 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.322 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT

7	Grants	<u>44,377,812</u>	<u>45,677,812</u>
8	Total	<u>44,377,812</u>	<u>45,677,812</u>

9 Source of funds

10	Federal funds	<u>44,377,812</u>	<u>45,677,812</u>
11	Total	<u>44,377,812</u>	<u>45,677,812</u>

12 Sec. F.127 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:

13 Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up

14	Operating expenses	23,821	23,821
15	Grants	<u>37,230,488</u>	<u>36,730,493</u>
16	Total	<u>37,254,309</u>	<u>36,754,314</u>

17 Source of funds

18	General fund	<u>24,733,042</u>	<u>24,233,047</u>
19	Special funds	5,970,229	5,970,229
20	Federal funds	2,806,330	2,806,330
21	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,744,708</u>	<u>3,744,708</u>

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1	General fund	22,916,281	24,037,342
2	Special funds	1,390,457	1,390,457
3	Federal funds	26,063,097	26,184,158
4	Global Commitment fund	35,000	35,000
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,285,700</u>	<u>1,285,700</u>
6	Total	51,690,535	52,932,657
7	Sec. F.130 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and		
9	independent living grants		
10	Grants	24,571,060	<u>24,781,798</u>
11	Total	24,571,060	24,781,798
12	Source of funds		
13	General fund	8,392,303	8,504,605
14	Federal funds	7,321,114	7,321,114
15	Global Commitment fund	8,857,643	<u>8,956,079</u>
16	Total	24,571,060	24,781,798
17	Sec. F.131 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.332 is amended to read:		
18	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational		
19	rehabilitation		
20	Grants	10,179,845	<u>9,179,845</u>
21	Total	10,179,845	9,179,845

1 Source of funds

2	General fund	1,371,845	371,845
3	Federal funds	7,558,000	7,558,000
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>	<u>1,250,000</u>
5	Total	10,179,845	9,179,845

6 Sec. F.132 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.333 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental
8 services

9	Grants	329,299,344	<u>331,262,271</u>
10	Total	329,299,344	331,262,271

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	132,732	132,732
13	Special funds	15,463	15,463
14	Federal funds	403,573	403,573
15	Global Commitment fund	328,697,576	330,660,503
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
17	Total	329,299,344	331,262,271

18 Sec. F.133 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:

19 Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and
20 community based waiver

21	Grants	6,845,005	<u>6,864,520</u>
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1	Total	6,845,005	6,864,520
2	Source of funds		
3	Global Commitment fund	6,845,005	<u>6,864,520</u>
4	Total	6,845,005	6,864,520
5	Sec. F.134 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:		
6	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care		
7	Grants	293,584,545	<u>347,376,122</u>
8	Total	293,584,545	347,376,122
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	498,579	498,579
11	Federal funds	2,450,000	2,450,000
12	Global Commitment fund	290,635,966	<u>344,427,543</u>
13	Total	293,584,545	347,376,122
14	Sec. F.135 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services		
16	Personal services	147,472,104	148,472,104
17	Operating expenses	24,914,205	<u>25,249,795</u>
18	Total	172,386,309	173,721,899
19	Source of funds		
20	General fund	162,807,888	163,643,478
21	Special funds	935,963	935,963

1	ARPA State Fiscal	5,000,000	5,000,000
2	Federal funds	499,888	999,888
3	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255	2,746,255
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
5	Total	172,386,309	173,721,899
6	Sec. F.136 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services		
8	Personal services	17,631,222	17,595,290
9	Operating expenses	5,013,462	13,247,462
10	Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>1,583,157</u>
11	Total	22,644,684	32,425,909
12	Source of funds		
13	General fund	4,320,687	11,224,018
14	Special funds	10,051,903	12,450,095
15	Federal funds	<u>8,272,094</u>	<u>8,751,796</u>
16	Total	22,644,684	32,425,909
17	Sec. F.137 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.347 is amended to read:		
18	Sec. B.347 Total human services		
19	Source of funds		
20	General fund	1,328,118,806	1,364,156,647
21	Special funds	202,800,452	218,398,644

1	Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
2	State health care resources fund	28,053,557	28,053,557
3	ARPA State Fiscal	5,000,000	5,000,000
4	Federal funds	1,803,398,922	1,882,012,745
5	Global Commitment fund	1,980,839,553	2,108,560,133
6	Internal service funds	490,853	490,853
7	Interdepartmental transfers	32,893,535	34,367,341
8	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
9	Total	5,404,708,886	5,664,153,128
10	Sec. F.138 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.501 is amended to read:		
11	Sec. B.501 Education - education services		
12	Personal services	28,237,700	28,312,700
13	Operating expenses	1,134,912	1,134,912
14	Grants	<u>322,345,763</u>	<u>322,345,763</u>
15	Total	351,718,375	351,793,375
16	Source of funds		
17	General fund	6,387,955	6,462,955
18	Special funds	3,033,144	3,033,144
19	Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
20	Federal funds	340,584,414	340,584,414
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>962,474</u>	<u>962,474</u>

