

1 H.493

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

3 The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after
4 the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 * * * Purpose, Definitions, Legend * * *

6 Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

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

9 Sec. A.101 PURPOSE; LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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

19 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that any interim budget and
20 appropriation adjustments made in accordance with 32 V.S.A. §§ 133 and 704

1 prioritize supporting the health, safety, and well-being of Vermonters; a robust
2 education system; and a strong economy.

3 Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

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

1 Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

2 (a) As used in this act:

3 (1) “Encumbrances” means a portion of spending authority reserved for
4 the subsequent payment of existing travel authorizations, purchase orders,
5 grants, or contracts. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall
6 make final decisions on the appropriateness of encumbrances.

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

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

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

18 (5) “Capital appropriation” means an appropriation for tangible capital
19 investments or expenses that are eligible to be funded from general obligation
20 debt financing and are allowed under federal laws governing the use of State
21 bond proceeds as described in 32 V.S.A. § 309.

1 Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

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

4 Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

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

8 Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

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

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

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

8 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

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

15 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

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

21 B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199

General Government

1	<u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons</u>
2		<u>and Property</u>
3	<u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
4	<u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
5	<u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
6	<u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
7	<u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
8	<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and</u>
9		<u>Community Development</u>
10	<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
11	<u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
12	<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other</u>
13		<u>appropriation actions</u>
14	<u>(b) The C sections contain amendments to the current fiscal year; the D</u>	
15	<u>sections contain fund allocations, transfers, reversions, and reservations for the</u>	
16	<u>upcoming fiscal year; the F sections also contain amendments to the current</u>	
17	<u>fiscal year; and the G section contains effective dates.</u>	
18	* * * Fiscal Year 2026 Base Appropriations * * *	
19	Sec. B.100 Secretary of administration - secretary's office	
20	Personal services	2,532,305
21	Operating expenses	255,891

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>104,283</u>
2	Total	39,464,742
3	Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
4	Personal services	1,957,078
5	Operating expenses	<u>567,607</u>
6	Total	2,524,685
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	1,997,850
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>526,835</u>
10	Total	2,524,685
11	Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel	
12	Personal services	4,589,480
13	Operating expenses	<u>286,936</u>
14	Total	4,876,416
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>4,876,416</u>
17	Total	4,876,416
18	Sec. B.126 Legislature	
19	Personal services	6,957,653
20	Operating expenses	<u>5,329,448</u>
21	Total	12,287,101

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>12,287,101</u>
3	Total	12,287,101
4	Sec. B.126.1 Legislative information technology	
5	Personal services	1,504,560
6	Operating expenses	<u>912,661</u>
7	Total	2,417,221
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>2,417,221</u>
10	Total	2,417,221
11	Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
12	Personal services	2,959,862
13	Operating expenses	<u>197,907</u>
14	Total	3,157,769
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>3,157,769</u>
17	Total	3,157,769
18	Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
19	Personal services	1,639,780
20	Operating expenses	<u>166,416</u>
21	Total	1,806,196

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>1,806,196</u>
3	Total	1,806,196
4	Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
5	Personal services	296,158
6	Operating expenses	<u>51,993</u>
7	Total	348,151
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>348,151</u>
10	Total	348,151
11	Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
12	Personal services	4,775,026
13	Operating expenses	<u>143,505</u>
14	Total	4,918,531
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	408,398
17	Special funds	53,145
18	Internal service funds	<u>4,456,988</u>
19	Total	4,918,531
20	Sec. B.131 State treasurer	

1	Personal services	7,137,154
2	Operating expenses	<u>312,956</u>
3	Total	7,450,110
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	2,729,084
6	Special funds	4,179,251
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>541,775</u>
8	Total	7,450,110
9	Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
10	Personal services	801,268
11	Operating expenses	<u>581,648</u>
12	Total	1,382,916
13	Source of funds	
14	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,382,916</u>
15	Total	1,382,916
16	Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
17	Personal services	221,251
18	Operating expenses	<u>3,066,842</u>
19	Total	3,288,093
20	Source of funds	

1	Pension trust funds	<u>3,288,093</u>
2	Total	3,288,093
3	Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
4	Personal services	228,961
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,672,059</u>
6	Total	1,901,020
7	Source of funds	
8	Pension trust funds	<u>1,901,020</u>
9	Total	1,901,020
10	Sec. B.134.1 Vermont pension investment commission	
11	Personal services	2,234,198
12	Operating expenses	<u>303,904</u>
13	Total	2,538,102
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	2,538,102
16	Pension trust funds	<u>0</u>
17	Total	2,538,102
18	Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
19	Personal services	545,157
20	Operating expenses	<u>66,136</u>
21	Total	611,293

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	601,717
3	Special funds	6,788
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
5	Total	611,293
6	Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
7	Personal services	109,521
8	Operating expenses	<u>25,734</u>
9	Total	135,255
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	84,251
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>51,004</u>
13	Total	135,255
14	Sec. B.136.1 Ethics commission	
15	Personal services	183,787
16	Operating expenses	<u>39,775</u>
17	Total	223,562
18	Source of funds	
19	Internal service funds	<u>223,562</u>
20	Total	223,562

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

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>21,350,000</u>
3	Total	21,350,000
4	Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
5	Grants	<u>12,200,000</u>
6	Total	12,200,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	<u>12,200,000</u>
9	Total	12,200,000
10	Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
11	Grants	<u>40,000</u>
12	Total	40,000
13	Source of funds	
14	Special funds	<u>40,00</u>
15	Total	40,000
16	Sec. B.145 Total general government	
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	139,223,564
19	Transportation fund	4,542,959
20	Special funds	33,918,313
21	Federal funds	1,273,020

1	Internal service funds	209,117,870
2	Interdepartmental transfers	9,219,740
3	Enterprise funds	4,427
4	Pension trust funds	5,189,113
5	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,382,916</u>
6	Total	403,871,922
7	Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
8	Personal services	15,608,060
9	Operating expenses	1,810,445
10	Grants	<u>20,000</u>
11	Total	17,438,505
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	8,195,240
14	Special funds	2,468,889
15	Tobacco fund	434,660
16	Federal funds	1,809,676
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,530,040</u>
18	Total	17,438,505
19	Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
20	Personal services	1,250
21	Grants	<u>5,024,343</u>

1	Total	5,025,593
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	4,767,596
4	Special funds	<u>257,997</u>
5	Total	5,025,593
6	Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
7	Personal services	18,955,131
8	Operating expenses	<u>1,650,926</u>
9	Total	20,606,057
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	20,016,404
12	Special funds	<u>589,653</u>
13	Total	20,606,057
14	Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
15	Personal services	7,887,975
16	Operating expenses	<u>64,500</u>
17	Total	7,952,475
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>7,952,475</u>
20	Total	7,952,475
21	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	

1	Personal services	64,512,754
2	Operating expenses	13,865,672
3	Grants	<u>121,030</u>
4	Total	78,499,456
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	72,601,728
7	Special funds	1,997,094
8	Federal funds	1,560,412
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,340,222</u>
10	Total	78,499,456
11	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
12	Personal services	19,010,284
13	Operating expenses	<u>2,115,052</u>
14	Total	21,125,336
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	20,541,309
17	Federal funds	31,000
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>553,027</u>
19	Total	21,125,336

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

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

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

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

1	Federal funds	951,794
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>548,454</u>
3	Total	5,744,218
4	Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
5	Personal services	1,142,600
6	Operating expenses	810,661
7	Grants	<u>1,319,834</u>
8	Total	3,273,095
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	<u>3,273,095</u>
11	Total	3,273,095
12	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
13	Personal services	11,831,181
14	Operating expenses	<u>1,427,093</u>
15	Total	13,258,274
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	818,486
18	Federal funds	<u>12,439,788</u>
19	Total	13,258,274

1	Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
2	Personal services	51,243,591
3	Operating expenses	<u>8,227,725</u>
4	Total	59,471,316
5	Source of funds	
6	Federal funds	<u>59,471,316</u>
7	Total	59,471,316
8	Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
9	Personal services	906,250
10	Operating expenses	<u>908,538</u>
11	Total	1,814,788
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	1,752,288
14	Special funds	<u>62,500</u>
15	Total	1,814,788
16	Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
17	Personal services	1,382,555
18	Operating expenses	193,170
19	Grants	<u>27,500</u>
20	Total	1,603,225
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	1,259,653
2	Special funds	222,717
3	Federal funds	<u>120,855</u>
4	Total	1,603,225
5	Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
6	Personal services	2,371,733
7	Operating expenses	321,928
8	Grants	<u>8,573,370</u>
9	Total	11,267,031
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	1,650,091
12	Special funds	4,465,489
13	Federal funds	<u>5,151,451</u>
14	Total	11,267,031
15	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council	
16	Personal services	2,508,514
17	Operating expenses	<u>2,142,603</u>
18	Total	4,651,117
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	4,260,265

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>390,852</u>
2	Total	4,651,117
3	Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
4	Personal services	3,384,273
5	Operating expenses	<u>353,580</u>
6	Total	3,737,853
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	1,519,601
9	Special funds	1,695,613
10	Federal funds	<u>522,639</u>
11	Total	3,737,853
12	Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer	
13	protection	
14	Personal services	5,680,286
15	Operating expenses	1,109,650
16	Grants	<u>2,810,000</u>
17	Total	9,599,936
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	3,663,441
20	Special funds	4,048,844
21	Federal funds	1,875,651

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>12,000</u>
2	Total	9,599,936
3	Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
4	Personal services	6,358,750
5	Operating expenses	746,926
6	Grants	<u>15,633,200</u>
7	Total	22,738,876
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	3,157,499
10	Special funds	646,995
11	Federal funds	<u>18,934,382</u>
12	Total	22,738,876
13	Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management	
14	and environmental stewardship	
15	Personal services	3,053,693
16	Operating expenses	845,696
17	Grants	<u>247,000</u>
18	Total	4,146,389
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	822,914
21	Special funds	2,473,045

1	Federal funds	482,577
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>367,853</u>
3	Total	4,146,389
4	Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont agriculture and	
5	environmental lab	
6	Personal services	2,058,524
7	Operating expenses	<u>1,359,556</u>
8	Total	3,418,080
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,698,826
11	Special funds	1,647,441
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>71,813</u>
13	Total	3,418,080
14	Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, food and markets - clean water	
15	Personal services	4,120,365
16	Operating expenses	857,888
17	Grants	<u>11,487,000</u>
18	Total	16,465,253
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	1,975,832
21	Special funds	10,511,241

1	Federal funds	2,171,588
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,806,592</u>
3	Total	16,465,253
4	Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
5	Personal services	3,011,702
6	Operating expenses	103,565
7	Grants	<u>100,000</u>
8	Total	3,215,267
9	Source of funds	
10	Special funds	<u>3,215,267</u>
11	Total	3,215,267
12	Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
13	Personal services	2,483,666
14	Operating expenses	<u>482,337</u>
15	Total	2,966,003
16	Source of funds	
17	Special funds	<u>2,966,003</u>
18	Total	2,966,003
19	Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
20	Personal services	5,825,682
21	Operating expenses	<u>578,524</u>

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

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

1	Sec. B.233.1 VT Community broadband board	
2	Personal services	1,978,960
3	Operating expenses	571,368
4	Grants	<u>43,000,000</u>
5	Total	45,550,328
6	Source of funds	
7	Special funds	1,589,990
8	Federal funds	<u>43,960,338</u>
9	Total	45,550,328
10	Sec. B.234 Public utility commission	
11	Personal services	4,565,693
12	Operating expenses	<u>578,746</u>
13	Total	5,144,439
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	<u>5,144,439</u>
16	Total	5,144,439
17	Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 board	
18	Personal services	4,700,016
19	Operating expenses	<u>697,379</u>
20	Total	5,397,395
21	Source of funds	

1	Special funds	<u>5,397,395</u>
2	Total	5,397,395
3	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
4	Personal services	1,243,420
5	Operating expenses	<u>142,164</u>
6	Total	1,385,584
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	1,292,811
9	Federal funds	<u>92,773</u>
10	Total	1,385,584
11	Sec. B.236.1 Liquor and lottery commission	
12	Personal services	10,866,788
13	Operating expenses	<u>7,415,512</u>
14	Total	18,282,300
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	125,000
17	Tobacco fund	250,579
18	Interdepartmental transfers	70,000
19	Enterprise funds	<u>17,836,721</u>
20	Total	18,282,300

1	Sec. B.240 Cannabis control board	
2	Personal services	4,466,288
3	Operating expenses	2,053,382
4	Grants	<u>10,000</u>
5	Total	6,529,670
6	Source of funds	
7	Special funds	<u>6,529,670</u>
8	Total	6,529,670
9	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property	
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	279,824,152
12	Special funds	121,247,670
13	Tobacco fund	685,239
14	Federal funds	239,445,060
15	ARRA funds	6,627
16	Interdepartmental transfers	17,289,829
17	Enterprise funds	<u>17,847,569</u>
18	Total	676,346,146
19	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
20	Personal services	17,333,398
21	Operating expenses	11,231,120

1	Grants	<u>3,795,202</u>
2	Total	32,359,720
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	15,569,598
5	Special funds	135,517
6	Federal funds	14,023,964
7	Global Commitment fund	2,510,857
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>119,784</u>
9	Total	32,359,720
10	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
11	Grants	<u>2,207,280,248</u>
12	Total	2,207,280,248
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	712,815,861
15	Special funds	31,339,852
16	Tobacco fund	21,049,373
17	State health care resources fund	31,074,772
18	Federal funds	1,406,003,180
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,997,210</u>
20	Total	2,207,280,248

1	Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
2	Personal services	513,359
3	Operating expenses	96,185
4	Grants	<u>191,595</u>
5	Total	801,139
6	Source of funds	
7	Special funds	12,000
8	Federal funds	<u>789,139</u>
9	Total	801,139
10	Sec. B.304 Human services board	
11	Personal services	823,371
12	Operating expenses	<u>90,892</u>
13	Total	914,263
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	538,324
16	Federal funds	<u>375,939</u>
17	Total	914,263
18	Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
19	Personal services	330,000
20	Operating expenses	<u>13,170,000</u>
21	Total	13,500,000

1	Source of funds	
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,500,000</u>
3	Total	13,500,000
4	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
5	Personal services	142,860,018
6	Operating expenses	36,310,876
7	Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>
8	Total	182,283,195
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	43,820,359
11	Special funds	4,760,237
12	Federal funds	126,141,154
13	Global Commitment fund	4,382,601
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,178,844</u>
15	Total	182,283,195
16	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global	
17	commitment	
18	Grants	<u>979,554,012</u>
19	Total	979,554,012
20	Source of funds	

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>979,554,012</u>
2	Total	979,554,012
3	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state	
4	only	
5	Grants	<u>67,605,443</u>
6	Total	67,605,443
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	62,133,605
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,471,838</u>
10	Total	67,605,443
11	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver	
12	matched	
13	Grants	<u>44,034,870</u>
14	Total	44,034,870
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	13,467,770
17	Federal funds	<u>30,567,100</u>
18	Total	44,034,870
19	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
20	Personal services	9,163,996
21	Operating expenses	8,043,463

1	Grants	<u>7,985,727</u>
2	Total	25,193,186
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	4,298,710
5	Special funds	2,423,587
6	Federal funds	10,954,085
7	Global Commitment fund	7,361,523
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>155,281</u>
9	Total	25,193,186
10	Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
11	Personal services	71,272,453
12	Operating expenses	10,371,654
13	Grants	<u>48,496,832</u>
14	Total	130,140,939
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	15,160,817
17	Special funds	25,398,124
18	Tobacco fund	1,088,918
19	Federal funds	64,355,699
20	Global Commitment fund	18,457,507
21	Interdepartmental transfers	5,654,874

1	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
2	Total	130,140,939
3	Sec. B.313 Health - substance use programs	
4	Personal services	7,036,556
5	Operating expenses	381,500
6	Grants	<u>61,624,360</u>
7	Total	69,042,416
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	4,795,744
10	Special funds	7,972,399
11	Tobacco fund	949,917
12	Federal funds	15,928,439
13	Global Commitment fund	<u>39,395,917</u>
14	Total	69,042,416
15	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
16	Personal services	12,456,526
17	Operating expenses	2,420,029
18	Grants	<u>279,691,678</u>
19	Total	294,568,233
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	13,127,716

1	Special funds	6,836
2	Federal funds	13,158,032
3	Global Commitment fund	266,967,840
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,307,809</u>
5	Total	294,568,233
6	Sec. B.315 Department of mental health - mental health facilities	
7	Personal services	40,937,117
8	Operating expenses	<u>3,393,946</u>
9	Total	44,331,063
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	18,868,124
12	Special funds	1,711,256
13	Global Commitment fund	<u>23,751,683</u>
14	Total	44,331,063
15	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support	
16	services	
17	Personal services	50,609,972
18	Operating expenses	17,876,453
19	Grants	<u>5,914,175</u>
20	Total	74,400,600
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	43,680,871
2	Special funds	2,954,500
3	Federal funds	24,518,288
4	Global Commitment fund	2,780,636
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>466,305</u>
6	Total	74,400,600
7	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
8	Personal services	49,175,153
9	Operating expenses	5,497,038
10	Grants	<u>100,541,760</u>
11	Total	155,213,951
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	63,680,993
14	Special funds	729,150
15	Federal funds	37,407,542
16	Global Commitment fund	53,381,266
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>
18	Total	155,213,951
19	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
20	Personal services	6,563,807
21	Operating expenses	783,604

1	Grants	<u>228,228,202</u>
2	Total	235,575,613
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	80,715,345
5	Special funds	96,409,671
6	Federal funds	42,924,133
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>15,526,464</u>
8	Total	235,575,613
9	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
10	Personal services	14,186,272
11	Operating expenses	<u>3,738,844</u>
12	Total	17,925,116
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	5,598,669
15	Special funds	454,219
16	Federal funds	11,484,628
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
18	Total	17,925,116
19	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and	
20	disabled	

1	Personal services	2,558,460
2	Grants	<u>10,418,567</u>
3	Total	12,977,027
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	7,470,372
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,506,655</u>
7	Total	12,977,027
8	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
9	Personal services	15,000
10	Grants	<u>10,415,779</u>
11	Total	10,430,779
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	10,189,157
14	Federal funds	11,098
15	Global Commitment fund	<u>230,524</u>
16	Total	10,430,779
17	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
18	Grants	<u>51,077,812</u>
19	Total	51,077,812
20	Source of funds	

