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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 during fiscal year 2026. It is the express intent of the  
11 General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments,  
12 divisions, boards, offices, and commissions be limited to those that can be  
13 supported by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June  
14 30, 2025. Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing  
15 and service levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2026 so as to meet this  
16 condition unless otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other  
17 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 fiscal year 2026.

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

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

14 Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

15 (a) As used in this act:

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

20 (2) “Grants” means subsidies, aid, or payments to local governments, to  
21 community and quasi-public agencies for providing local services, and to

1 persons who are not wards of the State for services or supplies and means cash  
2 or other direct assistance, including pension contributions.

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

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

10 Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

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

13 Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

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

17 Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

18 (a) In fiscal year 2026, the Governor, with the approval of the General  
19 Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the General Assembly is not in  
20 session, may accept federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including  
21 block grants in lieu of, or in addition to, funds herein designated as federal.

1 The Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal  
2 Committee if the General Assembly is not in session, may allocate all or any  
3 portion of such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for  
4 which the basic appropriations in this act have been made.

5 (b) If, during fiscal year 2026, federal funds available to the State of  
6 Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2025 session of  
7 the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are  
8 abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new  
9 title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for  
10 any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were  
11 appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for not  
12 more than 45 days prior to General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee  
13 approval. Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if  
14 the Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint  
15 Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's  
16 request for approval.

17 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

18 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total number of  
19 authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary  
20 positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(a)(11), shall not be increased during  
21 fiscal year 2026 except for new positions authorized by the General Assembly

1 during the 2025 session. Limited service positions approved pursuant to 32  
2 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to this restriction.

3 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

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

9	<u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
10	<u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons</u>
11		<u>and Property</u>
12	<u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
13	<u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
14	<u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
15	<u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
16	<u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
17	<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and</u>
18		<u>Community Development</u>
19	<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
20	<u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
21	<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other</u>

1 appropriation actions

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

5 \* \* \* Fiscal Year 2026 Base Appropriations \* \* \*

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

7 Personal services 2,532,305

8 Operating expenses 255,891

9 Grants 755,000

10 Total 3,543,196

11 Source of funds

12 General fund 1,762,509

13 Special funds 755,000

14 Interdepartmental transfers 1,025,687

15 Total 3,543,196

16 Sec. B.100.1 Secretary of administration - office of racial equity

17 Personal services 1,687,090

18 Operating expenses 118,323

19 Total 1,805,413

20 Source of funds

21 General fund 1,144,831

1	Internal service funds	534,462
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>126,120</u>
3	Total	1,805,413
4	Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance	
5	Personal services	1,523,066
6	Operating expenses	<u>168,424</u>
7	Total	1,691,490
8	Source of funds	
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,691,490</u>
10	Total	1,691,490
11	Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
12	Personal services	871,453
13	Operating expenses	<u>100,387</u>
14	Total	971,840
15	Source of funds	
16	Internal service funds	<u>971,840</u>
17	Total	971,840
18	Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
19	Personal services	406,346
20	Operating expenses	<u>65,072</u>
21	Total	471,418

1	Source of funds	
2	Internal service funds	<u>471,418</u>
3	Total	471,418
4	Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
5	Personal services	278,478
6	Operating expenses	<u>54,925</u>
7	Total	333,403
8	Source of funds	
9	Internal service funds	<u>333,403</u>
10	Total	333,403
11	Sec. B.104.1 Retired state employees pension plus funding	
12	Grants	<u>15,000,000</u>
13	Total	15,000,000
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	<u>15,000,000</u>
16	Total	15,000,000
17	Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information	
18	technology	
19	Personal services	87,034,344
20	Operating expenses	<u>50,695,231</u>
21	Total	137,729,575

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	233,207
3	Special funds	1,014,199
4	Internal service funds	<u>136,482,169</u>
5	Total	137,729,575
6	Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
7	Personal services	1,843,264
8	Operating expenses	<u>342,676</u>
9	Total	2,185,940
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	1,254,559
12	Internal service funds	688,359
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>243,022</u>
14	Total	2,185,940
15	Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
16	Personal services	3,416,478
17	Operating expenses	<u>894,620</u>
18	Total	4,311,098
19	Source of funds	
20	Internal service funds	3,767,171

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>543,927</u>
2	Total	4,311,098
3	Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
4	Personal services	12,091,729
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,609,092</u>
6	Total	13,700,821
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	1,931,766
9	Special funds	171,235
10	Internal service funds	10,811,922
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>785,898</u>
12	Total	13,700,821
13	Sec. B.108.1 Human resources - VTHR operations	
14	Personal services	2,259,639
15	Operating expenses	<u>922,339</u>
16	Total	3,181,978
17	Source of funds	
18	Internal service funds	<u>3,181,978</u>
19	Total	3,181,978

1	Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
2	Personal services	1,443,574
3	Operating expenses	<u>727,231</u>
4	Total	2,170,805
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>2,170,805</u>
7	Total	2,170,805
8	Sec. B.110 Libraries	
9	Personal services	3,071,139
10	Operating expenses	523,300
11	Grants	<u>267,993</u>
12	Total	3,862,432
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	2,371,969
15	Special funds	96,994
16	Federal funds	1,273,020
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>120,449</u>
18	Total	3,862,432
19	Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
20	Personal services	30,188,806
21	Operating expenses	<u>7,007,735</u>

1	Total	37,196,541
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	24,668,155
4	Special funds	12,413,386
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>115,000</u>
6	Total	37,196,541
7	Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
8	Personal services	1,132,286
9	Operating expenses	<u>206,653</u>
10	Total	1,338,939
11	Source of funds	
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,338,939</u>
13	Total	1,338,939
14	Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
15	Personal services	47,165
16	Operating expenses	<u>1,116,280</u>
17	Total	1,163,445
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>1,163,445</u>
20	Total	1,163,445

1	Sec. B.113.1 Buildings and general services engineering - capital projects	
2	Personal services	3,225,944
3	Operating expenses	<u>500,000</u>
4	Total	3,725,944
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	3,225,944
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>500,000</u>
8	Total	3,725,944
9	Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
10	Personal services	3,721,861
11	Operating expenses	<u>1,973,457</u>
12	Total	5,695,318
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	702,146
15	Transportation fund	4,542,959
16	Special funds	<u>450,213</u>
17	Total	5,695,318
18	Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
19	Personal services	2,860,824
20	Operating expenses	<u>272,026</u>
21	Total	3,132,850

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	1,697,210
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,435,640</u>
4	Total	3,132,850
5	Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
6	Personal services	846,111
7	Operating expenses	<u>188,303</u>
8	Total	1,034,414
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	93,669
11	Internal service funds	<u>940,745</u>
12	Total	1,034,414
13	Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
14	Personal services	951,063
15	Operating expenses	<u>223,405</u>
16	Total	1,174,468
17	Source of funds	
18	Internal service funds	<u>1,174,468</u>
19	Total	1,174,468

1	Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
2	Personal services	1,020,985
3	Operating expenses	<u>247,895</u>
4	Total	1,268,880
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	1,201,997
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>66,883</u>
8	Total	1,268,880
9	Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
10	Operating expenses	<u>4,427</u>
11	Total	4,427
12	Source of funds	
13	Enterprise funds	<u>4,427</u>
14	Total	4,427
15	Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	
16	Personal services	365,056
17	Operating expenses	<u>175,786</u>
18	Total	540,842
19	Source of funds	
20	Internal service funds	<u>540,842</u>
21	Total	540,842