21 Source of funds

1	General fund	921,500	921,500
2	Education fund	<u>10,440,255</u>	<u>10,642,679</u>
3	Total	<u>11,361,755</u>	11,564,179
4	Sec. F.142 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.505 is amended to read:		
5	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment		
6	Grants	<u>1,893,267,394</u>	<u>1,882,267,394</u>
7	Total	<u>1,893,267,394</u>	1,882,267,394
8	Source of funds		
9	Education fund	<u>1,893,267,394</u>	<u>1,882,267,394</u>
10	Total	<u>1,893,267,394</u>	1,882,267,394
11	Sec. F.143 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.508 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition		
13	Grants	<u>20,400,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
14	Total	<u>20,400,000</u>	17,500,000
15	Source of funds		
16	Education fund	<u>20,400,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
17	Total	<u>20,400,000</u>	17,500,000
18	Sec. F.144 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:		
19	Sec. B.516 Total general education		
20	Source of funds		
21	General fund	<u>228,890,519</u>	229,269,156

1	Special funds	23,651,687	23,651,687
2	Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
3	Education fund	2,323,283,242	2,308,585,666
4	Federal funds	354,654,849	354,654,849
5	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
6	Interdepartmental transfers	1,467,771	1,467,771
7	Pension trust funds	<u>3,572,780</u>	<u>3,572,780</u>
8	Total	2,936,531,236	2,922,212,297
9	Sec. F.145 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.704 is amended to read:		
10	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry		
11	Personal services	7,880,566	7,913,766
12	Operating expenses	1,005,046	1,005,046
13	Grants	<u>1,712,423</u>	<u>1,713,923</u>
14	Total	10,598,035	10,632,735
15	Source of funds		
16	General fund	6,299,512	6,334,212
17	Special funds	547,215	547,215
18	Federal funds	3,394,931	3,394,931
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>356,377</u>	<u>356,377</u>
20	Total	10,598,035	10,632,735

1 Sec. F.146 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.710 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management

3 Personal services	27,995,328	27,995,328
4 Operating expenses	10,788,954	10,816,954
5 Grants	<u>4,943,000</u>	<u>4,943,000</u>
6 Total	43,727,282	43,755,282

7 Source of funds

8 General fund	199,372	227,372
9 Special funds	24,643,580	24,643,580
10 Federal funds	18,800,064	18,800,064
11 Interdepartmental transfers	<u>84,266</u>	<u>84,266</u>
12 Total	43,727,282	43,755,282

13 Sec. F.147 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.711 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs

15 Personal services	50,153,806	50,153,806
16 Operating expenses	8,362,915	8,370,915
17 Grants	<u>92,365,140</u>	<u>92,365,140</u>
18 Total	150,881,861	150,889,861

19 Source of funds

20 General fund	11,887,629	11,895,629
21 Special funds	30,967,150	30,967,150

1	Federal funds	107,154,542	107,154,542
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>872,540</u>	<u>872,540</u>
3	Total	150,881,861	150,889,861

4 Sec. F.148 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

6 Source of funds

7	General fund	42,792,800	42,863,500
8	Special funds	81,275,829	81,275,829
9	Fish and wildlife fund	10,418,331	10,418,331
10	Federal funds	152,068,301	152,068,301
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,131,324</u>	<u>14,131,324</u>
12	Total	300,686,585	300,757,285

13 Sec. F.149 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.100 is amended to read:

14 Sec. D.100 ALLOCATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

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

18 (1) The sum of \$575,662 is allocated from the Current Use
19 Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of
20 the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),
21 amounts in excess of \$575,662 from the property transfer tax deposited into the

1 Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General
2 Fund.

3 (2) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of ~~\$22,106,740~~
4 \$28,238,050 from the property transfer tax and surcharge established in
5 32 V.S.A. § 9602a deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation
6 Trust Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

7 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property
8 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the
9 affordable housing bond pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 314 shall be offset by the
10 reduction of \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and
11 Conservation Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established in
12 32 V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2025 appropriation of ~~\$22,106,740~~
13 \$28,238,050 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board reflects the
14 \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing bond and related property
15 transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on
16 July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the
17 appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall be
18 restored.

19 (3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts in excess of
20 ~~\$7,772,373~~ \$9,052,113 from the property transfer tax deposited into the

Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund. The ~~\$7,772,373~~ \$9,052,113 shall be allocated as follows:

(A) ~~\$6,404,540~~ \$7,300,358 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

(B) ~~\$931,773~~ \$1,187,721 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

(C) ~~\$436,060~~ \$564,034 to the Agency of Digital Services for the Vermont Center for Geographic Information.

Sec. F.150 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.102 is amended to read:

Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

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

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3150892104 MH – Case Management Serv	\$350,000.00	<u>\$350,199.34</u>
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<u>1100892208 AOA – VT Housing Finance Agency</u>	<u>\$3,000,000.00</u>
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<u>1100892403 AOA – Health Equity Community Grants</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
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<u>1120020000 Tuition Assistance Program</u>	<u>\$133,877.86</u>
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<u>1120892401 DHR – New Position in DHR Ops</u>	<u>\$477,769.00</u>
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<u>1120892402 DHR – New Position in VTHR Ops</u>	<u>\$40,726.07</u>
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1	<u>1140010000 Tax Operation Costs</u>	<u>\$1,267,062.22</u>
2	<u>1140060000 Reappraisal and Listing Payments</u>	<u>\$35,270.75</u>
3	<u>1140070000 Use Tax Reimbursement Program</u>	<u>\$37,864.25</u>
4	<u>1140330000 Renter Rebates</u>	<u>\$2,186,940.33</u>
5	<u>1140892403 Tax – Child Care Contr Positions</u>	<u>\$3,591,823.02</u>
6	<u>1260980000 Debt Service</u>	<u>\$235,445.15</u>
7	<u>1266892401 VPIC – Pension System Assets</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
8	<u>2100892201 AG – Racial Disparities</u>	<u>\$48,465.00</u>
9	<u>2120892203 JUD – County Court House HVAC</u>	<u>\$800,000.00</u>
10	<u>2120892402 JUD – Essex County Courthouse Reno</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
11	<u>2130400000 SIUS Parent Account</u>	<u>\$395,749.64</u>
12	<u>2150010000 Mil Admin/TAGO</u>	<u>\$142,789.80</u>
13	<u>2150050000 Mil Vet Affairs Office</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
14	<u>2160892201 CCVS – VT Forensic Nursing</u>	<u>\$246.43</u>
15	<u>2160892304 CCVS – Kurn Hattin Survivor</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
16	<u>2200010000 Administration Division</u>	<u>\$167,222.00</u>
17	<u>3310000000 Commission on Women</u>	<u>\$25,390.43</u>
18	<u>3330892401 GMCB – VHCURES Database Implemen</u>	<u>\$545,782.90</u>
19	<u>3400892111 Supp New Americans Refugee</u>	<u>\$23,431.00</u>
20	<u>3400892301 AHSCO – Refugee Resettlement</u>	<u>\$1,293.00</u>
21	<u>3420892405 HD – Regional Emergency Med</u>	<u>\$8,295.01</u>

1	<u>3440050000 DCFS – AABD</u>	<u>\$35,310.73</u>
2	<u>3440892110 DCF – Grants to Reachup</u>	<u>\$5.10</u>
3	<u>3440892203 DCF – Parent Child Ctrs Cap Imp</u>	<u>\$20,708.22</u>
4	<u>3440892214 DCF – Child Care Provider Workfor</u>	<u>\$294.79</u>
5	<u>4100500000 VT Department of Labor</u>	<u>\$8,000,000.00</u>
6	<u>5100070000 Education Services</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
7	<u>5100892101 AOE – VSC Committee Per Diem</u>	<u>\$16,295.33</u>
8	<u>5100892102 AOA – Advisory Group Per Diem</u>	<u>\$9,018.00</u>
9	<u>5100892103 AOE – ESESAG Per Diems</u>	<u>\$8,960.00</u>
10	<u>5100892201 AOE – Comm Pub Sch Emp Hlth Ben</u>	<u>\$29,050.00</u>
11	<u>5100892202 AOE – Task Force Equit Inclusive</u>	<u>\$6,150.00</u>
12	<u>5100892302 AOE – Ethnic&Social Equity Per D</u>	<u>\$14,386.24</u>
13	<u>6100010000 Administration Management and Planning</u>	<u>\$402,052.99</u>
14	<u>6100040000 Property Tax Assessment Approp</u>	<u>\$11,692.11</u>
15	<u>6140880005 152/00 State Asst Munic Poll Cont</u>	<u>\$126.26</u>
16	<u>7100892301 Everyone Eats</u>	<u>\$144,565.43</u>
17	<u>7120892304 DED – Relocated and Remote Worker</u>	<u>\$127,314.33</u>
18	<u>8100002100 Department of Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>\$2,482.81</u>
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4 Sec. E.301 SECRETARY'S OFFICE; GLOBAL COMMITMENT

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(1) ~~\$21,295,850~~ \$25,302,000 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under Global Commitment. This amount, combined with ~~\$29,204,150~~ \$34,698,000 of federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated expenditure of ~~\$50,500,000~~ \$60,000,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A. § 2959a.

(2) \$3,005,335 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

1 (c) Up to ~~\$4,487,210~~ \$3,614,245 is transferred from the Agency of Human
2 Services Federal Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer
3 Fund consistent with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act.

4 Sec. F.153 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. G.109 is amended to read:

5 Sec. G.109 PAY ACT APPROPRIATIONS; FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND
6 2026

7 (a) Executive Branch. The first and second years of the two-year
8 agreements between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees'
9 Association for the Defender General, Non-Management, Supervisory, and
10 Corrections bargaining units, and, for the purpose of appropriation, the State's
11 Attorneys' offices bargaining unit, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June
12 30, 2026; the collective bargaining agreement with the Vermont Troopers'
13 Association for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026; and salary
14 increases for employees in the Executive Branch not covered by the bargaining
15 agreements shall be funded as follows:

16 (1) Fiscal year 2025.

17 * * *

18 (D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other
19 funds, for fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from
20 the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the
21 Liquor Control ~~Board~~ Fund such sums as the Secretary may determine to be

1 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported
2 by State funds.

3 * * *

4 (2) Fiscal year 2026.

5 * * *

6 (D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other
7 funds, for fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from
8 the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the
9 Liquor Control ~~Board~~ Fund such sums as the Secretary may determine to be
10 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported
11 by State funds.

12 * * *

13 Sec. F.154 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 145, Sec. 7 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 7. TELEPHONE TAX; REPEAL; TRANSITION

15 (a) 32 V.S.A. § 8521 (telephone personal property tax) is repealed on July
16 1, ~~2025~~ 2026. The final monthly installment payment of the telephone
17 personal property tax under 32 V.S.A. § 8521 levied on the net book value of
18 the taxpayer's personal property as of December 31, ~~2024~~ 2025 shall be due on
19 or before July 25, ~~2025~~ 2026.

