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2 An act relating to fiscal year 2026 budget adjustments

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

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

5 Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel

6	Personal services	4,589,480	5,309,541
7	Operating expenses	<u>286,936</u>	<u>286,936</u>
8	Total	<del>4,876,416</del>	5,596,477

9 Source of funds

10	General fund	<del>4,876,416</del>	<u>5,596,477</u>
11	Total	<del>4,876,416</del>	5,596,477

12 Sec. 2. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.126 is amended to read:

13 Sec. B.126 Legislature

14	Personal services	<del>8,457,653</del>	7,620,986
15	Operating expenses	<u>5,329,448</u>	<u>5,329,448</u>
16	Total	<del>13,787,101</del>	12,950,434

17 Source of funds

18	General fund	<del>13,787,101</del>	<u>12,950,434</u>
19	Total	<del>13,787,101</del>	12,950,434

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

21 Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee

1	Personal services	<del>2,959,862</del>	3,076,468
2	Operating expenses	<u>197,907</u>	<u>197,907</u>
3	Total	<del>3,157,769</del>	3,274,375
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	<u>3,157,769</u>	<u>3,274,375</u>
6	Total	<del>3,157,769</del>	3,274,375
7	Sec. 4. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.137 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate		
9	Grants	<del>19,000,000</del>	<u>17,500,000</u>
10	Total	<del>19,000,000</del>	17,500,000
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	<u>19,000,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
13	Total	<del>19,000,000</del>	17,500,000
14	Sec. 5. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.138 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.138 Renter rebate		
16	Grants	<del>9,500,000</del>	<u>11,000,000</u>
17	Total	<del>9,500,000</del>	11,000,000
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>11,000,000</u>
20	Total	<del>9,500,000</del>	11,000,000

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

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

3	Grants	<u>3,410,000</u>	<u>3,410,000</u>
4	Total	3,410,000	3,410,000
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	<del>3,410,000</del>	0
7	Special funds	<u>0</u>	<u>3,410,000</u>
8	Total	3,410,000	3,410,000

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

10 Sec. B.145 Total general government

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	<del>140,473,564</del>	137,063,564
13	Transportation fund	4,542,959	4,542,959
14	Special funds	<del>34,043,313</del>	37,453,313
15	Federal funds	1,273,020	1,273,020
16	Internal service funds	209,117,870	209,117,870
17	Interdepartmental transfers	9,219,740	9,219,740
18	Enterprise funds	4,427	4,427
19	Pension trust funds	5,260,363	5,260,363
20	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,382,916</u>	<u>1,382,916</u>
21	Total	405,318,172	405,318,172

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

2 Sec. B.204 Judiciary

3	Personal services	<del>64,512,754</del>	65,071,320
4	Operating expenses	13,865,672	13,865,672
5	Grants	<u>121,030</u>	<u>121,030</u>
6	Total	<del>78,499,456</del>	79,058,022

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	<del>72,601,728</del>	73,160,294
9	Special funds	1,997,094	1,997,094
10	Federal funds	1,560,412	1,560,412
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,340,222</u>	<u>2,340,222</u>
12	Total	<del>78,499,456</del>	79,058,022

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

14 Sec. B.207 Sheriffs

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

18 Source of funds

19	General fund	<del>6,538,629</del>	<u>6,722,150</u>
20	Total	<del>6,538,629</del>	6,722,150

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

2 Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration

3	Personal services	6,289,651	6,289,651
4	Operating expenses	6,380,415	6,380,415
5	Grants	<u>278,285</u>	<u>278,285</u>
6	Total	12,948,351	12,948,351

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	<del>7,630,863</del>	8,390,863
9	Special funds	4,105	4,105
10	Federal funds	1,089,155	1,089,155
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,224,228</u>	<u>3,464,228</u>
12	Total	12,948,351	12,948,351

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

14 Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

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

19 Source of funds

20	General fund	<del>87,421,532</del>	88,287,294
21	Special funds	3,223,793	3,223,793

1	Federal funds	9,734,790	9,734,790
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,446,277</u>	<u>1,446,277</u>
3	Total	<del>101,826,392</del>	102,692,154
4	Sec. 12. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.210 is amended to read:		
5	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services		
6	Personal services	<del>5,116,729</del>	5,686,729
7	Operating expenses	<u>2,098,944</u>	<u>2,098,944</u>
8	Total	<del>7,215,673</del>	7,785,673
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	<del>1,929,676</del>	2,499,676
11	Special funds	4,483,740	4,483,740
12	Federal funds	<u>802,257</u>	<u>802,257</u>
13	Total	<del>7,215,673</del>	7,785,673
14	Sec. 13. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.215 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.215 Military - administration		
16	Personal services	1,142,600	1,142,600
17	Operating expenses	810,661	810,661
18	Grants	<u>1,219,834</u>	<u>933,121</u>
19	Total	<del>3,173,095</del>	2,886,382
20	Source of funds		