1	Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
2	Personal services	1,199,933
3	Operating expenses	<u>605,349</u>
4	Total	1,805,282
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>1,805,282</u>
7	Total	1,805,282
8	Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
9	Personal services	21,826,541
10	Operating expenses	<u>17,638,201</u>
11	Total	39,464,742
12	Source of funds	
13	Internal service funds	39,360,459
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>104,283</u>
15	Total	39,464,742
16	Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
17	Personal services	1,957,078
18	Operating expenses	<u>567,607</u>
19	Total	2,524,685
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,997,850

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>526,835</u>
2	Total	2,524,685
3	Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel	
4	Personal services	4,419,480
5	Operating expenses	<u>286,936</u>
6	Total	4,706,416
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>4,706,416</u>
9	Total	4,706,416
10	Sec. B.126 Legislature	
11	Personal services	7,127,653
12	Operating expenses	<u>5,329,448</u>
13	Total	12,457,101
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	<u>12,457,101</u>
16	Total	12,457,101
17	Sec. B.126.1 Legislative information technology	
18	Personal services	1,504,560
19	Operating expenses	<u>912,661</u>
20	Total	2,417,221
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>2,417,221</u>
2	Total	2,417,221
3	Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
4	Personal services	2,959,862
5	Operating expenses	<u>197,907</u>
6	Total	3,157,769
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	<u>3,157,769</u>
9	Total	3,157,769
10	Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
11	Personal services	1,639,780
12	Operating expenses	<u>166,416</u>
13	Total	1,806,196
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	<u>1,806,196</u>
16	Total	1,806,196
17	Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
18	Personal services	296,158
19	Operating expenses	<u>51,993</u>
20	Total	348,151
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>348,151</u>
2	Total	348,151
3	Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
4	Personal services	4,775,026
5	Operating expenses	<u>143,505</u>
6	Total	4,918,531
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	408,398
9	Special funds	53,145
10	Internal service funds	<u>4,456,988</u>
11	Total	4,918,531
12	Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
13	Personal services	7,137,154
14	Operating expenses	<u>312,956</u>
15	Total	7,450,110
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	2,729,084
18	Special funds	4,179,251
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>541,775</u>
20	Total	7,450,110

1	Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
2	Personal services	801,268
3	Operating expenses	<u>581,648</u>
4	Total	1,382,916
5	Source of funds	
6	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,382,916</u>
7	Total	1,382,916
8	Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
9	Personal services	221,251
10	Operating expenses	<u>3,169,342</u>
11	Total	3,390,593
12	Source of funds	
13	Pension trust funds	<u>3,390,593</u>
14	Total	3,390,593
15	Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
16	Personal services	228,961
17	Operating expenses	<u>1,712,059</u>
18	Total	1,941,020
19	Source of funds	
20	Pension trust funds	<u>1,941,020</u>
21	Total	1,941,020

1	Sec. B.134.1 Vermont pension investment commission	
2	Personal services	2,484,198
3	Operating expenses	<u>303,904</u>
4	Total	2,788,102
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	2,788,102
7	Pension trust funds	<u>0</u>
8	Total	2,788,102
9	Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
10	Personal services	295,157
11	Operating expenses	<u>66,136</u>
12	Total	361,293
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	351,717
15	Special funds	6,788
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
17	Total	361,293
18	Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
19	Personal services	109,521
20	Operating expenses	<u>25,734</u>
21	Total	135,255

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	84,251
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>51,004</u>
4	Total	135,255
5	Sec. B.136.1 Ethics commission	
6	Personal services	183,787
7	Operating expenses	<u>39,775</u>
8	Total	223,562
9	Source of funds	
10	Internal service funds	<u>223,562</u>
11	Total	223,562
12	Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
13	Grants	<u>19,000,000</u>
14	Total	19,000,000
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>19,000,000</u>
17	Total	19,000,000
18	Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
19	Grants	<u>9,500,000</u>
20	Total	9,500,000
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>
2	Total	9,500,000
3	Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
4	Grants	<u>3,410,000</u>
5	Total	3,410,000
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>3,410,000</u>
8	Total	3,410,000
9	Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
10	Grants	<u>21,350,000</u>
11	Total	21,350,000
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>21,350,000</u>
14	Total	21,350,000
15	Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
16	Grants	<u>12,200,000</u>
17	Total	12,200,000
18	Source of funds	
19	Special funds	<u>12,200,000</u>
20	Total	12,200,000

1	Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
2	Grants	<u>40,000</u>
3	Total	40,000
4	Source of funds	
5	Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
6	Total	40,000
7	Sec. B.145 Total general government	
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	138,973,564
10	Transportation fund	4,542,959
11	Special funds	34,168,313
12	Federal funds	1,273,020
13	Internal service funds	209,117,870
14	Interdepartmental transfers	9,219,740
15	Enterprise funds	4,427
16	Pension trust funds	5,331,613
17	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,382,916</u>
18	Total	404,014,422
19	Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
20	Personal services	15,378,060
21	Operating expenses	1,810,445

1	Grants	<u>20,000</u>
2	Total	17,208,505
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	7,965,240
5	Special funds	2,468,889
6	Tobacco fund	434,660
7	Federal funds	1,809,676
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,530,040</u>
9	Total	17,208,505
10	Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
11	Personal services	1,250
12	Grants	<u>4,724,343</u>
13	Total	4,725,593
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	4,467,596
16	Special funds	<u>257,997</u>
17	Total	4,725,593
18	Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
19	Personal services	18,955,131
20	Operating expenses	<u>1,650,926</u>
21	Total	20,606,057

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	20,016,404
3	Special funds	<u>589,653</u>
4	Total	20,606,057
5	Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
6	Personal services	7,769,975
7	Operating expenses	<u>64,500</u>
8	Total	7,834,475
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	<u>7,834,475</u>
11	Total	7,834,475
12	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
13	Personal services	62,352,754
14	Operating expenses	13,865,672
15	Grants	<u>121,030</u>
16	Total	76,339,456
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	70,441,728
19	Special funds	1,997,094
20	Federal funds	1,560,412

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,340,222</u>
2	Total	76,339,456
3	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
4	Personal services	19,010,284
5	Operating expenses	<u>2,115,052</u>
6	Total	21,125,336
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	20,541,309
9	Federal funds	31,000
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>553,027</u>
11	Total	21,125,336
12	Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
13	Personal services	126,877
14	Operating expenses	27,835
15	Grants	<u>2,136,507</u>
16	Total	2,291,219
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>2,291,219</u>
19	Total	2,291,219

1	Sec. B.206.1 Crime victims advocates	
2	Personal services	3,221,461
3	Operating expenses	<u>117,870</u>
4	Total	3,339,331
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>3,339,331</u>
7	Total	3,339,331
8	Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
9	Personal services	6,092,392
10	Operating expenses	<u>446,237</u>
11	Total	6,538,629
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>6,538,629</u>
14	Total	6,538,629
15	Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
16	Personal services	6,289,651
17	Operating expenses	6,380,415
18	Grants	<u>278,285</u>
19	Total	12,948,351
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	7,630,863

