

1 H.790

2 Introduced by Committee on Appropriations

3 Date:

4 Subject: Appropriations; budget adjustment act; fiscal year 2026

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make  
6 adjustments in the fiscal year 2026 omnibus appropriations act (“Big Bill”) and  
7 other acts affecting fiscal year 2026.

8 An act relating to fiscal year 2026 budget adjustments

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

10 Sec. 1. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.125 is amended to read:

11 Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel

12	Personal services	<del>4,589,480</del>	5,309,541
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13	Operating expenses	<u>286,936</u>	<u>286,936</u>
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14	Total	<del>4,876,416</del>	5,596,477
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15 Source of funds

16	General fund	<u>4,876,416</u>	<u>5,596,477</u>
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17	Total	<del>4,876,416</del>	5,596,477
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18 Sec. 2. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.126 is amended to read:

19 Sec. B.126 Legislature

1	Personal services	<del>8,457,653</del>	7,620,986
2	Operating expenses	<u>5,329,448</u>	<u>5,329,448</u>
3	Total	<del>13,787,101</del>	12,950,434
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	<u><del>13,787,101</del></u>	<u>12,950,434</u>
6	Total	<del>13,787,101</del>	12,950,434

7 Sec. 3. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.127 is amended to read:

8 Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee

9	Personal services	<del>2,959,862</del>	3,076,468
10	Operating expenses	<u>197,907</u>	<u>197,907</u>
11	Total	<del>3,157,769</del>	3,274,375
12	Source of funds		
13	General fund	<u><del>3,157,769</del></u>	<u>3,274,375</u>
14	Total	<del>3,157,769</del>	3,274,375

15 Sec. 4. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.137 is amended to read:

16 Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate

17	Grants	<u><del>19,000,000</del></u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
18	Total	<del>19,000,000</del>	17,500,000
19	Source of funds		

1	General fund	<u><del>19,000,000</del></u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
2	Total	<del>19,000,000</del>	17,500,000

3 Sec. 5. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.138 is amended to read:

4 Sec. B.138 Renter rebate

5	Grants	<u><del>9,500,000</del></u>	<u>11,000,000</u>
6	Total	<del>9,500,000</del>	11,000,000

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	<u><del>9,500,000</del></u>	<u>11,000,000</u>
9	Total	<del>9,500,000</del>	11,000,000

10 Sec. 6. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.139 is amended to read:

11 Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments

12	Grants	<u><del>3,410,000</del></u>	<u>3,410,000</u>
13	Total	3,410,000	3,410,000

14 Source of funds

15	General fund	<del>3,410,000</del>	0
16	<u>Special funds</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,410,000</u>
17	Total	3,410,000	3,410,000

18 Sec. 7. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.145 is amended to read:

19 Sec. B.145 Total general government

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	<del>140,473,564</del>	137,063,564
3	Transportation fund	4,542,959	4,542,959
4	Special funds	<del>34,043,313</del>	37,453,313
5	Federal funds	1,273,020	1,273,020
6	Internal service funds	209,117,870	209,117,870
7	Interdepartmental transfers	9,219,740	9,219,740
8	Enterprise funds	4,427	4,427
9	Pension trust funds	5,260,363	5,260,363
10	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,382,916</u>	<u>1,382,916</u>
11	Total	405,318,172	405,318,172

12 Sec. 8. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.204 is amended to read:

13 Sec. B.204 Judiciary

14	Personal services	<del>64,512,754</del>	65,071,320
15	Operating expenses	13,865,672	13,865,672
16	Grants	<u>121,030</u>	<u>121,030</u>
17	Total	<del>78,499,456</del>	79,058,022

18 Source of funds

19	General fund	<del>72,601,728</del>	73,160,294
20	Special funds	1,997,094	1,997,094
21	Federal funds	1,560,412	1,560,412

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,340,222</u>	<u>2,340,222</u>
2	Total	<del>78,499,456</del>	79,058,022

3 Sec. 9. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.207 is amended to read:

4 Sec. B.207 Sheriffs

5	Personal services	<del>6,092,392</del>	6,240,913
6	Operating expenses	<u>446,237</u>	<u>481,237</u>
7	Total	<del>6,538,629</del>	6,722,150

8 Source of funds

9	General fund	<u>6,538,629</u>	<u>6,722,150</u>
10	Total	<del>6,538,629</del>	6,722,150

11 Sec. 10. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.208 is amended to read:

12 Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration

13	Personal services	6,289,651	6,289,651
14	Operating expenses	6,380,415	6,380,415
15	Grants	<u>278,285</u>	<u>278,285</u>
16	Total	12,948,351	12,948,351

17 Source of funds

18	General fund	<del>7,630,863</del>	8,390,863
19	Special funds	4,105	4,105
20	Federal funds	1,089,155	1,089,155

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,224,228</u>	<u>3,464,228</u>
2	Total	12,948,351	12,948,351

3 Sec. 11. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.209 is amended to read:

4 Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

5	Personal services	<del>83,279,417</del>	84,145,179
6	Operating expenses	16,733,452	16,733,452
7	Grants	<u>1,813,523</u>	<u>1,813,523</u>
8	Total	<del>101,826,392</del>	102,692,154

9 Source of funds

10	General fund	<del>87,421,532</del>	88,287,294
11	Special funds	3,223,793	3,223,793
12	Federal funds	9,734,790	9,734,790
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,446,277</u>	<u>1,446,277</u>
14	Total	<del>101,826,392</del>	102,692,154

15 Sec. 12. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.210 is amended to read:

16 Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services

17	Personal services	<del>5,116,729</del>	5,686,729
18	Operating expenses	<u>2,098,944</u>	<u>2,098,944</u>
19	Total	<del>7,215,673</del>	7,785,673

20 Source of funds

1	General fund	<del>1,929,676</del>	2,499,676
2	Special funds	4,483,740	4,483,740
3	Federal funds	<u>802,257</u>	<u>802,257</u>
4	Total	<del>7,215,673</del>	7,785,673

5 Sec. 13. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.215 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.215 Military - administration

7	Personal services	1,142,600	1,142,600
8	Operating expenses	810,661	810,661
9	Grants	<u><del>1,219,834</del></u>	<u>933,121</u>
10	Total	<del>3,173,095</del>	2,886,382

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	<u><del>3,173,095</del></u>	<u>2,886,382</u>
13	Total	<del>3,173,095</del>	2,886,382