1	General fund	<u>3,173,095</u>	<u>2,886,382</u>
2	Total	<u>3,173,095</u>	<u>2,886,382</u>
3	Sec. 14. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.221 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council		
5	Personal services	<u>2,508,514</u>	2,808,514
6	Operating expenses	<u>2,142,603</u>	<u>2,142,603</u>
7	Total	<u>4,651,117</u>	4,951,117
8	Source of funds		
9	General fund	<u>4,260,265</u>	4,560,265
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>390,852</u>	<u>390,852</u>
11	Total	<u>4,651,117</u>	4,951,117
12	Sec. 15. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.236 is amended to read:		
13	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission		
14	Personal services	<u>1,243,420</u>	1,175,647
15	Operating expenses	<u>142,164</u>	<u>142,164</u>
16	Total	<u>1,385,584</u>	1,317,811
17	Source of funds		
18	General fund	<u>1,292,811</u>	1,317,811
19	Federal funds	<u>92,773</u>	<u>0</u>
20	Total	<u>1,385,584</u>	1,317,811

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

2 Sec. B.240 Cannabis control board

3	Personal services	4,466,288	4,466,288
4	Operating expenses	<del>2,053,382</del>	2,683,532
5	Grants	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
6	Total	<del>6,529,670</del>	7,159,820

7 Source of funds

8	Special funds	<del>6,529,670</del>	<u>7,159,820</u>
9	Total	<del>6,529,670</del>	7,159,820

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

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

12 Source of funds

13	General fund	<del>279,384,152</del>	282,360,288
14	Special funds	<del>121,247,670</del>	121,877,820
15	Tobacco fund	685,239	685,239
16	Federal funds	<del>239,445,060</del>	239,352,287
17	ARRA funds	6,627	6,627
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<del>17,289,829</del>	16,529,829
19	Enterprise funds	<u>17,847,569</u>	<u>17,847,569</u>
20	Total	<del>675,906,146</del>	678,659,659

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

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

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

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	<del>15,569,598</del>	13,465,739
9	Special funds	135,517	135,517
10	Federal funds	<del>14,023,964</del>	12,096,335
11	Global Commitment fund	2,510,857	2,510,857
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>119,784</u>	<u>119,784</u>
13	Total	<del>32,359,720</del>	28,328,232

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

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

16	Grants	<del>2,207,280,248</del>	<u>2,267,099,358</u>
17	Total	<del>2,207,280,248</del>	<u>2,267,099,358</u>

18 Source of funds

19	General fund	<del>712,815,861</del>	730,091,238
20	Special funds	31,339,852	31,339,852
21	Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373

1	State health care resources fund	31,074,772	31,074,772
2	Federal funds	<del>1,406,003,180</del>	1,448,546,913
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,997,210</u>	<u>4,997,210</u>
4	Total	<del>2,207,280,248</del>	2,267,099,358

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

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

7	Personal services	<del>142,860,018</del>	148,653,725
8	Operating expenses	<del>36,310,876</del>	37,434,661
9	Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>	<u>3,112,301</u>
10	Total	<del>182,283,195</del>	189,200,687

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	<del>43,820,359</del>	46,204,011
13	Special funds	4,760,237	4,760,237
14	Federal funds	<del>126,141,154</del>	130,644,944
15	Global Commitment fund	<del>4,382,601</del>	4,412,651
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,178,844</u>	<u>3,178,844</u>
17	Total	<del>182,283,195</del>	189,200,687

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

19 Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -

20 global commitment

1	Grants	<u>979,554,012</u>	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
2	Total	<u>979,554,012</u>	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
3	Source of funds		
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>979,554,012</u>	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
5	Total	<u>979,554,012</u>	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
6	Sec. 22. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -		
8	state only		
9	Grants	<u>67,605,443</u>	<u>69,664,468</u>
10	Total	<u>67,605,443</u>	<u>69,664,468</u>
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	<u>62,133,605</u>	<u>64,539,070</u>
13	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,471,838</u>	<u>5,125,398</u>
14	Total	<u>67,605,443</u>	<u>69,664,468</u>
15	Sec. 23. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver		
17	matched		
18	Grants	<u>44,034,870</u>	<u>44,593,047</u>
19	Total	<u>44,034,870</u>	<u>44,593,047</u>
20	Source of funds		
21	General fund	<u>13,467,770</u>	<u>13,636,779</u>