1	Special funds	4,105
2	Federal funds	1,089,155
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,224,228</u>
4	Total	12,948,351
5	Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
6	Personal services	83,279,417
7	Operating expenses	16,733,452
8	Grants	<u>1,813,523</u>
9	Total	101,826,392
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	87,421,532
12	Special funds	3,223,793
13	Federal funds	9,734,790
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,446,277</u>
15	Total	101,826,392
16	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
17	Personal services	5,116,729
18	Operating expenses	<u>2,098,944</u>
19	Total	7,215,673
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,929,676

1	Special funds	4,483,740
2	Federal funds	<u>802,257</u>
3	Total	7,215,673
4	Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management	
5	Personal services	6,811,020
6	Operating expenses	1,018,043
7	Grants	<u>63,029,843</u>
8	Total	70,858,906
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	2,145,622
11	Special funds	710,000
12	Federal funds	67,941,304
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>61,980</u>
14	Total	70,858,906
15	Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
16	Personal services	9,963,365
17	Operating expenses	3,674,954
18	Grants	<u>127,350</u>
19	Total	13,765,669
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,795,530

1	Special funds	10,769,486
2	Federal funds	1,155,653
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
4	Total	13,765,669
5	Sec. B.213 Public safety - forensic laboratory	
6	Personal services	4,388,176
7	Operating expenses	<u>1,356,042</u>
8	Total	5,744,218
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	4,162,196
11	Special funds	81,774
12	Federal funds	951,794
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>548,454</u>
14	Total	5,744,218
15	Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
16	Personal services	1,142,600
17	Operating expenses	810,661
18	Grants	<u>1,219,834</u>
19	Total	3,173,095
20	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>3,173,095</u>
2	Total	3,173,095
3	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
4	Personal services	11,831,181
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,427,093</u>
6	Total	13,258,274
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	818,486
9	Federal funds	<u>12,439,788</u>
10	Total	13,258,274
11	Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
12	Personal services	51,243,591
13	Operating expenses	<u>8,227,725</u>
14	Total	59,471,316
15	Source of funds	
16	Federal funds	<u>59,471,316</u>
17	Total	59,471,316
18	Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
19	Personal services	906,250
20	Operating expenses	<u>908,538</u>
21	Total	1,814,788

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	1,752,288
3	Special funds	<u>62,500</u>
4	Total	1,814,788
5	Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
6	Personal services	1,382,555
7	Operating expenses	193,170
8	Grants	<u>27,500</u>
9	Total	1,603,225
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	1,259,653
12	Special funds	222,717
13	Federal funds	<u>120,855</u>
14	Total	1,603,225
15	Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
16	Personal services	2,371,733
17	Operating expenses	321,928
18	Grants	<u>8,573,370</u>
19	Total	11,267,031
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,650,091

1	Special funds	4,465,489
2	Federal funds	<u>5,151,451</u>
3	Total	11,267,031
4	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council	
5	Personal services	2,508,514
6	Operating expenses	<u>2,142,603</u>
7	Total	4,651,117
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	4,260,265
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>390,852</u>
11	Total	4,651,117
12	Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
13	Personal services	3,384,273
14	Operating expenses	<u>353,580</u>
15	Total	3,737,853
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	1,519,601
18	Special funds	1,695,613
19	Federal funds	<u>522,639</u>
20	Total	3,737,853

1	Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer	
2	protection	
3	Personal services	5,680,286
4	Operating expenses	1,109,650
5	Grants	<u>2,810,000</u>
6	Total	9,599,936
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	3,663,441
9	Special funds	4,048,844
10	Federal funds	1,875,651
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>12,000</u>
12	Total	9,599,936
13	Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
14	Personal services	6,358,750
15	Operating expenses	746,926
16	Grants	<u>15,633,200</u>
17	Total	22,738,876
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	3,157,499
20	Special funds	646,995

1	Federal funds	<u>18,934,382</u>
2	Total	22,738,876
3	Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management	
4	and environmental stewardship	
5	Personal services	3,053,693
6	Operating expenses	845,696
7	Grants	<u>359,000</u>
8	Total	4,258,389
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	934,914
11	Special funds	2,473,045
12	Federal funds	482,577
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>367,853</u>
14	Total	4,258,389
15	Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont agriculture and	
16	environmental lab	
17	Personal services	2,058,524
18	Operating expenses	<u>1,359,556</u>
19	Total	3,418,080
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	1,698,826

1	Special funds	1,647,441
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>71,813</u>
3	Total	3,418,080
4	Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, food and markets - clean water	
5	Personal services	4,120,365
6	Operating expenses	857,888
7	Grants	<u>11,375,000</u>
8	Total	16,353,253
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,863,832
11	Special funds	10,511,241
12	Federal funds	2,171,588
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,806,592</u>
14	Total	16,353,253
15	Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
16	Personal services	3,011,702
17	Operating expenses	103,565
18	Grants	<u>100,000</u>
19	Total	3,215,267
20	Source of funds	

1	Special funds	<u>3,215,267</u>
2	Total	3,215,267
3	Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
4	Personal services	2,483,666
5	Operating expenses	<u>482,337</u>
6	Total	2,966,003
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	<u>2,966,003</u>
9	Total	2,966,003
10	Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
11	Personal services	5,825,682
12	Operating expenses	<u>578,524</u>
13	Total	6,404,206
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	<u>6,404,206</u>
16	Total	6,404,206
17	Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
18	Personal services	5,998,278
19	Operating expenses	<u>591,092</u>
20	Total	6,589,370
21	Source of funds	

1	Special funds	<u>6,589,370</u>
2	Total	6,589,370
3	Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
4	Personal services	1,375,414
5	Operating expenses	<u>242,541</u>
6	Total	1,617,955
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	<u>1,617,955</u>
9	Total	1,617,955
10	Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
11	Personal services	21,619,186
12	Operating expenses	4,242,952
13	Grants	<u>1,350,000</u>
14	Total	27,212,138
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	1,350,000
17	Special funds	19,155,734
18	Federal funds	<u>6,706,404</u>
19	Total	27,212,138

1	Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
2	Personal services	12,790,401
3	Operating expenses	2,615,047
4	Grants	<u>25,000</u>
5	Total	15,430,448
6	Source of funds	
7	Special funds	12,152,225
8	Federal funds	2,439,257
9	ARRA funds	6,627
10	Interdepartmental transfers	821,491
11	Enterprise funds	<u>10,848</u>
12	Total	15,430,448
13	Sec. B.233.1 VT Community broadband board	
14	Personal services	1,978,960
15	Operating expenses	571,368
16	Grants	<u>43,000,000</u>
17	Total	45,550,328
18	Source of funds	
19	Special funds	1,589,990
20	Federal funds	<u>43,960,338</u>
21	Total	45,550,328

1	Sec. B.234 Public utility commission	
2	Personal services	4,565,693
3	Operating expenses	<u>578,746</u>
4	Total	5,144,439
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	<u>5,144,439</u>
7	Total	5,144,439
8	Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 board	
9	Personal services	4,700,016
10	Operating expenses	<u>697,379</u>
11	Total	5,397,395
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	<u>5,397,395</u>
14	Total	5,397,395
15	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
16	Personal services	1,243,420
17	Operating expenses	<u>142,164</u>
18	Total	1,385,584
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	1,292,811