1 (b) 32 V.S.A. § 8522 (alternative telephone gross revenues tax) is repealed
2 on January 1, ~~2026~~ 2027. The final quarterly payment of the alternative tax
3 under 32 V.S.A. § 8522 shall be due on or before January 25, ~~2026~~ 2027.

4 (c) Any taxpayer who paid the alternative tax imposed by 32 V.S.A. § 8522
5 prior to the repeal of the tax on January 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 shall become subject to
6 the income tax imposed under 32 V.S.A. chapter 151 beginning with the
7 taxpayer's first income tax year starting on or after January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026. No
8 alternative tax under 32 V.S.A. § 8522 shall be due for any period included in
9 the taxpayer's income tax filing for tax years starting on or after January 1,
10 ~~2025~~ 2026.

11 (d) In fiscal year ~~2025~~ 2026, the Division of Property Valuation and
12 Review of the Department of Taxes and all communications service providers
13 with taxable communications property in Vermont shall be subject to the
14 inventory and valuation provisions prescribed in 32 V.S.A. § 4452, as
15 applicable.

16 Sec. F.155 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 145, Sec. 15 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 15. EFFECTIVE DATES

18 This act shall take effect on passage, except that:

19 * * *

20 (3) Secs. 8–12 (communications property tax) shall take effect on July 1,
21 ~~2025~~ 2026 and shall apply to grand lists lodged on or after April 1, ~~2025~~ 2026.

1 Sec. F.156 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 166, Sec. 15 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 15. TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION

3 Notwithstanding 7 V.S.A. § 845(c), in fiscal year 2025:

4 (1) \$500,000.00 is transferred from the Cannabis Regulation Fund
5 established pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 845 to the Cannabis Business Development
6 Fund established pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 987; and

7 (2) \$500,000.00 is appropriated from the Cannabis Business ~~19~~
8 Development Fund to the ~~Agency of Commerce and Community Development~~
9 Department of Economic Development to fund technical assistance and
10 provide loans and grants pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 987.

11 Sec. F.157 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 78 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 78. ~~TRANSFERS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX~~

13 ~~Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), 32 V.S.A. §~~
14 ~~9610(e), or any other provision of law to the contrary, amounts in excess of~~
15 ~~\$32,954,775.00 from the property transfer tax shall be transferred into the~~
16 ~~General Fund. Of this amount:~~

17 ~~(1) \$6,106,335.00 shall be transferred from the General Fund into the~~
18 ~~Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund.~~

19 ~~(2) \$1,279,740.00 shall be transferred from the General Fund into the~~
20 ~~Municipal and Regional Planning Fund. [Repealed.]~~

1 Sec. F.158 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 96 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 96. APPROPRIATION; RENT ARREARS ASSISTANCE FUND

3 The sum of \$2,500,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the

4 ~~Vermont State Housing Authority~~ Department of Housing and Community

5 Development in fiscal year 2025 for the Rent Arrears Assistance Fund

6 established by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 45.

7 Sec. F.159 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 3, as amended by 2023 Acts

8 and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 75, 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.119, and

9 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 106, is further amended to read:

10 Sec. 3. MANUFACTURED HOME IMPROVEMENT AND

11 REPAIR PROGRAM

12 (a) ~~Amounts~~ Of the amounts available from the American Rescue Plan Act

13 – State Fiscal Recovery funds, \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of

14 Housing and Community Development for the Manufactured Home

15 Improvement and Repair Program and shall be used for one or more of the

16 following purposes:

17 * * *

18 Sec. F.160 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 113b is amended to read:

19 Sec. 113b. APPROPRIATION; ~~NATURAL RESOURCES~~ LAND USE

20 REVIEW BOARD

1 The sum of ~~\$1,300,000.00~~ \$400,000.00 is appropriated from the General
2 Fund to the ~~Natural Resources~~ Land Use Review Board in fiscal year 2025.

3 Sec. F.161 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 24a is amended to read:

4 Sec. 24a. COMPENSATION FOR OVERPAYMENT

5 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, ~~the sum of~~
6 ~~\$29,224.00~~ a \$29,224.00 credit shall be ~~transferred from the Education Fund to~~
7 ~~the Town of~~ applied to the Canaan Town School District's education spending,
8 as defined per 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6), in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the
9 homestead taxpayers of the ~~Town of Canaan~~ Town School District for an
10 overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to erroneous
11 accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating average daily
12 membership. ~~The transfer under this subsection shall be made directly to the~~
13 ~~Town of Canaan.~~

14 (b) ~~Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
15 ~~\$5,924.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~
16 ~~Bloomfield in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~
17 ~~Town of Bloomfield for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~
18 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
19 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
20 ~~directly to the Town of Bloomfield.~~

1 ~~(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
2 ~~\$2,575.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~
3 ~~Brunswick in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~
4 ~~Town of Brunswick for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~
5 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
6 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
7 ~~directly to the Town of Brunswick.~~

8 ~~(d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
9 ~~\$6,145.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of East~~
10 ~~Haven in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town~~
11 ~~of East Haven for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to~~
12 ~~erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
13 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
14 ~~directly to the Town of East Haven.~~

15 ~~(e) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
16 ~~\$2,046.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Granby~~
17 ~~in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of~~
18 ~~Granby for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to~~
19 ~~erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
20 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
21 ~~directly to the Town of Granby.~~