1	Federal funds	<del>30,567,100</del>	<u>30,956,268</u>
2	Total	<del>44,034,870</del>	44,593,047
3	Sec. 24. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.311 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support		
5	Personal services	9,163,996	9,163,996
6	Operating expenses	<del>8,043,463</del>	9,006,777
7	Grants	<u>7,985,727</u>	<u>7,985,727</u>
8	Total	<del>25,193,186</del>	26,156,500
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	<del>4,298,710</del>	4,780,367
11	Special funds	2,423,587	2,423,587
12	Federal funds	<del>10,954,085</del>	11,435,742
13	Global Commitment fund	7,361,523	7,361,523
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>155,281</u>	<u>155,281</u>
15	Total	<del>25,193,186</del>	26,156,500
16	Sec. 25. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:		
17	Sec. B.312 Health - public health		
18	Personal services	71,272,453	71,272,453
19	Operating expenses	10,371,654	10,371,654
20	Grants	<del>48,496,832</del>	<u>48,541,832</u>
21	Total	<del>130,140,939</del>	130,185,939

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	<del>15,160,817</del>	15,505,817
3	Special funds	25,398,124	25,398,124
4	Tobacco fund	1,088,918	1,088,918
5	Federal funds	64,355,699	64,355,699
6	Global Commitment fund	<del>18,457,507</del>	18,157,507
7	Interdepartmental transfers	5,654,874	5,654,874
8	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
9	Total	<del>130,140,939</del>	130,185,939
10	Sec. 26. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:		
11	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health		
12	Personal services	<del>12,456,526</del>	13,271,526
13	Operating expenses	<del>2,420,029</del>	2,522,590
14	Grants	<del>279,691,678</del>	<u>282,916,053</u>
15	Total	<del>294,568,233</del>	298,710,169
16	Source of funds		
17	General fund	<del>13,127,716</del>	15,280,378
18	Special funds	6,836	6,836
19	Federal funds	<del>13,158,032</del>	12,800,308
20	Global Commitment fund	<del>266,967,840</del>	269,314,838

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,307,809</u>	<u>1,307,809</u>
2	Total	<del>294,568,233</del>	298,710,169
3	Sec. 27. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.315 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.315 Department of mental health - mental health facilities		
5	Personal services	40,937,117	41,323,934
6	Operating expenses	<u>3,393,946</u>	<u>3,393,946</u>
7	Total	<del>44,331,063</del>	44,717,880
8	Source of funds		
9	General fund	<del>18,868,124</del>	18,698,157
10	Special funds	1,711,256	1,711,256
11	Global Commitment fund	<del>23,751,683</del>	<u>24,308,467</u>
12	Total	<del>44,331,063</del>	44,717,880
13	Sec. 28. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:		
14	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support		
15	services		
16	Personal services	50,609,972	50,609,972
17	Operating expenses	<del>17,876,453</del>	20,719,611
18	Grants	<u>5,914,175</u>	<u>5,914,175</u>
19	Total	<del>74,400,600</del>	77,243,758
20	Source of funds		
21	General fund	<del>43,680,871</del>	46,217,414

1	Special funds	2,954,500	2,954,500
2	Federal funds	<del>24,518,288</del>	24,824,903
3	Global Commitment fund	2,780,636	2,780,636
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>466,305</u>	<u>466,305</u>
5	Total	<del>74,400,600</del>	77,243,758

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

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

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

12 Source of funds

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

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

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

1	Personal services	6,563,807	6,563,807
2	Operating expenses	783,604	783,604
3	Grants	<u>227,780,727</u>	<u>227,344,739</u>
4	Total	235,128,138	234,692,150
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	61,267,870	61,267,870
7	Special funds	115,409,671	115,409,671
8	Federal funds	42,924,133	42,924,133
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>15,526,464</u>	<u>15,090,476</u>
10	Total	235,128,138	234,692,150
11	Sec. 31. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and		
13	disabled		
14	Personal services	2,558,460	2,514,961
15	Grants	<u>10,418,567</u>	<u>10,225,103</u>
16	Total	12,977,027	12,740,064
17	Source of funds		
18	General fund	7,470,372	7,352,839
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,506,655</u>	<u>5,387,225</u>
20	Total	12,977,027	12,740,064

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

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

3	Personal services	15,000	15,000
4	Grants	<u>10,415,779</u>	<u>10,674,625</u>
5	Total	<u>10,430,779</u>	10,689,625

6 Source of funds

7	General fund	<u>10,189,157</u>	10,492,643
8	Federal funds	11,098	11,098
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>230,524</u>	<u>185,884</u>
10	Total	<u>10,430,779</u>	10,689,625

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

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

13	Operating expenses	23,821	23,821
14	Grants	<u>36,532,863</u>	<u>34,302,585</u>
15	Total	<u>36,556,684</u>	34,326,406

16 Source of funds

17	General fund	<u>24,035,417</u>	21,805,139
18	Special funds	<u>5,970,229</u>	6,106,068
19	Federal funds	<u>2,806,330</u>	2,670,491
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,744,708</u>	<u>3,744,708</u>
21	Total	<u>36,556,684</u>	34,326,406