1	Federal funds	<u>92,773</u>
2	Total	1,385,584
3	Sec. B.236.1 Liquor and lottery commission	
4	Personal services	10,866,788
5	Operating expenses	<u>7,415,512</u>
6	Total	18,282,300
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	125,000
9	Tobacco fund	250,579
10	Interdepartmental transfers	70,000
11	Enterprise funds	<u>17,836,721</u>
12	Total	18,282,300
13	Sec. B.240 Cannabis control board	
14	Personal services	4,466,288
15	Operating expenses	2,053,382
16	Grants	<u>10,000</u>
17	Total	6,529,670
18	Source of funds	
19	Special funds	<u>6,529,670</u>
20	Total	6,529,670

1	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	276,916,152
4	Special funds	121,247,670
5	Tobacco fund	685,239
6	Federal funds	239,445,060
7	ARRA funds	6,627
8	Interdepartmental transfers	17,289,829
9	Enterprise funds	<u>17,847,569</u>
10	Total	673,438,146
11	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
12	Personal services	17,333,398
13	Operating expenses	11,231,120
14	Grants	<u>3,795,202</u>
15	Total	32,359,720
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	15,569,598
18	Special funds	135,517
19	Federal funds	14,023,964
20	Global Commitment fund	2,510,857

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>119,784</u>
2	Total	32,359,720
3	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
4	Grants	<u>2,206,365,417</u>
5	Total	2,206,365,417
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	712,439,042
8	Special funds	31,339,852
9	Tobacco fund	21,049,373
10	State health care resources fund	31,074,772
11	Federal funds	1,405,465,168
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,997,210</u>
13	Total	2,206,365,417
14	Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
15	Personal services	513,359
16	Operating expenses	96,185
17	Grants	<u>191,595</u>
18	Total	801,139
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	12,000

1	Federal funds	<u>789,139</u>
2	Total	801,139
3	Sec. B.304 Human services board	
4	Personal services	823,371
5	Operating expenses	<u>90,892</u>
6	Total	914,263
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	538,324
9	Federal funds	<u>375,939</u>
10	Total	914,263
11	Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
12	Personal services	330,000
13	Operating expenses	<u>13,170,000</u>
14	Total	13,500,000
15	Source of funds	
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,500,000</u>
17	Total	13,500,000
18	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
19	Personal services	142,860,018
20	Operating expenses	36,310,876
21	Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>

1	Total	182,283,195
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	43,820,359
4	Special funds	4,760,237
5	Federal funds	126,141,154
6	Global Commitment fund	4,382,601
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,178,844</u>
8	Total	182,283,195
9	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global	
10	commitment	
11	Grants	<u>978,639,181</u>
12	Total	978,639,181
13	Source of funds	
14	Global Commitment fund	<u>978,639,181</u>
15	Total	978,639,181
16	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state	
17	only	
18	Grants	<u>67,827,030</u>
19	Total	67,827,030
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	62,355,192

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,471,838</u>
2	Total	67,827,030
3	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver	
4	matched	
5	Grants	<u>43,168,596</u>
6	Total	43,168,596
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	13,467,770
9	Federal funds	<u>29,700,826</u>
10	Total	43,168,596
11	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
12	Personal services	9,163,996
13	Operating expenses	8,043,463
14	Grants	<u>7,985,727</u>
15	Total	25,193,186
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	4,298,710
18	Special funds	2,423,587
19	Federal funds	10,954,085
20	Global Commitment fund	7,361,523

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>155,281</u>
2	Total	25,193,186
3	Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
4	Personal services	71,272,453
5	Operating expenses	10,371,654
6	Grants	<u>48,496,832</u>
7	Total	130,140,939
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	15,160,817
10	Special funds	25,398,124
11	Tobacco fund	1,088,918
12	Federal funds	64,355,699
13	Global Commitment fund	18,457,507
14	Interdepartmental transfers	5,654,874
15	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
16	Total	130,140,939
17	Sec. B.313 Health - substance use programs	
18	Personal services	7,036,556
19	Operating expenses	381,500
20	Grants	<u>61,624,360</u>
21	Total	69,042,416

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	4,795,744
3	Special funds	7,972,399
4	Tobacco fund	949,917
5	Federal funds	15,928,439
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>39,395,917</u>
7	Total	69,042,416
8	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
9	Personal services	12,456,526
10	Operating expenses	2,420,029
11	Grants	<u>279,691,678</u>
12	Total	294,568,233
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	13,127,716
15	Special funds	6,836
16	Federal funds	13,158,032
17	Global Commitment fund	266,967,840
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,307,809</u>
19	Total	294,568,233

1	Sec. B.315 Department of mental health - mental health facilities	
2	Personal services	40,937,117
3	Operating expenses	<u>3,393,946</u>
4	Total	44,331,063
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	18,868,124
7	Special funds	1,711,256
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>23,751,683</u>
9	Total	44,331,063
10	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support	
11	services	
12	Personal services	50,609,972
13	Operating expenses	17,876,453
14	Grants	<u>5,914,175</u>
15	Total	74,400,600
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	43,680,871
18	Special funds	2,954,500
19	Federal funds	24,518,288
20	Global Commitment fund	2,780,636

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>466,305</u>
2	Total	74,400,600
3	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
4	Personal services	49,175,153
5	Operating expenses	5,497,038
6	Grants	<u>100,541,760</u>
7	Total	155,213,951
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	63,680,993
10	Special funds	729,150
11	Federal funds	37,407,542
12	Global Commitment fund	53,381,266
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>
14	Total	155,213,951
15	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
16	Personal services	6,563,807
17	Operating expenses	783,604
18	Grants	<u>227,140,033</u>
19	Total	234,487,444
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	60,627,176

1	Special funds	115,409,671
2	Federal funds	42,924,133
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>15,526,464</u>
4	Total	234,487,444
5	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
6	Personal services	14,186,272
7	Operating expenses	<u>3,738,844</u>
8	Total	17,925,116
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	5,598,669
11	Special funds	454,219
12	Federal funds	11,484,628
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
14	Total	17,925,116
15	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and	
16	disabled	
17	Personal services	2,558,460
18	Grants	<u>10,418,567</u>
19	Total	12,977,027
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	7,470,372

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,506,655</u>
2	Total	12,977,027
3	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
4	Personal services	15,000
5	Grants	<u>10,415,779</u>
6	Total	10,430,779
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	10,189,157
9	Federal funds	11,098
10	Global Commitment fund	<u>230,524</u>
11	Total	10,430,779
12	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
13	Grants	<u>51,077,812</u>
14	Total	51,077,812
15	Source of funds	
16	Federal funds	<u>51,077,812</u>
17	Total	51,077,812
18	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
19	Operating expenses	23,821
20	Grants	<u>36,532,863</u>
21	Total	36,556,684