14 Sec. 14. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.221 is amended to read:

15 Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council

16	Personal services	<del>2,508,514</del>	2,808,514
17	Operating expenses	<u>2,142,603</u>	<u>2,142,603</u>
18	Total	<del>4,651,117</del>	4,951,117

19 Source of funds

20	General fund	<del>4,260,265</del>	4,560,265
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1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>390,852</u>	<u>390,852</u>
2	Total	<del>4,651,117</del>	4,951,117

3 Sec. 15. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.236 is amended to read:

4 Sec. B.236 Human rights commission

5	Personal services	<del>1,243,420</del>	1,175,647
6	Operating expenses	<u>142,164</u>	<u>142,164</u>
7	Total	<del>1,385,584</del>	1,317,811
8	Source of funds		
9	General fund	<del>1,292,811</del>	1,317,811
10	Federal funds	<u>92,773</u>	<u>0</u>
11	Total	<del>1,385,584</del>	1,317,811

12 Sec. 16. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:

13 Sec. B.240 Cannabis control board

14	Personal services	4,466,288	4,466,288
15	Operating expenses	<del>2,053,382</del>	2,683,532
16	Grants	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
17	Total	<del>6,529,670</del>	7,159,820
18	Source of funds		
19	Special funds	<del>6,529,670</del>	<u>7,159,820</u>
20	Total	<del>6,529,670</del>	7,159,820



1       Sec. 17. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:

2           Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property

3       Source of funds

4	General fund	<del>279,384,152</del>	282,360,288
5	Special funds	<del>121,247,670</del>	121,877,820
6	Tobacco fund	685,239	685,239
7	Federal funds	<del>239,445,060</del>	239,352,287
8	ARRA funds	6,627	6,627
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<del>17,289,829</del>	16,529,829
10	Enterprise funds	<u>17,847,569</u>	<u>17,847,569</u>
11	Total	<del>675,906,146</del>	678,659,659

12       Sec. 18. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:

13           Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office

14	Personal services	17,333,398	17,333,398
15	Operating expenses	<del>11,231,120</del>	7,199,632
16	Grants	<u>3,795,202</u>	<u>3,795,202</u>
17	Total	<del>32,359,720</del>	28,328,232

18       Source of funds

19	General fund	<del>15,569,598</del>	13,465,739
20	Special funds	135,517	135,517

1	Federal funds	<del>14,023,964</del>	12,096,335
2	Global Commitment fund	2,510,857	2,510,857
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>119,784</u>	<u>119,784</u>
4	Total	<del>32,359,720</del>	28,328,232

5 Sec. 19. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment

7	Grants	<del>2,207,280,248</del>	<u>2,267,099,358</u>
8	Total	<del>2,207,280,248</del>	<u>2,267,099,358</u>
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	<del>712,815,861</del>	730,091,238
11	Special funds	31,339,852	31,339,852
12	Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
13	State health care resources fund	31,074,772	31,074,772
14	Federal funds	<del>1,406,003,180</del>	1,448,546,913
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,997,210</u>	<u>4,997,210</u>
16	Total	<del>2,207,280,248</del>	<u>2,267,099,358</u>

17 Sec. 20. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

18 Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration

19	Personal services	<del>142,860,018</del>	148,653,725
20	Operating expenses	<del>36,310,876</del>	37,434,661

1	Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>	<u>3,112,301</u>
2	Total	<del>182,283,195</del>	189,200,687
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	<del>43,820,359</del>	46,204,011
5	Special funds	4,760,237	4,760,237
6	Federal funds	<del>126,141,154</del>	130,644,944
7	Global Commitment fund	<del>4,382,601</del>	4,412,651
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,178,844</u>	<u>3,178,844</u>
9	Total	<del>182,283,195</del>	189,200,687

10 Sec. 21. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.307 is amended to read:

11 Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -  
12 global commitment

13	Grants	<del>979,554,012</del>	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
14	Total	<del>979,554,012</del>	1,009,246,202
15	Source of funds		
16	Global Commitment fund	<del>979,554,012</del>	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
17	Total	<del>979,554,012</del>	1,009,246,202

18 Sec. 22. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:

19 Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -  
20 state only

1	Grants	<u>67,605,443</u>	<u>69,664,468</u>
2	Total	<u>67,605,443</u>	69,664,468
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	62,133,605	64,539,070
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,471,838</u>	<u>5,125,398</u>
6	Total	<u>67,605,443</u>	69,664,468

7 Sec. 23. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:

8 Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver  
9 matched

10	Grants	<u>44,034,870</u>	<u>44,593,047</u>
11	Total	<u>44,034,870</u>	44,593,047
12	Source of funds		
13	General fund	<u>13,467,770</u>	13,636,779
14	Federal funds	<u>30,567,100</u>	<u>30,956,268</u>
15	Total	<u>44,034,870</u>	44,593,047

16 Sec. 24. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.311 is amended to read:

17 Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

18	Personal services	9,163,996	9,163,996
19	Operating expenses	<u>8,043,463</u>	9,006,777
20	Grants	<u>7,985,727</u>	<u>7,985,727</u>

1	Total	<del>25,193,186</del>	26,156,500
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	<del>4,298,710</del>	4,780,367
4	Special funds	2,423,587	2,423,587
5	Federal funds	<del>10,954,085</del>	11,435,742
6	Global Commitment fund	7,361,523	7,361,523
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>155,281</u>	<u>155,281</u>
8	Total	<del>25,193,186</del>	26,156,500

9 Sec. 25. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:

10 Sec. B.312 Health - public health

11	Personal services	71,272,453	71,272,453
12	Operating expenses	10,371,654	10,371,654
13	Grants	<del>48,496,832</del>	<u>48,541,832</u>
14	Total	<del>130,140,939</del>	130,185,939
15	Source of funds		
16	General fund	<del>15,160,817</del>	15,505,817
17	Special funds	25,398,124	25,398,124
18	Tobacco fund	1,088,918	1,088,918
19	Federal funds	64,355,699	64,355,699
20	Global Commitment fund	<del>18,457,507</del>	18,157,507
21	Interdepartmental transfers	5,654,874	5,654,874

1	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
2	Total	<del>130,140,939</del>	130,185,939

3 Sec. 26. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:

4 Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

5	Personal services	<del>12,456,526</del>	13,271,526
6	Operating expenses	<del>2,420,029</del>	2,522,590
7	Grants	<del>279,691,678</del>	<u>282,916,053</u>
8	Total	<del>294,568,233</del>	298,710,169
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	<del>13,127,716</del>	15,280,378
11	Special funds	6,836	6,836
12	Federal funds	<del>13,158,032</del>	12,800,308
13	Global Commitment fund	<del>266,967,840</del>	269,314,838
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,307,809</u>	<u>1,307,809</u>
15	Total	<del>294,568,233</del>	298,710,169