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

2 Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic  
3 opportunity

4	Personal services	<del>1,376,425</del>	1,646,237
5	Operating expenses	159,458	159,458
6	Grants	<del>39,165,356</del>	<u>41,022,744</u>
7	Total	<del>40,701,239</del>	42,828,439

8 Source of funds

9	General fund	<del>32,312,474</del>	34,312,474
10	Special funds	83,135	83,135
11	Federal funds	5,118,329	5,118,329
12	Global Commitment fund	<del>3,187,301</del>	<u>3,314,501</u>
13	Total	<del>40,701,239</del>	42,828,439

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

15 Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - secure residential  
16 treatment

17	Personal services	258,100	258,100
18	Operating expenses	38,775	38,775
19	Grants	<del>3,476,862</del>	<u>5,376,862</u>
20	Total	<del>3,773,737</del>	5,673,737

21 Source of funds

1	General fund	<del>3,743,737</del>	5,643,737
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
3	Total	<del>3,773,737</del>	5,673,737

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

5 Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &  
6 support

7	Personal services	48,973,454	48,973,454
8	Operating expenses	<del>6,544,338</del>	<u>6,856,716</u>
9	Total	<del>55,517,792</del>	55,830,170

10 Source of funds

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

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

18 Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and  
19 independent living grants

20	Grants	<del>24,909,492</del>	<u>25,125,975</u>
21	Total	<del>24,909,492</del>	25,125,975

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	<del>8,585,909</del>	8,804,020
3	Federal funds	<del>7,321,114</del>	7,191,114
4	Global Commitment fund	<del>9,002,469</del>	<u>9,130,841</u>
5	Total	<del>24,909,492</del>	25,125,975

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

7     Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental  
8 services

9	Grants	<del>349,987,467</del>	<u>351,175,948</u>
10	Total	<del>349,987,467</del>	351,175,948

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	132,732	132,732
13	Special funds	15,463	15,463
14	Federal funds	403,573	403,573
15	Global Commitment fund	<del>349,385,699</del>	350,574,180
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
17	Total	<del>349,987,467</del>	351,175,948

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

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

1	Grants	<u>7,540,256</u>	<u>7,544,967</u>
2	Total	<u>7,540,256</u>	<u>7,544,967</u>
3	Source of funds		
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>7,540,256</u>	<u>7,544,967</u>
5	Total	<u>7,540,256</u>	<u>7,544,967</u>
6	Sec. 40. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - long term care		
8	Grants	<u>346,858,094</u>	<u>375,504,889</u>
9	Total	<u>346,858,094</u>	<u>375,504,889</u>
10	Source of funds		
11	General fund	498,579	498,579
12	Federal funds	2,450,000	2,450,000
13	Global Commitment fund	<u>343,909,515</u>	<u>372,556,310</u>
14	Total	<u>346,858,094</u>	<u>375,504,889</u>
15	Sec. 41. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services		
17	Personal services	<u>177,107,933</u>	184,910,113
18	Operating expenses	<u>25,571,966</u>	26,227,109
19	Grants	<u>801,823</u>	<u>801,823</u>
20	Total	<u>203,481,722</u>	211,939,045
21	Source of funds		

1	General fund	<del>198,084,766</del>	203,987,089
2	Special funds	<del>935,963</del>	990,963
3	Federal funds	516,600	516,600
4	Global Commitment fund	<del>3,548,078</del>	6,048,078
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
6	Total	<del>203,481,722</del>	211,939,045
7	Sec. 42. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.339 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.339 Corrections - correctional services - out of state beds		
9	Personal services	<u>4,130,378</u>	<u>4,520,333</u>
10	Total	<u>4,130,378</u>	4,520,333
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>	<u>4,520,333</u>
13	Total	<u>4,130,378</u>	4,520,333
14	Sec. 43. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services		
16	Personal services	24,048,875	24,048,875
17	Operating expenses	<u>6,913,887</u>	<u>6,913,887</u>
18	Total	30,962,762	30,962,762
19	Source of funds		
20	General fund	<del>10,033,214</del>	8,998,647
21	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>	1,461,126,849
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>	5,987,280,620
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>18,500,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
19	Total	<u>18,500,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
20	Source of funds		

1	Education fund	<u>18,500,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
2	Total	18,500,000	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	<del>2,430,399,971</del>	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	<del>2,921,244,448</del>	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	<del>23,876,543</del>	24,086,543
18	Operating expenses	6,738,504	6,738,504
19	Grants	<u>833,630</u>	<u>833,630</u>
20	Total	<del>31,448,677</del>	31,658,677
21	Source of funds		