1 ~~(f) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
2 ~~\$10,034.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~
3 ~~Guildhall in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~
4 ~~Town of Guildhall for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~
5 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
6 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
7 ~~directly to the Town of Guildhall.~~

8 ~~(g) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
9 ~~\$20,536.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Kirby~~
10 ~~in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of~~
11 ~~Kirby for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to~~
12 ~~erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
13 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
14 ~~directly to the Town of Kirby.~~

15 ~~(h) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
16 ~~\$2,402.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~
17 ~~Lemington in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~
18 ~~Town of Lemington for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~
19 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
20 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
21 ~~directly to the Town of Lemington.~~

1 ~~(i) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
2 ~~\$11,464.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~
3 ~~Maidstone in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~
4 ~~Town of Maidstone for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~
5 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
6 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
7 ~~directly to the Town of Maidstone.~~

8 ~~(j) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
9 ~~\$4,349.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Norton~~
10 ~~in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of~~
11 ~~Norton for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to~~
12 ~~erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
13 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
14 ~~directly to the Town of Norton.~~

15 ~~(k) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
16 ~~\$2,657.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Victory~~
17 ~~in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of~~
18 ~~Victory for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to~~
19 ~~erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
20 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
21 ~~directly to the Town of Victory.~~

1 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a \$68,132.00 credit
2 shall be applied to the Northeast Kingdom Choice School District's education
3 spending, as defined per 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6), in fiscal year 2025 to
4 compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Northeast Kingdom Choice School
5 District for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to
6 erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating
7 average daily membership.

8 Sec. F.162 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1102, as added by 2023
9 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 47, is amended to read:

10 Sec. B.1102 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME TECHNOLOGY

11 MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

12 (a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriated from the Technology
13 Modernization Special Fund (21951) for new and ongoing initiatives as
14 follows:

15 (1) \$40,010,000 to the Agency of Digital Services to be used as follows:

16 (A) \$11,800,000 for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system
17 upgrade of Human Capital Management and core statewide financial
18 accounting system and integration with the Department of Labor and Agency
19 of Transportation financial systems;

20 * * *

1 Sec. F.163 3 V.S.A. § 3306 is amended to read:

2 § 3306. TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND

3 * * *

4 (b) Funds. The Fund shall consist of:

5 (1) any amounts transferred ~~or appropriated~~ to it by the General
6 Assembly; and

7 (2) any interest earned by the Fund.

8 * * *

9 Sec. F.164 WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUND;

10 REPEAL

11 (a) 10 V.S.A. § 543 (Workforce Education and Training Fund) is repealed.

12 Sec. F.165 18 V.S.A. § 9502 is amended to read:

13 § 9502. TOBACCO TRUST FUND

14 (a)(1) The Tobacco Trust Fund is established in the Office of the State
15 Treasurer for the purposes of creating a self-sustaining, perpetual fund for
16 tobacco cessation and prevention that is not dependent upon tobacco sales
17 volume.

18 (2) The Trust Fund shall ~~comprise~~ be composed of:

19 (A) ~~appropriations~~ transfers made by the General Assembly; and

20 (B) ~~transfers from the Litigation Settlement Fund pursuant to~~
21 ~~subdivision (b) of this section; and~~

1 ~~(C)~~ contributions from any other source.

2 (3) The State Treasurer shall not disburse monies from the Trust Fund,
3 except upon appropriation by the General Assembly. In any fiscal year, total
4 appropriations from the Trust Fund shall not exceed seven percent of the fair
5 market value of the Fund at the end of the prior fiscal year.

6 (4) The Trust Fund shall be administered by the State Treasurer. The
7 State Treasurer may invest monies in the Fund in accordance with the
8 provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 434. All balances in the Fund at the end of the fiscal
9 year shall be carried forward. Interest earned shall remain in the Fund. The
10 State Treasurer's annual financial report to the Governor and the General
11 Assembly shall contain an accounting of receipts, disbursements, and earnings
12 of the Fund.

13 (b) ~~Unless otherwise authorized by the General Assembly on or before~~
14 ~~June 30, 2000, and on June 30 of each subsequent fiscal year, any~~
15 ~~unencumbered balance in the Litigation Settlement Fund shall be transferred to~~
16 ~~the Trust Fund. [Repealed.]~~

17 Sec. F.166 32 V.S.A. § 5 is amended to read:

18 § 5. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS

19 (a) Definitions. As used in this section:

20 (1) "Loan" means a loan that is interest free or below market value.

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§ 706. TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

(1) With the approval of the Governor, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may transfer balances of appropriations not to exceed ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$100,000.00 made under any appropriation act for the support of the government from one component of an agency, department, or other unit of State government to any component of the same agency, department, or unit.

(3) For the specific purpose of balancing and closing out fund accounts at the end of a fiscal year, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may adjust a balance within an account of an agency or department in an amount not to exceed ~~\$100.00~~ \$200.00.

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(b) The State Treasurer shall pay the interest on, and principal of ~~and~~ ~~expenses of preparing, issuing, and marketing of such~~ notes as the same fall due without further order or authority from the ~~General Fund or from the Transportation or other applicable funds or from the proceeds of bonds or~~ notes governmental debt service funds established in section 951a of this chapter. The authority hereby granted is in addition to and not in limitation of any other authority. Such notes shall be sold at public or private sale with or without published notice, as the State Treasurer may determine to be in the best interests of the State.