16 Sec. 27. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.315 is amended to read:

17 Sec. B.315 Department of mental health - mental health facilities

18	Personal services	<del>40,937,117</del>	41,323,934
19	Operating expenses	<u>3,393,946</u>	<u>3,393,946</u>
20	Total	<del>44,331,063</del>	44,717,880

1 Source of funds

2	General fund	<del>18,868,124</del>	18,698,157
3	Special funds	1,711,256	1,711,256
4	Global Commitment fund	<u><del>23,751,683</del></u>	<u>24,308,467</u>
5	Total	<del>44,331,063</del>	44,717,880

6 Sec. 28. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support  
8 services

9	Personal services	50,609,972	50,609,972
10	Operating expenses	<del>17,876,453</del>	20,719,611
11	Grants	<u>5,914,175</u>	<u>5,914,175</u>
12	Total	<del>74,400,600</del>	77,243,758

13 Source of funds

14	General fund	<del>43,680,871</del>	46,217,414
15	Special funds	2,954,500	2,954,500
16	Federal funds	<del>24,518,288</del>	24,824,903
17	Global Commitment fund	2,780,636	2,780,636
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>466,305</u>	<u>466,305</u>
19	Total	<del>74,400,600</del>	77,243,758

1       Sec. 29. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:

2           Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services

3	Personal services	49,175,153	49,175,153
4	Operating expenses	5,497,038	5,497,038
5	Grants	<u>100,541,760</u>	<u>101,623,888</u>
6	Total	<del>155,213,951</del>	156,296,079

7       Source of funds

8	General fund	<del>63,680,993</del>	63,041,558
9	Special funds	729,150	729,150
10	Federal funds	<del>37,407,542</del>	38,588,277
11	Global Commitment fund	<del>53,381,266</del>	53,922,094
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
13	Total	<del>155,213,951</del>	156,296,079

14       Sec. 30. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

15           Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development

16	Personal services	6,563,807	6,563,807
17	Operating expenses	783,604	783,604
18	Grants	<u>227,780,727</u>	<u>227,344,739</u>
19	Total	<del>235,128,138</del>	234,692,150

20       Source of funds



1	General fund	61,267,870	61,267,870
2	Special funds	115,409,671	115,409,671
3	Federal funds	42,924,133	42,924,133
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>15,526,464</u>	<u>15,090,476</u>
5	Total	<del>235,128,138</del>	234,692,150

6 Sec. 31. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and  
8 disabled

9	Personal services	<del>2,558,460</del>	2,514,961
10	Grants	<u>10,418,567</u>	<u>10,225,103</u>
11	Total	<del>12,977,027</del>	12,740,064

12 Source of funds

13	General fund	<del>7,470,372</del>	7,352,839
14	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,506,655</u>	<u>5,387,225</u>
15	Total	<del>12,977,027</del>	12,740,064

16 Sec. 32. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.321 is amended to read:

17 Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance

18	Personal services	15,000	15,000
19	Grants	<u>10,415,779</u>	<u>10,674,625</u>
20	Total	<del>10,430,779</del>	10,689,625

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	<del>10,189,157</del>	10,492,643
3	Federal funds	11,098	11,098
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>230,524</u>	<u>185,884</u>
5	Total	<del>10,430,779</del>	10,689,625

6 Sec. 33. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up

8	Operating expenses	23,821	23,821
9	Grants	<del>36,532,863</del>	<u>34,302,585</u>
10	Total	<del>36,556,684</del>	34,326,406

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	<del>24,035,417</del>	21,805,139
13	Special funds	<del>5,970,229</del>	6,106,068
14	Federal funds	<del>2,806,330</del>	2,670,491
15	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,744,708</u>	<u>3,744,708</u>
16	Total	<del>36,556,684</del>	34,326,406

17 Sec. 34. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.325 is amended to read:

18 Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic  
19 opportunity

1	Personal services	<del>1,376,425</del>	1,646,237
2	Operating expenses	159,458	159,458
3	Grants	<u><del>39,165,356</del></u>	<u>41,022,744</u>
4	Total	<del>40,701,239</del>	42,828,439
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	<del>32,312,474</del>	34,312,474
7	Special funds	83,135	83,135
8	Federal funds	5,118,329	5,118,329
9	Global Commitment fund	<u><del>3,187,301</del></u>	<u>3,314,501</u>
10	Total	<del>40,701,239</del>	42,828,439

11 Sec. 35. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.327 is amended to read:

12 Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - secure residential  
13 treatment

14	Personal services	258,100	258,100
15	Operating expenses	38,775	38,775
16	Grants	<u><del>3,476,862</del></u>	<u>5,376,862</u>
17	Total	<del>3,773,737</del>	5,673,737
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	<del>3,743,737</del>	5,643,737
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
21	Total	<del>3,773,737</del>	5,673,737

1       Sec. 36. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.329 is amended to read:

2           Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &  
3       support

4           Personal services	48,973,454	48,973,454
5           Operating expenses	<u>6,544,338</u>	<u>6,856,716</u>
6           Total	<u>55,517,792</u>	55,830,170

7       Source of funds

8           General fund	<u>25,692,412</u>	25,848,601
9           Special funds	1,390,457	1,390,457
10          Federal funds	<u>27,258,639</u>	27,414,828
11          Global Commitment fund	110,000	110,000
12          Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>	<u>1,066,284</u>
13          Total	<u>55,517,792</u>	55,830,170

14       Sec. 37. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:

15           Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and  
16       independent living grants

17          Grants	<u>24,909,492</u>	<u>25,100,975</u>
18          Total	<u>24,909,492</u>	25,100,975

19       Source of funds

20          General fund	<u>8,585,909</u>	8,779,020
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1	Federal funds	<del>7,321,114</del>	7,191,114
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>9,002,469</u>	<u>9,130,841</u>
3	Total	<del>24,909,492</del>	25,100,975

4 Sec. 38. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.333 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental  
6 services

7	Grants	<u>349,987,467</u>	<u>351,175,948</u>
8	Total	<del>349,987,467</del>	351,175,948
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	132,732	132,732
11	Special funds	15,463	15,463
12	Federal funds	403,573	403,573
13	Global Commitment fund	<del>349,385,699</del>	350,574,180
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
15	Total	<del>349,987,467</del>	351,175,948