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	24,035,417
3	Special funds	5,970,229
4	Federal funds	2,806,330
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,744,708</u>
6	Total	36,556,684
7	Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel	
8	assistance/LIHEAP	
9	Grants	<u>16,019,953</u>
10	Total	16,019,953
11	Source of funds	
12	Special funds	1,480,395
13	Federal funds	<u>14,539,558</u>
14	Total	16,019,953
15	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic	
16	opportunity	
17	Personal services	1,376,425
18	Operating expenses	159,458
19	Grants	<u>39,165,356</u>
20	Total	40,701,239
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	32,312,474
2	Special funds	83,135
3	Federal funds	5,118,329
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,187,301</u>
5	Total	40,701,239
6	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization	
7	assistance	
8	Personal services	498,837
9	Operating expenses	275,322
10	Grants	<u>15,147,885</u>
11	Total	15,922,044
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	7,757,091
14	Federal funds	<u>8,164,953</u>
15	Total	15,922,044
16	Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - secure residential treatment	
17	Personal services	258,100
18	Operating expenses	38,775
19	Grants	<u>3,476,862</u>
20	Total	3,773,737
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	3,743,737
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>
3	Total	3,773,737
4	Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination	
5	services	
6	Personal services	8,322,170
7	Operating expenses	<u>495,934</u>
8	Total	8,818,104
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	130,556
11	Federal funds	<u>8,687,548</u>
12	Total	8,818,104
13	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &	
14	support	
15	Personal services	48,973,454
16	Operating expenses	<u>6,544,338</u>
17	Total	55,517,792
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	25,692,412
20	Special funds	1,390,457
21	Federal funds	27,258,639

1	Global Commitment fund	110,000
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>
3	Total	55,517,792
4	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and	
5	independent living grants	
6	Grants	<u>24,909,492</u>
7	Total	24,909,492
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	8,585,909
10	Federal funds	7,321,114
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>9,002,469</u>
12	Total	24,909,492
13	Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually	
14	impaired	
15	Grants	<u>3,407,604</u>
16	Total	3,407,604
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	489,154
19	Special funds	223,450
20	Federal funds	2,390,000

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>305,000</u>
2	Total	3,407,604
3	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational	
4	rehabilitation	
5	Grants	<u>10,179,845</u>
6	Total	10,179,845
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	371,845
9	Federal funds	8,558,000
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>
11	Total	10,179,845
12	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental	
13	services	
14	Grants	<u>349,987,467</u>
15	Total	349,987,467
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	132,732
18	Special funds	15,463
19	Federal funds	403,573
20	Global Commitment fund	349,385,699

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>
2	Total	349,987,467
3	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and	
4	community based waiver	
5	Grants	<u>7,540,256</u>
6	Total	7,540,256
7	Source of funds	
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>7,540,256</u>
9	Total	7,540,256
10	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - long term care	
11	Grants	<u>346,858,094</u>
12	Total	346,858,094
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	498,579
15	Federal funds	2,450,000
16	Global Commitment fund	<u>343,909,515</u>
17	Total	346,858,094
18	Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
19	Personal services	5,601,461
20	Operating expenses	<u>269,950</u>
21	Total	5,871,411

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>5,871,411</u>
3	Total	5,871,411
4	Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
5	Personal services	551,497
6	Operating expenses	<u>60,112</u>
7	Total	611,609
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>611,609</u>
10	Total	611,609
11	Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
12	Personal services	3,900,732
13	Operating expenses	<u>255,399</u>
14	Total	4,156,131
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	4,006,975
17	Federal funds	372
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
19	Total	4,156,131

1	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
2	Personal services	177,107,933
3	Operating expenses	25,571,966
4	Grants	<u>801,823</u>
5	Total	203,481,722
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	198,084,766
8	Special funds	935,963
9	Federal funds	516,600
10	Global Commitment fund	3,548,078
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
12	Total	203,481,722
13	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - justice reinvestment II	
14	Grants	<u>11,055,849</u>
15	Total	11,055,849
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	8,478,161
18	Federal funds	13,147
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>
20	Total	11,055,849

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

1	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
2	Personal services	24,048,875
3	Operating expenses	<u>6,913,887</u>
4	Total	30,962,762
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	10,033,214
7	Special funds	12,799,530
8	Federal funds	<u>8,130,018</u>
9	Total	30,962,762
10	Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
11	Personal services	432,073
12	Operating expenses	<u>89,355</u>
13	Total	521,428
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	516,773
16	Special funds	<u>4,655</u>
17	Total	521,428
18	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
19	Grants	<u>164,960</u>
20	Total	164,960
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>164,960</u>
2	Total	164,960
3	Sec. B.345 Green mountain care board	
4	Personal services	9,849,952
5	Operating expenses	<u>416,874</u>
6	Total	10,266,826
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	3,970,074
9	Special funds	<u>6,296,752</u>
10	Total	10,266,826
11	Sec. B.346 Office of the child, youth, and family advocate	
12	Personal services	386,033
13	Operating expenses	<u>71,330</u>
14	Total	457,363
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>457,363</u>
17	Total	457,363
18	Sec. B.347 Total human services	
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	1,428,007,133
21	Special funds	231,430,533

1	Tobacco fund	23,088,208
2	State health care resources fund	31,074,772
3	Federal funds	1,944,674,127
4	Global Commitment fund	2,147,692,059
5	Internal service funds	403,853
6	Interdepartmental transfers	32,694,090
7	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
8	Total	5,839,089,775
9	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
10	Personal services	39,454,824
11	Operating expenses	5,462,457
12	Grants	<u>5,870,493</u>
13	Total	50,787,774
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	11,313,657
16	Special funds	9,710,673
17	Federal funds	29,640,603
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>122,841</u>
19	Total	50,787,774

1	Sec. B.401 Total labor	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	11,313,657
4	Special funds	9,710,673
5	Federal funds	29,640,603
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>122,841</u>
7	Total	50,787,774
8	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
9	Personal services	16,203,356
10	Operating expenses	4,699,787
11	Grants	<u>17,772,840</u>
12	Total	38,675,983
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	7,994,162
15	Special funds	19,793,553
16	Education fund	3,606,201
17	Federal funds	6,217,482
18	Global Commitment fund	260,000
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>804,585</u>
20	Total	38,675,983

1	Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
2	Personal services	18,418,946
3	Operating expenses	1,185,388
4	Grants	<u>192,117,080</u>
5	Total	211,721,414
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	6,894,415
8	Special funds	3,266,001
9	Tobacco fund	750,388
10	Federal funds	199,239,149
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,571,461</u>
12	Total	211,721,414
13	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
14	Grants	<u>270,736,200</u>
15	Total	270,736,200
16	Source of funds	
17	Education fund	<u>270,736,200</u>
18	Total	270,736,200
19	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
20	Grants	<u>17,200,000</u>
21	Total	17,200,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Education fund	<u>17,200,000</u>
3	Total	17,200,000
4	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
5	Grants	<u>4,899,009</u>
6	Total	4,899,009
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	3,958,344
9	Federal funds	<u>940,665</u>
10	Total	4,899,009
11	Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
12	Grants	<u>11,481,896</u>
13	Total	11,481,896
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	921,500
16	Education fund	<u>10,560,396</u>
17	Total	11,481,896
18	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
19	Grants	<u>1,990,192,238</u>
20	Total	1,990,192,238
21	Source of funds	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9           (5) \$4,150,000 General Fund for the Vermont Housing Improvement  
10          Program 2.0 and for one position to support the Program;

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

13          (7) \$15,000 General Fund for the Residential Universal Design Study  
14          Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

10           (1) \$148,000 General Fund for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance  
11           Program.

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

14           (1) \$835,420 General Fund for the Payment Reform Unit;

15           (2) \$3,119,310 General Fund for the OneCare primary care model  
16           transition; and

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

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

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

2           (t) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2026, funds

3 are appropriated for the following:

4           (1) \$300,000 General Fund for a grant to the Northeast Organic Farming

5 Association of Vermont for the Crop Cash Program; and

6           (2) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Vermont Foodbank for the

7 Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program.