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

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

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

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

13 Source of funds

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

19 Sec. 49. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.713 is amended to read:

20 Sec. B.713 Land use review board

1	Personal services	5,001,041	5,001,041
2	Operating expenses	<u>537,905</u>	<u>579,155</u>
3	Total	<u>5,538,946</u>	5,580,196
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	4,169,020	4,210,270
6	Special funds	<u>1,369,926</u>	<u>1,369,926</u>
7	Total	<u>5,538,946</u>	5,580,196

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

9 Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

10 Source of funds

11	General fund	<u>50,665,734</u>	51,022,201
12	Special funds	86,811,225	86,811,225
13	Fish and wildlife fund	10,097,060	10,097,060
14	Federal funds	184,885,710	184,885,710
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,976,689</u>	<u>14,976,689</u>
16	Total	<u>347,436,418</u>	347,792,885

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

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

19 APPROPRIATIONS

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







1 recovery centers that were negatively impacted by receiving equal distributions  
2 from the Department earlier in the year. The funds shall be allocated as  
3 follows:

4 (A) \$45,000 to the Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield;

5 (B) \$50,000 to Journey to Recovery Community Center;

6 (C) \$70,000 to the Turning Point Center of Chittenden County;

7 (D) \$75,000 to the Turning Point Center of Addison County;

8 (E) \$105,000 to the Turning Point Recovery Center of Bennington;

9 and

10 (F) \$75,000 to the Turning Point Center of Windham County.

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

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

17 (4) \$156,000 General Fund for the Child Care Apprenticeship Program;

18 and

19 (5) \$150,000 General Fund to make the current Child Abuse Hotline  
20 compatible with updated Agency of Digital Services server requirements.

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

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4 (6) \$250,000 General Fund for a competitive grant to establish a new  
5 women's recovery residence, per the criteria of the Vermont Recovery  
6 Housing Program Action Plan, that shall be awarded on or before September  
7 30, 2025. Up to \$50,000 may be used for activities otherwise designated non-  
8 eligible per the criteria of the Vermont Recovery Housing Program Action  
9 Plan.

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

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

19 (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the Land Access and Opportunity  
20 Board's Homes for All Initiative and for Community Resilience grants.

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

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

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

11 (5) \$2,727,046 General Fund for the Vermont Health Connect cloud  
12 migration;

13 (6) \$5,300,000 General Fund and \$160,000 federal funds for an  
14 alternative payment model reconciliation payment to Brattleboro Retreat. All  
15 or a portion of these funds may also be used as matching funds to the Agency  
16 of Human Services Global Commitment Program to provide State match. If  
17 funds are used as matching funds to the Agency of Human Services Global  
18 Commitment Program to provide State match, the commensurate amount of  
19 Global Commitment Fund spending authority may be requested during the  
20 Global Commitment Transfer process pursuant to Sec. E.301.1 of this act; and



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(2) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of ~~\$36,964,250~~ \$36,471,750 from the property transfer tax and the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.

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

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

1 the General Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(3), the ~~\$10,000,705~~  
2 \$9,872,655 shall be allocated as follows:

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

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

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

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

10 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

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

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

17 (i) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this be a one-  
18 time transfer to prevent the Criminal History Records Check Fund from  
19 incurring a deficit due to salary and benefit costs at the Department of Public  
20 Safety's Vermont Crime Information Center. As part of its fiscal year 2027  
21 budget adjustment presentation, the Department of Public Safety shall submit



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

2 (A) 8 V.S.A. § 80(d). Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund  
3 (#21075): ~~\$46,204,523~~ \$45,192,728.

4 (B) 9 V.S.A. § 5613(c). Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund  
5 (~~#21085~~) (#21080): ~~\$21,745,635~~ \$23,892,303.

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

8 (2) To the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21085)  
9 from the:

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

11 \* \* \*

12 (c) Transfers from the following enterprise funds to the General Fund  
13 (#10000) shall not exceed the actual fiscal ~~year-end~~ year-end profits earned by  
14 the enterprise net of any amount necessary to absolve the fund of a deficit.

15 The following estimated transfers are for purposes of developing the fiscal year  
16 2026 budget only.

17 (1) From the Sports Wagering Enterprise Fund (#50250): ~~\$7,600,000~~  
18 \$6,678,828.

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

20 Sec. 54. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.102 is amended to read:

21 Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

1 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
2 2026, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the  
3 accounts indicated:

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5 1260892201 TRE – Bond Redemption	\$6,000,000.00
6 <u>1210892401 LEG-Basic Needs Budget Members</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>
7 <u>1220892402 JFO-Renewable Energy Standard</u>	<u>\$65.00</u>
8 <u>1220892403 JFO-Basic Needs Budget Assist</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
9 <u>5100892211 AOE-License Data Management</u>	<u>\$700,000.00</u>

10 \* \* \*

11 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
12 2026, the following amount shall revert to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement  
13 Fund from the account indicated:

14 3400891802 Invest Substance Use Treat \$1,500.38

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

16 Sec. D.103 RESERVES

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

20 (1) General Fund.