1	Federal funds	<u>51,077,812</u>
2	Total	51,077,812
3	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
4	Operating expenses	23,821
5	Grants	<u>36,532,863</u>
6	Total	36,556,684
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	24,035,417
9	Special funds	5,970,229
10	Federal funds	2,806,330
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,744,708</u>
12	Total	36,556,684
13	Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel	
14	assistance/LIHEAP	
15	Grants	<u>16,019,953</u>
16	Total	16,019,953
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	1,480,395
19	Federal funds	<u>14,539,558</u>
20	Total	16,019,953

1	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic	
2	opportunity	
3	Personal services	1,376,425
4	Operating expenses	159,458
5	Grants	<u>39,165,356</u>
6	Total	40,701,239
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	32,312,474
9	Special funds	83,135
10	Federal funds	5,118,329
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,187,301</u>
12	Total	40,701,239
13	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization	
14	assistance	
15	Personal services	498,837
16	Operating expenses	275,322
17	Grants	<u>15,147,885</u>
18	Total	15,922,044
19	Source of funds	
20	Special funds	7,757,091

1	Federal funds	<u>8,164,953</u>
2	Total	15,922,044
3	Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - secure residential treatment	
4	Personal services	258,100
5	Operating expenses	38,775
6	Grants	<u>3,476,862</u>
7	Total	3,773,737
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	3,743,737
10	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>
11	Total	3,773,737
12	Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination	
13	services	
14	Personal services	8,322,170
15	Operating expenses	<u>495,934</u>
16	Total	8,818,104
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	130,556
19	Federal funds	<u>8,687,548</u>
20	Total	8,818,104

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

1	Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually	
2	impaired	
3	Grants	<u>3,407,604</u>
4	Total	3,407,604
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	489,154
7	Special funds	223,450
8	Federal funds	2,390,000
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>305,000</u>
10	Total	3,407,604
11	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational	
12	rehabilitation	
13	Grants	<u>10,179,845</u>
14	Total	10,179,845
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	371,845
17	Federal funds	8,558,000
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>
19	Total	10,179,845
20	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental	
21	services	

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

1	Federal funds	2,450,000
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>343,909,515</u>
3	Total	346,858,094
4	Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
5	Personal services	5,601,461
6	Operating expenses	<u>269,950</u>
7	Total	5,871,411
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>5,871,411</u>
10	Total	5,871,411
11	Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
12	Personal services	551,497
13	Operating expenses	<u>60,112</u>
14	Total	611,609
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>611,609</u>
17	Total	611,609
18	Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
19	Personal services	3,900,732
20	Operating expenses	<u>255,399</u>
21	Total	4,156,131

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

1	General fund	8,478,161
2	Federal funds	13,147
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>
4	Total	11,055,849
5	Sec. B.339 Corrections - correctional services - out of state beds	
6	Personal services	<u>4,130,378</u>
7	Total	4,130,378
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>
10	Total	4,130,378
11	Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
12	Personal services	708,510
13	Operating expenses	<u>457,555</u>
14	Total	1,166,065
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	<u>1,166,065</u>
17	Total	1,166,065
18	Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
19	Personal services	243,283
20	Operating expenses	<u>160,570</u>
21	Total	403,853

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

1	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
2	Grants	<u>164,960</u>
3	Total	164,960
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>164,960</u>
6	Total	164,960
7	Sec. B.345 Green mountain care board	
8	Personal services	10,362,452
9	Operating expenses	<u>416,874</u>
10	Total	10,779,326
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	4,482,574
13	Special funds	<u>6,296,752</u>
14	Total	10,779,326
15	Sec. B.346 Office of the child, youth, and family advocate	
16	Personal services	386,033
17	Operating expenses	<u>71,330</u>
18	Total	457,363
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>457,363</u>
21	Total	457,363

1	Sec. B.347 Total human services	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	1,448,763,034
4	Special funds	212,430,533
5	Tobacco fund	23,088,208
6	State health care resources fund	31,074,772
7	Federal funds	1,946,078,413
8	Global Commitment fund	2,148,606,890
9	Internal service funds	403,853
10	Interdepartmental transfers	32,694,090
11	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
12	Total	5,843,156,793
13	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
14	Personal services	39,454,824
15	Operating expenses	5,462,457
16	Grants	<u>5,870,493</u>
17	Total	50,787,774
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	11,313,657
20	Special funds	9,710,673
21	Federal funds	29,640,603

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>122,841</u>
2	Total	50,787,774
3	Sec. B.401 Total labor	
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	11,313,657
6	Special funds	9,710,673
7	Federal funds	29,640,603
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>122,841</u>
9	Total	50,787,774
10	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	
11	Personal services	17,203,356
12	Operating expenses	4,699,787
13	Grants	<u>17,772,840</u>
14	Total	39,675,983
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	8,994,162
17	Special funds	19,793,553
18	Education fund	3,606,201
19	Federal funds	6,217,482
20	Global Commitment fund	260,000

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>804,585</u>
2	Total	39,675,983
3	Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
4	Personal services	18,418,946
5	Operating expenses	1,185,388
6	Grants	<u>192,117,080</u>
7	Total	211,721,414
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	6,894,415
10	Special funds	3,266,001
11	Tobacco fund	750,388
12	Federal funds	199,239,149
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,571,461</u>
14	Total	211,721,414
15	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
16	Grants	<u>270,736,200</u>
17	Total	270,736,200
18	Source of funds	
19	Education fund	<u>270,736,200</u>
20	Total	270,736,200

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

1	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
2	Grants	<u>1,991,143,238</u>
3	Total	1,991,143,238
4	Source of funds	
5	Education fund	<u>1,991,143,238</u>
6	Total	1,991,143,238
7	Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
8	Grants	<u>26,115,792</u>
9	Total	26,115,792
10	Source of funds	
11	Education fund	<u>26,115,792</u>
12	Total	26,115,792
13	Sec. B.507 Education - merger support grants	
14	Grants	<u>1,800,000</u>
15	Total	1,800,000
16	Source of funds	
17	Education fund	<u>1,800,000</u>
18	Total	1,800,000
19	Sec. B.507.1 Education - EL categorical aid	
20	Grants	<u>2,250,000</u>
21	Total	2,250,000

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

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

1	General fund	<u>15,000,000</u>
2	Total	15,000,000
3	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
4	Grants	<u>199,377,627</u>
5	Total	199,377,627
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	160,566,569
8	Education fund	<u>38,811,058</u>
9	Total	199,377,627
10	Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	
11	Personal services	345,352
12	Operating expenses	<u>3,465,303</u>
13	Total	3,810,655
14	Source of funds	
15	Pension trust funds	<u>3,810,655</u>
16	Total	3,810,655
17	Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
18	Grants	<u>71,052,589</u>
19	Total	71,052,589
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	49,091,090

1	Education fund	<u>21,961,499</u>
2	Total	71,052,589
3	Sec. B.516 Total general education	
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	245,496,788
6	Special funds	32,699,554
7	Tobacco fund	750,388
8	Education fund	2,430,399,971
9	Federal funds	206,397,296
10	Global Commitment fund	260,000
11	Interdepartmental transfers	2,376,046
12	Pension trust funds	<u>3,810,655</u>
13	Total	2,922,190,698
14	Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
15	Grants	<u>57,378,104</u>
16	Total	57,378,104
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>57,378,104</u>
19	Total	57,378,104

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	50,665,734
4	Special funds	86,811,225
5	Fish and wildlife fund	10,097,060
6	Federal funds	184,885,710
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,976,689</u>
8	Total	347,436,418
9	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce	
10	and community development - administration	
11	Personal services	2,515,577
12	Operating expenses	872,866
13	Grants	<u>389,320</u>
14	Total	3,777,763
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>3,777,763</u>
17	Total	3,777,763
18	Sec. B.801 Economic development	
19	Personal services	4,396,254
20	Operating expenses	1,199,682
21	Grants	<u>9,106,544</u>

1	Total	14,702,480
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	6,087,190
4	Special funds	3,150,350
5	Federal funds	5,264,940
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>200,000</u>
7	Total	14,702,480
8	Sec. B.802 Housing and community development	
9	Personal services	2,669,883
10	Operating expenses	1,528,070
11	Grants	<u>27,139,431</u>
12	Total	31,337,384
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	7,806,505
15	Special funds	10,144,339
16	Federal funds	10,957,973
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,428,567</u>
18	Total	31,337,384
19	Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
20	Personal services	3,453,707
21	Operating expenses	4,569,290

1	Grants	<u>700,000</u>
2	Total	8,722,997
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	4,640,125
5	Federal funds	4,007,872
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
7	Total	8,722,997
8	Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
9	Grants	<u>1,003,063</u>
10	Total	1,003,063
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>1,003,063</u>
13	Total	1,003,063
14	Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
15	Grants	<u>154,170</u>
16	Total	154,170
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>154,170</u>
19	Total	154,170

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

1	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	26,621,232
4	Special funds	53,784,771
5	Federal funds	87,393,425
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,703,567</u>
7	Total	170,502,995
8	Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
9	Personal services	19,914,359
10	Operating expenses	6,581,104
11	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
12	Total	26,545,463
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	25,152,473
15	Federal funds	<u>1,392,990</u>
16	Total	26,545,463
17	Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
18	Personal services	4,770,561
19	Operating expenses	8,456,904
20	Grants	<u>190,000</u>
21	Total	13,417,465

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	7,474,433
3	Federal funds	<u>5,943,032</u>
4	Total	13,417,465
5	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
6	Personal services	1,000,000
7	Operating expenses	<u>1,500,000</u>
8	Total	2,500,000
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	2,200,000
11	TIB fund	<u>300,000</u>
12	Total	2,500,000
13	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
14	Personal services	83,759,860
15	Operating expenses	281,446,274
16	Grants	<u>46,104,466</u>
17	Total	411,310,600
18	Source of funds	
19	Transportation fund	62,005,434
20	TIB fund	15,103,017
21	Special funds	280,000

1	Federal funds	308,679,500
2	Interdepartmental transfers	15,722,027
3	Local match	<u>9,520,622</u>
4	Total	411,310,600
5	Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
6	Personal services	398,500
7	Operating expenses	<u>791,746</u>
8	Total	1,190,246
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	119,025
11	Federal funds	<u>1,071,221</u>
12	Total	1,190,246
13	Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
14	Personal services	48,113,208
15	Operating expenses	<u>69,113,835</u>
16	Total	117,227,043
17	Source of funds	
18	Transportation fund	110,349,507
19	Federal funds	932,014
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,945,522</u>
21	Total	117,227,043

1	Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
2	Personal services	3,411,138
3	Operating expenses	1,290,442
4	Grants	<u>10,346,035</u>
5	Total	15,047,615
6	Source of funds	
7	Transportation fund	3,742,314
8	Federal funds	11,223,301
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>82,000</u>
10	Total	15,047,615
11	Sec. B.906.1 Transportation - environmental policy and sustainability	
12	Personal services	8,114,291
13	Operating expenses	67,686
14	Grants	<u>1,332,030</u>
15	Total	9,514,007
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	389,377
18	Federal funds	8,150,226
19	Interdepartmental transfers	21,860
20	Local match	<u>952,544</u>
21	Total	9,514,007

1	Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
2	Personal services	18,493,101
3	Operating expenses	<u>43,394,247</u>
4	Total	61,887,348
5	Source of funds	
6	Transportation fund	15,067,669
7	Federal funds	31,894,435
8	Interdepartmental transfers	8,228,363
9	Local match	<u>6,696,881</u>
10	Total	61,887,348
11	Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
12	Personal services	1,026,301
13	Operating expenses	81,224
14	Grants	<u>51,587,709</u>
15	Total	52,695,234
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	10,007,534
18	Federal funds	42,547,700
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>140,000</u>
20	Total	52,695,234

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

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

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

1	Special funds	<u>1,150,000</u>
2	Total	1,150,000
3	Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	
4	Grants	<u>4,000,000</u>
5	Total	4,000,000
6	Source of funds	
7	Federal funds	<u>4,000,00</u>
8	Total	4,000,000
9	Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program	
10	Personal services	100,000
11	Operating expenses	325,500
12	Grants	<u>6,467,500</u>
13	Total	6,893,000
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	715,000
16	Special funds	4,750,000
17	Federal funds	<u>1,428,000</u>
18	Total	6,893,000
19	Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
20	Personal services	181,233
21	Operating expenses	<u>22,938</u>

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

1 Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

2 Source of funds

3 General fund 675,000

4 Total 675,000

5 * * * Fiscal Year 2026 One-Time Appropriations * * *

6 Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONE-TIME

7 APPROPRIATIONS

8 (a) Agency of Administration Secretary's Office. In fiscal year 2026,

9 funds are appropriated for the following:

10 (1) \$1,100,000 General Fund for the Truth and Reconciliation

11 Commission;

12 (2) \$220,000 General Fund for the Office of Racial Equity to continue

13 the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Vermont program an

14 additional two years; and

15 (3) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), \$1,000,000 PILOT Special

16 Fund for the Municipal Technical Assistance Program as established by 2023

17 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 95.

18 (b) Department of Human Resources. In fiscal year 2026, funds are

19 appropriated for the following:

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

21 project.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (2) \$2,250,000 General Fund for feasibility analysis and transformation
2 plan development with hospitals, designated agencies, primary care
3 organizations, and other community-based providers;

4 (3) \$125,000 General Fund for the development of quality and access
5 measures, targets, and monitoring strategies for a statewide population health
6 plan;

7 (4) \$125,000 General Fund for the development of hospital global
8 budgets and other alternative payment models for Medicare; and

9 (5) \$6,200 General Fund for per diems and expense reimbursement for
10 members of the Office of New Americans Study Committee.

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

13 (1) \$500,000 General Fund for the Vermont Serve, Learn, and Earn
14 Program.

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

17 (1) \$240,000 General Fund for Polychlorinated Biphenyl testing;

18 (2) \$40,000 General Fund for a grant to Empty Arms Vermont;

19 (3) \$300,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund for recovery
20 residences certified by the Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences;

1 (4) \$800,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund for recovery
2 centers;

3 (5) \$200,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund for grants to
4 youth mentoring programs; and

5 (6) \$500,000 Tobacco Litigation Settlement Special Fund for grants to
6 Parent Child Centers for smoking cessation initiatives.

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

9 (1) \$2,000,000 General Fund for shelter capacity expansion;

10 (2) \$30,500,000 General Fund for the General Assistance Emergency
11 Housing Program;

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

15 (4) \$500,000 General Fund for the Champlain Valley Office of
16 Economic Opportunity Community Resource Center; and

17 (5) \$156,000 General Fund for the Child Care Apprenticeship Program.

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

20 (1) \$250,000 General Fund to retain a consultant and develop an
21 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) \$150,000 General Fund for administrative costs relating to home-
6 based child care meals.

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

9 (1) \$5,000,000 General Fund for the final transformation bridge
10 financing payment.

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

13 (1) \$185,000 Fish and Wildlife Nondedicated Special Fund to sustain
14 current operations as the Department undergoes a financial restructuring.
15 These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or
16 reverted;

17 (2) \$80,000 General Fund for the purchase of mobile and portable radio
18 equipment; and

19 (3) \$30,000 General Fund for the Lake Champlain International Fishing
20 Derby.

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

3 (1) \$50,000 General Fund for Municipal Wastewater Connections
4 database;

5 (2) \$850,000 General Fund for the Concentrated Animals Feeding
6 Operation database project and contractor support;

7 (3) \$9,520,000 Environmental Contingency Fund For Polychlorinated
8 Biphenyl testing and remediation in schools. These funds shall carry forward
9 each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted; and

10 (4) \$14,500,000 Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and
11 Reserves Fund for the State match to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs
12 Act Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and Clean Water State Revolving
13 Fund, in accordance with the provisions of 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78,
14 Sec. C.108(b).

15 (n) Department of Housing and Community Development. In fiscal year
16 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:

17 (1) \$9,100,000 General Fund for the Vermont Bond Bank Vermont
18 Infrastructure Sustainability Fund;

19 (2) \$14,500,000 General Fund for the Vermont Housing Finance
20 Agency Rental Revolving Loan Fund, the Middle-Income Homeownership
21 Development Program, and the First Generation Homebuyer Program. No less

1 than \$1,000,000 of these funds shall be for the First Generation Homebuyer

2 Program;

3 (3) \$4,300,000 General Fund for the Vermont Housing Improvement

4 Program 2.0 and for staff to support the Program; and

5 (4) \$15,000 General Fund for the Residential Universal Design Study

6 Committee.

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

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

10 Network;

11 (2) \$780,000 General Fund for the Small Business Technical Assistance

12 Exchange;

13 (3) \$15,000 General Fund for the Vermont-Ireland Trade Commission;

14 and

15 (4) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the Brownfields Revitalization Fund.

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

18 (1) \$5,000,000 General Fund to provide support and enhance capacity
19 for the production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing
20 and homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes
21 and communities; permanent homes and emergency shelter for those

1 experiencing homelessness; recovery residences; and housing available to farm
2 workers, refugees, and individuals who are eligible to receive Medicaid-funded
3 home and community-based services.

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

6 (1) \$148,000 General Fund for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
7 Program; and

8 (2) \$700,000 General Fund for financial modeling. In fiscal year 2026,
9 the Office of the State Treasurer may, through an interdepartmental transfer,
10 transfer up to \$700,000 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Climate
11 Superfund Cost Recovery Program Fund.

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, 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) \$450,000 General Fund for a grant to the Northeast Organic Farming
5 Association of Vermont for the Crop Cash and Crop Cash Plus programs;

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

8 (3) \$1,000,000 General Fund to offer Vermont Local Food for Schools
9 and Child Care grants within the Rozo McLaughlin Farm to School Grants
10 Program to fund grants for the purchase and distribution of local food to
11 schools and registered or licensed child care programs; and

12 (4) \$500,000 General Fund to support Vermont's 14 Natural Resources
13 Conservation Districts.

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

16 (1) \$235,000 General Fund for a grant to HomeShare Vermont; and

17 (2) \$500,000 General Fund for grants to skilled nursing facilities to
18 increase the pipeline of employed licensed nursing assistants, including
19 increasing the capacity of new and existing facility-based training programs,
20 and developing or expanding collaborations with other programs, including

career and technical education programs. Grants may support training program costs, paid internships, student support, and recruitment and retention bonuses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (2) \$600,000 Transportation Fund for the purpose of providing grants to
2 the public transit agencies to hire volunteer coordinators who shall be
3 responsible for the identification, recruitment, and retention of volunteers to
4 provide transportation services to individuals enrolled in the State's demand
5 response transportation programs.