Sec. F.169 32 V.S.A. § 951a is amended to read:

§ 951a. DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

(a) Three governmental debt service funds are hereby established:

* * *

(b) Financial resources in each fund shall consist of appropriations by the General Assembly to fulfill debt service obligations, the transfer of funding sources by the General Assembly to fulfill future debt service obligations, bond proceeds raised to fund a permanent reserve required by a trust agreement entered into to secure bonds, transfers of appropriations effected

1 pursuant to section 706 of this title, investment income earned on balances held
2 in trust agreement accounts as required by a trust agreement, and such other
3 amounts as directed by the General Assembly or that are specifically
4 authorized by provisions of this title. Each debt service fund shall account for
5 the accumulation of resources and the fulfillment of debt service obligations
6 within the current fiscal year and the accumulation of resources for debt
7 service obligations maturing in future fiscal years.

8 * * *

9 Sec. F.170 32 V.S.A. § 954 is amended to read:

10 § 954. PROCEEDS

11 (a) The proceeds arising from the sale of bonds, inclusive of any premiums,
12 shall be applied to the purposes for which they were authorized, and the
13 purposes ~~shall~~ may be considered to include ~~the expenses of preparing, issuing,~~
14 ~~and marketing the bonds and any notes issued under section 955 of this title,~~
15 ~~and~~ underwriters' fees and amounts for reserves, but no purchasers of the
16 bonds shall be in any way bound to see to the proper application of the
17 proceeds. The State Treasurer shall pay the interest on, principal of,
18 investment return on, and maturity value of the bonds and notes as the same
19 fall due or accrue without further order or authority. The State Treasurer, with
20 the approval of the Governor, may establish sinking funds, reserve funds, or
21 other special funds of the State as the State Treasurer may deem for the best

1 interests of the State. To the extent not otherwise provided, the amount
2 necessary each year to fulfill the maturing principal and interest of, investment
3 return and maturity value of, and sinking fund installments on all the bonds
4 then outstanding shall be included in and made a part of the annual
5 appropriation bill for the expense of State government, and the principal and
6 interest on, investment return and maturity value of, and sinking fund
7 installments on the bonds as may come due before appropriations for their
8 fulfillment have been made shall be fulfilled from the applicable debt service
9 fund.

10 (b) ~~The State Treasurer is authorized to allocate the estimated cost of bond~~
11 ~~issuance or issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated by a~~
12 ~~capital construction act and for which bonding is required as the source of~~
13 ~~funds. If estimated receipts are insufficient, the State Treasurer shall allocate~~
14 ~~additional costs to the entities. Any remaining receipts shall not be expended,~~
15 ~~but carried forward to be available for future capital construction acts. If the~~
16 ~~source of funds appropriated by a capital construction act is other than by~~
17 ~~issuance of bonds, the State Treasurer is authorized to allocate the estimated~~
18 ~~cost of ongoing debt management services to the entities to which those funds~~
19 ~~are appropriated, including the costs of preparing, issuing, and marketing such~~
20 bonds or notes shall be appropriated annually from the funds from which
21 transfers are made to fund debt service costs.

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Sec. F.171 VERMONT TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY FUND; REPEAL

(a) 33 V.S.A. chapter 78 (Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Fund) is repealed.

Sec. F.172 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 38 is amended to read:

Sec. 38. RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

(a) Creation; administration. The Vermont Housing Finance Agency shall design and implement a Rental Housing Revolving Loan Program and shall create and administer a revolving loan fund to provide subsidized loans for rental housing developments that serve middle-income households.

(b) Loans; eligibility; criteria.

* * *

(7) The Agency shall use one or more legal mechanisms to ensure that:

(A) a subsidized unit remains affordable to a household earning the applicable percent of area median income for the longer of:

(i) seven years; or

(ii) full repayment of the loan plus three years; and

(B) during the affordability period determined pursuant to subdivision (A) of this subdivision (7), the annual increase in rent for a subsidized unit does not exceed three percent or an amount otherwise authorized by the Agency.

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Sec. F.173 32 V.S.A. § 308b is amended to read:

§ 308b. HUMAN SERVICES CASELOAD RESERVE

(a) There is created within the General Fund a Human Services Caseload Reserve. Expenditures from the Reserve shall be subject to an appropriation by the General Assembly or approval by the Emergency Board. Expenditures from the Reserve shall be limited to Agency of Human Services caseload-related needs primarily in the Departments for Children and Families, of Health, of Mental Health, of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, of Vermont Health Access, and settlement costs associated with managing the Global Commitment waiver.

(b) The Secretary of Administration may transfer to the Human Services Caseload Reserve any General Fund ~~carry forward~~ carryforward directly attributable to Agency of Human Services caseload reductions and the effective management of related federal receipts, with the exclusion of the Department of Corrections.

(c) The Human Services Caseload Reserve shall contain two ~~sub-accounts~~ subaccounts:

(1) A ~~sub-account~~ subaccount for incurred but not reported Medicaid expenses. Each fiscal year ~~beginning with fiscal year 2020~~, the Department of Finance and Management shall adjust the amount reserved for incurred but not

1 reported Medicaid expenses to equal the amount specified in the
2 ~~Comprehensive~~ Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year
3 occurring two years prior for the estimated amount of incurred but not reported
4 Medicaid expenses associated with the current Medicaid Global Commitment
5 waiver.