16 Sec. 39. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:

17 Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and  
18 community based waiver

19	Grants	<u>7,540,256</u>	<u>7,544,967</u>
20	Total	<del>7,540,256</del>	7,544,967

1 Source of funds

2	Global Commitment fund	<u><del>7,540,256</del></u>	<u>7,544,967</u>
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3	Total	<u><del>7,540,256</del></u>	<u>7,544,967</u>
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4 Sec. 40. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - long term care

6	Grants	<u><del>346,858,094</del></u>	<u>375,504,889</u>
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7	Total	<u><del>346,858,094</del></u>	<u>375,504,889</u>
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8 Source of funds

9	General fund	498,579	498,579
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10	Federal funds	2,450,000	2,450,000
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11	Global Commitment fund	<u><del>343,909,515</del></u>	<u>372,556,310</u>
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12	Total	<u><del>346,858,094</del></u>	<u>375,504,889</u>
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13 Sec. 41. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

15	Personal services	<u><del>177,107,933</del></u>	184,910,113
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16	Operating expenses	<u><del>25,571,966</del></u>	26,227,109
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17	Grants	<u>801,823</u>	<u>801,823</u>
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18	Total	<u><del>203,481,722</del></u>	211,939,045
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19 Source of funds

20	General fund	<u><del>198,084,766</del></u>	203,987,089
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1	Special funds	<del>935,963</del>	990,963
2	Federal funds	516,600	516,600
3	Global Commitment fund	<del>3,548,078</del>	6,048,078
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
5	Total	<del>203,481,722</del>	211,939,045

6 Sec. 42. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.339 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.339 Corrections - correctional services - out of state beds

8	Personal services	<u>4,130,378</u>	<u>4,520,333</u>
9	Total	<u>4,130,378</u>	4,520,333
10	Source of funds		
11	General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>	<u>4,520,333</u>
12	Total	<u>4,130,378</u>	4,520,333

13 Sec. 43. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services

15	Personal services	24,048,875	24,048,875
16	Operating expenses	<u>6,913,887</u>	<u>6,913,887</u>
17	Total	30,962,762	30,962,762
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	<del>10,033,214</del>	8,998,647
20	Special funds	<del>12,799,530</del>	13,834,097

1	Federal funds	<u>8,130,018</u>	<u>8,130,018</u>
2	Total	30,962,762	30,962,762

3 Sec. 44. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.347 is amended to read:

4 Sec. B.347 Total human services

5 Source of funds

6	General fund	<del>1,428,803,059</del>	1,461,101,849
7	Special funds	<del>231,430,533</del>	232,655,939
8	Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
9	State health care resources fund	31,074,772	31,074,772
10	Federal funds	<del>1,946,078,413</del>	1,993,089,108
11	Global Commitment fund	<del>2,148,606,890</del>	2,213,122,801
12	Internal service funds	403,853	403,853
13	Interdepartmental transfers	32,694,090	32,694,090
14	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
15	Total	<del>5,842,204,818</del>	5,987,255,620

16 Sec. 45. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.508 is amended to read:

17 Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition

18	Grants	<u><del>18,500,000</del></u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
19	Total	<del>18,500,000</del>	17,500,000

20 Source of funds



1	Education fund	<u>18,500,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
2	Total	<u>18,500,000</u>	17,500,000

3 Sec. 46. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:

4 Sec. B.516 Total general education

5 Source of funds

6	General fund	244,496,788	244,496,788
7	Special funds	32,699,554	32,699,554
8	Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
9	Education fund	<u>2,430,399,971</u>	2,429,399,971
10	Federal funds	206,397,296	206,397,296
11	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
12	Interdepartmental transfers	2,376,046	2,376,046
13	Pension trust funds	<u>3,864,405</u>	<u>3,864,405</u>
14	Total	<u>2,921,244,448</u>	2,920,244,448

15 Sec. 47. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.702 is amended to read:

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

17	Personal services	<u>23,876,543</u>	24,086,543
18	Operating expenses	6,738,504	6,738,504
19	Grants	<u>833,630</u>	<u>833,630</u>
20	Total	<u>31,448,677</u>	31,658,677

1 Source of funds

2	General fund	<del>9,532,865</del>	9,742,865
3	Special funds	364,696	364,696
4	Fish and wildlife fund	10,097,060	10,097,060
5	Federal funds	9,927,754	9,927,754
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,526,302</u>	<u>1,526,302</u>
7	Total	<del>31,448,677</del>	31,658,677

8 Sec. 48. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.704 is amended to read:

9 Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry

10	Personal services	<del>11,026,473</del>	11,098,456
11	Operating expenses	<del>1,122,371</del>	1,155,605
12	Grants	<u>1,408,910</u>	<u>1,408,910</u>
13	Total	<del>13,557,754</del>	13,662,971

14 Source of funds

15	General fund	<del>6,839,753</del>	6,944,970
16	Special funds	1,204,005	1,204,005
17	Federal funds	4,326,877	4,326,877
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,187,119</u>	<u>1,187,119</u>
19	Total	<del>13,557,754</del>	13,662,971

2                    Sec. B.713 Land use review board

6 Source of funds

10        Sec. 50. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

11           Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

12 Source of funds

19 \* \* \*

1 Sec. 51. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

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

3 APPROPRIATIONS

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

6 (1) \$1,100,000 General Fund for the Truth and Reconciliation  
7 Commission; ~~and~~

8 (2) \$110,000 General Fund for the Office of Racial Equity to continue  
9 the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Vermont program an  
10 additional year;

11 (3) \$500,000 General Fund for the reimbursement of Community  
12 Accountability Court Project expenses requested by other State entities; and

13 (4) \$3,000,000 General Fund to ensure the appropriation made in Sec.  
14 B.514 of this act is sufficient to meet 100 percent of the Vermont State  
15 Teachers' Retirement System Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution.  
16 The appropriation made in Sec. B.513 of this act pursuant to 16 V.S.A.  
17 § 1944(c)(13) shall not be considered for the purposes of determining whether  
18 the appropriation made in Sec. B.514 of this act is sufficient to ensure that the  
19 Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution requirement is funded at 100  
20 percent in fiscal year 2026. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year  
21 until fully expended or reverted by an act of the General Assembly.

\* \* \*

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

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

(2) \$500,000 PILOT Special Fund, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a) or any other provision of law to the contrary, for the purpose of inventorying and creating a property valuation model for communications properties. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted by an act of the General Assembly.