8           (u) Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living. In fiscal

9 year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:

10           (1) \$235,000 General Fund for a grant to HomeShare Vermont.

11           (v) Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. In fiscal year 2026, funds are

12 appropriated for the following:

13           (1) \$1,500,000 General Fund for Freedom and Unity grants.

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

15 the following:

16           (1) \$10,000 General Fund for the USS Vermont Support Group.

17           (x) Vermont Council on the Arts. In fiscal year 2026, funds are

18 appropriated for the following:

19           (1) \$68,737 General Fund for State match for federal funds.

20           (y) Agency of Transportation. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated

21 for the following:

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

2           and

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

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

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

10           Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2025 CLOSEOUT

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

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

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

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

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

10 (1) Department of Buildings and General Services:

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (2) Vermont Veterans' Home:

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

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

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

3       Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

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

5               Operating expenses                               15,992,094

6               Grants   1,137,841

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

8       Source of funds

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

10              Transportation fund                               20,250,000

11              Special funds                                       3,170,328

12              Federal funds                                       8,967,252

13              Interdepartmental transfers                       1,606,414

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

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

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

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

18              Operating expenses                               6,843,095

19              Grants   853,066

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

21       Source of funds

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

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

8 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

11 \* \* \*

12 (2) From the Transportation Fund to the:

13 \* \* \*

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

15 \* \* \*

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

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

19 APPROPRIATIONS

20 \* \* \*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

\* \* \*

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

Sec. C.110 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

REVERSION AND REALLOCATION

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

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

3             Sec. D.103 RESERVES

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

7             (1) General Fund.

8   \* \* \*

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

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17       Sec. C.107 BUSINESS EMERGENCY GAP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

18                             VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

19                             GRANT

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

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

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

5 Sec. D.100 PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX ALLOCATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1       Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

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

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

6       \$81,155,462.

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

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

9       \$4,300,000.

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

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

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

13       \$10,000,000.

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

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

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

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

18       \$305,825.

19                   (B) Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvements

20       Fund (#21575): \$523,966.

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

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

2           \$1,500,000.

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

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

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

6           \$120,000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9           Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

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

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

1       Sec. D.103 RESERVES

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

5           (1) General Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9           (3) Transportation Fund.

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

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15           Sec. E.100 POSITIONS

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

18           (1) Permanent classified positions:

19           (A) Office of the Attorney General:

20           (i) one Pre-charge Administrator.

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

3           (1) Permanent classified positions:

4           (A) Criminal Justice Council:

5           (i) one Canine Head Trainer.

6           (2) Permanent exempt positions:

7           (A) Human Rights Commission:

8           (i) one Intake Specialist; and

9           (ii) one Staff Attorney Investigator.

10          (c) The extension of nine limited services positions is authorized until June  
11          30, 2026:

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

13          (A) six Deputy State's Attorneys;

14          (B) two Legal Assistants; and

15          (C) one Victim Advocate.

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

17          (a) The Secretary of Administration shall conduct a comprehensive  
18          analysis of the current funding structure for Vermont community-based  
19          organizations.



1 Committee, on the status of appropriations made from the American Rescue  
2 Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

3 (1) Reports shall include information on:

4 (A) the original amounts appropriated;

5 (B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and

6 (C) any remaining spending authority.

7 (b) In fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the  
8 Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the request of the  
9 Committee, on the status of any new spending authority established pursuant to  
10 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106.

11 (1) Reports shall include information on:

12 (A) the original amounts appropriated;

13 (B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and

14 (C) any remaining spending authority.

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

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

1       Sec. E.105 AGENCY OF DIGITAL SERVICES; COMMUNICATIONS  
2                                    AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND TRANSFER

3           (a) In fiscal year 2026, the Agency of Digital Services shall utilize the  
4           funds transferred from the General Fund to the Communications and  
5           Information Technology Fund in Sec. D.101(a)(1)(F) of this act to cover the  
6           costs of transitioning billable services from a service level agreement model to  
7           a core enterprise services model. To the extent to which these funds are  
8           insufficient to complete this transition the Agency shall, as part of its fiscal  
9           year 2026 budget adjustment presentation, request an additional appropriation  
10          or transfer of funds and shall not bill other agencies or departments to cover  
11          the costs of the transition.

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

13       § 5824. ADOPTION OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS

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

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

20       § 7402. DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

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

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

§ 704. INTERIM BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS

(a) The General Assembly recognizes that acts of appropriations and their sources of funding reflect the priorities for expenditures of public funds enacted by the General Assembly and that major reductions or transfers, when required by reduced State revenues or other reasons, ought to be made

1 whenever possible by an act of the General Assembly reflecting its revisions of  
2 those priorities. Nevertheless, the General Assembly also recognizes that  
3 when it is not in session, it may be necessary to reduce authorized  
4 appropriations and their sources of funding, and funds may need to be  
5 transferred, to maintain a balanced State budget. Under these limited  
6 circumstances, it is the intent of the General Assembly that appropriations may  
7 be reduced and funds transferred when the General Assembly is not in session  
8 pursuant to the provisions of this section.

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

18 (2) In each instance that the official State revenue estimate for the  
19 General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds has been reduced by  
20 less than one percent from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes  
21 of the current fiscal year's appropriations, the Secretary of Administration may

1 prepare and implement an expenditure reduction plan without the approval of  
2 the Joint Fiscal Committee, provided that any total reductions in appropriations  
3 and transfers of funds are not greater than the reductions in the official State  
4 revenue estimate. The Secretary may implement an expenditure reduction plan  
5 under this subdivision if plan reductions to the total amount appropriated in  
6 any section or subsection do not exceed five percent, the plan is designed to  
7 minimize any negative effects on the delivery of services to the public, and the  
8 plan does not have any unduly disproportionate effect on any single function,  
9 program, service, benefit, or county. Plans not requiring the approval of the  
10 Joint Fiscal Committee shall be filed with the Joint Fiscal Office prior to  
11 implementation. If the Secretary's plan consists of reductions greater than five  
12 percent to the total amount appropriated in any section or subsection, such plan  
13 shall only be implemented in the manner provided for in subdivision (1) of this  
14 subsection.

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

18 (A) the Secretary of Administration shall prepare an expenditure  
19 reduction and transfer plan for consideration and approval by the Joint Fiscal  
20 Committee pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, provided that any total

1 reductions in appropriations and transfers of funds are not greater than the  
2 reductions in federal funds; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 § 133. DUTIES

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

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

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

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

13 § 308c. GENERAL FUND AND TRANSPORTATION FUND BALANCE  
14 RESERVES

15 (a) There is hereby created within the General Fund a General Fund  
16 Balance Reserve, also known as the "Rainy Day Reserve." After satisfying the  
17 requirements of section 308 of this title, and after other reserve requirements  
18 have been met, any remaining unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year  
19 General Fund surplus shall be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve.

20 The General Fund Balance Reserve shall not exceed ~~five~~ 10 percent of the

1 appropriations from the General Fund for the prior fiscal year without  
2 legislative authorization.

3 (1), (2) [Repealed.]