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

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

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

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

§ 308f. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION RESERVE

(a) Annually, not later than the close of the first week of the new fiscal year, the Department of Taxes and the Joint Fiscal Office shall provide the

1 Department of Finance and Management a consensus estimate of the  
2 anticipated fourth quarter receipts from the Child Care Contribution, pursuant  
3 to chapter 246 of this title, for the fiscal year being closed.

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

8 (c) Upon completion of the annual fiscal year General Fund closeout  
9 process, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall immediately  
10 unreserve the amount reserved pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

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

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

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

21 § 10554. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION SPECIAL FUND

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

12           (b) The Fund shall consist of:

13               (1) contributions collected or recovered pursuant to section 10553 of  
14 this title;

15               (2) any amounts transferred ~~or appropriated~~ to the Fund by the General  
16 Assembly; and

17               (3) any interest earned by the Fund.

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

20 Sec. 60. 2 V.S.A. § 41 is amended to read:

21 § 41. CREATION OF COMMITTEE; PURPOSE

1 (a) Creation. There is created the Joint Legislative Management  
2 Committee. The Committee shall provide general oversight and management  
3 across the offices of the General Assembly ~~and shall coordinate the operations~~  
4 ~~of the Office of Legislative Operations in its delivery of shared administrative~~  
5 ~~services to the legislative offices and the General Assembly.~~

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7 Sec. 61. 2 V.S.A. § 601 is amended to read:

8 § 601. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

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

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14 Sec. 62. 2 V.S.A. § 614 is amended to read:

15 § 614. JOINT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT

16 COMMITTEE

17 \* \* \*

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

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

2 § 651. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE

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

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

9 § 693. ASSISTANCE

10 (a) The Committee shall have the administrative, technical, and legal  
11 assistance of the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~the Office of Legislative~~  
12 ~~Operations,~~ and the Joint Fiscal Office.

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

15 § 801. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

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

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

21 § 1001. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

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

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

§ 23. THE COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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

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

§ 817. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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(b) The Committee shall meet as necessary for the prompt discharge of its duties and may use the staff and services of the Office of Legislative Counsel ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~. The Committee shall adopt rules to govern its operation and organization. A quorum of the Committee shall consist of five members. For attendance at a meeting when the General Assembly is not in session, members of the Legislative Committee on

1 Administrative Rules shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and  
2 reimbursement for necessary expenses as provided members of standing  
3 committees under 2 V.S.A. § 23.

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

6 § 4. JUSTICES

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

16 Sec. 70. 4 V.S.A. § 71 is amended to read:

17 § 71. APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF SUPERIOR JUDGES

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19 (c) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever a  
20 Superior judge is appointed and takes the oath of office after September 1 of  
21 the year preceding the expiration of the term of office to which the judge has

1 succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to  
2 continue in office. Whenever a Superior judge files a declaration under  
3 subsection (b) of this section or notification occurs automatically, the Secretary  
4 of State shall notify the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and  
5 the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~  
6 forthwith.

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

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

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

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17 (3) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever  
18 a magistrate is appointed and takes the oath of office after September 1 of the  
19 year preceding the expiration of the term of office to which the magistrate has  
20 succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to  
21 continue in office. Whenever a magistrate files a declaration under subdivision

1 (2) of this subsection or when notification occurs automatically, the Secretary  
2 of State shall notify the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and  
3 the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~  
4 forthwith.

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

7 § 607. JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL RETENTION; CREATION

8 \* \* \*

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

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

14 § 3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL RULES

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16 (b) The Committee shall meet as necessary for the prompt discharge of its  
17 duties and may use the staff and services of the Office of Legislative Counsel  
18 ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~. The Committee shall adopt rules to  
19 govern its operation and organization. A quorum of the Committee shall  
20 consist of five members. For attendance at a meeting when the General  
21 Assembly is not in session, members of the Legislative Committee on Judicial

1 Rules shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and reimbursement  
2 for necessary expenses as provided members of standing committees under 2  
3 V.S.A. § 23.

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

6 § 12b. JOINT TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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8 (b) The Committee shall meet during adjournment for official duties.

9 Meetings shall be convened by the Chair and, when practicable, shall be  
10 coordinated with the regular meetings of the Joint Fiscal Committee. Members  
11 shall be entitled to compensation and reimbursement pursuant to 2 V.S.A.