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

8 (1) \$150,000 General Fund for a grant to Advance Vermont.

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

11 (1) \$50,000 General Fund for grants to support local civic journalism;

12 (2) \$306,210 General Fund for staff and IT costs at the Office of
13 Professional Regulation relating to the implementation of S.119 of 2025;

14 (3) \$963,681 General Fund for fee waivers relating to the
15 implementation of S.119 of 2025; and

16 (4) \$25,000 General Fund for staff and IT costs at the Office of
17 Professional Regulation relating to the implementation of certifications of
18 perinatal doula and birthing centers.

19 (bb) Green Mountain Care Board. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
20 appropriated for the following:

1 (1) \$500,000 General Fund for contracts, including contracts for
2 assistance with implementing reference-based pricing; and
3 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of 32 V.S.A. § 10301 to the contrary,
4 \$150,000 Vermont Health Information Technology Special Fund for expenses
5 associated with increased standardization of electronic hospital budget data
6 submissions.

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

9 (1) \$30,000 General Fund to enhance IT server capacity;
10 (2) \$87,500 General Fund for the Orleans County staff office; and
11 (3) \$20,000 General Fund for the Addison County staff office.

12 (dd) Land Use Review Board. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated
13 for the following:

14 (1) \$100,000 General Fund for development of digital infrastructure
15 relating to regional planning commission mapping projects.

16 Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2025 CLOSEOUT

17 (a) As part of the fiscal year 2025 closeout, the Department of Finance and
18 Management shall execute the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308. If any
19 balance remains after meeting these requirements, then, notwithstanding 32
20 V.S.A. § 308c, the Department of Finance and Management shall designate the
21 first \$138,970,000 as unallocated carryforward for use in meeting the

1 requirements of the fiscal year 2026 appropriations act as passed by the
2 General Assembly. The Department of Finance and Management shall then,
3 notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c, calculate the maximum number of
4 contingent transactions that can be funded, in the order provided in subsection
5 (b) of this section, and designate that money to remain unallocated for such
6 purpose in fiscal year 2026. Any residual balance remaining after such
7 designations shall be reserved in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308c.

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

11 (1) \$5,000,000 is transferred to the Communications and Information
12 Technology Special Fund to cover the costs of transitioning billable services
13 from a service level agreement model to a core enterprise services model.

14 (2) \$45,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration to be
15 transferred by the Emergency Board pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §133 if federal
16 funds are reduced while the General Assembly is not in session.

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

18 INVESTMENTS; FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONE-TIME CAPITAL

19 APPROPRIATIONS

- 1 (a) In fiscal year 2026, \$14,061,099 is appropriated from the Capital
2 Infrastructure subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential
3 Investments for the following:
- 4 (1) Department of Buildings and General Services:
- 5 (A) \$861,599 for statewide major maintenance;
6 (B) \$250,000 for statewide planning, reuse, and contingency;
7 (C) \$250,000 for statewide physical security enhancements;
8 (D) \$219,500 for State House repointing;
9 (E) \$250,000 for an uninterruptable power supply system for the
10 Middlesex print and postal facility; and
- 11 (F) \$6,900,000 for the Judiciary for renovations at the Windsor
12 County Courthouse in White River Junction.
- 13 (2) Vermont Veterans' Home:
- 14 (A) \$1,500,000 for the design and construction of the American Unit.
- 15 (3) Department of Housing and Community Development:
- 16 (A) \$1,100,000 for Bennington, high school redevelopment housing
17 infrastructure;
- 18 (B) \$1,000,000 for Barre, Prospect Heights housing infrastructure;
19 (C) \$1,000,000 for Brattleboro, Winston Prouty Center housing
20 infrastructure;

1 (D) \$100,000 for a grant to the Central Vermont Regional Planning
2 Commission to support a site study focused on economic development,
3 parking, housing, and flood mitigation for the 1.6-acre parcel at 87 State Street
4 and parcels at 89 State Street and 42 Court Street; and

5 (E) \$250,000 for a competitive grant to establish a new recovery
6 residence, per the criteria of the Vermont Recovery Housing Program Action
7 Plan.

8 (4) Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation:

9 (A) \$275,000 for the purchase of a fire apparatus.

10 (5) Department of Fish and Wildlife:

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

14 (6) Department of Public Safety:

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

17 (7) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets:

18 (A) \$45,000 for the Bennington Veterans Incubator Farm at the
19 Vermont Veterans' Home.

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

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

3 Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

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

5 Operating expenses 15,992,094

6 Grants 1,137,841

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

8 Source of funds

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

10 Transportation fund 20,250,000

11 Special funds 3,170,328

12 Federal funds 8,967,252

13 Interdepartmental transfers 1,606,414

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

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

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

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

18 Operating expenses 6,843,095

19 Grants 853,066

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

21 Source of funds

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

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

8 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

11 (1) From the General Fund to the:

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

13 ~~\$73,212,880~~ \$78,235,088.34.

14 * * *

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

16 \$6,500,000.

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

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

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

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

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

1 (C) Sports Wagering Enterprise Fund (#50250): ~~\$7,000,000~~
2 \$6,139,162.

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

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

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

6 (F) Workforce Education and Training Fund (#21913):
7 \$2,598,921.75.

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

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

17 (A) AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order Fund (#21638):
18 \$2,000,000.

19 (B) Unclaimed Property Fund (#62100): ~~\$6,500,000~~ \$8,242,871.

20 (3) ~~\$66,935,000~~ \$65,260,450.50 of the net unencumbered fund balances
21 in the Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21075), the Captive

1 Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21085), and the Securities
2 Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21080) shall be transferred to the General
3 Fund.

4 (c)(1) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.3 of the Rules for State Matching Funds
5 under the Federal Public Assistance Program, in fiscal year 2025, the Secretary
6 of Administration may provide funding from the Emergency Relief and
7 Assistance Fund that was transferred pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(J) of this
8 section to subgrantees prior to the completion of a project. In fiscal ~~year~~ years
9 2025 and 2026, up to 70 percent of the State funding match on the nonfederal
10 share of an approved project for municipalities that were impacted by ~~the~~
11 ~~August and December 2023~~ and 2024 flooding events in counties that are
12 eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funds
13 under federal disaster declarations DR-4744-VT ~~and~~, DR-4762-VT, DR-4810-
14 VT, DR-4816-VT, and DR-4826-VT may be advanced at the request of a
15 municipality.

16 (2) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.1 of the Rules for State Matching Funds
17 Under the Federal Public Assistance Program, the Secretary of Administration
18 shall increase the standard State funding match on the nonfederal share of an
19 approved project to the highest percentage possible given available funding for
20 municipalities in counties that were impacted by ~~the August and December~~
21 2023 and 2024 flooding events and are eligible for Federal Emergency

1 Management Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster
2 declarations DR-4744-VT ~~and~~, DR-4762-VT, DR-4810-VT, DR-4816-VT, and
3 DR-4826-VT.

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

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

7 APPROPRIATIONS

8 * * *

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

11 * * *

12 (8) \$835,073 General Fund for the Bridges to Health Program; ~~and~~

13 (9) ~~\$400,000~~ \$550,000 General Fund for the Vermont Household Health
14 Insurance Survey; and

15 (10) \$500,000 General Fund for community grants related to health
16 equity.

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

19 (1) \$16,500,000 General Fund for the General Assistance Emergency
20 Housing program; and

1 Caseload Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b has not been replenished in
2 accordance with subdivision (b)(21) of Sec. B.1102 of this act, the remaining
3 unallocated General Fund balance shall be reserved in the Human Services
4 Caseload Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b up to the amount
5 appropriated in this subdivision.

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

8 (1) ~~\$9,279,583~~ \$13,299,583 Global Commitment for the Medicaid
9 Global Payment Program;

10 (2) \$150,000 General Fund to conduct a technical analysis of Vermont's
11 health insurance markets; ~~and~~

12 (3) \$100,000 General Fund to implement the expansion of Medicare
13 Savings Programs eligibility;

14 (4) \$10,000,000 General Fund for Provider Stabilization Grants; and

15 (5) \$11,000,000 General Fund for an alternative payment model

16 reconciliation payment to Brattleboro Retreat. All or a portion of these funds

17 may also be used as matching funds to the Agency of Human Services Global

18 Commitment Program to provide State match. If funds are used as matching

19 funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment Program to

20 provide State match, the commensurate amount of Global Commitment Fund

1 spending authority may be requested during the Global Commitment Transfer
2 process pursuant to Sec. E.301.1 of this act.

3 * * *

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

6 (1) ~~\$200,000 General Fund for local economic damage grants to~~
7 ~~municipalities that were impacted by the August and December 2023 flooding~~
8 ~~events in counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management~~
9 ~~Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declarations DR-4744-~~
10 ~~VT and DR-4762 VT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these local~~
11 ~~economic damage grants be distributed to municipalities throughout the State~~
12 ~~to address the secondary economic impacts of the August and December 2023~~
13 ~~flooding events. Monies from these grants shall not be expended on Federal~~
14 ~~Emergency Management Agency-related projects~~ \$1,800,000 General Fund for
15 local economic damage grants to municipalities in counties that are eligible for
16 Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funds under
17 federal disaster declarations DR-4810-VT and DR-4744-VT. It is the intent of
18 the General Assembly that these local economic damage grants be distributed
19 to municipalities throughout the State to address the secondary economic
20 impacts of 2023 and 2024 flooding events. Monies from these grants shall not
21 be expended on Federal Emergency Management Agency-related projects.

- 1 (A) The funds appropriated in this subdivision (v)(1) for local
2 economic damage grants shall be distributed as follows:
- 3 (i) \$75,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has at least
4 \$5,000,000 in estimated reported damages to public infrastructure relating to
5 2023 and 2024 flooding events.
- 6 (ii) \$50,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less
7 than \$5,000,000 and at least \$2,000,000 in estimated reported damages to
8 public infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.
- 9 (iii) \$30,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less
10 than \$2,000,000 and at least \$1,000,000 in estimated reported damages to
11 public infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.
- 12 (iv) \$20,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less
13 than \$1,000,000 and at least \$250,000 in estimated reported damages to public
14 infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.
- 15 (v) \$10,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less
16 than \$250,000 and at least \$100,000 in estimated reported damages to public
17 infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.
- 18 (B) To the extent that the funds appropriated in this subdivision
19 (v)(1) have not been granted on or before September 30, 2025, they shall revert
20 to the General Fund and be transferred to the Emergency Relief and Assistance
21 Fund.

1 (C) To the extent that the funds appropriated in this subdivision
2 (v)(1) are insufficient to distribute grants to all eligible municipalities in their
3 full amount, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall, pursuant to
4 32 V.S.A. § 511, utilize excess receipt authority to establish spending authority
5 from the PILOT Special Fund for this purpose.

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

8 (1) \$2,800,000 General Fund to complete pilot projects identified
9 pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 186.

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

11 (1) \$800,000 General Fund to upgrade the network wiring and security
12 systems in county court houses; and

13 (2) \$50,000 General Fund to upgrade or construct bathrooms in the
14 Essex Meeting House that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities
15 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:

20 * * *

1 (l) Agency of Human Services Central Office. In fiscal year 2024, funds
2 are appropriated for the following:

3 * * *

4 (2) \$8,834,000 General Fund and \$11,483,302 Federal Revenue Fund
5 #22005 for a ~~two-year~~ pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke
6 program. Funds shall be used to expand the substances covered by the
7 program, include mental health and pediatric screenings, and make strategic
8 investments with community partners; unexpended appropriations shall carry
9 forward into subsequent fiscal years and remain available for this purpose;

10 * * *

11 (m) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2024, funds are
12 appropriated for the following:

13 (1) \$366,066 General Fund and \$372,048 Federal Revenue Fund #22005
14 for a ~~two-year~~ pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke
15 program; unexpended appropriations shall carry forward into subsequent fiscal
16 years and remain available for this purpose;

17 (2) \$15,583,352 Global Commitment Fund #20405 for a ~~two-year~~ pilot
18 to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program; unexpended
19 appropriations shall carry forward into subsequent fiscal years and remain
20 available for this purpose; and

21 * * *

1 (n) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for
2 the following:

3 (1) \$4,595,448 Global Commitment Fund #20405 to the Division of
4 Substance Use Programs for a ~~two-year~~ pilot to expand the Blueprint for
5 Health Hub and Spoke program; unexpended appropriations shall carry
6 forward into subsequent fiscal years and remain available for this purpose;

7 * * *

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

10 (1) \$250,000 for ~~per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses~~
11 ~~for members of the Task Force on Economic Development Incentives and for~~
12 ~~consulting services approved by the Task Force~~ consulting services related to
13 legislative needs identified in the 2025–2026 biennium, including analysis of
14 legislative staff compensation and organizational structure and implementation
15 of adjustments in accordance with policies adopted by the Joint Legislative
16 Management Committee.

17 * * *

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

19 Sec. C.110 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

20 REVERSION AND REALLOCATION

1 (a) The Secretary of Administration ~~shall revert~~ may reimburse up to
2 ~~\$5,000,000~~ \$14,300,000 of prior fiscal year federal funds ~~appropriated~~
3 expended through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, as approved by
4 the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to Grant Request #3034. ~~An amount of~~
5 ~~spending authority equal to these reversions shall be provided, pursuant to 32~~
6 ~~V.S.A. § 511, to existing State programs that meet the eligibility criteria~~
7 established by the U.S. Treasury with new General Fund appropriations
8 transferred from existing State programs that meet the eligibility criteria
9 established by the U.S. Treasury. These programs shall receive an amount of
10 funds from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program equal to the amount of
11 General Fund appropriation transferred.

12 Sec. C.106 [Deleted.]

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

14 VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

15 GRANT

16 (a) Of the \$7,000,000 General Fund authorized by unanimous vote of
17 the Emergency Board on August 12, 2024 for the Business Emergency Gap
18 Assistance Program, \$2,000,000 shall be used for a grant to the Vermont
19 Economic Development Authority to establish a disaster relief fund for use by
20 businesses following a natural disaster.

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

2 Sec. D.100 PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX ALLOCATIONS

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

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

12 (2) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of \$36,964,250
13 from the property transfer tax and the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A.
14 § 9602a deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund
15 shall be transferred to the General Fund.

16 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property
17 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the
18 affordable housing bond pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 314 shall be offset by the
19 reduction of \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and
20 Conservation Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32
21 V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2026 appropriation of \$36,964,250 to the

1 Vermont Housing and Conservation Board reflects the \$1,500,000 reduction.
2 The affordable housing bond and related property transfer tax and surcharge
3 provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on July 1, 2039. Once the
4 bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the appropriation to the Vermont
5 Housing and Conservation Board shall be restored.

6 (3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(2), amounts in excess of
7 \$10,000,705 from the property transfer tax deposited into the Municipal and
8 Regional Planning and Resilience Fund shall be transferred into the General
9 Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(3), the \$10,000,705 shall be
10 allocated as follows:

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

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

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

17 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

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

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

2 \$81,155,462.

3 (B) Capital Infrastructure Fund (#21952): \$10,272,469.

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

5 \$4,300,000.

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

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

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

9 \$10,000,000.

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

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

12 (I) Farm Security Special Fund: \$1,000,000.

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

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

15 \$305,825.

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

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

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

20 \$1,500,000.

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

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

2 (B) Lake in Crisis Response Program Special Fund (#21938):
3 \$120,000.

4 (5) From the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments and Reserves
5 Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments (#21953)
6 to the:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (A) General Fund (#10000): 70 percent of the unencumbered and
18 unexpended balance of the fund in excess of \$4,035,000 following the close of
19 fiscal year 2025. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report
20 the amount of this transfer to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July 2025

1 meeting. For purposes of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget, this amount
2 is estimated to be \$8,900,000.

3 (B) Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund (#21995): 30 percent
4 of the unencumbered and unexpended balance of the fund in excess of
5 \$4,035,000 following the close of fiscal year 2025. The Commissioner of
6 Finance and Management shall report the amount of this transfer to the Joint
7 Fiscal Committee at its July 2025 meeting. For purposes of developing the
8 fiscal year 2026 budget, this amount is estimated to be \$3,800,000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary in fiscal
9 year 2026, \$19,000,000 shall be transferred from the Child Care Contribution
10 Special Fund to the General Fund.

11 Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

12 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
13 2026, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the
14 accounts indicated:

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

1 which the funds were originally reserved in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113,
2 Sec. B.1102(b)(17).

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

7 (3) Transportation Fund.

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

12 (b) In fiscal year 2025, \$5,000,000 shall be reserved within the Child Care
13 Contribution Special Fund. If in fiscal year 2026 the Child Care Contribution
14 Special Fund is found to have an undesignated fund deficit, these funds shall
15 be unreserved and used to the extent necessary to offset the deficit as
16 determined by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. If these funds are
17 used in fiscal year 2026, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall
18 report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, or the Joint
19 Fiscal Committee when the General Assembly is not in session, on the amount
20 used.

* * * General Government * * *

Sec. E.100 POSITIONS

(a) The establishment of 12 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year 2026 for the following:

(1) Permanent classified positions:

(A) Office of the Attorney General:

(i) one Pre-charge Administrator.

(B) Office of the Secretary of State:

(i) one Administrative Services Coordinator IV.

(C) Green Mountain Care Board:

(i) one Reference-based Pricing Director;

(ii) one Reference-based Pricing Project Manager; and

(iii) one Operations, Procurement, and Contractual Oversight Manager.

(D) Department of Fish and Wildlife:

(i) one Fish and Wildlife Specialist.

(2) Permanent exempt positions:

(A) State Labor Relations Board:

(i) one Staff Attorney; and

(ii) one Labor Relations IT Staff.

(B) Office of the Attorney General:

1 (i) one Assistant Attorney General.

2 (C) Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs:

3 (i) one Financial and IT Specialist; and

4 (ii) two Transport Deputies.

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

7 (1) Permanent classified positions:

8 (A) Criminal Justice Council:

9 (i) one Canine Head Trainer.

10 (B) Cannabis Control Board:

11 (i) one Compliance and Enforcement Attorney.

12 (2) Permanent exempt positions:

13 (A) Human Rights Commission:

14 (i) one Intake Specialist; and

15 (ii) one Staff Attorney Investigator.

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

18 (1) Office of the State Treasurer:

19 (A) one Climate Superfund Specialist.

20 (d) The conversion of 11 limited service positions to permanent exempt
21 status is authorized in fiscal year 2026 as follows:

1 (1) Land Use Review Board:

2 (A) two District Coordinators.