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

7 (A) 25 percent to the Vermont State Retirement Fund established by  
8 3 V.S.A. § 473; and

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

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

17 (2) If the official State revenue estimates of the Emergency Board for  
18 the General Fund, determined under section 305a of this title, have been  
19 reduced by two percent or more from the estimates determined and assumed  
20 for purposes of the ~~general~~ appropriations act or budget adjustment act, funds

1 in the General Fund Balance Reserve may be unreserved and appropriated or  
2 transferred to compensate for a reduction of revenues.

3 (3) The Emergency Board, in response to a declared emergency  
4 pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 9 occurring while the General Assembly is not in  
5 session, or a reduction in State revenue estimates or federal funding pursuant to  
6 subsection 704(b) of this title occurring while the General Assembly is not in  
7 session, may unreserve and make available an amount not to exceed 10 percent  
8 of the General Fund Balance Reserve to replenish the spending authority  
9 impacted by the declared emergency or reduction in funding in order to  
10 maintain a balanced State budget, minimize the impact to Vermonters, and to  
11 abide by the legislative intent set forth by the General Assembly in the most  
12 recent fiscal year appropriations act. In no event shall the amount provided to  
13 any agency or department under this subsection exceed the original amount  
14 appropriated by the General Assembly.

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

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

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

7 CHAPTER 18. ~~VT~~ VERMONT SAVES

8 § 531. DEFINITIONS

9 As used in this chapter:

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

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

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

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

8 (5) "Internal Revenue Code" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of  
9 1986, as amended.

10 (6) "IRA" means a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA.

11 (7) "Participant" means an individual who has an IRA under the  
12 Program.

13 (8) "Payroll deduction IRA or payroll deduction IRA arrangement"  
14 means an arrangement by which an employer allows employees to contribute  
15 to an IRA by means of payroll deduction.

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

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

20 (a) Establishment; purpose. There is established the ~~VT~~ Vermont Saves  
21 Program (Program), administered by the Office of the State Treasurer, for the

1 purpose of increasing financial security for Vermonters by providing access to  
2 an IRA for Vermont employees of companies that do not currently offer a  
3 retirement savings program. The Program shall be designed to facilitate  
4 portability of benefits through withdrawals, rollovers, and direct transfers from  
5 an IRA and achieve economies of scale and other efficiencies to minimize  
6 costs. The Program shall:

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

11 (1) affirmatively elect to contribute to a traditional IRA instead of a  
12 Roth IRA; or

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

14 (c) Contributions.

15 (1) Unless otherwise specified by the covered employee, a covered  
16 employee shall automatically initially contribute five percent of the covered  
17 employee's salary or wages to the Program. A covered employee may elect to  
18 opt out of the Program at any time or contribute at any higher or lower rate,  
19 expressed as a percentage of salary or wages, or, as permitted by the Treasurer,  
20 expressed as a flat dollar amount, subject in all cases to the IRA contribution

1 and eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code at no  
2 additional charge.

3 (2) The Treasurer shall provide for, on a uniform basis, an annual  
4 increase of each active participant's contribution rate, by not less than one  
5 percent, but not more than eight percent, of salary or wages each year. Any  
6 such increases shall apply to active participants, including participants by  
7 default with an option to opt out or participants who are initiated by affirmative  
8 participant election, provided that any increase is subject to the IRA  
9 contribution and eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code.

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

12 CHAPTER 61. MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE LOAN FUND

13 § 1601. MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE LOAN FUND

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

19 (b) The Municipal Equipment and Vehicle Loan Fund shall be  
20 administered by a committee composed of the State Treasurer and the State  
21 Traffic Committee established by 19 V.S.A. § 1(24), pursuant to policies and

1 procedures approved by ~~the Traffic~~ this Committee ~~established by 19 V.S.A.~~  
2 ~~§ 1(24)~~ with administrative support from the Office of the State Treasurer.

3 The Committee shall establish criteria for distribution of available loan funds  
4 among municipalities considering at least financial need, equitable geographic  
5 distribution, and ability to repay. The Fund shall be a revolving fund and all  
6 principal and interest earned on loans and the fund balance remaining in the  
7 Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert but be carried over in the  
8 Fund for use in the succeeding fiscal year. The Committee shall meet upon  
9 request of the Treasurer to consider applications.

10 § 1602. APPLICATION; LOANS; CONDITIONS

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

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

20 (b) The State Treasurer is authorized to establish terms and conditions,  
21 including repayment schedules of up to five years for loans from the Fund to

1 ensure repayment of loans to the Fund. The amount of any loan shall be not  
2 more than 75 percent of the purchase price or \$150,000, whichever is lower.

3 Before a municipality may receive a loan from the Fund, it shall give to the  
4 State Treasurer security for the repayment of the funds. The security shall be  
5 in such form and amount as the Treasurer may determine and may include a  
6 lien on the equipment or emergency vehicle financed by the loan.

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

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

17 (e) When a municipality suffers the destruction of more than one piece of  
18 equipment or a vehicle at or near the same time or suffers some unanticipated  
19 hardship relating to the equipment or vehicle and the Committee finds that  
20 replacement would place an undue financial hardship on the municipality, the

1 Committee may waive one or both of the loan limiting factors in subsection (b)  
2 of this section:

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

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

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

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

11 § 1001. CAPITAL DEBT AFFORDABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12 (a) Committee established. A Capital Debt Affordability Advisory  
13 Committee is hereby created with the duties and composition provided by this  
14 section.

15 (b) Committee duties.

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

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

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

5           (2) The Committee shall conduct ongoing reviews of the amount and  
6           condition of bonds, notes, and other obligations of instrumentalities of the  
7           State for which the State has a contingent or limited liability or for which the  
8           General Assembly is permitted to replenish reserve funds, and, when deemed  
9           appropriate, recommend limits on the occurrence of such additional obligations  
10          to the Governor and to the General Assembly.

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

15          (c) Committee estimate of a prudent amount of net State tax-supported  
16          debt; affordability considerations. On or before September 30 ~~of each year~~ in  
17          alternating years, the Committee shall submit to the Governor and the General  
18          Assembly the Committee's estimate of net State tax-supported debt that  
19          prudently may be authorized for the next two fiscal ~~year~~ years, together with a  
20          report explaining the basis for the estimate. The Committee's estimate shall  
21          not take into consideration the balance remaining at the end of each fiscal year

1 in the subaccounts of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments,  
2 established pursuant to section 1001b of this title. The provisions of 2 V.S.A.  
3 § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made  
4 under this subsection. In developing its ~~annual~~ biennial estimate, and in  
5 preparing its ~~annual~~ biennial report, the Committee shall consider:

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

8 (A) will be outstanding; and

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

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

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

16 (A) existing outstanding debt;

17 (B) previously authorized but unissued debt; and

18 (C) projected bond authorizations.

19 (4) The criteria that recognized bond rating agencies use to judge the  
20 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 not covered in subdivisions (A)–(C) of this subdivision  
11 (4).

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

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

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

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



1       (a) Of the \$3,390,593 appropriated in Sec. B.133 of this act, \$2,247,471  
2       constitutes the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System operating  
3       budget, and \$1,143,122 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 \$1,941,020 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,494,924  
10      constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating  
11      budget, and \$446,096 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. § 523 is amended to read:

15           § 523. VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; DUTIES

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17           (i) Professional staff and salaries.

18               (1) The Commission shall have the assistance of a professional staff to  
19      implement its policy and oversee daily operations. The Commission is  
20      authorized to retain independent advisors as it deems necessary to carry out its  
21      responsibilities.