12 § 23. The Committee shall have the assistance of the staff of the Office of  
13 Legislative Counsel, ~~the Office of Legislative Operations,~~ and the Joint Fiscal  
14 Office.

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

17 § 1052. MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; COMPENSATION  
18 AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

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

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

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

(B) Meals reimbursement. A member who elects to receive reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual amounts expended by the member for meals for each day that the House in which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of the weekly reimbursement available pursuant to this subdivision (B) shall not

1 exceed the amount the member would have received for the same week if the  
2 member had elected the meals allowance pursuant to subdivision (A) of this  
3 subdivision (2). The member shall provide meal receipts or otherwise  
4 substantiate the amounts expended to the Joint Fiscal Office of Legislative  
5 ~~Operations~~ in the form and manner prescribed by the ~~Director of Legislative~~  
6 ~~Operations~~ Chief Fiscal Officer.

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

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



1 General Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction Services to the following  
2 organizations:

3 (A) Vermont CARES: ~~\$140,000~~ \$165,000;

4 (B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont: ~~\$100,000~~ \$115,000; and

5 (C) HIV/HCV Resource Center: ~~\$55,000~~ \$60,000.

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

9 (2) \$50,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration to be  
10 transferred by the Emergency Board pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 133 while the  
11 General Assembly is not in session in the event of a reduction in federal funds  
12 to the State as set forth in Sec. E.127.2 of this act, or in the event the State or  
13 its municipalities incur extraordinary public safety costs necessitated by  
14 increased federal action in Vermont. The General Assembly may designate  
15 these funds for other purposes related to federal funding changes. These funds  
16 shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted by an act  
17 of the General Assembly.

18 Sec. 79. HOUSING ASSISTANCE

19 (a) In fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027, while the General Assembly is  
20 not in session the Emergency Board shall have the authority to transfer part of  
21 the appropriation in 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(2) to the

1 Department for Children and Families for the purpose of assisting a housing  
2 authority to avoid termination of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban  
3 Development (HUD) Section 8 housing choice vouchers that would otherwise  
4 be lost as the result of federal action.

5 (b) If funds are transferred for this purpose, they may be made available at  
6 the request of a housing authority for one of the following purposes:

7 (1) to maintain a current housing assistance payment in use or to prevent  
8 the retirement of a housing assistance payment currently in use by the housing  
9 authority; or

10 (2) with prior written approval from HUD, to provide funding to a  
11 housing authority in order to prevent the termination of assistance to current  
12 housing choice voucher participants.

13 (c) If funds are transferred for this purpose, an affirmative vote of the  
14 majority of a housing authority's commissioners shall be required prior to a  
15 housing authority requesting funds.

16 (d) A housing authority shall notify the Department for Children and  
17 Families of its intent to request funds and submit a report on its financial need,  
18 including evidence that the request conforms to applicable HUD requirements  
19 and is a necessary and proper expense, to the Department on or before April  
20 15, 2026.

1       (e) On or before May 1, 2026, the Department for Children and Families, in  
2       consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development,  
3       shall:

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

7               (2) establish guidelines to ensure that funds are distributed based upon  
8       need.

9       (f) If funds are transferred for this purpose, the Department for Children  
10       and Families shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its September 2026  
11       meeting and submit a written report on or before January 15, 2027, to the  
12       House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the status of the  
13       appropriation.

14       (g) As used in this section, “housing authority” has the same meaning as in  
15       24 V.S.A. § 4002.

16       Sec. 80. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.139.1 is added to read:

17       Sec. E.139.1 TAX DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION; PILOT FUND

18               (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a) or any other provision of law to  
19       the contrary, the appropriation in Sec. B.139 of this act shall be made from the  
20       PILOT Special Fund.

1 Sec. 81. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.325 is amended to read:

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

4 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act,  
5 \$29,343,655 shall be used by the Department for Children and Families' Office  
6 of Economic Opportunity to issue grants to community agencies to assist  
7 individuals experiencing homelessness by preserving existing services,  
8 increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide. These funds  
9 may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions  
10 Grants funds. Grant decisions and the administration of funds shall be done in  
11 consultation with the two U.S. Department of Housing and Urban  
12 Development-recognized continuum of care programs.

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

19 (1) \$5,000 to the Charter House Coalition;

20 (2) \$46,360 to Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE);

21 (3) \$5,000 to Groundworks Collaborative;



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Sec. 83. DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES PAYMENT  
REFORM; IMPLEMENTATION

(a)(1) In fiscal year 2026, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall adjust the developmental disabilities home- and community-based services payment model to reflect per-member, per-month payments to designated and specialized service agencies that are calculated based on a minimum-assumed utilization rate of 65 percent. Reconciliation shall occur in compliance with the developmental disabilities home- and community-based services payment reform rules and the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq.