6 * * *

7 Sec. F.174 CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION SPECIAL FUND;
8 UNALLOCATED AND UNRESERVED BALANCE

9 (a) In fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of Administration shall unreserve and
10 transfer funds from the Human Services Caseload Reserve to the Child Care
11 Contribution Special Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 10554 as necessary to
12 maintain a balance that appropriately supports the State's statutory obligations
13 under the Child Care Financial Assistance Program established in 33 V.S.A.
14 §§ 3512 and 3513.

15 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that any unreserved and
16 unallocated balance in the Child Care Contribution Special Fund shall remain
17 in the Fund to support the future establishment of a reserve for the Child Care
18 Financial Assistance Program.

19 Sec. F.175 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; FACILITY WORK
20 PROGRAMS; STRATEGIC PLAN

21 (a) Findings and intent.

1 (1) The General Assembly finds that a significant budget deficit has
2 developed within previously existing programs despite a wage structure that
3 pays incarcerated individuals in Vermont at rates ranging from \$0.25 to \$1.35
4 per hour, significantly below the federal minimum wage.

5 (2) It is the intent of the General Assembly that all Department of
6 Corrections facility work programs operate in a manner that is fiscally
7 sustainable to the extent possible within current statutory limitations and
8 effective in preparing offenders for meaningful employment upon release.

9 (b) Strategic plan. On or before December 15, 2025, the Department of
10 Corrections shall, in consultation with the Department of Labor, submit a
11 strategic plan with proposed benchmarks for improvement to the House
12 Committees on Appropriations and on Corrections and Institutions and the
13 Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Institutions, and on Judiciary. The
14 strategic plan shall include:

15 (1) A business plan to improve program efficiency and self-
16 sustainability to ensure all facility work programs, including Vermont
17 Correctional Industries, vocational training programs, and other paid facility
18 duties, operate without recurring deficits or to clearly identify funding sources
19 to address the deficits.

20 (2) A comprehensive evaluation of the skills provided through facility
21 work programs to determine if those skills are transferable to employment

1 opportunities post-incarceration. The evaluation shall include consideration of
2 expanding technical training and certification opportunities that carry
3 recognized value in the labor market.

4 (3) An analysis of facility work programs to determine if each program
5 serves a sufficient portion of the incarcerated population to justify its
6 administration. The analysis shall also consider whether participants gain
7 meaningful and valuable work experiences.

8 (4) A review of wages paid to facility work program participants, the
9 implications of wage structures on program outcomes, and the appropriate use
10 of funds in relation to program objectives.

11 (c) In fiscal years 2025 and 2026, the Department of Corrections shall
12 submit timely reports to the House Committees on Appropriations and on
13 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on
14 Institutions, and on Judiciary, or the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Joint
15 Legislative Justice Oversight Committee when the General Assembly is not in
16 session, on the development of facility work program deficits. The
17 Department shall include in these reports any financial or operational actions
18 taken to address deficits, increase oversight, and prevent future deficits.

19 Sec. F.176 MEDICAID PROVIDERS WITH STABILIZATION NEEDS;

20 GRANT ELIGIBILITY

1 (a) All Vermont Medicaid participating providers with demonstrated
2 stabilization needs and a plan to achieve sustainability shall be eligible to apply
3 for funds appropriated pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.
4 B.1100(o)(4), including substance use residential treatment facilities, federally
5 qualified health centers, residential mental health providers, and other
6 providers of health care and human services.

7 (b) On or before December 15, 2025, the Department of Vermont Health
8 Access shall submit a report to the House Committees on Health Care and on
9 Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on
10 Appropriations. The report shall include:

11 (1) A detailed account of grants distributed pursuant to the appropriation
12 made in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1100(o)(4), as added by this
13 act. This shall include the dollar amount and recipient of each grant.

14 (2) A description of each grant recipient's financial status prior to
15 receipt of the grant, a summary of the impact of the grant for each recipient,
16 and a summary of a revised long-term sustainability plan for each grant
17 recipient.

18 (3) An analysis of grant outcomes and any recommendations for
19 enhancing the financial stability of Vermont Medicaid providers.

20 Sec. F.177 ADULT DIPLOMA PROGRAM AND HIGH SCHOOL

21 COMPLETION PROGRAM TRANSITIONAL STUDENTS

1 (a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 945 and any other provision of law to the
2 contrary, a high school may award a high school diploma to any student who
3 meets the following criteria:

4 (1) Prior to July 1, 2024, the student was participating in the High
5 School Completion Program as the program existed under 16 V.S.A. § 943 on
6 June 30, 2024.

7 (2) The student has met the requirements of the student's individual
8 graduation plan and would have been eligible to receive a diploma pursuant to
9 the High School Completion Program as it existed under 16 V.S.A. § 943 on
10 June 30, 2024.

11 Sec. F.178 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

12 DISCRETIONARY EXEMPTIONS

13 (a) For the remainder of federal fiscal year 2025, the Department for
14 Children and Families shall utilize the State's allocation of discretionary
15 exemptions in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to the extent
16 permitted by federal regulation for the purposes of:

17 (1) extending benefits to Program participants who would otherwise
18 experience a disruption of benefits; and

19 (2) ensuring that Program participants are not accruing any time-limited
20 benefit work requirement countable months.

1 Sec. F.179 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 19, Secs. 5 and 6 are amended to read:

2 Sec. 5. [Deleted.]

3 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATES

4 (a) Sec. 4 (marriage licenses; 32 V.S.A. § 1712) shall take effect on July 1,
5 2023.