1 Department of Taxes' Division of Property Valuation and Review and used  
2 with any remaining funds from the amount previously transferred for final  
3 payment of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of grand  
4 list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and other  
5 expenses incurred to undertake utility property appraisals in Vermont.

6 Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

7 (a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under  
8 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in  
9 addition to and without regard to the appropriations for correctional facilities  
10 elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid  
11 from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

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

13 § 3709. PILOT SPECIAL FUND

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

1 ~~City of Montpelier.~~ The Commissioner of Finance and Management may draw  
2 warrants for disbursements from this Fund in anticipation of receipts.

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

5 Subchapter 4C. Municipal Grand List Stabilization Program

6 § 3710. MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST STABILIZATION PROGRAM

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

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

1 Commissioner of Taxes pursuant to this subsection on or before September 1,  
2 2025.

3 (c) Upon notification by the Commissioner of Public Safety, the  
4 Commissioner of Taxes shall certify the payment amounts and make an annual  
5 payment to each municipality for each eligible property to compensate for the  
6 loss of municipal property tax. The payment shall be calculated using the  
7 grand list value of the acquired property for the year during which the property  
8 was either damaged by flooding or identified as flood-prone by the  
9 Commissioner of Public Safety, multiplied by the municipal tax rate, including  
10 any submunicipal tax rates, in effect each year. This payment shall be made on  
11 or before January 1 of each year for five years.

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

19 (e) Payment under this section shall be calculated and issued from the  
20 PILOT Special Fund under section 3709 of this title only after all other grants  
21 under subchapter 4 of this chapter are calculated and issued. If the PILOT

1 Special Fund balance is insufficient to pay the full amount of all payments  
2 authorized under this subchapter, then payments calculated under this section  
3 and due to each municipality for each property shall be reduced  
4 proportionately.

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

6 § 51. FLOOD-PRONE PROPERTIES; ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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

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

16 FACILITIES

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

19 Sec. E.200 ATTORNEY GENERAL

20 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Office of the Attorney  
21 General, Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit, is authorized to retain,

1 subject to appropriation, one-half of the State share of any recoveries from  
2 Medicaid fraud settlements, excluding interest, that exceed the State share of  
3 restitution to the Medicaid Program. All such designated additional recoveries  
4 retained shall be used to finance Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit  
5 activities.

6 (b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A.  
7 § 2458(b)(4), \$1,802,200 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

8 Sec. E.208 PUBLIC SAFETY; ADMINISTRATION

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

13 Sec. E.209 PUBLIC SAFETY; STATE POLICE

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

19 (b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$405,000 is  
20 allocated for grants in support of the Drug Task Force. Of this amount,  
21 \$190,000 shall be used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town

1 task force officers. These town task force officers shall be dedicated to  
2 enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18  
3 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any  
4 unobligated funds may be allocated by the Commissioner to fund the work of  
5 the Drug Task Force or be carried forward.

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

9 Sec. E.212 PUBLIC SAFETY; FIRE SAFETY

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

13 Sec. E.215 MILITARY; ADMINISTRATION

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

17 Sec. E.219 MILITARY; VETERANS' AFFAIRS

18 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.219 of this act, \$1,000 shall be used  
19 for continuation of the Vermont Medal Program; \$2,000 shall be used for the  
20 expenses of the Governor's Veterans Advisory Council; \$7,500 shall be used

1 for the Veterans' Day parade; and \$10,000 shall be granted to the American  
2 Legion for the Boys' State and Girls' State programs.

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

4 BUDGET

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

8 Sec. E.236.1 LIQUOR AND LOTTERY; APPROPRIATION; BUSINESS

9 -TO-BUSINESS WEBSITE

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

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

14 ADVOCATE, VERMONT LEGAL AID

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

16 (1) \$2,000,406 shall be used for the contract with the Office of the  
17 Health Care Advocate;

18 (2) \$1,717,994 for Vermont Legal Aid services, including the Poverty  
19 Law Project and mental health services; and

1           (3) \$650,000 is for the purposes of maintaining current Vermont Legal  
2           Aid program capacity and addressing increased requests for services, including  
3           eviction prevention and protection from foreclosure and consumer debt.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund established by 16 V.S.A.  
2 § 2959a.

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

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

9 Sec. E.301.1 GLOBAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER;

10 REPORT

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

1 Commitment section 1115 demonstration approved by the Centers for  
2 Medicare and Medicaid Services under section 1115 of the Social Security  
3 Act.

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

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

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

1 and 2026, respectively, and any obligated funds carried forward to be  
2 expended in fiscal ~~year~~ years 2024, ~~and fiscal year~~ 2025, and 2026,  
3 respectively.

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

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

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

1 Fund spending up to the amount approved by the Centers for Medicare and  
2 Medicaid Services for the Vermont Hospital Directed Payment program.

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

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

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

15 EXTRAORDINARY FINANCIAL RELIEF

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

1 targeted interventions that may be used to reduce the use and amount of future  
2 extraordinary financial relief for nursing homes.

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

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

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

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

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

14 and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11       ~~3 V.S.A. § 3097 (State Youth Council) is repealed on February 1, 2026.~~

12       [Repealed.]

13       Sec. E.312 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH

14       (a) HIV/AIDS funding:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

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

21 \* \* \*

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

2           Advisory Commission:

3                   (A) one Private Secretary.

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

5           § 5003. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RACIAL EQUITY

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (5) advise the Department of Health and the General Assembly on any  
2 funding decisions relating to eliminating health disparities and promoting  
3 health equity, including the distribution of federal monies related to COVID-  
4 19;

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

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

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

17 \* \* \*

18 (f) Meetings.

19 (1) ~~The Executive Director of Racial Equity or designee shall call the~~  
20 ~~first meeting of the Advisory Commission to occur on or before September 1,~~  
21 ~~2021.~~



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

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

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

9 § 4812. SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION SPECIAL FUND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 Sec. E.316 STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP; FACILITY

5 PLANNING FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH

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

11 \* \* \*

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

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

15 § 125. BUDGETARY INFLATION; DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS

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

1       Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY HOUSING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2           (4) is pregnant;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1       (l) As used in this section:

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

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

8       Sec. E.321.1 CONTRACTING FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER

9                               OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

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

15       Sec. E.324 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 § 506. BUDGETARY INFLATION; DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS

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

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

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

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

14       Sec. E.338 CORRECTIONS; CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

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

18       Sec. E.338.1 CORRECTIONS; FEDERAL FUNDS STATUS

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

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

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

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

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

15 (1) a detailed transition plan;

16 (2) expected outcomes and measures of success;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

17 Sec. E.504 ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

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

1 Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION; FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 § 4011. EDUCATION PAYMENTS

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

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

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

3 \* \* \*

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

18 \* \* \*

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

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

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

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

10 Sec. E.507.1 ENGLISH LEARNER; CATEGORICAL AID

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

14 Sec. E.511 EDUCATION; TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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

19 Sec. E.514 STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 Sec. E.600 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

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

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

11 Sec. E.602 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

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

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

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

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

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

11 Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 CLEAN WATER SURCHARGE

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

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

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

20 (b) Purpose and intent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 Sec. I.12. EFFECTIVE DATES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 \* \* \* Effective Dates \* \* \*

4 Sec. F.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

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

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

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

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