3 (2) Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs:

4 (A) six Deputy State's Attorneys;

5 (B) two Legal Assistants; and

6 (C) one Victim Advocate.

7 Sec. E.100.1 [Deleted.]

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

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

14 Sec. E.100.3 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; CORONAVIRUS STATE
15 FISCAL RECOVERY FUND APPROPRIATIONS;
16 REPORTING

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

21 (1) Reports shall include information on:

1 (A) the original amounts appropriated;

2 (B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and

3 (C) any remaining spending authority.

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

8 (1) Reports shall include information on:

9 (A) the original amounts appropriated;

10 (B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and

11 (C) any remaining spending authority.

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

17 (d) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the House and Senate
18 Committees on Appropriations on or before January 15, 2028 on the amount
19 reverted to the General Fund and reserved in the General Fund Balance
20 Reserve 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 from the
4 Internal Service Fund appropriation in Sec. B.105 of this act an amount of
5 funds equal to that transferred from the General Fund to the Communications
6 and Information Technology Fund in this act to cover the costs of transitioning
7 billable services from a service level agreement model to a core enterprise
8 services model. To the extent to which these funds are insufficient to complete
9 this transition, the Agency shall, as part of its fiscal year 2026 budget
10 adjustment presentation, request an additional appropriation or transfer of
11 funds and shall not bill other agencies or departments to cover the costs of the
12 transition.

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

14 § 5824. ADOPTION OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS

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

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

21 § 7402. DEFINITIONS

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

2 * * *

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

10 * * *

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

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

17 Sec. E.111.3 TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS; TAX YEAR 2025

18 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for purposes of
19 determining the tax-exempt status of an organization, Vermont tax laws for tax
20 year 2025 shall follow 26 U.S.C. §§ 501–506 and all other federal statutory
21 provisions, federal regulations, and federal case law relating to the

1 determination of an organization's tax-exempt status for purposes of federal
2 income taxation, as in effect on April 1, 2025, regardless of any amendments
3 or other changes affecting implementation or interpretation of those sections
4 between April 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025, whether due to an act of
5 Congress, federal regulation, federal bulletin, federal guidance, presidential
6 executive order, federal administrative or judicial decision, or other federal
7 source.

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

9 § 704. INTERIM BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS

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

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

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

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

7 * * *

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

9 § 133. DUTIES

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

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

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

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

20 § 308c. GENERAL FUND AND TRANSPORTATION FUND BALANCE
21 RESERVES

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

9 (1), (2) [Repealed.]

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

13 (A) 25 percent to the Vermont State Retirement Fund established by
14 3 V.S.A. § 473; and

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

17 (b)(1) The General Assembly may ~~specifically unreserve and~~ appropriate
18 ~~the use of up to 50 percent of the amounts added in the prior fiscal year from or~~
19 transfer an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the General Fund Balance
20 Reserve to fund unforeseen or emergency needs. It is the intent of the General

1 Assembly that any General Fund Balance Reserve funds utilized in accordance
2 with this section be replenished.

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

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

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

1 Sec. E.127.3 FEDERAL FUNDING; CALCULATION OF
2 APPROPRIATION REDUCTION; SECRETARY OF
3 ADMINISTRATION; JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE

4 (a) As used in this section:

5 (1) “Unduplicated appropriation” means the total appropriation set forth
6 in this act for a governmental function excluding Global Commitment funds,
7 Interdepartmental Transfer funds, and Internal Service funds. For purposes of
8 this section, the determination of unduplicated appropriations shall not include
9 Education Fund.

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

12 (b) In each instance that a reduction in federal funds to the State results in:

13 (1) the unduplicated appropriation for each governmental function unit
14 to decrease by less than one half of one percent, the Secretary of
15 Administration shall notify the Joint Fiscal Committee.

16 (2) the unduplicated appropriation for any governmental function unit to
17 decrease by one half to one percent:

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 32 V.S.A. § 704(e), provided that any total reductions

1 in appropriations and transfers of funds are not greater than the reductions in
2 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 this act, the Joint Fiscal Committee may make a recommendation
6 to the Emergency Board to:

7 (i) pursuant to Sec. E.127.4 of this act, utilize the General Fund
8 Balance Reserve or the appropriation set forth in Sec. B.1101(b)(2) of this act,
9 or both, to support impacted programs at not more than the current fiscal year
10 funding level until the General Assembly is in session;

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

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

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

1 revenue forecast adopted by the Emergency Board and shall calculate the
2 percent reduction of the unduplicated appropriations for each governmental
3 function unit.

4 Sec. E.127.4 EMERGENCY BOARD; REPLENISH REDUCED SPENDING

5 AUTHORITY

6 (a) The Emergency Board, in response to a declared emergency pursuant to
7 20 V.S.A. § 9 occurring while the General Assembly is not in session, or a
8 reduction in State revenue estimates or federal funding pursuant to 32 V.S.A.
9 § 704(b) occurring while the General Assembly is not in session, may
10 unreserve and make available an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the
11 General Fund Balance Reserve to replenish the spending authority impacted by
12 the declared emergency or reduction in funding in order to maintain a balanced
13 State budget, minimize the impact to Vermonters, and to abide by the
14 legislative intent set forth by the General Assembly in the most recent fiscal
15 year appropriations act. In no event shall the amount provided to any agency
16 or department under this section exceed the original amount appropriated by
17 the General Assembly.

18 Sec. E.127.5 FISCAL YEAR 2026 FEE REPORT; GENERAL

19 GOVERNMENT

20 (a) Fiscal year 2026 fee information. Agencies, departments, boards, and
21 offices that receive appropriations in Secs. B.100-199, B.400-599, and B. 800-

1 999 of this act shall, in collaboration with the Joint Fiscal Office, prepare a
2 comprehensive fee report for each fee that is in effect in fiscal year 2026. The
3 fee report shall contain the following information for each fee:

4 (1) the statutory authorization and termination date, if any;

5 (2) the current rate or amount of the fee and the date the fee was last set
6 or adjusted by the General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee;

7 (3) the Fund into which the fee revenues are deposited;

8 (4) the amount of the revenues derived from the fee in each of the five
9 fiscal years preceding fiscal year 2026;

10 (5) the number of times that the fee was paid in each of the two fiscal
11 years preceding fiscal year 2026;

12 (6) a projection of the fee revenues in fiscal years 2026 and 2027;

13 (7) a description of the service or product provided or the regulatory
14 function performed by the agency, department, board or office supported by
15 the fee;

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

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

3 (10) any available information regarding comparable fees in other
4 jurisdictions;

5 (11) any polices or trends that might affect the viability of the fee
6 amount; and

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

8 (b) Reports.

9 (1) The Joint Fiscal Office shall provide guidance as necessary to the
10 agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this
11 section on the methodology to be used for compiling the information requested
12 in the fee reports. On or before October 15, 2025, the agencies, departments,
13 boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this section shall submit a
14 draft report of the information required in subdivisions (a)(1)–(12) of this
15 section to the Joint Fiscal Office for review. Agencies, departments, boards,
16 and offices shall work with the Joint Fiscal Office to finalize the report before
17 submitting the final report described in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

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

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

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

10 (d) Executive Branch fee report moratorium. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.
11 § 605, in fiscal year 2026, the Governor shall not be required to submit the
12 consolidated Executive Branch fee annual report and request to the General
13 Assembly.

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

15 CHAPTER 18. ~~VT~~ VERMONT SAVES

16 § 531. DEFINITIONS

17 As used in this chapter:

18 * * *

19 (3) “Covered employer” means a person, entity, or subsidiary engaged
20 in a business, industry, profession, trade, or other enterprise in the State,
21 whether for profit or not for profit, that ~~has~~ does not ~~offered~~ currently offer to

1 an employee, or is within a control group that maintains or contributes to,
2 ~~effective in form or operation at any time within the current calendar year or~~
3 ~~two preceding calendar years~~, a specified tax-favored retirement plan. If an
4 employer does not maintain a specified tax-favored retirement plan for a
5 portion of a calendar year ending on or after the effective date of this chapter
6 but does adopt such a plan for the remainder of that calendar year, the
7 employer is not a covered employer for the remainder of the year. A covered
8 employer does not include:

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

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

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

16 (5) "Internal Revenue Code" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of
17 1986, as amended.

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

19 (7) "Participant" means an individual who has an IRA under the
20 Program.

6 * * *

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

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

16 * * *

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

20 (1) affirmatively elect to contribute to a traditional IRA instead of a
21 Roth IRA; or

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

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

18 § 1602. APPLICATION; LOANS; CONDITIONS

19 (a) Application forms shall be furnished by the Committee on request.
20 Upon Committee approval of an application of a municipality or two or more
21 municipalities applying jointly for purchases as set forth in subsection 1601(a)

1 ~~of this title~~, the State Treasurer may loan money from the Fund to ~~that~~
2 ~~municipality or municipalities for the purchase of equipment. Purchases of~~
3 ~~equipment eligible for loans~~ the applicants. Loans from the Fund shall ~~have be~~
4 used on equipment and vehicles with a useful life of at least five years and a
5 purchase price of at least \$20,000.00 ~~but shall not be eligible for loans in~~
6 ~~excess of \$150,000.00 from this Fund.~~

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

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

20 (d) In any fiscal year, new loans from the ~~Municipal Equipment Loan~~ Fund
21 shall not exceed an aggregate of \$1,500,000.00. ~~The Treasurer shall put forth~~

1 ~~recommendations to the General Assembly on maximum loan amount every~~
2 ~~five years, commencing January 15, 2028, based on requests received and~~
3 ~~loans granted pursuant to this chapter.~~

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

- 10 (1) the \$150,000 annual limitation on each municipality; or
11 (2) the 75 percent of the purchase price limitation.

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

16 * * *

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

18 § 1001. CAPITAL DEBT AFFORDABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

19 * * *

20 (c) Committee estimate of a prudent amount of net State tax-supported
21 debt; affordability considerations. On or before September 30 of each year ,

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

11 * * *

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (9) Any other factor that is relevant to:

1 (a) Of the \$1,901,020 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,494,924
2 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating
3 budget, and \$406,096 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension
4 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont Municipal
5 Employees' Retirement System.

6 Sec. E.134.1 [Deleted.]

7 Sec. E.134.2 [Deleted.]

8 Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

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

16 Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

17 (a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under
18 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in
19 addition to and without regard to the appropriations for correctional facilities
20 elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid
21 from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

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

2 § 3709. PILOT SPECIAL FUND

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

13 * * *

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

15 Subchapter 4C. Municipal Grand List Stabilization Program

16 § 3710. MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST STABILIZATION PROGRAM

17 (a) There is established the Municipal Grand List Stabilization Program
18 within the Department of Taxes to reimburse municipalities for municipal
19 property taxes assessed under chapter 133 of this title for flood-prone
20 properties acquired by a municipality pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 51 or a prior

1 voluntary buyout program operated by the Division of Emergency

2 Management.

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

13 (c) Upon notification by the Commissioner of Public Safety, the
14 Commissioner of Taxes shall certify the payment amounts and make an annual
15 payment to each municipality for each eligible property to compensate for the
16 loss of municipal property tax. The payment shall be calculated using the
17 grand list value of the acquired property for the year during which the property
18 was either damaged by flooding or identified as flood-prone by the
19 Commissioner of Public Safety, multiplied by the municipal tax rate, including
20 any submunicipal tax rates, in effect each year. This payment shall be made on
21 or before January 1 of each year for five years.

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

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

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

16 § 51. FLOOD-PRONE PROPERTIES; ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

17 The Division of Emergency Management and the Agency of Commerce and
18 Community Development shall establish and maintain the Voluntary Buyout
19 Program for flood-prone properties. The Program shall allow a municipality,
20 at the request of the owner of a flood-prone property, to apply for funding to
21 cover the purchase price of the property. The purchase price shall be the full

1 fair market value of the flood-prone property. The municipality shall maintain
2 the acquired property as open space with a deed restriction or covenant
3 prohibiting development of the property.

4 Sec. E.144 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; CORRECTIONAL
5 FACILITIES

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

8 Sec. E.200 ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

16 (b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A.
17 § 2458(b)(4), \$1,802,200 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

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

19 § 2473. NOTICE OF SOLICITATION

20 * * *

1 (f)(1) For each calendar year in which a paid fundraiser solicits in this State
2 on behalf of a charitable organization, the paid fundraiser shall pay a
3 registration fee of ~~\$500.00~~ \$675 to the Attorney General ~~no~~ not later than ~~ten~~
4 10 days prior to its first solicitation in this State.

5 (2) Each notice of solicitation filed in accordance with this section shall
6 be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$200.00~~ \$270. In the case of a campaign lasting
7 more than 12 months, an additional ~~\$200.00~~ \$270 fee shall be paid annually on
8 or before the date of the anniversary of the commencement of the campaign.

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

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

14 § 4632. DISCLOSURE OF ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES AND GIFTS
15 BY MANUFACTURERS OF PRESCRIBED PRODUCTS

16 * * *

17 (b)(1) Annually on or before April 1, the Office of the Attorney General
18 shall collect a ~~\$500.00~~ \$765 fee from each manufacturer of prescribed products
19 filing annual disclosures of expenditures greater than zero described in
20 subsection (a) of this section.

5 * * *

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (c) Grant program.

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

20 (A) upgrading equipment and infrastructure necessary for reliable
21 emergency broadcasting;

1 (B) procuring and installing backup generators; and

2 (C) enhancing operational sustainability through software

3 improvements and technical training.

4 (2) The Program shall be administered by the Commissioner of Public

5 Safety or designee in collaboration with the Vermont Association of

6 Broadcasters.

7 (3) Grants shall be allocated as follows:

8 (A) up to \$25,000 per station for seven active community radio

9 stations; and

10 (B) up to \$10,000 per station for three upcoming stations currently

11 under construction.

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

13 (A) be a nonprofit, noncommercial community radio station licensed

14 in Vermont;

15 (B) demonstrate a history of providing emergency broadcasting

16 services or show the capacity to provide those services upon funding; and

17 (C) submit a detailed implementation plan for the proposed use of

18 grant funding.

19 (d) Report. On or before June 30, 2026, a community radio station that

20 receives a grant under the Program shall provide to the Commissioner of

21 Public Safety a report detailing the:

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

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

4 (3) impact on community service and engagement.

5 Sec. E.209 PUBLIC SAFETY; STATE POLICE

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

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

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

1 Sec. E.212 PUBLIC SAFETY; FIRE SAFETY

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

5 Sec. E.215 MILITARY; ADMINISTRATION

6 (a) The amount of \$1,319,834 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student
7 Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Tuition Benefit Program
8 established in 16 V.S.A. § 2857.

9 Sec. E.219 MILITARY; VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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

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

16 BUDGET

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

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

21 AWARDS

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

11 Sec. E.236.1 LIQUOR AND LOTTERY; APPROPRIATION; BUSINESS
12 -TO-BUSINESS WEBSITE

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

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

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

19 (1) \$2,000,406 shall be used for the contract with the Office of the
20 Health Care Advocate;

- 1 (2) \$1,717,994 for Vermont Legal Aid services, including the Poverty
2 Law Project and mental health services; and
- 3 (3) \$650,000 is for the purposes of maintaining current Vermont Legal
4 Aid program capacity and addressing increased requests for services, including
5 eviction prevention and protection from foreclosure and consumer debt.
- 6 Sec. E.300.1 REPORT; RESIDENTIAL BEDS FOR YOUTH
- 7 (a) As part of their fiscal year 2027 budget presentations to the General
8 Assembly, the Agency of Human Services and departments within the Agency
9 of Human Services shall provide coordinated information regarding:
- 10 (1) the basis for the projected number of beds per facility to create 41
11 new beds for youth in high-end facilities under the Departments for Children
12 and Families, of Mental Health, and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent
13 Living for inpatient, psychiatric residential, stabilization, and treatment
14 services, including projected reductions in out-of-state placements;
- 15 (2) the status of capacity at lower level residential and crisis facilities
16 and their capabilities in preventing higher level needs if investments would
17 enable full capacity use; and
- 18 (3) a projected five-year operating budget across the Agency and
19 departments for full utilization of the new high-end system components as
20 currently planned, including:
- 21 (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.300.2 EVALUATION OF OPPORTUNITIES TO ACHIEVE
5 OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES AT COMMUNITY-BASED
6 SERVICE PROVIDERS; REPORT

7 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall evaluate the organizational and
8 funding structures of certain community-based service providers to identify
9 opportunities for coordinating and consolidating functions across providers in
10 order to achieve operational efficiencies and cost savings.

11 (1) The community-based service providers that the Agency shall
12 evaluate pursuant to this section may include area agencies on aging,
13 community action agencies, designated and specialized service agencies, and
14 parent-child centers.

15 (2) The functions that the Agency considers for potential coordination or
16 consolidation may include human resources responsibilities, business
17 processes, information technology systems, contracting and other legal
18 services, and other functions that the Agency finds are being carried out by or
19 on behalf of many community-based service providers in this State and that
20 may be able to be performed more efficiently and cost-effectively across
21 multiple service providers.

1 (b) On or before January 15, 2026, the Agency of Human Services shall
2 report to the House Committees on Appropriations, Health Care, and Human
3 Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and
4 Welfare with the results of its evaluation and its findings and recommendations
5 for ways in which specific functions may be coordinated or consolidated across
6 community-based service providers in order to achieve operational efficiencies
7 and cost savings.

8 Sec. E.300.3 SETTLEMENT FUNDS; PRIMARY CARE; LEGISLATIVE
9 INTENT; REPORT

10 (a) On or before January 15, 2026, the Agency of Human Services shall
11 report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Appropriations and the
12 Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations regarding
13 the funding mechanism used to distribute \$11,000,000 from the University of
14 Vermont Medical Center to non-hospital primary care providers pursuant to
15 the Settlement Agreement entered into by the University of Vermont Medical
16 Center, Inc., University of Vermont Health Network, Inc., and the Green
17 Mountain Care Board in April 2025 and regarding the timing of the fund
18 distribution.

19 (b) Following receipt of the report set forth in subsection (a) of this section,
20 it is the intent of the General Assembly to identify funds appropriated by this
21 act to address shortfalls in primary care investments in fiscal year 2026 that

1 may be duplicated by the distribution of settlement funds described in
2 subsection (a) of this section and that can be redirected through the fiscal year
3 2026 budget adjustment act to provide additional supports to providers of
4 primary care, mental health, substance use disorder treatment, and other health
5 care services in this State.