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

\* \* \*

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

(3) \$514,875 General Fund and \$735,125 federal funds for the Department of Vermont Health Access' Global Commitment appropriation for the first year of implementation of the Maple Mountain Family Medicine Residency Program if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

1 approves the Agency's request for federal matching funds pursuant to Sec.

2 E.306.5(a) of this act;

3 (4) \$385,000 General Fund for office fit-up costs at the Waterbury State  
4 Office Complex and Pilgrim Place; and

5 (5) \$329,520 General Fund and \$470,480 federal funds for the  
6 Department of Vermont Health Access' Global Commitment appropriation for  
7 supplemental nonemergency medical transportation funding.

8 \* \* \*

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

11 \* \* \*

12 (5) \$200,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund for a grant to  
13 Mentor Vermont; ~~and~~

14 (6) \$250,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Parent Child  
15 Center Network for smoking cessation initiatives;

16 (7) \$163,627 General Fund to continue the activities related to  
17 addressing health disparities and promoting health equity originally initiated by  
18 the Agency of Administration Office of Racial Equity per 2021 Acts and  
19 Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.1106(a)(10);

20 (8) \$167,000 General Fund for the Bridges to Health program; and



\* \* \*

(2) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the Land Access and Opportunity Board's Homes for All, Homes for All Phase 2, and Secure Housing Coaching programs.

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(7) \$800,000 Global Commitment for supplemental nonemergency  
medical transportation funding.

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

3 \* \* \*

4 (2) ~~\$500,000~~ \$900,000 General Fund for a grant to Vermont Foodbank  
5 for the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program;

6 \* \* \*

7 (ff) Judiciary. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:

8 (1) \$139,443 General Fund for the establishment and operations of the  
9 Chittenden County Community Accountability Court Project.

10 (gg) Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs. In fiscal year 2026,  
11 funds are appropriated for the following:

12 (1) \$36,848 General Fund for the Chittenden County Community  
13 Accountability Court Project.

14 Sec. 52. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.100 is amended to read:

15 Sec. D.100 PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX ALLOCATIONS

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

19 \* \* \*

20 (2) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of ~~\$36,964,250~~  
21 \$36,471,750 from the property transfer tax and the surcharge established by

1 32 V.S.A. § 9602a deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust  
2 Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.

3 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property  
4 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the  
5 affordable housing bond pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 314 shall be offset by the  
6 reduction of \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and  
7 Conservation Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by  
8 32 V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2026 appropriation of ~~\$36,964,250~~  
9 \$36,471,750 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board reflects the  
10 \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing bond and related property  
11 transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on  
12 July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the  
13 appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall be  
14 restored.

15 (3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(2), amounts in excess of  
16 ~~\$10,000,705~~ \$9,872,655 from the property transfer tax deposited into the  
17 Municipal and Regional Planning and Resilience Fund shall be transferred into  
18 the General Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(3), the ~~\$10,000,705~~  
19 \$9,872,655 shall be allocated as follows:

20 (A) ~~\$7,740,546~~ \$7,641,435 for disbursement to regional planning  
21 commissions in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

1           (B) ~~\$1,260,089~~ \$1,243,955 for disbursement to municipalities in a  
2 manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

3           (C) ~~\$1,000,070~~ \$987,265 to the Agency of Digital Services for the  
4 Vermont Center for Geographic Information.

5 Sec. 53. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

6       Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

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

10                               \* \* \*

11           (I) Criminal History Records Check Fund (#21130): \$1,059,324  
12 needed by the Department of Public Safety for deficit mitigation.

13           (i) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this be a one-  
14 time transfer to prevent the Criminal History Records Check Fund from  
15 incurring a deficit due to salary and benefit costs at the Department of Public  
16 Safety's Vermont Crime Information Center. As part of its fiscal year 2027  
17 budget adjustment presentation, the Department of Public Safety shall submit  
18 a sustainability plan for the Criminal History Records Check Fund or any  
19 proposals for alternative fund sources for associated salary and benefit costs,  
20 or both.

21                               \* \* \*

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

2 (A) General Fund (#10000): 70 percent of the unencumbered and  
3 unexpended balance of the fund in excess of ~~\$4,035,000~~ \$4,665,150 following  
4 the close of fiscal year 2025. The Commissioner of Finance and Management  
5 shall report the amount of this transfer to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July  
6 2025 meeting. For purposes of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget, this  
7 amount is estimated to be ~~\$8,900,000~~ \$9,182,689.

8 (B) Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund (#21995): 30 percent  
9 of the unencumbered and unexpended balance of the fund in excess of  
10 ~~\$4,035,000~~ \$4,665,150 following the close of fiscal year 2025. The  
11 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report the amount of this  
12 transfer to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July 2025 meeting. For purposes  
13 of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget, this amount is estimated to be  
14 ~~\$3,800,000~~ \$3,935,438.

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

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

19 (A) 8 V.S.A. § 80(d). Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund  
20 (#21075): ~~\$46,204,523~~ \$45,192,728.

1 (B) 9 V.S.A. § 5613(c). Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund  
2 ~~(#21085)~~ (#21080): ~~\$21,745,635~~ \$23,892,303.

3 (C) 27 V.S.A. § 1543. Unclaimed Property Fund (#62100):  
4 ~~\$7,389,063~~ \$8,994,314.

5 (2) To the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21085)  
6 from the:

7 (A) General Fund (#10000): ~~\$1,053,073~~ \$187,946.

8 \* \* \*

9 (c) Transfers from the following enterprise funds to the General Fund  
10 (#10000) shall not exceed the actual fiscal ~~year-end~~ year-end profits earned by  
11 the enterprise net of any amount necessary to absolve the fund of a deficit.  
12 The following estimated transfers are for purposes of developing the fiscal year  
13 2026 budget only.

14 (1) From the Sports Wagering Enterprise Fund (#50250): ~~\$7,600,000~~  
15 \$6,678,828.

16 (2) From the Liquor Control Fund (#50300): ~~\$14,849,754~~ \$16,802,502.

17 Sec. 54. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, 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 2026, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the  
21 accounts indicated:

1 \* \* \*

2 1260892201 TRE – Bond Redemption \$6,000,000.00

3 1210892401 LEG-Basic Needs Budget Members \$7,000.00

4 1220892402 JFO-Renewable Energy Standard \$65.00

5 1220892403 JFO-Basic Needs Budget Assist \$10,000.00

6 5100892211 AOE-License Data Management \$700,000.00

7 \* \* \*

8 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year

9 2026, the following amount shall revert to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement

10 Fund from the account indicated:

11 3400891802 Invest Substance Use Treat \$1,500.38

12 Sec. 55. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.103 is amended to read:

13 Sec. D.103 RESERVES

14 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year

15 2026, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds

16 provided:

17 (1) General Fund.