(2) Each agency currently below the 65 percent threshold and requiring financial stabilization shall prepare and submit a financial stabilization plan to the Department on or before October 1, 2027. The Department shall review the stabilization plan and work with the proposing agencies toward the goal of stabilization and sustainability.

(b) The designated and specialized service agencies shall submit to the Department on or before April 1, 2026, all information deemed necessary by the Department to enable it to perform a comprehensive fiscal analysis and to implement resolutions to address barriers that inhibit an increase in service delivery utilization.

1       (c)(1) On or before April 15, 2026, the Agency of Human Services and the  
2       Departments of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and of Vermont  
3       Health Access shall convene a meeting with the Chairs of the House and  
4       Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Human  
5       Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, or their designees,  
6       and with the designated and specialized service agencies and other key  
7       members of the developmental disabilities services delivery system. At the  
8       meeting, the parties shall discuss efforts that support the growth of a  
9       sustainable developmental disabilities services delivery system in which:

10               (A) increased service utilization meets the needs and goals of  
11               individuals and families and drives the designated and specialized service  
12               agencies' success;

13               (B) Medicaid compliance is assured; and

14               (C) all State and federal rules are adhered to.

15               (2) At the meeting, the parties shall also develop and recommend  
16       concrete solutions to mitigate short-term financial impacts and Medicaid  
17       compliance risks associated with the implementation of developmental  
18       disabilities services payment reform, to the extent permitted under federal  
19       Medicaid rules.

20               (d) On or before May 1, 2026, the Department shall submit a written  
21       progress report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate

1 Committee on Health and Welfare detailing recommended solutions,  
2 anticipated fiscal impacts to the designated and specialized service agencies,  
3 implementation timelines, and compliance safeguards, including how  
4 measures, such as the transitional utilization methodology, shall ensure  
5 continuity of care, prevent service disruption, and mitigate Medicaid  
6 compliance risks for providers and the State during the first year of payment  
7 reform implementation, to the extent permitted under federal Medicaid rules.

8 (e) If funds previously appropriated to the Agency of Human Services are  
9 insufficient to provide the State match needed to make the payment adjustment  
10 in subsection (a) of this section, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308b, the  
11 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall unreserve an amount of funds  
12 equal to the deficiency from the Human Services Caseload Reserve and,  
13 notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706, transfer an amount of funds equal to the  
14 deficiency to the Agency of Human Services.

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

16 § 9407. OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS; LIMITATIONS ON  
17 HOSPITAL CHARGES

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19 (d) This section shall not apply to:

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

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

7           Sec. 85. IMPLEMENTATION; ADJUSTMENT OF HOSPITAL BUDGETS

8           (a) A non-critical access hospital participating in the Rural Community  
9           Hospital Demonstration program through the Centers for Medicare and  
10           Medicaid Services may submit claims to a health insurer for reimbursement of  
11           prescription drugs administered in an outpatient or office setting on and after  
12           the effective date of this act in amounts that exceed the limits set forth in 18  
13           V.S.A. § 9407(a).

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

17           Sec. 86. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.330 is added to read:

18           Sec. E.330 DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, AGING AND  
19                                   INDEPENDENT LIVING; VERMONT CENTER FOR  
20                                   INDEPENDENT LIVING; FUNDING

1       (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.330 of this act, \$55,000  
2       shall be granted to the Vermont Center for Independent Living to provide  
3       home-delivered meals to individuals with disabilities under 60 years of age.

4       Sec. 87. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.334.1 is added to read:

5       Sec. E.334.1 DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, AGING AND  
6                                   INDEPENDENT LIVING; NURSING HOME  
7                                   EMERGENCY FISCAL RELIEF; AREA AGENCIES ON  
8                                   AGING; TIER 1 RESIDENTIAL CARE; FUNDING

9       (a) Of the Global Commitment appropriation in Sec. B.334.1 of this act,  
10       \$35,226 shall be used to increase payments to Area Agencies on Aging  
11       beginning on April 1, 2026; \$267,888 shall be used to increase payments to  
12       Tier 1 Enhanced Residential Care facilities beginning on April 1, 2026; and  
13       \$14,196,886 shall be used for nursing home Emergency Financial Relief.

14       Sec. 88. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.333.1 is added to read:

15       Sec. E.333.1 DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES PAYMENT REFORM;  
16                                   FUNDING

17       (a) Of the Global Commitment appropriation in Sec. B.333 of this act,  
18       \$9,500,000 shall be for one-time transition funding for the first year of  
19       developmental disabilities services home and community-based services  
20       payment reform implementation.

1       Sec. 89. CARRYFORWARD

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

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

13       Sec. 90. EFFECTIVE DATE

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