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

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

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

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

1 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment
2 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund established by 16 V.S.A.
3 § 2959a.

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

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

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

11 REPORT

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

1 appropriations to comply with the terms and conditions of the Global
2 Commitment section 1115 demonstration approved by the Centers for
3 Medicare and Medicaid Services under section 1115 of the Social Security
4 Act.

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

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

11 * * *

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

1 amounts expended by each department in fiscal years 2023, 2024, ~~and~~ 2025,
2 and 2026, respectively, and any obligated funds carried forward to be
3 expended in fiscal ~~year~~ years 2024, ~~and fiscal year~~ 2025, and 2026,
4 respectively.

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

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

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

3 (c) In fiscal year 2026, the Agency of Human Services may, to the extent
4 permitted under federal law, to reasonably manage the timing of federal fiscal
5 year 2026 Disproportionate Share Hospital payments to hospitals due to the
6 impact the Vermont Hospital Directed Payment program payments received in
7 fiscal year 2026 may have on hospitals' eligibility for Disproportionate Share
8 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.301.4 FISCAL YEAR 2026 RATE INCREASES; EFFECTIVE
15 DATES

16 (a) The appropriations made in Secs. B.301, B.307, B.313, B.314, B.330,
17 B.333, B.334, and B.334.1 of this act for rate increases for community
18 providers shall take effect on November 1, 2025.

19 (b) The appropriation made in Sec. B.307 of this act for rate increases for
20 Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics shall take effect
21 on November 1, 2025.

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

2 EXTRAORDINARY FINANCIAL RELIEF

3 (a) On or before December 15, 2025, the Department of Vermont Health
4 Access' Division of Rate Setting shall submit a report to the House Committee
5 on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
6 containing proactive measures and targeted interventions that may be used to
7 reduce the use and amount of future extraordinary financial relief for nursing
8 homes.

9 (b) On or before January 15, 2026, the Departments of Vermont Health
10 Access and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall present to the
11 House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the
12 Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare on the
13 following:

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

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

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

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

20 and

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

- 1 (2) the number of skilled nursing facilities seeking extraordinary
2 financial relief in fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025; and
3 (3) the number of skilled nursing facilities receiving extraordinary
4 financial relief in fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025, including:
5 (A) the name of each skilled nursing facility;
6 (B) whether a skilled nursing facility receiving extraordinary
7 financial relief is a for-profit or nonprofit organization;
8 (C) the amount of extraordinary financial relief received by each
9 skilled nursing facility;
10 (D) the reason extraordinary financial relief was sought by each
11 skilled nursing facility; and
12 (E) the reason extraordinary financial relief was awarded to each
13 skilled nursing facility.

14 Sec. E.306.1 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.306.4 is amended to
15 read:

16 Sec. E.306.4 MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS; INCOME
17 ELIGIBILITY

18 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall make the following changes to the
19 Medicare Savings Programs:

20 (1) increase the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program income
21 threshold to ~~445~~ 150 percent of the federal poverty level; and

5 Sec. E.306.2 OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE VERMONT HEALTH
6 BENEFIT EXCHANGE

15 § 1811. HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND SMALL
16 EMPLOYERS

18 (m) A registered carrier shall allow for the enrollment through the
19 Exchange of an individual, and of any individual who is eligible for coverage
20 under the terms of the health benefit plan because of a relationship to the
21 individual, who is eligible for advance payments of federal premium tax

1 credits under 26 U.S.C. § 36B, and whose household income is expected to be
2 no greater than 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Enrollment may take
3 place at any time during the benefit year.

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

5 § 1902. QUALIFICATION FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

6 * * *

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

1 individual with disabilities. The resource limit for this program shall be
2 \$10,000-~~00~~ for an individual and \$15,000-~~00~~ for a couple at the time of
3 enrollment in the program. Assets attributable to earnings made after
4 enrollment in the program shall be disregarded.

5 Sec. E.307.1 MEDICAID PROGRAM EMERGENCY RULEMAKING

6 (a) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
7 chapter 25 to amend Vermont's rules regarding the Medicaid program and the
8 operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange in response to state and
9 federal law. The Agency may use the emergency rules process pursuant to 3
10 V.S.A. § 844, but only in the event that new state or federal law require
11 Vermont to amend or adopt its rules in a time frame that cannot be
12 accomplished under the traditional rulemaking process. An emergency rule
13 adopted under these exigent circumstances shall be deemed to meet the
14 standard for the adoption of emergency rules required pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §
15 844(a).

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

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

18 ~~3 V.S.A. § 3097 (State Youth Council) is repealed on February 1, 2026.~~

19 [Repealed.]

20 Sec. E.312 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH

21 (a) HIV/AIDS funding:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 § 5003. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RACIAL EQUITY

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

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

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

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

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

20 * * *

1 Sec. E.312.3 18 V.S.A. § 252 is amended to read:

2 § 252. HEALTH EQUITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

3 * * *

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

5 (1) provide guidance on the development of the Office of Health Equity,

6 ~~which shall be established based on the Advisory Commission's~~

7 ~~recommendations not later than January 1, 2023,~~ including on:

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

9 (B) whether the Office shall be independent and, if not, in which

10 State agency or department it shall be situated;

11 (C) how the Office shall be staffed;

12 (D) the populations served and specific issues addressed by the

13 Office; and

14 (E) the duties of the Office, including how grant funds shall be

15 managed and distributed; ~~and~~

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

17 (2) provide advice and make recommendations to the Office of Health

18 Equity, Commissioner, and General Assembly once established, including

19 input on:

20 (A) any rules or policies proposed by the Office or Department of

21 Health;

1 (B) the awarding of grants and the development of programs and
2 services;

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

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

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

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

17 (5) advise the Department of Health and the General Assembly on any
18 funding decisions relating to eliminating health disparities and promoting
19 health equity, including the distribution of federal monies related to COVID-
20 19;

13 * * *

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

7 * * *

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

14 Sec. E.312.4 18 V.S.A. § 254 is added to read:

15 § 254. OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY

(a) There is established the Office of Health Equity within the Department of Health for the purpose of eliminating avoidable and unjust disparities in health among Vermonters. The Office shall use a systemic and comprehensive approach that addresses those social, economic, and environmental factors that influence health outcomes.

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

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

7 § 4812. SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION SPECIAL FUND

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Sec. E.312.7 PREVENTION EXPENDITURES; REPORT

2 (a) On or before January 15, 2026, the Department of Health shall, in
3 consultation with other departments of the Agency of Human Services, provide
4 a report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and
5 the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare with information on total or
6 estimated expenditures made by the State on substance use prevention efforts
7 in fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026.

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

9 (A) all State and federal funds, including special funds, monies have
10 been appropriated from or otherwise designated for substance use prevention
11 efforts;

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

15 (C) the recipients of appropriations made from the funds specified in
16 subdivision (1)(A) of this section or otherwise designated for substance use
17 prevention efforts or the beneficiaries of grants or subgrants and how monies
18 have been used both according to policy priorities and expenditure category;

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

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

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

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

8 Sec. E.316 STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP; FACILITY

9 PLANNING FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH

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

15 * * *

16 (f) The stakeholder working group shall cease to exist on June 30, ~~2025~~
17 2027.

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

19 § 125. BUDGETARY INFLATION; DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS

20 Annually, as part of its budget presentation, the Department shall inform the
21 House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate

1 Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare the cost of adding a
2 one percent increase over the previous fiscal year's funding for community-
3 contracted direct service providers.

4 Sec. E.316.2 SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAMS; REPORT

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

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

17 § 4922. RULEMAKING

18 (a) On or before September 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, the Commissioner shall file
19 proposed rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 implementing the provisions of
20 this subchapter to become effective on April 1, ~~2026~~ 2027. These shall include:

- 1 (1) rules setting forth criteria for determining whether to conduct an
- 2 assessment or an investigation;
- 3 (2) rules setting out procedures for assessment and service delivery;
- 4 (3) rules outlining procedures for investigations;
- 5 (4) rules for conducting the administrative review conference;
- 6 (5) rules regarding access to and maintenance of Department records of
- 7 investigations, assessments, reviews, and responses;
- 8 (6) rules regarding the tiered Registry as required by section 4916 of this
- 9 title;
- 10 (7) rules requiring notice and appeal procedures for alternatives to
- 11 substantiation; and
- 12 (8) rules implementing subsections 4916(c) and (e) of this title.
- 13 (b) The rules shall strike an appropriate balance between protecting
- 14 children and respecting the rights of a parent or guardian, including a parent or
- 15 guardian with disabilities, and shall recognize that persons with a disability can
- 16 be successful parents. The rules shall include the possible use of adaptive
- 17 equipment and supports.
- 18 ~~(c) These rules shall be adopted no later than July 1, 2009.~~
- 19 Sec. E.318 33 V.S.A. § 3505 is amended to read:
- 20 § 3505. SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CARE GRANTS

16 * * *

18 (a) To the extent emergency housing is available and within the funds
19 appropriated, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall ensure that
20 General Assistance Emergency Housing is provided in fiscal year 2026 to

1 households that attest to lack of a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime

2 residence and have a member who:

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

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

5 (A) receipt of Supplemental Security Income or Social Security

6 Disability Insurance; or

7 (B) a form developed by the Department as a means of documenting

8 a qualifying disability or health condition that requires:

9 (i) the applicant's name, date of birth, and the last four digits of

10 the applicant's Social Security number or other identifying number;

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

12 (iii) a description of the risk posed to the applicant's health, safety,

13 or welfare if temporary emergency housing is not authorized pursuant to this

14 section; and

15 (iv) a certification of a health care provider, as defined in 18

16 V.S.A. § 9481, that includes the provider's credentials, credential number,

17 address, and phone number;

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

19 (4) is pregnant;

20 (5) has experienced the death of a spouse, domestic partner, or minor

21 child that caused the household to lose its housing;

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

2 (7) is under a court-ordered eviction or constructive eviction due to

3 circumstances over which the household has no control; or

4 (8) is experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,

5 stalking, human trafficking, hate violence, or other dangerous or life-

6 threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a

7 household member that caused the household to lose its housing.

8 (b)(1) General Assistance Emergency Housing shall be provided in a

9 community-based shelter whenever possible. If there is inadequate

10 community-based shelter space available within the Agency of Human

11 Services district in which the household presents itself, the household shall be

12 provided emergency housing in a hotel or motel within the district, if available,

13 until adequate community-based shelter space becomes available in the

14 district. The utilization of hotel and motel rooms pursuant to this subdivision

15 shall be capped at 1,100 rooms per night between July 1, 2025 through

16 November 30, 2025 and between April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

17 (2) The maximum number of days that an eligible household receives

18 emergency housing in a hotel or motel under this section, per 12-month period,

19 shall not exceed 80 days.

20 (3) The Department shall provide emergency winter housing to

21 households meeting the eligibility criteria in subsection (a) of this section

1 between December 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026. Emergency housing in a
2 hotel or motel provided pursuant to this subdivision shall not count toward the
3 maximum days of eligibility per 12-month period provided in subdivision (2)
4 of this subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (l) As used in this section:

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

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

1 Sec. E.321.1 CONTRACTING FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER

2 OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

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

8 Sec. E.324 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 § 506. BUDGETARY INFLATION; DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS

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

18 Sec. E.333 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES; PAYMENT
19 REFORM

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

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

7 Sec. E.338 CORRECTIONS; CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

8 (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the special fund appropriation of
9 \$152,000 for the supplemental facility payments to Newport and Springfield
10 shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

11 Sec. E.338.1 [Deleted.]

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

13 (a) The \$250,000 General Fund appropriated to the Department of
14 Corrections in Sec. B.1100(i)(1) of this act shall be used to retain a consultant
15 and develop an implementation plan to transition the Northeast Correctional
16 Complex or the Caledonia County Work Camp, or parts of either or of both, to
17 a treatment-focused facility for incarcerated Vermonters.

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

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

3 (1) a detailed transition plan;

4 (2) expected outcomes and measures of success;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sec. E.500 EDUCATION; FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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

Sec. E.500.1 AGENCY OF EDUCATION; EDUCATION
TRANSFORMATION FUNDING

(a) The \$1,000,000 General Fund appropriated to the Agency of Education in Sec. B.500 of this act is to provide additional resources during the State's education transformation. Prior to the expenditure of these funds, the Agency shall submit a detailed, unambiguous plan of expenditures related to the transformation of the public education system to the Joint Fiscal Committee, which shall consult with the chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Education when reviewing the Agency's plan.

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

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

1 Secretary shall not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A.
2 § 2969(c) and (d).

3 (b) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and
4 notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed
5 \$2,000,000 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2026 as
6 funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2975. In distributing such funds, the Secretary shall
7 not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c) and (d).

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

9 (a) The Independence Place Program of ANEW Place shall be considered a
10 24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of education
11 costs.

12 Sec. E.504 ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

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

16 Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION; FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

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

19 (1) \$921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs notwithstanding
20 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);

21 (2) \$2,400,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual High School;

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

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

14 (a) On or before December 1, 2025, the Agency of Administration and
15 Agency of Education, in consultation with local adult education and literacy
16 providers, shall jointly submit a written report to the House Committee on
17 Commerce and Economic Development, the Senate Committee on Economic
18 Development, Housing and General Affairs, and the House and Senate
19 Committees on Education and on Appropriations with recommendations to
20 modernize adult education funding to ensure funds are distributed equitably
21 across all regions of the State.

1 **(b) On or before January 15, 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall**
2 **make a recommendation to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic**
3 **Development, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and**
4 **General Affairs, and the House and Senate Committees on Education and on**
5 **Appropriations on any updates to the adult education funding formula pursuant**
6 **to the recommendations made in the report in subsection (a) of this section.**
7 **The Secretary of Administration shall also make a recommendation on any**
8 **administrative changes to adult education, including which agency or**
9 **department outside of the Agency of Education is best suited to manage adult**
10 **education grants.**

11 **(c) For fiscal year 2026, the Agency of Education shall negotiate in good**
12 **faith to extend the existing contracts with local adult education and literacy**
13 **providers for a term of one year. The Agency of Education shall endeavor to**
14 **maintain the terms of the existing contracts to the greatest extent possible.**

15 **Sec. E.507.1 ENGLISH LEARNER; CATEGORICAL AID**

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

19 **Sec. E.511 EDUCATION; TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

20 **(a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. 1561(c) and (d) or any other provision of**
21 **law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2026 career technical center supplemental**

1 assistance grants shall be calculated using the fiscal year 2025 base education
2 amount.

3 Sec. E.514 STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

4 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to
5 the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System shall be \$212,752,627, of
6 which \$199,377,627 shall be the State's contribution and \$13,375,000 shall be
7 contributed from local school systems or educational entities pursuant to
8 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

9 (b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution,
10 \$41,414,649 is the "normal contribution" and \$171,337,978 is the "accrued
11 liability contribution."

12 Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
13 AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;
14 OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS

15 (a) Of the \$3,810,655 appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act, \$2,719,271
16 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System operating budget,
17 and \$1,091,384 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment
18 Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement
19 System.

20 Sec. E.515 RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL
21 BENEFITS

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

8 Sec. E.600 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

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

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

16 Sec. E.602 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

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

20 (b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont
21 Manufacturing Extension Center to comply with State matching fund

1 requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds, or
2 both.

3 Sec. E.602.1 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.602.2, as amended by
4 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 67, 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185,
5 Sec. C.101, and 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113 Sec. E.602.1, is further
6 amended to read:

7 Sec. E.602.2 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

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

11 * * *

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

15 (1) VSC shall reduce its structural deficit by \$5,000,000-00 per year for
16 three years and by ~~\$3,500,000-00 per year~~ for the following ~~two years~~ year
17 through a combination of annual operating expense reductions and increased
18 enrollment revenues, for a total ~~\$22,000,000-00~~ \$18,500,000 by the end of
19 fiscal year 2026. These reductions shall be structural in nature and shall not be
20 met by use of one-time funds. The VSC Board of Trustees, through the
21 Chancellor or designee, shall report the results of these structural reductions to

1 the House and Senate Committees on Education and on Appropriations
2 annually during the Chancellor's budget presentation.

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

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

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

14 Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

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

17 (1) \$25,000 shall be deposited into the Trust Fund established in 16
18 V.S.A. § 2845;

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

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

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

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

20 Sec. E.605.1 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND
21 EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

1 (a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, the sum of \$41,225 Education Fund
2 and \$41,225 General Fund is appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance
3 Corporation for dual enrollment and need-based stipend purposes to fund a
4 flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for financially disadvantaged
5 students enrolled in a dual enrollment course pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in
6 early college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 946 to be used for the purchase of books,
7 cost of transportation, and payment of fees. The Vermont Student Assistance
8 Corporation shall establish the criteria for program eligibility. Funds shall be
9 granted to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are
10 depleted.