18 \* \* \*

19 (D) The first \$74,908,097 of any fiscal year-end balance otherwise

20 subject to the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a) shall, instead, be reserved

21 for addressing federal funding shortfalls, property tax relief, or any other uses

1 determined to be in the best interests of the public in the subsequent fiscal year.  
2 Any proceeds reserved in accordance with the requirements of this subdivision  
3 (D) shall automatically be unreserved for use on July 1 of the subsequent fiscal  
4 year.

5 \* \* \*

6 (4) Education Fund.

7 (A) The \$13,000,000 reserved pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves  
8 No. 52, Sec. 2 is unreserved.

9 Sec. 56. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.100 is amended to read:

10 Sec. E.100 POSITIONS

11 \* \* \*

12 (e) The conversion of ~~nine~~ 10 limited service exempt positions to  
13 permanent exempt status is authorized in fiscal year 2026 as follows:

14 \* \* \*

15 (2) Land Use Review Board:

16 (A) one Executive Director.

17 Sec. 57. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.301 is amended to read:

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

19 \* \* \*



1 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a  
2 total estimated sum of ~~\$27,887,533~~ \$27,868,051 is anticipated to be certified as  
3 State matching funds as follows:

4 (1) \$24,714,000 certified State match available from local education  
5 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under  
6 Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$35,286,000 of federal  
7 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated  
8 expenditure of \$60,000,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal  
9 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services  
10 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment  
11 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund established by 16 V.S.A.  
12 § 2959a.

13 (2) ~~\$3,173,533~~ \$3,154,051 certified State match available from local  
14 designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible  
15 mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

16 \* \* \*

17 Sec. 58. 32 V.S.A. § 308f is added to read:

18 § 308f. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION RESERVE

19 (a) Annually, not later than the close of the first week of the new fiscal  
20 year, the Department of Taxes and the Joint Fiscal Office shall provide the  
21 Department of Finance and Management a consensus estimate of the

1 anticipated fourth quarter receipts from the Child Care Contribution, pursuant  
2 to chapter 246 of this title, for the fiscal year being closed.

3 (b) As part of the annual fiscal year General Fund closeout process, the  
4 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall reserve an amount of General  
5 Fund dollars equal to the consensus estimate provided in subsection (a) of this  
6 section prior to executing the requirements of section 308c of this title.

7 (c) Upon completion of the annual fiscal year General Fund closeout  
8 process, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall immediately  
9 unreserve the amount reserved pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and  
10 transfer an amount equal to actual receipts to the Child Care Contribution  
11 Special Fund.

12 (d) If the amount unreserved pursuant to subsection (c) of this section is  
13 determined to be greater than the actual receipts due to the Child Care  
14 Contribution Special Fund, then the excess shall immediately be reserved in  
15 accordance with section 308c of this title.

16 (e) If the amount unreserved pursuant to subsection (c) of this section is  
17 determined to be less than the actual receipts due to the Child Care  
18 Contribution Special Fund, then the amount of the deficiency shall  
19 immediately be unreserved from the General Fund Balance Reserve  
20 established pursuant to section 308c of this title.

1       Sec. 59. 32 V.S.A. § 10554 is amended to read:

2       § 10554. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION SPECIAL FUND

3               (a) The Child Care Contribution Special Fund is created pursuant to  
4       chapter 7, subchapter 5 of this title and shall be administered by the  
5       Department for Children and Families and the Department of Taxes. Monies  
6       in the Fund may be expended by the Department of Taxes for the  
7       administration of the Child Care and Parental Leave Contribution created  
8       under this chapter; by the Department for Children and Families for benefits  
9       provided by the Child Care Financial Assistance Program established in 33  
10      V.S.A. §§ 3512 and 3513, including the provision of incentive payments  
11      pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 3515; and by the Departments for necessary costs  
12      incurred in administering the Fund. All interest earned on Fund balances shall  
13      be credited to the Fund.

14              (b) The Fund shall consist of:

15                (1) contributions collected or recovered pursuant to section 10553 of  
16      this title;

17                (2) any amounts transferred or appropriated to the Fund by the General  
18      Assembly; and

19                (3) any interest earned by the Fund.

20              (c) The Departments may seek and accept grants from any source,  
21      public or private, to be dedicated for deposit into the Fund.

\* \* \*

## § 601. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

\* \* \*

(c) ~~The Office of Legislative Counsel and the Office of Legislative Operations~~ shall provide legal, ~~professional~~, and administrative assistance to the Committee.

\* \* \*

§ 614. JOINT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE

\* \* \*

1 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,  
2 and legal assistance of the Office of Legislative Counsel,~~the Office of~~  
3 ~~Legislative Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal Office.

4 \* \* \*

5 Sec. 63. 2 V.S.A. § 651 is amended to read:

6 § 651. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE  
7 HOUSE

8 \* \* \*

9 (e) The Committee shall have the assistance of the Office of Legislative  
10 Counsel ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~.

11 \* \* \*

12 Sec. 64. 2 V.S.A. § 693 is amended to read:

13 § 693. ASSISTANCE

14 (a) The Committee shall have the administrative, technical, and legal  
15 assistance of the Office of Legislative Counsel,~~the Office of Legislative~~  
16 ~~Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal Office.

17 \* \* \*

18 Sec. 65. 2 V.S.A. § 801 is amended to read:

19 § 801. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

20 \* \* \*

1 (f) The professional and clerical services of the Joint Fiscal Office,~~the~~  
2 ~~Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Office of Legislative Counsel shall  
3 be available to the Committee.

4 Sec. 66. 2 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

5 § 1001. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

6 \* \* \*

7 (f) Assistance. The Committee shall have assistance from the Office of  
8 Legislative Counsel,~~the Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal  
9 Office.

10 \* \* \*

11 Sec. 67. 3 V.S.A. § 23 is amended to read:

12 § 23. THE COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

13 \* \* \*

14 (e) Staff services. The Commission shall be entitled to staff services of the  
15 Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Office of Legislative  
16 Counsel,~~the Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal Office.