6 (b) ~~Sec. 5 (marriage licenses; 32 V.S.A. § 1712) shall take effect on July 1,~~
7 ~~2025.~~

8 (c) All other sections shall take effect 30 calendar days after passage.

9 Sec. F.180 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 82, Sec. 1, as amended by 2024 Acts
10 and Resolves No. 108, Sec. 3, is further amended to read:

11 Sec. 1. REIMBURSEMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES OF STATE

12 EDUCATION PROPERTY TAXES THAT WERE ABATED DUE
13 TO FLOODING

14 (a)(1) The Commissioner of Taxes may approve an application by a
15 municipality for reimbursement of State education property tax payments owed
16 under 32 V.S.A. § 5402(c) and 16 V.S.A. § 426. To be eligible for
17 reimbursement under this section, prior to November 15, ~~2024~~ 2025, a
18 municipality must have abated, in proportion to the abated municipal tax,
19 under 24 V.S.A. § 1535 the State education property taxes that were assessed
20 on eligible property, after application of any property tax credit allowed under
21 32 V.S.A. chapter 154.

1 (2) As used in this subsection, “eligible property” means property lost
2 or destroyed due directly or indirectly to severe storms and flooding in an area
3 that was declared a federal disaster between July 1, 2023 and ~~October 15, 2023~~
4 December 31, 2024, provided the loss or destruction resulted in one or more of
5 the following:

6 (A) a 50 percent or greater loss in value to the primary structure on
7 the property;

8 (B) loss of use by the property owner of the primary structure on the
9 property for 60 days or more;

10 (C) loss of access by the property owner to utilities for the primary
11 structure on the property for 60 days or more; or

12 (D) condemnation of the primary structure on the property under
13 federal, State, or municipal law, as applicable.

14 (b) If a municipality demonstrates that, due to disruption to tax collections
15 resulting from flooding in an area that was declared a federal disaster between
16 July 1, 2023 and ~~October 15, 2023~~ December 31, 2024, the municipality
17 incurred unanticipated interest expenses on funds borrowed to make State
18 education property tax payments owed under 32 V.S.A. § 5402(c) and 16
19 V.S.A. § 426, the municipality may be reimbursed by an amount equal to its
20 reasonable interest expenses under this subsection, provided the amount of
21 reimbursed interest expenses shall not exceed eight percent.

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Sec. F.181 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106 is amended to read:

Sec. E.106 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

APPROPRIATIONS; REVERSION AND ESTABLISHMENT

OF NEW SPENDING AUTHORITY

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(b) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall revert all unobligated American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund spending authority prior to December 31, 2024. The total amount of American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund spending authority reverted in accordance with this subsection shall equal the amount of new spending authority established pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 for the following purposes in the following order:

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(3) \$30,000,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to provide support and enhance capacity for the production and preservation of: affordable mixed-income rental housing and homeownership units; including improvements to manufactured homes and communities; permanent homes and emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness; recovery residences; and housing available to farm workers, refugees, and individuals

1 who are eligible to receive Medicaid-funded home and community based
2 services.

3 Sec. F.182 CARRYFORWARD AUTHORITY

4 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval
5 of the Secretary of Administration, General Fund, Transportation Fund,
6 Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund, Education Fund, Technology
7 Modernization Special Fund (21951), Clean Water Fund (21932), and
8 Agricultural Water Quality Fund (21933) appropriations remaining
9 unexpended on June 30, 2025 in the Executive Branch shall be carried forward
10 and shall be designated for expenditure.

11 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, General
12 Fund appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2025 in the Legislative
13 and Judicial Branches shall be carried forward and shall be designated for
14 expenditure.

15 * * * Effective Dates * * *

16 Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

17 (a) This section and Secs. B.1101, C.100, C.101, C.102, C.103, C.104,
18 C.105, C.106, C.107, E.127.3, E.306.1, E.312.1, E.313.3, F.100, F.101, F.102,
19 F.103, F.104, F.105, F.106, F.107, F.108, F.109, F.110, F.111, F.112, F.113,
20 F.114, F.115, F.116, F.117, F.118, F.119, F.120, F.121, F.122, F.123, F.124,
21 F.125, F.126, F.127, F.128, F.129, F.130, F.131, F.132, F.133, F.134, F.135,

1 F.136, F.137, F.138, F.139, F.140, F.141, F.142, F.143, F.144, F.145, F.146,
2 F.147, F.148, F.149, F.150, F.151, F.152, F.153, F.156, F.157, F.158, F.159,
3 F.160, F.162, F.163, F.164, F.165, F.166, F.167, F.168, F.169, F.170, F.171,
4 F.172, F.173, F.174, F.175, F.176, F.177, F.178, F.179, F.181, and F.182 shall
5 take effect on passage.

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

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

12 (d) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. E.111.3 shall take effect
13 retroactively on January 1, 2025 and shall apply to taxable years and periods
14 beginning on and after January 1, 2025 and ending on or before December 31,
15 2025.

16 (e) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Secs. F.154 and F.155 shall take
17 effect retroactively on March 31, 2025.

18 (f) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. F.161 shall take effect
19 retroactively on July 1, 2024.

20 (g) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. F.180 shall take effect
21 retroactively on November 15, 2024.

- 1 (h) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2025.