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

16 Sec. E.715 REPEALS; SUNSET OF PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX
17 CLEAN WATER SURCHARGE

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

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

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

2 (b) Purpose and intent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 Sec. I.12. EFFECTIVE DATES

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

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

20 (d) To compensate for this reduction of available property transfer tax
21 revenue, it is the intent of the General Assembly through this act to provide for

1 the transfer of \$2,500,000.00 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust
2 Fund, as follows:

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

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

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

20 (4) ~~As provided in Sec. I.11 of this act, the clean water surcharge will be~~
21 ~~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 Sec. E.917 TOWN HIGHWAY NON-FEDERAL DISASTERS; PILOT
4 FUND

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

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

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

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

16 Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information
17 technology

18	Personal services	82,994,362	82,994,362
19	Operating expenses	<u>62,547,212</u>	<u>61,761,212</u>
20	Total	<u>145,541,574</u>	144,755,574
21	Source of funds		

1	General fund	209,808	209,808
2	Special funds	511,723	511,723
3	Internal service funds	<u>144,820,043</u>	<u>144,034,043</u>
4	Total	<u>145,541,574</u>	144,755,574

5 Sec. F.101 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.145 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.145 Total general government

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	117,405,610	117,405,610
9	Transportation fund	4,292,149	4,292,149
10	Special funds	31,882,209	31,882,209
11	Federal funds	1,467,374	1,467,374
12	Internal service funds	<u>214,635,950</u>	213,849,950
13	Interdepartmental transfers	7,053,789	7,053,789
14	Enterprise funds	4,298	4,298
15	Pension trust funds	4,800,305	4,800,305
16	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,329,205</u>	<u>1,329,205</u>
17	Total	<u>382,870,889</u>	382,084,889

18 Sec. F.102 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.204 is amended to read:

19 Sec. B.204 Judiciary

20	Personal services	<u>58,439,095</u>	58,827,799
21	Operating expenses	<u>12,479,384</u>	14,640,960

1	Grants	<u>121,030</u>	<u>121,030</u>
2	Total	71,039,509	73,589,789
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	63,414,698	65,964,978
5	Special funds	4,503,401	4,503,401
6	Federal funds	953,928	953,928
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,167,482</u>	<u>2,167,482</u>
8	Total	71,039,509	73,589,789
9	Sec. F.103 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.205 is amended to read:		
10	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys		
11	Personal services	17,309,679	17,548,979
12	Operating expenses	<u>2,034,016</u>	<u>2,202,516</u>
13	Total	19,343,695	19,751,495
14	Source of funds		
15	General fund	18,734,634	19,142,434
16	Federal funds	31,000	31,000
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>578,061</u>	<u>578,061</u>
18	Total	19,343,695	19,751,495
19	Sec. F.104 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.206.1 is amended to read:		
20	Sec. B.206.1 Crime Victims Advocates		
21	Personal services	3,016,156	3,016,156

1	Operating expenses	<u>104,396</u>	<u>142,396</u>
2	Total	<u>3,120,552</u>	3,158,552
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	<u>3,120,552</u>	<u>3,158,552</u>
5	Total	<u>3,120,552</u>	3,158,552
6	Sec. F.105 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.208 is amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration		
8	Personal services	<u>4,620,756</u>	5,397,783
9	Operating expenses	<u>6,022,923</u>	<u>6,022,923</u>
10	Total	<u>10,643,679</u>	11,420,706
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	<u>6,179,193</u>	8,092,770
13	Special funds	4,105	4,105
14	Federal funds	396,362	396,362
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,064,019</u>	<u>2,927,469</u>
16	Total	<u>10,643,679</u>	11,420,706
17	Sec. F.106 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.210 is amended to read:		
18	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services		
19	Personal services	<u>5,387,100</u>	4,705,897
20	Operating expenses	<u>2,152,467</u>	<u>2,152,467</u>
21	Total	<u>7,539,567</u>	6,858,364

1 Source of funds

2	General fund	1,829,099	2,172,295
3	Special funds	4,975,847	3,951,448
4	Federal funds	<u>734,621</u>	<u>734,621</u>
5	Total	7,539,567	6,858,364

6 Sec. F.107 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.236 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.236 Human rights commission

8	Personal services	927,697	952,559
9	Operating expenses	115,103	<u>125,378</u>
10	Total	1,042,800	1,077,937

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	953,800	988,937
13	Federal funds	<u>89,000</u>	<u>89,000</u>
14	Total	1,042,800	1,077,937

15 Sec. F.108 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:

16 Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property

17 Source of funds

18	General fund	228,238,448	233,526,438
19	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
20	Special funds	119,824,272	118,799,873
21	Tobacco fund	672,579	672,579

1	Federal funds	162,959,452	162,959,452
2	Interdepartmental transfers	16,031,869	14,895,319
3	Enterprise funds	<u>15,070,107</u>	<u>15,070,107</u>
4	Total	563,046,727	566,173,768
5	Sec. F.109 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:		
6	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office		
7	Personal services	16,219,746	18,219,746
8	Operating expenses	7,220,486	6,062,286
9	Grants	<u>3,795,202</u>	<u>3,795,202</u>
10	Total	27,235,434	28,077,234
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	12,913,202	11,923,905
13	Special funds	135,517	135,517
14	Federal funds	13,565,080	11,606,177
15	Global Commitment fund	0	4,300,000
16	Interdepartmental transfers	621,635	<u>111,635</u>
17	Total	27,235,434	28,077,234
18	Sec. F.110 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:		
19	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment		
20	Grants	2,039,512,911	<u>2,164,607,988</u>
21	Total	2,039,512,911	<u>2,164,607,988</u>

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	668,380,623	716,109,638
3	Special funds	32,047,905	32,047,905
4	Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
5	State health care resources fund	28,053,557	28,053,557
6	Federal funds	1,285,494,243	1,363,223,270
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,487,210</u>	<u>4,124,245</u>
8	Total	2,039,512,911	2,164,607,988

9 Sec. F.111 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.305 is amended to read:

10 Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund

11	Personal services	330,000	330,000
12	Operating expenses	<u>13,170,000</u>	<u>16,870,000</u>
13	Total	13,500,000	17,200,000

14 Source of funds

15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,500,000</u>	<u>17,200,000</u>
16	Total	13,500,000	17,200,000

17 Sec. F.112 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

18 Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration

19	Personal services	134,929,148	136,693,560
20	Operating expenses	44,171,193	39,250,661
21	Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>	<u>3,112,301</u>

1	Total	182,212,642	179,056,522
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	39,872,315	42,023,781
4	Special funds	4,733,015	4,733,015
5	Federal funds	128,790,580	124,836,223
6	Global Commitment fund	4,308,574	4,308,574
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,508,158</u>	<u>3,154,929</u>
8	Total	182,212,642	179,056,522

9 Sec. F.113 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.307 is amended to read:

10 Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program –
11 global commitment

12	Personal services	547,983	547,983
13	Grants	<u>899,550,794</u>	<u>964,407,046</u>
14	Total	<u>900,098,777</u>	964,955,029

15 Source of funds

16	Global Commitment fund	<u>900,098,777</u>	<u>964,955,029</u>
17	Total	<u>900,098,777</u>	964,955,029

18 Sec. F.114 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:

19 Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program –
20 state only

21	Grants	<u>63,033,948</u>	<u>67,780,595</u>
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1	Total	63,033,948	67,780,595
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	62,151,546	62,308,757
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>882,402</u>	<u>5,471,838</u>
5	Total	63,033,948	67,780,595
6	Sec. F.115 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver		
8	matched		
9	Grants	<u>34,994,888</u>	<u>38,232,431</u>
10	Total	34,994,888	38,232,431
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	12,511,405	13,459,034
13	Federal funds	<u>22,483,483</u>	<u>24,773,397</u>
14	Total	34,994,888	38,232,431
15	Sec. F.116 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.311 is amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support		
17	Personal services	8,373,168	8,373,168
18	Operating expenses	7,519,722	8,166,662
19	Grants	<u>7,985,727</u>	<u>7,985,727</u>
20	Total	23,878,617	24,525,557
21	Source of funds		

1	General fund	3,189,843	3,513,313
2	Special funds	2,308,186	2,308,186
3	Federal funds	11,040,433	11,363,903
4	Global Commitment fund	7,173,924	7,173,924
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>166,231</u>	<u>166,231</u>
6	Total	23,878,617	24,525,557
7	Sec. F.117 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.312 Health - public health		
9	Personal services	67,812,371	67,812,371
10	Operating expenses	11,025,497	11,025,497
11	Grants	46,766,832	<u>46,866,832</u>
12	Total	125,604,700	125,704,700
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	12,908,892	13,008,892
15	Special funds	24,906,804	24,906,804
16	Tobacco fund	1,088,918	1,088,918
17	Federal funds	64,038,301	64,038,301
18	Global Commitment fund	17,036,150	17,036,150
19	Interdepartmental transfers	5,600,635	5,600,635
20	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
21	Total	125,604,700	125,704,700

1 Sec. F.118 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.313 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.313 Health - substance use programs

3	Personal services	6,570,967	6,570,967
4	Operating expenses	511,500	511,500
5	Grants	<u>58,215,510</u>	<u>59,240,635</u>
6	Total	<u>65,297,977</u>	66,323,102

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	6,672,061	7,697,186
9	Special funds	2,413,678	2,413,678
10	Tobacco fund	949,917	949,917
11	Federal funds	15,456,754	15,456,754
12	Global Commitment fund	<u>39,805,567</u>	<u>39,805,567</u>
13	Total	<u>65,297,977</u>	66,323,102

14 Sec. F.119 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:

15 Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

16	Personal services	50,191,086	50,191,086
17	Operating expenses	5,517,999	5,709,973
18	Grants	<u>270,625,138</u>	<u>272,536,080</u>
19	Total	<u>326,334,223</u>	328,437,139

20 Source of funds

21	General fund	25,555,311	26,279,270
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1	Special funds	1,718,092	1,718,092
2	Federal funds	11,436,913	12,661,803
3	Global Commitment fund	287,609,767	287,763,834
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>	<u>14,140</u>
5	Total	326,334,223	328,437,139

6 Sec. F.120 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration &
8 support services

9	Personal services	46,644,080	44,844,080
10	Operating expenses	17,560,755	19,402,705
11	Grants	<u>5,627,175</u>	<u>5,627,175</u>
12	Total	69,832,010	69,873,960

13 Source of funds

14	General fund	39,722,724	40,113,958
15	Special funds	2,781,912	2,781,912
16	Federal funds	24,448,223	24,098,939
17	Global Commitment fund	2,417,024	2,417,024
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>462,127</u>	<u>462,127</u>
19	Total	69,832,010	69,873,960

20 Sec. F.121 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:

21 Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services

1	Personal services	45,197,694	45,286,553
2	Operating expenses	5,315,309	5,315,309
3	Grants	<u>98,251,027</u>	<u>97,732,465</u>
4	Total	148,764,030	148,334,327
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	58,838,741	59,984,059
7	Special funds	729,587	729,587
8	Federal funds	34,666,196	36,180,206
9	Global Commitment fund	54,514,506	51,425,475
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
11	Total	148,764,030	148,334,327
12	Sec. F.122 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:		
13	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development		
14	Personal services	5,908,038	5,908,038
15	Operating expenses	813,321	813,321
16	Grants	<u>223,329,336</u>	<u>211,815,836</u>
17	Total	230,050,695	218,537,195
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	76,723,518	51,443,165
20	Special funds	96,312,000	109,512,000
21	Federal funds	43,511,414	42,902,383

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>13,503,763</u>	<u>14,679,647</u>
2	Total	230,050,695	218,537,195
3	Sec. F.123 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.319 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support		
5	Personal services	13,157,660	13,061,794
6	Operating expenses	<u>3,759,992</u>	<u>3,759,992</u>
7	Total	16,917,652	16,821,786
8			
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	5,200,064	5,163,429
11	Special funds	455,719	455,719
12	Federal funds	10,874,269	10,815,038
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>	<u>387,600</u>
14	Total	16,917,652	16,821,786
15	Sec. F.124 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and		
17	disabled		
18	Personal services	2,252,206	2,481,741
19	Grants	<u>10,717,444</u>	<u>10,369,155</u>
20	Total	12,969,650	12,850,896
21	Source of funds		

1	General fund	7,376,133	7,368,843
2	Global Commitment fund	5,593,517	<u>5,482,053</u>
3	Total	12,969,650	12,850,896

4 Sec. F.125 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.321 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance

6	Personal services	15,000	15,000
7	Grants	11,054,252	<u>10,702,625</u>
8	Total	11,069,252	10,717,625

9 Source of funds

10	General fund	10,811,345	10,486,987
11	Federal funds	11,320	11,070
12	Global Commitment fund	246,587	<u>219,568</u>
13	Total	11,069,252	10,717,625

14 Sec. F.126 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.322 is amended to read:

15 Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT

16	Grants	44,377,812	<u>45,677,812</u>
17	Total	44,377,812	45,677,812

18 Source of funds

19	Federal funds	44,377,812	<u>45,677,812</u>
20	Total	44,377,812	45,677,812

1 Sec. F.127 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up

3	Operating expenses	23,821	23,821
4	Grants	<u>37,230,488</u>	<u>36,730,493</u>
5	Total	<u>37,254,309</u>	36,754,314

6 Source of funds

7	General fund	<u>24,733,042</u>	24,233,047
8	Special funds	5,970,229	5,970,229
9	Federal funds	2,806,330	2,806,330
10	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,744,708</u>	<u>3,744,708</u>
11	Total	<u>37,254,309</u>	36,754,314

12 Sec. F.128 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.325 is amended to read:

13 Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic

14 opportunity

15	Personal services	<u>817,029</u>	1,042,639
16	Operating expenses	100,407	100,407
17	Grants	<u>35,466,283</u>	<u>35,812,536</u>
18	Total	<u>36,383,719</u>	36,955,582

19 Source of funds

20	General fund	<u>28,178,010</u>	28,687,068
21	Special funds	83,135	83,135

1	Federal funds	4,935,273	4,998,078
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,187,301</u>	<u>3,187,301</u>
3	Total	36,383,719	36,955,582
4	Sec. F.129 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.329 is amended to read:		
5	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &		
6	support		
7	Personal services	45,217,977	46,217,977
8	Operating expenses	<u>6,472,558</u>	<u>6,714,680</u>
9	Total	51,690,535	52,932,657
10	Source of funds		
11	General fund	22,916,281	24,037,342
12	Special funds	1,390,457	1,390,457
13	Federal funds	26,063,097	26,184,158
14	Global Commitment fund	35,000	35,000
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,285,700</u>	<u>1,285,700</u>
16	Total	51,690,535	52,932,657
17	Sec. F.130 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:		
18	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and		
19	independent living grants		
20	Grants	<u>24,571,060</u>	<u>24,781,798</u>
21	Total	24,571,060	24,781,798

1 Source of funds

2	General fund	8,392,303	8,504,605
3	Federal funds	7,321,114	7,321,114
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>8,857,643</u>	<u>8,956,079</u>
5	Total	24,571,060	24,781,798

6 Sec. F.131 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.332 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational
8 rehabilitation

9	Grants	<u>10,179,845</u>	<u>9,179,845</u>
10	Total	10,179,845	9,179,845

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	1,371,845	371,845
13	Federal funds	7,558,000	7,558,000
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,250,000</u>	<u>1,250,000</u>
15	Total	10,179,845	9,179,845

16 Sec. F.132 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.333 is amended to read:

17 Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental
18 services

19	Grants	<u>329,299,344</u>	<u>331,262,271</u>
20	Total	329,299,344	331,262,271

21 Source of funds

1	General fund	132,732	132,732
2	Special funds	15,463	15,463
3	Federal funds	403,573	403,573
4	Global Commitment fund	328,697,576	330,660,503
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
6	Total	329,299,344	331,262,271
7	Sec. F.133 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and		
9	community based waiver		
10	Grants	<u>6,845,005</u>	<u>6,864,520</u>
11	Total	6,845,005	6,864,520
12	Source of funds		
13	Global Commitment fund	<u>6,845,005</u>	<u>6,864,520</u>
14	Total	6,845,005	6,864,520
15	Sec. F.134 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care		
17	Grants	<u>293,584,545</u>	<u>347,376,122</u>
18	Total	293,584,545	347,376,122
19	Source of funds		
20	General fund	498,579	498,579
21	Federal funds	2,450,000	2,450,000

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>290,635,966</u>	<u>344,427,543</u>
2	Total	<u>293,584,545</u>	347,376,122
3	Sec. F.135 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services		
5	Personal services	<u>147,472,104</u>	148,472,104
6	Operating expenses	<u>24,914,205</u>	<u>25,249,795</u>
7	Total	<u>172,386,309</u>	173,721,899
8	Source of funds		
9	General fund	<u>162,807,888</u>	163,643,478
10	Special funds	935,963	935,963
11	ARPA State Fiscal	5,000,000	5,000,000
12	Federal funds	<u>499,888</u>	999,888
13	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255	2,746,255
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
15	Total	<u>172,386,309</u>	173,721,899
16	Sec. F.136 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:		
17	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services		
18	Personal services	<u>17,631,222</u>	17,595,290
19	Operating expenses	<u>5,013,462</u>	13,247,462
20	Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>1,583,157</u>
21	Total	<u>22,644,684</u>	32,425,909

1 Source of funds

2	General fund	4,320,687	11,224,018
3	Special funds	10,051,903	12,450,095
4	Federal funds	<u>8,272,094</u>	<u>8,751,796</u>
5	Total	22,644,684	32,425,909

6 Sec. F.137 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.347 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.347 Total human services

8 Source of funds

9	General fund	1,328,118,806	1,364,156,647
10	Special funds	202,800,452	218,398,644
11	Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
12	State health care resources fund	28,053,557	28,053,557
13	ARPA State Fiscal	5,000,000	5,000,000
14	Federal funds	1,803,398,922	1,882,012,745
15	Global Commitment fund	1,980,839,553	2,108,560,133
16	Internal service funds	490,853	490,853
17	Interdepartmental transfers	32,893,535	34,367,341
18	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
19	Total	5,404,708,886	5,664,153,128

20 Sec. F.138 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.501 is amended to read:

21 Sec. B.501 Education - education services

1	Personal services	28,237,700	28,312,700
2	Operating expenses	1,134,912	1,134,912
3	Grants	<u>322,345,763</u>	<u>322,345,763</u>
4	Total	351,718,375	351,793,375
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	6,387,955	6,462,955
7	Special funds	3,033,144	3,033,144
8	Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
9	Federal funds	340,584,414	340,584,414
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>962,474</u>	<u>962,474</u>
11	Total	351,718,375	351,793,375
12	Sec. F.139 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.503 is amended to read:		
13	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students		
14	Grants	20,000,000	<u>19,000,000</u>
15	Total	20,000,000	19,000,000
16	Source of funds		
17	Education fund	20,000,000	<u>19,000,000</u>
18	Total	20,000,000	19,000,000
19	Sec. F.140 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.504 is amended to read:		
20	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy		
21	Grants	4,694,183	<u>4,997,820</u>

1	Total	4,694,183	4,997,820
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	3,778,133	4,081,770
4	Federal funds	<u>916,050</u>	<u>916,050</u>
5	Total	4,694,183	4,997,820
6	Sec. F.141 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.504.1 is amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways		
8	Grants	11,361,755	<u>11,564,179</u>
9	Total	11,361,755	11,564,179
10	Source of funds		
11	General fund	921,500	921,500
12	Education fund	10,440,255	<u>10,642,679</u>
13	Total	11,361,755	11,564,179
14	Sec. F.142 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.505 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment		
16	Grants	1,893,267,394	<u>1,882,267,394</u>
17	Total	1,893,267,394	1,882,267,394
18	Source of funds		
19	Education fund	1,893,267,394	<u>1,882,267,394</u>
20	Total	1,893,267,394	1,882,267,394
21	Sec. F.143 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.508 is amended to read:		

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1	Operating expenses	1,005,046	1,005,046
2	Grants	<u>1,712,423</u>	<u>1,713,923</u>
3	Total	10,598,035	10,632,735
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	6,299,512	6,334,212
6	Special funds	547,215	547,215
7	Federal funds	3,394,931	3,394,931
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>356,377</u>	<u>356,377</u>
9	Total	10,598,035	10,632,735
10	Sec. F.146 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.710 is amended to read:		
11	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management		
12	Personal services	27,995,328	27,995,328
13	Operating expenses	10,788,954	10,816,954
14	Grants	<u>4,943,000</u>	<u>4,943,000</u>
15	Total	43,727,282	43,755,282
16	Source of funds		
17	General fund	199,372	227,372
18	Special funds	24,643,580	24,643,580
19	Federal funds	18,800,064	18,800,064
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>84,266</u>	<u>84,266</u>
21	Total	43,727,282	43,755,282

1 Sec. F.147 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.711 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs

3	Personal services	50,153,806	50,153,806
4	Operating expenses	8,362,915	8,370,915
5	Grants	<u>92,365,140</u>	<u>92,365,140</u>
6	Total	150,881,861	150,889,861

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	11,887,629	11,895,629
9	Special funds	30,967,150	30,967,150
10	Federal funds	107,154,542	107,154,542
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>872,540</u>	<u>872,540</u>
12	Total	150,881,861	150,889,861

13 Sec. F.148 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

15 Source of funds

16	General fund	42,792,800	42,863,500
17	Special funds	81,275,829	81,275,829
18	Fish and wildlife fund	10,418,331	10,418,331
19	Federal funds	152,068,301	152,068,301
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,131,324</u>	<u>14,131,324</u>
21	Total	300,686,585	300,757,285

1 Sec. F.149 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.100 is amended to read:

2 Sec. D.100 ALLOCATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

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

6 (1) The sum of \$575,662 is allocated from the Current Use
7 Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of
8 the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),
9 amounts in excess of \$575,662 from the property transfer tax deposited into the
10 Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General
11 Fund.