17 \* \* \*

18 Sec. 68. 3 V.S.A. § 817 is amended to read:

19 § 817. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

20 \* \* \*

1 (b) The Committee shall meet as necessary for the prompt discharge of its  
2 duties and may use the staff and services of the Office of Legislative Counsel  
3 ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~. The Committee shall adopt rules to  
4 govern its operation and organization. A quorum of the Committee shall  
5 consist of five members. For attendance at a meeting when the General  
6 Assembly is not in session, members of the Legislative Committee on  
7 Administrative Rules shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and  
8 reimbursement for necessary expenses as provided members of standing  
9 committees under 2 V.S.A. § 23.

10 \* \* \*

11 Sec. 69. 4 V.S.A. § 4 is amended to read:

12 § 4. JUSTICES

13 \* \* \*

14 (d) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever a  
15 Justice is appointed and takes the oath of office after September 1 of the year  
16 preceding the expiration of the term of office to which the Justice has  
17 succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to  
18 continue in office. Whenever a Justice files a declaration under subsection (c)  
19 of this section, or notification occurs automatically, the Secretary of State shall  
20 notify the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Office of  
21 Legislative Counsel, ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~ forthwith.

## § 71. APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF SUPERIOR JUDGES

(c) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever a Superior judge is appointed and takes the oath of office after September 1 of the year preceding the expiration of the term of office to which the judge has succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to continue in office. Whenever a Superior judge files a declaration under subsection (b) of this section or notification occurs automatically, the Secretary of State shall notify the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~ forthwith.

Sec. 71. 4 V.S.A. § 461 is amended to read:

## § 461. OFFICE OF MAGISTRATE; JURISDICTION; SELECTION; TERM

(c)(1) Terms of office of magistrates, except in the case of an appointment to fill a vacancy or unexpired term, shall be for a term of six years from and including April 1 in the year of the magistrate's appointment or retention. A magistrate shall remain in office until a successor is appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed for cause or unless he or she resigns.



1 \* \* \*

2 (3) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever  
3 a magistrate is appointed and takes the oath of office after September 1 of the  
4 year preceding the expiration of the term of office to which the magistrate has  
5 succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to  
6 continue in office. Whenever a magistrate files a declaration under subdivision  
7 (2) of this subsection or when notification occurs automatically, the Secretary  
8 of State shall notify the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and  
9 the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~  
10 forthwith.

11 \* \* \*

12 Sec. 72. 4 V.S.A. § 607 is amended read:

13 § 607. JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL RETENTION; CREATION

14 \* \* \*

15 (c) The Committee may use the staff and services of the Office of  
16 Legislative Counsel ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~ to, in addition to  
17 other duties, obtain information on the performance of a judge or Justice by  
18 soliciting comments from members of the Vermont Bar and the public.

19 Sec. 73. 12 V.S.A. § 3 is amended to read:

20 § 3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL RULES

21 \* \* \*

1 (b) The Committee shall meet as necessary for the prompt discharge of its  
2 duties and may use the staff and services of the Office of Legislative Counsel  
3 ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~. The Committee shall adopt rules to  
4 govern its operation and organization. A quorum of the Committee shall  
5 consist of five members. For attendance at a meeting when the General  
6 Assembly is not in session, members of the Legislative Committee on Judicial  
7 Rules shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and reimbursement  
8 for necessary expenses as provided members of standing committees under 2  
9 V.S.A. § 23.

10 \* \* \*

11 Sec. 74. 19 V.S.A. § 12b is amended to read:

12 § 12b. JOINT TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

13 \* \* \*

14 (b) The Committee shall meet during adjournment for official duties.  
15 Meetings shall be convened by the Chair and, when practicable, shall be  
16 coordinated with the regular meetings of the Joint Fiscal Committee. Members  
17 shall be entitled to compensation and reimbursement pursuant to 2 V.S.A.  
18 § 23. The Committee shall have the assistance of the staff of the Office of  
19 Legislative Counsel, ~~the Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal  
20 Office.

21 \* \* \*

1       Sec. 75. 32 V.S.A. § 1052 is amended to read:

2       § 1052. MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; COMPENSATION  
3                   AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

4                                   \* \* \*

5           (b) During any session of the General Assembly, each member is entitled  
6       to receive reimbursement of expenses as set forth in this subsection.

7                                   \* \* \*

8           (2) Meals. Each member shall receive either a meals allowance or  
9       reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member shall be presumed to have  
10      elected to receive the meals allowance unless the member informs the Joint  
11      Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by the Joint Fiscal  
12      Office of Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive  
13      reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member's election to receive  
14      reimbursement of actual meals expenses shall remain in effect through the  
15      remainder of that session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that  
16      the member needs to change to the meals allowance due to a change in  
17      circumstances or for another compelling reason.

18           (A) Meals allowance. A member who elects to receive a meals  
19      allowance shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for meals  
20      determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of Government-

1 wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session  
2 for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.

3 (B) Meals reimbursement. A member who elects to receive  
4 reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual  
5 amounts expended by the member for meals for each day that the House in  
6 which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of  
7 the weekly reimbursement available pursuant to this subdivision (B) shall not  
8 exceed the amount the member would have received for the same week if the  
9 member had elected the meals allowance pursuant to subdivision (A) of this  
10 subdivision (2). The member shall provide meal receipts or otherwise  
11 substantiate the amounts expended to the Joint Fiscal Office of Legislative  
12 ~~Operations~~ in the form and manner prescribed by the ~~Director of Legislative~~  
13 ~~Operations~~ Chief Fiscal Officer.

14 (3) Lodging. Each member shall receive either a lodging allowance or  
15 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member shall be presumed to  
16 have elected to receive the lodging allowance unless the member informs the  
17 Joint Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by the Joint  
18 Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive  
19 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member's election to receive  
20 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses shall remain in effect through the  
21 remainder of that session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that

1 the member needs to change to the lodging allowance due to a change in  
2 circumstances or for another compelling reason.

3 (A) Lodging allowance. A member who elects to receive a lodging  
4 allowance shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for lodging  
5 determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of Government-  
6 wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session  
7 for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.

8 (B) Lodging reimbursement. A member who elects to receive  
9 reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual  
10 amounts expended by the member for lodging for each day that the House in  
11 which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of  
12 the weekly reimbursement available pursuant to this subdivision (B) for each  
13 week shall not exceed the amount the member would have received for the  
14 same week if the member had elected the lodging allowance pursuant to  
15 subdivision (A) of this subdivision (3). The member shall provide lodging  
16 receipts or otherwise substantiate the amounts expended to the Joint Fiscal  
17 Office of Legislative Operations in the form and manner prescribed by the  
18 Director of Legislative Operations Chief Fiscal Officer.