12 (2) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of ~~\$22,106,740~~
13 \$28,238,050 from the property transfer tax and surcharge established in
14 32 V.S.A. § 9602a deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation
15 Trust Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

16 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property
17 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the
18 affordable housing bond pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 314 shall be offset by the
19 reduction of \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and
20 Conservation Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established in
21 32 V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2025 appropriation of ~~\$22,106,740~~

1 \$28,238,050 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board reflects the
2 \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing bond and related property
3 transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on
4 July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the
5 appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall be
6 restored.

7 (3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts in excess of
8 ~~\$7,772,373~~ \$9,052,113 from the property transfer tax deposited into the
9 Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General
10 Fund. The ~~\$7,772,373~~ \$9,052,113 shall be allocated as follows:

11 (A) ~~\$6,404,540~~ \$7,300,358 for disbursement to regional planning
12 commissions in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

13 (B) ~~\$931,773~~ \$1,187,721 for disbursement to municipalities in a
14 manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

15 (C) ~~\$436,060~~ \$564,034 to the Agency of Digital Services for the
16 Vermont Center for Geographic Information.

17 Sec. F.150 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.102 is amended to read:

18 Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

19 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
20 2025, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the
21 accounts indicated:

1		* * *	
2	3150892104 MH – Case Management Serv	\$350,000.00	<u>\$350,199.34</u>
3		* * *	
4	<u>1100892208 AOA – VT Housing Finance Agency</u>		<u>\$3,000,000.00</u>
5	<u>1100892403 AOA – Health Equity Community Grants</u>		<u>\$500,000.00</u>
6	<u>1120020000 Tuition Assistance Program</u>		<u>\$133,877.86</u>
7	<u>1120892401 DHR – New Position in DHR Ops</u>		<u>\$477,769.00</u>
8	<u>1120892402 DHR – New Position in VTHR Ops</u>		<u>\$40,726.07</u>
9	<u>1140010000 Tax Operation Costs</u>		<u>\$1,267,062.22</u>
10	<u>1140060000 Reappraisal and Listing Payments</u>		<u>\$35,270.75</u>
11	<u>1140070000 Use Tax Reimbursement Program</u>		<u>\$37,864.25</u>
12	<u>1140330000 Renter Rebates</u>		<u>\$2,186,940.33</u>
13	<u>1140892403 Tax – Child Care Contr Positions</u>		<u>\$3,591,823.02</u>
14	<u>1260980000 Debt Service</u>		<u>\$235,445.15</u>
15	<u>1266892401 VPIC – Pension System Assets</u>		<u>\$5,000.00</u>
16	<u>2100892201 AG – Racial Disparities</u>		<u>\$48,465.00</u>
17	<u>2120892203 JUD – County Court House HVAC</u>		<u>\$800,000.00</u>
18	<u>2120892402 JUD – Essex County Courthouse Reno</u>		<u>\$50,000.00</u>
19	<u>2130400000 SIUS Parent Account</u>		<u>\$395,749.64</u>
20	<u>2150010000 Mil Admin/TAGO</u>		<u>\$142,789.80</u>
21	<u>2150050000 Mil Vet Affairs Office</u>		<u>\$100,000.00</u>

1	<u>2160892201 CCVS – VT Forensic Nursing</u>	<u>\$246.43</u>
2	<u>2160892304 CCVS – Kurn Hattin Survivor</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
3	<u>2200010000 Administration Division</u>	<u>\$167,222.00</u>
4	<u>3310000000 Commission on Women</u>	<u>\$25,390.43</u>
5	<u>3330892401 GMCB – VHCURES Database Implemen</u>	<u>\$545,782.90</u>
6	<u>3400892111 Supp New Americans Refugee</u>	<u>\$23,431.00</u>
7	<u>3400892301 AHSCO – Refugee Resettlement</u>	<u>\$1,293.00</u>
8	<u>3420892405 HD – Regional Emergency Med</u>	<u>\$8,295.01</u>
9	<u>3440050000 DCFS – AABD</u>	<u>\$35,310.73</u>
10	<u>3440892110 DCF – Grants to Reachup</u>	<u>\$5.10</u>
11	<u>3440892203 DCF – Parent Child Ctrs Cap Imp</u>	<u>\$20,708.22</u>
12	<u>3440892214 DCF – Child Care Provider Workfor</u>	<u>\$294.79</u>
13	<u>4100500000 VT Department of Labor</u>	<u>\$8,000,000.00</u>
14	<u>5100070000 Education Services</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
15	<u>5100892101 AOE – VSC Committee Per Diem</u>	<u>\$16,295.33</u>
16	<u>5100892102 AOA – Advisory Group Per Diem</u>	<u>\$9,018.00</u>
17	<u>5100892103 AOE – ESESAG Per Diems</u>	<u>\$8,960.00</u>
18	<u>5100892201 AOE – Comm Pub Sch Emp Hlth Ben</u>	<u>\$29,050.00</u>
19	<u>5100892202 AOE – Task Force Equit Inclusive</u>	<u>\$6,150.00</u>
20	<u>5100892302 AOE – Ethnic&Social Equity Per D</u>	<u>\$14,386.24</u>
21	<u>6100010000 Administration Management and Planning</u>	<u>\$402,052.99</u>

1	<u>6100040000 Property Tax Assessment Approp</u>	<u>\$11,692.11</u>
2	<u>6140880005 152/00 State Asst Munic Poll Cont</u>	<u>\$126.26</u>
3	<u>7100892301 Everyone Eats</u>	<u>\$144,565.43</u>
4	<u>7120892304 DED – Relocated and Remote Worker</u>	<u>\$127,314.33</u>
5	<u>8100002100 Department of Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>\$2,482.81</u>

6 * * *

7 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
8 2025, the following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the
9 accounts indicated:

10	<u>5100010000 Administration</u>	<u>\$301,041.03</u>
11	<u>5100050000 State-Placed Students</u>	<u>\$13,687,528.41</u>
12	<u>5100090000 Education Grant</u>	<u>\$359,570.31</u>
13	<u>5100110000 Small School Grant</u>	<u>\$593,700.00</u>
14	<u>5100200000 Education – Technical Education</u>	<u>\$1,802,347.44</u>
15	<u>5100210000 Education – Flexible Pathways</u>	<u>\$1,312,334.72</u>
16	<u>5100892405 AOE – Universal School Meals</u>	<u>\$6,201,479.69</u>

17 Sec. F.151 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.100 is amended to read:

18 Sec. E.100 POSITIONS

19 * * *

20 (d) The conversion of eight limited service positions to exempt permanent
21 status is authorized in fiscal year 2025 as follows:

1 the Global Commitment Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund
2 created in 16 V.S.A. § 2959a.

3 (2) \$3,005,335 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 ~~\$4,487,210~~ \$3,614,245 is transferred from the Agency of Human
7 Services Federal Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer
8 Fund consistent with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act.

9 Sec. F.153 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. G.109 is amended to read:

10 Sec. G.109 PAY ACT APPROPRIATIONS; FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND
11 2026

12 (a) Executive Branch. The first and second years of the two-year
13 agreements between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees'
14 Association for the Defender General, Non-Management, Supervisory, and
15 Corrections bargaining units, and, for the purpose of appropriation, the State's
16 Attorneys' offices bargaining unit, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June
17 30, 2026; the collective bargaining agreement with the Vermont Troopers'
18 Association for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026; and salary
19 increases for employees in the Executive Branch not covered by the bargaining
20 agreements shall be funded as follows:

21 (1) Fiscal year 2025.

1 * * *

2 (D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other
3 funds, for fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from
4 the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the
5 Liquor Control ~~Board~~ Fund such sums as the Secretary may determine to be
6 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported
7 by State funds.

8 * * *

9 (2) Fiscal year 2026.

10 * * *

11 (D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other
12 funds, for fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from
13 the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the
14 Liquor Control ~~Board~~ Fund such sums as the Secretary may determine to be
15 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported
16 by State funds.

17 * * *

18 Sec. F.154 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 145, Sec. 7 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 7. TELEPHONE TAX; REPEAL; TRANSITION

20 (a) 32 V.S.A. § 8521 (telephone personal property tax) is repealed on July
21 1, ~~2025~~ 2026. The final monthly installment payment of the telephone

1 personal property tax under 32 V.S.A. § 8521 levied on the net book value of
2 the taxpayer's personal property as of December 31, ~~2024~~ 2025 shall be due on
3 or before July 25, ~~2025~~ 2026.

4 (b) 32 V.S.A. § 8522 (alternative telephone gross revenues tax) is repealed
5 on January 1, ~~2026~~ 2027. The final quarterly payment of the alternative tax
6 under 32 V.S.A. § 8522 shall be due on or before January 25, ~~2026~~ 2027.

7 (c) Any taxpayer who paid the alternative tax imposed by 32 V.S.A. § 8522
8 prior to the repeal of the tax on January 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 shall become subject to
9 the income tax imposed under 32 V.S.A. chapter 151 beginning with the
10 taxpayer's first income tax year starting on or after January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026. No
11 alternative tax under 32 V.S.A. § 8522 shall be due for any period included in
12 the taxpayer's income tax filing for tax years starting on or after January 1,
13 ~~2025~~ 2026.

14 (d) In fiscal year ~~2025~~ 2026, the Division of Property Valuation and
15 Review of the Department of Taxes and all communications service providers
16 with taxable communications property in Vermont shall be subject to the
17 inventory and valuation provisions prescribed in 32 V.S.A. § 4452, as
18 applicable.

19 Sec. F.155 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 145, Sec. 15 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 15. EFFECTIVE DATES

21 This act shall take effect on passage, except that:

* * *

(3) Secs. 8–12 (communications property tax) shall take effect on July 1, 2025 2026 and shall apply to grand lists lodged on or after April 1, 2025 2026.

Sec. F.156 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 166, Sec. 15 is amended to read:

Sec. 15. TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION

Notwithstanding 7 V.S.A. § 845(c), in fiscal year 2025:

(1) \$500,000.00 is transferred from the Cannabis Regulation Fund established pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 845 to the Cannabis Business Development Fund established pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 987; and

(2) \$500,000.00 is appropriated from the Cannabis Business ~~49~~ Development Fund to the ~~Agency of Commerce and Community Development~~ Department of Economic Development to fund technical assistance and provide loans and grants pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 987.

Sec. F.157 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 78 is amended to read:

Sec. 78. ~~TRANSFERS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX~~

~~Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c), or any other provision of law to the contrary, amounts in excess of \$32,954,775.00 from the property transfer tax shall be transferred into the General Fund. Of this amount:~~

~~(1) \$6,106,335.00 shall be transferred from the General Fund into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund.~~

1 ~~(2) \$1,279,740.00 shall be transferred from the General Fund into the~~
2 ~~Municipal and Regional Planning Fund. [Repealed.]~~

3 Sec. F.158 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 96 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 96. APPROPRIATION; RENT ARREARS ASSISTANCE FUND

5 The sum of \$2,500,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the

6 ~~Vermont State Housing Authority~~ Department of Housing and Community

7 Development in fiscal year 2025 for the Rent Arrears Assistance Fund

8 established by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 45.

9 Sec. F.159 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 3, as amended by 2023 Acts
10 and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 75, 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.119, and
11 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 106, is further amended to read:

12 Sec. 3. MANUFACTURED HOME IMPROVEMENT AND
13 REPAIR PROGRAM

14 (a) ~~Amounts~~ Of the amounts available from the American Rescue Plan Act
15 – State Fiscal Recovery funds, \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of
16 Housing and Community Development for the Manufactured Home
17 Improvement and Repair Program and shall be used for one or more of the
18 following purposes:

19 * * *

1 Sec. F.160 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 113b is amended to read:

2 Sec. 113b. APPROPRIATION; ~~NATURAL RESOURCES~~ LAND USE
3 REVIEW BOARD

4 The sum of ~~\$1,300,000.00~~ \$400,000 is appropriated from the General Fund
5 to the ~~Natural Resources~~ Land Use Review Board in fiscal year 2025.

6 Sec. F.161 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 24a is amended to read:

7 Sec. 24a. COMPENSATION FOR OVERPAYMENT

8 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, ~~the sum of~~
9 ~~\$29,224.00~~ a \$29,224 credit shall be ~~transferred from the Education Fund to~~
10 ~~the Town of~~ applied to the Canaan Town School District's education spending,
11 as defined per 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6), in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the
12 homestead taxpayers of the ~~Town of Canaan~~ Town School District for an
13 overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to erroneous
14 accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating average daily
15 membership. ~~The transfer under this subsection shall be made directly to the~~
16 ~~Town of Canaan.~~

17 (b) ~~Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
18 ~~\$5,924.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~
19 ~~Bloomfield in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~
20 ~~Town of Bloomfield for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~
21 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~

1 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
2 ~~directly to the Town of Bloomfield.~~

3 ~~(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
4 ~~\$2,575.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~
5 ~~Brunswick in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~
6 ~~Town of Brunswick for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~
7 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
8 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
9 ~~directly to the Town of Brunswick.~~

10 ~~(d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
11 ~~\$6,145.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of East~~
12 ~~Haven in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town~~
13 ~~of East Haven for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to~~
14 ~~erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
15 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
16 ~~directly to the Town of East Haven.~~

17 ~~(e) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
18 ~~\$2,046.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Granby~~
19 ~~in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of~~
20 ~~Granby for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to~~
21 ~~erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~

1 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
2 ~~directly to the Town of Granby.~~

3 ~~(f) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
4 ~~\$10,034.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~
5 ~~Guildhall in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~
6 ~~Town of Guildhall for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~
7 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
8 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
9 ~~directly to the Town of Guildhall.~~

10 ~~(g) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
11 ~~\$20,536.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Kirby~~
12 ~~in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of~~
13 ~~Kirby for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to~~
14 ~~erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
15 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
16 ~~directly to the Town of Kirby.~~

17 ~~(h) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
18 ~~\$2,402.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~
19 ~~Lemington in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~
20 ~~Town of Lemington for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~
21 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~

1 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
2 ~~directly to the Town of Lemington.~~

3 ~~(i) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
4 ~~\$11,464.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~
5 ~~Maidstone in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~
6 ~~Town of Maidstone for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~
7 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
8 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
9 ~~directly to the Town of Maidstone.~~

10 ~~(j) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
11 ~~\$4,349.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Norton~~
12 ~~in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of~~
13 ~~Norton for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to~~
14 ~~erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
15 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
16 ~~directly to the Town of Norton.~~

17 ~~(k) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
18 ~~\$2,657.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Victory~~
19 ~~in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of~~
20 ~~Victory for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to~~
21 ~~erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~

1 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
2 ~~directly to the Town of Victory.~~

3 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a \$68,132 credit shall
4 be applied to the Northeast Kingdom Choice School District's education
5 spending, as defined per 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6), in fiscal year 2025 to
6 compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Northeast Kingdom Choice School
7 District for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to
8 erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating
9 average daily membership.

10 Sec. F.162 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1102, as added by 2023
11 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 47, is amended to read:

12 Sec. B.1102 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME TECHNOLOGY
13 MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

14 (a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriated from the Technology
15 Modernization Special Fund (21951) for new and ongoing initiatives as
16 follows:

17 (1) \$40,010,000 to the Agency of Digital Services to be used as follows:

18 (A) \$11,800,000 for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system
19 upgrade of Human Capital Management and core statewide financial
20 accounting system and integration with the Department of Labor and Agency
21 of Transportation financial systems;

1 * * *

2 Sec. F.163 3 V.S.A. § 3306 is amended to read:

3 § 3306. TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND

4 * * *

5 (b) Funds. The Fund shall consist of:

6 (1) any amounts transferred ~~or appropriated~~ to it by the General
7 Assembly; and

8 (2) any interest earned by the Fund.

9 * * *

10 Sec. F.164 WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUND;

11 REPEAL

12 (a) 10 V.S.A. § 543 (Workforce Education and Training Fund) is repealed.

13 Sec. F.165 18 V.S.A. § 9502 is amended to read:

14 § 9502. TOBACCO TRUST FUND

15 (a)(1) The Tobacco Trust Fund is established in the Office of the State
16 Treasurer for the purposes of creating a self-sustaining, perpetual fund for
17 tobacco cessation and prevention that is not dependent upon tobacco sales
18 volume.

19 (2) The Trust Fund shall ~~comprise~~ be composed of:

20 (A) ~~appropriations~~ transfers made by the General Assembly; and

1 (B) ~~transfers from the Litigation Settlement Fund pursuant to~~
2 ~~subdivision (b) of this section; and~~

3 (C) contributions from any other source.