19 \* \* \*

20 Sec. 76. OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS; REPEAL

21 (a) 2 V.S.A. chapter 16 (Office of Legislative Operations) is repealed.

1 Sec. 77. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.312 is amended to read:

2 Sec. E.312 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH

3 (a) HIV/AIDS funding:

4 \* \* \*

5 (2) In fiscal year 2026, and as provided by this section, the Department  
6 of Health shall provide grants in the amount of ~~\$295,000~~ \$340,000 from the  
7 General Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction Services to the following  
8 organizations:

9 (A) Vermont CARES: ~~\$140,000~~ \$185,000;

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

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

12 \* \* \*

13 Sec. 78. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(2) is amended to  
14 read:

15 (2) \$50,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration to be  
16 transferred by the Emergency Board pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 133 while the  
17 General Assembly is not in session in the event of a reduction in federal funds  
18 to the State as set forth in Sec. E.127.2 of this act. The General Assembly may  
19 designate these funds for other purposes related to federal funding changes.  
20 These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or  
21 reverted by an act of the General Assembly.

1      Sec. 79. HOUSING ASSISTANCE

2            (a) Of the amount appropriated to the Agency of Administration in Sec.  
3            2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(2), \$5,000,000 shall be  
4            utilized by the Agency of Administration in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of  
5            assisting a housing authority to avoid termination of U.S. Department of  
6            Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8 housing choice vouchers  
7            that would otherwise be lost as the result of reductions in federal funding.

8            (b) Funding may be made available to a housing authority for one of the  
9            following purposes:

10            (1) to maintain a current housing assistance payment in use or to prevent  
11            the retirement of a housing assistance payment currently in use by the housing  
12            authority; or

13            (2) with prior approval from HUD, to provide funding to a housing  
14            authority in order to prevent the termination of assistance to current housing  
15            choice voucher participants.

16            (c) A vote of the majority of a housing authority's commissioners shall be  
17            required prior to a housing authority requesting funds under this section.

18            (d) The Agency of Administration shall:

19            (1) establish procedures for validating that such expenditures conform to  
20            applicable HUD requirements and are a necessary and proper expense prior to  
21            issuing funds; and





1 Grants funds. Grant decisions and the administration of funds shall be done in  
2 consultation with the two U.S. Department of Housing and Urban  
3 Development-recognized continuum of care programs.

4 (b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$1,322,141  
5 General Fund shall be used by the Department for Children and Families'  
6 Office of Economic Opportunity for distribution to community partners  
7 providing services to prevent and address homelessness for the purpose of  
8 restoring these community partners to their fiscal year 2025 appropriation  
9 level. The \$1,322,141 shall be allocated as follows:

10 (1) \$5,000 to the Charter House Coalition;

11 (2) \$46,360 to Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE);

12 (3) \$5,000 to Groundworks Collaborative;

13 (4) \$90,000 to the Homeless Prevention Center;

14 (5) \$1,000 to the NewStory Center;

15 (6) \$60,000 to the Springfield Supported Housing Program;

16 (7) \$50,000 to Upper Valley Haven;

17 (8) \$20,000 to the Good Samaritan Haven;

18 (9) \$10,000 to the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual

19 Violence;

20 (10) \$381,088 to BROCC Community Action;

21 (11) \$184,783 to Southeastern Vermont Community Action;

1           (12) \$308,910 to Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity;

2           and

3           (13) \$160,000 to Northeast Kingdom Community Action.

4           Sec. 82. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.100.3 is amended to read:

5           Sec. E.100.3 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; CORONAVIRUS

6                       STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND APPROPRIATIONS;

7                       REPORTING

8                                       \* \* \*

9           (b) In fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the  
10          Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the request of the  
11          Committee, on the status of any spending authority established pursuant to  
12          ~~2023~~ 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106.

13                                       \* \* \*

14          Sec. 83. DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES; PAYMENT  
15                       REFORM

16          (a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall  
17          consult with the chairs of the House Committees on Appropriations and on  
18          Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health  
19          and Welfare, and the designated and specialized service agencies, for the  
20          purpose of identifying solutions that address short-term financial challenges to  
21          the designated and specialized agencies related to developmental services

1 payment reform. On or before April 15, 2026, the Department shall provide a  
2 progress report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human  
3 Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and  
4 Welfare regarding any identified solutions that ensure uninterrupted services  
5 for individuals receiving supports during the first year of payment reform  
6 implementation.

7 Sec. 84. 18 V.S.A. § 9407 is amended to read:

8 § 9407. OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS; LIMITATIONS ON  
9 HOSPITAL CHARGES

10 \* \* \*

11 (d) This section shall not apply to:

12 (1) an independent hospital that is designated as a critical access hospital  
13 and that is not affiliated with another hospital or hospital network based in or  
14 outside of Vermont; and

15 (2) a non-critical access hospital that is participating in the Rural  
16 Community Hospital Demonstration program through the Centers for  
17 Medicare and Medicaid Services.

18 Sec. 85. IMPLEMENTATION; ADJUSTMENT OF HOSPITAL BUDGETS

19 (a) A non-critical access hospital participating in the Rural Community  
20 Hospital Demonstration program through the Centers for Medicare and  
21 Medicaid Services may submit claims to a health insurer for reimbursement of

1 prescription drugs administered in an outpatient or office setting on and after  
2 the effective date of this act in amounts that exceed the limits set forth in 18  
3 V.S.A. § 9407(a).

4 (b) The Green Mountain Care Board may adjust the budget for a hospital  
5 that is authorized to exceed the limits set forth in 18 V.S.A. § 9407(a) to reflect  
6 the exemption enacted in Sec. 84 of this act.

7 Sec. 86. CARRYFORWARD

8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval  
9 of the Secretary of Administration, General Fund (#10000), Transportation  
10 Fund (#20105), Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund (#20191), Education  
11 Fund (#20205), Technology Modernization Special Fund (#21951), Clean  
12 Water Fund (#21932), and Agricultural Water Quality Fund (#21933)  
13 appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2026, in the Executive  
14 Branch shall be carried forward and shall be designated for expenditure.

15 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, General Fund  
16 appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2026, in the Legislative and  
17 Judicial Branches shall be carried forward and shall be designated for  
18 expenditure.

19 Sec. 87. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 (a) This act shall take effect on passage.