4 (3) The State Treasurer shall not disburse monies from the Trust Fund,
5 except upon appropriation by the General Assembly. In any fiscal year, total
6 appropriations from the Trust Fund shall not exceed seven percent of the fair
7 market value of the Fund at the end of the prior fiscal year.

8 (4) The Trust Fund shall be administered by the State Treasurer. The
9 Treasurer may invest monies in the Fund in accordance with the provisions of
10 32 V.S.A. § 434. All balances in the Fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be
11 carried forward. Interest earned shall remain in the Fund. The Treasurer's
12 annual financial report to the Governor and the General Assembly shall contain
13 an accounting of receipts, disbursements, and earnings of the Fund.

14 (b) ~~Unless otherwise authorized by the General Assembly on or before~~
15 ~~June 30, 2000, and on June 30 of each subsequent fiscal year, any~~
16 ~~unencumbered balance in the Litigation Settlement Fund shall be transferred to~~
17 ~~the Trust Fund. [Repealed.]~~

18 Sec. F.166 32 V.S.A. § 5 is amended to read:

19 § 5. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS

20 (a) Definitions. As used in this section:

21 (1) "Loan" means a loan that is interest free or below market value.

3 * * *

5 § 706. TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

(1) With the approval of the Governor, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may transfer balances of appropriations not to exceed ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$100,000 made under any appropriation act for the support of the government from one component of an agency, department, or other unit of State government to any component of the same agency, department, or unit.

(3) For the specific purpose of balancing and closing out fund accounts at the end of a fiscal year, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may adjust a balance within an account of an agency or department in an amount not to exceed ~~\$100.00~~ \$200.

21 * * *

1 Sec. F.168 32 V.S.A. § 902 is amended to read:

2 § 902. AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW MONEY

3 * * *

4 (b) The State Treasurer shall pay the interest on, principal of and expenses
5 of preparing, issuing, and marketing of such notes as the same fall due without
6 further order or authority from the ~~General Fund or from the Transportation or~~
7 ~~other applicable funds or from the proceeds of bonds or notes governmental~~
8 debt service funds established in section 951a of this chapter. The authority
9 hereby granted is in addition to and not in limitation of any other authority.
10 Such notes shall be sold at public or private sale with or without published
11 notice, as the State Treasurer may determine to be in the best interests of the
12 State.

13 Sec. F.169 32 V.S.A. § 951a is amended to read:

14 § 951a. DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

15 (a) Three governmental debt service funds are hereby established:

16 * * *

17 (b) Financial resources in each fund shall consist of ~~appropriations by the~~
18 ~~General Assembly to fulfill debt service obligations~~, the transfer of funding
19 sources by the General Assembly to fulfill future debt service obligations,
20 bond proceeds raised to fund a permanent reserve required by a trust
21 agreement entered into to secure bonds, transfers of appropriations effected

1 pursuant to section 706 of this title, investment income earned on balances held
2 in trust agreement accounts as required by a trust agreement, and such other
3 amounts as directed by the General Assembly or that are specifically
4 authorized by provisions of this title. Each debt service fund shall account for
5 the accumulation of resources and the fulfillment of debt service obligations
6 within the current fiscal year and the accumulation of resources for debt
7 service obligations maturing in future fiscal years.

8 * * *

9 Sec. F.170 32 V.S.A. § 954 is amended to read:

10 § 954. PROCEEDS

11 (a) The proceeds arising from the sale of bonds, inclusive of any premiums,
12 shall be applied to the purposes for which they were authorized, and the
13 purposes ~~shall~~ may be considered to include ~~the expenses of preparing, issuing,~~
14 ~~and marketing the bonds and any notes issued under section 955 of this title,~~
15 ~~and~~ underwriters' fees and amounts for reserves, but no purchasers of the
16 bonds shall be in any way bound to see to the proper application of the
17 proceeds. The State Treasurer shall pay the interest on, principal of,
18 investment return on, and maturity value of the bonds and notes as the same
19 fall due or accrue without further order or authority. The State Treasurer, with
20 the approval of the Governor, may establish sinking funds, reserve funds, or
21 other special funds of the State as the State Treasurer may deem for the best

1 interests of the State. To the extent not otherwise provided, the amount
2 necessary each year to fulfill the maturing principal and interest of, investment
3 return and maturity value of, and sinking fund installments on all the bonds
4 then outstanding shall be included in and made a part of the annual
5 appropriation bill for the expense of State government, and the principal and
6 interest on, investment return and maturity value of, and sinking fund
7 installments on the bonds as may come due before appropriations for their
8 fulfillment have been made shall be fulfilled from the applicable debt service
9 fund.

10 (b) ~~The State Treasurer is authorized to allocate the estimated cost of bond~~
11 ~~issuance or issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated by a~~
12 ~~capital construction act and for which bonding is required as the source of~~
13 ~~funds. If estimated receipts are insufficient, the State Treasurer shall allocate~~
14 ~~additional costs to the entities. Any remaining receipts shall not be expended,~~
15 ~~but carried forward to be available for future capital construction acts. If the~~
16 ~~source of funds appropriated by a capital construction act is other than by~~
17 ~~issuance of bonds, the State Treasurer is authorized to allocate the estimated~~
18 ~~cost of ongoing debt management services to the entities to which those funds~~
19 ~~are appropriated~~ shall be appropriated annually from the funds from which
20 transfers are made to fund debt service costs.

21 * * *

1 Sec. F.171 VERMONT TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY FUND; REPEAL

2 (a) 33 V.S.A. chapter 78 (Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Fund) is
3 repealed.

4 Sec. F.172 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 38 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 38. RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

6 (a) Creation; administration. The Vermont Housing Finance Agency shall
7 design and implement a Rental Housing Revolving Loan Program and shall
8 create and administer a revolving loan fund to provide subsidized loans for
9 rental housing developments that serve middle-income households.

10 (b) Loans; eligibility; criteria.

11 * * *

12 (7) The Agency shall use one or more legal mechanisms to ensure that:

13 (A) a subsidized unit remains affordable to a household earning the
14 applicable percent of area median income for the longer of:

15 (i) seven years; or

16 (ii) full repayment of the loan plus three years; and

17 (B) during the affordability period determined pursuant to

18 subdivision (A) of this subdivision (7), the annual increase in rent for a

19 subsidized unit does not exceed three percent or an amount otherwise

20 authorized by the Agency.

21 * * *

1 Sec. F.173 32 V.S.A. § 308b is amended to read:

2 § 308b. HUMAN SERVICES CASELOAD RESERVE

3 (a) There is created within the General Fund a Human Services Caseload
4 Reserve. Expenditures from the Reserve shall be subject to an appropriation
5 by the General Assembly or approval by the Emergency Board. Expenditures
6 from the Reserve shall be limited to Agency of Human Services caseload-
7 related needs primarily in the Departments for Children and Families, of
8 Health, of Mental Health, of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, of
9 Vermont Health Access, and settlement costs associated with managing the
10 Global Commitment waiver.

11 (b) The Secretary of Administration may transfer to the Human Services
12 Caseload Reserve any General Fund ~~carry forward~~ carryforward directly
13 attributable to Agency of Human Services caseload reductions and the
14 effective management of related federal receipts, with the exclusion of the
15 Department of Corrections.

16 (c) The Human Services Caseload Reserve shall contain two ~~sub-accounts~~
17 subaccounts:

18 (1) A ~~sub-account~~ subaccount for incurred but not reported Medicaid
19 expenses. Each fiscal year ~~beginning with fiscal year 2020~~, the Department of
20 Finance and Management shall adjust the amount reserved for incurred but not
21 reported Medicaid expenses to equal the amount specified in the

1 ~~Comprehensive~~ Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year
2 occurring two years prior for the estimated amount of incurred but not reported
3 Medicaid expenses associated with the current Medicaid Global Commitment
4 waiver.

5 * * *

6 Sec. F.174 CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION SPECIAL FUND;
7 UNALLOCATED AND UNRESERVED BALANCE

8 (a) In fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of Administration shall unreserve and
9 transfer funds from the Human Services Caseload Reserve to the Child Care
10 Contribution Special Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 10554 as necessary to
11 maintain a balance that appropriately supports the State's statutory obligations
12 under the Child Care Financial Assistance Program established in 33 V.S.A.
13 §§ 3512 and 3513.

14 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that any unreserved and
15 unallocated balance in the Child Care Contribution Special Fund shall remain
16 in the Fund to support the future establishment of a reserve for the Child Care
17 Financial Assistance Program.

18 Sec. F.175 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; FACILITY WORK
19 PROGRAMS; STRATEGIC PLAN

20 (a) Findings and intent.

1 (1) The General Assembly finds that a significant budget deficit has
2 developed within previously existing programs despite a wage structure that
3 pays incarcerated individuals in Vermont at rates ranging from \$0.25 to \$1.35
4 per hour, significantly below the federal minimum wage.

5 (2) It is the intent of the General Assembly that all Department of
6 Corrections facility work programs operate in a manner that is fiscally
7 sustainable to the extent possible within current statutory limitations and
8 effective in preparing offenders for meaningful employment upon release.

9 (b) Strategic plan. On or before December 15, 2025, the Department of
10 Corrections shall, in consultation with the Department of Labor, submit a
11 strategic plan with proposed benchmarks for improvement to the House
12 Committees on Appropriations and on Corrections and Institutions and the
13 Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Institutions, and on Judiciary. The
14 strategic plan shall include:

15 (1) A business plan to improve program efficiency and self-
16 sustainability to ensure all facility work programs, including Vermont
17 Correctional Industries, vocational training programs, and other paid facility
18 duties, operate without recurring deficits or to clearly identify funding sources
19 to address the deficits.

20 (2) A comprehensive evaluation of the skills provided through facility
21 work programs to determine if those skills are transferable to employment

1 opportunities post-incarceration. The evaluation shall include consideration of
2 expanding technical training and certification opportunities that carry
3 recognized value in the labor market.

4 (3) An analysis of facility work programs to determine if each program
5 serves a sufficient portion of the incarcerated population to justify its
6 administration. The analysis shall also consider whether participants gain
7 meaningful and valuable work experiences.

8 (4) A review of wages paid to facility work program participants, the
9 implications of wage structures on program outcomes, and the appropriate use
10 of funds in relation to program objectives.

11 (c) In fiscal years 2025 and 2026, the Department of Corrections shall
12 submit timely reports to the House Committees on Appropriations and on
13 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on
14 Institutions, and on Judiciary, or the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Joint
15 Legislative Justice Oversight Committee when the General Assembly is not in
16 session, on the development of facility work program deficits. The
17 Department shall include in these reports any financial or operational actions
18 taken to address deficits, increase oversight, and prevent future deficits.

19 Sec. F.176 MEDICAID PROVIDERS WITH STABILIZATION NEEDS;

20 GRANT ELIGIBILITY

1 (a) All Vermont Medicaid participating providers with demonstrated
2 stabilization needs and a plan to achieve sustainability shall be eligible to apply
3 for funds appropriated pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.
4 B.1100(o)(4), including substance use residential treatment facilities, federally
5 qualified health centers, residential mental health providers, and other
6 providers of health care and human services.

7 (b) On or before December 15, 2025, the Department of Vermont Health
8 Access shall submit a report to the House Committees on Health Care and on
9 Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on
10 Appropriations. The report shall include:

11 (1) A detailed account of grants distributed pursuant to the appropriation
12 made in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1100(o)(4), as added by this
13 act. This shall include the dollar amount and recipient of each grant.

14 (2) A description of each grant recipient's financial status prior to
15 receipt of the grant, a summary of the impact of the grant for each recipient,
16 and a summary of a revised long-term sustainability plan for each grant
17 recipient.

18 (3) An analysis of grant outcomes and any recommendations for
19 enhancing the financial stability of Vermont Medicaid providers.

20 Sec. F.177 ADULT DIPLOMA PROGRAM AND HIGH SCHOOL

21 COMPLETION PROGRAM TRANSITIONAL STUDENTS

1 (a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 945 and any other provision of law to the
2 contrary, a high school may award a high school diploma to any student who
3 meets the following criteria:

4 (1) Prior to July 1, 2024, the student was participating in the High
5 School Completion Program as the program existed under 16 V.S.A. § 943 on
6 June 30, 2024.

7 (2) The student has met the requirements of the student's individual
8 graduation plan and would have been eligible to receive a diploma pursuant to
9 the High School Completion Program as it existed under 16 V.S.A. § 943 on
10 June 30, 2024.

11 Sec. F.178 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

12 DISCRETIONARY EXEMPTIONS

13 (a) For the remainder of federal fiscal year 2025, the Department for
14 Children and Families shall utilize the State's allocation of discretionary
15 exemptions in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to the extent
16 permitted by federal regulation for the purposes of:

17 (1) extending benefits to Program participants who would otherwise
18 experience a disruption of benefits; and

19 (2) ensuring that Program participants are not accruing any time-limited
20 benefit work requirement countable months.

1 Sec. F.179 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 19, Secs. 5 and 6 are amended to read:

2 Sec. 5. [Deleted.]

3 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATES

4 (a) Sec. 4 (marriage licenses; 32 V.S.A. § 1712) shall take effect on July 1,
5 2023.

6 (b) ~~Sec. 5 (marriage licenses; 32 V.S.A. § 1712) shall take effect on July 1,~~
7 ~~2025.~~

8 (c) All other sections shall take effect 30 calendar days after passage.

9 Sec. F.180 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 82, Sec. 1, as amended by 2024 Acts
10 and Resolves No. 108, Sec. 3, is further amended to read:

11 Sec. 1. REIMBURSEMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES OF STATE

12 EDUCATION PROPERTY TAXES THAT WERE ABATED DUE
13 TO FLOODING

14 (a)(1) The Commissioner of Taxes may approve an application by a
15 municipality for reimbursement of State education property tax payments owed
16 under 32 V.S.A. § 5402(c) and 16 V.S.A. § 426. To be eligible for
17 reimbursement under this section, prior to November 15, ~~2024~~ 2025, a
18 municipality must have abated, in proportion to the abated municipal tax,
19 under 24 V.S.A. § 1535 the State education property taxes that were assessed
20 on eligible property, after application of any property tax credit allowed under
21 32 V.S.A. chapter 154.

1 (2) As used in this subsection, “eligible property” means property lost
2 or destroyed due directly or indirectly to severe storms and flooding in an area
3 that was declared a federal disaster between July 1, 2023 and ~~October 15, 2023~~
4 December 31, 2024, provided the loss or destruction resulted in one or more of
5 the following:

6 (A) a 50 percent or greater loss in value to the primary structure on
7 the property;

8 (B) loss of use by the property owner of the primary structure on the
9 property for 60 days or more;

10 (C) loss of access by the property owner to utilities for the primary
11 structure on the property for 60 days or more; or

12 (D) condemnation of the primary structure on the property under
13 federal, State, or municipal law, as applicable.

14 (b) If a municipality demonstrates that, due to disruption to tax collections
15 resulting from flooding in an area that was declared a federal disaster between
16 July 1, 2023 and ~~October 15, 2023~~ December 31, 2024, the municipality
17 incurred unanticipated interest expenses on funds borrowed to make State
18 education property tax payments owed under 32 V.S.A. § 5402(c) and 16
19 V.S.A. § 426, the municipality may be reimbursed by an amount equal to its
20 reasonable interest expenses under this subsection, provided the amount of
21 reimbursed interest expenses shall not exceed eight percent.

1 * * *

2 Sec. F.181 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106 is amended to read:

3 Sec. E.106 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

4 APPROPRIATIONS; REVERSION AND ESTABLISHMENT

5 OF NEW SPENDING AUTHORITY

6 * * *

7 (b) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall revert all
8 unobligated American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
9 Fund spending authority prior to December 31, 2024. The total amount of
10 American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund
11 spending authority reverted in accordance with this subsection shall equal the
12 amount of new spending authority established pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 for
13 the following purposes in the following order:

14 * * *

15 (3) \$30,000,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to
16 provide support and enhance capacity for the production and preservation of;
17 affordable mixed-income rental housing and homeownership units; including
18 improvements to manufactured homes and communities; permanent homes
19 and emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness; recovery
20 residences; and housing available to farm workers, refugees, and individuals

1 who are eligible to receive Medicaid-funded home and community based
2 services.

3 Sec. F.182 CARRYFORWARD AUTHORITY

4 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval
5 of the Secretary of Administration, General Fund, Transportation Fund,
6 Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund, Education Fund, Technology
7 Modernization Special Fund (21951), Clean Water Fund (21932), and
8 Agricultural Water Quality Fund (21933) appropriations remaining
9 unexpended on June 30, 2025 in the Executive Branch shall be carried forward
10 and shall be designated for expenditure.

11 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, General
12 Fund appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2025 in the Legislative
13 and Judicial Branches shall be carried forward and shall be designated for
14 expenditure.

15 * * * Effective Dates * * *

16 Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

17 (a) This section and Secs. B.1101, C.100, C.101, C.102, C.103, C.104,
18 C.105, C.106, C.107, E.127.3, E.142.1, E.142.2, E.306.1, E.312.1, F.100,
19 F.101, F.102, F.103, F.104, F.105, F.106, F.107, F.108, F.109, F.110, F.111,
20 F.112, F.113, F.114, F.115, F.116, F.117, F.118, F.119, F.120, F.121, F.122,
21 F.123, F.124, F.125, F.126, F.127, F.128, F.129, F.130, F.131, F.132, F.133,

1 F.134, F.135, F.136, F.137, F.138, F.139, F.140, F.141, F.142, F.143, F.144,
2 F.145, F.146, F.147, F.148, F.149, F.150, F.151, F.152, F.153, F.156, F.157,
3 F.158, F.159, F.160, F.162, F.163, F.164, F.165, F.166, F.167, F.168, F.169,
4 F.170, F.171, F.172, F.173, F.174, F.175, F.176, F.177, F.178, F.179, F.181,
5 and F.182 shall take effect on passage.

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

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

12 (d) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. E.111.3 shall take effect
13 retroactively on January 1, 2025 and shall apply to taxable years and periods
14 beginning on and after January 1, 2025 and ending on or before December 31,
15 2025.

16 (e) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Secs. F.154 and F.155 shall take
17 effect retroactively on March 31, 2025.

18 (f) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. F.161 shall take effect
19 retroactively on July 1, 2024.

20 (g) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. F.180 shall take effect
21 retroactively on November 15, 2024.

- 1 (h) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2025.
- 2 And by renumbering all of the sections of the bill to be numerically correct
- 3 (including internal references) and adjusting all of the totals to be
- 4 arithmetically correct.